

## **37th City Council District**

**Rafael L. Espinal Jr. (D)**

My name is Rafael Espinal and I am running for the 37th City Council District seat. I've been a lifelong resident of Brooklyn... My parents emigrated from the Dominican Republic, and worked in local sweatshops to support our family. Their sacrifice and dedication allowed me to focus on my education and learn the values that made me who I am today. I want all New Yorkers to have the chance to pursue a quality education, and, as Councilman, I will fight to provide learning opportunities for my constituents and all residents of this great city. When I was 23, I taught Adult Literacy and GED courses to the ethnically diverse communities that make Brooklyn the cultural center that we love and cherish. I understand the importance of providing programs for our residents so that they can capitalize on their opportunities and secure better-paying jobs. I look forward to implementing more art programs in public schools and fostering the talents of our children because the future of our community depends on their success. As a lifelong resident of the 37th District, I know firsthand the importance of affordable housing and the benefit of residents having a stake in their neighborhoods. I will work with community-based organizations and local officials to further expand affordable housing services and put a cap on property tax rates across the city. With homeowners facing ever increasing energy bills, it is crucial that we harness the power of renewable fuels to lower costs for residents, reduce our carbon footprint, and create a healthier breathing environment for our children. My record as a public servant demonstrates my commitment to improving the lives of all New Yorkers, and I hope I can count on your vote on Primary Day. I am confident that I am the best person to represent the 37th District, and secure a brighter future for our community.

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