

My name is Marquez Claxton and I am running to become the next Councilman from the 31st District in Queens.

I will bring courage, integrity, vision and a dogged determination to make City government responsive to our needs. Some of the issues confronting our District are:

The ravages of the foreclosure crisis fueled by predatory lending.

The limited re-zoning effort that has failed to protect our communities from reckless over-development and also placed additional demands on our already limited resources.

The high level of unemployment.

The refusal to create an additional police precinct to better serve the residents.

The lack of institutions and programs that provide service and support to our youth.

The failure to provide full support and service to our seniors.

The lack of preventative health care programs and initiatives.

A school system where learning is measured by test scores and offers little in the way of cultural exposure and arts.

Law enforcement strategies that measure effectiveness by the number of arrests made, summonses issued and stop and frisks conducted as opposed to providing respectful, professional service.

Engaging in substantive discussions about the fragile environment and devising a plan to promote and protect our natural

resources while creating "green job" opportunities to our under- and unemployed.

As a detective in the NYPD I served in the Narcotics Division on the frontline fighting the scourge of drugs and the residual violence. I also served as a domestic violence / child abuse coordinator protecting our families.

I am a former co-founder for "100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care" and the current director for the Black Law Enforcement Alliance.

I am the former chair of the Public Safety Committee for Community Board 13, a life member of the NAACP, and a current member of the Federated Blocks of Laurelton.

I co-chair the Gangs, Guns and Gainful Employment Subcommittee of the New York State Democratic Conference's Operation SNUG and I'm a current member of the National

Organization of Black Law Enforcement  
Executives.

Most importantly, I am a husband, a  
father, a son, a concerned neighbor. What I  
am not is a politician because I firmly  
believe that politics and politicians have  
failed us.

Join me in returning power to the  
people by voting "Claxton for City Council."

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