

Hello. My name is Calvin Solomon. I am a Democratic candidate for the New York City Council in the 8th City Council District. The 8th Council District includes East Harlem, Manhattan Valley on the West Side and the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

I am a life long resident of East Harlem and have over 30 years of public and community service experience. I have been an aide to former East Harlem City Councilmembers Robert Low and Carter Burden.

From 1981 until 1991 I served as president of the George Washington Houses Resident Association. The George Washington Houses is a New York City Housing Authority development with over 1,500 units.

I was elected the first president of Police Service Area #5 Tenant/Police Council

and served in that capacity from 1984 until 1991.

On July 1, 1991, I joined the New York County District Attorney's Office Community Affairs unit. The honorable Robert M. Morgenthau appointed me deputy director of the Community Affairs Unit on June 24th, 1996, and director on April 4th, 2002.

I am married to former Democratic District Leader Hilda Fox-Solomon and have two daughters, Janice and Alexandria.

As your Councilmember I will fight for affordable housing, represent and support New York City Housing Authority residents, encourage increased parent participation in our public schools, demand the reinstatement of community policing, assign a full-time staff member for the West Side and Bronx parts of the 8th Council District, maximize health care availability and affordability, increase after-school options for our youth.

If elected, I pledge to the voters of the 8th Council District that I will represent the entire District and will give the commitment to this office you deserve.

Thank you.

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