

My name is Letitia James and it has been my honor and privilege to represent Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights, Crown Heights, parts of Bedford Stuyvesant and Vinegar Hill in the City Council.

For six years our office has been responsive and open and accessible. We've resolved hundreds of complaints in this District.

Working with housing advocates, we've created and preserved a significant number of affordable housing units. We've also fought predatory equity companies who have sought to purchase rent controlled and rent stabilized buildings, evicting long-term residents and increasing the rents four times in the District.

We've also been working with affordable housing advocates in our attempt to preserve

Tivoli Towers in a legal challenge in which we won.

We've been working with civic associations to downzone the community and protect the character of the community and designate it as a landmark.

In addition to that, we have funded a significant number of libraries, math labs, science labs, and technology labs, improving educational outcomes in the community and renovating parks and playgrounds.

As most of you know, I have opposed the Atlantic Yards project, a 20,000 seat arena and sixteen skyscrapers which would destroy the fabric of our community, a project that would abuse eminent domain evicting individuals and businesses from their homes and from their small business.

I also opposed the administration and their efforts to transfer the only intake

center to Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights, a plan that is not in the best interest of homeless men who desperately need affordable housing and a plan, again, that would destroy the fabric of Bedford Stuyvesant community, which is already oversaturated with social services.

This is a beautiful brownstone community, a community with a significant number of arts programs, and it has been my honor and privilege to represent this wonderful community in the City Council and I would be humbled by your support once again.

Thank you.

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