

Queens Borough President

Melinda Katz (D)

Hi, I'm Melinda Katz and I'm a Democratic candidate for Queens Borough President.

My family has deep roots in Queens. My father, David, founded and conducted the Queens Symphony Orchestra and my mother, Jeanne, founded the Queens Council for the Arts. I've lived nearly my entire life here in Queens, and I'm a proud graduate of Queens public schools. I'm raising my two young sons, Hunter and Carter, in the same house where I grew up, in Forest Hills.

I'm running for Queens Borough President because I have a vision for Queens that celebrates the diversity of our wonderful borough and makes it a great place to raise a family. Because I believe in Queens, I've dedicated my life to public service.

I served my community as a City Council Member for eight years. During that time, I chaired the Land Use Committee where I secured private-sector partnerships that led to the creation of over 15,000 units of affordable housing. I was also responsible for approving citywide rezoning measures, creating tens of thousands of jobs while still safeguarding our communities from over-development.

Before the Council, I worked as the Director of Community Boards for Borough President Claire Shulman, getting community input on many quality of life issues. Earlier in my career, I served as a State Assembly Member.

As Chair of the Subcommittee on Urban Health, I wrote and passed a law to require HMO's to provide women with direct access to critical gynecological services. I fought and beat Mayor Giuliani to stop the privatization of public hospitals, and I sponsored and passed the historic Kendall's Law, which helps prosecutors pursue cases of long-term, repeated child abuse.

As Borough President, I'm ready to tackle the major issues that face us in Queens. I'll fight to create jobs and spur economic development, including working to build a technology hub in Western Queens. I'll fight to stop school co-locations and convene a war-room to make sure we have the best educational opportunities for our kids. We'll work together to rebuild the Rockaways and Southeast Queens and increase transportation options. And I'll continue my work to champion affordable housing and improve the quality of life for all of us.

I hope I can count on your support on Election Day.

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