

Hi. My name is Peter Vallone and I am the Public Safety Chair of the New York City Council. For close to eight years I have been privileged to represent the people of northwestern Queens. Anyone can talk about what they will do, but it's more important for you to actually look at what that person has accomplished.

When I first ran for office, I ran on my record as a prosecutor and my record of community service. Now I would like to discuss my record as an elected official. When I began in public service, I said I would focus on three primary issues: public safety, the environment, and our schools, and I have done that.

As Public Safety Chair, I have led the fight against police cuts and for more Homeland Security funding. I have worked to strengthen laws against sex offenders and written the toughest anti-graffiti laws in the country.

As a member of the Environmental Protection Committee, I have worked hard to make this a greener

city. I have written and passed New York City's first plastic bag recycling law, higher fines for litterers, and more neighborhood trash cans and sanitation pick ups. In 2010, we will see the closing of the Charles Poletti Power Plant in Astoria, one of the dirtiest polluters in the State, as a result of my efforts.

As a parent of two children in public schools and a member of the Education Committee, I have worked hard to improve our schools. I am proud of the gains we have made. I support Mayoral control but I have opposed the Mayor on issues such as his failure to allow students to bring cell phones to and from schools and over-reliance on testing and, frankly, way too much homework for our younger kids.

As a fighter for my community, I'll place my record of bringing funding and services against anyone's. We've built three huge new senior housing developments, a world class soccer field, new and renovated parks, an emergency room at Mt. Sinai, put video cameras to keep kids safe and other new technology into our schools and provided funding for

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everything from Little Leagues to Food Pantries, and graffiti removal.

I'm proud of my record and I'm proud of the support it has earned me from Unions such as the UFT, the PBA, DC 37, and many, many others. I would be just as proud to have earned your support. So, thank you for taking the time to listen and make a difference.

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