

35th City Council District

Laurie A. Cumbo (D)

My name is Laurie Cumbo, and I am here today to tell you about why I am running for the 35th City Council District. My passions for culture, education, and business, and my unique background in the non-profit sector all make me stand out as a candidate who can develop creative solutions to solve problems. As a female entrepreneur, I recognize the importance of empowering women with the tools they need to succeed. Women must receive equal pay, adequate maternity leave options and affordable housing for victims of domestic violence. Further, I plan to define what "affordable" means, strengthen our rent laws, and help small landlords maintain below-market rents with tax breaks. I also aim to create local economic growth. By supporting our arts centers to develop tourism, backing tax cuts for commercial property owners, and providing minority and women owned businesses with support, I will ensure that everyone receives equal opportunities, using my extensive experience with non-profits and other organizations to help me do so. Moreover, my work in creating the Museum of Contemporary African Diaspora Arts (MOCADA) has showed me how creativity and positive attitudes can make the difference in students' motivation to learn. I plan to encourage students to pursue higher education by first creating a college town atmosphere in Brooklyn. I will also advocate for providing reduced tuition to Brooklyn public colleges for Brooklyn residents. I want to thank you for your support and I hope that I can count on you in the upcoming election. Please visit my website LaurieCumbo2013.com for more information about my unique plans for our community. I would be honored to have your support on September 10th.

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