

Welcome to the 2003 City Council Primary Election Voter Guide


As you know, 2003 is a major election year in New York City. Every 10 years, City Council districts change based on the most recent census. This year, City Council district lines have been redrawn, and all 51 Council seats are up for election. You will make important decisions shaping the future of our City and its leadership by voting in the primary and general elections this fall. This Voter Guide is designed to help you compare candidates as you prepare to vote in the September 9 primary election. A Voter Guide for the November 4 general election will be mailed to you in late October.

The Voter Guide is a nonpartisan, plain-language handbook published by the New York City Campaign Finance Board (the “CFB”), an independent City agency, to give you information about City elections. Under the City Charter, the Guide is printed in English and Spanish, and, consistent with Federal voting laws, it is also distributed in Chinese and Korean in some districts. It contains statements and photos submitted by City Council candidates, information on voting and voters’ rights, and a map to help you determine your City Council district.

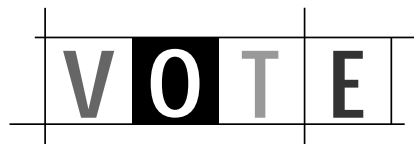
The CFB administers the New York City Campaign Finance Program. The Program reduces the influence of private money on City campaigns, offers qualified candidates a fair chance to run for office by providing public matching funds for small contributions, and makes available detailed information on candidates’ campaign finances. To learn more about the Program and the CFB, see “NYC’s Campaign Finance Program” on page 12, or visit our Web site, www.nycffb.info.

Informed voters strengthen democracy. We hope that this 2003 City Council Primary Election Voter Guide will help you make informed choices on election day.

Sincerely,



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Even if you haven't moved, you may be in a different City Council district this year.

City Council district lines were redrawn for the 2003 (and future) elections based on the 2000 Census.

If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, your Council district number (according to records provided by the NYC Board of Elections) is printed on the address label.

You can also determine whether you are in a new Council district by:

1. Carefully checking the maps provided in the center of this Guide.
2. Calling the NYC Board of Elections toll-free hotline 866-VOTE-NYC or, for the hearing impaired, calling (212) 487-5496.
3. Logging on to www.nycfb.info and using the "Find Your District" feature in the online Voter Guide.

The Office of City Council Member

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of City government. The City Council is responsible for passing local laws for New York City, making decisions about land use, investigating and overseeing City agencies, and approving the City's budget. Each Council member represents one of the 51 New York City Council districts. Council members receive an annual base salary of \$90,000. Council leaders and chairs of committees receive additional pay. Council members may hold other jobs in addition to their Council seats.

Primary Election Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2003

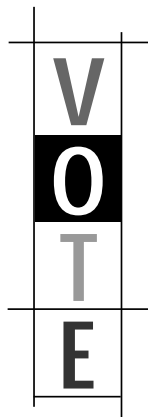
The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You must be inside your polling site no later than 9:00 p.m. to vote. See pages 6-7 regarding whether you are eligible to vote in this election.

**DEMOCRACY DOESN'T WORK WITHOUT YOU.
GO VOTE.**

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請致電：(212) 513-4110 查詢。

**For information about where to
pick up a Chinese or Korean
language edition of this Voter
Guide, please call (212) 513-4110.**



Your Rights as a Voter

You have the right to vote in the September 9, 2003
primary election if:

- you registered to vote by August 15,
- you enrolled in a party by the applicable deadline (see page 7),
- the party you are enrolled in is holding a primary in your Council district, and
- you are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on September 9, 2003.

You also have a right to:

- Get help from an interpreter supplied by the Board of Elections at some polling sites if you speak Spanish, Chinese, or Korean. Call the Board of Elections' toll-free voter assistance number, 866-VOTE-NYC, for more information, including which polling sites have interpreters available.
- Bring anyone except your employer or union agent to help you in the voting booth if you are a person with a disability or if you cannot read the ballot, including someone to interpret the ballot for you.
- Ask election workers how to use the voting machine.
- Bring materials into the voting booth with you, including this Voter Guide. (Please take these materials away with you when you finish voting.)
- Vote by paper ballot if the voting machine is broken.
- Vote by "affidavit ballot" if your name is missing from the list of voters at your poll site (see page 9).

You do not have to show identification to vote in this election.

Questions and Answers

About Voting

What is a primary election?

A political party holds a primary election when more than one candidate is seeking the party's nomination for the same office. In a primary election, voters enrolled in a political party pick a candidate to represent the party in the general election. In New York State, there are five political parties that can hold primary elections in 2003: the Republican, Democratic, Independence, Conservative, and Working Families parties.

Can I vote in the September 9 primary election?

You can vote in New York City's September 9 primary election if (1) you are registered to vote, (2) you are enrolled in a political party, and (3) your political party is holding a primary in your Council district. Please note that not all political parties have primaries, and not all registered voters are enrolled in political parties. You can only vote in the primary of the party of which you are a member.

If you do not know whether you can vote in this year's primary election, call the Board of Elections' ("BOE") toll-free voter assistance number, 866-VOTE-NYC, or, for the hearing impaired, call (212) 487-5496 to find out.

I don't know if I am registered to vote. How do I find out, and how do I register?

If you do not know whether you are registered to vote, call 866-VOTE-NYC, or, for the hearing impaired, call (212) 487-5496 to find out.

If you are a registered voter, you should receive a notice from the Board of Elections in August telling you where your polling place is. If you do not get a notice, call the BOE's toll-free voter assistance number, 866-VOTE-NYC, to find out whether you are registered to vote.

August 15, 2003, was the last day to register for the September 9 primary election and October 10, 2003, is the last day to register for the November 4 general election. To register to vote, you must fill out a voter registration form and file it in person or by mail with any of the following BOE offices:

Main Office

32 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10004
(212) 487-5300

Manhattan

200 Varick Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10014
(212) 886-3800

The Bronx

1780 Grand Concourse, 5th Floor
Bronx, NY 10457
(718) 299-9017

Brooklyn

345 Adams Street, 4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 797-8800

Queens

42-16 West Street, 5th Floor
Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 392-8989

Staten Island

One Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10305
(718) 876-0079

Voter registration forms are available at these offices. You can also get a registration form and other information by calling 866-VOTE-NYC. You can download and print a registration form on the BOE's Web site, www.vote.nyc.ny.us, or fill out a request online to have a form mailed to you. However they are obtained, voter registration forms must be filled out, signed, and either mailed or hand delivered to one of the offices listed above, because they must have an original signature (in ink) to be valid.

Please note: You cannot **submit** your voter registration form via the BOE's Web site; you may only download or request one.

How long is my registration good for?

Your registration has no expiration date. However, your registration may have been cancelled if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE and you did not vote in the 2000 or 2002 (federal) elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information.

What if I have moved (within New York City)?

Your registration has no expiration date. However, your registration may have been cancelled if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE and you did not vote in the 2000 or 2002 (federal) elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information.

If you have moved within New York City and you have not changed your address with the BOE, you may still be able to vote by going to your new polling place and filling out an affidavit ballot that will be available there. However, it is best to update your registration whenever you move by filling out a voter registration form with your new address and sending it to the BOE.

How do I enroll in a political party (or change my enrollment from one party to another)?

You enroll in a political party by checking off a party enrollment box on your voter registration form. Enrolling in a party makes you a member of that political party and allows you to vote in that party's future primaries.

October 11, 2002 was the last date you could have **changed** your party enrollment for the September 9, 2003 primary election. If you are a registered voter and want to enroll in a party or want to change the party you are enrolled in for future elections, you must obtain a new voter registration form and fill it out, check the box of the party you would like to enroll in, check the box "Party enrollment change," and submit the form to the BOE **before October 10, 2003** to be eligible to vote in next year's primary elections.

Which candidates can I vote for in the September 9 primary election?

You can vote for any candidate who is seeking the nomination of the party you are enrolled in.

I don't know which Council district I live in. How can I find out?

The maps in the center of this Voter Guide show the new boundaries of the Council districts in your borough so that you can locate your Council district. Please remember that your

Council district may have changed since the last time you voted (due to redistricting). Visit the online Guide at www.nycffb.info to “find your district” and view your candidates. You can also call the BOE’s toll-free voter assistance number, 866-VOTE-NYC, to find out.

Does this Voter Guide contain information about all the candidates who will be on the September 9 primary election ballot?

Not necessarily. This Guide only has information about candidates running for City Council in the primary election. It is possible that you will be voting on candidates for other offices, such as district attorney, delegates to judicial conventions, and party positions.

Also, some candidates running for these offices may not have sent information to be included in the Voter Guide, or may have sent in that information too late. However, the names of **all** primary election candidates for City Council known at the time this Guide went to press are listed in the section “Candidates at a Glance” at the beginning of “The Candidates” section of this Voter Guide. Candidates who did not submit information for the Voter Guide, or did not do so in time, have an asterisk next to their names indicating this. Also, please note that some Council districts may not have any primary elections.

For the most up-to-date information, visit the online Voter Guide at www.nycffb.info.

Will all the candidates listed in this Voter Guide appear on the September 9 primary election ballot?

Not necessarily. It is possible that after this Guide goes to press, some candidates may drop out of the race or be taken off the ballot for legal reasons. Candidates can be removed from the ballot, or put back on the ballot, up until just before the election. So there may be some candidates listed in this Guide who do not appear on the final primary election ballot. You should always check the sample ballot at your polling place before voting. You can also check the online Voter Guide for the most recent information at www.nycffb.info.

If my party is not holding a primary election, can I vote in the general election?

Yes. All registered voters can vote in the general election on November 4, 2003. In the general election, you can vote for the candidate of your choice no matter what party you are enrolled in.

Where do I go to vote?

You vote at your local polling place. If you are a registered voter, you should receive a notice from the Board of Elections telling you where your polling place is. Read the notice carefully. If you do not have your postcard or you do not know where to vote, call 866-VOTE-NYC.

When I get to my polling place, where do I go?

The notice you received from the Board of Elections tells you what Assembly District (A.D.) and Election District (E.D.) you live in. These numbers are important because they tell you which voting booth to use. If you forget your A.D. or E.D. on election day, the information clerk or any of the election workers will be able to tell you which booth to use.

What if my name is not on the list when I get to my polling place? Will I still be able to vote?

If you are not on the poll-list, it may be because your registration form was not received or, for a primary election, because you aren’t enrolled in a party or your party is not holding a primary. If you believe that you **are** eligible, you can still vote. Ask for an **affidavit ballot**, which is a paper ballot. Fill it out and enclose and seal it in the envelope supplied. On the affidavit envelope give your old and new addresses along with all other required information and remember to sign it. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records and your vote will be counted if you are indeed eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you are not eligible to vote, along with a registration form for future elections.

Can I vote if I can’t get to my polling place on election day?

You can vote by absentee ballot for a number of reasons, such as being away at school, on vacation, disabled, or in the hospital. Call 866-VOTE-NYC to find out if you can vote by absentee ballot, and to request an application for an absentee ballot.

If you cannot get to your polling site on election day, you can vote in person (“In Person Absentee Voting”) at the BOE’s office in your borough (see page 6 for addresses) beginning August 25, 2003 for this year’s primary election. In Person Absentee Voting is conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for 15 days, ending on election day. It is also conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, September 8 and on primary election day, September 9th. Call the BOE at 866-VOTE-NYC for more information.

To vote by absentee ballot, follow these two steps:

- 1. File an Absentee Ballot Application.** You can have an absentee ballot application mailed to you by calling 866-VOTE-NYC. You can also pick up an application at any of the Board of Elections’ offices listed on page 6, or download and print an absentee ballot application from the BOE’s Web site, www.vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it or deliver it in person to the BOE office in your borough. For the primary election on September 9, 2003, completed absentee ballot applications must be postmarked by September 2, 2003, or must be personally delivered to the BOE office by 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2003.



2. **Send in your Absentee Ballot.** If you submit your absentee ballot application in person at your Board of Elections borough office, you will receive your absentee ballot immediately. You can also have it mailed to you. Fill it out and mail or hand deliver it to any of the BOE's offices. For the primary election, completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by September 8, 2003 or personally delivered to the BOE's office in your borough by 9:00 p.m. on September 9, 2003.

How can I get more information?

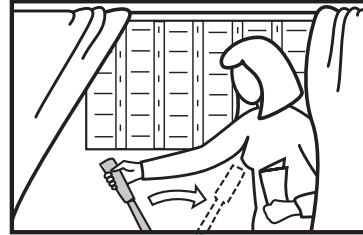
The **Board of Elections** has a toll-free voter assistance telephone number to answer questions from voters. To learn more about voting in this election, call 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692), or, for the hearing impaired, (212) 487-5496. There is also information available on the BOE's Web site, www.vote.nyc.ny.us.

