

Prior to attending Boys State, I was certain that I wanted to go to Boys Nation in Washington D.C. At Boys Nation two boys from each state are selected to represent their state, making it a total of 98 boys who attend each year. At New York Boys State, there are approximately 1,100 boys who attend each year. I was determined to do what I could to go to Boys Nation, and I believed running and winning Governor was my best shot to get there. Since I am a Boy Scout, I wanted to be prepared and so I wrote this speech for governor all on my own. Unfortunately, I was not selected to attend Boys Nation, however this speech was integral to me being elected to the State Senate, becoming Senate Minority Leader, and being one of eleven that made it into the final round of interviews for Boys Nation. If you have any questions about Boys State or my experience, do not be afraid to ask.

Good Afternoon, My name is David Bruen and I running to be your Governor I am running for Governor because I love New York and I want to best represent my fellow New Yorkers. To be Governor you need to be able to lead but also make hard decisions. As an Eagle Scout I have had experience in both leadership and decision making. Throughout my time in Boy Scouts I have had

leadership positions and organized community service projects, I have truly learned the meaning of service and helping others.

As your Governor I want to continue the lessons I have learned in scouting to best serve the people of New York.

I want to share the words of former New York Senator Bobby Kennedy who said, “Some men see things as they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not”. As so many people around the world know, New Yorkers are a tough people, but we are also innovative. We seek change and progress. We set an example for the entire nation. As your governor, I will innovate and lead by example. I will come together with people of different ideologies and reach across the aisle to create a unified force that will do what is best for all New Yorkers.

Now I would like to address three of the most important issues that New Yorkers face today. First, is debt. New York has a debt that totals \$63.7 billion, and it has not stopped growing. One of the main causes of this high debt is an imbalanced budget. For too long New York has had lobbyists and outside corporations influence our budget, increase the deficit, and expect the middle class to pay off the debt. As Governor I can provide fiscal responsibility so we can decrease budget deficits and begin to decrease our debt.

Secondly, property taxes are just too high. The State of New York has some of the best real estate in the country. However, increasingly high property taxes are driving long time New Yorkers out of the state and preventing new people from moving in. It has been reported that New York billionaires pay

New Yorkers need a Governor who will support policy that is in their best interest and is willing to reach across the aisle to get things done. Remember when you cast your ballot that I will be a Governor that represents all New Yorkers, not just a select few. Remember that it was; John F. Kennedy, a young man from Massachusetts who said we could go to the moon; Martin Luther King, a young minister and activist from Georgia who said "he had a dream", and Thomas Jefferson, the young founding father, who proclaimed that "all men are created equal."

These men greatly influenced the world, and so can we all. Rarely do people have power to drastically shape the world, but if we all come together we can have such an impact.

Once again, I am David Bruen and I am running to be your governor, thank you and god bless New York.