

Hello Everyone,

I want to first apologize for not being able to attend our general body meeting this month because of a previously scheduled trip.

Since I've joined, everyone here has been incredibly kind to me, and I have learned so much about the community. That's why it felt so much easier when I took on the effort to help register young voters in our neighborhood because of everyone's supportive. Your support has given me the opportunity to help the VID through voter registration, bring more volunteers for events, and being advocate for the community.

It has been a pleasure getting to know everyone here at the club and I would like to be your vice president for the Village Independent Democratic club in order to help continue making the VID great.

I was born and raised in the village, I attended P.S. 41, and I have lived in New York City my entire life except for the 4 years going away for college at SUNY Fredonia out in Western New York. While I was in college I had the chance to work on a few political campaigns including a congressional race and serve as a Democratic Voting Delegate for President Obama at the DNC in 2012, and advocate actively on behalf of student issues in Albany.

Since graduating college two years ago, I've returned home and founded my own non-profit that focuses on helping small education programs throughout New York City that help students succeed. This year has been our first year and we've already successfully developed a financial literacy program in the South Bronx that will start this upcoming February.

I know I can be of great help to the VID club, and as your Vice President I would continue to bring in new people into our club, organize for events, and help promote the VID. I hope I can have your support for Vice President.

If you have any questions for me feel free to contact me at [ErikColer@gmail.com](mailto:ErikColer@gmail.com) or call me when I'm back in New York City (Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>) at (917) 699-2320.

Thank you,

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Erik Coler