

Manhattan Borough President

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The Borough Presidencies of New York have few duties and lavish budgets. At a time when poorly paid City Workers are let go, the Beep, or Borough President, is free to do nearly anything he or she desires. The package includes 100 workers paid for by the City, two chauffeurs and limousines and even a siren. (So the poorly paid and the unemployed know to get out of his or her way.) So what does the Borough President do? Go to parties, cut ribbons, and dedicate corners. Generally the Beep takes credit for what other people do. When money is granted, the Beep takes the credit. When new construction is completed, the Beep takes a bow. It can be a life in the spotlight; or it can be a life of reclusion. It is a politician's dream. No vote to take the heat for, and no responsibility when things go wrong. Even Santa Claus doesn't have it that good. Santa has to travel and go down sooty chimneys. The fact is that the Borough Presidency of Manhattan survived the Supreme Court decision of 1989, declaring the government of the City of New York unconstitutional. Few municipalities in the country have been so overturned. Through a fluke, the Borough Presidency survived and became a huge plumb job; a sleight of hand that would make Tammany Hall proud. Now there are two City governments, this remnant and the City Council. When once the Borough President ran the borough, now the office has declined into a retirement home for old politicians. People who sweep the street and take care of children lose their jobs, while politicians give themselves a raise. They preach 'share the pain,' and cut the fat. We agree. Politicians should share the pain too. The easiest way is by eliminating the Borough Presidencies. I am David Casavis and I am running for Manhattan Borough President, to eliminate that office. Vote for me on November Fifth. Together we can reshape our City.

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