The **Voter Assistance Commission** is a nonpartisan government agency created to encourage more New Yorkers to register and to vote. The Commission identifies historically underrepresented groups and works with other public agencies, private groups, and community-based organizations to encourage registration and voting. The Commission holds an annual public hearing after the general election to learn about experiences with voting in New York City and to make recommendations for improvements. The Commission also holds public meetings prior to the general election to discuss other voting issues. To find out when the annual public hearing will be held or to get more information, call (212) 788-8384. You can also write to the Voter Assistance Commission, 100 Gold Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY 10038, or visit its Web site at www.ci.nyc.ny.us/voter.

The **Campaign Finance Board's** Web site, www.nycffb.info, has an online Voter Guide including a "Find Your Council District" feature and a searchable database with up-to-date contribution, expenditure, and other campaign finance information on candidates participating in the Campaign Finance Program.

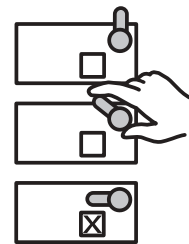
How to Use the Voting Machine

- 1 Separate the voting machine curtains and enter. (The curtains will be closed when you enter and will stay closed.)

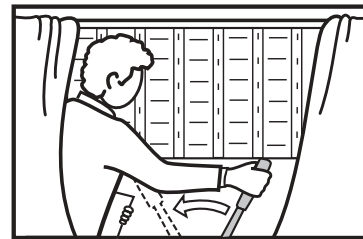


- 2 Pull the large red handle to the right. Do not move the large red handle again until you finish making all your choices for candidates.

- 3 Push down the lever next to each candidate you want. An "X" will appear in the box next to your choice. If you make a mistake, push the lever back and choose the correct lever.



- 4 When you finish choosing your candidates, leave the levers down, and pull the large red handle all the way to the left. The levers will return to their original positions, and your vote will be counted. Leave the booth through the closed curtains.



A Note About Writing In Candidates' Names:

For most offices, you may vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot (a "write-in" candidate). First, check with the election workers at your polling place. If you can write in a candidate, find the button above the column of the numbered slots all the way to the left of the voting machine. Push the button and, while holding it in, open the slot opposite the office for which you wish to write in a candidate's name. In the slot, write in the name of the candidate you want. A pencil is provided inside the voting machine on the left. Cast your vote for other offices in the usual way. For further information, call 866-VOTE-NYC.

NYC's Campaign Finance Program

New York City's Campaign Finance Program (the "Program"), established in 1988, helps people run for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member without relying on large campaign contributions by giving them the opportunity to qualify for matching funds to help them run competitive campaigns. The voluntary Program is administered by the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the independent, nonpartisan City agency that produced this Voter Guide.

When candidates join the Program, they agree to abide by campaign contribution and spending limits and other requirements, including audits of their campaigns. Candidates who join the Program cannot accept contributions from corporations. In return, these candidates can qualify to receive public funds that match contributions received from NYC residents at a rate of \$4 to every \$1 for contributions of up to \$250. The Program's contribution limits prevent participants from running campaigns with large amounts of money from just a few wealthy people or groups. The Program's spending limits help ensure that candidates who are wealthy, or who have the support of wealthy people or groups, do not have an unfair advantage.

Program participants file detailed information with the Board about their contributors and how campaign money is spent. The Board computerizes this information, so it is easy for the public and the press to find out the details of candidates' campaign finances. This information is available (and searchable) on the CFB's Web site, www.nycffb.info, and on a public computer terminal at the CFB's offices. Program participants are audited by the CFB to make sure that they are observing the contribution and spending limits and other Program requirements.

When you read this Voter Guide, you will be able to find out which candidates have joined the Campaign Finance Program for the 2003 elections by looking at the bottom of their candidate statements for the phrase "Participating in the NYC Campaign Finance Program."

If you are interested in running for City office, or in learning more about how the Campaign Finance Program is helping to make local elections in New York more open and democratic, please contact the CFB at:

The New York City Campaign Finance Board
40 Rector Street, 7th floor, New York, NY 10006
www.nycffb.info.

Internet users can e-mail questions to info@nycffb.info. Questions specifically about this Voter Guide can be e-mailed to VoterGuideInfo@nycffb.info.

The Candidates

This section begins with a list, "Candidates at a Glance," of the candidates who appeared at press time to be on the primary election ballot for the office of City Council member in your area. After that list, you will see pages with candidate profiles and photos. The information and the photos on these pages were given to the CFB by the candidates. The candidates have signed sworn statements that the information in their profiles is true to the best of their knowledge.

The profiles provided by the candidates are reprinted by the CFB as supplied by the candidates. **The CFB does not edit the information submitted by the candidates.** All candidates have the same deadlines to submit statements and do not have the opportunity to respond to their opponents' statements.

The "Candidates at a Glance" listing of every primary race in your area may show that some candidates are running in more than one primary (because they are seeking the nomination of more than one party). The profiles of these candidates will only appear once in this Guide, in alphabetical order by office. Please pay careful attention to the "Candidates at a Glance" listing to see the names of all the candidates in each race. **Even candidates who did not submit profiles to the CFB, or did not submit profiles in time to be included in the Guide, are listed in "Candidates at a Glance,"** with an asterisk next to their names to indicate that they did not submit profiles.

The views expressed in the candidate statements do not represent those of the New York City Campaign Finance Board.

Candidates at a Glance

Council Districts 21-51

Council District 21

Democratic

Luis Jimenez
Hiram Monserrate

Council District 24

Democratic

Florence Fisher
James F. Gennaro
David Reich

Council District 27

Democratic

Leroy Comrie
Helen A. Cooper-Gregory
Stephen C. Jackson

Council District 28

Democratic

Allan W. Jennings, Jr
Stephen S. Jones
*Garth I. Marchant**
Yvonne Reddick
Inderjit Singh

Council District 31

Democratic

James Blake
*Everly D. Brown**
*James J. Sanders, Jr.**

Council District 32

Republican

*Richard Iritano**
Michael Mossa

Council District 34

Democratic

Juan D. Martinez
Diana Reyna

Council District 35

Democratic

Anthony Herbert

Council District 36

Democratic

Richard Taylor
*Albert Vann**

Council District 37

Democratic

Eric Martin Dilan
Nellie R. Santiago

Council District 41

Democratic

Tracy L. Boyland
David R. Miller

Candidates at a Glance

Council Districts 21-51

Council District 42

Democratic

Charles Barron
Derek S. Booker

Council District 43

Republican

Stephen Maresca
Pat Russo

Council District 44

Republican

*Noach Dear**
Simcha Felder

Council District 45

Democratic

Omar Boucher
Erlene King
Kendall Stewart
Sam Taitt

Council District 46

Democratic

Lewis A. Fidler
Elizabeth Atwood King
Elias J. Weir

Council District 47

Democratic

Tony Eisenberg
Joseph K. Hochhauser
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.

Council District 48

Democratic

Allen Shimson Herschaft
Michael C. Nelson

There are no primary races in Council Districts
22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 38, 39, 40, 49, 50, or 51.

* This candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile.

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21st City Council District



Democratic

Luis Jimenez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: TLC Insurance Broker, Life Insurance Agent, ARC Authorized Travel Agent

Educational Background: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Certificated in Business Administration

Organizational Affiliations: President of Lion's Club International, President of Inter-American Civic-Political Parliament, Member of Queens Chambers of Commerce, Former Member Board of Directors of Seniors; Center R.A.I.C.E.S., Honorary President of Latin American Organizations of Queens

Prior Public Experience: New York State Elected Committeeman representing the nth Assembly District

As City Council Member, Luis Jimenez would make leadership, accountability and responsiveness the driving force of his office. He has demonstrated a forward management approach in the private sector and he would do the same as a member of the NYC Council.

Luis Jimenez is running for City Council to put his business experience in city government for work district 21-for better education, safer streets and parks, better mass transit and a better quality of life for our community.

As your City Council Man, Luis Jimenez will be empowered to work for betterment of all the residents of our community. Luis Jimenez would be an independent and effective Council Member for all the people of our community.

ENDORSEMENTS: Luis Jimenez has received Public Endorsements from: US Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton, NYS Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi, NYS Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat, NYS Assemblyman Jose Peralta, NYC Councilmen Miguel Martinez, Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens, New Vision Democratic Club and the New York Dominican Officers Organization, International Sport League of Queens.

(Statement reprinted as supplied by the candidate.)

21st City Council District



Democratic

Hiram Monserrate

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Member of the New York City Council

Occupational Background: former Police Officer and Marine

Educational Background: Queens College, BA with honors; Enrolled in Masters Program in Urban Studies, Queens College

Organizational Affiliations: Latino Officers Association, founder and former Vice President; New York Civil Liberties Union, former board member

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader

As a member of the City Council, I am proud to be an advocate working to ensure our communities' quality of life and our children's future. To me, this means fighting to protect our most precious resources -- our safety, our children and our health.

I have worked to protect our neighborhoods and our jobs. As a former police officer, I led the fight for additional police resources and ultimately secured "Operation Impact" on Roosevelt Avenue. This public safety program put hundreds of new officers on our streets and drove crime down to historic lows. As a former union member, I am proud to fight to protect quality, living wage jobs that will help support our families and rebuild our economy.

I have worked to protect our children's education. During a budget crisis, I led the fight against devastating budget cuts to libraries and classrooms, securing over \$1 million for local school computer labs and rallying against budget cuts threatening services at the Corona, Langston Hughes and East Elmhurst libraries.

I have worked to protect the health of our families and seniors. Within the City Council, I fought to save ambulance services in Queens from budget cuts that would have threatened our emergency health system. Throughout the area, I organized grassroots campaigns to help residents access free or low-cost health insurance and organized health care providers, clergy and health advocates in a one-of-a-kind local awareness campaign to fight HIV/AIDS. In City Hall, I fought attempts to close the Corona Senior Center and cut programs providing necessary weekend meals to seniors.

As our community grows, we must fight for our fair share. As your Councilman, I am a proven advocate, working for you.

(Statement reprinted as supplied by the candidate.)

24th City Council District



Democratic

Florence Fisher

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Banking Industry

Educational Background: Roosevelt High School

Organizational Affiliations: Coop/Condo and Tenant Task Force

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 8

Dear Neighbor

I have lived in Kew Garden Hills since 1958. Once a tenant, I am now a Shareholder and Vice President of the Board of Directors at Hyde Park Gardens. I have worked for the betterment of the community for the last 27 years. In 1977, I was the founder of the Queens Community Civic Corporation along with Rabbi Stanley Willy and Robbie Garrison, the current President. QCCC is a Neighborhood Preservation Group.

I was one of the founding members of the Queens League of United Tenants in the 1980's. I have helped landlords keep their property when faced with foreclosure and assisted them with undesirable tenants. I facilitated the establishment of the Rabbinical Seminary.

I have been a member of Community Board 8 for 15 years. As Housing Chairperson I have accomplished many positive changes for the community. I work with the Borough President's office on the Coop/Condo Task Force, Illegal Conversion Task Force and the Tenants Task Force.

I work with SHARE New York, providing affordable, quality, nutritious food packages every month. I was one of the principal organizers of the Queens Health Congress, conference on national health care, in Flushing. I oversee the after school program at PS 219. In the summer I secure the funding for an Arts and Crafts program and free lunches for the children. I have assisted seniors in acquiring benefits from the SCIRE program and have also provided seniors with referrals for legal assistance.

I would be able to accomplish so much more as a City Council Member. Who would be a better representative in the City Council, than someone who has worked in and for the stability of the community. I know the problems first hand. I have helped so many and I could help so many more by being in a position to write legislation and have a voice in streamlining City government. I need your vote for City Council.- Together we can make a difference.

Florence Fisher

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24th City Council District



Democratic

James F. Gennaro

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: NYC Council Member, 24th District

Occupational Background: Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Queens College; Policy Advisor to former Council Speaker Vallone

Educational Background: M.S., Public Administration; B.A. Geology - SUNY Stony Brook

Organizational Affiliations: Past President, Jamaica Estates Association; Past President, Saul Weprin Democratic Club; Member, PSC/CUNY, AFT Local 2334

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member, 24th District; Queens Community Board 8

For the last two years, I've had the honor and privilege of serving as your Councilman. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me and proud of what we have been able to accomplish together.

