

Hello friends and neighbors. My name is Jacques Leandre and I'm a Democrat running for City Council in District 31, which is comprised of the Queens neighborhoods of Laurelton, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, the Rockaways and parts of Cambria Heights and South Ozone Park. I currently live in Laurelton with my wife and two young children who attend public schools in District 31.

My parents immigrated to the United States in 1972. After living in Far Rockaway during the early years of my childhood, we moved to Rosedale, Queens, where I attended public school at Springfield Gardens High School and upon graduation enrolled in Morehouse College earning a degree in finance. I immediately returned to my community to work with my childhood sports organization while at the same time attending CUNY Law School full time.

We live in a community with tremendous potential. However, recently our community has faced challenges that require innovative leadership. Challenges such as a high foreclosure rate and overdevelopment in District 31. Challenges such as unbearable flooding, challenges such as the lack of services for the youth and the elderly. Challenges such as inadequate funding to resolve our issues.

It is time for change, and as a community leader I have organized free legal seminars to combat foreclosures. As a community leader working with local groups, I was successful in protecting our community from overdevelopment. As a community leader, I have obtained over a million dollars in funding for our youth services.

As your next City Councilmember, I will seek out the funding that will enable us to address the issues of flooding. I will work

diligently to obtain a quality community center that will service both our youth and our seniors.

There's power in numbers. I will form alliances with the people of the 31st District so that when others at City Hall see me, they see you.

Change has come to Washington and now it is time for change to come to City Hall. I encourage you to elect bold, innovative leadership to represent District 31 in the City Council.

Again, my name is Jacques Leandre. In 2008, you voted for Barack. On September 15th, vote for Jacques.

Thank you.

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