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Question 1: What are your top 2-3 issues going forward?

My first priority is to renew and expand the School Zone Speed Cameras, which improve protection from speeding vehicles for students, caregivers and school staff around our schools. I will work with NYC Dept. Of Transportation, Community Boards, and outreach to NYC Councilmembers as well as legislators who will need to vote on the measure.

As chair of the Higher Education Committee, I will work for expanded funding for higher education institutions, financial aid, and opportunity programs which assist students with support to ensure they complete their educational program. As always, I will work with student advocates, unions representing the professorate, encourage the many interested business leaders committed to an educated work force as well as colleagues who represent many of these institutions and the students and their families.

The crash victims bill of rights legislation, which is new legislation to ensure that victims of crashes and their families are assisted and supported throughout the process of recovery and any adjudication that is involved. It is part of a comprehensive set of bills to address pedestrian and street safety. I will continue my work with Families for Safer Streets, Transportation Safety groups and the New York City and State Departments of Transportation.

Question 2: Name some things you have done for our community and the results achieved.

The creation of a new middle school at 75 Morton Street, which was state property. I worked to ensure that the property was not sold to a developer for luxury development and worked with City State & Federal elected officials to see that the NYC School Construction Authority purchased and renovated the property to construct the school. This effort took years, many steps and a very large number of smart dedicated community members every step of the way.

I have worked with my staff and various community service organizations to assist hundreds, if not thousands, of local residents with different and varied problems they could not personally address without help. These include, but are not limited to, tenant/landlord conflicts, problems with health insurance companies denying coverage for necessary healthcare, state tax issues, and throughout the pandemic we assisted hundreds of folks unable to access the unemployment compensation they were entitled to receive but couldn't reach the State Department of Labor.

Worked to restore bus service for the M8, M14A loop and the renamed M55. These vital bus links were threatened because of perceived low ridership and alleged alternative options. I worked with local community members on a walkthrough for the M55 and had MTA representatives walk the other routes to see the lack of service that generate low ridership.

Worked directly with many local service organizations to direct resources to assist them in serving their clients. These include but are not limited to Visiting Neighbors, Greenwich House, the 3rd Street Music School, God's Love We Deliver and the Cooper Square Committee. Additionally, throughout the pandemic I and my staff delivered hand sanitizer, masks and Covid test kits to help these organizations to continue to serve the people who depend upon them. I also assisted in park renovations by providing the resources for historic lighting and curb cuts so more Parks Department funds could be focused in the parks, and expanded historic lighting around the community. In addition, I saw that the resources necessary for the escalator at the Bleecker Street connection to the Broadway Lafayette Station were made available.

Question 3: What do you most want our club members to know about you and why you are the best candidate for the position?

I am a lifelong New Yorker who attended NYC public schools, worked while I attended Queens College and worked full time and attended Fordham University at night to receive my MBA. I am passionate about public service and have always been a full-time legislator.

My staff has always been trained to put constituent needs first; I am proud that my office gets consistently high marks from the community for our empathetic help and our newsletters which seek to inform the public and raise their awareness of various issues.

I am proud to have the endorsement of Congressmembers Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney, VID, DID, Senator Brad Hoylman, Councilmembers Erik Bottcher and Gale Brewer - who was our Borough President and an elected official I have always tried to emulate.