

Welcome to the 2003 City Council Primary Election Voter Guide

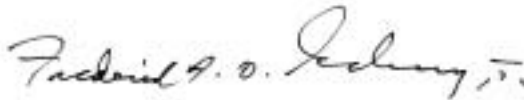
As you know, 2003 is a major election year in New York City. Every 10 years, City Council districts change based on the most recent census. This year, City Council district lines have been redrawn, and all 51 Council seats are up for election. You will make important decisions shaping the future of our 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.

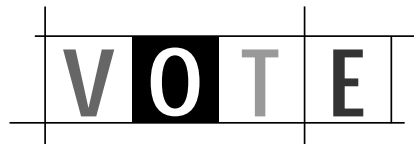
The CFB administers the New York City Campaign Finance Program. The Program reduces the influence of private money on City campaigns, offers qualified candidates a fair chance to run for office by providing public matching funds for small contributions, and makes available detailed information on candidates’ campaign finances. To learn more about the Program and the CFB, see “NYC’s Campaign Finance Program” on page 13, or visit our Web site, www.nycfb.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

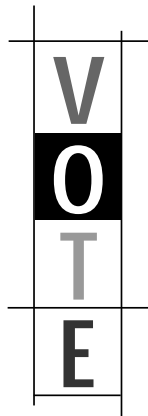
The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You must be inside your polling site no later than 9:00 p.m. to vote. See pages 6-7 regarding whether you are eligible to vote in this election.

**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)?

If you have moved since you last voted, you must change your address with the BOE by submitting a new voter registration form and checking the box labeled "Address change." See above for more information on obtaining and submitting a voter registration form.

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.nycfb.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.nycfb.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.nycfb.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?

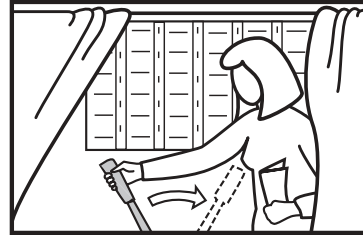
The **Board of Elections** has a toll-free voter assistance telephone number to answer questions from voters. To learn more about voting in this election, call 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692), or, for the hearing impaired, (212) 487-5496. There is also information available on the BOE's Web site, www.vote.nyc.ny.us.

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.

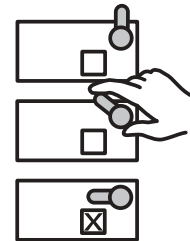
The **Campaign Finance Board's** Web site, www.nyccfb.info, has an online Voter Guide including a "Find Your Council District" feature and a searchable database with up-to-date contribution, expenditure, and other campaign finance information on candidates participating in the Campaign Finance Program.

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.nyccfb.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.nyccfb.info.

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

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 1-20

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Council District 1

Democratic

Alan J. Gerson
Peter Gleason

Council District 2

Democratic

Margarita López
Mildred R. Martínez

Council District 4

Democratic

Jak Jacob Karako
Eva S. Moskowitz

Council District 5

Republican

Jennifer Arangio
Douglas G. Winston

Council District 7

Democratic

Victor Armando Bernacé
Robert Jackson
*Pedro Morillo**

Council District 8

Democratic

*Woody Henderson**
Edwin Marcial
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Philip Reed
Felix Rosado
Ruben Dario Vargas

Council District 9

Democratic

Geoffrey G. Johnson
Virginia Montague
Bill Perkins

Council District 10

Democratic

*Jose I. Adames**
Roberto Lizardo
Miguel Martinez
Ydanis A. Rodriguez

Council District 12

Democratic

Shirley J. Saunders
Larry B. Seabrook

Council District 13

Democratic

Ismael Betancourt Jr
*Andrew Petralia**
*Madeline Provenzano**
Egidio Joseph Sementilli

Council District 14

Democratic

Iris Baez
Maria Baez
Israel Ruiz, Jr

Council District 15

Democratic

Joel Rivera
Luana M. Rodriguez

Council District 17

Democratic

Agustin Alamo Estrada
Jose Serrano

Council District 18

Democratic

*Pedro G. Espada**
Hilda N. Hernandez
Annabel Palma

Council District 20

Democratic

Jay C. Liu
John Liu
Isaac M. Sasson

There are no primary races in
Council Districts 3, 6, 11, 16, or 19.

* This candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile.

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1st City Council District



Democratic

Alan J. Gerson

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Councilmember

Occupational Background: Attorney

Educational Background: P.S. 41, I.S. 70, Stuyvestant H.S., Columbia College and Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Many

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 2 (Chair 1998-1999, Member 1990-2001), NYS Committee on Open Government

Alan has an impressive record of achievement on the Council. As the Chair of the Select Committee on Lower Manhattan Re-Development, he has fought to ensure community input in the rebuilding process. His achievements include:

Independent testing of residential premises for toxins related to 9/11. Persuading the LMDC to include public housing and rent-regulated tenants in assistance plans. Extending small business help to “mom and pop” businesses affected by 9/11.

Alan also has an impressive record on the community’s many other pressing needs.

Youth and education: Alan created a program to turn a corrective action middle school into a model school. He brought NASA into local schools to improve science education. And he saved a youth shelter.

Seniors: Expanded senior programming in the district.

Affordable housing: Alan’s work has resulted in helping to retain units of affordable housing.

Livability and the environment: Alan introduced legislation to reduce diesel emissions and noise. He has worked with police to improve environmental enforcement and won funding for park renovations.

Cultural affairs: Alan increased work and living space for artists. He is working to create a cultural center in Chinatown.

Neighborhood preservation: Alan led the fight on the Council to save the South Street Seaport area from high rise development.

A legislative leader: Alan was a lead sponsor of the Predatory Lending Protection Act, the Living Wage bill, the Displaced Workers Protection legislation, and the Transgender anti-discrimination law.

(Statement reprinted as supplied by the candidate.)

1st City Council District



Democratic

Peter Gleason

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: On leave for campaign from the Law Office of Levine & Gilbert, 115 Christopher Street, NY, NY

Occupational Background: Firefighter-New York City Fire Department; Lieutenant-US Coast Guard Reserve; Police Officer-New York City Police Department
Educational Background: J.D. CUNY Law School; B.S. Empire State College, State University of New York

Organizational Affiliations: Uniformed Firefighters Association, American Legion, Reserve Officers Association, Fire Marshal’s Benevolent Association, Screen Actors Guild
Prior Public Experience: Firefighter, Police Officer, Coast Guard Liaison Exxon Valdez cleanup, Rotary International Group Study Exchange Thailand

As a father, former FDNY firefighter and friend of the environment I am as concerned as you about our future and the future of our children. With the Federal Government’s national security failure on September 11th it seems illogical that our City Council should defer legislative hearings on the matter. My first order of business when elected is to insist on council hearings on what went wrong on September 11th, the rebuilding process and other pressing issues.

Having shared an office in the World Trade Center, I understand completely the importance of attracting new business. Our neighbors across the Hudson are starting to cast shadows with their rapidly growing skyline financed in part by businesses enticed from NYC. The council needs to address this by instituting programs which welcome business back by providing incentives and affordable housing for all.

My firefighting experience has taught me that the FDNY operates on two simple principles: “Do the right thing” and “Keep it simple.” Bringing these cornerstones with me to the City Council will translate into streamlining local government while making it accessible to all.

We need proven leaders, individuals who are not afraid to step up to the plate. I have fought fires on the lower east side, responded to ground zero on 9/11, participated in environmental studies in mainland China, worked on the cleanup of the Exxon Valdez and was appointed an ambassador of goodwill by Rotary International to assist the people of Thailand. These along with my other accomplishments make me the only logical candidate. With your support, together we can ensure a bright future for generations of New Yorkers to come.

(Statement reprinted as supplied by the candidate.)

2nd City Council District



Democratic

Margarita López

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: City Council Member for District 2

Occupational Background: Social Worker with mentally ill homeless population

Educational Background: BA University of Puerto Rico

Organizational Affiliations: MacArthur Foundation Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Law, National Resource Center on Homelessness and the Mentally Ill; Board member of Astraea and North Star Foundations and the Puerto Rican Initiative to Develop Empowerment (PRIDE); Coalition for a District Alternative (CoDA), GLID, and Out POCAP

Prior Public Experience: Elected to City Council District 2 1998-2001, 2001-2003; re-elected in November 2001; Female Democratic Party District Leader 63rd Assembly, Part B in Manhattan's Lower East Side; from 1982 to 1996, served as a member of Lower Manhattan's Community Board 3

I am seeking re-election to what will be my last term as Councilmember to District 2, elected in 1997 and 2001. It has been an honor to represent my constituents in the Lower East Side, the East Village, Gramercy Park, Kips Bay and part of Murray Hill. The diverse community within District 2 has merited my attention on issues which include low income and affordable housing, environmental concerns, education, zoning, and human rights for all New Yorkers. As a result, I have been the prime sponsor of dozens of pieces of legislation protecting the rent laws, seniors, the environment, a women's right to choose, and the rights of immigrants and the LGBT community. I am proud of my record as chair of the NYC Council Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Disability Services. I have authored bills that would create a City Office for Individuals with Disabilities, Enforcing Department of Buildings Inspections, Rent Exemptions for the Elderly, and making the City more accessible to the most vulnerable New Yorkers such as individuals with disabilities. As Committee Chair, I have looked at the inadequacies of Access-A-Ride, and the ferry systems as a form of transportation for the disabled. Presently, I am very concerned about the impact of the Patriot Act on our constitutional rights.

