

The residents of Staten Island must have strong leadership and representation that will always strive to place the interests of the hardworking people of Staten Island ahead of their personal interests and those of their particular party.

My mother's family originally came from Ireland and England, and my father was an immigrant from Germany after World War II.

I have their determination to succeed and the strength to stick to my family values and conservative principles, regardless of the pressure to change my mind or how it affects my personal well-being.

Strong leadership and service to others has always been my way of life while serving in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 20 years, serving as the military representative to the United Nations in post-Desert Storm

Africa, as the Commander of the Richmond County American Legion in 2007, or as the current Commander of the Michael J. Petrides School Air Force Junior ROTC program here in Staten Island.

I promise to fight your fight and not the fight of the political bosses.

I will always work hard to eliminate wasteful spending and unnecessary government bureaucracy and red tape, reduce the size of government, keep taxes as low as possible, and bring back our fair share of the budget for Staten Island and the North Shore.

I will work to protect and promote jobs by pressing to move those on unemployment into hard to fill City jobs and utilize unemployment benefits to subsidize employees in struggling small mom and pop businesses before they become unemployed.

I will press for better access to health care by working with Richmond University Hospital to develop underutilized office space in the North Shore neighborhoods to bring doctors to the people for routine care.

I will press for action and not studies to reactivate the shovel ready North Shore railroad.

And, as an educator myself, I will work with the Mayor's Office to improve the discipline and the learning environment in our schools.

If you want a leader who will listen to and represent you, the working class, rather than to the political bosses, party demands, and for self-benefit, then vote for me to represent you in the City Council.

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