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WEST CHELSEA HISTORIC DISTRICT

On October 23, 2008, I along with my colleagues voted to pass the creation of the West Chelsea Historic District, which spans from approximately West 25th Street to West 28th Street between 10th Avenue to 12th Avenue.

Protecting the landmarks in this area has long been a concern of mine. As a result of the leadership of Community Board 4 in isolating the priority area for consideration, and all of the support from local elected officials, I was able to secure the commitment of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), in June 2005, to research this area. As a result of the LPC's designation of this area as a Historic District, and the Council's approval the architecturally unique and historically valuable buildings within the historic district are now protected!

GREENWICH VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT EXTENSION

I am proud to have helped fund a study outlining the merits of the potential landmarking of the South Village, which was commissioned by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and released in 2006.

Since 2006, I have joined my local elected officials, Community Board 2, and countless community groups in voicing my support for such a historic district.

In May, I co-sponsored a community meeting to gather feedback on phase one of the proposed designation which is being considered as an extension to the Greenwich Village Historic District—thank you LPC!

THEATER SUBDISTRICT COUNCIL

New York City's theater district has been the vibrant heart of the performing arts for generations. Therefore, I am proud to have been a part of the development of the Theater Subdistrict Council. This year, 10 organizations will receive grants totaling \$1.26 million for a range of projects that will help the creation of new work and encourage audience development.

GREENWICH VILLAGE LITTLE LEAGUE



Speaker Quinn throws out the first pitch on the Opening Day of the Greenwich Village Little League.

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER STREET RENAMING



Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and Speaker Quinn honor the memory of fallen Auxiliary Police Officers Eugene Marshalik and Nicholas Pekearo at a street renaming on the corner of Bleecker and Sullivan Streets.

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EDUCATION

LAB SCHOOL BREAKFAST



The Lab School has a tremendously dedicated community. Having the opportunity to meet the students, parents, staff and administration at their annual breakfast was truly amazing.

MAYORAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS

I strongly support the reauthorization of Mayoral control, which has brought about real accountability to our City schools, with a single elected official in charge of all 1500 plus schools. There are some people who want to get rid of it altogether, or create new layers of bureaucracy - ones that would undermine its effectiveness. For the sake of our school children, we can't allow that to happen. The old system was broken.

New York City public schools should run under a system of municipal control - with the DOE acting like any other city agency. The Council, rather than the State legislature, should have oversight and legislative authority over City schools.

My colleagues and I propose to improve Mayoral control through:

- Strengthening the role of Parent Coordinator
- Impartial collection of school performance data and achievement measures.
- Widening local legislative authority over City schools.

CELEBRATING WITH PS 33:

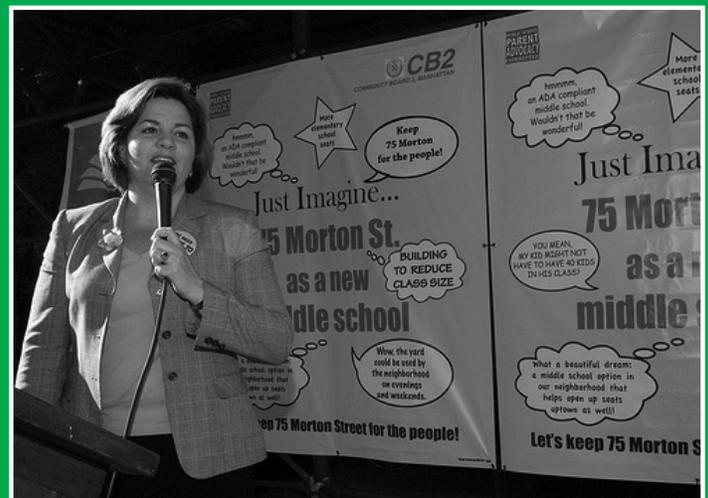
I had the great pleasure of joining with PS 33, Chelsea Prep, in opening their amazing new rooftop playground, which the City Council proudly funded. The playground is such a success that the kids could not wait to use it. I also had the great pleasure of joining the PTA at their annual dinner dance on February 13, 2009.

INCREASING CLASSROOM SPACE IN CHELSEA, THE FLATIRON AND THE WEST VILLAGE

On February 12, 2009, I voted to create a 560 seat elementary school at 6th Avenue and 17th Street. Community Board 5 and District 2 schools have seen a tremendous growth in their populations and for too long, classroom space has been getting tighter and tighter. This is fantastic news for the community and a great example of what can be accomplished through innovative and responsible development.

The new school, brokered by the New York Foundling Charitable Corporation, the Rudin Family and the School Construction Authority (SCA) with support from local elected officials and Community Board 2, will serve Manhattan's District 2 and will be the first elementary school built in Community Board 5.

FIGHTING FOR SCHOOL SPACE



Speaker Quinn rallies supporters at 75 Morton, a possible location for a new school.