As a parent and professional educator, I have committed myself to providing our children with the tools they need to excel in school. I have funded major education projects, such as computer and science labs, in every public elementary and middle school in our community.

I have been relentless in advocating for as many new police officers as possible for the precincts that protect our community. I'm happy to report that our new officers are making our streets safer than ever. The latest police statistics show that crime continues to decline in our neighborhood.

Despite the tightest budget year in a generation, I've increased funding for many of the senior citizen programs that I sponsor throughout our community. At City Hall, I fought to keep the city's senior centers open, preserve the weekend meals program and restore over \$18 million in funding for senior programs citywide.

My re-election has been endorsed by many leaders whom you know and trust. I am proud to have the support of Ed Koch, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Council Speaker Gifford Miller, Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum, Comptroller William C. Thompson, Jr., Borough President Helen Marshall, U.S. Representatives Gary Ackerman, Anthony Weiner, Gregory Meeks and State Legislators Nettie Mayersohn, Brian McLaughlin, Toby Stavisky, Mark Weprin and Barry Grodenchik.

I am proud of our wonderful community and what we have accomplished together in the last two years. I ask your support for my re-election. There is more work to do; let's continue, together.

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24th City Council District

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Democratic

David Reich

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Attorney - Chief Counsel to State Senator Seymour P. Lachman since January of 1999

Occupational Background: Legislative Counsel to State Senator Emanuel R. Gold (September 1993 - December 1998). Attorney in Private Practice (July 1991 - August 1993). Tax Consultant at Deloitte & Touche (September 1990 - May 1991)

Educational Background: J.D. - Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, January 1991; B.A. in Accounting from Queens College - 1987

Organizational Affiliations: Board Member - Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association. Vice President - John F. Kennedy Regular Democratic Club of Queens County. Vice President - Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills. Member - New York State Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Legislative Counsel - New York State Senate (September 1993 - December 1998)

We're paying the City more, but getting much less for it. That's why I'm running for City Council. We need an effective Council Member who will negotiate a better deal for our communities. For example, the number of police officers in our precinct is down a lot, not a little. The streets are dirtier and support for many neighborhood groups has dried up, not just been reduced.

It's one thing for the current Council Member to vote to raise taxes, it's another to get nothing back for the community in return. It's time we got value for the money we pay.

Look at the City's capital spending in Queens' Community Boards. This past year it averaged \$10,668,214 per board. But, our board #8 got only \$495,000 and board #6 got nothing. That's an outrage. Being cheated out of our fair share didn't result from budget cuts; it resulted from a City Council Member who wasn't paying attention.

After years of service with State Senators Emanuel Gold and Seymour Lachman, I have learned that there's no substitute for hard work and being willing to work with everyone, for everyone. I have worked hard on behalf of tenants and Holocaust survivors, for homeowners and parents whose children need special education. I have years of experience in putting people first and getting them a better deal.

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27th City Council District



Democratic

Leroy Comrie

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Councilmember 27th Council District Jamaica Hollis St. Albans

Occupational Background: Deputy Majority Leader Archie Spigner Chief Legislative Aide

Educational Background: University of Bridgeport- Major- Political Science; Jamaica High School

Organizational Affiliations: Past President Community School Board

Prior Public Experience: Chalice Administrator St. Albans the Martyr Church, Board Member Guy R Brewer United Democratic Club St. Albans Civic Association Jamaica Branch NAACP Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Councilmember Leroy Comrie consistently demonstrates his passion as an advocate for the 27th Council District. Comrie was appointed Majority Whip of the Council and Chair of the Queens Council Delegation Rules Committee Chair Member of Education Land Use Housing and Building Finance Government Operations Committees.

A life-long resident of District 27 married with two children Councilmember Comrie is uniquely in touch with the needs of his district.

Significant Community Victories include Ten million for toxic cleanup preventing closure of Charles Drew Extended Center and PAL Senior Center insured funding for Construction Cambria Heights Library Southern Queens Park Liberty Park Saint Albans Park Continued funding of vital youth senior cultural and economic development programs.

Councilmember Comrie has sponsored several pieces of tough legislation aimed at addressing city wide issues such as exempting senior citizens from the current water rate hikes Introducing legislation seeking to eliminate predatory payday lending practices legislation prompting the City to initiate a major study and analysis of Truck Traffic within New York City with the eventual goal of eliminating residential truck traffic.

Councilmember Comrie works tirelessly to ensure his district not only receives its fair share of services but that our City also receives help it desperately needs from Albany and Washington.

His experience and demonstrated knowledge of Government as well as his energetic leadership in the City Council has earned Leroy Comrie the respect of his colleagues enabling him to work successfully with the leadership of our City for the future of New York and our community.

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27th City Council District



Democratic

Helen A. Cooper-Gregory

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: ATTORNEY-Private practice St. Albans

Occupational Background: Child Protection Advocate, Child Abuse Prosecutor; Arbitrator: Small Claims Court, Instructor -York College

Educational Background: J.D., Hofstra University School of Law; John Jay College of Criminal Justice-BS in Criminal Justice Admin. and Planning (cum laude); Queens College; Springfield Gdns H.S

Organizational Affiliations: Macon B Allen Black Bar Assoc.(Past Pres.); National Bar Assoc. (Past Regional Deputy Director); Queens Women's Network; Queens Women's Bar Assoc; St. Albans Civic Improvement Assoc., Cambria Heights Kiwanis Club

Prior Public Experience: n/a

HELEN is a community, legal and people activist. She's the person we need in the City Council. Helen believes in working for the people in our community. Helens priorities are: **Education:** She will make it a priority, not just talk about it. **Our youth:** We need recreational centers and programs. **Our Seniors:** Helen will work to maintain & increase services. **Our homeowners:** Let's stop putting the burden on them. **Our Quality of Life:** waste recycling plants, safe water, working sewers, potholes, police, fire and sanitation.

We need a City Council representative who will respond to the community, not special interest lobbies. Helen is not afraid to take on the political establishment. Helen and the people of Southeast Queens came within 150 votes of defeating the "Machine Politicians" in 2001.

As your City Council person, **Helen** will keep the community informed. She's already doing this via her newsletter, "The Nitty Gritty" **Helen** will listen to you and will be your voice. If you vote for term limits, **Helen** will not vote to reverse your vote. **Helen** will vote against an 18.5% tax increase if that is what you want. **Helen** will not vote to punish colleagues who vote for their community. Helen will support the Lead Paint Bill to protect our children. If it's important to you, it's important to her.

Endorsements: The People: T Adams, B Branch, L Brothers, D Brothers, J Deas, S Dyer, R Ervin, C Ervin, E Fraser, M Harris, K Hicks, M Kemp, J Lopez, K Lovell, H Murphy, M Null, A Riddick, H Santiago, M Watkins, L Brown, K Brown, D Patterson, E Walsh, P White Sr., and many more.

Want more, or a copy of the Nitty Gritty-
www.helencoopergregory.com

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27th City Council District



Democratic

Stephen C. Jackson

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Civil Rights Attorney; New York City Civil Court Arbitrator; Mediator

Occupational Background: Trial Attorney; Civil Rights Activist; Former Legal Aid Society Staff Attorney

Educational Background: J.D. New York Law School 1986; B.A. Cum Laude Criminal Justice John Jay College of Criminal Justice 1981

Organizational Affiliations: American Bar Association; New York County Lawyers; Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution; National Action Network; United African Movement

Prior Public Experience: Democratic Candidate for State Assembly 1994; Democratic Candidate for City Council 2001

Southeast Queens is arguably the most economically prosperous and politically active community of color in the nation. Yet we are drastically under served by our elected officials. As a consequence of ineffective leadership, our district is greatly lacking in basic governmental services. Inadequate schools, strained police relations, spotty transportation service and the deterioration of businesses continue to exact a toll on our neighborhoods. It is time for strong leadership from people who have the courage and experience to fight hard for our fair share of city services.

I vow to bring proactive leadership to the City Council by aggressively challenging the stifling politics of “do-nothingism” I will vociferously advocate for improvement in our schools, jobs for youths, funding for community and senior centers and the continued funding of child healthcare clinics. I will be a strong proponent of employees’ rights in the work place and vigilant against abuse of police power and brutality in the streets of our neighborhoods.

I will be a strong voice in shaping and prioritizing the city’s budget to ensure that Southeast Queens gets its deserved share of projects and services. Today, like the recent past, our City Council representative is beholden to special interests organizations that are disconnected and apathetic to our concerns. This election we have a great opportunity to end 29 years of lethargy and neglect. With your help we can begin a new era of deserved prosperity and inclusion.

I fought hard for C. Vernon Mason, Rev. Al Sharpton and Alton Maddox as counsel during the longest trial in the history of the state of New York in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in 1998. I’ll fight just as hard for you. I hope to get your vote on September 9.

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28th City Council District



Democratic

Allan W. Jennings, Jr

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Council Member

Occupational Background: Mortgage Banker

Educational Background: B.A. in Gov’t & Public Administration. Graduate studies for MPA, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of the People’s Democratic Organization

Prior Public Experience: District Leader 31st AD

Councilman **Allan W. Jennings, Jr.** is a **Full-time and a Half** Council Member who is working actively to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

Councilman Allan W. Jennings, Jr. stands firm on his decision that voting “No” for property tax increase was the right thing to do. On November 25th 2002, he voted his conscience and in the best interest of his constituents by voting against the 18.5 percent property tax increase, which was very excessive. Councilman Jennings, who is highly effective, not only in his district but across the City, chairs The Civil Service and Labor Committee and serves on Finance, Public Safety, Cultural Affairs, Environmental Protection, Libraries and Intergroup Relations Committees. He was removed from the Finance Committee for his No vote on the property tax. Mayor Bloomberg withheld the renewal of his parking permit. Many of his colleagues in the City Council have stated that because of his courageous stand against the property tax increase, in the future they would take risks to protect the interest of the people in their district.

Councilman Jennings has secured \$8.5 million for laptops for every child in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade in his district over the next three years and is bringing Southeast Queens students into the next century. March 2003 PS48, PS96, PS123 and PS223 received their laptop computers. This September PS30, PS160, PS50, PS80 and PS121 will receive their computers and by 2005 under this innovative program PS45, PS55, PS100, PS155, PS124 PS40 and PS161 will receive this new technology in the classroom. Councilman Jennings hopes that this computer based education will bring a zeal for learning among our children. This is the first program of this magnitude to be launched in New York City.

Councilman Allan W. Jennings, Jr. is admired and is highly respected by his colleagues for his independence and his diligence to serve his constituency at all cost. He has been commended for his exceptional prowess and vision in supporting an agenda that includes all the people of the City of New York.

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28th City Council District



Democratic

Stephen S. Jones

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Former New York City Transit employee

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: P.S. 124, I.S. 59, Springfield Gardens High School, Friendship College, Laguardia Community College

Organizational Affiliations: St. Marks Lodge #83, TWU (Transit Worker's Union) 100, Allen AME Guy R. Brewer Democratic Club, United Black Men of Queens (UBMQ)

Prior Public Experience: Community School Board Dist. 29 from 1993 through 2002

Stephen Jones is known throughout the community for his leadership, dedication and service. He is a Queens resident and native in the 28th Councilmanic District.

Economics: Stephen will strive to bring jobs into the community by revitalizing the business districts.

Education: Despite the budget cuts, Stephen has planned to support more after school programs, which would enable the students to continue to strive and receive better education in all areas.

Health Care: Stephen will assist in finding ways to improve the overall health care of community residents; especially the elderly, disadvantaged and children.

Housing: Stephen is determined to provide more affordable housing for the residents of the 28th Councilmanic District. He will assist in solving the problem of homelessness through better utilization of tax dollars.

Youth: Stephen intends to introduce programs that will be a model for other communities in the city by finding mean of creating more youth centers and after school programs.

Stephen Jones will represent the 28th Councilmanic District to the fullest by bringing his innovative Leadership to the City Council. Improving the quality of life for all the residents of the district will be his number one priority.

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28th City Council District



Democratic

Yvonne Reddick

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: District Manager, Community Board 12

Occupational Background: Asst. District Manager, CB 12 (1984-1994)

Educational Background: Attended Fayetteville State Teachers College

Organizational Affiliations: Board Member, Jamaica Housing Improvement Inc; Chair, Mary Immaculate Hospitals Advisory Board; Board Member, All Our Children; Member, Queens D.A. African-American Advisory Board; Fmr. PTA Co-President

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader

I am running for City Council to give our neighborhood a stronger voice and make sure we get the services we need from the City. For the past two decades, I've worked full-time to improve our community's quality of life. As District Manager of Community Board 12, I've fought to renovate parks and playgrounds, resurface torn-up streets, and place stop signs and traffic lights at dangerous intersections.