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2nd City Council District



Democratic

Mildred R. Martinez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Single parent of five and raising three grand children with a physical disability that was job related

Occupational Background: Public advocate regarding the issues of education, housing, social services, etc

Educational Background: Washington Irving High School and attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College of the City of New York

Organizational Affiliations: President, Pedro Albizu Campos Plaza Tenants Organization and a Executive Committee Member Of the Village Reform Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Former Area Policy Board 3 Member, 9th Precinct Community Council, Task Force on the Catherine Street Shelter for Homeless Families and President of Public School 19

Mildred R. Martinez was born and raised on New York's Lower East Side in 1952. She was raised by both parents in a New York City Housing Authority Development Jacob Riis. In 1983, the Martinez family moved into the Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Plaza Housing Development in the East Village. In 1994 Ms. Martinez was elected President of the Tenants Organization at Campos Plaza and has served in that capacity ever since. From 1979-1994, Ms. Martinez was employed by the Assembly Member Sheldon Silver and in 1995-2001 she was employed by Assembly Member Steven Sanders as a Housing Specialist/Community Liaison. Ms. Martinez has provided thousands of community residents with assistance in education, housing social services referrals, etc. Ms. Martinez supports rent stabilization and rent control laws, for the development of decent, affordable and integrated housing for low, moderate and middle income families as well as special needs population. With respect to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and transgendered community, Ms. Martinez supports legislation that extends domestic partnership benefits, legislation that will protect the rights of transgendered and gender-variant people from discrimination beyond the City of New York and the passage of the Equal Benefits Bill. She also opposes the elimination of the Department of AIDS Services. For the last fifteen years, Ms Martinez has been a tireless leader and advocate for Civil Rights, Stopping Abuse of Authority, as well with public education in Community School District 1. She has been a consistent supporter for better schools, bilingual mutual cultural and special needs education, Reading Recovery Programs, Schools of Choice, Mandated Curriculum etc. The following organizations have endorsed Mildred R. Martinez for City Council: El Sonido Latino, Hispanics United in Action, Lower East Side Hispanic Committee, Lower East Side Political Action Committee and the Committee to Defeat Margarita Lopez 2003.

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4th City Council District



Democratic

Jak Jacob Karako

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Financial Reporting Specialist

Occupational Background: Operations & Technology financial control

Educational Background: MBA Florida Institute of Technology; BA in Economics

Organizational Affiliations: none

Prior Public Experience: none

Isn't it time to put a Democrat who understands the economy in the City Council?

It pains me to say that the worse is yet to come. Impulsive, spur-of-the moment-decisions without any consideration of the long-term consequences brought our city to this fiscal crisis. We MUST learn how to live within our means. These new age Robin Hoods in the Council are leading New York City to bankruptcy by literally penalizing every productive activity to cover their fiscal incompetence.

In the coming months you will receive mailings from your councilperson - all paid by your tax dollars - exclaiming what a great job they do in the council in these difficult times. \$44 billion a year in spending, much of which is borrowed, is not doing a good job. That is called looting. When public money is mismanaged, everyone and every program suffers. New York City government is not a charity organization. It has mandates to deliver certain services; people's need, not government's, must come first. There was a longer discussion on banning toy water pistols than the disastrous property tax increase, which affects not only the rich, but also middle-income homeowners, renters, as well as small businesses - the backbone of our economy, which sends a message to would be buyers not to buy, and would be developers not to build, putting more pressure on the rental market.

Isn't it time to put a Democrat who understands the economy in the City Council?

Vote for JAK JACOB KARAKO - Democrat/Libertarian

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4th City Council District



Democratic

Eva S. Moskowitz

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Council Member, 4th Councilmanic District, Manhattan

Occupational Background: Prep for Prep, Director of Public Affairs; ReadNet, Executive Director; College History Professor, Vanderbilt University; University of Virginia; CUNY

Educational Background: Ph.D. in American History from Johns Hopkins University; B.A. with honors from the University of Pennsylvania; Stuyvesant High School; PS 6

Organizational Affiliations: Planned Parenthood; Temple Israel; Tenants and Neighbors; ESPA; Sierra Club; New Yorkers Against Gun Violence; Second Avenue Subway Now

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member, Educator, Civic Leader, Community Board 8

Since 1999, I have had the honor of serving as your Council Member. In that time, I have worked every day for my constituents and for this city. As Chair of the Education Committee, I have taken tough, independent stands on issues such as support for Mayoral Control, led dozens of capital improvement campaigns, and funded every public school in my district. I fought for high academic standards and after a three-year battle with the Board of Ed, succeeded in creating the first new high school on the East Side in 30 years. I also authored the School Construction Accountability Act to hold the School Construction Authority accountable for delays and cost overruns.

I have authored seven city laws, including The Paperwork Reduction Act, which will greatly reduce bureaucratic red-tape. The Citizens Budget Commission estimates it will save the city \$200 million annually. The Council also passed my Rape Survivor's Defense Act, which ensures rape victims have access to emergency contraception and the Health Care Mobilization Act, which requires City agencies inform the public about health insurance programs.

Having grown up in a rent-regulated apartment, I know the value of affordable housing. That is why I have supported over a dozen pieces of legislation to strengthen our rent laws and to protect tenant rights. Dedicated to improving the quality of life throughout the city, I authored the Sidewalk Safety and Beautification Act to improve our streets by regulating the placement and maintenance of newspaper boxes. I have also devoted resources to East Side Parks, such as St. Vartan's, Stuy Cove and Samuel Seabury parks.

With your support this fall, I hope to continue my work to build a better New York.

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5th City Council District



Republican

Jennifer Arangio

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Occupation: Attorney

Occupational Background: NA

Educational Background: BA, George Washington University; JD, New York Law School

Organizational Affiliations: NY City Bar Association, Columbia Law Association, NY Young Republican Club

Prior Public Experience: White House Intern, 1989-90

NYC is in crisis today. With the national economic downturn and the attacks of 9/11, we need a city council that has the desire and energy to do more with less.

Like most areas of NYC, the Upper East Side has voted for Democratic candidates who consistently stand for the status-quo. Our councilmen, Gifford Miller is the leader of the city council. He lacks the will to propose real reforms and has only offered overwhelming tax increases that do not help our city in this time of need. Voters should hold him accountable for this form of legislative laziness if we want to truly help our city recover.

Our city's 45 billion dollar budget is too large. Too much of our hard earned tax dollars are wasted by the inefficient and ineffective way our government functions. I will work hard to change that so every tax dollar is spent responsibly. Reductions in taxes and government spending do not need to come at the expense of the most needy in our city. With proper oversight, we can enact tax reductions that are essential to the future growth of our city's economy.

As a professional Urban Republican woman, I understand the issues facing our neighborhood and its residents. My goal is to protect those in need and, at the same time, protect the future of our great city. With that in mind, I ask for your support.

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5th City Council District



Republican

Douglas G. Winston

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Occupation: Management Analyst, City of New York

Occupational Background: NOT SUPPLIED

Educational Background: M.A., B.A., NYU

Organizational Affiliations: Turtle Bay Association

Prior Public Experience: NOT SUPPLIED

Our City and Community face grave challenges. In these critical times "Business as Usual" will not suffice; nor will a do-nothing City Council that contents itself with renaming streets, passing meaningless foreign policy resolutions or regulating the public use of cell phones--**when they are not mindlessly raising taxes!** The present incumbent personifies all of the above, while systematically ignoring the real needs of his constituents. I intend to bring real representation to our community and pledge to do the following:

- Roll back Gifford Miller's **unfair tax increases**
- Substantially **increase the number of Police Officers** assigned to our precincts
- Ensure that the new School Chancellor addresses the **needs of our high performing Public Schools**
- Propose a **sound plan for Economic Development and Fiscal Responsibility** that will create new jobs and expand our tax base

I support the following: - Expanded access to all women for Mammograms, Strong Rent Regulation laws, Expanding EPIC drug coverage for Seniors and SCRIE (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemptions), A Woman's Right to Choose, Charter Schools, The Second Avenue Subway, Public/Private Partnerships to provide affordable housing, Non-partisan Municipal elections, Preventing the City Council from further eroding Term Limits.

If elected I pledge to provide the high-level of constituent service that you had come to expect with Roy Goodman and John Ravitz. Also, I will open a satellite constituent office on Roosevelt Island.

Let us work together to make our City great again!

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7th City Council District



Democratic

**Victor Armando
Bernacé**

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Attorney, Educator, Correspondent for Rent Wars TV show

Occupational Background: Instructor at NYU for disabled students, Board of Directors-Bronx Independent Living Services Community Center, Former Staff of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund, prosecuted narcotics cases for the LADA's Office, Harvard Human Rights Fellow for Defense for Children International, Summer Youth Employment Program Field Supervisor

Educational Background: Attended PS 98, JHS 52, John F. Kennedy H.S., NYU, Harvard Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Member of NYC and State Bar Associations, JFK Advisor Aspira., Audubon Reform Democratic Club, Working Families Party, Concerned Democratic Coalition of Northern Manhattan

Prior Public Experience: Elected Union Delegate for UFT representing students and teachers. Harvard Law School Recruiter of disadvantaged and minority students. Financial Aid Advisor to students

We need someone who will always stand by our community: I was raised by a single mother on welfare, lived in a foster home, attended our public schools, graduated from Harvard Law School, and returned to my community. Today I teach our children, defend our cab drivers, our tenants, our immigrants, and our senior citizens. We need someone who can effectively fight for all of us in our diverse community.

