

## SAFE STREETS

As a Parents Association President of PS 24 in the Riverdale Section of the Bronx, I led a four year lobbying effort (including but not limited to petitioning City Hall and local elected officials, letter writing campaign to the editor of local paper, documenting speeding vehicles with a radar gun, testifying at community board hearings, meeting with DOT officials) for traffic calming measures on Independence Ave. between 232<sup>nd</sup> and 237<sup>th</sup> Streets. This effort culminated in the awarding of a Neighborhood Slow Zone this year.

As Parent Safety Chair of the Parents Associations of PS 24 and the Bronx High School of Science, I was a key player in reconfiguring drop off and pick up procedures including the drafting of a "Rules of the Road" letter for the safe operation of motor vehicles around schools. I also led an anti-idling campaign around the school.

This experience led me to submit legislation (see attached) to the City Council in September, 2012 to create 20 mph slow zones around all city schools and senior centers. I would also push for tougher penalties for drivers who commit traffic offenses in these areas. This would be a legislative priority for me when I'm elected.

## COMPLETE STREETS

As the Parents Association President of PS 24 I led a school wide effort to promote walking over driving to school. During my tenure we started to participate in National Walk to School Day. Due to popular demand, we added an additional Walk to School for Earth Day event. Last year, I invited all local schools in the Northwest Bronx to participate. Seven schools joined us making it the first community wide Walk to School Day in the Northwest Bronx. We reduced traffic in front of PS 24 by 42% on our last Walk to School Day.

We will attempt our first Bike to School Day later this month.

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## LIVABLE STREETS

As an active board member of the Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corp., I submitted a proposal to the Community Board for a DOT Plaza on Riverdale Ave. and 236<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposal was parking neutral and would have closed a small but dangerous connector street. It was rejected due to opposition from Councilman Oliver Koppell.

In the same capacity, I canvassed local merchants in an effort to create a four Sundays per summer pedestrian mall on Johnson Ave. between 235<sup>th</sup> and 236<sup>th</sup> Streets. This effort was thwarted due to opposition from Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz.

I would make both of these efforts a local priority and would try to promote the same citywide. I would also bring a play street to the community.

I am strongly in favor of limiting commercial deliveries to off peak hours.

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### POLICY PROPOSALS

In a separate document, please articulate concrete and feasible policy and budgetary proposals to advance the following goals:

#### Safe Streets

- 1.Reducing the number of motor-vehicle crashes and conflicts among street users with appropriate infrastructure or roadway design changes, automated traffic law enforcement, or street- or neighborhood-specific changes in traffic rules
- 2.Ensuring thorough investigation of, and appropriate consequences for, drivers who commit traffic offenses that result in injury or death

#### Complete Streets

- 3.Encouraging New Yorkers to use public transit, walk or bicycle within the city, instead of driving
- 4.Repurposing street space to better meet transportation needs (please specify particular streets)

#### Livable Streets

- 5.Increasing the amount of public space for non-transportation use, such as plazas and street closure programs (e.g., Summer Streets and play streets.)
- 6.Harmonizing commercial and residential uses through licensing and regulation of trucking, deliveries, parking, street vending, greenmarkets, and other commercial activity affecting our streets

## YES/NO QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe speeding cars are a public safety problem in your district/borough?

Y /  N

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2. Would you support enhancing penalties for aggressive, distracted and reckless driving under the New York City Administrative Code in order to deter such behavior?  Y /  N
3. Has the New York Police done enough to enforce the traffic laws?  
Y  N
4. Do you support expanding Bus Rapid Transit with dedicated bus lanes in your district/borough?  Y /  N
5. Should New York City government be providing economic support for ferry service as an extension of the public transit network?  Y /  N
6. Do you support continued expansion of the on-grid bike lane network in all five boroughs?  Y /  N
7. Do you approve of the way that the NYC Department of Transportation is working to manage traffic? Y /  N
8. Do you approve of the process the NYC Department of Transportation and the Community Boards use to determine locations for bike-share facilities? Y  N
9. Do you support channeling buses and trucks to perimeter highways in order to reduce their presence on residential streets?  Y /  N
10. Do you support closing New York City's parks to cars?  Y /  N
11. Do you support pedestrianization of street space to encourage tourism?  Y /  N
12. Should the city make non-sensitive data concerning street use, street conditions and traffic crash investigations available in a timely, digital format to the public?  Y /  N
13. If elected, will you give your support to candidates for Council Speaker and/or Community Board who openly support safe, complete and livable streets?  Y /  N

## PRIORITIES

1. Rank the following measures that local government can take to discourage unnecessary motor vehicle trips to the most transit-rich and high-traffic areas of the city (1 = most important, 5 = least important):

3. Rank the traffic violations upon which NYPD resources should be focused (1 = most important, 5 = least important):

- A. 1 Operating motor vehicles in excess of the speed limit
- B. 3 Double parking, standing, and blocking of loading zones or bicycle lanes
- C. 5 Traffic violations by cyclists
- D. 4 Traffic violations by vehicles weighing more than 5 tons
- E. 2 Failure to yield to pedestrians

Please state which other traffic-related enforcement activities you believe deserves greater resources from the NYPD:

RECKLESS DRIVING AND CELLPHONE USE .

Thank you for completing the StreetsPAC 2013 Candidate Questionnaire.

We look forward to working with you to make our city a better place to live!