I've listened to people's concerns and worked effectively with community leaders to get results. That's what I intend to do on the City Council. My priorities are:

Improving Our Schools. I will work to get new computers and textbooks into classrooms, reduce class size, and raise salaries so we attract and keep the best teachers. I'll work to expand after-school programs and increase parental involvement, which is critical to every child's success.

Creating Good Jobs. I strongly support economic development efforts--like tax incentives and help for small business--that will bring jobs to our community, jobs with good salaries and a real future. Too many people today are out of work. No job will be more important to me than bringing good jobs to our community.

Protecting Senior Services. I will fight any attempt by City Hall to cut services for senior citizens. Many seniors need help paying for housing, food, prescription drugs--I'll work hard to get it to them. I will also work hard to expand affordable housing, improve public transportation, and increase public safety.

I'm proud to have won the support of Congressman Greg Meeks, Senator Ada Smith, Assemblymembers Vivian Cook and Michele Titus, and former Councilman Tom White. I hope to earn your support, too.

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28th City Council District

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Democratic

Inderjit Singh

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Economist

Occupational Background: Economist / Public Administrator. Worked at the United Nations; Economics Professor at City University of New York and L. I. University: NYC Department of City Planning, Human Resources Administration and NYC Housing Authority

Educational Background: Educated at Purdue, Yale and the University of Massachusetts in Economics and Mathematics

Organizational Affiliations: Richmond Hill Civic Association, South Asian Community Council, Eastern Queens Dem Club, 38 AD Dem Club, Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Citywide Coalition of New Americans, Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats, Lexington Dem Club, McManus Dem Club, Indo-American Dem Assn, NYC Task Force on Intergroup Relations

Prior Public Experience: 35 years' experience at senior management and professional level in economic and commercial development, employment policy, delivery of municipal services, urban planning, zoning and administration of construction contracts

I have held responsible professional and managerial positions for the past 35 years at the United Nations and in the NYC Department of City Planning, Human Resources Administration and the NYC Housing Authority. I am well versed in the intricacies of municipal government and have what it takes to be a leader. I have worked tirelessly to improve city government and enhance quality of life for our citizens. I am strongly committed to the economic and political empowerment of residents in District 28 and will work to increase employment opportunities by getting a share of the multi-billion dollar contracts at JFK for small and medium size businesses in our district; expand and improve educational facilities; improve the delivery of health services to all citizens; improve police community relations for safer neighborhoods; develop inter-generational facilities for the young and seniors; develop programs for more affordable housing including ethical lending practices and equitable insurance rates for home owners and businesses. I will create local business and community partnerships to solve the problems of congestion, environmental pollution, transportation and other quality of life issues. I will continue to be a strong voice for working families, children, and seniors. I will support common sense solutions to our day-to-day problems with progressive innovation and community involvement. In the aftermath of 9/11, New York faces unprecedented challenges to re-build and protect our economy, lift our spirits and improve our quality of life. I believe I have the right experience, knowledge and compassion to lead our communities in these difficult times.

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31st City Council District



Democratic

James Blake

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Tenured Professor/CUNY

Occupational Background: Social Worker

Educational Background: B.S. Chemistry, North Carolina Central University; MSW, Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: President/Founder, Varied Internship After school employment and Mentoring Program for Teens, Member of NAACP, Chair/Founder, New Political Union, Founder of the Harriet Tubman Democratic Club, Chair/Founder of the Million Man/Woman Coordinating Council of Queens, Inc. Concern Citizens of Laurelton, Ad HOC Committee on Educational Reform, Ad Hoc Committee on Police/Community Relations, Faculty Advisor to Student Government Association/BMCC

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 29 Assembly District, Member, CUNY Legislative Action Committee, Union Delegate, Professional Staff Congress; President of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, President of the 226 street Block Association, Member of the Faculty Council of BMCC, Member of the Advisory board, New Preparatory School Beacon Program

In 2002, elected District Leader in the 29 Assembly District, Part B.

Secured close to 2 million dollars for economic development of small businesses.

Since 1991, provided more than 2000 jobs for teenagers.

Since 1995 sponsored Black college tours, serving more than 700 junior high and high school students.

Established youth volunteer programs at senior citizen homes.

Founded the Harriet Tubman Regular Democratic Club.

Founded community newsletter, "The Blake Report."

Organizer and President of the 226th Street Block Association.

My decision to run for the 31st Councilmatic seat is based on my desire to expand upon the many programs and initiatives I have launched as a private citizen. In addition, as a member of the City Council I will fight against fiscal policies, such as increased taxes, that hurt homeowners and renters alike and does harm, I believe, to the overall economy. I have a record of performances, not empty promises.

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32nd City Council District



Republican

Michael Mossa

Party Enrolled In: Conservative

Occupation: Practicing Attorney since January, 2002 and a licensed Insurance Broker

Occupational Background: I have been an Insurance Broker since 1990

Educational Background: B.A. Hofstra University, 1989; J.D. Western New England Law School, 2001

Organizational Affiliations: Conservative Party, Young Republicans and Queens Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Intern at the Queens D.A.'s Office, Summer of 2000

My campaign will be about the hard working tax payers and homeowners in my Council District. These people deserve a Councilman who will fight for them in the City Council. Homeowners should not suffer because liberal politicians will not control their spending and only care about special interest groups. The increases in property taxes are outrageous. If elected I will fight for an immediate reduction of the property tax. My message will be one that is long overdue, property owners have rights too!

Education is another area that must be addressed. Currently it costs approximately \$11,000 annually per student to educate a child in the New York City public school system. Many students do not even graduate and test scores are poor. Some student do not even read or write adequately. Not only does the taxpayer foot the bill, but parents who send their children to Catholic or other private schools have to support a failed public education system and get no help with their own children's tuition. When is somebody going to stand up for them? Liberal democrats love to yell "We need more money for education", another favorite "No child should be left behind". The liberal democrats have managed to bilk the taxpayers and leave many students behind. It is time for parents to have a choice in their children's education. School vouchers has worked in other parts of the country and it will work in New York City. If this is accomplished the children of New York City will be the winners.

My campaign will be about standing up for working families in my community that are overburdened with property, income and sales taxes. Families that want to choose the best education for their children. The middle class taxpayer and property owners have been neglected and taken advantage of by politicians who are only interested in their special interest groups. There is a silent majority of working people and homeowners in my community that are a victim of the cities oppressive taxes, these people are my special interest group.

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34th City Council District



Democratic

Juan D. Martinez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: President, PROGRESS Inc

Occupational Background: Education Editor, Program Director, Teacher, Family Worker, Youth Coordinator

Educational Background: Graduate District 14 schools, BS Education, Masters Degrees in Education and Supervision & Administration

Organizational Affiliations: Puerto Rican Organization Growth Research Education and Self Sufficiency, National Association of Latino Elected Officials

Prior Public Experience: Community School District 14, President, 7 years, member 14 years. Woodhull Hospital, Chairperson, 6 years, member 10 years

Juan D. Martinez has an extensive and distinguished career in public service. He has created hundreds of community organizations providing services to youth, seniors, immigrants, the disabled, the homeless, the unemployed, battered women and small businesses. He led the effort to improve our schools and turn our public hospital into an institution of quality health care.

Juan D. Martinez will lead the fight to:

- Increase public school funding/Ensure quality education.
- Protect seniors and funded services/Fight Crime strengthening community/police relations
- Advocate for affordable housing and home ownership/Stop Real Estate Tax Increases
- Support small business & economic development/Protect our environment from garbage transfers and power stations

Endorsements: Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez says “Our District needs to elect a Council member I can partner with to improve our community”

Congressman Ed Towns declares, “Juan D. Martinez is a strong leader who will get the job done”

Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, “Ridgewood voters must support the best candidate Juan D. Martinez”

Assemblyman Darryl Towns, Fernando Ferrer, former State Senator Nellie Santiago, Pueblo, North Brooklyn and Ridgewood Democratic Clubs, unions, clergy and numerous civic and community leaders support Juan D. Martinez.

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34th City Council District



Democratic

Diana Reyna

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Council Member

Occupational Background: Chief of Staff, Assemblyman Vito J. Lopez

Educational Background: B.A., Pace University, Pleasantville, N.Y

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Unidos, South Side Task Force, Public Housing Coalition, Bushwick Parent Coalition

Prior Public Experience: Female District Leader, 53 AD, 2001-present; Chief of Staff, Assemblyman Vito J. Lopez, 1994-2001

New York City Council Member Diana Reyna has represented the 34th Council District for two years. She has shown strong leadership on education and youth services, affordable housing and senior services. Reyna has created jobs in the community, bringing assistance to local businesses.

During the fiscal crisis, Reyna fought to protect low- and middle-income families from budget cuts. Reyna helped restore millions of dollars for our schools, our seniors and our youth. She also ensured that funding for new affordable housing was not cut.

Despite the fiscal crisis, Reyna obtained many resources for the community. She protected \$6 million for a new day care center in Williamsburg, allocated more than \$1 million for a new youth center in Bushwick, got new computers for several schools and secured more than \$1 million to restore Sternberg Park. Reyna helped stop the closure of Engine Company 252.

Reyna supports brownfield clean up and mixed use development, including ample open green space. Reyna is an advocate for reducing high concentrations of waste transfer stations and truck traffic in overburdened neighborhoods.

This year, the New York City Districting Commission included Ridgewood, Queens in the 34th Council District. Reyna is excited to serve Ridgewood with the same commitment she has shown all her district. Reyna knows property tax burdens are a strain on homeowners and believes in rolling them back after the fiscal crisis is over.

Reyna was born and raised in Williamsburg and now lives in Bushwick with her husband, a Sergeant in the New York City Police Department. Reyna is the first woman of Dominican descent elected to office in New York State. Reyna attended the Transfiguration school in Williamsburg and Pace University in Pleasantville, New York.

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35th City Council District



Democratic

Anthony Herbert

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Government & Community Relations Specialist

Occupational Background: Senior Vice-President of Government Relations, Corporate Marketing & Small Business Investment

Educational Background: Graduate-George Westinghouse Vocational & Technical High School-Ft Greene, Brooklyn

Organizational Affiliations: Chairman, Founder/The Professionals Network Organization, Member/The Urban League Young Professionals Auxiliary, Member/The Urban Bankers Coalition-NY Chapter, Executive Member/The Men's Caucus for Congressman Ed Towns, Founding Member/Federation of Black Cowboys, Member/Socialstep.com, Member/Prospect Heights Parents Association; President/The St. Johns Place Tri-Block Civic Association, Deacon/Greater Bright Light Baptist Church, Advisory Board Chairperson Education & Industry Partnership

Prior Public Experience: Director Community Relations/NYS Senate Minority Leader, Special Assistant/Congressman Ed Towns, Special Assistant Councilwoman Priscilla Wooten, Executive Director/Fort Greene Empowerment Organization

As a life long Brooklynite, I am the son of a former school aide who has raised four boys by herself on a salary of next to nothing. Having experienced and survived homelessness first hand I understand the struggles and dreams of Brooklyn families trying to make ends meet and raise their children today. I also understand the challenges facing our district and I will provide the vision and leadership necessary to meet these challenges.

As your Councilman I will strike a balance between Economic Development and Community Reinvestment. My previous city, state and federal government experience uniquely qualifies me as the best candidate to advocate and champion a broad range of issues that effect our community. I have personally resolved well over 1,500 constituent related issues such as Public Safety, Affordable Housing, Healthcare, Immigration, Public Housing, Social Security, Disability, Traffic Calming, Environmental Protection, and most importantly Education. I will continue to fight these challenges for you and I will assemble a professional staff that will be proficient in social services in order to serve you in a more timely, effective manner. I will leverage my professional business relationships to identify funding for our community based organizations and educational programs.

I will work hard and diligently to unify our elected officials and community leaders to create a team that will bring home all the deliverables our community deserve.

