My name is Robert E. Cornegy Jr., candidate for the 36th District City Council seat.

I have a long history of service focusing on mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness within the Brooklyn community.

In addition, I have background in budget management, and I've gained valuable hands-on experience by implementing service-delivery programs while working at the Riker's Island Prison Complex.

As an enthusiastic board member of many community and social organizations and networks, I bring awareness and positive change to New York. My extensive knowledge of how substance abuse affects my community inspired me to secure a Professional Certificate in the treatment of individuals suffering from substance abuse issues. Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.

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I have a Bachelor degree in Organizational Management and Masters degree in Organizational Leadership from Mercy College.

I'm the son of the late Reverend Dr. Robert E. Cornegy, Sr., Pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and the late Ellen Journey Cornegy. Both of my parents were active members of the church for a quarter of a century, and it is with their spirit of servant leadership that I continue to be inspired.

Now more than ever, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights communities need leaders with the understanding to guide us into the future, the wisdom to improve the mental, physical, and financial health of the people and the unwavering conviction to be a voice of change, the real voice of change in action.

Chances are you were born here or have roots here, you now have family here, or perhaps you'd like to establish yourself in a neighborhood with a genuine sense of community. All of these are worthwhile reasons to choose to live in the 36th District. So why did I make the same choice?

To me, Bedford-Stuyvesant represents a vibrant, cultural community steeped in those who care about family. As a resident, homeowner, and stakeholder, I chose Bedford-Stuyvesant because I trust it's the right place to raise my children. I sincerely care about what happens to its people, and I'm grateful that I can have an opportunity to represent my community.

As a member of the City Council and a public servant, I will demonstrate good care, competent concern, and a solid commitment to protecting our Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights neighborhoods.

Let me know your thoughts. Join me at twitter.com/cornegy2009.

Together we can make a difference.

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