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## **Jin “PJ” Kim Shows Why He is the “Face of the Changing District”**

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The final debate between District One City Council challengers was dominated by Jin “PJ” Kim, who has emerged as the strongest challenger to incumbent Alan Gerson. Kim demonstrated--again--that he was the best informed on a wide array of issues and has new ideas for problem solving--not politics.

Kim emphasized that you can tell a lot about how a candidate will govern from the way they run their campaigns, “We’re running a different sort of campaign, where we are bringing people together... Our campaign has the best vision and potential for Lower Manhattan’s *shared* future.”

Throughout this campaign, Jin “PJ” Kim has offered solutions and civility, not “politics as usual.” In yesterday’s *New York Press*, their editorial board explains why they have decided to endorse his campaign:

“...it is a time for a new era in Downtown politics... Kim, a South Korean immigrant with degrees from Princeton and Harvard Business School, is the face of the changing district...he has broad knowledge of the issues facing many of the residents and brings a professional and disciplined approach to fixing these problems...”

In response to Kim’s efforts to reach across all neighborhoods to forge real solutions, the *New York Press* also observed that:

Many of the historic rifts between ethnic and economic factions stand a chance to be reconciled with Kim, a new face in local politics whom we feel has a long and bright future ahead of him. We wholeheartedly endorse PJ Kim for City Council District 1.

*The New York Times*; DC 37, New York City’s largest public employee union; Citizens Union, the gold-standard group for good government and accountability; and the Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, a progressive citywide LGBT organization, have also endorsed Kim as the candidate best qualified to lead Lower Manhattan.

However, in his closing remarks, Kim stated:

“The most important endorsement is your vote... I hope that I’ve shown that I share your values of inclusiveness, of believing that government can be a force for good, and of looking past our surface differences to move this neighborhood, this city and our country forward. I hope that I have earned your vote tonight so that together we can build more schools, clean up our parks, build world class public transit, create more jobs through new businesses, and move Lower Manhattan forward as a great place to live for everyone.”

Jin “PJ” Kim understands that Lower Manhattan is not just a place where employees work and tourists visit--it’s New York’s fastest growing residential community and we need new energy and new leadership to move forward.

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