

48th City Council District

Ari Kagan (D)

Hi. My name is Ari Kagan, and I'm running for city Council in the 48th District in Brooklyn. I was born in Minsk, Belarus, and immigrated to New York over twenty years ago. As a journalist, elected Democratic District Leader, and active member of various community organizations, I have dedicated my adult life to fighting for the hardworking and diverse communities of Brooklyn. I'm running for City Council to serve, and because in a city that has become increasingly unaffordable for working families, young people and seniors — we need a voice in City Hall. We need a voice for those who take public transportation to get to work, for those who worry about their local public schools, for those who send their children to parochial schools and worry about paying tuition, and for our seniors who worry about the price of their medication. The first priority for our next Council Member must be helping tenants, homeowners, and businesses recover from the devastation Hurricane Sandy caused in our community, and to advocate for resources from the City, State, and Federal governments to upgrade our infrastructure, ensuring we're ready for the next hurricane or storm. Small businesses are the backbone of our community, but too often they're hit with unnecessary fines, taxes and fees from the city. We need to do more to help them survive and thrive, giving them access to credit and capital, and give them help navigating an often uncaring city bureaucracy. Shareholders' rights are too often ignored in many co-ops in our district. Affordable housing, senior services, improving quality of public education, health care and transportation are other important issues that must be addressed. Our hardworking, diverse communities need a strong voice in City Hall. I hope to have your support in the Democratic Primary on September 10th.

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