

I'm Jessica Lappin, and I'm proud to represent Manhattan's Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island on the New York City Council.

Over the last three and half years, we've done a lot together to strengthen our neighborhood. But I'm especially proud of the work we've done to improve our public schools. As chair of the City Council subcommittee that approves new schools, I've personally overseen the approval of over 35,000 new school seats Citywide.

We've also made progress here on the East Side. But we still face an overcrowding crisis in our schools. In my next term, I'll continue to work with parents to open the schools we so desperately need. I'll also build on my efforts to attract good teachers, enhance after-school activities, and expand programs for gifted and talented students.

In these tough economic times, I will also vote for responsible budgets that hold taxes down while protecting the vital services that keep New York thriving and livable. That includes keeping our streets safe, and protecting our parks, libraries, and cultural institutions. And I'll continue to protect tenants.

During my first term in the City Council, I've proven I can get results. I've passed bills to protect women's reproductive rights and to improve construction safety. I've also secured funding for three new waterfront parks. And I got the City to start a public recycling program.

I also know that the issues that matter most are often those that hit closest to home, like saving a bus stop that seniors depend on or quieting down neighborhood noise. In my next term, I'll keep working

on these quality of life issues. And I'll also keep tackling our long term challenges like mass transit and affordable housing.

I hope you'll visit my website jessicalappin.com to learn more, and I hope I can count on your support on November 3rd.

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