We need someone who isn't afraid to TALK STRAIGHT TO THE VOTERS. In 2001, Mr. Jackson, was asked during debates, if he would DOUBLE SPENDING on parks. He said YES but I said NO, often to boos and whistles. I tried to explain that I wasn't against trees or grass, but that Carl McCall, the state fiscal watchdog, had already forecast a deficit of billions in the state and city budgets and that we shouldn't be doubling expenses.

The best way to protect essential services, our senior citizens, our children--is by not irresponsibly promising spending increases just to be popular and get elected.

Republicans helped to put us into this fiscal crisis by cutting taxes to the bone when the economy was over-heated while Democrats have increased spending. I'm not a cheerleader, I'm not the incumbent, I'm proud that I said NO when it was unpopular to say so and follow in the tradition of others who weren't afraid to talk straight to the voters such as Ross Perot, Ed Koch, and Sen. McCain.

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7th City Council District



Democratic

Robert Jackson

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Councilmember

Occupational Background: Labor Relations , PEF

Educational Background: B.A., Sociology, SUNY New Paltz

Organizational Affiliations: Campaign for Fiscal Equity, PEF, AFL-CIO, SUNY New Paltz Foundation, Union Settlement House, Jimbala Dance Network

Prior Public Experience: Member of School Board 6, 7 years as President; Democratic County Committee, Judicial Delegate

Well into my second year as a member of the City Council, I am working hard to meet the challenges of this office: enacting responsible legislation that supports the agenda that I pledged to advance - ensuring the well being of our residents, improving the education of our children, creating and maintaining decent, affordable housing and providing opportunities for us all to have an acceptable standard of living; and assisting individual constituents and organizations with a large variety of problems and concerns.

I continue to champion the cause of public education. In May I walked 150 miles from Manhattan to Albany to emphasize to our State government that our children deserve the best possible education and this value must be reflected in our State budget. I was joined along the way by many different people who know that educating our children is the only way to ensure our future.

Working with people from so many walks of life, the need to expand opportunities to share information and develop understanding of the issues that affect them becomes ever clearer to me. Information empowers us to effectively participate in public discourse and make good decisions.

To this end, I have made certain that my newsletters convey real information about city government and its impact on our communities. I have conducted many town hall meetings this spring, allowing my staff and I to focus our attention on the particular concerns of each of the diverse communities that comprise our council district. If constituents couldn't join us in their neighborhood, there was ample opportunity to meet in another.

I am both humbled and proud that I continue to be so warmly welcomed throughout our district. I believe this is because I truly respect you and share your concerns. I have kept my promises to you and will continue to do so. I hope that you agree and will vote for me on September 9th.

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8th City Council District



Democratic

Edwin Marcial

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: President of Edwin's Cafe

Occupational Background: Founder and Director of Teatro Moderno Puertoriqueno; Actor

Educational Background: Educated in Puerto Rico; B.A. Communications

Organizational Affiliations: Julia De Burgos Cultural Center; Teatro Moderno

Prior Public Experience: President of Community School Board District #4; (East Harlem); Member of Community Planning Board # 11 (Manhattan) - Chairman of the Housing Committee; Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee

As a resident and member of the East Harlem "El Barrio" community for many years I have contributed to making our community a safer and more enjoyable place to live. My active participation includes being the proprietor of Edwin's Cafe a restaurant located in the heart of "El Barrio" on the southwest corner of East 111th Street and Third Avenue. My restaurant has set new standards of quality and service in fine dining - specializing in seafood and Puerto Rican cuisine.

For more than three decades I have brought numerous musical, dance and theatrical productions to the community highlighting the talents of local artists and also world class international artistic productions.

When Puerto Rico, the island of my birth, was devastated by a hurricane I organized a drive to collect and send tens of thousands of dollars worth of relief supplies including food, clothing and medical supplies to help relieve the suffering of the island's residents.

At the present time I am the President of the East Harlem Community School Board of which I have been a member for four years. By ensuring that the children receive a firm grounding in the basics in our schools we build a firm foundation for their success in their future endeavors.

As a member of the New York City Council representing East Harlem I will be able to provide even more resources to our schools.

I would like to ask you - my neighbors and friends to vote for me, Edwin Marcial in the Democratic Primary election on Tuesday, September 9, 2003. And I extend a most cordial invitation to the East Harlem community to stop by and say Hello to Edwin Marcial anytime at Edwin's Cafe located at 111th Street and Third Avenue.

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8th City Council District



Democratic

Melissa Mark-Viverito

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Researcher, 1199 SEIU

Occupational Background: Director, Hispanic Education and Legal Fund; Local Census Office Manager, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau; Deputy Director, ASPIRA of New York

Educational Background: B.A., Columbia College, Columbia University, 1991; M.P.A., Baruch College, C.U.N.Y., 1995

Organizational Affiliations: Violence Intervention Program; Yerbabuena, Inc; El Barrio Revolving Loan Fund; Women of El Barrio, Todo Nueva York con Vieques, WBAI New York 99.5 FM; Muevete! The Boricua Youth Conference

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 11; Community Board 2

The 150 thousand plus residents of City Council District 8 are from El Barrio/East Harlem, the South Bronx and the West Side. They are Latino, African American, Asian and White. Although primarily comprised of East Harlem the challenges facing the sectors of the South Bronx and the West Side are the same--threats to our social and economic well-being.

My vision is one that incorporates all sectors of the district, where the participation of the community is seen as a goal--not as a threat, where the resources we possess within ourselves are valued and encouraged--not discarded and forgotten. Leadership development, safeguarding our environment, local and community-based economic development as well as educational opportunities are key to my candidacy and are reflected throughout my extended years of service. I will work diligently with all communities to strengthen the municipal services being provided and to guarantee their effectiveness.

I have the training, commitment, diligence and experience to effectively represent all constituents. I am excited about this opportunity and have greatly enjoyed meeting you and those like you--my potential constituents--to share in concerns and learn from your experiences.

I am committed to being an accessible candidate to all of District 8. My enthusiasm stems from my understanding that responsible and ethical leadership should be the norm and not the exception to the rule. Being granted the privilege to serve as your City Council Member for District 8 is not one I will take lightly nor one I will take for granted. I look forward to working alongside you.

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8th City Council District



Democratic

Philip Reed

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: City Council Member

Occupational Background: Private enterprise and non-profit management

Educational Background: Completed Masters degree studies in Non-Profit Management, New School University

Organizational Affiliations: WBGO Radio, Channel Thirteen

Prior Public Experience: Member of Community Board 7

First, thank you very much for re-electing me in 2001. Since then as chair of the City Council's Consumer Affairs Committee I have shepherded legislation into law regarding predatory lending, sidewalk cafes, cell phones in theatres, and other quality of life issues. As a member of the Public Safety, Health, Cultural Affairs, and Governmental Operations Committees, I continue to fight for equal benefits, fairness, and justice for all New Yorkers regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, or income. This past term we passed a landmark living wage bill and legislation ensuring that a woman's right to choose is not compromised. And there's more work to be done.

I'm especially proud of my record in protecting tenants rights with passage of laws to maintain rent regulations and advocating for tenants in our community with direct services. In every part of the district I have secured funding to rebuild our city parks, purchase computers for the classrooms, and upgrade our libraries. I have also been instrumental in the development of over 2,500 units of affordable housing. I have been a tenacious advocate for the long term needs of our communities, having successfully led the fight to keep the Museum of the City of New York from leaving East Harlem to move downtown. Perhaps most importantly my office continues to provide outstanding constituent services full time in both English and Spanish.

If re-elected this will be my last two years on the Council. I pledge to continue championing our diversity, promoting economic development, funding our public schools, and fighting for the core values that make us proud to be New Yorkers, fairness and justice.

I appreciate your support. For more information about me or our campaign please e-mail us at Friendsofphilreed@hotmail.com.
THANK YOU

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8th City Council District



Democratic

Felix Rosado

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Consultant

Occupational Background: Financial Analysis

Educational Background: Columbia University MBA 1980, Syracuse University Bs. 1975

Organizational Affiliations: Union Settlement Association, Acorn

Prior Public Experience: Assistant Deputy Comptroller to the First Deputy in the Office of the State Comptroller, New York State

An independent voice, a sincere, knowledgeable and thoughtful public servant, and someone who will represent the needs of every community in the district - that's the kind of City Council Member we deserve. My record shows I will be that kind of leader.

I am a product of Spanish Harlem and our local public schools. I earned college scholarships, worked in the private sector as a financial analyst and in the public sector as the first Latino to serve as Assistant Deputy Comptroller for the Office of the State Comptroller. Throughout my career, I devoted time to tutoring children in my community, directing an after-school program, and serving as a member of Community School Board, District 4 and am 25-year member of the Board of Directors at Union Settlement Association, a social service organization in East/Spanish Harlem.