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36th City Council District



Democratic

Richard Taylor

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Community Out Reach worker, Executive Director of Together We Stand, Inc. also with the T.W.S. Mentor Program

Occupational Background: Community Out Reach Worker

Educational Background: NYC Community College, E.N.Y. Vocational & Technical H.S. J.H.S.57, P.S. 25

Organizational Affiliations: President of the Van Buren Street Block Improvement Association, Inc., Executive Director of Together We Stand and the T.W.S. Mentor Program. A Mason in Good Standing at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple, Empire State Grand Council, active member and participant of; J.H.S. 57 Old Timers Day Committee, Chairman of the Congress of Community Presidents

Prior Public Experience: Former District Leader and State Committeeman for the 56 Assembly District, Brooklyn. A Member of Community Board 3 in Brooklyn, for more than 25 years (serving the Bed-stuy community. Elected City-Wide Representative for the Bed-Stuy Crown Heights area, Region 6. Actively involved in Community School Board # 16

Richard Taylor has been powerfully active in the Bed-Stuy Community for more than 30 years. He is a proven Leader whereas he has fought on behalf of the resident for the community. Over his life time he has worked to address many of the issues that affect our community, working towards increasing affordable housing and working against predatory lenders in our community. He has an interest in improving commercial revitalization and bringing more youth programs to our community. Richard Taylor has an outstanding record in working to protect our Seniors Citizens. Richard Taylor still fights for more grants for small bushiness, mom and pop shops, New Entrepreneurs and Revitalization of DeKalb Avenue.

**RICHARD TAYLOR WILL WORK FOR
*INCREASING TEACHERS SALARIES *
* *INCREASING YOUTH PROGRAMS and JOBS*
*AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORK AGAINST
PREDATORY LENDING**WORK TO ALLEVIATE
PRESENT LOW READING and MATH SCORES * WORK
TO DEVELOP GRANTS for Small Businesses and
Entrepreneurs. *YOU VOTE THEM IN --THEY LAY YOU
OFF**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE *
VOTE RICHARD TAYLOR FOR CITY COUNCIL
*IF YOU DON'T VOTE -----DON'T COMPLAIN***

Contact Richard Taylor at 718 919-4837 or 917 759-7039

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37th City Council District



Democratic

Erik Martin Dilan

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Council Member

Occupational Background: Council Member

Educational Background: A.S. Business Administration from St. John's University

Organizational Affiliations: North Brooklyn Residents

Prior Public Experience: School Board, Community Board Member

Erik Martin Dilan represents the people of the 37 Councilmanic District, serving the Brooklyn communities of Bushwick, Cypress Hills, East New York, Ocean Hill Brownsville, and Wyckoff Heights. Erik was elected by an overwhelming margin in 2001. During his short time in the City Council, Council Member Dilan has a long record of accomplishments.

Public Safety- As a member of the New York City Council, Council Member Dilan was successful in winning the fight to keep Squad Company 252 open and for obtaining \$8 Million dollars for the renovation of Engine Company 277. As a result of this effort, the public safety of his district was protected.

Senior Services- Council Member Dilan has also been instrumental in restoring cuts to senior services including senior centers, meals on wheels programs, and intergenerational programs.

Education- As a former school board member, Council Member Dilan understands the importance of schools being equipped with the best technology. That is why he ensured that most of the schools in his district received funding for new computers. He was also responsible for stopping a plan to cut \$20 Million for the construction of a new school.

Council Member Erik Martin Dilan has been an active voice for his constituents. He fought against the oversaturation of homeless facilities, against the transit fare hike, and as Chair of the Sub-Committee on Senior Centers, fought against the closing of any senior center in the city.

Legislation- Council Member Erik Martin Dilan has introduced legislation that toughens fines for illegal dumping and a bill that makes it easier for city residents to join the NYPD.

Council Member Dilan sits on the following committees: Public Safety, Economic Development, Aging, State/Federal Legislation and Mental Health. He is also the proud son of State Senator Martin Malave-Dilan.

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37th City Council District

Notes



Democratic

Nellie R. Santiago

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Legislator

Occupational Background: 1992-2002 New York State Senator, Brooklyn, District 17; 1994-2002 Assistant Minority Whip, New York State Senate; 1994-2002 Ranking Member, Senate Banks Committee; 1998-Present Member, NYS Democratic State Committee, Kings County

Educational Background: B.A. Hunter College; M.A. Columbia University; Ed.D. University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Post Doctoral Certificate, George Washington University on Public Policy

Organizational Affiliations: 54th AD Regular Democratic Club; Executive Committee for the Kings County Democratic Committee

Prior Public Experience: 1992-2002 New York State Senator, Brooklyn, 17th Senatorial District; 1998-Present Member, NYS Democratic Kings County State Committee

Born in the City of New York, I was educated in the City's public school system and my commitment to the public schools and their reform is paramount. Additionally, as a vocal advocate of City and State public higher education institutions, I support reform that provides educational opportunities for low-income students without sacrificing the existing system. Keeping tuition costs level and preserving programs which ensure an equal opportunity for the children of low income and minority communities is a chief concern for me. The City Council must actively solicit state and federal resources to keep the university system on the cutting edge of education and technology, to keep New York a leader in higher education. The City Council, as a legislative branch of City government, is the appropriate venue for such solicitation, as well as, the sponsorship of legislation, oversight powers of City agencies, and the provision of education funds that strengthen both the public school and public university system. I bring a strong legislative background, experience in finance and an able relationship with the Federal, State and City agencies. I also maintain a firm relationship with the community and its organizations. "The community continues to identify jobs, education, higher education, health care and housing as its key issues. Life is tough in District 37. Opportunities are vanishing. My duty is to bring opportunities back where they previously existed and to create possibilities where there were none."

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41st City Council District



Democratic

Tracy L. Boyland

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Council Member

Occupational Background: New York City School Teacher

Educational Background: B.A. in Political Science at Morgan State University, M.A. in Education at Adelphi University

Organizational Affiliations: Wayside Baptist Church, NAACP & Morgan State University Alumni

Prior Public Experience: Intern, Congressman Major R. Owens & Congressman Edolphus "Ed Towns, Legislative Assistant to the Congressional Black Caucus and Liaison for former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins in Washington D.C

Council Member Tracy L. Boyland was born in the Oceanhill/Brownsville section of Brooklyn to former Assemblyman William F. Boyland and Rudy Jean Barnes. She learned the value of community involvement and the importance of voting at a very early age. Upon her return to New York City, Council Member Boyland maintained her desire to serve the community as a teacher in the New York City Public School. As a school Teacher, Council Member Boyland was elected to serve as the United Federation of Teacher as the Chapter Chairperson of School District 23.

In September of 1997, she was elected by a overwhelming margin to the New York City Council for the 41st District. As a Council Member, Council Member Boyland served on a number of committee including the Finance committee and she currently chairs the Women's Issues committee.

Council Member Boyland is a tireless advocate for funding to her schools as she believes that education and computer training is essential. Furthermore, Council Member Boyland develop over 1200 units of affordable housing within her district.

Council Member Boyland clearly understands the importance of building coalitions with those who are working on solutions to the community's problems, leaving our community better off that it was before her arrival.

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41st City Council District



Democratic

David R. Miller

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Entrepreneur, writer, producer

Occupational Background: Formerly Administrative Director of The Borough of Manhattan Community College Day Care Center and Senior Partner with W. R. HillCo Company. President and CEO Black Market Records Inc

Educational Background: New York City Public Schools and graduate of the City University of New York

Organizational Affiliations: Black Men With a Cause, Metropolitan Baptist Church Men's Org. President of Community School Board District 16

Prior Public Experience: Judicial Delegate 55th Assembly District, Kings County; Member and President Community School Board District 16

David R. Miller is Coming...David R. Miller is Coming! I am running for the seat in the 41st Council district on my record of commitment to public service.

I have served on Community School District 16 for the past 20 years. My district has gone from one of the worst to one of the best districts in New York City. Two years ago several schools in my district had the highest increase in reading and math in the city.

Our district has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in the country. As an AIDS care giver I am uniquely qualified to fight for money to assist AIDS patients and their families.

Police and community relations will be a priority. We need to end the illegal stop and searches of citizens just because they are young and black.

It is time to end the control of our community by one family. The assemblyman, male and female district leaders and the councilperson all are from the same family. POWER CORRUPTS...AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.

IT'S MILLER'S TIME!

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42nd City Council District



Democratic

Charles Barron

Primary Election date:

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Party Enrolled In: Democrat
Occupation: City Council Member
Occupational Background: Local and national activism and leadership development/training through Dynamics of Leadership, Inc. for over 20 years
Educational Background: Councilman Barron holds a B.A. from Hunter College. He is married to Inez. They have 2 sons
Organizational Affiliations: Operation POWER, Bd Member Forbell Men's Shelter
Prior Public Experience: As a first term member of the City Council, Councilman Barron continues to build upon his 35 year history of service, which includes serving on the Steering Committee of the "I Have A Dream" 20th Anniversary March; the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Memorial; and National Black United Front

Councilman Barron is Chair of the Higher Education Committee, which oversees City University of NY (CUNY) and he is a member of committees for Land Use; Women's Issues; Consumer Affairs; Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses. Councilman Barron has secured over \$2,000,000 for programs for his constituents, including renovations for Linden/Gershwin Park, Stone Ave. Library, Senior Citizen Centers; and services for Tenant Associations and Youth Programs. Councilman Barron successfully fought to restore \$10,000,000 to the CUNY budget and secured funds for TAP, SEEK, College Discovery, Meals on Wheels, and substantial funding for Medgar Evers College and its community education programs.

Councilman Barron has sponsored legislation which prohibits the City from engaging in business with financial institutions which engage in predatory lending practices; supported legislation which requires a "living wage" and co-sponsored legislation which provides for education and training for public assistance recipients.

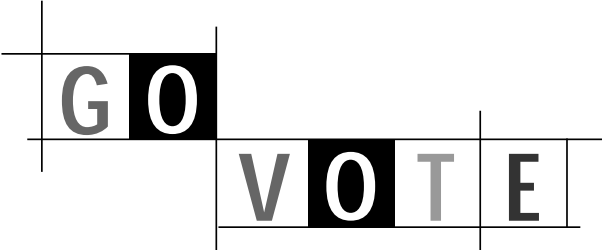
New housing is being developed throughout the district and a new State of the Art Community Center is slated to be constructed in the Linden Houses.

An effective constituent services program provides residents with ongoing communication with the Councilman.

Councilman Barron is committed to using his integrity, intelligence and dedication to maintaining the fight for the economic development of his community, the delivery of goods and services to his constituents, and the creation of progressive legislation for New York City.

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42nd City Council District



Democratic

Derek S. Booker

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: NYC Correction Officer

Occupational Background: NYC Department Of Correction

Educational Background: Medgar Evers College, Biology Major

Organizational Affiliations: Veterans Quality of Life Access Network, Fraternal Order of Police

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Derek S. Booker, 47 born in Kings County Hospital, raised and educated in Brooklyn. Raised by Jacqueline L. Booker, a single parent along with my younger two brothers, Richard and Keith, and only sister Denise. I grew up in a loving, traditional setting despite no father presents, with Grandfather and Great Grandfather living under the same roof. We frequently attended Marine Baptist Church as children, located across the street on Bergen and Rochester.

I attended Public School 83 and 353, where I was a Honor Roll Student and Valedictorian at graduation. I then attended Intermediate School 55 in Ocean Hill Brownsville, where I received my first "15 minutes of fame" as a member of a local 5 member boys group called Techniques/Domains. I attended "Boy's High School" and Medgar Evers College, where I majored in Biology.

911 has changed the world and our community as we know it, forever. Our leadership has to be up to the task at hand, to prepare our community for the "21st Century", but this will take "A NEW VISION AND A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS" in order to lead and serve our community properly. This new vision will not talk about reparations, but preparations for our children, our young folks and our seniors. This consciousness will not play the blame game but the same game, that has been successful for every ethnic group coming to America. A plan, opportunity, focus and hard work. Too many of our young minds and souls are lost to ignorance, idleness, incarceration and death.

I have lived throughout Brooklyn and presently resides in Canarsie, so I see and understand our concerns and see the relationship between, the miseducation or lack of, high crime stats, businesses not investing in our community, unkept streets, joblessness, poor housing, homelessness and our apathy for seniors.

These problems/issues plague and destroy not only the community now, but also its future. As your next Councilman I will bring "A NEW VISION, A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS".

