

My name is Dan Garodnick. And I am a member of the City Council representing District 4 in Manhattan, from Stuyvesant Town to East 97th Street.

As you know, our City today is facing unprecedented challenges. Getting past them will require experienced leadership, creative problem solving and the ability to make tough decisions. Those are the qualities that I will continue to bring to the City Council.

It's more important than ever to improve our neighborhood public schools and to reduce overcrowding. Since I was elected four years ago, we have opened and planned new elementary schools: PS 151, PS 59, and a future school on the former Con Ed site. I will keep up the fight to add even more classroom capacity, to eliminate wait lists, and to give our children the balanced education that will allow them to succeed.

I also have a proven record of standing up for tenants. I am the author of the landmark Tenant Protection Act, the law that defends renters from harassment, and I have fought every day to defend the tenants of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village - and tenants all across my District - from being pushed out of their homes. And, as chair of one of the Land Use Subcommittees in the Council, I have presided over the creation of thousands of units of affordable housing.

But for New York's recovery, we also need to diversify our economy and to invest in our City's infrastructure and green jobs. I am the author of the City's first Green Energy Code, and I've earned a perfect score from the League of Conservation Voters for my record on environmental issues.

Let's also find ways to make government work even better for us. I have proposed

reforms to create more transparency in the budget, to strengthen our campaign finance system, to change the way we address police misconduct, and to professionalize our Board of Elections. And I voted against extending term limits for elected officials without a public referendum.

Living on the East Side my whole life, and serving four years on the Council, gives me a strong sense of the various communities of this District.

I hope you will give me an opportunity to continue this important work, and I ask for your vote on November 3rd.

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