As a champion of education reform, I believe the City Council can and must do more to address the needs of public schools in our district: to lower the costs of construction and school repair, to make the classroom the priority not the bureaucracy, and to ensure that changes in the educational system are made with parental and community participation.

Even in times of fiscal strain, we have an obligation to provide critical services: to preserve local and school-based health clinics, to increase senior support services by expanding programs funded by public and private sources, to build affordable housing and fight rent increases, and to assist local small businesses.

Through my experience in financial management, I know we can find additional City funds by cutting government waste, reforming the way goods and services are purchased, and setting clear priorities. As your City Council Member, I will refuse to balance the budget on the backs of working people, our families and local small businesses. I will make sure that our district for once gets our fair share of services, and that all our residents have a voice.

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8th City Council District



Democratic

Ruben Dario Vargas

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Police Department. Evidence and Property Specialist

Occupational Background: Teacher, Law enforcement, Chess, Sports, Community Activist

Educational Background: B A, Major Political Science, from The City College of the City University of New. Management and Labor Relations, from Cornell University

Organizational Affiliations: Intentional Chess Federation 1982-1986, elected in the General Assembly held in Lucerne, Switzerland on October 15, 1982; with the Participation of 120 Countries. Member of the Three Parks Independent Democrat Club.

Member of The United Nations Association of United States of America

Prior Public Experience: Candidate for U.S. Congress 1996, and 2000

Education will of a great concern of my office as a City Council member. Tirelessly, I will work to improve education. This with a clear understanding that our children's education must be a team effort between home, school and community. After school programs and day care centers will be funded. Specially important are prenatal programs.

I stand for jobs preservation and jobs creation, rent control, rent stabilization. I fight for employees rights. and tenant rights. And I respect management rights and good faith landlords' legal rights. I believe in mutual respect among human kind.

As a council member I will make special emphasis in crime prevention, street safety. I will ensure adequate police presences on the street.

Funding will be provided for affordable healthcare, and every effort will be made so that our senior citizens have a better place to live, so long with providing proper service for the elderly.

Becoming a city council member will enlarge my abilities to provide motivations, inspirations and leadership to the people of good will, and tirelessly work with these people for the construction of a better society. A New York City of fairness and justice for all without exceptions.

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9th City Council District



Democratic

Geoffrey G. Johnson

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Subsurface Construction Engineer for Consolidated Edison Incorporated

Occupational Background: Aircraft Maintenance Specialist USAF; CO- Owner of a Beauty Salon; Bus driver; Subsurface Construction Engineer to present

Educational Background: St. Thomas the Apostle, Immaculate Conception, St. Agnes High School, community College of Air Force

Organizational Affiliations: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parishioner and Alumni; Veterans Quality of Life Access Network, Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Democratic Club V.P., Worshipful Master Covenant Lodge #6 M.W.K.S.G.L. A.F.&A.M., Col. Charles Young V.F.W. Post #398 (member), Knights of Columbus, NYC Male Involvement Consortium, Air Force Sergeant Association, Order of the Feather Fraternity

Prior Public Experience: NYS 70th Assembly District Democratic Judicial Delegate, 28th Precinct Community Council V.P

I believe as the Bible states that a leader must be a servant first. And the quality of life that a community has is largely connected to the quality of information that they have and that is supplied to them by their leaders and elected officials--**Congressmen and Senators at the federal level, State Senators and Assembly Members at the state level and City Council Members at the city level. I can assure you that as your City Council representative you will receive relative, useful and all information to help improve your quality of life and living standards.** My district has one of the highest asthma rates in the nation. One of the things I can do is to introduce bills and try to enforce laws that will help the environment to decrease the asthma rate.

People before profits!

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9th City Council District



Democratic

Virginia Montague

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: City Council Candidate

Occupational Background: Director, Northern Manhattan Office of the Borough President; Director, Community Affairs, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone; City Council Chief of Staff, 9th C.D.; Director, Investigations, NYC Health & Hospitals Inspector General's Office; Executive Director, National Urban League Young-Adult Demonstration Project; NYC Probation Officer; NYC Social Worker

Educational Background: B.S., North Carolina Central University; Graduate Courses, The New School University

Organizational Affiliations: Mother A.M.E.Zion Church; Fred E. Samuel Democratic Club; VP, New York Coalition of 100 Black Women; Community Directed Ownership, Inc

Prior Public Experience: Community Board Chairperson, Salvation Army Harlem Temple Corps; Member, Domestic Violence Task Force, The New York Women's Agenda

Because of its economic and social diversity, the 9th council district, that comprises Harlem and the Upper West Side is a microcosm of our city. As such, all of the city's challenges are evident in our district. I believe that working together with our community and business leaders, we can make a powerful contribution to our city's future.

The city's \$3.9 billion deficit instructs us that current practices and policies will only worsen quality of life in our communities. I believe that unusual times and circumstances demand bold leadership that can summon the support of a wide range of stakeholders -- including local community organizations, federal and state government, and the business community -- to lead the economic recovery we all deserve.

I'm running because my professional background and my constituency service experience make me uniquely suited to represent our district at this time of fiscal crisis. I believe that a vote for this candidate is a vote for the long-term fiscal health of our district; it is a vote for a clean, safe environment with affordable housing and an effective educational system. It is a vote for empowering tomorrow's workforce, homeowners and taxpayers.

In 2001, the voters of this district acknowledged their concern about status quo leadership by voting in favor of term limits. I believe that this year, voters can send a message that in a democracy the outcome of duly held elections is inviolable. In this election, let your call for change be heard.
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9th City Council District



Democratic

Bill Perkins

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Deputy Majority Leader, NYC Council

Occupational Background: Community Specialist, NYC Dept. of Corrections; Youth Service Specialist, NYC Youth Services Agency; Deputy Chief Clerk, NYC Board of Elections; Staff Analyst, NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development

Educational Background: PS 102, Wagner JHS, Collegiate School for Boys, Brown University-BA Degree, Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution-Certified Mediator

Organizational Affiliations: Founder, Schomburg Plaza Residents' Council; Co-Founder, Schomburg Plaza Senior Center; Founder of the Committee to Save Wadleigh Secondary School; Sojourner Truth Democratic Club, NAACP Board, NY Branch

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 11, 10 yrs; Founding Chair, Caucus of Manhattan Black District Leaders

I believe that public servants should be effective, just, creative and accessible. In this regard I offer my record as an activist and leader of the NYC Council. As Deputy Majority Leader my efforts and accomplishments have been first and foremost on behalf of my district. However I have also been effective citywide.

-I remain an effective voice for affordable housing, successfully rallying with tenants in Albany for the passage of tax forgiveness legislation to allow HDPC residents to retain ownership of their buildings, repeal of vacancy decontrol and the ERSTADT law.

-Aggressively continued my 13 year fight for the successful exoneration of the the wrongfully accused "Central Park Five" and sponsored legislation calling for videotaped interrogations to help prevent cases like this from happening again.

-Fought against the Mayor's proposed educational cuts in the Council as well as in public demonstrations including one at City Hall where myself and others were arrested for acts of civil disobedience.

-Led the charge against high infant mortality rates and obtained \$5 million in funding to address this problem in Harlem and citywide. Primary sponsor of childhood lead poisoning prevention bill.

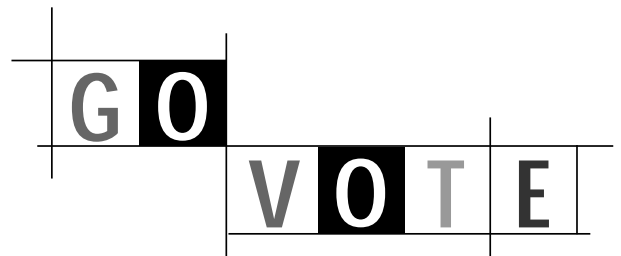
I have had many significant bills passed into law like the living wage bill, access to training and education bill and human rights laws.

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Primary Election date:

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

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10th City Council District



Democratic

Roberto Lizardo

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Public Health Advisors Supervisor, NYC Department of Health

Occupational Background: NYC Depart. of Health, NYC HPD, Comm. Organizer

Educational Background: B.A. Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: President Comm. School Board Dist 6, Fmr Memb CB12, Manh

Prior Public Experience: Pres. CSBD 6

My name is Roberto Lizardo. I am a parent and fellow resident. For over 18 years I have been working in our communities, tackling the many problems afflicting us. I am an independent voice in a political environment plagued with patronage and self-promoting interests.

I seek the office of the 10th Councilmanic District (Washington Heights, Inwood, and Marble Hill) to give people a genuine voice in the City Council. We need a clear agenda to face the challenges ahead. We know the problems. Let's work together to solve them! My political platform includes:

EDUCATION: Fight against Bloomberg's budget cuts affecting education. More funds for after-school programs and more schools to reduce overcrowding. Equitable distribution of resources brought to our district. A comprehensive inclusion of parents in the education process.

HOUSING: Force landlords to remove housing code violations. More housing inspectors to report code violations and more HPD lawyers to sue housing code violators. Decent and affordable housing for low-income people. Protection of the Rent Stabilization Laws that regulate rent increases.

YOUTH: Creation of a vocational center to train youngsters. More resources for youth job programs. More funds for community agencies serving the youth. Renovation of sport facilities in the parks for youngsters and children to play safely and out of the streets.

