

Public Advocate

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I'm Cathy Guerriero and I'm your next Public Advocate. I come from a working class background, the product of three generations of union workers. My grandparents were longshoremen, my mother and father were teachers and my six brothers and sisters: teachers, firemen, and cops. I stand on their shoulders.

I am a mother, a professor, a wife, an educator and a fighter. I have a Ph.D. in schools policy because I believe the interests of children should be at the center of every conversation.

I teach at Columbia University and NYU, and I worked ten years at the Archdiocese of New York, as the Director of Strategic Planning and the Associate Director of the Papal Visit for Edward Cardinal Egan.

I run for the only job I've ever wanted: to be the next Public Advocate.

We are in the crucible here in NYC. The whole city is about to change and it would be nice if we had a Public Advocate who actually knew something, who could make sense of a job that most people find an appendage.

I'm an educator and I know this: 12 years of Mayoral Control has been an experiment in failure on the backs of New York public school children. Every stakeholder has been excluded and I am tired of my family and New York City public school teachers, principals and parents being blamed for what they broke. Put the stakeholders back in the game.

I run as the union candidate, with more union endorsements than anyone else in my race. The rank and file know what I know — the great lie of the American century is that these unions broke the back of the municipalities. They did not; they built us.

My father had two full-time union jobs: he was a New York City public school teacher, he would come home, change his clothes and then work the 4-12 shift as a longshoreman guard. So finally, at 68, he has a few pennies to rub together. He purchased into those contracts, he deferred compensation, he worked hard — keep your hands out of my Daddy's pockets.

I'm tired of us being blamed for what they broke and so I run. I am the union candidate, I am the educator in the race, the mom and the working class hero. I am your next Public Advocate because I can lift the discourse and I can move the needle of truth across our great city.

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