

48th City Council District

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Hello. My name is David Storobin. After my parents got divorced when I was 3 years old, I was raised by a single mother. She worked very hard, but we didn't have much. I knew that education was the way for me to leave poverty, so I went to college, then law school. At the age of 25, I founded my own law firm. Now I would like to give back to the community that was there for me when I needed help. I can't find many of the people who helped us, some of them were just strangers, but I can pay them forward by helping another 12 year old being raised by a single mother or another 18 year old going to college or another 25 year old starting his first business. Too often, our neighborhood is ignored. We were abandoned after a snowstorm 3 years ago when the City forgot to clean up the snow until it became a national scandal. Then after Hurricane Sandy, we again got help last, with 7 or 8 foot tall piles of sand still standing more than half a year after the hurricane. Instead of rebuilding our homes and businesses, politicians are trying to spend the recovery money on projects that only help their friends. Our business owners are harassed with fines. How can we expect to create jobs in an environment like this? Last year I served as a State Senator. I sponsored a dozen bills to reduce our taxes and bureaucracy. Of the hundreds of bills I voted on, I never voted for a tax increase because as a small business owner, I knew that we need to help, not hurt our entrepreneurs to allow them to create jobs. I sponsored bills to increase the funding of our schools and to reform education. As your Councilman, I will work to make sure we finally get the services we deserve. I will make sure that City Hall starts helping small businesses instead of getting in their way. I will make sure that Hurricane Sandy money goes where it should: to our home- and business-owners. As your councilman, I will fight for you.

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