

Hi. I'm Gwen Goodwin. I've lived in East Harlem for 26 years. I am running for City Council.

Our community currently faces an emergency. Last year the City Council approved the rezoning of 125th Street. The rezoning will allow huge real estate developers to demolish the entire corridor of 125th Street starting at Second Avenue and crossing over to the area taken by Columbia University, displacing current tenants. This will accelerate gentrification of Harlem. When elected I will work to repeal this current rezoning.

I was part of the lawsuit against the construction of the East River Plaza in 1999, where eminent domain abuse occurred in which large businesses are now allowed to take small businesses. This is facilitated by the government and in New York City by the New York City Council. I want to be on

the City Council to be able to prevent this abuse from continuing.

In 1999, when the Board of Education began the illegal demolition of P.S. 109, I formed the Coalition to Save P.S. 109 and still serve as its chair today. We went on to landmark the building.

My election to City Council will demonstrate a popular mandate for the restoration and use of the much needed school space.

When tenant protection and rent regulations were being threatened, I organized free bus trips with free lunches to the tenants' rally in Albany. This allowed tenants from East Harlem to add their voices to the struggle and to show the faces of those most threatened. I believe we need to strengthen rent protection further.

I also initiated East Harlem Bus Stop to prevent the opening of the 100th Street Bus Depot. We sued the MTA for environmental racism. East Harlem has the highest rate of asthma in the U.S.

Finally, after 9/11, I initiated the Breath of Fresh Air campaign. I arranged free weekend trips to Cape May, New Jersey. I knew the men and women had been breathing a toxic soup at the former site of the World Trade Center and literally could use a breath of fresh air. Over 400 families were able to take advantage of this program.

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