

My name is Christine Quinn and I'd like to start by thanking the Voter Assistance Commission for providing this Video Voter Guide and thanking all of you for taking the time to watch and listen.

I am incredibly proud to serve the neighborhoods of Chelsea, Greenwich Village, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Murray Hill on the City Council and for the last three and half years to serve as the Council Speaker.

But even more, I'm proud of the many things we've been able to accomplish together. We've fought to preserve affordable housing all across our neighborhoods, from Manhattan Plaza to Penn South to Westbeth and the West Village Houses. And we've passed legislation that will create tens of thousands of affordable apartments in our City in the decade ahead.

We've stood up for tenants passing landmark legislation to stop tenant harassment and discrimination.

Together we've worked to preserve our neighborhood's character and stop irresponsible development, whether it was stopping the West Side Stadium, creating the West Chelsea Historic District or downzoning in the Far West Village.

We've also made great progress in improving our neighborhood's schools, from expanding the availability of pre-kindergarten in the Village to relieving overcrowding to keep our classrooms safe.

In tough times, we've also given special care to preserving and strengthening services for vulnerable New Yorkers, whether it's protecting funding for HIV/AIDS services, bringing green markets to underserved neighborhoods, or expanding access to food stamps.

And together we've led the charge for progressive change on so many important issues, strengthening a woman's right to choose with a new clinic access law, guaranteeing all domestic partners equal access to City benefits and services, and continuing to fight to bring marriage equality to New York.

Together we've been able to accomplish a lot. But I know there's so much more to do for our neighborhood and for the causes we share.

I hope you'll give me the chance to continue to serve you and our communities.

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