

7th City Council District

Joyce Johnson (D)

Hi, I'm Joyce Johnson and I'm running for City Council in Manhattan's 7th District along the West Side. Throughout my career in the public and private sector, and through my involvement with local non-profits and community groups, I have a track record of bringing people together to tackle community problems, both large and small. My attachment and experiences in this community are genuine, not political. I'm running because City Hall needs a strong, authentic, neighborhood voice insisting on common-sense priorities. As a longtime resident of the Upper West Side, I have seen — as we all have — how our city has become increasingly unaffordable for seniors, young families, and everyone in between. I have worked as a housing activist to build and sustain diverse coalitions, and fought to preserve affordable Mitchell-Llama housing. I favor inclusionary zoning to require that new developments provide real affordable housing for low and middle income families, and will fight to preserve and maintain public housing. We must also ensure that new developments are environmentally sustainable. In addition to affordable places to live, working families rely on strong public schools and educational opportunity. Our city's children need investment, not just instruction that helps them answer always-changing standardized tests. Public transportation, maintaining a fair city tax structure, access to capital and credit for small businesses, and economic development that brings jobs and industry to northern Manhattan are other important issues. And as a specialist in equal opportunity and gender equity in the workplace, civil rights has been and always will be a heartfelt commitment. As your Councilwoman, I'll be empowered by and accountable only to you. I look forward to meeting you over the coming months, and hope to earn your vote on September 10th.

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