

37th City Council District

Kimberly Council (D)

I grew up in the housing projects of Bedford Stuyvesant. I am the oldest of five children. My mother worked at a Daycare Center on the Lower East Side of Manhattan making barely enough to get by but she understood the importance of education and worked tirelessly to ensure that my siblings and I went to the best schools her money could afford.

I have had the privilege over the past 15 years of working with the brightest and best legal minds, dare I say in the world and yet every day I would leave my job and travel by train to a neighborhood that was struggling to become sustainable.

I am seeking office because in 2013 in the City of New York the gap is rapidly widening between the very wealthy and the very poor — the middle class is under siege and quickly becoming the working poor. Our public education system is in dire need of revamping.

Too many children in New York City continue to languish in schools that lack the resources and capacity to meet their academic or social needs. Our children deserve a quality education regardless of their socio-economic status. Educators deserve our support.

Our city struggles to provide affordable housing for our low-income residents. For the fiscal years 2011 and 2012, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development received just over 274,000 applications for 7,843 units of affordable housing.

New York City's unemployment rate in 2012 exceeded 10% "equaling the highest level it reached during the recession." Unemployment and underemployment continue to plague our city.

There are a myriad of issues that we need to face head on, too numerous to delve into right now; yet we must realize our interconnectedness. The easy response is to concern ourselves only with the wellbeing of those in our immediate circle, but the truth of the matter as we learned during Hurricane Sandy is that we all rise and fall with the tide.

Together we can change history, together we can lift this City so that it is the cultural and economic beacon of the nation not just because of Broadway and Wall street but because we cared enough to look to Main street, and deeper into Bushwick Ave. and Highland Pl. in the 37th District. Your voice counts, let it be heard. Vote for Kim Council and together we will bring local government back where it belongs in the hands of the people.

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