

2009 Election Questionnaire

For Our Town / West Side Spirit newspaper

1. What is your educational background?

I am a proud product of the NYC Public School system and earned a Bachelor's in Finance and Investments from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College in Manhattan.

2. What are your qualifications for this office?

For over six years I have worked in city and state government, serving as Director of Land Use and Chief of Staff for City Council District 51 from 2003-2006 and as District Director for State Senate District 24 since 2007. As Director of Land Use I successfully worked with civic associations and numerous city agencies on eight rezoning applications to fight overdevelopment. In both the Senate and Council I have worked with residents to fight for better city services, more funding for community based programs and schools, housing, traffic solutions and more mass transit options. Since 2001, I have owned and operated a small business and in 2007 I obtained a financial services license (Series 7).

3. If elected, what three goals would you most want to accomplish during your first term?

- **Decentralize the office and work closely with all Community Boards to bring local issues to City Hall, giving all residents a seat at the table in City Hall**
- **Work with local groups and Community Boards to look at zoning and traffic/transportation problems and bring forth solutions to these issues**
- **Use the duties of the Public Advocate to hold government accountable, make it more transparent and fight to make our city more affordable to live and work in, and start a business**

4. Why are you a better choice than your opponent?

I am not a cookie-cutter politician and will bring extensive government, small business and financial experience to the Public Advocate's office. Unlike my opponent, I am not supported by special interests and I'm not a political insider. I am one of you; your neighbor and your friend and I understand how important it is that we have an independent voice in government standing up for us. My plan for the Public Advocate's Office can be found at www.alex2009.com/plan.