

## **6th City Council District**

**Noah Gotbaum (D)**

My name is Noah Gotbaum, and I am thrilled to be running to represent the Upper West Side in the City Council. Our district and the City Council needs a Council member who understands our issues, stands up for the interests of our community and will follow in the footsteps of Gale Brewer who has served this community so well over the last 12 years. I grew up in the labor movement and progressive politics, learning from my father labor leader Victor Gotbaum, my mother social worker and former teacher Sarah Gotbaum, and my stepmother former Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum. I have a history of public service dating back to the 1980's when I conceived of and co-founded New York Cares, the largest local volunteer social service organization in America. I also ran one of the largest recycling companies in NYC, and have been a pioneer in the environmental field. For the last decade my advocacy and public service has focused on serving our children, families and community as a public school parent leader, a member to the School Leadership Team at PS 87 and as Chair of Community Education Council District 3. At CEC3, I led the fight to relieve overcrowding at PS 87 and PS 199 with the establishment of PS 452, the first new public elementary school opened in the district in decades; fought Eva Moskowitz's separate and unequal charter school co-locations. I am the only Democratic candidate who sends his children to our public schools and the only one with the credibility, detailed understanding and experience to bring immediate and positive change to our schools and our district: standing up on behalf of our teachers, principals and school employees, really addressing the outrage that we face simply trying to enroll our children into elementary, middle and high schools. My strength and independence extends to the critical issue of preserving affordable housing and fighting overdevelopment in our community where I lead the successful fight against the proposed demolition of PS 191 and PS 199 and the planned replacement with luxury high-rises. I am beholden only to this community — not to the development community, nor to the party or other political structures — and I will continue this fight to ensure that our community remains diverse and affordable for the families, small businesses, working people and especially the great senior citizens who built our West Side. I hope that you will vote Noah Gotbaum on September 10th.

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