

## **19th City Council District**

**Austin I. Shafran** (D)

Hi, I'm Austin Shafran, a Democrat running to represent our neighborhood in the City Council. I've lived in Northeast Queens my whole life — attending our local schools and playing in our little leagues. Coming from a union household, I know that the needs of middle-class families must be at the heart of everything we do. Our community deserves good-paying jobs, great schools, lower taxes and affordable housing and healthcare. And having worked for Congressman Gary Ackerman and Governor Cuomo, I have the real experience and clear vision to get the job done. That's why I'm running for City Council — to be a strong voice for the middle-class families that make our City thrive. Our community has a quality of life that is second to none, but we're not getting our fair share from City Hall — I'm fighting to change that, guided by my experience serving our community and driven to succeed by my love for it. We need honest, responsive and effective leadership to get our community its fair share. That means more input for the local community and educators in how our schools are run, lowering property taxes for homeowners, co-op and condo owners and stopping skyrocketing water rates from drowning middle-class families. More funding for our senior centers, neighborhood parks and libraries is not a luxury, it's a necessity that is far overdue. I'm going to fight hard to clean up corruption, keep our schools great and services for our families and seniors strong, because that's what our middle class needs, and that's who I am — the local boy trying to do his best to get the best for our community.

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