15th City Council District Ritchie Torres (D)

The Bronx is my home. I was born and raised here. I grew up in Bronx public housing. I attended Bronx public schools. I've been here my whole life. As a product of a single-mother, working-poor household, I know what it's like to struggle. That is why I've spent much of my life advocating for struggling Bronx families. I've gotten repairs for hundreds of tenants living in slum conditions. I've gotten millions of dollars worth of security improvements in neighborhoods shaken by violence. I've advocated for families facing the same struggles that I grew up with. I'm running because I want to be part of a City Council that gives everyday people a chance — not a handout but a fighting chance to earn a decent life. A chance to have an affordable place to live, a chance to have a job that pays enough to support a family, a chance to send your child to a school that has enough resources to meet the needs of every student. Good Housing. Good Jobs. Good Schools. Those are the things that give everyday people like us a fighting chance to earn a decent life.

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