

# Bklyn politico busted for child porn: prosecutors

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A failed Brooklyn political candidate who vowed to “protect our children” allegedly admitted to viewing 20 images of child pornography.

Joseph Hayon was charged Friday for allegedly using a JUNO.com email account to share the filthy images on Dec. 26, 2014 from his Midwood home.

Hayon, 38, was charged with one count of possession a sexual performance of a child after The CyberTipline notified the NYPD, who issued a search warrant for his home and business, said prosecutor Wilfredo Cotto.

Police seized a tablet, video cameras, two laptops, five desktop computers and a Samsung phone.

The 2012 Republican candidate for District 41 of the state Assembly, who lost against incumbent Helene Weinstein, made written statements where he admits to owning the email address, viewing and sharing

“children engaged in sexual conduct,” according to the criminal complaint.



Hayon lost his state Assembly and City Council races. (JESSE WARD/FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS)

The disgusting images are all of girls, some as young as two-years-old, Cotto said.

During Hayon’s failed campaign, he portrayed himself as an advocate for children. He pledged to “sponsor legislation that would prohibit merchants from selling any obscene ‘literature’ unless they cater exclusively to adults,” according to [josephhayon.com](http://josephhayon.com), which also includes the phrase, “Our children are our future” underneath his name.

“I pledge to sponsor legislation to make all public library staff criminally responsible for making any form of electronic obscenity available to minors,” he said.

Brooklyn Criminal Court Judge Rosemarie Montalbano set bail Friday at \$50,000 cash or bond, that Hayon immediately placed, thanks to support from “his community,” his lawyer Laurence Rothstein.



An order of protection was issued against Hayon to stay away from his children. (FACEBOOK)

Outside of court, Hayon declined to comment on the allegations.

An order of protection was issued for Hayon to stay away from his four children, a 15-month-old daughter and three sons.

Child protective services were notified and are involved in this case, authorities said.

Hayon also ran for the City Council in 2013, but lost to David Greenfield after receiving only 18% of the vote.

Hayon was also a president of the Brooklyn Tea Party in 2011.

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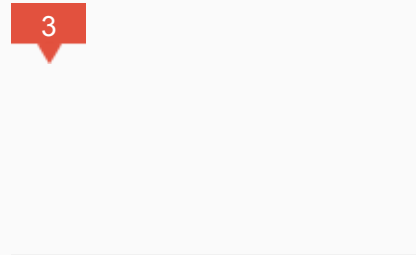
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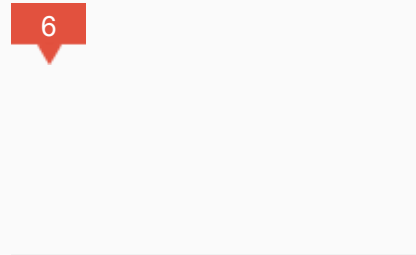
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