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District Office, 244 East 93rd Street

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SENIORS:

- Medicare savings
- Meals-on-Wheels
- Access-A-Ride...

HOUSING:

- affordable units
- rent freezes
- legal clinic...

JOBS:

- search & training
- veterans
- senior & youth
employment...

FAMILIES:

- Universal Pre-K
- Head Start
- After-Schools...

FINANCES:

- cash assistance
- tax credits
- home energy
assistance...

NUTRITION:

- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- WIC
- free meals for all ages...

We can also help resolve 311 Complaints.

MOBILE HOURS

We bring our office to senior centers each
month from 11am to 2pm:

- **Stanley Isaacs**, 2nd Tuesday
- **Webster Library**, 3rd Wednesday
(starting in June)
- **Roosevelt Island**, 4th Wednesday

Appointments after 2pm available
upon request.

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

By appointment, 2pm to 6pm:

Housing, Every Monday and 1st Wednesday

Life Planning, 3rd Wednesday

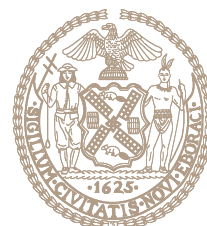
Family Law, 1st Tuesday

General Civil Law, 3rd Tuesday



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MEET BEN

FIRST FRIDAY, 8AM – 10AM, District Office.

Join me and your neighbors for a conversation.

POLICY NIGHT, 2nd Tuesday, 5PM – 6PM, District Office.

Work with staff to organize to make your ideas a reality.
By appointment only.

BEN IN YOUR BUILDING.

*Got an annual cooperative or condominium
meeting? I will come to you!*

SAVE THE DATE

Participatory Budgeting

Vote on \$1 Million
March 30 – April 7

Tenants' Rights Forum

May 9, 6PM
P.S. 59
233 E 56th St.

Overdevelopment Forum

June 27, 6PM
The Graduate Center,
CUNY
365 5th Ave

Roosevelt Island Town Hall

June 13, 6PM
Chapel of the Good
Shepherd

PLAY IN THE PARKS



May the Fourth Be with You

May 4 • 6:30PM
St. Catherine's Park

Skate Night • 4PM-7PM

May 25 • Stanley Isaacs Park

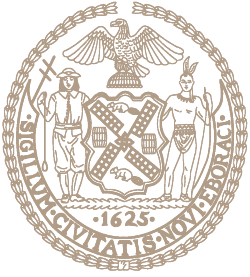
Family Day • 1PM-4PM

May 18, Carl Schurz Park
June 8, John Jay Park

Shakespeare in the Park • 7PM

June 25-30
Carl Schurz Park

RSVP at: BenKallos.com/Events



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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

Over the past five years, together we've improved our neighborhood and the city around us, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish in the remaining three years.

We've won big victories for education, parks, and more:

- ✓ 750 new Pre-Kindergarten seats opening for 2019
- ✓ 640 new school seats planned, with \$93 million in funding
- ✓ \$275 million in public/private partnerships to repair and improve the East River Esplanade
- ✓ Opened the Second Avenue Subway, expanded bike lanes and CitiBike, added SBS bus routes, and won ferry service
- ✓ 322 new trash cans to keep our streets clean
- ✓ Rezoned Sutton to stop supertall towers
- ✓ Rewrote the City Charter to get big money out of politics

We've still got more to do:

- ✓ Pass a citywide rezoning to close loopholes that allow mechanical voids to create supertall towers
- ✓ Rewrite City Charter to empower communities in land use process and more
- ✓ Secure 3K for the Upper East Side

What do you think we should add to our list? Send me your ideas at Policy@BenKallos.com.

Sincerely,

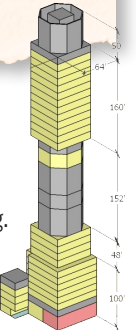
Ben Kallos,
Council Member, District 5

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FIGHTING OVERDEVELOPMENT

CRAIN'S City fast-tracks crackdown on buildings on stilts 1/22/19

Every New Yorker should have a right to light and air without having to pay millions just to see the sky. Over the past 5 years, I've worked with Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, and we were joined by Landmark West! and Manhattan Borough President Brewer to close loopholes in zoning. Mayor de Blasio agreed to close a loophole that allowed mechanical voids over 100 feet tall just to give billionaires better views. Join the fight against excessive mechanical voids at BenKallos.com/voids



NEW YORK POST Bill would require NYC developers to disclose relationships with politicians 1/9/19

As chair of the Land Use subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions, and Concessions, I have worked diligently so that New Yorkers get the most affordable housing possible out of every tax dollar given as a subsidy to real estate developers. I've authored legislation that will force real estate developers to disclose their connections in city government to the City Council when they apply to receive tax dollars for building affordable housing. No developer should get an unfair advantage using politics.

SCAFFOLDING & SIDEWALK SHEDS

349 miles of scaffolding that blights our city has started falling on and injuring New Yorkers. After a recent collapse, we learned scaffolding companies can "self-certify" their safety. That's why I've proposed legislation requiring the city to inspect scaffolding upon installation and every six months thereafter with escalating fees to cover costs and incentivize scaffolds to finally come down.



