

## **9th City Council District**

**Inez E. Dickens** (D)

I'm Inez E. Dickens the incumbent 9th district Councilmember representing Central Harlem, and parts of East and West Harlem. I've been focused on JOBS — job creation, job access for families and job re-entry for those re-joining our community post incarceration. I have funded programs like Positive Workforce, Parent Job Network, and Exodus Transitional. Job creation means protecting the engine that actually creates the jobs, which in communities like ours, is small business. I'm on the frontlines with legislation that streamlines onerous licensing processes, and fought to ensure that the Paid Sick Leave Bill would offer both fairness to our workers and save small business from adverse impacts. I was the prime sponsor for Intro. 911, the MWBE bill, which ensures that women and minority owned businesses can compete on a fair playing field for the city's business. We have turned vacant lots into occupied homes, creating over 650 affordable units, working with developers, pushing them for more affordable units without killing the chance to transform our communities. I have focused on creating affordable home ownership, played an instrumental role to invest \$350 million at Harlem Hospital for the new Mural Pavilion and other capital projects which raises the standard for healthcare and creates jobs in a growing field. I've supported our cultural institutions like the Studio Museum of Harlem and the LeRoy Neiman Art Gallery, kept our libraries open and parks clean. I want to continue our work with organizations like Harlem Mother's SAVE to fight gang and gun violence. I need your vote to continue to stand up for public education for our children, like we did at Wadleigh High School and Harlem School of the Arts, to ensure public education funding, to continue the fight to keep our senior centers open. I'm asking for your vote because I believe that our work together will give middle and working class families the opportunity to live in an affordable and safe home, to earn a decent and respectable living, and to look forward to opportunity for their children, and we can only expect our community to continue its ascent. On September 10th cast your vote for me, Inez E. Dickens, incumbent City Council Member representing the 9th Council District. Thank you.

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