SAFETY: Police action against landlords who allow illegal activities in their buildings. More police officers assigned to our precincts and more police patrol in our communities. Build better relationships between the community and the police to strengthen mutual respect and cooperation.

My candidacy seeks to bring real political power to our communities.

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10th City Council District



Democratic

Miguel Martinez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Council Member 10th District

Occupational Background: N.Y.C. Public School Teacher; Director of the Childcare Domestic Violence Program

Educational Background: B.S. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Post graduate at John Jay

Organizational Affiliations: Upper Manhattan Assisting Neighbors, Northern Manhattan Democrats for Change, Dominican American National Round Table

Prior Public Experience: Current NYC Councilmember, Democratic District Leader, State Democratic Member

As your City Council Member, I have kept my commitment to save services in our community, in spite the worst fiscal crises since the 1970's.

I have worked to save programs at Senior Centers. I have stood my ground against proposals to reduce childcare services. I secured funding for renovating High Bridge Recreational Center, to provide after school and weekend programs for our young people. I obtained funding for the expansion of early head start programs, and I have kept my promise to fight domestic violence by funding programs that provide counseling and job training to victims.

I have worked tirelessly to bring jobs back to our community, initiating the development of a five-story parking facility and retail development that will provide 100 permanent jobs, and attract national corporations such as Staples and Bally's. I also have worked closely with the developers of the new Target Mall at 225th Street to ensure jobs will be offered to local residents.

I am proud of my legislative record. I am a prime sponsor of the Displaced Workers Bill and the Minimum Wage Bill, which protect the rights of working men and women. I sponsored the Predatory Lending Bill, which protects banks from going into low-income neighborhoods to charge higher interest rates than in other communities. I introduced legislation that will address the disparities that exist in the Rent Guideline Board when determining rent increases.

Still, we have much work ahead of us to continue improving the quality of life of my neighbors and that of all New Yorkers. We must focus on the new education reform plan in our public schools to guarantee the best education to our children. That is why I seek to continue to represent the Washington Heights, Inwood, and Marble Hill communities.

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10th City Council District



Democratic

Ydanis A. Rodriguez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Teacher, Gregorio Luperon Preparatory School

Occupational Background: High School Teacher; Education Advocate

Educational Background: B.A. Political Science, CUNY; M.A. Bilingual Education, CUNY

Organizational Affiliations: CCNY Students for Educational Rights; Dominicans 2000; Dominican-American Roundtable; United Federation of Teachers; Citizens for Social Justice; Audubon Reform Democratic Club; Working Families Party Civic Leader

Prior Public Experience: Civic Leader

This year, our fight against fare increases and token booth closings saved over 100 station token booths including the 157th Street station token booth. As a leader in the CUNY student movement in the early 90's, I organized demonstrations in defense of affordable higher education for poor and working families. I have taught in NYC public schools the past nine years. I founded the Dominican Youth Union and Dominicans 2000, two organizations serving our youth and the community at large. I led the fight by teachers, parents and community members against privatization of four public schools. Even in this time of budget cutbacks, as a Councilmember, I will continue fighting for quality education, smaller class sizes, increased salaries for teachers, and better training and recruitment programs.

My background as an educator has prepared me to represent Upper Manhattan as an advocate and a legislator. As your Councilmember, I will fight for our community by promoting legislation and supporting programs that: strengthen rent laws and regulations; preserve and expand our stock of affordable housing; foster constructive dialog between the community and city agencies; reduce crime and police misconduct; strengthen domestic violence laws; provide healthcare coverage for all; protect workers' rights to unionize and bargain collectively for better wages and working conditions; improve medical, social, recreational and care facilities for seniors; defend the democratic rights of the foreign-born; monitor and improve air quality and the environment in our neighborhoods; and protect each and every New Yorker's human and civil rights.

I am proud to be endorsed by State Comptroller Alan Hevesi, State Senator Eric Schneiderman, the Audubon Reform Democratic Club, 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement, and Norman Siegel and many others -- and I will be honored to have your vote in the Democratic Primary for City Council on September 9, 2003.

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12th City Council District



Democratic

Shirley J. Saunders

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Congressional Staff Assistant

Occupational Background: Internal Revenue Service Recorder, Immigration, Housing

Educational Background: Paralegal Certificate, College of New Rochelle, Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: N.A.A.C.P., Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Bronx Chapter, P.T.A. - Birch Wathen Lenox

Prior Public Experience: Government, District Leader 82nd Assembly District

I believe that the people of the Northeast Bronx deserve a Council Member who will deliver for us, serve honestly, and be a role model for our children.

As a working mother, I am concerned about the lack of affordable day care. If elected, I will seek more childcare funding for the Northeast Bronx. I am determined to help provide the best education for our children. Severe overcrowding and safety in schools must be addressed. I lead the fight that stopped the closing of PS 153 and am supporting the new K-8 school to be built near the Boston Secore Houses. I am supporting a Local Law to create a Charter Commission that may reduce class size in Public Schools.

I am working to revitalize White Plains Road and other commercial strips. The increase in malls and superstores in the Northeast Bronx, high taxes, and inadequate planning are killing our shopping strips and making traffic more dangerous.

I have helped lead the fight to save the Express Bus Service in the Northeast Bronx. I have fought against "hot sheet" motels and pressed for graffiti cleanup and beautification projects. I will continue these efforts in the Council. I have worked to make our neighborhoods safer. I got more police out of cars and onto street patrols. I fought for increased security at Co-op City's garages. I will continue my work for better police training and improved police/community relations.

I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of Riverbay Corporation, President of the PS 153 Parents Association, The Birch Wathen Lenox School, and Director of St. Joseph's After School Programs. I have won awards from the N.A.A.C.P., Bronx House, Riverbay Corporation and Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

With Gods help and yours, I will bring my effective community activism to the City Council.

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12th City Council District



Democratic

Larry B. Seabrook

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: NYC Council Member; Professor John Jay College

Occupational Background: Legislator; Professor

Educational Background: BA History John Jay College; MA Political Science L I University; JD CUNY Law School

Organizational Affiliations: NAACP; Wakefield Taxpayers; Baychester Taxpayers

Prior Public Experience: NYS Assembly (1984-96), NYS Senate (1996-00)

In 2001, Councilman Seabrook made history as the first African American to hold office in three legislative branches: State Assembly, State Senate and his current position as a member of the NYC Council.

Councilman Seabrook resides in Co-op City. Representing the 12th Council District in the Northeast Bronx, he has continued to build on his pro-taxpayer, community service, public safety record. He continues to focus on education, job training & economic development, workplace equality, youth services, increased senior benefits and crime prevention. He serves on several committees: Civil Service & Labor, General Welfare, Transportation, Higher Education and Youth Services.

For nearly twenty years, Councilman Seabrook has compiled a distinguished record of public service representing his community and his accomplishments reflect his deep, ongoing commitment to the needs of the people of his District.

The Councilman's tireless efforts resulted in the creation of the State University's North Bronx Community Counseling & Outreach Center. To date, more than 750 students have graduated from its programs and thousands more have benefited from its services. He has won high praise for his efforts to combat drug crime and violence. An outspoken advocate for equal opportunity, he has launched investigations into hiring practices that resulted in legislation barring employment discrimination and increasing penalties for civil rights violations.

Since his election to the Council, Council Member Seabrook has continued to focus on obtaining services for our community and on quality of life issues such as so called "hot sheet" motels and the placement of an OTB site in a residential community. Therefore, as he seeks re-election, crime, jobs, quality education, maintaining services to senior citizens and obtaining a fair share of funding for our community based organizations will continue to be of the utmost importance to him.

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13th City Council District



Democratic

Ismael Betancourt Jr

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: President and CEO of the Institute for Multicultural Communications, Cooperation and Development, Inc (IF-MC-CA-DI), working to foster local small business development and to bridge cultural differences

Occupational Background: Founder and manager of a successful food service business in the Bronx; Associate Professor of Business at York College; Vice President of the Off Track Betting Corporation, Vice President of the New York Urban Coalition, Inc

Educational Background: Columbia University, BS, 1956; Harvard University, MBA, 1971

Organizational Affiliations: Harvard Club of New York City; American Arbitration Association

Prior Public Experience: Special Assistant to the NYC Board of Education, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of New York City Department of Manpower, Member of New York State Advisory Council on Employment and Unemployment Insurance, 1982-1986. Member of the Executive Committee, New York State Job Training Partnership Council, 1984-1986

In these tough times, we need leaders who are completely devoted to the interests of their district, who will fight for our fair share. I believe I am such a leader. I was born in Puerto Rico, attended New York City public schools, served in the U.S. Air Force and earned degrees from Columbia and Harvard.

As your City Council Member, I pledge that I will:

Put the Bronx first! The Bronx has never gotten its fair share of the City's budget.

Use my experience to create real jobs, bring economic development to our community.

Find better ways of balancing the budget by targeting government waste and inefficiency - not by putting the burden on the backs of working people.

Fight against any cutbacks in police, fire or sanitation services.

Stand up for our children: it is not enough to announce new programs and create new bureaucracies - our children need a good education today.

Say no to tuition increases, fare hikes, unreasonable rent and property tax increases, and other "revenue enhancers" that disproportionately hurt our families.

