

30th City Council District

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Hi, my name is Craig Caruana and I am running for City Council to represent the neighborhoods of Glendale, Woodhaven, Middle Village, Ridgewood and Maspeth. I was born and raised in the 30th District and received degrees from the Catholic University of America and Texas A&M University. I began my career in the Pentagon, serving as an aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In that capacity, I assisted in the management of an organization of 100,000 employees with a \$50 billion dollar annual budget. It was in this complex political environment that I learned excuses don't cut it; it's only results that count. I got into politics by being active in local civics and witnessing the lack of leadership from our current city councilmember, Elizabeth Crowley. Unfortunately, our Councilmember put her own political aspirations ahead of the community and ran for Congress before her first term ended. Instead of working to add more police officers to our neighborhoods, Councilmember Crowley co-sponsored legislation that made it illegal for the Department of Corrections at Rykers Island to transfer certain prisoners who are in the country illegally over to Immigration and Customs. Instead of being deported, prisoners serve their time and are re-released back into the streets. These aren't the values of our community. As someone whose family has lived in Queens for multiple generations, I'm disheartened that we do not receive the representation in the City Council that we deserve. If elected, I'll work to bring jobs to New York City, reduce the high cost of living and support proven crime fighting tactics, including stop and frisk. Above all else, I'll make our neighborhoods a priority in City Hall. Together, we can put our neighborhoods first and make our city government work for you.

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