

Hi, my name is Evergreen Chou. I am the Green Party candidate for City Council District 20.

I'm the Green Party State Committee Member (District Leader) of AD 22.

I've worked as an ultrasound diagnostic medical sonographer at Lutheran Medical Center for 20 years and have been a union member and delegate of local SEIU/1199 for almost that long. I'm also the Scoutmaster of Flushing Boy Scout Troop 888, where I live in downtown Flushing.

Three major problems in the Flushing community are housing, jobs and the environment. There is a lot of work in Flushing. There are few jobs with a living wage. This, combined with skyrocketing rents, cause overcrowding as more and more tenants are needed to pay rent on an apartment. Overpriced commercial rents are

forcing many small business and medium sized businesses to go under. Flushing is the end of the line for subways, buses and bus terminals, with high truck use and many airplane flights overhead causing much pollution.

As City Councilman, I would immediately test the air quality and noise level of Flushing. I would like to see the City go into a partnership with several buildings that have run out of money and are currently either empty holes or half finished apartment buildings. Stimulus money can be used to finish these housing projects and to start others. These buildings, when finished, can provide equally a third housing to the middle-class, a third to the poor and a third at market rents. Rent should be no more than a fourth of a family's earnings. Families unable to pay their mortgages should have the right to rent without being forced from their property.

We need job training that includes job placement and apprenticeship programs for the youth and unemployed of all ages.

Schools need to turn away from being high-stakes testing centers and become places of education.

My motto is to serve the people.

Wei Ren Ming Fu Wu.

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