



Cordell Cleare

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My name is Cordell Cleare. Four generations of my family live here in Harlem. We've endured the many transformations of this community. My experiences gained from living, worshiping, raising my family, organizing, working in and for this district have provided me with first hand knowledge of our community's needs. Along with my work for over 18 years in the office of the former City Council Member and State Senator Bill Perkins, it is the best preparation I could have had.

Prior to working in government, due to the poor living conditions in my home my family became affected by lead poisoning in the early 1990's. I fought along with and ultimately chaired a city wide coalition of parents, health care professionals, unions, elected officials, tenant, education and housing advocates to bring about stronger lead paint poisoning protections for children. After 12 years of struggle, organizing, public education, lobbying legislators and law suits we were victorious in getting the most comprehensive Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention bill in the country passed in the NYC Council in 2004. Though this bill did not change what had already happened to my family, I am proud to say it has protected thousands of children since.

As a former Community School Board Member in District 3 and former President of Community Education Council 3 I fought for equal and improved educational options for all children. With my fellow board members I created and implemented policy that increased fairer enrollment opportunities to choice public schools in the district.

I have served as a Democratic District Leader in this community for over a decade. I've worked as a community organizer and advocate for over 25 years. I know what it takes to bring change. I look forward to continuing my service in this district as your Council member. I have come a long way from my humble beginnings and I believe that people should not forget where they've come from. As your neighbor and friend we are all in this together. I will continue to work hard for you.

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