

**2017 NYC
PRIMARIES:
MEET THE
NORTHERN MANHATTAN
CANDIDATES**



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Meet the Candidates: District 7



Mark Levine (Democrat, Incumbent)

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1. Will you act to advance a City Council vote on the Asthma Free Housing Act (Intro 385-B), a bill that requires landlords to monitor and repair asthma-triggering housing conditions for susceptible residents, following its June 2017 hearing?

I am a co-sponsor of this legislation and look forward to advancing this bill into law.

2. Will you act to ensure a smooth rollout and effective enforcement of the Environmental Justice Study Bill (Local Law 60) and the Environmental Justice Policy Bill (Local Law 64) passed by the City Council in April 2017?

As a co-sponsor that saw both enacted into law, I know understand the importance of recycling, waste management and the push for environmental justice needed to protect and maintain our community.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

I know that climate change affects residents in our district in a number of ways. The environmental impact of climate change is felt in quality of health, with asthma and other respiratory issues in our community. We see its effects on our infrastructure and know we must do more to protect residents during extreme weather conditions.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

I support the NMCA on all fronts, from resiliency efforts to combat extreme weather to community land trusts, and will support efforts to see the plan thrive.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

As Chair of the Parks Committee, I have pushed for more green and public spaces for our city. Within that, I have pushed for greater parks equity to increase the quality of our parks in low- and middle-income communities. I worked diligently on the NYC bag bill. I have also worked on environmental quality of health concerns throughout my time in the council and will continue to do so. Additionally, the New York League of Conservation Voters has given me a rating of 100% every year.

Meet the Candidates: District 8



Diana Ayala (Democrat + Working Families Party)

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Asthma as a result of mold is a huge problem in my District and is harming our children and seniors. If elected, I will support and sponsor any bill that combats asthma caused by poor housing conditions.

2. Will you act to ensure a smooth rollout and effective enforcement of the Environmental Justice Study Bill (Local Law 60) and the Environmental Justice Policy Bill (Local Law 64) passed by the City Council in April 2017?

Yes.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

East Harlem and the South Bronx experience very poor air quality during excessively hot days and we do not always have enough functional cooling centers to accommodate everyone that needs to use them. We also have several low elevation areas in our district that make flooding and structural damage an increasing threat during storms.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

I would participate in this plan in any way that I can, whether it be sponsoring legislation to promote the use of alternate energy sources or encouraging construction of sustainable structures in my District and throughout the city.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

Air quality will be my top priority. The rate at which our community's most vulnerable people are being affected by asthma as a result of mold and air pollution is unacceptable. Simply breathing should not cause people to fall ill. I am completely in favor of initiatives that will rectify this issue.

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Tamika Mapp (Democrat)

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I'll ask for monthly reports from DOHMH and when landlord are in violation.

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By holding each agency accountable by providing the City Council reports to make sure this bill is being followed.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

Heatwave's and potential flooding will affect our residents in East Harlem and the South Bronx.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

By advocating and standing right beside We Act to make sure our resident's can live in a safe and healthy district.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

Healthy Homes, Clean Air

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Robert J Rodriguez (Democrat)

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I will sign on as a co-sponsor to support Asthma Free Housing

2. Will you act to ensure a smooth rollout and effective enforcement of the Environmental Justice Study Bill (Local Law 60) and the Environmental Justice Policy Bill (Local Law 64) passed by the City Council in April 2017?

I will work with City agencies and community groups to make sure that the rollout and enforcement is done to the specifications of the law.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

Climate change in New York City is an issue. It is an issue of particular importance for individuals and families of District 8. East Harlem and the South Bronx where there is less greenery and parkland, places where more elderly people live alone, and where there's more low-income families will be hardest hit by rising temperatures due to issues of ability to use and pay for air conditioning.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

Throughout my tenure as Assemblymember, I have fought for clean energy, clean water, renewable energy, and open space. Last year, I co-sponsored A10342, enacting the New York State climate and community protection act, which would help put the State on track to minimize the adverse impacts of climate change through a combination of measures to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. In May of 2015, I introduced legislation that would give special powers to the New York State Environmental Corp. to aid in the protection of New Yorkers during times of flooding by allowing them to own and improve resiliency at the East River Esplanade. I would continue this work by advocating for the recommendations on policy changes that NMCA includes to mitigate environmental impacts and address the systemic inequality that has led to a disparity for poor and working-class communities.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

In addition to the above issues, as a supporter of renewable energy and emissions control, I believe the City must further its commitment to an electric taxi fleet. With more of these vehicles and charging stations available, the City will be able to significantly lessen its carbon footprint while also saving money on transportation costs.

Meet the Candidates: District 9



Tyson-Lord Gray (Democrat)

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I plan on joining the committee on housing and buildings and will work with other committee members to bring the bill up for a vote and get it to the speaker.