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43rd City Council District



Republican

Stephen Maresca

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Occupation: Financial and Investment Consultant

Occupational Background: Financial and securities analyst, Investment consultant, tax and small business accountant

Educational Background: M.A., M.B.A., New York University, B.S. St. John's University; Xaverian High School

Organizational Affiliation: LaGuardia Republican Organization, Dyker Heights Civic Association, Neighborhood Improvement Association, Cathedral Club of Brooklyn, Concerned Citizens of Bensonhurst

Prior Public Experience: Community representative, State Senator Chris Mega, 1988; Member, Board of Visitors, South Beach Psychiatric Center, 1996-1998; Member, Neighborhood Advisory Board, CB 11: 1996-2002

The Mayor and the City Council must work together more effectively to formulate policies that will maintain a high quality of life for all New York's citizens. Recently enacted tax hikes, increased fines, fees and tolls, along with unreasonable summons for individuals and businesses are short-sighted solutions that create long term problems. We must balance the City's budget by looking at common sense ways to reduce long-term spending and collecting unpaid fines and taxes, not by reducing essential police, fire and sanitation services.

We must also address issues that directly affect quality of life and are particular problems in our council district. Improved public transit services should be a priority, with the MTA required to undergo thorough, independent and regular public audits of its financial operations and service performance. Local traffic flow and expanded street parking are essential, with elimination of Sunday metering and useless parking restrictions. The maintenance of vigorous parental, teacher and community input are essential to improving the quality of our city's public schools.

As a Council member, I will work tirelessly to represent the best interests of all the people of our district, will respond to their ideas and utilize their talents. I pledge to use the skills I have acquired in the private sector to work on behalf of a community I have been proud to call my home for the last 35 years.

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43rd City Council District



Republican

Pat Russo

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Occupation: Lawyer

Occupational Background: Community Assistant, St Senator Christopher Mega, 1988-90; Intern, St Supreme Ct Justice Kenneth D. Molloy, 1991; Intern, Kings County D.A., 1992; Associate, Cullen and Dykman, 1994-97; Counsel to NYS Welfare Inspector General, 1997-present; Adjunct Lecturer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Educational Background: Xaverian H.S., 1986; B.A., Brooklyn College, 1990; J.D., Brooklyn Law, 1993; Graduate study in Legal History at NYU, 1994

Organizational Affiliation: Bay Ridge Lawyers Assoc; Bklyn Bar Assoc; NY County Lawyers Assoc; the Federalist Society; Bay Ridge Community Council; Cathedral Club

Prior Public Experience: Counsel to NYS Welfare Inspector General, 1997-present

I am running to help restore integrity and accountability to the Council.

Our City is at a crossroads. We can continue the progress that was made during the Giuliani era, or we can return to the time when crime rates were high, public services were poor, and “for sale” signs dominated our neighborhood. I want to be in the Council to help maintain our quality of life.

I am convinced that the vast majority of the present Council does not share our values. They have chosen to raise taxes during an economic downturn. This will not stimulate the economy. Instead, many of us will again shop in New Jersey, and in some cases, move there.

For five years our community was well represented by Marty Golden in the Council. He made sure that our voices were heard at City Hall. His replacement in the Council has failed to represent our community’s interests. Instead, he has gone along with the tax and spend City Council leadership. We need a Councilmember who will stand up for us.

We also need someone who we can trust. Vincent Gentile made opposing tax increases his campaign theme. Yet, his first major votes in the Council were to raise taxes. He said one thing to get elected-and then did the opposite.

This is not his first flip flop. As State Senator he took conflicting positions on major issues. As Councilman, he attacks a rent law he backed in the Senate. When I’m in the Council you’ll know where I stand.

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44th City Council District



Democratic

Simcha Felder

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Council Member (Brooklyn - 44th District)

Occupational Background: Certified Public Accountant

Educational Background: MBA, Baruch College; BS, Touro College

Organizational Affiliation: Council of Neighborhood Organizations, Guardians of the Sick, Mothers and Fathers Alliance Saving Kids, Ohel Children’s Home, United New York Democratic Club, Voluntary Community Civilian Patrol, YMHA Senior Citizen Center

Prior Public Experience: Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Dov Hikind; Auditor, New York City Department of Finance; City Council Legislative Liaison, Comptroller Alan Hevesi

Councilman Simcha Felder was elected in 2001 to represent the 44th District in Brooklyn, comprising sections of Midwood, Borough Park, Bensonhurst and Ditmas Park.

Felder was born, raised, and educated in the Midwood-Borough Park area, where he currently resides with his wife, Elana, and their four children. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Touro College and an MBA from Baruch College. Felder is a Professor of Management at Brooklyn College and the only Certified Public Accountant in the New York City Council.

With two decades of public service experience, Felder understands how to navigate the city bureaucracy; he has a proven record of getting things done. During his first two years in the Council, Felder was able to permanently suspended alternate side parking for the Purim holiday, reroute sanitation pickups during the morning rush hour, and save school nurse positions at private schools.

Despite a difficult economy, Felder has negotiated millions of dollars in additional funds for the community. He has secured \$1.5 million to improve McDonald Avenue and eliminate the old trolley tracks, and he has increased funding for several senior programs in the 44th district.

Felder will continue the fight to keep crime rates down, build affordable housing, and end the City’s fiscal crisis. Felder’s professional experience and educational background, combined with his passion for helping others, make him uniquely qualified to serve the community.

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45th City Council District



Democratic

Omar Boucher

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Political and Business Consultant

Occupational Background: Community Liaison; Fair Housing Officer; General Contractor and Interior Design

Educational Background: St. Andrew Technical College, Jamaica, W. I; St. Martin School Of Art; Boro Polytechnic College, London, England; New York City Technical College; New York University

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic National Committee (DNC) Training Academy; NAACP-Brooklyn Chapter; Brooklyn Rising Star Lion's Club; Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CACCI)

Prior Public Experience: Community Liaison for the State Assembly; Senator Sampson's Advisory Committee on Immigration; Union Political Action Consultant; Fair Housing Officer(HPD)

Omar Boucher is a long time resident of Flatbush, East Flatbush and Canarsie and has dedicated his whole life to helping others and serving his community. He has advocated for entitlement benefits for seniors, working families, children, women and immigrant rights. He functions as a liaison to the community by guiding and referring pressing immigration matters to the appropriate agencies. **Boucher** strongly supports union rights and has championed the need for a Multi-purpose Vocational Center where our young people can learn a skill and become productive citizens. A strong believer that education is important he mentors children and serves as a guest-speaker in public schools encouraging students to stay in school and remain focused.

As a Certified HPD Fair Housing Officer he has mediated between landlord and tenants, advocated for the rights of tenants against abusive landlords and for improved living conditions.

Boucher is determined to end the politics of personal gain and offer real leadership based on community involvement and empowerment. Boucher will work to restore the trust between elected officials and the community and as your Councilman he will support and fight for:

A first class education for our children; Affordable quality care for seniors; Affordable health care; Vigorous economic and job development; Affordable housing and mortgages; Immigration reform; A fair living wage; Cutting city waste not community services and A Multi-purpose vocational community center.

Motto: "Putting The People First and Fighting For The Community".

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45th City Council District



Democratic

Erlene King

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Manager of HIV/AIDS outreach and referral programs for New World Creations Resource Center; CEO Erlene's Fashions in Brooklyn

Occupational Background: District Manager, office of former Council member Lloyd Henry

Educational Background: Obtained Professional diploma in Architectural Science from The Technical Institute in Guyana and an Associate Degree in Fashion Design from Traphagen School of Fashion Design in New York. Pursued additional studies at Pratt

Technical Institute and studied Business Administration at St. Francis College in Brooklyn

Organizational Affiliations: President of the Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Auxiliary Board, Standing member of Camba's Beacon Advisory Board, Chair of the Community Affairs Committee of the Capital Campaign Project for Kids at the East Flatbush Branch of the YMCA. Director of Community Affairs at New World Creations Resource center. Director of Public Relations for Kids Living with Aids Inc

Prior Public Experience: Former member of the 67th Precinct Community Council and Representative of the 45th Councilmanic District at Community Board 17, for four years

As a member of the New York City Council, I will fight for an expansion of economic development opportunities in the 45th City Council District, and enhance community services for our children and families. As a single parent and grandmother I understand the needs of our children and will work hard to obtain the resources to improve our schools and libraries, and also expand the availability of affordable health care for our families, especially our children and seniors. I will address the quality-of-life issues in our community. I will work with homeowners to address their concerns and draw on my years of experience as a tenant-advocate and former resident of the New Vanderveer Estates Housing Complex to ensure that poor and working-families are treated with dignity and respect in pursuing their housing and other needs. I will continue to advocate on behalf of immigrants. I will put the needs of the 45th District first at City Hall.

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45th City Council District



Democratic

Kendall Stewart

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Podiatrist

Occupational Background: Podiatry

Educational Background: Certificate in Computer Programming, Bachelor of Science from City College of New York, Doctor of Podiatry from New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Organizational Affiliations: New Era

Prior Public Experience: 58th AD District Leader

Councilman Stewart put his successful medical practice on hold when you elected him to represent you in the City Council. His performance has been outstanding. He is on seven committees. He never misses a meeting because he wants to be there when the pie is cut, to get our community's share. He helped hundreds get apartments, jobs, scholarships, citizenships, etc. He met with every principal, Senior Center, PTA, Community Board, precinct commander and many Commissioners. He visited all churches and met with almost all CBO directors, block Associations and is available to all constituents.

He secured funds for dozens of organizations and millions of dollars for Brooklyn College, parks, schools, seniors, streets, etc. He replaced every dollar that was cut before he took office.

He said NO to 25% tax increase, No to closing firehouses and Senior Centers, NO to cutting Pre-K, No to laying off low and middle income workers, No to dirty streets, NO to cutting library hours. He presents ways of cutting waste and saving essential services. He fights to bring every hidden dollar home to provide better services.

Councilman Stewart's goals include putting a computer in every student's home, afterschool programs in every school, more available mammogram, loans to small businesses, multi-service and youth center, health insurance for all, more summer jobs for youth.

Councilman Stewart is not afraid to make tough decisions for his constituents. He will work with Speaker Miller, Councilmembers, the Mayor, the Governor, Congressmembers, Senators, banks, companies, organizations, Assemblymembers, block associations and individuals to look for ways to bring more funds and services. He fights hard so that the youth will have the opportunity to achieve the same success that he has.

Keep Councilman Stewart fighting for you. With your support, he can make the 45th District as good as any other.

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45th City Council District



Democratic

Sam Taitt

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Professor, CUNY- Kingsborough Community College

Occupational Background: Present a weekly cable TV community information program Brooklyn45 on BCAT. Produced a community-focused technology program Internet Connect on WLIB and WWRL for several years. Created a successful Mass Communications College Now course now taught in over a dozen Brooklyn high schools, allowing students to earn college credits while still in high school. Former CEO and General Manager, Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation

Educational Background: MFA, BA, CUNY- Brooklyn College

Organizational Affiliations: STRIVE - The Coalition For a Better Flatbush; Brooklyn Rising Stars Lions Club

Prior Public Experience: Use Radio, Cable TV and my website to provide information, and discuss issues of concern, to our community

I'm running for City Council because today, more than ever, our community of East Flatbush, Midwood and Flatlands needs a leader in City Council who will put their interests first, and who will be accountable and accessible. **When you elect me, I will:**

* Work tirelessly to ensure that the needs of our community are fully met. Be persistent in my efforts to ensure that our community receives our fair share of City services.

* Say "no!" to balancing the budget on the backs of hardworking homeowners, tenants, and small businesses. Cut government waste and inefficiency.

* Fight against cuts to CUNY colleges, and to prevent the Department of Education from excluding parents and teachers.

* Insist on severe penalties for lead paint violations that put our children's health and their education in jeopardy.

* Establish a credit union in East Flatbush to provide low-interest loans and investment opportunities to residents.

* Work with churches and community groups to develop a state-of-the-art assisted living facility for our seniors.

* Create a technology and cultural center for our youth.

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46th City Council District



Democratic

Lewis A. Fidler

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Council

Occupational Background: law

Educational Background: NYU Law; SUNY Albany; Tilden

Organizational Affiliations: Neighborhood Housing Services, founder; Flatbush East Community Develop. Corp., former VP; Bklyn Hillel, former Pres/Chair; Bklyn Div. of American Jewish Congress, former Pres; Wycoff House Neighborhood Advisory Board, former Chair; Informed Voices Civic; Gerritsen Beach Cares; Friends United Block Assoc; Fenichel House Home for Disabled Adults, Comm. Advisory Board

Prior Public Experience: 41st Assembly District Leader; Community Board 17 Chair

Within his first days in office, Fidler was unanimously elected to Chair the Brooklyn City Council Delegation and selected by the Speaker to Chair the Youth Services Committee. It didn't take him long to put these positions to work for his constituency, spearheading the fight to restore weekend hours for the Brooklyn Public Libraries.

