



Joann Otero
Strong Together

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Hello, my name is Joann Otero and I am running for the 17th Council District. My decision to run for this seat comes from serving this district for the last 11 years as chief of staff to Councilmember Arroyo, but most importantly because I love the district I call home.

I was born and raised in the South Bronx to Puerto Rican parents 47 years ago and currently live in a two family home with them, my sister and youngest daughter. As a one-time public housing resident, I can identify with the struggles that come from keeping a roof over our families. Current AMI guidelines for housing are not affordable and I will work to organize financial literacy programming so that lottery winners are not disqualified due to poor credit scores. I will deal with Landlords that force low and middle income families out of their homes, improve living conditions at our Public Housing Developments, and address concerns of private homeowners, such as tickets from the Department of Sanitation. Protecting the affordable housing stock is essential so that the gentrification of our neighborhoods does not drive out those who stayed in our community.

Serving as a PTA president for three years gave me insight on the struggles educators confront in accessing resources. Children deserve quality education and should not be in settings that lack basic needs such as functional heating and cooling systems. In addition, Private schools should be supported by way of afterschool programming and Vocational schools that offer students opportunities to get into trades should also be supported. I will work with both Youth and Senior providers to strengthen current programming and create additional services for these populations.

I have worked with community leaders and activists and we have begun to identify and resolve issues around housing, safety, and education.

District 17 is my home and the residents are my neighbors. I do not require a training course before I can do the work that our community needs. I have been working at this level for over a decade and already have the knowledge, the relations and track record that make me the best candidate for this office.

I am Joann Otero and I need your vote.

Thank you.

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