

27th City Council District

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Good day. I'm Greg Mays and today I'm here to declare my candidacy for the District 27 New York City Council seat currently being held by the honorable Leroy Comrie. I'm running for one reason: Because you deserve the right to know that your next city council representative is ready for the job. I'm ready. For the last six years, I've been running a Jamaica-based non-profit called A Better Jamaica. We currently have six programs. Together, our two movie series exhibit 21 films spread across five parks here in southeast Queens. Our Jamaica311.com web site and weekly e-blast, features all kinds of events taking place here in our beloved town. Jamaica Solutions, brings community experts together to think about how best to solve our problems. Our Jamaica Reads program deploys senior citizens to a local elementary school to work one-on-one with 1st graders struggling with the acquisition of their reading skills. Finally, the Jamaica Ball brings 17 local non-profits together for a collective fundraiser that allows each non-profit to keep 90% of ticket sales revenue. I'm ready to bring this same thoughtful, proactive, creative approach to the district's problems as your city council representative. The same approach that I bring to Community Board 12, where I chair the Parks Committee. And the same approach that I brought to my leadership as president of the Addisleigh Park Civic Organization. I'm ready to be responsive to your needs, but equally important, I am ready to actively survey the District 27 landscape, for the purpose of determining what problems may be cropping up, so that we can nip them at the bud. I know that all is not well here in southeast Queens. Among other things I know about the flooding and the overcrowding of our streets. I know that too many of our children are failing in school. I know that too many of our young people are underengaged. I also know that too many of our adults are unemployed — and as a result, we have one of the highest foreclosure rates in the city and the state. Finally, I know that too many of our seniors are suffering in silence. If you're concerned, but like me, you're tired of waiting for other people to solve our problems, then I implore you to join me. Let's make New York City Council District 27 the best it's ever been. Let's do this! Thank you!

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