

Hello everyone.

It's time for the City Council to hear the voice of the people above those of special interest groups. It's time for the City Council to practice common sense, like using your precious tax dollars wisely, clearing out waste and fraud, and producing real results, not just making promises to address our community's many needs.

My name is Angelo Maragos and as your City Council representative, it will be my mission to improve your quality of life and give you every opportunity to achieve the success you deserve.

My first objective will be to create new employment opportunities. That's why I will make available tax incentives for businesses to hire and locate here in Northwest Queens and give existing small businesses access to rent rebates and

interest-free loans to keep them going through these tough times.

Secondly, education is the path to empowerment and independence, and that's why I want to give parents and students choice by establishing more charter schools. Charter schools are exciting educational alternatives that foster classroom innovation and will also serve to relieve overcrowding in our public schools.

And lastly, our City government must take direct action now to create additional affordable housing. I pledge to aggressively pursue federal stimulus funds to be put to direct use for the people of this City by purchasing defaulting residential properties and privatizing them to tenants. This will create affordable housing, not in 5 or 10 years, but now, and thus empower tenants with choice.

Let me be your voice in establishing in government the same common sense you would use. Let us work together to make wise and balanced choices that reflect the needs of individuals and families in our community.

Let me empower you; you have a choice. Please vote for real change this November 3rd.

Thank you.

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