

5th City Council District

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My name is David Garland, and I'm seeking your vote to represent Manhattan's Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island in the City Council. New York has seen a renaissance in the past 20 years, as crime has come down and New York City's Upper East Side has blossomed as an attractive place to live, shop and relax. We have a lot of work ahead of us though. I moved to New York City in 2002 after finishing an MBA at Wharton in Philadelphia. New York had just suffered the worst crisis this city has ever seen. I wanted to be a part of New York's healing and renewal, and the Upper East Side was the place I wanted to be. However, over the past decade, countless friends and loved ones have lost their jobs and moved out of the city; 2nd Avenue has been thrown into chaos and countless stores have been forced out of business; the whole Upper East Side has been torn apart by threatened pollution, dumptrucks, and health and safety concerns as we have inexplicably had a dump forced into our backyards. This is an extremely important election for our city, perhaps more important than last year's presidential election, because so many of these issues will tangibly impact our lives. Jessica Lappin has done her best over the last 8 years, but we can do so much more to put a decisive end to the dump, to restore areas along the East River, to make our district the envy of New York in terms of schools, housing and quality of life, and to make sure Subway construction doesn't destroy 2nd Avenue for years to come. They say that insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. If you vote the same ineffective politicians into office again, you will get more chaos and the dump will become a reality starting next year. You have a clear choice this November and that choice is Garland. Thank you.

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