

I'm Robert Rodriguez and I am running for City Council. I am the son of former City Councilman Robert Rodriguez. I was born, raised, and educated in East Harlem. I attended New York City public schools, and I graduated from Cardinal Hayes in the South Bronx. In fact, the only time I have ever left the District was to attend Yale University. I also hold a master's degree in finance from NYU and I've worked in public finance helping municipalities raise money for public works projects.

I currently serve as the chairman of Community Board 11 where I have pushed developers to provide affordable housing and hire local contractors, required large businesses to provide jobs for local residents, and ensured that new projects provide both economic growth and sustainability for the community.

As a product of the New York City school system, I understand the highs and lows, successes and failures of public schools. I also understand how great they can become again. I want to promote education by attracting high quality teachers, reducing class sizes, and increasing parental engagement.

I have also worked to preserve the integrity and diversity of our community by celebrating the various cultures represented in the District and ensuring that as residents we receive the quality healthcare, education, and social services from the City that we deserve.

The community of the 8th Council District has been neglected as millions of dollars are being invested in the District, and I want to make sure a portion of every dollar directly benefits local groups represented in the District.

More importantly, East Harlem, the South Bronx, and the Upper West Side needs leadership that understands the issues because they understand the community. Someone that is from the community and is able to bring the know-how needed to preserve our community, create affordable housing, educational and employment opportunities, and improve the quality of life for all our residents.

So, on September 15th, vote for change. Vote for Robert Rodriguez for City Council.

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