



**Charles Cooper, Jr.**  
Building Harlem

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As a Harlem businessman, I have been working for the past several years with the Black clergy, Hispanic and African American business leaders and have been instrumental in New York setting a 30 percent local hiring goal for minorities and women on all state projects. I believe if we empower our community economically, we can change our neighborhoods for the better and provide better schools for our children; affordable housing for our families and a better quality of life for all of us.

I was born in Liberia, fled a civil war and lived in public housing. I know what its like to not have sufficient heat in the winter and to be mocked for having an accent or being "different." That's what is so great about this village of Harlem, where I live and call home. It embraces us all. My name is Charles Cooper, and I look forward to your support on February 14th.

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