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### CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF NEED FOR PUBLIC FUNDS

In order to limit public funding in races where participants face minimal opposition, a Statement of Need is required as follows:

- ♦ Public funds payments made before the ballot has been set ("pre-ballot payments")—required to receive **any** public funds, unless an opponent for the same seat has already received public funds.
- ♦ Post-ballot payments ("Primary" and "General" payments)—required to receive more than 25% of the maximum public funds for that election, unless an opponent for the same seat in that race has already received public funds.
  - ▶ A separate Statement of Need is required to lift the cap in the primary and general elections.

NOTE: A Statement of Need is never required for pre-ballot or primary payments in open seat races (no incumbent is running for re-election), nor in special elections. See Admin. Code §§ 3-705(7)(a), (b).

- ♦ Pre-ballot public funds payments: Submission must be received 15 business days prior to the scheduled payment date.
- ♦ Primary and general public funds payments: Submission must be received by the filing deadline for the disclosure statement preceding the scheduled payment date.
- ♦ Submission must include a table of contents for the supporting documentation.
- ♦ Only the candidate may sign and submit the Certified Statement of Need.

The CFB will verify the truthfulness of this statement and supporting documentation, which will be posted to the CFB's website. See Admin. Code §§ 3-705(7)(a)(1).

CANDIDATE NAME (LAST) <b>MORANO</b>	FIRST <b>FRANK</b>	M.I.
COMMITTEE NAME <b>Morano for Council</b>		ELECTION CYCLE <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>2025</b>
TYPE OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-BALLOT <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL		
OFFICE SOUGHT <b>city council</b>		BOROUGH OR COUNCIL DISTRICT <b>51</b>

With the submission of this form and supporting documentation, I wish to receive the maximum public matching funds for which I am eligible in the election listed above. I attest that one or more of the following conditions applies to this election, and that such condition(s) reasonably demonstrate the need for a pre-ballot payment or additional public funds in the primary or general election.



**I am opposed in the election listed above by a candidate who:**

(Please check the box next to the applicable condition(s), enter the name of the opposing candidate, and attach documentation to support your claim. See the [Guide to Certified Statements Of Need](#) for more information.)

- ☐ 1. Is a non-participating candidate or a limited participating candidate who has the ability to self-finance his or her campaign.
- Possible Documentation: Proof of expenditures made by opposing candidate (such as samples of literature), public information about the opposing candidate's net worth, statements in the press or candidate announcement(s) about the intention to self-finance, documentation regarding the candidate's history of self-financing.

**Name of opposing candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 2. Has received an endorsement from: a citywide or statewide elected official or a federal elected official representing all or a portion of the area covered by the election; two or more other city elected officials who represent all or a part of the area covered by the election; or one or more membership organizations with a membership of over 250 members.
- Possible Documentation: Official press release issued by the endorser, endorsement found on an organization's website, e-mail from the endorsing candidate or organization announcing the endorsement.

**Name of opposing candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 3. Has had significant media exposure in the 12 months preceding the election. At least 12 appearances by an opposing candidate and/or his or her name on television, radio, or in print media in general circulation in the area of the election constitutes "significant media exposure."
- Possible Documentation: Recordings of television or radio appearances by the opposing candidate and/or his or her name, copies of newspaper articles mentioning the opposing candidate (including information about him/her). Mere listings of names of candidates do not qualify as appearances.

**Name of opposing candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 4. In the last eight years preceding the election, has received twenty-five percent or more of the vote in an election for public office in an area encompassing all or part of the area that is the subject of the current election.
- Possible Documentation: Board of Elections's "Statement and Return Report for Certification" documenting the cited opponent's office sought, date of the election, and vote totals. You may paste the link next to the opponent's name below or attach a PDF of the report.

**Name of opposing candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 5. Has a name that is substantially similar, either spoken or in print, to my name, so as to result in confusion among voters.
- Possible Documentation: Name of the opposing candidate, statements in the press discussing the similarities in the candidates' names, explanation of how the name is substantially similar in print or spoken word.

**Name of opposing candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_



☐ 6. Is a chairman, president, or district manager of a community board (City Council or borough-wide races only).

- Possible Documentation: Name and title of the candidate who is currently serving as a chairman, president, or district manager of a community board, and the source for that information. A list of community boards can be found on the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit website.

Name of opposing candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 7. Has a spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent or child who holds or has held elective office in an area encompassing all or part of the area of the covered election in the past ten years.

- Possible Documentation: Name of the person who holds or has held office, his or her relationship to the candidate, office held, the area of overlap with the covered office, and the period in office.

