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Does Strawn have local experiences beyond his two years of residence?

To the Editor:

We have looked at the Web pages and fliers left in our door for Bob Strawn and other candidates on both sides of the party divide. We cannot find anything on Mr. Strawn's materials that indicates he has any qualifications for the position to which he aspires. Does he have any experience in this town besides two years of residence? On what committees has he served? What votes has he cast for or against "economic development and government efficiency," to quote his own materials?

Aside from a great deal of outside funding, what are his specific agenda items beyond the points quoted above? We have heard this from so many candidates who are clueless about specifics. The flier left in our door mentioned property taxes. Does he realize that most of those are the responsibility of local and not state government? How much does he know about the community, or tax and public policy overall?

Many of us in Manhattan are "transplants," whether from the military or the university. But we hope that people who have lived here for a while who understand the issues that pertain to our community would have better opposition than the generic promises of people who appear to be "fronts" for other interests.

On the merits, vote for Sydney Carlin.

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