

Endorsement Guide: Member of the State Assembly, 76th District

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 Ed Hartzog	<p>The site of the MTS is the perfect space for an extension of my plan to finish off the East River Esplanade with green space. The west side of the island seems a more suitable, less residentially dense space to locate the transfer station. However, there is a far more responsible, long-term solution to dealing with Manhattan's trash than completing the construction of any transfer station.</p>	<p>I will fight for a continuation and increase of the \$50,000 SCRIE exemption when it sunsets in 2016. I also look forward to working on the Housing Committee of Community Board 8 to address the Mayor's plan for affordable housing and its impact on the Upper East Side.</p>	<p>I fully support this measure and would go further in advocating for a fully funded, publicly financed system that covers all campaigns for all offices. I am very disappointed with the Governor's proposal because it seems a very disingenuous, craven political move by our elected officials in Albany.</p>	<p>I have been advocating for this change for years and fully support its implementation.</p>	<p>I would push for a moratorium on rent increases for those individuals and small businesses who were displaced by the subway's construction. Rent should stay where it was before they were forced out due to lack of business in order for them to get back on their feet, should they so choose to return.</p>
 David Menegon	<p>Transporting garbage from pickup to final destination is the most cost effective solution synchronized with an aggressive recycling campaign. I will support P2P to expand its base to include families, who use Asphalt Green or who will be affected by truck traffic, but do not live in the district, and urge them to call their Councilmembers to stop the MTS, and continue to fight on the legal front.</p>	<p>Repeal the Urstadt Law, up for review in 2015, and stop rules forcing newly single seniors to relocate. With facilities at full capacity and waiting lists for decades, we should urge developers to submit proposals to NYSHCR for construction of subsidized senior housing. We must keep up the pressure against illegal hotels, which often take away from affordable housing stock.</p>	<p>I support public financing of all state-wide offices, similar to NYC. A small donor system will create a more honest and transparent government by reducing the power of the select few who can spend enormous amounts of money to gain influence over policy. I do not support singling out one office as a trial. All state wide offices should be done at the same time.</p>	<p>Being a NY State legislator doesn't just mean attending legislative sessions and voting on proposed laws. Legislators also spend large amounts of time assisting constituents. I support a full-time position up to \$134,000 per year with the condition of term limitations. Legislators cannot have other employment or income for services. Retirement and investment income would be permissible.</p>	<p>Businesses have lost up to 50% of their revenues because of construction. Businesses need assistance to have net income at pre-construction levels. I support real-estate tax credits to lower rents, and economic development grants to provide financial and technical assistance to small businesses located within the area where construction is taking place for the duration of construction.</p>

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 Gus Christensen	<p><i>Did not submit a response in time for publication.</i></p>	<p><i>Did not submit a response in time for publication.</i></p>	<p><i>Did not submit a response in time for publication.</i></p>	<p><i>Did not submit a response in time for publication.</i></p>	<p><i>Did not submit a response in time for publication.</i></p>

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Monica Atiya is a Partner at ScholarChip, an industry leader in smart card technology. Monica also heads Upper East Side for Change and is Grassroots Coordinator for current and former NYS Organizing for America members. Under her leadership, volunteer efforts were harnessed into action that had a direct and tangible effect on President Obama's re-election. Monica has lived on the UES since 1999 with her husband and their two children, now adult.

Posie Di Sesa, a corporate communications/public relations consultant, is currently a reading tutor for sixth graders in the South Bronx. She has been active in Democratic politics for four years, volunteering for local, state and federal candidates and issues. Posie has phone banked, canvassed, arranged fundraisers and house parties, petitioned, campaigned, and worked visibilities.

Lynne Feibermann is a paralegal for an international law firm where she provides research assistance for attorneys and clients. Lynne has been an Upper East Side resident since 2007 and previously lived in Boston where she worked as a newspaper reporter. She enjoys community service, swing dancing and travel.

Gerald Ferguson is a partner in the New York office of Baker & Hostetler LLP. He serves as National Co-Leader of the BakerHostetler Privacy and Data Protection Team and Coordinator of the New York Office Intellectual Property Group. He also is active in the New York State Bar Association where he currently serves as Chair-Elect for the NYSBA International Section. He actively supports progressive Democratic Party candidates in New York and nationally.

Jean Fischman is a lifelong resident of the Upper East Side. She is a proud product of the City's public schools, graduating from Hunter College and currently entering her third year at the City University of New York School of Law. Jean serves as Democratic District Leader, an elected volunteer position representing Roosevelt Island, Yorkville, and part of the Upper East Side.

Alfred Fuente is a public interest attorney for the New York Legal Assistance Group. He advocates for low-income individuals and undocumented immigrants impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Prior to becoming an attorney, Alfred served as a Field Organizer for President Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign in Miami, Florida. He led a team that won 30 out of 32 precincts in a Congressional district long considered a Republican stronghold. He is honored to answer the President's call to service.

Susan Hochberg has been living on the UES and working as a Trial Lawyer for a NYC municipal agency for 22 years. Her civic activities include serving as: the current Corresponding Secretary for the Civil Service Bar Association; a volunteer Small Claims arbitrator; and co-chair of NYDLC's Law School Outreach committee. She is a founding member of the FFDC and a former VP and Secretary of the LHDC.

Lorance Hockert has, among other activities, served as Chairman of Community Board 8, President of the Bronx Arts Ensemble, and is the current President of the Bronx Jewish Community Council. He is Vice President and Treasurer of the Spinglod Foundation and serves as Chairman of the Housing Committee for Community Board 8. He has received an award from the New York State Bar Association for pro bono services to the mentally ill.