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13th City Council District



Democratic

Egidio Joseph Sementilli

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Chairman, Belmont Community Day Care Center, Inc; Publisher, The Bronx Advocate Community Newspaper; Transportation Chairperson, Bronx Community Planning Board No. 6 of the City of NY; Chairperson, Pelham Bay Community Improvement and Safety Organization, Inc; President, Bronx Italian American Cultural Association, Inc; Treasurer, Pelham Bay Democratic Committee; Private Consultant, of business and political community issues

Occupational Background: International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 445; Community Representative, United States Department of Commerce

Educational Background: B.A., College of New Rochelle

Organizational Affiliations: Pelham Bay Taxpayer Community Association; Morris Park Homeowners Association

Prior Public Experience: See Organizational and Occupation experience

As a Community Planning Board Member of the City of NY, I have been working to enhance the delivery of "City Services." Today, we are facing higher real estate and sale taxes, lay-offs, and drastic reduction of services. The approach to the problem by our elected representatives is to cut needed services. This is not the answer!! Working families are being forced to accept the the burden of higher taxes and higher fines, while the rich in Manhattan receive additional services and tax-breaks. Remember the MTA lied to the people in order to try to receive a fare-hike in bus and train services, the politicians are lying to us in order to trick the public into their agenda of higher taxes and lower services without cutting their special pet projects. Do not be tricked by your elected officials.

Sementilli on City Taxes:

Housing tax reduction is the answer to stabilizing our community. Create "Housing Zones" and "Apartment Zones" in the same manner as economic zones to allow homeowners and apartment renters take advantage of the same "tax-breaks" now given to corporation. We need to take stock in our Community.

Sementilli on Crime:

The Second Amendment allows the people the authority to make citizens "peace officers" who are duty bound to protect and support law and order. We can increase the NYC Police Department to 100,000 officers by upgrading the "Auxiliary Police Unit" to full Police Officer status. Volunteer Police Officer like Volunteer Fireman will help.

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14th City Council District



Democratic

Iris Baez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Administrator, Anthony Baez Foundation; Homemaker; Mother

Occupational Background: Teacher's Assistant; Nurse's Aide; Home Attendant; Dietician

Educational Background: Roosevelt High School

Organizational Affiliations: National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights; The Justice Committee; October 22 Coalition; Parents of Murdered Children; Parents Against Police Brutality; ACORN; South Bronx Clean Air Coalition; Bronx Greens

Prior Public Experience: Member for Five Years, Community Board #5

My family and I have lived in and cared for our community for 35 years. My son Anthony once gave his paycheck to save a family from eviction. Each Christmas we bought and distributed 100 turkeys to our neighbors. After Anthony was murdered by an unfit police officer, I entered public life to fight for justice. Since then, hundreds of people have come to my house for help. We have begun to help ourselves in this City.

In 2001, many people believed they were voting for me when they elected a person named Baez to the Council because she had never lived or been active in our community and I was well-known. Now my neighbors can vote for the real community advocate. As a member of the City Council, I will be a community resource. I want to open avenues so that our community can empower itself.

I plan to introduce legislation to establish more Senior Centers and safe, enriching Teen Centers in all 5 boroughs. As it is, many young people hang on the streets, get picked up and sent upstate to prison. Any children arrested in the Bronx must stay in the Bronx; police officers must reside in the community.

As a Councilmember, I will work to see that NYC invests in affordable housing, and provides homes for the 35,000 people who are homeless each night. To reduce asthma, I will propose legislation that NYC and its contractors phase out fossil fuels so that New Yorkers can breathe clean air.

Among those endorsing my candidacy are Honorable Pedro Espada, Andrew Cuomo, Jr., Grandpa Al Lewis, Margarita & Anthony Rosario, Mr. & Mrs. Amadou Diallo, the Honorable Carmen Quinones, Richie Perez, Frank Garcia, Bronx Chamber of Commerce; the Latino Officers Association and the Bronx County Green Party. For further information, call 718.670.3714 and visit www.electirisbaez.org.

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14th City Council District



Democratic

Maria Baez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: New York City Council Member

Occupational Background: Chief Clerk-Bronx Board of Elections

Educational Background: Monroe College, Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: First Vice Chair, Bronx Democratic County Committee

Prior Public Experience: Female District Leader of the 78th Assembly District

Councilwoman Maria Baez Envisions a Bright and Exciting Future for the Community.

When I became Councilwoman of the 14th Council District in 2001, you and I went to work and developed a new and vibrant partnership. The energy, faith, and devotion we put into this partnership has brought hope into our community. From one end of the district to the other you can see the results of this partnership.

With the help of older adults in our community, I have been able to prevent cuts to senior centers, and programs that benefit older adults. Together with the help of parents and principles we have begun to reshape and revitalize our public schools. To address your concerns about healthcare, we at the City Council passed the Health Insurance Mobilization Act to ensure that public health insurance reaches every community. In response to the long delays that our women face in scheduling mammograms, I along with St. Barnabas sponsored a public campaign to encourage women to come out to the district and receive mammograms. The advocacy of the working families in the community inspired us at the City Council to pass a law that mandates payment of a living wage for more than 50,000 low-wage workers. Despite difficult economic times, I have been able to secure resources to fund organizations that provide programs for housing, youth, older adults, education, and the homeless. I could not have accomplished any of this without the help of those of you who elected me and continued to work with me to make our community a better place.

These accomplishments prove what we can do together, despite serious economic and social challenges. However, this is not a time to stop our progress. We must stand united in our determination to give our children and grandchildren the advantages needed to realize the full promise of the future. It is time for the 14th Council District to make a solid down payment on a better and more beautiful future for generations to follow. With your continued support we can accomplish this. Vote for Councilwoman Maria Baez.

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Participating in the NYC Campaign Finance Program.

14th City Council District



Democratic

Israel Ruiz, Jr

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: 2003-present: President of the consulting firm Senator Israel Ruiz, Jr. & Associates, focusing on government advocacy and construction management strategic planning

Occupational Background: 1998-2002: Client Relations Manager for the New York State Dormitory Authority

Educational Background: Received law degree from the Columbia University School of Law in 1972. Received Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications in 1968 from Queens College, City University of New York

Organizational Affiliations: Served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960-1968. Received an Honorable Discharge

Prior Public Experience: Served in the City Council from 1992-1997, representing the Bronx communities of Fordham, Kingsbridge and University Heights; Served in the New York State Senate from 1975-1989, representing diverse communities throughout the west and south Bronx

Israel Ruiz, Jr. has been an effective State Senator and City Council member for over two decades. Of humble means, Ruiz, a product of the Bronx, has achieved the American dream. A fighter, he has overcome major obstacles in his life. His brand of constructive and positive action has made him a recognized and accomplished leader.

Through his legislative action, Ruiz has brought millions of dollars in capital projects and programs to his constituents, and will continue to do so in the City Council.

In the City Council, Ruiz will push for economic development and job creation in his district, and has vowed to fight the corrupt politics that have taken their hold on the Bronx.

For his work, Ruiz has been named American Legion veteran of the year and the Municipal Police Benevolent Association Man of the Year.

Ruiz has won over 300 other community service awards for his work in the community.

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Participating in the NYC Campaign Finance Program.

15th City Council District



Democratic

Joel Rivera

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Council Member, 15th Council District

Occupational Background: Legislative Aide; Account Representative, Citibank

Educational Background: New York Military Academy; Iona College; Fordham University

Organizational Affiliations: Member, Bronx Young Democrats; Not in My Neighborhood You Don't Anti-drug campaign; Friends of Crotona Park; Tremont Crotona Day Care; Tanim Productions

Prior Public Experience: Legislative Aide; Teen Counselor

Joel Rivera has made his mark in history becoming the youngest City elected official at age 22. Within the year he was unanimously selected by his colleagues to become the Council's youngest Majority Leader.

Joel is Chairman of both the State & Federal Legislation and the Charter Revision committees. He also is a member of the following committees: Finance, Land Use, Housing and Buildings, Standards & Ethics, Rules, Privileges & Elections, and the subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions & Concessions. As Majority Leader, Joel is an ex-officio of all Committees within the NYC Council. Additionally, Joel sits on the Budget negotiating team and the Steering Committee.

Joel wasted no time in building relationships with his constituents. He meets with students to discuss issues including high tuition, smaller classes and the need for qualified teachers. He has worked with the Borough Parks Commissioner to advance beautification projects, lobby for increased personnel, and has secured funding for projects at Poe Park, Crotona Park and local community gardens.

Joel has constantly been involved in community activities, such as The People's Convention for Housing; the first "Not in My Neighborhood You Don't" Anti-drug Campaign, of which he still a member; the "March Against Apartheid" with Rev. Jesse Jackson; voter registration drives; and political campaigns, including that of President Clinton in 1992. He was active in the struggle to remove the Navy out of Vieques and participated in toy drives to benefit the less fortunate in the Bronx and abroad. Re-elected in November 2001 by a margin of 2 to 1, Rivera continues to work hard to insure that the 15th Councilmanic District continues on a progressive path.

