

**RUBEN WILLS**  
**Council District 28 Democratic Primary**  
**Video Voter Guide Transcript**

Hello. My name is Ruben Wills, and I am proud to serve as the Council Member from the 28th District. During my first eight months in office, I made sure that while the city shut down libraries, fire stations, and senior centers, none of our library doors were closed, and none of our fire stations and senior centers were shuttered.

In fact, as spending was cut across the city, I secured funding for additional garbage pickups along our major commercial strips in our communities. I also stood up for our children, and made sure that every local elementary and middle school for the first time in history was funded. The funds that the schools received will buy new technology to make sure that all of our children are equipped with the skills needed to succeed in the 21st century job market. In addition, I fought very hard to keep three schools in our district from closing; August Martin High School, Richmond Hill High School and PS 40.

I also worked hard to keep daycare affordable. I believe that every child is entitled to a quality head start, and that no parent should have to choose between going to work and sending their child to daycare. That's why I secured an additional \$20,000 for daycare programs in our district.

I also helped protect residents by drawing the city's attention to the high number of homeless shelters in Southeast Queens. It is unacceptable for a few neighbors or neighborhoods to bear an unfair burden of the city's homeless shelters. Instead, all neighborhoods, all neighbors across New York City, must do their fair share in supporting the homeless population.

It is a privilege for me to serve one of the most diverse and vibrant districts in New York City. Whether you live in Rochdale Village, South Ozone Park, Jamaica, or Richmond Hill, I look forward to working with you to make sure that our district is the best that it can be.

I am proud of what we've accomplished in just eight months, and I promise that I will continue to stand up and make sure your voice is heard at City Hall. I would be honored to have your vote on September 13<sup>th</sup> during the primary.