

Election Ballot 2011

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It's like [2009 all over again](#).

Everyone seems to have moved to the middle since last time — the decent candidates have descended into vague blandness; the terrible have begun spouting the same rhetoric. But, fortunately, this time there's a candidate I actually quite like: Matt Nelson sounds awesome. **Vote Matt Nelson.**

1. Matt Nelson (grassroots organizing, pedestrian H²)
2. Larry Ward (inclusionary zoning)
3. Kenneth E. Reeves (Harlem Children's Zone)
4. Sam Seidel (bikes, TOD)
5. Leland Cheung (simplify regulation, bike share)
6. Minka vanBeuzekom (smart growth)
7. Marjorie Decker (no CCTV, banning trans fats)
8. Charles Marquardt (planning, sustainability)
9. James M. Williamson (no corporate money, slow development)
10. Tim Toomey (vagueness, fuel efficient vehicles)
11. David Maher (consensus building)
12. Henrietta Davis (healthy kids, green buildings)
13. E. Denise Simmons (bus shelters)
14. Tom Stohlman (do nothing)
15. Gary Mello (cut spending, insurance reform)
16. Gregg Moree (crazy blandness)
17. Pascual (psychic reform, poetry)
18. Craig Kelley (traffic enforcement, not campaigning)

School issues are inevitably depressing. Everyone says they oppose the achievement gap and so on, so, again, my first test was to see how people felt about standardized tests (ordered from opposition to support):

1. Alice Turkel (portfolios, high quality preschool)
2. Nancy Tauber (no teaching to the test)
3. Bill Forster (stop teaching to the test)
4. Marc McGovern (alternative assessments)
5. Patty Nolan (no more tests)
6. Richard Harding (not a fan, but it has its benefits)
7. John Holland (might interfere)
8. Joyce Gerber (dodged the question)
9. Mervan Osborne (dodged)
10. Charles Stead, Sr. (tight ship principal)
11. Fred Fantini (more assessment)

Happy Election Day!