

## **29th City Council District**

**Jon Torodash** (CV)

Hello, residents of Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Rego Park, Richmond Hill and surrounding areas. My name is Jon Torodash, and I am running to represent you in the City Council. Are you fed up with career politicians? I certainly am. The continued worsening of the city on several fronts has inspired me, a locally born and raised candidate and ordinary citizen.

New York City faces structural problems in its budget, education system, public transit, real estate, parks, social services, and many other areas, which continue to grow without the ethical and responsible leadership needed to address them. I am a software engineer comfortably employed in the private sector, and you can count on me not to fear professional risk for speaking the truth.

I have innovative ideas for restoring public funds to their proper public purposes through a combination of government contract reform, increased investigative oversight, and greater civic awareness.

A balanced curriculum, quality instruction, and reduced class size will be the focus of school reform: not standardized tests and failed charter experiments. New York will take a serious look at how it has managed its system of roads, tolls, and public transportation options, and whether resources can be better allocated.

Local development corporations will be properly held to account for past illegal lobbying activities, and their role in the loss of affordable housing.

I will demand the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission accord a fairer distribution of landmarking to protect our rich history, and the NYC Department of Buildings pressured to crack down on zoning violations and policies that overstrain our infrastructure.

I will push for Council to include in any Living Wage bill the provision that the cost of the Living Wage be compensated in full by a tax break to small businesses, so that we do not hurt our fragile economy while endeavoring to alleviate poverty. These and many other ideas you can find on my website: [jontorodash2013.com](http://jontorodash2013.com). I am running as a completely independent candidate — on principle. I seek to be a unifying force among the residents of this city who know that New York can be a better place to live, and want to send a message to City Hall that political corruption and incompetence — especially with the dysfunctional new 911 system — are literally killing us. On election day, look for Jon Torodash, the Civic Virtue candidate.

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