

## Brad Lander

Brad Lander is a member of the New York City Council, representing the 39th District in Brooklyn and serving as the Council's Deputy Leader for Policy. Since joining the Council in 2010, Brad has stood for and passed progressive policies to expand workers' rights, keep tenants in their homes, fight for racial justice, invest in more equal public schools, combat climate change, and expand democracy and transparency in our City government. More on Brad's track record can be found [here](#). In addition to his legislative work, Brad also helped found the New York City Council's [Progressive Caucus](#), [Get Organized BK](#) (a grassroots network of thousands of Brooklynites working to defend democracy during the Trump era) and [Local Progress](#) (a network of over 1000 local elected officials advancing a racial and economic justice agenda through all levels of local government).

Brad's work before serving in the City Council was in community development and urban planning. After graduating from the University of Chicago, he earned Masters degrees in social anthropology from University College London and in city planning from Pratt Institute. As director of the Pratt Center for Community Development, he helped provide planning and organizing assistance to grassroots community-based groups in every borough working for housing, economic, and environmental justice, and led successful campaigns to reform New York City's tax and zoning policies. While leading the Pratt Center, Brad partnered with Three Parks Independent Democrats, residents, and community groups to win a downzoning of 51 blocks of the Upper

West Side that has protected the community from irresponsible development for the past 15 years.

The next New York City Comptroller will be in office through a once-in-a-generation test of our city's ability to govern: helping to control and end the COVID-19 crisis, thoughtfully bringing our city back to life, helping millions of struggling families get back on their feet and investing now in a long-term rebuilding, with far great attention to long-neglected issues of equity, sustainability, and resilience, to ensure our city's vibrant future. Brad's running for Comptroller to help our city rise to meet those challenges. The tools of the Comptroller's can and must be put to work to help New York City recover from one of its most daunting crises, and to help build a better, fairer, more resilient city that is more prepared for forthcoming crises. More on his vision for the Comptroller's office can be found [here](#).

Brad has already released comprehensive policy proposals on [a just and durable recovery](#) from the COVID-19 crisis and a [bold climate justice platform](#) that won praise from Sunrise NYC, Bill McKibben, Eddie Bautista, and a wide range of climate leaders. His campaign has additional plans coming soon, including proposals to dramatically expand the city's footprint of "social housing," require the city to engage in comprehensive planning, take a more proactive approach to socially responsible investing, and transform the comptroller's Audit Bureau to make New York City government work better, and more in sync with our values.

Brad is the only candidate in the race who has committed not to take contributions from real estate developers, private equity or hedge fund managers, fossil fuel executives, or for-profit lobbyists. He is running a people-powered

campaign focused on building broad support across all five boroughs. He would be honored to earn the support of the Three Parks Independent Democrats.