SMALL BUSINESS

VICTORY AT THE ARCHIVES BUILDING

I am proud to have led the fight for the preservation of eight cultural non-profits located at 154 Christopher Street, the Archives Building.

In the fall of 2008 these eight non-profits were presented with a 500% rent increase; let's face facts--most non-profits do not have the funding to survive an increase of that magnitude, especially now.

By working diligently with the State, City and Community Board 2, we were able to safeguard affordable rents and aid in the survival of some of the community's most valuable assets.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS INITIATIVE



Speaker Quinn announces her "Open for Business" initiative in the new restaurant, 10 Downing.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY MARCH



The girders of the Brooklyn Bridge serve as a backdrop for the unified front of Speaker Quinn and fellow marchers in the March for Marriage Equality.

FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM

My father and I were happy to join the Penn South Program for Seniors and Penn South residents at a meeting to celebrate the success of their Fall Prevention program. I am proud that the City Council has funded this great initiative.

SMALL BUSINESS FORUM



Speaker Quinn addresses local business owners at NYU's Small Business Forum.

2009 STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH

On February 12, 2009, I delivered my 4th State of the City Address in the City Council Chambers at City Hall to address job growth, small business ventures, and tenants and housing in New York City neighborhoods - amongst other issues. By using what's already available, we can foster growth even in the midst of this recession, through innovative policy proposals.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES

At a community conversation on March 9, 2009, which was held at the Fashion Institute of Technology, I was joined by over 30 small business owners to discuss my "Open for Business" proposal and to hear their concerns and questions.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



Chelsea resident Thomas Johnson, Elliott-Chelsea Tenant Association President Phyllis Gonazalez, and Speaker Quinn celebrate Chelsea's National Night Out Against Crime.

FUNDING FOR NYCHA SECURITY CAMERAS

In the continued effort to make our community safer, I allocated \$500,000 of Council funding last year for new security cameras in the Robert H. Fulton and Elliott-Chelsea Housing Developments. Currently in the final stages of the approval process, this proactive step in upgrading the communities camera systems will improve NYPD and NYCHA access to camera footage and help promote a safe living environment for all.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TENANT HARASSMENT COURT CASE VICTORIES

Introductory Number 627-A, the City Council's historic Anti Harassment Bill to protect NYC tenants and preserve affordable housing was signed into law last year. As of mid February, tenant harassment claims constitute 4% of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development's (HPD) 8,500 tenant actions annually.

Under this new law, tenant harassment counts as repeated force or making repeated threats against a lawful occupant, repeated or prolonged interruptions of essential services, or using frivolous court proceedings to disrupt a tenant's life or force an eviction.

Thus far, this legislation has been successful in protecting the rights of over 30 NYC residents.

PROTECTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

On March 11, 2009, my colleagues and I announced a legislative package designed to preserve and protect affordable housing across New York City. Rent-stabilization covers about 1,000,000 apartments with tenants who have a median income of \$30,000. By repealing the Urstadt laws, we could restore home rule and put authority back where it belongs – in the hands of the local legislature.

4TH ANNUAL WEST SIDE TENANTS' CONFERENCE

On September 27, 2009, I had the great pleasure of speaking at the 4th Annual West Side Tenants' Conference hosted by Housing Conservation Coordinators and its neighborhood allies. It was great to be back this year to talk to tenants and update the attendees on the Council's work.

FIGHTING TO KEEP SENIOR CENTERS OPEN



Council Member Vacca, Speaker Quinn, Council Member Arroyo, and the City's elderly at City Hall won the hard battle to halt the modernization plan and keep the City's Senior Centers open!

FIGHTING TO PROTECT TENANTS



Council Member Brewer, Speaker Quinn, and Council Member Garodnick express their displeasure with the Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) decision to allow increased rents for rent stabilized housing during a tenant rally outside City Hall.

FOUR CORNERS TENANTS ASSOCIATION EARNS WINS ON HARDSHIP CASE!

In 1996 London Terrace Associates, the landlord of London Terrace Towers located in Chelsea, filed with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) for a rent hardship increase.

I along with Congressman Nadler, Manhattan Borough President Stringer, State Senator Duane, and Assembly Member Gottfried worked diligently on this issue.

On November 7, 2008, the tenants of London Terrace Towers won a big victory on their hardship case at DHCR. Although, the fight is still not over, much of the credit goes to the Four Corners Tenants Association who came together to fight the unjust rent increases. I am very proud to have played a roll in this important advocacy effort.

PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

My colleagues and I in the Council passed legislation on October 7, 2008, which serves to include Penn South in the J-51 program. By doing this we are preserving a community that is and will remain a source of affordable housing for thousands of residents.



HONORING A LEGEND

After countless years of service, I was honored to join Dave Smith and his family at a garden naming ceremony at Penn South. Dave was an innovator, leader, generous man and a tireless advocate. Sadly, Dave passed away in March 2009.

