

Hello. I'm Rosie Mendez. I am running for re-election to the City Council in District 2, Manhattan.

Before the City Council, I was a community organizer and a legal services lawyer.

I'd like to share with you my major accomplishments during my first term:

I worked on two rezoning plans in my District. Each plan preserves and creates affordable housing and limits the height of all buildings. The Lower Eastside/East Village rezoning was the most comprehensive rezoning plan in Manhattan in the last decade.

I chair the Subcommittee on Public Housing and with my colleagues fought for and got \$38 million for NYCHA. Part of this

money was used to keep senior and community centers open.

Together with my colleagues, we fought and got \$129 million for public schools in last year's budget, and I secured \$5 million for 22 schools in my District for new science labs, auditoriums and computers.

I've introduced legislation that would provide legal assistance to seniors facing homelessness, provide language access in City agencies, increase penalties when mold is not removed properly, ban the display of exotic animals, and facilitate the parade permit process, and not infringe on our First Amendment rights.

I believe I have been an effective advocate, addressing a variety of issues including noise and rat complaints.

Lastly, I have been an independent voice in the City Council who opposed term

limit extensions, did not vote in favor of tax abatements for a new Yankee Stadium, fought for tenant protection laws and fought to end the false arrests of gay men.

I have a progressive vision for my community and remain dedicated to addressing the needs and aspirations of my constituents.

If you live in my District, I hope I've earned your vote.

Thank you.

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