

## **WTTW CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name: **Derek Lindblom**

DOB: **September 14th, 1981**

Family: **Married with an almost two year old son.**

Occupation: **Vice President at 7wire Ventures (on a leave of absence to run for office)**

Political Experience:

**I served in the Mayor's Office from 2011-2014 as the Chief of Staff to the Mayor's Economic Council.**

**Additionally, I served as a Legislative staffer on the Senate Judiciary Committee from 2003 - 2005 for Sen. Charles Schumer.**

Website: **VoteForDerek.com**

What is your vision for this office?

**My vision for this office is two-fold.**

**First, I'm running to challenge the status quo and make change on the city's biggest issues. We're facing escalating crime, corruption that continues to plague our government, and businesses and residents leaving the city at an alarming rate. Underlying all those issues is a financial crisis that only threatens to worsen these problems if not properly handled. I want to enter this office so I can tackle these issues head on and make real change - by working to stabilize our finances, implement a comprehensive strategy to combat crime, invest in our schools, and energize our commercial corridors.**

**Second, I want to upgrade the 43rd Ward office to deliver first-rate city services. I have released a concrete plan for my first 30 days, 100 days, and year in order to ensure our Ward office is best responding to constituent requests, communicating with residents, and acting upon the best wishes of 43rd Ward constituents.**

**More detailed plans on my vision for this office can be found at [voteforderek.com/vision](http://voteforderek.com/vision).**

What is the most pressing issue facing constituents, and how can you help address it?

**The two most pressing issues facing the constituents of the 43rd Ward are crime and taxes.**

**We've seen an alarming rise in carjackings, armed robberies, and gun crimes here in my Ward. My plan for making our neighborhoods safer includes lifelong training for our police, investing in mental and behavioral health, leveraging safety cameras to catch criminals and discourage crime, double and triple-down on community and mentoring programs, and make gun violence prevention our number one Police priority.**

**Additionally, residents in my Ward are facing a tax burden that is pushing too many out of their homes. We need to hold the line on taxes, particularly property taxes. We have to focus on reforming City Government and our legacy liabilities. We can't tax our way out of the City's financial straits at the expense of our neighborhood.**

**Underlying all of the City's challenges is our financial situation. If the City is unable to stabilize its long-term financial situation, any gains we've made (e.g. in Education) are put at-risk and our most difficult challenges (e.g. Public Safety) will go from difficult to nearly intractable in a financial crisis.**

**I'm someone who's worked on these issues up-close at the highest levels. I've led the City's policy in negotiating with Labor on pensions and know the challenges, the players involved, and the possibilities. There is hope here, but we have to be creative and City Council has to produce solutions instead of just being another cost center.**