

Hi, my name is Maria Passannante-Derr and I am a Democratic candidate for New York City Council in the 3rd District, covering Chelsea, Greenwich Village, Hell's Kitchen, Clinton, Hudson Square and parts of the Flatiron District and Murray Hill.

I was born and raised in the District and come from a family tradition of public service. I believe in our community and the people who care so passionately about it.

I have served six years on Community Board 2 and two of those years as Chair. I vehemently opposed the extension of term limits without a public referendum. The people of this City have voted twice before on this fundamental democratic issue and their voice should be heard again.

If elected, I will restore meals and social service programs to seniors and will continue to advocate for more parental

involvement in the school system. It is imperative to eliminate school overcrowding by opposing mega developments that do not consider our community's need for schools.

I fully support same sex marriage, pro equality legislation and will continue to fight for equal rights for all New Yorkers.

Maintaining my law practice in the community has given me an invaluable perspective on the importance of small businesses in providing jobs and neighborhood character.

The people of the 3rd District are devoted, caring and actively involved. They need and deserve a leader who will listen with compassion and will act with the community's best interest at heart. I have already made a difference in our community and together we can make a real impact in our District.

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I am committed to being your voice in
the New York City Council.

Please vote for me in the upcoming
election.

Thank you.

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