

## **2nd City Council District**

**Richard (Rick) Del Rio** (D)

My name is Rick Del Rio, and I'm running to represent City Council District 2 after thirty-plus years of service to the District as an entrepreneur, activist, and pastor. I am a political outsider but community insider, willing to give all for sustainable change from the inside out. I envision a District 2 that embraces our extraordinary economic, racial, and cultural diversity from the Lower East Side and East Village, to Gramercy, Kips Bay and Murray Hill. Our opportunity agenda unites us around six core justice and quality of life issues: 1. Responsible Economic Development and Affordable Housing 2. Sustainable Education Reform 3. Intentional Youth Development 4. Intergenerational Community 5. Community Safety 6. Disaster Preparedness and Modernized Infrastructure. In 1982 my wife and I responded to a call, as our immigrant parents had a generation earlier. We came to the Lower East Side to restore the promise of America to one of New York's poorest and drug-infested neighborhoods. We have given all we are and have to this community. Today, extreme and growing economic disparities have created new tensions in the district. Leadership must expand — not eliminate — youth and senior programs, recreational spaces, and quality of life for all of our neighbors. We must reject luxury apartments built on low-income playgrounds, stagnant jobless rates, soaring homelessness, and educational leadership that underserves 80% of our children. I am a leader who listens, and follows through on commitments. My fresh voice and vision, lifetime of service, and pragmatic problem solving builds consensus and esteems all New Yorkers as vital. Your support will propel success. Together we can win this race. Thank you.

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