

Staten Island Borough President

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Hi my name is Hank Bardel and I'm running for Boro President of Staten Island.

One of the most important duties of a Boro President is to be an advocate for his or her Boro. If I'm elected Boro President I will go to the people of Staten Island and talk to the people themselves.

After living here on Staten Island almost all my life, I think I know what many of our needs are. However, I would do this to be a form of participatory democracy.

I know that we need more help for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. We need more teachers and better schools. We have to rebuild our infrastructure like our roads, bridges, schools and parks. We have to improve all our government services like police, fire protection, health and hospitals, sanitation and parks.

As far as funding goes for these services many Democrats and Republicans say that they don't know where to get the money. I do. The United States is a rich country. The problem is that there is a maldistribution of wealth and income in the United States.

The top 1% of Americans owns 35% of the wealth in the US. We have to tax the wealthy 1% of the population on their federal income tax 70 to 90% of their income the way it was done from the 1940's through the 1970's. We had a good economy in those days. We should not be taxing the poor and the middle class. I will go to all branches of government Federal, State and Local to push for this to happen.

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