

It is the challenge of a lifetime to serve the diverse neighborhoods that constitute the 7th District of Manhattan, which is made up of Hamilton Heights, West Harlem, and parts of Washington Heights, Inwood, Harlem and Morningside Heights. It is a challenge that I look forward to, day in and day out. I ask that you give me the opportunity to continue to represent you by voting for me.

When you pull that lever, I ask that you decide your vote on the basis of achievement and integrity. I have taken leadership roles in the City Council in two main areas: education and minority affairs. I am the Chair of the Council's Education Committee and Co-Chair of its Black, Latino and Asian Caucus. Despite achievements such as a passage of a law revamping the City's contracting process to include more Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises and the Equal Benefits Bill, more work remains to be done.

Currently I am the sponsor of the Small Business Survival Bill, a proposed law that would trigger an arbitration process for commercial tenants in good

standing when tenants and landlords do not agree on the terms of lease renewal. The aim is to prevent closure of neighborhood storefronts, which we see all over our district.

I pledge to continue supporting a progressive agenda that emphasizes budgetary allocations and legislation that helps us to pull ourselves up. Protecting neighborhood senior programs, supporting job development, job training, creating affordable housing units, and fighting for reforming the rent guidelines board review process are all on the "to do" list.

I came to the Council as a grass-roots parent activist, a firm believer in community control, not Mayoral Control, for our schools. I co-founded the Campaign for Fiscal Equity that successfully sued New York State to obtain more funding, eventually resulting in an additional \$16 billion for construction and operating aid.

As Chair of the Council's Education Committee, I see the ongoing need for independent data analysis,

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independent oversight and independent parent
involvement.

Please give me the opportunity to continue
fighting for you. Vote for me, Robert Jackson.

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