He then won the largest education budget restoration of any Member in the City. From a much needed school air conditioning system in Gerritsen Beach and added school security systems in Canarsie and Mill Basin to school library expansions in Bergen Beach and Canarsie and computer labs and laptops in Mill Island, Canarsie, Marine Park and Sheephead Bay, he led the fight to restore \$2.35 million for school capital projects in his district.

He restored school crossing guards, municipal ambulance services and senior citizen weekend meals, and helped maintain bi-weekly sanitation pick-up in Brooklyn.

Fidler successfully fought the Mayor to keep both the JASA Canarsie and Abe Stark Senior Centers open, and achieved the restoration of the Summer Youth Employment Program, ensuring 40,000 summer jobs for our City's youth.

He obtained an anti-graffiti program in Gerritsen Beach, a new youth center in Canarsie, an additional new civic youth program in Canarsie, continued youth programs in Bergen Beach, a Greenstreets restoration of Fraser Square, an electrical upgrade of the Mill Basin library and handball courts in Marine Park.

In his second term, Fidler intends to achieve the complete restoration of Canarsie Park and further the Avenue L Task Force he created to help revitalize business on the commercial strip.

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46th City Council District



Democratic

Elizabeth Atwood King

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Housing Consultant & Grantwriter

Occupational Background: Director of District Office and Constituent Relations -State Senator Carl Andrews, Director of Housing and Social Services -State Senator Marty Markowitz

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts- Urban Studies, Queens College

Organizational Affiliations: President, Avenue L Block Association, Member of 63rd Police Precinct Council, Mill Basin Civic Association, Canarsie Bridges Advisory Council Member

Prior Public Experience: Community School Board Member District 17

Elizabeth Atwood King is a groundbreaker. She is a well-known activist on the issues of education and housing. She has been a trusted political advisor to the then, Sen. Marty Markowitz, Sen. Carl Andrews, and Sen. John Sampson of Canarsie. Ms. King has also been a key component to the campaigns of Assemblyman Clarence Norman, as well as Congressman Ed Towns and Congressman Major Owens.

She began her career at the prestigious New Yorker Magazine. Upon completion of her degree in Urban Studies, Elizabeth followed her passion for public service and policy and began employment at the Department of Social Services. For fifteen years, she provided vital services to the public in the areas of housing, financial and medical assistance. A strong Senior advocate, Elizabeth developed the first ST. Anthony Recreational Educational Senior Center.

As an involved parent, Elizabeth became a stakeholder in the local school district and was elected to serve District 17 as a Community School Board member from 1993-1996. During her tenure she organized the first Ecumenical School-Clergy-Community Conference in District 17.

In 1997, she was recruited by the Honorable Marty Markowitz to serve the 20th Senatorial District as his Director of Housing and Social Services. It was in this position that Elizabeth found her calling to become a public servant.

As a City Council member, Elizabeth will use her expertise in government and urban renewal to be a strong and uncompromising advocate for quality of life issues such as health, housing, education and economic revitalization. Elizabeth Atwood King is experienced, effective, and has a proven record of accomplishment to get the job done in the City Council.

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46th City Council District



Democratic

Elias J. Weir

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Accounts Payable Supervisor

Occupational Background: Export Credit Manager

Educational Background: B.A., New York Institute of Technology, Minor in Finance, Baruch College, City University of New York, Pace University

Organizational Affiliations: Union Delegate - Local Union #3 I.B.E.W., Canarsie Bridges Advisory Council Member, Brooklyn Power Squadron Member, Paerdegat Squadron, Inc. Member, Former Acting President Canarsie by Choice, Former Auxillary Police Officer 69th Precinct; Former President and Founder of Brooklyn Golden Eagles Soccer Team

Prior Public Experience: (Not Supplied)

I want to be the Councilman of the 46th Council District for the following reasons: I will work effortlessly to ensure that the safety and the needs of the people are not compromised. I want all children to have the opportunity for a good education and a better future. I will see to it that the service of the district improves.

One of my primary focus is to see that the 46th Council District gets fair allocations of funds. I am an ambitious person and I am very thankful to be blessed. I take a great deal of pride and integrity in doing what's best and one of the things I do best is helping others. Also, I want the knowledge, integrity and respect of our elders to never be under valued. My time will be spent on improving the condition of the working class. We should benefit from our tax dollars.

I have volunteered my time as an activist throughout the community I live. It gives me a great joy to do so. As a parent, I am committed to better schools and the safety of all students. No child should be harass and forced to do what they are not willing to do. Their task at hand is to focus on their education. I will make this my number one priority.

With the changes to Board of Education (Department of Education) and the Districts, the Council Member will be a vital contact to many parents in the district. Elect me to the City Council and I will be a voice who will serve the people. I have always had an open door policy and when elected it will continue. My focus is providing stable and growing communities. Lets work together on making the 46th Council District a Great Place to Live. Vote for me on September 09.

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47th City Council District



Democratic

Tony Eisenberg

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Small Businessman

Occupational Background: Small businessman for 25 years, salesman and taxi driver

Educational Background: Polytechnic College for construction and civil engineer

Organizational Affiliations: Free synagogue, Allied Jewish High School, American Association of Jews from the Former Soviet Union, American Association from World War ii Veterans from the Former Soviet Union, American Jewish Committee

Prior Public Experience: Organizer of Community Events

Tony Eisenberg

Tony Eisenberg has a life-long dedication to public service, with a uniquely hands-on knowledge of the needs of his community. Tony worked his way up from being a day labor, taxi driver to open up in 1984 a small supermarket on Brighton Beach Avenue.

As a small businessman Eisenberg understands the danger of raising taxes, increase subway and bus fares and having the police issue unnecessary tickets to the general public. Eisenberg would be a fighter on the council against any tax increase and for cutting government waste, while maintaining and improving our quality of life.

Eisenberg on the City Council will fight for legislation to reduce rent for seniors and the disabled, extend and enhance protection for all tenants and expand the EPIC program for the elderly ..Eisenberg would hire a senior expert in his District office to help seniors applying for the services to which they are entitled. Eisenberg helped organize a meeting with local police in Coney Island and Beach Heaven last year.

The 47th Council District represents one of the largest and most diverse Jewish communities in the city. Tony Eisenberg is a member of the Institute of Israel. At the institute in Israel Eisenberg studies Judaism. Eisenberg is also a member of the American Jewish Committee, World Congress on Russian Jewry and the Free Synagogue of Brighton Beach. Eisenberg sponsored a documentary on the Israel children who were victims of Middle East terror, to show the entire world the horror placed on Israel.

Eisenberg immigrated to American in 1980 with his wife and son. Tony's father from Poland was killed in action in WW II when Tony was a small boy. Several of his relatives were killed during the Holocaust.

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47th City Council District



Democratic

Joseph K. Hochhauser

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Customer Service Representative for Verizon

Occupational Background: I have worked for Verizon for the past ten years as a representative. I won my first election at the age of 19, when I was elected shop steward for CWA local 1105. My responsibilities were to represent Hundreds of coworkers with problems ranging from family care issues to layoffs. During this time I became familiar with the different laws effecting workers rights

Educational Background: Kingsborough Community College A.A. Liberal Arts and attended St. Johns University studying for a criminal justice B.A

Organizational Affiliations: DL21C, 504 Democratic Club, Communications Workers of America, CWA 1105

Prior Public Experience: I have advocated on behalf of hundreds of members of CWA local 1105 on many issues ranging from healthcare to wages. As a service representative for a major utility I am responsible for resolving problems, dealing with complaints and ensuring that the customer is always represented and treated fairly

In this time of economic crisis, the people of the 47th District need to be represented by a fulltime councilman. Joe Hochhauser is a working man, a man who could be you or me. This year alone our city has seen multiple tax increases ranging from property taxes to sales tax. The people of NYC were not given the forum to voice their opinions on these issues that effect there everyday lives. The seniors that built our city were not given an exemption from the increase in property tax, and our they should not have to spend their golden years worrying if they will lose their homes.

Besides it costing more to live in NYC, we are cutting away at the very foundations that protect from harm. Recent events show how important our Police and Fire department are to our community. There is no conceivable way we can allow any cuts to either department. Our community cannot thank these heroes by giving them pink slips.

Our city cannot afford to keep funding the rest of the state's weak economy. We need city representatives that fight to keep our tax dollars in NYC. It has been proven that the MTA makes most of its money from NYC riders but yet doesn't spend equally to the amount we contribute which directly effects the increase of the fare to \$2.00.

Government should not just be made up of lawyers and millionaires, it should include everyday people that understand our needs.

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47th City Council District



Democratic

Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Council Member, 47th District

Occupational Background: Attorney

Educational Background: B.S. Kent State University; J.D. Atlanta Law School

Organizational Affiliations: National Council for Unity; New York State Trial Lawyers Association; Wildlife Conservation Society; Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association; Kidney & Urology Foundation of America, Inc

Prior Public Experience: President, Community School Board 21

Over the past 2 years, I have been pleased to serve as the Councilman for the 47th District, representing the neighborhoods of Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach, Coney Island and Gravesend. Serving these communities has been a life long dream of mine and I cherish every day that I have the opportunity to wake up and serve my community.

In the City Council, I serve as the Chair of the Small Business, Retail and Emerging Industries Committee as well as a Member of the following committees: Cultural Affairs, Libraries & International Intergroup Relations; Education; and Economic Development.

Serving on these committees has given me the opportunity to continue my commitment to our children and seniors. As a past President of Community School Board 21, I understand the importance of giving our children a strong learning experience in our city's schools. I have always dedicated myself to ensuring that every child in every school receives the best possible education. I believe that our children are our future and as a member of the Education Committee, I have had the opportunity to make sure that our children get the education they deserve.

In addition, I am proud to be endorsed by Borough President Marty Markowitz, Comptroller William C. Thompson, Speaker Gifford Miller, Assemblywoman Adele Cohen, Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz, State Senator Seymour Lachman and The Working Families Party.

With your continued help and support, I will continue the work I have already begun at City Hall. By working together, I know we can once again, achieve great things on behalf of our community.

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48th City Council District



Democratic

**Allen Shimshon
Herschaft**

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Law Librarian

Occupational Background: Was the NY City Council's Law Librarian from 1992-2002 under Speaker P. Vallone

Educational Background: M.L.S. Pratt Institute 1992; Paralegal Diploma -ABA approved in 6/91-NYU; BA-Political Science & History-McGill University-1986

Organizational Affiliations: AIPAC; Yad Vashem; Holocaust Museum; Lakewood Yeshiva; Ponevez Yeshiva; Yeshiva Gedolah of LA; Telshe Yeshiva; Be'er Hagolah; UJA; Bnai Brith; World Jewish Congress

Prior Public Experience: Was an aide to former NY City Councilman Abraham Gerges in the middle to late 1970's

As your next councilman, I would support health insurance for all residents of NYC through enabling legislation by the NY State legislature. I support caps on punitive damage awards against doctors and corporations operating in NY.

In education, I support employing the latest global concepts in education in the NYC public schools. I also support its Reformation through innovation, increasing use of Charter schools, single sex schools, tax credits- vouchers for parents to send their children to private-religious schools.

With Eldercare, I support vigorous enforcement of state and city safety regulations and guidelines for the monitoring of nursing homes. Where possible, I would have government subsidize the care of the elderly, by letting them live at home instead of a nursing home.

With respect to the Housing shortage, I would support an overhaul of the building code. One change that I propose is to make it easier to accept manufactured housing as meeting the requirements under the code.

I support the preservation of scenic areas, parks and natural resources in the city. I support strong Inter-group relations among the diverse ethnic / social groups in the city. I am against stereotyping. I believe the government should be by and for all the people. I support employing staff who speak the languages spoken in the district and who are sensitive to the community's diversity.

Finally, I support privatizing governmental services.