Represents: Bathgate, Belmont, Crotona, Fordham, East Tremont, West Farms

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15th City Council District



Democratic

Luana M. Rodriguez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Business Owner; Buyer, Retailer, Wholesaler

Occupational Background: Production Associate

Educational Background: Herbert H. Lehman BA Management, Graduate Civilian Police Academy, Graduate American Women's Economic Development (AWED)

Organizational Affiliations: Member 48th Precinct Community Council, Chairperson Law Enforcement Committee Community Planning Board #6. Member Arthur Ave Merchants Association. Member Bronx Zoo

Prior Public Experience: Candidate 2001

Bronx politicians have taken your Democratic vote for granted. They manipulate the primary elections and give you substandard candidates like their sons, daughters, and relatives. They suppress and corrupt the nomination process for any other Democrat. Years of nepotism and incompetence in the Bronx has caused the highest unemployment rate, and the least amount of private sector jobs. We've never received our Campaign for Fiscal Equity educational funding, so our children get the lowest reading scores. Their sons and daughters voted to increase sales tax, income tax, and raised ticket penalties. They voted to raise property real estate taxes and that will increase our rental fees. They have destroyed small businesses because they don't understand economic development. They don't understand commitment, or leadership. They don't understand our community. These Politicos don't even live here! Poor people have suffered the consequences of poor leadership. It is time to raise your voices.

Vote "Yes" to Non-Partisan Municipal elections, because intelligent, competent, caring neighborhood activists will finally have the opportunity to be your candidate.

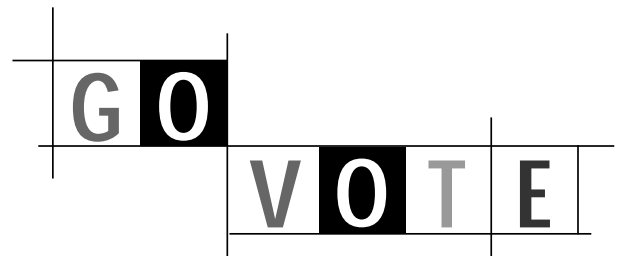
Luana (Malavolta) Rodriguez, is a very qualified candidate. She made a real commitment to be a life long community leader, homeowner and small business owner in this district. Fighting against ticketing agencies that raise revenues on our backs, and having the courage to vote "No" to property and sales tax increases, is real leadership. Hard working families need safety and education for our children. So productive services, like after school programs and head start, along with computer employment resources for our youth, will be negotiated for our district. Creating Smart Buildings will make us E-Commerce competitive. Technology growth and development will attract many private sector jobs. Luana can make our neighborhood family friendly, and she will navigate a better quality of life from the Council. That takes real integrity.

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Primary Election date:

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

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17th City Council District



Democratic

Agustin Alamo Estrada

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Retired Public School Teacher

Occupational Background: Bronx Public Schools over 30 years

Educational Background: Education Masters, 30 plus credits in Administration, City College

Organizational Affiliations: Committee 100 Democrats, Rising Voices Coalition, Hispanic Educators, PR Democratic League

Prior Public Experience: Hospital Boards, Community & Educational Organizations

You, the voter, hires and pay the members of the City Council. This is my resume for your consideration. Let me, represent your interest in City Hall. I will not let you or your family down.

I'm a family man with three children that attend NYC public schools. A retired school teacher with years of experience; living and working in districts 7 & 9. Our families have been cheated by unfair taxes, fines, and countless service cuts. **Unfair fare increases** in buses, subways and bridge tolls, show that our Councilmen have become uncaring and weak. They have ignored the well being of our families.

The officials you elected, have forgotten that they represent your community. They are more concerned in getting their sons and daughters political jobs. Family wealth and power are more important to them than our problems. Tax payers should not pay for poor leadership.

My candidacy is based on a **No New Tax platform**. I am opposed to having the working poor foot the bill for bad legislation and the poor use of our tax dollars. Fines for parking, quality of life issues like sitting on milk-crates, and "abuse of power" rules have to be Reasonable; Not Punitive!. I plan to correct these abuses from City Hall.

No cuts to education, no cuts to medical services for our elderly or young, and the lowering of college tuition for young adults are important goals of my campaign. If we limit our children's ability to get a good education, we limit their power to get out of poverty. There are too many bad programs, paid by tax payers, that are useless. They must be replaced.

I'm a Rising Voice candidate. I pledge that I will represent you, and your family, much better than the current councilman. For too long our community has been condemned to poor representation and poor leadership. Your vote is needed for a positive change.

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17th City Council District



Democratic

Jose Serrano

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Member of the New York City Council, 17th District; Chair, Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations; Member, General Welfare, Parks & Recreation, Sanitation & Solid Waste Management, and Environmental Protection Committees

Occupational Background: New York Shakespeare Festival

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Manhattan College, Riverdale, Bronx, NY

Organizational Affiliations: Former Chair, The Institute for Urban Family Health

Prior Public Experience: Former Member, Community Board 4

Dear Neighbor:

It has been an honor to serve and represent the residents of the 17th Council District for the past two years.

Born and raised in the 17th Council District, I know firsthand the needs of our community. I am the son of Congressman Jose E. Serrano and I have had the good fortune of learning from a very early age the vital importance of community service.

In the City Council I will continue to fight for those who are most vulnerable in our society: our seniors and our children. Libraries and schools, senior centers and child daycare will continue to be priorities for me. Proper support for these necessary programs must be maintained if we are to provide a bright future for our youth, while at the same time providing vital services for our seniors.

Moreover, as Chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations, I understand the important role that our libraries and cultural organizations play in the overall enrichment and enhancement of our City. I will continue to fight for our City's fair share of funding from the state and federal governments to ensure that our City will be able to provide the services that our community needs and deserves.

I am very proud of my first term in the City Council and I look forward to accomplishing even more. I thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working with my constituents and other elected officials to build a stronger community.

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18th City Council District



Democratic

Hilda N. Hernandez

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Community Civic Activism

Occupational Background: License Nurse, New York City And Day Care Teacher- Music And Art; Music Coordinator, New York City Council Education Coordinator And Special Assistant Consult, Senior citizen Program Director

Educational Background: Community Psychology, Child & Art Psychology, Education pre K-6; Criminal Law; Mercy College, Fordham -B.A., M.A., MS

Organizational Affiliations: Bronx County Elected, Delegate District Attorney Robert Johnson; Castle Homeowner and; resident Ass. Founder Robert F. Kennedy community Development Organization, Former Member And educational Chairperson Community Board 9; former member 43 P.C.T. Former Secretary Community Democratic Club 76 AD; present Member South Bronx Democratic Club; New York City Partnership For Parks. Former vice President United States Marines; Cadets, with the late George Sanchez; Member St. John Vianney Church, coordinator Sacred Heart of Jesus, Former President; Legion of Mary for Youth. Member Curcillista

Prior Public Experience: Bronx Senior Coordinator for Vice President Al Gore, Former Coordinator 76 AD; Coordinator Senior Citizen Forms, MC and organized Town Hall Meetings

I wholeheartedly believe whatever one community affects, the next community. The people within the 18th City Council, district deserve a council member who has proven one self to the community. A candidate which has deliver to the community. A Council member with which will continue to deliver and serve honestly and be a role model to the people and children. As a Civic Community Activist I have proven evidence work and accomplishment and problem solving. I have accomplished and delivered Housing, Health, education, Environmental, Land & zoning, D.O.T., MTA Parkchester Train Station Escalator, Disable in Parkchester and within the 18th City Council District. Improvement of the Bruckner Mall Christmas Lights. I will continue the fight for youth, we must prepare our youth to lead this country. THEY MUST BE EDUCATED NOT INCARCERATED! WE must build more Schools, Senior citizen homes. The first Bronx Children's Museum, A college within the 18th City Council District. Remember this election is about the community. A dream which we can accomplish together.

With your help I will continue to lead and accomplish our goal for the community. Send Hilda N. Hernandez inside City Hall to continue the American Dream and serve the community.

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18th City Council District



Democratic

Annabel Palma

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Union Organizer, OSHA Trainer

Occupational Background: OSHA Specialist, Certified Nurse's Aide

Educational Background: Associate Degree in Business Administration

Organizational Affiliations: Not supplied

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I am running for City Council because I believe I will make a difference in how we approach problems and work together to solve them. We must organize block by block and engage the energy of our neighbors.

I raised a son as a single mother, while working and going to school to become a Certified Nurse's Aide. My son attends the same local schools, summer camps and libraries that I did. As a lifelong Bronx resident, I've had the same struggles and successes as other members of this community. I became a Union organizer in order to give back to my community and to protect and sustain workers rights.

In order to be viable, our community must be creative in devising initiatives that speak to the reality of the chronic issues we face:

*We have a shortage of affordable housing stock, with spiraling rents and poor services.

*Our schools cannot continue to graduate only 30% of our children. Day care and after school programs are critical for working parents, but they are scarce in this district.

*We must be creative in job creation, retention and training initiatives that include young people, and we need to attract businesses and entrepreneurs to assure sustainable economic development.

*We must provide affordable and quality health care services to everyone, especially our elderly and disabled. I have devoted my adult life to ensuring that patients and providers are cared for in safe, healthy environments.

*In order to rid our community of drugs, we must unite to improve our strained community-police relations.

I will bring honesty and integrity to these issues. I know that by working together, we will make a difference.