Name of opposing candidate: Griffin T. Fossella

Name of opposing candidate's spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, or child:

Vito Fossella

I understand that (a) intentionally or knowingly making a false statement or intentionally or knowingly violating any provision of the New York City Campaign Finance Act is a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 3-711(3) of the Act; (b) knowingly making a false written statement is a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to New York State Penal Law Section 210.45; and (c) knowingly offering false written information with the belief that it will become a part of the records of a public office and with the intent to defraud is a Class E felony pursuant to New York State Penal Law Section 175.35.

I hereby certify that the information filed herewith is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Frank Morano  
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

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Name	Address
City Comptroller - Citywide, # to be nominated: 1	
Peter Kefalas	63-161 Alderton Street Rego Park, NY 11374
Danniel Maio	104-03 Union Turnpike Forest Hills, NY 11375
Member of the City Council - 51st Council District, # to be nominated: 1	
Frank Morano	342 Winchester Avenue Staten Island, NY 10312
Griffin T. Fossella	15 Grandview Terrace Staten Island, NY 10308
John K. Buthorn	386 Oakdale Street Staten Island, NY 10312





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## POLITICS

# Griffin Fossella, son of Staten Island borough president, announces run for City Council seat

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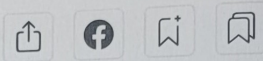
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Griffin Fossella, who comes from a storied Staten Island family known for its service to the borough, is ready to make a name for himself.

Fossella, 27, was surrounded by dozens of family, friends and supporters at La Fontana in Oakwood on Saturday afternoon as he announced he was running for the 51st Council District seat vacated by former Councilmember Joseph Borelli.

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Fossella is the son of current Borough President Vito Fossella, who also served as the South Shore councilman from 1994 to 1997.

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A 2015 graduate of Monsignor Farrell High School in Oakwood, Fossella has worked in financial services in the private sector. He cited a “unique opportunity” that led him to announce his bid for City Council, and his love for Staten Island.

“Many of you are probably wondering why on earth I’m doing this,” Fossella said, who was born and raised in Great Kills. “I can tell you in one sentence: I love Staten Island. Given the opportunity to serve as your councilman, I promise to fight day and night for you, and I know that it is a privilege and massive responsibility to be an elective representative.”

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Griffin Fossella is joined by dozens of family, friends, and supporters as he announces his run for the South Shore City Council seat. (Staten Island Advance/Annalise Knudson) Annalise Knudson

Fossella explained he had a "front-row view" of his father working for the people of Staten Island.

"I know full well that it is not a 9 to 5 job, it's 24/7," said the younger Fossella. "During the campaign, I look forward to talking with anyone about any issue that matters to them or their families. If you elect me as your councilman, I will work around the clock for all of my constituents, regardless of your political ideology."

Fossella said he felt safe growing up on Staten Island, but but wonders what childhood would be like for kids growing up on the borough today; he cited the prevalence of drug use and violence in other boroughs.

"It's no secret that a lot of bad stuff is happening not too far from us, and if we don't hold government accountable, before we know it, the problems of the other boroughs will become our own," he said.

Griffin Fossella is the latest candidate to run for the seat. So far, three candidates have said that they'll be running in the special election: [Frank Morano](#), [Clifford Hagen](#) and Jeffrey Horowitz.

"The community response to my announcement has been outstanding, and I'm proud of the groundswell of support we've received from nearly every elected official in the borough," Morano told the Advance/SILive.com. "I welcome everyone in the race and look forward to working with grassroots voters, community leaders, and the Staten Island Republican and Conservative Parties to deliver a big win this April. I have a long record of service on the community board, with non-profits in the borough, and in efforts to change New York for the better. I'm proud of my resume, and that's what I'll be talking about in this campaign."

Hagen said: "That's what's terrific about this Special Election: Anyone with community support is welcome to campaign for the vacated seat. I'm sure Griffin is a fine, young man."

Horowitz told the Advance/SILive.com he believes "everybody has the right to run."

"I believe whoever can win will serve Staten Island great," said Horowitz. "Whoever wins in April will hopefully win the primary in June, but whoever wins, I do hope they serve the best ... We live in a democracy where anybody can run and I'm very thankful for that."

Voters on the South Shore will likely be familiar with special elections, as their two most recent representatives in the City Council took office that way.

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Borelli succeeded his predecessor — Vincent Ignizio, current deputy executive director for the New York City Board of Elections — after he left for a job at Catholic Charities of Staten Island in 2015.

Ignizio took office in 2007 after his City Council predecessor, current State Sen. Andrew Lanza, left for the state Legislature.

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