Dear VID Members,

My name is Nadine Hoffmann and I am running for VID President. Let me tell you why I've decided to take on this responsibility.

**VID is the most active political club in Lower Manhattan.** Why? We have done what political clubs are supposed to do--endorse progressive candidates and do what it takes to get them elected; host thought-provoking forums for our members and community; bring up neighborhood issues, and act on them with our elected officials. Most of our work usually depends on...raising money. I am planning to make sure all of the above continue and grow.

**During the last Obama campaign I was the "Bus Lady,"** coordinating lower Manhattan clubs and neighborhood organizations who were riding buses to campaign in Pennsylvania. In order to raise money for this adventure, I was seen near Abingdon Square hawking cookies, brownies and buttons for Obama on many Saturday afternoons. Lots of VIDers helped!

**For Jonathan's District Leader campaign I headed up our phone bank** and was, of course, happily handing out literature to our neighbors.

**I organized two highly successful forums,** (by the way, that really should be fora, plural of forum, but it sounds quite odd), addressing bike safety. Our latest forum, Is There a School For My Child?, which I organized with the help of our Education Committee, won over-whelming praise from all sides of the school debate.
I love to party! Therefore, our last two Galas were smashing political, social and monetary successes. And why I coordinate who-brings-what for our Holiday Party at wonderful Frieda Bradlow's house.

However, there is a lot to do in the coming year. Locally, we have been presented with a proposal for a new pier to be constructed in the Hudson River. We've been there, fought that! NYS has a Republican Senate. We have to make sure that a woman's right to choose is codified, that rent regulations are fair, that the Dream Act, the SAFE Act, and marriage equality are protected.

My vision for VID is to stay relevant. To remain a potent force in the community we must champion the causes of good government, fight for a livable environment in the face of massive development and exploitation and attract new and politically active members.

I intend to be the face of a noisy political club in which divergent views are respected and civility is the norm. For us to succeed I need your ideas, your commitment, your participation and most of all, your VOTE, in keeping VID vibrant.

Sincerely yours,
Nadine