

Thank you for agreeing to complete the South Central Brooklyn United for Progress City Council District 48 candidate questionnaire. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with how our endorsement process works - a candidate must receive  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the ranked choice vote in order to win our endorsement. [More details here.](#)

Your answers to these questions will be made available to the public on our website, <http://scbkunitedforprogress.org/>, and will be promoted on our Facebook page and twitter feed.

**Answers are due 24 hours prior to your scheduled interview time if you want to be considered for endorsement!**

### Campaign Information

What is your name? Boris Noble

What are your preferred pronouns? He/Him

What office are you running for? 48th Council District.

Who is the point of contact for your campaign and what is the best way to get in touch with them? Myself. Boris Noble-917-757-3301 or David Goldberg-801-230-0784

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Is your campaign on social media? If so, what platform(s) and what are the names?

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## **Campaign Issues**

What would you do to improve **health care** as a city council member?

*I would fight that we have a robust H+H system that would be as good as the hospitals located on the Upper East Side and that staffing levels are proper in the hospital system, which the lack of proper staffing often results in poor quality care.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district specifically **immigrant rights and access to resources** and what would you do to address them?

*I am myself an immigrant and came to this country as a stateless refugee from the former Soviet Union as my family and I fled religious persecution there so I have a warm place in my heart to the diverse communities in our city. As I work in HRA I work every day to have the lives of our immigrant brothers and sisters enhanced by giving the resources needed to succeed.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **civil rights and criminal justice** and what would you do to address them?

*I believe that the NYPD needs to be reformed to make community policing something tangible where people feel a connection to police officers not as an abstract, especially since so many officers live outside NYC. I believe NCO's should live within their precincts.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **public schools and education** and what would you do to address them?

*I attended PS 179 as a child and feel that children's education in this city is often looked through the context of scores and the like instead of educating them in a manner that gives them the tools needed to succeed in today's market.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **housing** and what would you do to address them?

*As a housing director at Midwood Development Corp. for 5 years, Marty Markowitz' housing policy advisor and now working on homeless policy for NYC, I feel confident saying that we have an affordability crisis that has been ignored for too long by those in government. We need more TRULY affordable housing and I would like to take vacant new "luxury" buildings in NYC and turn them into Mitchell-Lama like. I am sorry but \$1,900 for a studio is not affordable contrary to what HPD says.*

What would you do to improve **transit and street (pedestrian/bicycle/car) safety** for New Yorkers in your district?

*Prior to the pandemic I took the subway every day twice for about a decade, I must say it was not a good experience due to overcrowded conditions, constant breakdowns and overall a low quality of service. Without a properly funded MTA we have a city that will be at a standstill if everyone needs to drive. The MTA system makes it virtually impossible for those with a disability or with strollers to get around. I am a walker and feel like there is a lack of enforcement for gross violations of the rules of the road that is ignored by NYPD. I had a very long interview with streetsblog on bicycle safety.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **the environment, including access to, maintenance, development and preservation of parks and other open spaces** and what would you do to address them?

*As this district was affected by Sandy the most of any other one in Brooklyn, the changing environment is a huge problem. Furthermore there are not enough parks in this area and it negatively affects those on the lower end of the economic spectrum as they often lack parks. We need more parks and clean ones at that.*

Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach, and Brighton Beach have the highest COVID-19 positivity rate in the city with Midwood and Gravesend not far behind them. What would you do as a city council member to **decrease the rate of COVID-19** in your district?

*I would encourage more mask wearing indoors especially.*

What is your position on the proposed homeless shelter at 100 Neptune Ave? Why?

*As someone that works at HRA/DHS I work with the homeless literally everyday and see their struggles. Many are hardworking people with full time jobs making minimum wage that simply cant afford the rent in this city. It is easy to stigmatize the unsheltered. That being said I am not always a fan of the social services industrial complex with salaries by executives in excess of \$400,000 but residents having to suffer with bead bugs, vermin, lack of heat and most egregiously lack of safety.*

What other issues do you consider important and how will you address them?

*I believe the fact that people still effected by Sandy to this day suffering from a place to live due to incompetent contractors hired by Build It Back is almost criminal. I believe at this point in time homeowners should simply get a check and let them hire any licensed contractor they wish.*

**For fun (answers to these questions are not required)**

If your district had a musical anthem, what would it be and why?

*This land is your land, this land is my land from CA to the NY island. Because it represents the true spirit and population of the 48h.*

What is your favorite restaurant in your district?

*As a kosher observer I don't eat in most of the restaurants in the 48th but have had meetings in many of them. I will tell you the ambiance of Liman Restaurant - a Turkish/seafood themed place - is my favorite. It is located on Emmons Avenue and its backyard is Sheepshead Bay bay, I linken it to the Bosporus as it has that theme.*