Democrat district leader Ralph Del Duca of Astoria, campaigning heavily against Mayor John Lindsay, has been defeated by Lindsay's Republican opponent, John Marchant. Lindsay, for presidenteleville's first Republican mayor, is likely to face Del Duca, probably with the nomination of Assemblyman Edward J. McGinn as a primary opponent.

Marchant defeated the Republican opponent by only 10 votes in the city's most closely contested race. He won the citywide mayoral primary by a margin of 95,000 votes. Lindsay, however, won the primary by a margin of 151,736 votes.

Marchant, a staunch supporter of Lindsay, had been unable to carry his own district in the primary. He lost his seat in the Assembly to McGinn, who is likely to face Lindsay in the general election.

Marchant has been a strong supporter of Lindsay's administration, and he has been a vocal critic of the Republican opposition. He has been a strong advocate for the development of public housing in the city, and he has been a strong supporter of the city's budget.

Marchant's loss in the primary is a significant setback for the Republican party in the city. Lindsay is likely to face a strong challenge in the general election, but he is likely to emerge as the clear favorite.