



Greenwich Village

SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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New York, NY 10003

City Council District 1 Candidate Questionnaire

Please email the completed form or any questions to andrew@gvshp.org

No character/word limit

Candidate Name

1. Do you support the Small Business Jobs Survival Act? Though the bill has support from a majority of City Councilmembers, it has never been given a hearing, much less a vote. If you support it, what have you done or would you do to help get the bill a hearing and vote? If you don't support it, why not?

2. What other measures have you supported/would you support to help small businesses survive in our neighborhood? Would you support a special zoning district for certain areas that limits the size of stores and the number or placement of chain stores?

3. Many preservationists and New Yorkers feel that the Landmarks Preservation Commission has become increasingly lax in its regulation of historic districts and landmarked properties, in that it has allowed increasingly out-of-context changes to landmarked buildings and new construction within historic districts. Do you agree with this assessment, and if so, what have you done/would you do as Councilmember to help address this?

4. The Mayor has made clear that he is opposed to any rezoning of any area UNLESS it involves a very significant upzoning (increase in allowable size of development), EVEN if the proposed rezoning would introduce affordable housing incentives or requirements where none currently exist. What do you think of this? And if you are not in favor of the Mayor's position, what would you do/have you done as Councilmember about it?

5. How have you worked/would you work as a City Councilmember to reduce the inordinate influence of the real estate industry over policy in New York City and in city government?

6. Some, including the Real Estate Board of NY, have tried to make the argument that historic preservation and preserving and promoting affordability are incompatible. Do you agree or disagree with this perspective? Please explain why.

7. Where does/would preserving neighborhood scale, character, and historic resources fit into your priorities, and how have/would you go about achieving it? What obstacles or conflicts have you encountered/would you anticipate, and how have you dealt with/would you deal with those?