

Hi, my name is Elizabeth Crowley and I would like to take a minute to talk about my history, my work as a Councilmember and where I think we could go in the future.

First, a little bit about me. For over three generations, my family has been dedicated to public service. I learned from a very early age the importance of community involvement. I have lived in Middle Village and Glendale my whole entire life.

Prior to being elected to the City Council, I worked for a large New York City based nonprofit, providing job training resources to thousands of New Yorkers in need. I also helped administer the \$32 million Emergency Employment Grant after the attack on 9/11.

Since taking office in January, I've tackled a wide array of issues.

As a former educator and mother of two children in local schools, no issue is more important than strengthening our local education system. In the City Council, I will continue to work to reduce class sizes, attract and retain the best teachers, and ensure that students master the skills of one grade before moving on to the next.

I've authored several pieces of legislation to make New York City safer, to protect homeowners and small businesses, and to improve access to quality and affordable health care. I will continue to advocate for more local police and fire protection, to improve services for our seniors that include tax abatements and prescription drug benefits, and to preserve the overall character of our neighborhoods by stopping overdevelopment.

In these tough economic times, I believe that recovery will be driven in large part by supporting local businesses.

It is essential that businesses of all sizes are aware of the government's ability to bring stimulus dollars to our neighborhood's main streets.

In just a few short months my office has made clear progress for the neighborhoods of Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village, Richmond Hill, Ridgewood and Woodhaven.

My name is Elizabeth Crowley and I look forward to continuing our work together.

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