



Village Independent Democrats  
26 Perry Street  
New York, New York 10014

Public Advocates Forum – January 6, 2019

## Minutes

On Sunday, January 6, VID, along with Gramercy Stuyvesant Independent Democrats, Grand Street Democrats, Hell's Kitchen Democrats, Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club, Downtown Independent Democrats, Chelsea Reform Democratic Club, and Stonewall Democratic Club, sponsored a forum for candidates for Public Advocate.

Speakers were:

Jared Rich  
Nomiki Konst  
Rafael Espinal  
Danny O'Donnell  
Dawn Smalls  
Daniel Christmann  
Ron Kim  
David Eisenbach  
Ben Yee  
Jumaane Williams  
Theo Chino  
Ifeoma Ike  
Sami Disu  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Latrice Walker  
Michael Blake  
Ydanis Rodriguez

Present also were Assembly members Deborah Glick and Dick Gottfried, who spoke. David Siffert, President of VID, Richard Corman, President of DID, and Marisa Redanty, District Leader of Hell's Kitchen Democrats, also made presentations.



After discussion, VID members chose their endorsed candidate.

First Ballot:

Ben Yee 18  
Jumaane Williams 14  
No Endorsement 5  
Rafael Espinal 2  
Nomiki Konst 2  
Ifeoma Ike 1  
Dawn Smalls 1

As no candidate got more than 50%, there was a second ballot.

Second Ballot

Ben Yee 22  
Jumaane Williams 16  
No Endorsement 4

David congratulated Ben Yee!

**Under New Business:**

David Siffert reminded everyone that a coalition of clubs and organizations was going to Albany on the 15th for a fair elections agenda, and he promised to send an email on this subject.

Sharon Woolums reminded everyone about Doris Diethers 90th Birthday Party on the 10th at Judson.

Jim Fouratt advised everyone to think very hard about senior housing versus the Elizabeth Street Garden.

Katharine Wolpe reminded everyone about the Womens March on January 19th.

David advised anyone who has a passionate interest in a subject that they can form a committee or write a resolution and he will get it to the interested parties.

David and Tony Hoffmann discussed the petitioning schedule and other details of the election.

The meeting was adjourned.