Public Advocate
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Hello: My name is Letitia James — but people call me Tish — and I am a Democrat running to be the next Public Advocate for New York City. My career in public service has been rooted in my deep passion to fight for New York's middle-class and working families — as a public defender, as an Assistant Attorney General and now as a member of the City Council. I've stood up to powerful interests and made sure every day New Yorkers have their voices heard. I was proud to lead the way on the passage of the Safe Housing Act, which ensures that crucial repairs are made in apartment units across the City. I have stood up to powerful developers and wealthy corporate interests by demanding that local communities get a fair shake. I uncovered waste and fraud in the Citytime corruption scandal, which cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. As Public Advocate, I know that one needs to be independent of the Mayor, whoever that Mayor is. I have a proven track record taking on the Administration on issues like, cuts to senior centers, after school programs, demanding our children get a quality education, as well as fighting to prevent the closing of neighborhood firehouses. As your Public Advocate, I want to bring the office to you, because I am here to work with you and for you. I have a vision and a plan that empowers people and makes them partners in solutions to problems facing our City. I come from humble beginnings. My parents were low-wage workers and it inspired me to be a leader who fights for the working people. I'll bring the same passion for progressive policies to the Office of the Public Advocate that I've demonstrated in the City Council and throughout my career in public service. I want to continue fighting for you as New York City's next Public Advocate. I can only do that with your support on September 10th. Remember, Letitia James, Democrat for New York City Public Advocate.

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