GOOD GOVERNMENT: REWRITING OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENT

CHARTER REFORMED TO EMPOWER NEW YORKERS IN CITY ELECTIONS

New Yorkers sent a clear message on November 6, 2018 when 80% of those who flipped over their ballots, a total of 1.1 million people, voted "Yes" on question one to get big money out of New York City politics, a reform I have advocated for prior to and after I was elected to the City Council. We actually won every question on the ballot, including urban planners and term limits to reinvigorate community boards.

DAILY NEWS Council bill would apply new contribution limits to special election for public advocate 12/16/19

I am proud to have authored Local Law 1 of 2019, which offered the new campaign finance option we won on the ballot to every special election through 2021, giving the new Public Advocate the opportunity to run on small dollars as a city-wide candidate. The system I am proud to have ushered in:

- Lowers contribution limits by more than half from \$5,100 to \$2,000
- Makes small dollars more valuable by increasing their public match rate from 6 to 8
- Increases Public Grants from half the money candidates can spend to three-quarters

Support our efforts by signing our petition at BenKallos.com/BIGMONEYOUT

The New York Times No Albany Pay Raise Without Limits on Outside Income

"If lawmakers want to be paid as much as New York City Council members, they should be willing to act as responsibly. In 2016, city lawmakers took an open vote to increase members' pay from \$112,500, while banning most forms of outside income and lulus." 11/25/18

I was proud to author the laws that enacted ethics reforms and eliminated outside income for New York City Council Members, making it a fulltime job. We led by example and the same has been asked of the state legislature. Though the matter is now in court, I hope Albany does the right thing no matter what.

CHARTER REFORM COMING TO 2019 BALLOT

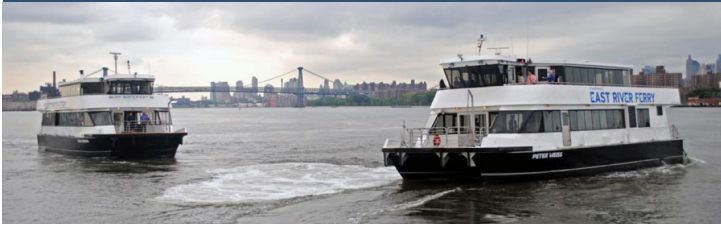
Last year I helped lead the fight to revise our City's Charter. This year a second Charter Revision Commission is taking a broader approach to reform. Among the recommendations I made, the Commission has agreed to take a closer look at:

- Empowering the Borough President
- Independent budgets for "independent" offices such as Public Advocate
- "Advice and Consent" for the Council on more Mayoral appointments
- Increased budget and spending transparency
- Empowering communities on land use by changing compositions of boards and engaging communities at outset
- "Democracy Vouchers"

Learn more at BenKallos.com/charter2019

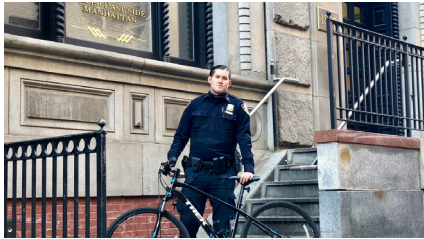
TRANSPORTATION

FERRY SERVICE FOR UES & RI



I am proud that we were able to connect the Upper East Side to the NYC Ferry network at the new 90th Street Landing. More than 1,000,000 riders have taken advantage of the ferries, using them to see our City's parks and attractions and commute to and from work. Now our district has two routes with landings on Roosevelt Island and the Upper East Side.

SAFE STREETS AND BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM



Since taking office I have focused on making our streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers to share. This year the NYPD launched a **dedicated bike safety officer** and continued strong

enforcement, issuing **18,134 violations to vehicles** and **1,749 violations to bikes**. This was coupled with crosstown bike lanes and new approvals to close the **Second Avenue bike lane gap** from 68th St. to the **Queensboro Bridge**. We've also made York Avenue safer with **Leading Pedestrian Intervals** to give pedestrians time to cross before vehicles get the green light. Finally, we've added **"safety neckdowns"** to extend the curb and pedestrian islands at dangerous intersections throughout the Upper East Side, so pedestrians have less distance to cross.



CLEANING UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD

I am still focused on cleaning up each and every block of the neighborhood. Since 2016, we have seen improvement thanks to the 322 large covered trash cans on every corner of the district and twice-a-day pick up by the Department of Sanitation on our busy streets. This year, we launched

an \$85,000 pilot program with Fedcap's Wildcat Service for three-person crews four days a week to sweep sidewalks and bike islands, clean gutters and drains of blockages, and remove litter from tree pits. Wildcat is cleaning where we've never had service before, including: First, Second, Third and Lexington Avenues as well as major cross streets at 57th, 72nd, 79th, 86th, and 96th Streets. Learn more at BenKallos.com/cleanup

MARINE TRANSFER STATION

The local paper for the Upper East Side



A KINDER, GENTLER, CLEANER DUMP

EXCLUSIVE

The garbage depot on the East River, one of the most reviled projects on the UES, may not be quite as dreadful as feared — but just-revealed sanitation truck routes will stress one plenty of neighbors.

