

6th City Council District

Debra Cooper (D)

I'm Debra Cooper. I'm running for City Council because we need progressive, forward looking leadership to maintain the character, quality of life and affordability of the Upper West Side to make sure that seniors can stay here, that young people can start here and the middle class can prosper. I am the daughter of Holocaust survivors, who earned a Masters in Education, worked as a teacher and raised two daughters on the Upper West Side. I'm an unabashed progressive leader who knows how to get things done on the local, state and national level. I believe we as progressives have to keep pushing forward — because if we don't — the right wing and special interests will push us back. And that's what I've always done. As an active Board member of NARAL ProChoiceNY for more than 20 years, I fought for women's rights, reproductive freedom and healthcare. As the elected Democratic State Committeewoman, I wrote the resolution supporting the Millionaires Tax. I championed a total ban on fracking. And I worked with local leaders to stop the West Side Stadium and protect "Mom-and-Pop" stores. I believe government is a vehicle to make our community stronger, our lives better and society more just and more fair. And with women now making up just one-third of the City Council and the number likely to drop, we need more women on the City council who understand the challenges middle class families face and focus on the common good. I'm proud to be endorsed by Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, NARAL ProChoiceNY, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee and Blue America. I ask for your help and support.

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