

Today's Lead: Corporate Leaders Plan Push in City Council Races

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A group of corporate leaders and real estate executives, concerned about the departure of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, [plan to spend up to \\$10 million in City Council races this year](#) to make sure electeds are business friendly. The Jobs For New York political action committee will direct donations to pro-business Council candidates from both parties because the City Council has major sway over development but also because the mayoral race is so uncertain. The Council will have 21 open seats this year mostly due to term limits. Good government advocates say the group could change the way Council campaigns are run. “The entire point of a City Council race is to reflect the needs of the neighborhoods in a district,” Susan Lerner of Common Cause [told The New York Times](#). “This undercuts the neighborhood-based nature of a district and replaces neighborhood concerns with industry concerns.”

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