

My name is Paul Vallone and I am running for New York City Council District 19 representing northeast Queens.

It is an honor to stand before you, just as our family has stood with you for over three generations. My life has been dedicated to community service, and I have served on numerous City-wide, Borough-wide and local organizations.

I start every day with a smile and give thanks for the many blessings in my life. I am married to my beautiful and loving wife Anna-Marie and I am the proud father of three angels: Catena, Lea, and Charlie.

Our District is faced with some of the largest projects that will immediately impact our community. For example, the approval process for a new 36-acre Police Academy in College Point has already begun, and numerous businesses are slated for

relocation into the College Point Corporate Park. I promise to closely monitor these projects to ensure the least impact to our neighborhood. I also strongly support our community's clear position that the former Flushing Airport remain parkland or used only for soft recreational use.

The conditions our children face while playing in our parks remains unacceptable. As a result, I have proposed two new conservancies: one for Fort Totten, a shining jewel of our community, and the other for the proposed parkland at the former Flushing Airport. I will create these conservancies to protect, finance and oversee the needs and concerns of our children and neighbors.

I will preserve our quality of life and protect our neighborhoods from overdevelopment. Specifically, one of my first priorities will be to restore the recently denied landmarks application

submitted by the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association. I will protect our children's future by preserving critical funding to our school system, and I will fight for our public safety by creating police sub-stations to assist our two overburdened police precincts.

Today more than ever, we deserve the very best from our local leaders. I believe we must bring pride back to politics and leave a legacy our children can follow. I promise to lead with compassion, unite with understanding, and always communicate with a positive message, a message that has been endorsed by Mayor Koch, the Uniformed Sanitation Men, our City's finest - the PBA and their affiliates - and civic leaders across the district from College Point to Little Neck.

We deserve strong leadership based on integrity, honor, and positive politics, and this remains my pledge to you.

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