## 24th City Council District

Andrea Veras (D)

I arrived to the United States in 1990 and raised three children as a single parent. As a grassroots community organizer in Briarwood, Queens, I have already made an impact in my community and have a proven record of producing results. As a direct result of my involvement, I was able to get the 107th Precinct to increase patrols in the neighborhood which led to the arrests of criminals, ultimately bolstering the quality of life for my neighbors and me. As a Councilwoman, I would like to reevaluate policies that are in place and propose new legislation to produce effective changes on behalf of my constituency. I will fight for higher wages to allow workers to live with dignity, work with business owners to create job opportunities, and continue to ensure public and environmental safety. On healthcare issues, I will work to find community-based solutions to health care needs. On education issues, I support emphasis on increased parental involvement, the expansion of Pre-K services, and will motivate high-school students to learn different trades, such as carpentry and plumbing. I will work to foster economic development through the expansion of tax credits to businesses. On affordable housing, I am committed to extend and enhance the rent regulations currently established. I will promote the incorporation of new ideas, transparency and a fresh perspective to city management. After many years of dedicated public service, I am offering my passion, experience and leadership to build a safer, vibrant and thriving environment.

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