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20th City Council District



Democratic

Jay C. Liu

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Entrepreneur

Occupational Background: Owner of BUSY MALL

Educational Background: B.S. in Finance, University of Southern California

Organizational Affiliations: Founder and Co-Chair of The Flushing Landlords Federation Against a Business Improvement District

Prior Public Experience: None

I, Jay C. Liu cannot stand by while our current councilman raises real estate taxes and assessments, sales taxes, transit fares and tolls. With the current budget cuts to all our city services; lifelong residents and business are leaving in record numbers.

Why do we have to leave? Why can't we make the incumbent leave? Join me in my grass roots effort to rid Flushing of it's present Councilman, who I personally blame for increasing our property tax by 18.5%. In Flushing, he addresses the sanitation issue by wanting to create more bureaucracy with a 3% BID Tax that does not have the support of the community. In these hard economic times, he should be enforcing current cleaning and littering laws instead of raising taxes.

The incumbent's office supports an organization called Nodutdol, which supports the North Korean communist dictatorship regime that was named the "axis of evil" by our President.

Nodutol Web site contains a letter which calls on U.S.A. not to invade Iraq and criticizes the US invasion of Afghanistan for leaving "thousands of Afghan civilians dead or injured", "condemn the economic strangulation campaign Israel has undertaken against the Palestinian people" and demands the U.S. withdraw troops from Korea.

The incumbent's response to the Pro-American Koreans who ask him to distance himself from The Anti-American, Anti-Semitic Organization is that, "Any group, however unpopular they might be, has the right to speak out," he said.

As our new councilman, I, Jay C. Liu will hire diverse staff and will bring racial and religious harmony to Flushing and New York.

In Jamaica, every 3rd, 4th and 5th graders get a laptop computer to use thanks to their councilman, while in Flushing; we get nothing thanks to ours and pay more taxes. Vote for me Jay C. Liu so we can avoid unnecessary tax increases.

(Statement reprinted as supplied by the candidate.)

20th City Council District



Democratic

John Liu

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Public Servant

Occupational Background: Member of New York City Council currently; previously, manager at leading financial and management consulting firm

Educational Background: B.S. Mathematical Physics, State University of New York at Binghamton

Organizational Affiliations: Past President, North Flushing Civic Association; past Vice President, Queens Civic Congress; current Democratic District Leader

Prior Public Experience: Past member of Community Board 7 (Queens)

John grew up in Flushing. Beginning with kindergarten at PS 20, he attended local public schools. He and his wife Jenny are homeowners in Flushing, living just blocks from where John grew up. Their son Joey is now 2 years old and will soon be enrolled in public school, just as John was.

John has championed school reform in public schools. He has also secured hundreds of new computers for local schools.

John worked with the NYPD to put dozens of additional cops on foot patrol and also created an auxiliary police booth in Flushing to deter and reduce crime.

John fought to keep meals and centers for our seniors. He has fought scams that victimize the elderly.

John is the Chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee and demanded accountability within the MTA and fought against ridiculous fare increases.

John created a plan where local businesses pay the costs of sidewalk cleaning services from morning to night seven days a week in downtown Flushing.

John has only been in office for a year and a half and has already done all this and much more. His leadership is highly regarded, his energy unparalleled, his commitment unwavering and his results unsurpassed.

Let's send John back to the City Council!

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20th City Council District



Democratic

Isaac M. Sasson

Party Enrolled In: Democrat

Occupation: Associated with the Institute for Cancer Prevention as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Program

Occupational Background: Research and teach at Queens College. He has worked at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Educational Background: Graduated from the City College of New York with a Bachelor of Science degree, and earned a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Connecticut

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 7, American Association for the Advancement of Science, New York Academy of Science, New York Road Runners Club, Flushing YMCA, Democratic Club of Flushing, Democrats for New Politics, West Flushing Civic Association, Skyline Tenant's Association

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 7, Skyline Tenant's Association

ISAAC M. SASSON

Isaac Sasson has a life-long dedication to public service and education, with a unique hands-on knowledge of the needs of his community. Isaac is a member of Community Board 7 for the past 5 years, president of his tenants association, and active in a number of Queens civic groups. Sasson will be a fighter on the Council against any tax increases and for cutting government waste, while maintaining and improving our quality of life.

Isaac Sasson has worked to strengthen rent-stabilization laws; successfully fought landlords in restoring services and cutting back rents; he has worked to prevent cutbacks in senior services and police protection; advocated for greater parental involvement and influence within local public schools; as an appointed member of CB7's Health Committee Isaac has sought to insure compliance by local nursing homes with state and federal performance standard.

Sasson on the City Council will fight for legislation to reduce rent for seniors and the disabled, extend and enhance protection for all tenants, lessen taxes for low-income senior home owners and expand the EPIC Pharmaceutical program. Sasson will work to improve the quality of life and community.

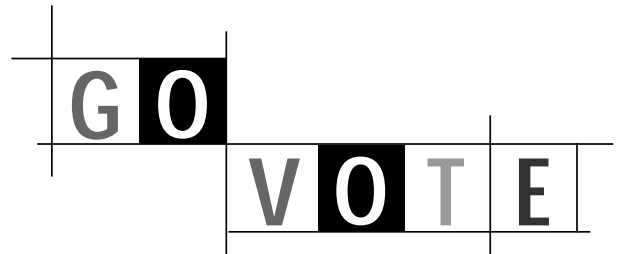
As your Council representative, Isaac will introduce legislation requiring HMOs to appear and testify twice annually regarding healthcare delivery to our district residents.

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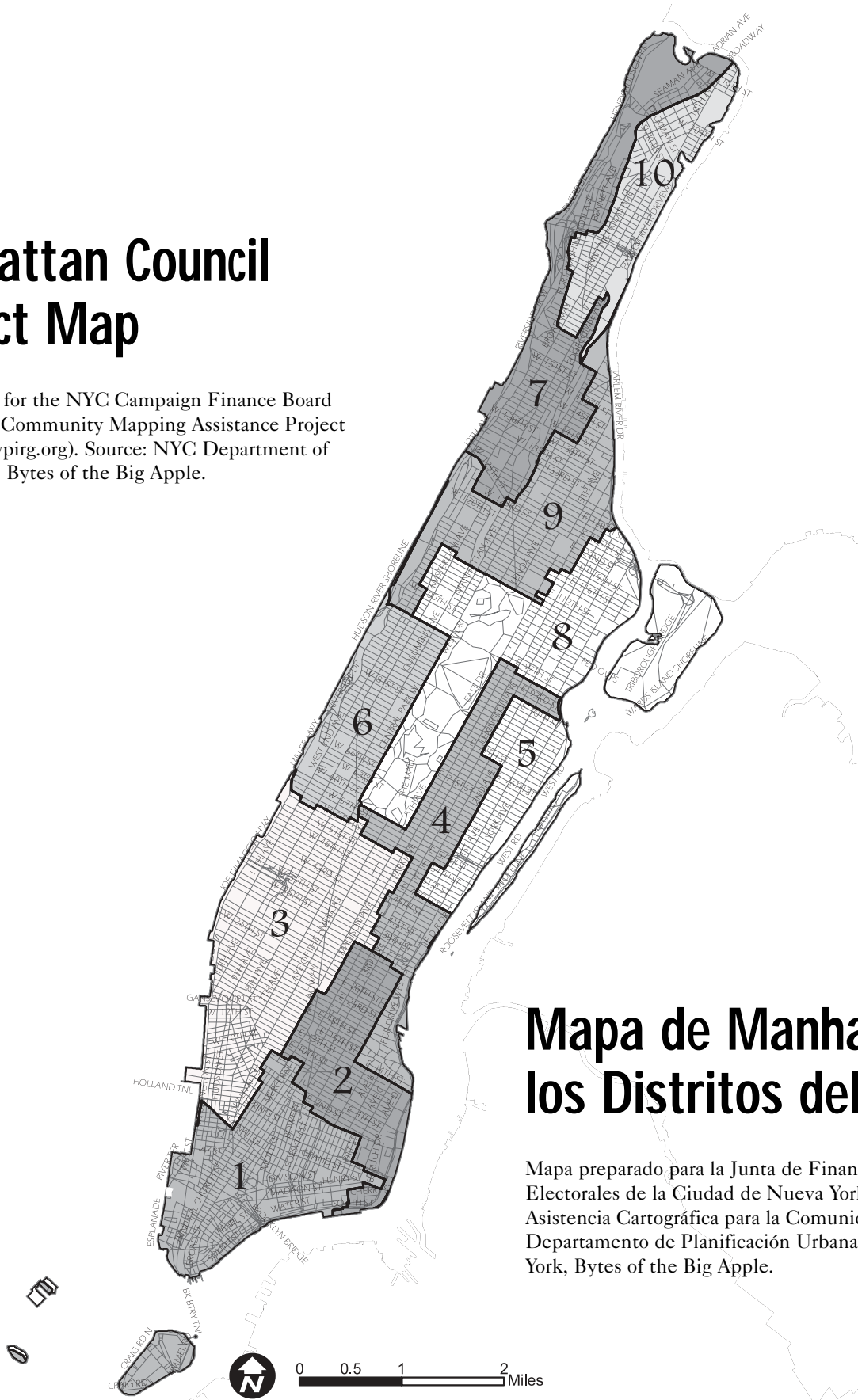
Tuesday, September 9, 2003

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Mapa de Queens con los Distritos del Concejo

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