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I will work with the Mayor to identify individuals to serve on the IWG and will help to provide oversight to ensure the goals are clear.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

Climate change increases the likelihood of natural disasters and affects the safety of residents in District 9 who are not equip with disaster preparedness skills, training, or resources.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

I am specifically interested in helping to create a microgrid in Harlem that would offset energy costs, provide green jobs, and help create a cleaner atmosphere.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

I will support legislation that creates green infrastructure, enforces current environmental quality standards, and creates more healthy food options i.e. CSAs and Farmer Markets.

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Marvin Holland (Democrat)

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I will build a broad coalition of community partners with my fellow council members that is the key to passing legislation

2. Will you act to ensure a smooth rollout and effective enforcement of the Environmental Justice Study Bill (Local Law 60) and the Environmental Justice Policy Bill (Local Law 64) passed by the City Council in April 2017?

Working with the communities that need environmental justice like district 9

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

Climate change effects all districts as we saw with super storm sandy and with Harvey in Texas

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

I have a long history of working with We Act through my union TWU I would expand on that work

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

Waste management is a major issue in district 9 I also am a big proponent of Urban farming and composing and would start greening Harlem from my first day in office.

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Bill Perkins

(Democrat + Working Families Party, Incumbent)

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Proud to co-sponsor this bill. By building strong coalition like we did to pass Lead Paint Law when we overcame opposition from Mayor and landlords. (<https://www.nydailynews.com/archives/news/marathon-man-race-save-kids-article-1.522300>)

2. Will you act to ensure a smooth rollout and effective enforcement of the Environmental Justice Study Bill (Local Law 60) and the Environmental Justice Policy Bill (Local Law 64) passed by the City Council in April 2017?

Working with We ACT and other stakeholders continue to monitor progress.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

Pictures from Houston this week remind us of the devastating effects of climate change, especially on poorer neighborhoods. Washington's failure makes local acts even more important. We must make sure our communities get the attention they need and deserve so they our resilient to further climate effects and our infrastructure is protected.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

Real change comes from the grassroots. I will work with We ACT, other aligned interest groups and the community to further knowledge and education of the importance of this plan and help mobilize action for change.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

I will continue to work to protect the air we breathe, the water we drink and the open spaces that are so important for our health and enjoyment. This includes working to clean the pollution coming from buildings, working to improve public transportation options and discourage driving cars, investing in parks and promoting resiliency and readiness in our communities.

Meet the Candidates: District 10



Josue Perez

(Democrat)

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Yes.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

The effects of climate change in my district contributes to some flooding in many areas near the river and parks, as water levels raise very high due to the rain. The rising temperatures attack our senior citizens who have respiratory issues during weather of extreme heat and children who have asthma. During this summer there has been about 5 advisories due to quality of air affected by the heat wave.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

By working beside them and for them. NMC has the knowledge and therefore I will be their mouthpiece at the City council. I will create an public awareness agenda where our residents can attend and NMC would present the plans, this would include our residents in the plan. We would sit down with NMC on a set periodically meetings to work to create many events that would contribute to advancing the action plan of NMC.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

There are a few. 1. Air pollution that contributes to High Cancer Risk. 2. Water supply. 3. Garbage Disposal, especially in the Washington Heights area. Enery Efficiency and Transportation to permit the reduction of the uses of private vehciles that moit so much gas into our air.

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Ydanis Rodriguez (Democrat, Incumbent)

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I have always been a strong supporter of this bill and will continue to work to the best of my ability to see that we pass sensible policy to protect New Yorkers from Asthma-related health issues due to poor housing conditions.

2. Will you act to ensure a smooth rollout and effective enforcement of the Environmental Justice Study Bill (Local Law 60) and the Environmental Justice Policy Bill (Local Law 64) passed by the City Council in April 2017?

I support these two bills, and will work with my colleagues in ensuring that we take the proper measures to tackle environmental concerns in New York City.

3. How does climate change affect residents in your district?

Climate change has remained a top concern in my district, and repairing the damage done to the environment has always been among the highest priority items in my agenda. Residents in my district have been affected negatively by poor air quality. Poor air quality has led to higher rates of lung-related diseases such as asthma, not only in my district but along all of Northern Manhattan as well. I have always worked to change the air conditions in my district, whether it be from raising awareness in my district to introducing one of the few buildings in Inwood with a green roof.

4. How will you work to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan?

I will work with community leaders and organizers in my district to advance the Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan. By working closely with each community in my district, we can ensure that the residents of District 10 are equipped with the knowledge needed to understand climate change and its impact, what causes climate change, and how we can mitigate these effects by educating ourselves on the causes of climate change. By understanding how poor environmental conditions are closely related to lower-income neighborhoods, community organizers and legislators can come together to produce sensible policies which tackle climate change and poverty.

5. Which environmental issues will you champion if you are elected to the city council?

If re-elected to the city council, I will continue to fight against environmental issues as I always have. I will be a champion for greener spaces to combat air pollution and poor air quality. I will support cooling centers to combat high temperatures which could lead to heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses. We need to consider how our transit system is affecting air quality as well, and convince individuals to opt for more environmentally friendly transportation alternatives.