

8th City Council District

Gwen Goodwin (D)

Hi, I'm Gwen Goodwin, a resident of East Harlem for 28 years, running for City Council, District 8, Mott Haven, South Bronx, East Harlem.

My platform centers around affordable housing and public education.

I chair the Coalition to Save PS 109, which saved PS 109 from demolition, landmarked it, and got it a new roof. I worked for 12 years to reopen it as a public school, counter to local powers that be.

In 1999, Rev. Norman Eddy's East Harlem Coalition to Improve our Public Schools surveyed East Harlem public schools, proving them 86% overcrowded! Like housing, decent public schools are essential for community preservation. Youth need schools and jobs, not jails and wars. PhysEd, not Ritalin.

Currently, a Bloomberg-NYCHA plan, INFILL, would lease public housing to developers for 99 years: luxury housing high-rises replacing green areas, parking lots and even community centers, causing congestion and population shift, leading to mass displacement and an end to public housing.

NYCHA sells INFILL as getting \$50 million a year to narrow a claimed \$60 million deficit. To pay the deficit, I propose rerouting \$75 million that NYCHA gives a nonexistent police force which has been defunct since 1995, plus returning these funds retroactively.

We need to create low income housing: Change the supply-demand ratio. Roll rents back. Reverse planned shrinkage. No permanent triple rents. End yearly rent hikes. Strengthen rent regulation and tenant protection. I would also suggest a \$12 minimum wage. Constitutionally limit Stop-and-Frisk. No racial profiling. No domestic drones. Label genetically modified food.

I'm Gwen Goodwin. Please come out and vote for me in the Democratic Primary Sept. 10th. For further information, please see gwengoodwin.com.

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