7th City Council District Ruben Dario Vargas (D)

The Upper West Side community has too much heart and dignity to be underestimated. A brighter day for any community is one where every person matters and problems are not put aside but rather foreseen and prevented. A day when elected officials are full of trust and compassion. And that is the kind of Councilmember I will be. I'm a servant with an open mind ready to be the voice for everyone. I served in the U.S. military for 24 years, but I feel that the time for me to serve our community, with so much promise for change, has finally come. Among my top priorities as a member of the City Council is to provide the best possible education for every child of our community, ensuring that each student has equal opportunity for success. I will also work hard and do everything within my authority to stop bullying in school. I want every child in this community to go to school without the fear of being bullied. Other priorities of mine include the instillation of elevators at train stations, and the enhancement of public safety, after school programs, senior citizen centers, and recreation centers. To have a better future requires a more productive present. Once the potential and unique intelligence of every person in this community unites, I know that nothing less than outstanding will be accomplished. If I was to have the honor of being your New York City Councilman, your partner for change, my decision making process would be based solely on what is needed to improve the quality of life for all, without exceptions. I am Ruben Dario Vargas, and I hope to earn your vote by September 10, 2013 for New York City Council District 7. Thank You.

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