

22nd City Council District

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There are two New Yorks today. One is the city of a tiny group of people who are very, very rich and who operate more or less beyond the reach of the law. Then there is the city of the vast majority of people, most of whom do the work that keeps the city going and some of whom can't find work at all. We of this second group of people need to bring that first group back within the reach of the long arm of the law. About two years ago, I filed a formal complaint against Mayor Michael Bloomberg. A common-sense reading of the city's campaign finance law suggests that Bloomberg violated that law during the 2009 election. The Campaign Finance Board, for its part, cleared the Mayor with a ruling that is essentially dishonest. Still, one Board member out of four did vote to keep the complaint open and continue the investigation. That's a good sign. I cite just this one case to demonstrate what has gone wrong in New York City. Democracy itself is in trouble. If some people are allowed to break local laws which everyone else is expected to obey, then that little group of over-privileged people will inevitably begin to abuse their power. Then they will begin to abuse the rights and interests of the people. We cannot allow that to happen. But what's more, there's no reason in the world that we have to tolerate it. If elected, I will introduce legislation that may end some of the corruption I've described here. I ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 5, and I thank you.

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