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Statement by Council Candidate Todd Dobrin on Term Limit Extension

Throughout their seven years in office, members of the City Council said what was politically correct when it came to the question of extending term limits- there would be no changes without public approval. But now, as those same elected officials face the end of their respective terms, many are advocating for an extension of term limits without voter approval. It is not the first time a politician changed his or her mind and it certainly won't be the last, but such a drastic turnaround in such a short span of time is remarkable.

Term limits were first approved in 1993 and reaffirmed in 1997, both times by public referendum. And term limits should only be abolished or extended by direct voter approval. Changing term limits through legislation without the input of the voters shows a clear disregard for the will of the people.

The issue of term limits must be settled out in the open and by the people of New York, not in a backroom deal where special interests are protected instead of working families. Both those in favor of and opposed to term limits have legitimate arguments to make, but the chambers of City Hall are the wrong place to make the final decision. Term limits must be decided in the voting booth, where the public has the power to determine what is right and what is wrong for the future of our city.

Democracy demands that people have choices, empowered to decide their own fate and make their own decisions. The issue of term limits should be decided by the voters, not those whose jobs depend on the outcome of that decision.

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