BY ROSALIE FRIDEN

The mountains of trash that will be hauled to the East 90th Street Marine Transfer Station when it opens in 2030 have been dramatically reduced, new data from the city's Department of Sanitation shows.

Municipal garbage trucks will still transfer across the Upper East Side as they travel to and from the MTS — but the size of the planned fleet will be sharply scaled back, according to DOS projections.

In a January 25 letter sent to East Side elected officials, Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia summed up the bottom line: "This is not the East 90th Street Marine Transfer Station of years ago," she wrote.

The initiative, provided to Strass News by East Side City Council Member Ben Kallos, who has long battled to kill the project, is perhaps the only good news the MTS has generated since it was first proposed in 2008.

"Thanks to your work — and more importantly, the great recycling in your community — the amount of refuse processed at the MTS will be lower than anticipated during the planning process," Garcia wrote.

Flash back to 2008, when then Mayor Michael Bloomberg initiated the planning for a facility that would process all residential waste from Community Boards 8, 8 and 11 — an area bounded by 14th Street on the south and 120th Street on the north, Eighth Avenue to the west and the East River to the east.



Twilight falls on the East 90th Street Marine Transfer Station on Sunday, March 4. Labeled by locals since it was proposed nearly 10 years ago, the MTS will now process far less trash than originally projected — and the number of garbage trucks rumbling across the East Side will also plummet. Photo: Douglas Fiske

At the time, those four districts produced more than 720 tons of refuse per day, and initial blueprints called an average of 72 garbage trucks, or as many as 10 in some cases, would traverse the East Side daily to get to the MTS, the "tipping destination."

Those plans, with only minimal tinkering, remained on the drawing boards for 10 years. Now, the numbers have come back down to earth.

REWARDS FOR RECYCLING
"Last year, the same four districts produced less than 540 tons per day," Garcia wrote. That's a significant decline of 25 percent. "Simply put, less trash means fewer trucks," she said in the letter.

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Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia

Jewish women and girls light up the world by lighting the Shabbat candles every Friday evening 18 minutes before sunset.
Friday March 9 - 5:38 pm.
For more information visit www.chabaduppereastside.com

Over the past five years we have stood our ground against the Mayor and his MTS, and we have won several concessions for our community.

The administration has promised that zoned trash pickup will not be tied to dumping at the MTS, we won funding for guardrails on every truck and even won a commitment to zero waste, which will make Marine Transfer-to-landfill obsolete by 2030.

I co-sponsored and passed a Waste Equity law that will protect our neighborhood from receiving more than 10% of the city's waste. The initial version of the bill exempted districts with Marine Transfer Stations from the cap, but after the changes I negotiated, I am confident it will protect the Upper East Side.

A new ramp will be constructed one block north at the request of Pledge2Protect and Asphalt Green to protect children playing on their soccer fields.

Most recently, as Our Town reported, the Department of Sanitation has now agreed to an "average of 40 to 50 trucks per day" instead of the over 200 trucks a day that were once feared. Our neighborhood saw such a dramatic reduction because we are producing 25% less landfill than a decade ago through reduction and diversion.

Although it opened on March 25, my opposition to this facility remains steadfast because a garbage dump does not belong in a residential neighborhood. Join the fight at BenKallos.com/MTS

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING: VOTE ON HOW TO SPEND \$1 MILLION IN OUR DISTRICT

Every year residents in my district ages 11 and older get to vote on how to spend one million dollars in the community through Participatory Budgeting. The ballot is decided on by residents like you who volunteer as Delegates. Learn more at BenKallos.com/PB

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING ABSENTEE BALLOT Detailed ballot at BenKallos.com/pb/ballot

Name

I am 11 years or older and live in Council District 5.

Select up to 5 projects.

Parks and Recreation

- \$222,000: Plant 60 new trees with guards on sidewalks throughout district
- \$800,000: Restore the Roosevelt Island lighthouse to allow for public access
- \$250,000: Fund capital improvements in parks in the district
- \$800,000: Lexington Houses NYCHA Playground Renovation

Education

- \$300,000: Install additional security cameras in P.S. 527
- \$750,000: Auditorium renovation in the Julia Richman Education Complex
- \$350,000: Purchase laptop carts for ten public schools in the council district

*Email (required)

Public Safety

- \$300,000: Build curb extensions to enhance pedestrian safety and visibility along the East 79th Street SBS corridor
- \$170,457: Install additional NYPD security cameras at transit and traffic hubs
- \$170,457: Install additional NYPD security cameras at high traffic intersections
- \$397,733: Install NYPD security cameras at the entrances to 7 parks across the district
- \$400,000: Purchase small sprinter Command Post vehicle for 23rd precinct

Or vote online starting March 30 at BenKallos.com/pb/ballot/digital

Return by mail to Council Member Ben Kallos, 244 East 93rd Street, New York, NY 10128. **Must arrive by April 5, 2019.**