

Hi. My name is Lew Fidler and for the past seven and a half years it's been my privilege to be your representative at City Hall.

I hope you agree that I've been an independent, hard working voice that's delivered results for our City and for our neighborhoods.

As chairperson of the Youth Services Committee, I held over a dozen hearings on the plight of runaway and homeless youth sleeping on our City's streets. As a result, we've vastly increased the number of shelter beds.

I was the first elected official in the country to predict the sub-prime mortgage lending crisis, and, as a result, we funded mortgage foreclosure prevention services before the crisis hit.

A year before the State Legislature adopted it, I was the one who proposed the solution that saved us from a huge transit fare increase.

In our District, I vastly increased the spending for our senior programs, youth, and after school programs.

The Parks Commissioner has said that I've delivered more money to improve our neighborhood parks than has any other Councilman in the City of New York.

And I have funded both a capital and an expense budget item for every public school in our District every year in the budget. Those are computers, auditorium upgrades, and cultural, musical and arts programs for all of our kids, and I've done it without sacrificing my independence.

I have one of the most independent voting records in the Council, and when the

current administration came to our Council District, they said I was no shrinking violet and when I was on the other side, I could be quite irritating.

I think what they were saying was that I fight hard for what I believe in and I do it effectively. I would like the chance to do that for another four years.

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to thank you for the opportunity and the privilege of having served. Whatever you decide, please remember to vote.

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