

**Candidate:** Lindsey Boylan

**Office:** NYC Council District 3

**Question:** Please provide a brief statement about why you are running for this office. What would be your #1 policy priority if elected? And please provide one accomplishment that you believe illustrates why you're the best candidate for the job.

**Candidate Response:**

I am a proud mom, urban planner, and economic development professional who has called West Chelsea home for over 15 years. I am running to represent District 3 in City Council to fight for all residents, including working-class tenants, immigrant neighbors, the storied LGBTQ+ community, and the neighborhood's artists. I want to ensure that New Yorkers can do more than survive, they can thrive, which is why my number one priority will be to advance the Mayor's affordability agenda so that New York can become a city that puts people before profit. I don't believe affordability can be solved through incremental tweaks, means-testing, developer giveaways, or more public-private partnerships that entrench the same interests driving the crisis. We can only get there by ensuring corporations and our richest residents pay their fair share of taxes to rectify the massive deficit our City has found itself in due to Eric Adams' corruption and financial mismanagement. I've spent my career challenging political machines and corporate power head-on, including blowing the whistle on corruption at the highest levels of state government when it carried real personal and professional consequences. That experience shapes how I will govern: I don't confuse access with accountability, and I don't believe donors, corporations, or insiders should set the limits of what's possible.

My greatest accomplishment is without a doubt achieving wins that tangibly improve real people's lives. I can look to my government for many examples of tangible benefits that I fought for and helped pass on to everyday New Yorkers. For four years, I led state-level economic development initiatives and budget negotiations, and my most memorable accomplishment was securing true dollars and cents for New Yorkers who deserve our investment. In particular, I helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for NYCHA and through my leadership of the State's job creation efforts, I helped pass paid family leave and the \$15 minimum wage.

These wins came through the combination of my deep belief that politicians should stay laser-focused on the most vulnerable among us and my skill at engaging and galvanizing key stakeholders across government areas to identify solutions to long-standing issues of disinvestment. I am skilled at fighting for what I believe in while never compromising on my values and pushing the boundaries of what even misaligned stakeholders consider possible. There are several active legislative efforts that have significant support and will make the city more affordable, including the universal childcare program and the Secure Job Act. Just as I did in state government, I'll ensure key affordability measures like these pass by building coalitions across social justice groups, tenant associations, key constituencies, and fellow elected officials