

Hello. I'm Scott Stringer. I was born in Washington Heights and have lived my whole life in Manhattan. Public service has been my life's work.

For almost four years, I have been privileged to serve you as Manhattan Borough President. I know what New Yorkers care about. And I know how to use this office to meet your needs.

The top issue on my agenda is the public school system. Mayoral control of the schools is raising the performance of students on English and math tests. But there is still much more to do. My office is making sure that new schools are built in the Manhattan neighborhoods I represent. And we're finding better ways to involve parents in decisions that affect their children's schools as well.

I am also working as hard as I can to lift us out of this recession by helping

small businesses; we're directing stimulus money to the places it can do the most good; and we're working hard to diversify the City's economy beyond Wall Street.

Like me, some of you have lived in the City long enough to remember the bad old days of the 1970s. We learned then that City budget pressures must never be allowed to reverse progress on crime prevention and the quality of life in Manhattan's neighborhoods. I'm not going to let that happen now.

I'll always demand answers when we see a new threat to public safety, whether it's too many construction crane accidents, dangerous elevators in public housing or unregulated airplanes and helicopters above the Hudson River.

And to make our City the greenest and healthiest City in the nation, I want to expand my Go Green programs that are adding

farmers' markets, planting trees and giving  
people healthier food choices.

Thank you for listening and voting in  
this election.

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