

This is your Councilmember, Alan J. Gerson.

Our District faces the World Trade Center challenge. After 9/11, I arranged independent environmental assessments and ensured all received healthcare. I ensured that small businesses and all residents received financial assistance. I fought for safety improvements at the Deutsche Bank and assured that Fitermann Hall would be replaced. Now, I'm determined that the Memorial open by the 10th anniversary.

My work has been guided by four principles.

1. Livability: My legislation strengthened our City's noise code and clean air standards and improved construction, traffic, and nightlife safety. I saved firehouses and improved ambulance response times and am fighting for adequate police

patrols. I created new parks, libraries, open waterfront spaces, and community facilities. My efforts preserved our low-rise districts.

2. Affordability: I created two housing trust funds and passed the Tenant Empowerment Act, which will preserve thousands of affordable apartments. I negotiated millions to create affordable housing.

3. Children and Seniors: I created many innovative programs including the Space Science Education Center. I created new schools to alleviate overcrowding and shelters for homeless teenagers. My efforts have ensured that every senior center remains open and that seniors receive bathroom grab bars to protect their safety.

4. Cultural and Economic Opportunity: My efforts created theaters and cultural facilities throughout our District and

expanded assistance to small business. Now I am working to diversify our economy with science, technology, and fashion.

As your Councilmember, I have developed the experience to continue progress.

Together we may continue to make our community and City more livable, affordable, prosperous and safe, and more compassionate for all.

\* \* \* \* \*