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Former City Councilman Lew Fidler dead at 62

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Lew Fidler
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Former Brooklyn city councilman and longtime Democratic political operative Lew Fidler has died, according to police sources and local pols.

He was 62.

Fidler was found unconscious on the floor of a Queens movie theater Saturday afternoon, police sources said.

He was taken to Elmhurst Hospital and died an unspecified amount of time later, sources added.

Fidler served in City Council from 2002 to 2013, repping southeastern Brooklyn neighborhoods including Canarsie, Marine Park and Mill Basin. He also managed the 1989 campaign of longtime Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes.

News of his death hit political spheres hard on Sunday.

“Devastated. I’m still having trouble believing it. Lew Fidler was a friend and a mentor. A voice of reason so rare in politics. His untimely death will leave a void that cannot be filled. I can’t believe he’s gone. Most of all, I’m thinking of his wife Robin and their children,”

Councilman Justin Brannan tweeted.

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Lew Fidler, a friend & former Councilman. Lew’s quick wit & kind generosity were legendary, and a blessing to all who were privileged to know him. My heartfelt prayers go out to his family,” tweeted Councilman Chaim Deutsch. “Southern Brooklyn will never be the same.”

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