

Hello. My name is James Pocchia and I am the Democratic candidate for City Council in the 50th Council District in Staten Island and Brooklyn.

I am running for City Council to bring real solutions and effective change to Staten Island and Brooklyn by drawing upon my personal and professional experiences as a father, husband, homeowner, attorney and small business owner.

I live in the Richmondtown area of the District with my wife, Marykim Demonaco-Pocchia, also an attorney with a private practice, and our son, James, Jr., a first grader this semester.

For me, the difficult challenges that face Staten Island and Brooklyn are real life challenges. We deserve better than crumbling roads, overcrowded emergency rooms and polluted air.

We pay our fair share of taxes and then some. Yet, we continue to receive far less than what we contribute.

Throughout my life, I have strived to obtain real results in all of my civic endeavors, whether it be stopping City bureaucrats from building a highway through Historic Richmond Town or developing effective solutions for neighborhoods overburdened with traffic.

In the City Council, you can believe that I will continue to work to bring real results to Staten Island and Brooklyn without ever wavering from my principles.

I have always supported term limits for Citywide elected officials and would never work to reverse the will of the voting public, nor would I seek to take advantage of similar efforts by others in the City Council.

You and I know that we cannot afford another four years of crumbling roads, overcrowded emergency rooms and polluted air. This year, we have a unique opportunity to turn the page on an ineffective era and move forward to achieve everything that we deserve.

As the new representative of the 50th Council District, I will make sure that the rest of New York City never forgets Staten Island and Brooklyn.

If you are ready to move forward with a new vision, I'm ready and prepared to serve you in the City Council.

Ask yourself: is the quality of my day to day life better today than it was 10 years ago? If the answer for you is no, as it is for me, then give me the chance to move our community forward with real results.

Please vote James Pocchia for City
Council on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009.

Thank you.

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