

# Kevin Vincent

**K**EVIN VINCENT HAS BEEN A MOTIVATING presence at recent T. A. Brooklyn Committee meetings. His clear and thorough Community Board 1 meeting reports have helped the committee and T.A. staffers keep their fingers on the pulse of what's happening in North Brooklyn, which has been critical in the fight for the besieged Kent Avenue bike lanes. We at T.A. have enjoyed getting to know him as he's helped out at most of our major events in 2008 and expect him to play a big role in the Brooklyn campaigns of 2009.

**Age:** 28

**Occupation:** Motion Picture Lighting Technician and Hunter College Undergrad in German and Urban Studies

**Where do you live?** Greenpoint, Brooklyn

**Where do you work?** I work on various sets for films and television shows as a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 52.

**Have you always been interested in sustainable transportation issues, or did an event or situation spark your involvement?** I was never the biggest fan of driving a car, so when my car kind of blew up some eight years ago I gladly became much more interested in sustainable transportation issues.

**What kinds of volunteer activities have you participated in with T.A. in the past?** I am a member of the Brooklyn Committee. I've marshaled a few T.A. rides, including the 2008 Tour de Brooklyn. I helped with feeder rides for Summer Streets, got postcards signed in support of a car-free Prospect Park and parked some bikes with the Bike Valet program.

**What upcoming advocacy projects are you planning to work on as a member of the T.A. Brooklyn Committee?** I am excited to continue supporting the Kent Avenue bike lanes and the future Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. I'm also looking forward to being involved with the "Biking Rules!" campaign, getting more bike racks in Community Board 1, pursuing pedestrian safety on Kent Avenue and continuing to push for a car-free Prospect Park.

**What kinds of projects would you like to see T.A. pursue in the upcoming year?** I like that T.A. is pushing its role as educator with the "Biking Rules!" campaign. I'd like to see more of that.

**What are some issues that concern you as a bicyclist and pedestrian in NYC?** I think that what concerns me most, as a cyclist, pedestrian and resident of this city, is that at a very fundamental level our streets are not the fully functional public space they could be.



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Bicycling is still viewed more as a form of recreation, instead of a viable mode of transportation. On many streets pedestrians lack safe crosswalks or sufficient lighting. New York City and, sadly, many of our elected officials, remain devoted to the personal automobile, despite the many health and quality of life issues that arise from such congested streets.

**What advice or words of encouragement can you give to T.A. members who might be thinking about getting more involved?** The staffers at T.A. are incredible. They are, however, small in number and rely on us as volunteers to help promote campaigns. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, from stuffing envelopes or marshaling group rides to coming up with your own advocacy project or joining your borough's committee group. Any staffer will tell you that you can get as involved as you want to. The people are all friendly. Most rewarding, for me at least, is that you really feel like a member of your community. □

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