

1st City Council District

Margaret S. Chin (D, WF)

Hi. I'm Council Member Margaret Chin. I've had the honor of representing New York's 1st Council District, where I've lived for over 50 years..

I'm proud to share our hard-fought victories, from negotiating the construction of 500 new permanently affordable housing units in the Lower East Side to protecting funding for our after school programs and child care seats.

As a founding member of the Progressive Caucus, I've co-sponsored the Council's landmark paid sick leave legislation as well as the Community Safety Act.

As the first Asian American woman elected to the Council, I've successfully advocated with other public officials to reform military hazing after the death of a young Chinatown-born U.S. soldier.

I've used my experience as a former teacher and a product of the public school system to fight for more school seats.

I've also led negotiations on the set-aside of space for two new school sites in the Village and the Seward Park Urban Renewal Area.

As your Councilmember I've sponsored legislation to strengthen small businesses, improve indoor air quality, and enhance government transparency.

I've traveled to Washington DC to fight for 9/11 health coverage for the downtown community and our first responders.

And now I'm pushing for legislative changes that will make our city more prepared for extreme weather and other emergencies.

We need to keep moving forward. With your support, I will continue to push for baselining of after school and childcare programs, advocate for increased funding for senior services, and fight to slow down the NYCHA infill plan until residents are able to have greater input.

I have the proven track record of defending civil rights and securing millions of dollars for our schools and cultural institutions.

I don't just make promises; I get shovels in the ground.

I'm Council Member Margaret Chin, and with your vote, I look forward to working with all of you in a second term.

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