

VILLAGE PRESERVATION ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Interview with Carol Greitzer

Addendum

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General Interview Notes

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THANK YOU

Elizabeth Greitzer: This is Elizabeth Greitzer. I'm here with my mother, Carol Greitzer, and it's March 2026, but she is recalling an incident from 1964 when Bobby Kennedy was campaigning for a U.S. Senate seat in New York State. And the setting is a flatbed truck at Father Demo Square at the intersection of 6th West Avenue, Carmine, and Bleecker Streets. Can you tell me where you were on this day and what your role was?

Carol Greitzer: I was on the flatbed along with a few other elected officials and Bobby Kennedy.

Elizabeth Greitzer : And what was your role?

Carol Greitzer: Well, we were lending him support in his campaign. Then suddenly, I saw someone from John's Pizza coming running down the block with a pizza in his hand.

Elizabeth Greitzer: Oh, where was he heading?

Carol Greitzer: Well, he was clearly coming to see us. And to try to hand the pizza directly to Bobby. Oh. Well, I intervened and took it and said to Bobby, they want you to eat the pizza. And what did Bobby do? He said, I don't have a fork. He said, "I don't have a fork." And I said, "You don't need a fork." And he said, "I don't have a knife." And I told him, "That's not the way you eat a pizza." And I showed him how to do it. And looking very distasteful, he took up a slice and proceeded to eat it.