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Brawl For The Hall

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Signs of the times

They are bombarding your TV screen. They are cluttering your mailbox. They are reaching for your hand at the subway stop. And some of them are breaking the law.

The Sanitation Department issues \$75 summonses to candidates whose political posters are found on street lights, signposts and the like. As of Tuesday, they had written 2,242 of them, worth \$168,150 to the city treasury if everyone pays up.

Out in Brooklyn Heights, Council candidate Isaac Abraham has also tried to make an issue out of [what he calls the "physical graffiti"](#) left by his opponents. (I can't resist a [Chasid](#) making a [Led Zeppelin](#) reference in a press release.)

"It makes no sense politically or pocket-book wise to post signs on poles and city property," Abraham said. "The severe penalties assessed against illegal posters mean that candidates who follow that practice end up wasting other people's money to pay the fines and that's not why the contributor gave you the money. ...

"Even if you have the money to blow on posting fines as the Mayor did in 2005, it still does not give him or any other candidates any right to break the law just because he pays the penalties from his own pocket. This year we hope that all candidates – including the Mayor – will abide by the law as well."

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