

19th City Council District

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Hi, I'm Dennis Saffran. My wife Jane and I have lived in Northeast Queens for 15 years, raised our kids here, and been active in the community. I'm running for the City Council because I want to preserve the special quality of life we have here. I ran a public interest group that supported Rudy Giuliani's anti-crime and quality-of-life reforms that kept our neighborhoods safe and turned our city around, and I want to keep these reforms in place. I strongly support Ray Kelly's "Stop & Frisk" policy. Of course these stops must be courteous and civil. But the bottom line is they get guns off the streets and save lives. And I strongly oppose the Council's anti-profiling bill that could bar police from even identifying the race of suspects. Of course we have to respect all groups, but we can't trample common sense and cripple law enforcement. I also strongly oppose the Council bill to allow noncitizens to vote. I believe in immigration but this bill is an attack on the idea of American citizenship that binds us together as a nation of immigrants. Preserving our quality of life also means maintaining high educational standards. I'll fight for adequate funding for School Districts 25 and 26, and to defend the city's specialized high schools against the legal action that would water down merit selection and impose a vile racial quota on kids who work hard to get into these schools. Above all, when scandal has tarred both parties, I want to restore the tradition of integrity set by my political mentors, Republican Sen. Frank Padavan, and Democratic Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn, and to work as hard as they did for our communities.

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