Teresa Malyshev is a volunteer analyst with The Charcoal Project, which advocates for the sustainable use of charcoal and wood energy in developing countries. She served as the Philadelphia coordinator for the UESFC during the 2012 Obama campaign. From 1992 to 2011 she was a senior energy analyst at the International Energy Agency in Paris, France.



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Betsy Mayer, an active, progressive voice in the community for many years, was heavily involved in helping President Barack Obama's reelection campaign with her work with Upper East Side for Change. Betsy was a very early supporter of the Four Freedoms Democratic Club and enjoys spending her free time helping the community.

Kim Moscaritolo currently serves as the Chair of the Four Freedoms Democratic Club. She is a former President of the Manhattan Young Democrats, and also serves on the board of Greater NYC for Change. She has lived in Yorkville for 5 years, and is committed to helping build a vibrant, progressive community here in the 76th Assembly district. She also really loves karaoke!

Gabriel Panek, a lifelong resident of Yorkville, is a founding member of the Four Freedoms Democratic Club and serves as the club's secretary. He works as a union organizer for medical residents, though he previously worked in politics as State Senator Gustavo Rivera's deputy field director, and will be attending NYU Law School starting this fall.

Chloe Pashman is a preschool director on the Upper East Side, where she has spent much of her life. Chloe taught for 15 years in Head Start and private schools in the city. She also interned for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and former Councilman Eric Gioia, and has volunteered in national and local political campaigns for years. Chloe holds a B.S. in Communications/Media Studies and an M.A. in Early Childhood Education from Fordham University.

Jonathan Piel is a member of the Four Freedoms Democratic Club and its Constitution drafting committee. He is a non-voting member of the East Side and Lenox Hill Democratic Clubs, as well as a former public member of Community Board 8 (he produced its monthly cablecast, [CB8 Speaks](#)). The retired Editor and President of [Scientific American](#), he is acting and former President, Henderson Place Historic District Association and serves on the Board of the Mount Sinai Children's Environmental Health Center.

Madelaine Piel is a member of the Four Freedoms Democratic Club and its Constitution drafting committee. She has in the past been a Judicial Delegate to New York County's Democratic Judicial Convention. She is also a member of the County Committee and a non-voting member of the East Side, Lenox Hill, and Lexington Democratic Clubs. She is a former member of Community Board 8 and moderated its monthly cablecast, [CB8 Speaks](#). She is a member of the Women's City Club of New York.

Lance Polivy is an attorney at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison where he practices in the Litigation Department. At the NYU School of Law, Lance served as the co-chair of the Law School Democrats and as the President of the Student Bar Association. In the 2013 cycle, Lance helped to coordinate voter protection efforts for the Kallos campaign.

Romano Reid is a 22 year Roosevelt Island resident. In 2008 he was elected to the Roosevelt Island Common Council by Island residents, and is currently serving his third term. In 2012, he was appointed chairperson of his building's tenants committee. He currently serves on the New York Democratic County Committee. He is currently a student at Long Island University and an Independent contractor for two law firms in NYC.

Joan Roberts has been living on the Upper East Side of Manhattan for 4 years. Born and raised in Queens, she attended college at SUNY Stony Brook. She received a Masters in Hospital Administration from The George Washington University and worked in hospital administration in for 25 years. She also taught middle school students for several years. She currently is a sales associate at a store on the UES.

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Abraham Salcedo, an attorney and CPA, is a New York County Committee member as well as a member of Community Board 8, co-chairing its Environment and Sanitation Committee. Abraham received a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Accounting from NYU, his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and also studied International Relations at the London School of Economics.

Elana Schwartz is currently the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for U.S. Congressman Joseph Crowley. She has worked on Capitol Hill for several other high-ranking New York elected officials and has been involved in several campaigns. She holds an MPA from NYU's Wagner School of Public Affairs and a BA in political science from George Washington University.

Miriam Stern is an attorney who specializes in writing and negotiating contracts for small business and individuals in varied commercial matters—also a trained mediator preventing or ending protracted and costly litigations. She has taught business classes at CUNY and NYU. She has been elected twice to the County Committee of the Democratic Party 76 AD. Concerns are affordable housing for everyone on the UES, POPS, and residences being utilized like hotels.

Suzanne Vlamis was with The Associated Press for over 30 years as one of their head photographers, and during that time traveled all over the world covering major events as they unfolded. She is also very involved in the community, especially as a member of her local CERT team. Currently, she is away on a worldwide trip photographing several sites for an upcoming project to promoting conservation and awareness of ecological concerns.

Lee Wiggins, following a career in book publishing, has devoted her time to volunteer work. She has been an active member in the Upper East Side Organizing for America for the last five years, working on the campaign to re-elect Barack Obama, helping people to sign up for the Affordable Care Act, as well as participating in gun reform and climate change community actions.

Frank Wilkinson, a Philadelphia native, was graduated from The Haverford School and Princeton University. He had a career as a book editor before writing his 1981 bestselling novel *Bygones*. In the mid-80s he got involved in politics, became president of the East Side Democratic Club, and served for 16 years as that club's district leader until 2013. A judicial delegate for 20 years, he considers himself partly responsible for the high quality of Manhattan judges, both Civil and Supreme.

Esther Yang has, for or more than 20 years, been helping clients lead healthier and happier lives through her advocacy work. Esther is a former board member of the Organization of Chinese Americans and was appointed by the former Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to Bellevue Hospital Community Advisory Board. She has worked with Comptroller John Liu as his Community Coordinator. Esther is a Yoga teacher, a Black Belt in Seido Karate and a certified Scuba Diver.

Dr. Joy Zagoren holds a BS from NYU, a MS in Biology from Adelphi, and a PhD in Medicine from NYU. She has been chairman of umpteen organizations over the years, and has always been an active member of the community. As a young girl, she received citywide recognition for her fundraising efforts in support of the country.