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48th City Council District



Democratic

Michael C. Nelson

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Member, NYC Council; Chair, Revenue Forecasting Sub-Committee; Member, Finance, Land Use and Govt. Operations Committees

Occupational Background: U.S. Air Force; Outreach Coordinator, Counselor at C.I.H; Director of Community Relations, Congressman Schumer; Chief of Staff, State Senator Kruger

Educational Background: BS in Education

Organizational Affiliations: Jewish War Veterans, Sheepshead Bay Historical Society, B'nai Brith, Ocean Avenue Jewish Center, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Knights of Pythias, Holocaust Memorial Committee, Alzheimer's and Aging Resource Center of Brooklyn

Prior Public Experience: Member, NYC Council; VP, Community School Board 21

MIKE NELSON IS OUR FULL-TIME COUNCILMAN:

FOR SENIORS:

*REDUCING RENTS

*STOP CLOSING of SENIOR CENTERS

*Expanding the EPIC program to CUT THE COSTS of needed PRESCRIPTIONS

*EXPANDING SERVICES for the elderly

FOR CHILDREN:

*Making school Buses SAFER

*Requiring SAFETY LOCKS on handguns

QUALITY OF LIFE:

*Extending and Improving RENT PROTECTIONS for TENANTS

*Requiring the ELIMINATION OF RATS before granting building permits

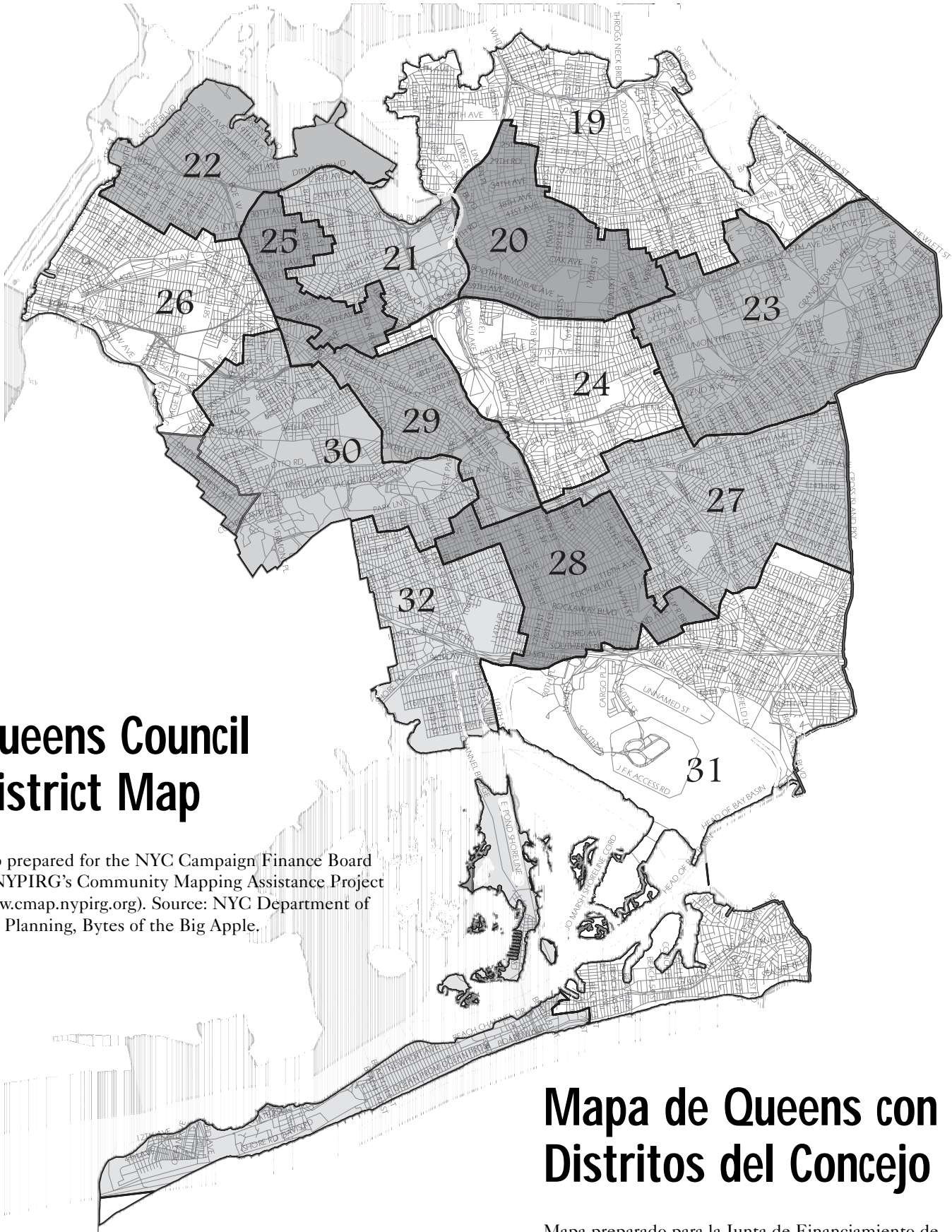
*REPLACING TREES removed during construction

*Hands-on REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI with local organizations

*Close monitoring of Passover food prices to PREVENT CONSUMER RIP-OFFS

*FULL-TIME, FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY OFFICE

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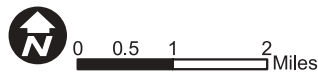


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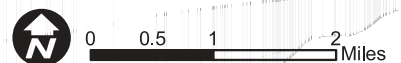
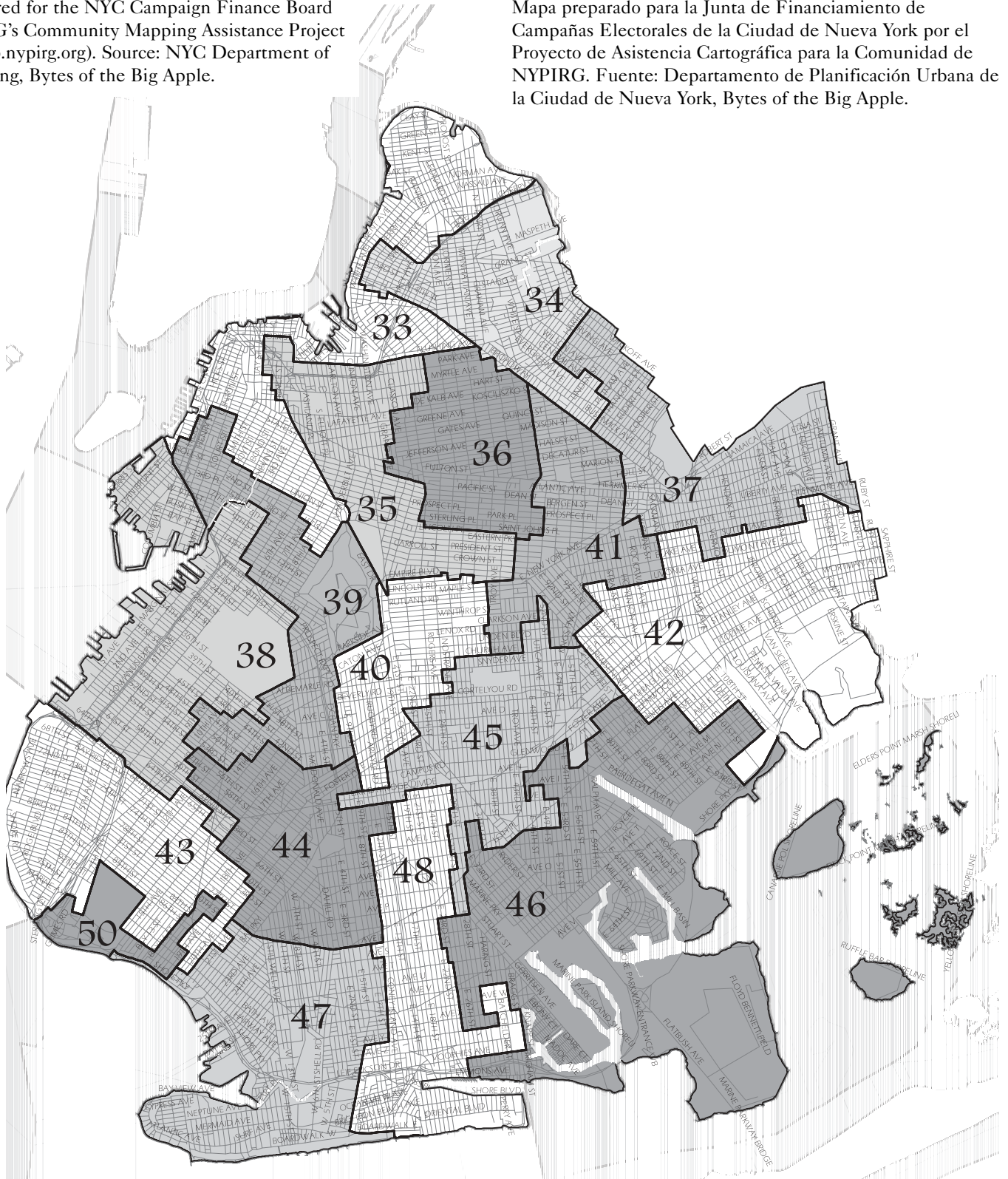


Brooklyn Council District Map

Mapa de Brooklyn con los Distritos del Concejo

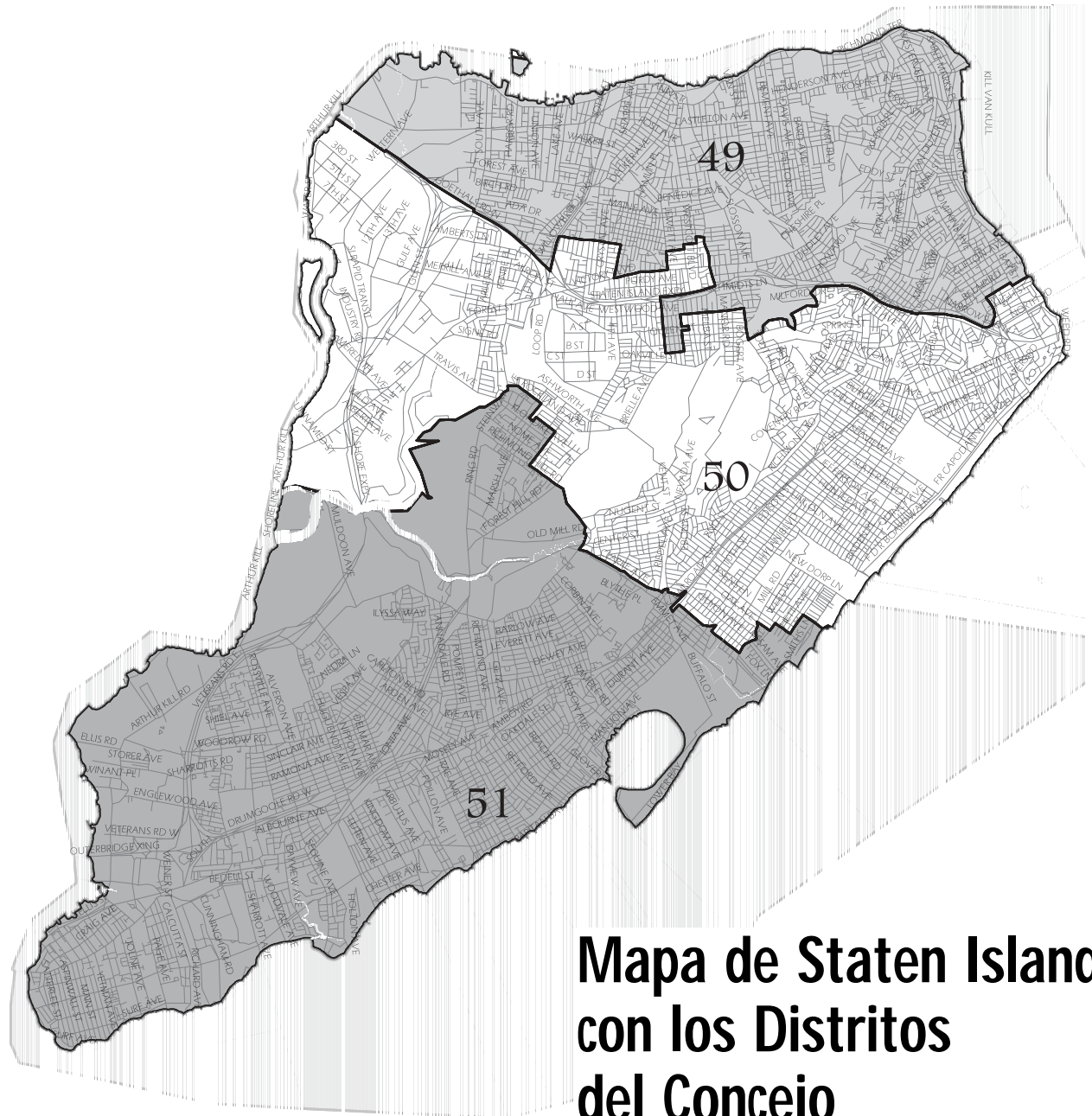
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Staten Island Council District Map

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