

As a lifelong New Yorker, it gives me great pleasure to serve my community as Downtown Independent Democrats' Male District Leader for the 66th Assembly District, Part B.

For background, I began my teaching career in 1992 as a special education teacher at P.S. 19 Asher Levy School. Throughout my teaching career, I have worked to advocate for the interests of students, parents, paraprofessionals, teachers and other staff members in the areas of safety and protecting the constitutional right to a sound basic education for all children.

My education advocacy includes serving as PTA president for two years at P.S. 89, my daughter's school.

I also proudly served on the Executive Committee of Community Board One for 11 years. My CB1 experience gave me an opportunity to represent my community on a wide range of issues.

I have three decades of experience in lobbying in our State Capital for public school funding and increasing affordable housing, and have supported and fundraised for candidates that prioritize green initiatives.

In 2015, Terri Cude and I successfully ran a campaign for Democratic District Leader and brought the offices back to DID by defeating the incumbents by a 68% margin.

Now, working in partnership with Jeannine Kiely, we continue to successfully represent 66B from North to South. We continue to fight for more affordable housing for Lower Manhattan, balanced with historic preservation and protection of the quality of life, success of local small businesses and support of the arts in our communities.

Since I first joined DID in 2002 it has been my honor to champion and advocate for issues that reflect my club's progressive priorities. Most recent advocacy includes rent protection, student loan forgiveness and advocacy for preservation of our public parks. Besides being an Executive Committee member of DID, I also have the honor of serving on the Planning Committee.

I am currently hard at work on implementing a return to in-person learning in a safe way. Working with all stakeholders, we have created a COVID test and trace program and assured that every school has an adequate supply of PPE and rigorous social distancing practices.

I believe that food and education are basic human rights. Tragically, the number of New Yorkers confronting hunger has increased 49% since the pandemic began. The city's food assistance program cannot keep up the growing demand. I have been working with The United Federation of Teachers to raise funds to directly support community-based food pantries in the highest-need NYC neighborhoods. Furthermore, I have worked with Speaker Corey Johnson, Erik Bottcher and the Met Council to provide food for those in need.

NYC is still the greatest place on Earth and my optimism remains unwavering. I would greatly appreciate your support for my continuing as our club's Male District Leader for the 66th AD, Part B so I can continue to provide assistance for those in need, fight for our park, protect the environment and waterfront, advocate for our public schools and build a better future.

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