

**Vote411.org Candidate Profile**  
**NY State Assembly**  
**54th Assembly District (Queens)**

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**Rafael L. Espinal Jr. [D, R, C, UWC]**



**Biographical Info**

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**Q:** *Please provide a campaign statement (we ask that you please include the neighborhoods and communities that make up the district you are running for. Your statement is limited to 1,250 characters (approximately 200 words).*

**A:** Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. is a lifelong resident of the district, attending and graduating from New York City public schools. An Altar Boy throughout his adolescence, Rafael is a life-long parishioner of St. Rita's Catholic Church in East New York. Rafael is currently the Chief of Staff for Councilman Erik Dilan, and has assisted many constituents with city-related issues and played a vital role in saving senior centers, daycare centers and school programs from proposed budget cuts, and has worked hard to help provide funding to local organizations. Rafael is hoping to further his ability to help those less fortunate than he. From a humble beginning, his parents' hard work provided him with the opportunity to reach his full potential and he wants to continue to pay that forward. As our next Assemblyman, Rafael would like to see the 54th Assembly District receive all the benefits New York State has to offer, and to advocate for equal opportunities for all.

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