

Hello. My name is Helen Diane Foster and I have the pleasure of serving as your City Council Member.

In the City Council, under my leadership, the Bronx has made tremendous strides. Together we have championed policies that have created jobs with steady benefits and dignified salaries. We have constructed affordable housing. We have held landlords to a higher standard that places people above profits. And we've demanded development that preserves, not destroys, our communities.

Although we have enjoyed great success, there is more work that needs to be done.

I have spearheaded efforts to increase participation of minority and women-owned businesses in City contracting. I have secured more dollars for our classrooms. I have fought to demand that parents once

again have a seat at the table and a more meaningful role in their children's education. I have fought to restore funding for senior centers, community boards and community based organizations.

Despite outside pressures, I've never supported any budget proposal that is balanced on the backs of children, seniors and hard-working families of the Bronx.

It is that independent leadership our District has come to expect from me. I have always fought against all forms of injustice. I have used my voice to speak up for the voiceless. I have stood down the powerful corporations and the special interest groups. Whether they're billionaires at Yankee Stadium or billionaires downtown, I haven't been controlled by them, by county organizations, interest groups or corporations, only by the people.

Placing people first is a value I was taught at an early age. The Bronx isn't just a City Council District. It is home. It is a place where we raise families, worship and create memories to pass down from generation to generation.

I hope you will join me, Helen Diane Foster, on Election Day, so that together we can move the Bronx forward.

Vote for Helen Diane Foster.

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