

Foodworks

On November 22, I unveiled a comprehensive plan that sets a bold vision for a more sustainable food system—a ground-to-garbage approach unprecedented in the history of our City. The plan, 'FoodWorks,' provides a blueprint for addressing issues at every phase of the food system – from agricultural production through post-consumption. The proposals focus on everything from combating hunger and obesity to preserving regional farming and local food manufacturing to decreasing waste and energy usage.

In FoodWorks, I outlined 59 policy proposals spanning five phases of the food system. The proposals included new legislation, funding initiatives and far-reaching goals that present a long-term vision for a better food system.

By addressing the system as a whole, we can begin to make connections throughout all phases of the food system, as well as within each phase individually.

Expanding Recycling, Protecting our Environment

On July 29, the New York City Council passed a package of recycling bills that will revolutionize recycling in New York City through a variety of initiatives including expanded plastic recycling, a new clothing and textile recycling program, and improved public space recycling. Our legislation will divert over 8,000 tons of plastic every year away from landfills and incinerators. This brings us one step closer to making New York City cleaner and greener for current and future residents.



Food to Soil— Composting for a Greener City

Speaker Quinn kicks off a new pilot program to expand household composting at greenmarkets around the City.

Hydrofracking

Over the past two years, I have been working diligently with my colleagues in the New York City Council on the issue of horizontal drilling using hydrofracking and how the State's plan to permit drilling for natural gas upstate could contaminate the city's water supply. The New York City Council has passed two resolutions with the most recent being in September, where we sought to ensure protections of the New York City water shed and the Delaware River Basin.

Food Stamps at Greenmarkets

I am proud to support programs like our Greenmarket EBT initiative which helps get healthy food to hungry New Yorkers. Thanks to these programs, food stamp purchases at Greenmarkets have doubled, growing from \$251,000 in 2009 to over \$500,000 in 2010. This dramatic increase in food stamp usage at our Greenmarkets demonstrates that New Yorkers want to eat healthy – they simply need to be given the option. It's also a perfect example of a smart use of city resources, keeping more federal food stamp dollars in the hands of local farmers and vendors, while supporting local jobs.

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE ARTS



Speaker Quinn, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer and the City's little local artists celebrate the groundbreaking of the Children's Museum of the Arts.

Minetta Playground Ground-Breaking

On July 19, I attended a groundbreaking ceremony at the Minetta Playground. Once completed, the facility will be a welcomed change from the current dreary and unsafe conditions and will join Father Demo Square as a wonderful newly renovated space for the neighborhood to enjoy. I look forward to the completion of this project so that children will be able to use the space for fun and enjoyment.

Sunday Supper

I was thrilled to ring the dinner bell at the Third Annual Sunday Supper hosted by Chelsea Market. Funds raised will go to support the Fulton Youth of the Future Culinary Scholarships at the Robert Fulton Houses and advance the mission of the James Beard Foundation which celebrates, nurtures, and preserves America's culinary heritage and diversity. Congratulations to all the recipients of this year's scholarships.

Explorer for a Day

I was honored to be asked to speak to the students of the third grade class at PS 41 about my experiences in politics and city government. The students were learning about great pioneers and explorers such as Henry Hudson and Lewis & Clark as well as leaders in civil rights, environmental activism, education, sports, science and politics. What a wonderful feeling it was to spend some time with all these young rising stars!

Greenwich Village Children's Halloween Parade

This past year was the 20th Annual Greenwich Village Children's Halloween Parade. This is simply one of the best parades in New York City. You can't help but to light up when you see all those children with smiles on their faces. It was truly a wonderful experience to join this year's Grand Marshalls David Spegal, Council Member Margaret Chin and the children of Judson Church in taking part in this great neighborhood event.



Opening Day 2011

Speaker Quinn throws out the first pitch to start the season for the Greenwich Village Little League.



Spreading a Little Holiday Cheer

Speaker Quinn joins the Soup Man in delivering presents to the students of PS/IS 111.

WORKING FOR YOUR NEEDS



Restoring a City Treasure

Speaker Quinn celebrates the restoration of the historic façade of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at the New York Public Library.



Welcoming a New Neighbor

Speaker Quinn at the grand opening of SAGE's new home at 305 7th Avenue.



Saluting Broadway's Unsung Heroes

Speaker Quinn joins the Broadway League and the Coalition of Broadway Unions and Guilds in celebrating "Broadway Salutes."



Cultivating a New Generation of Urban Farmers

Speaker Quinn with Philson Warner of Cornell University Cooperative Extension and students from Food and Finance High School in the Tilapia Aquaculture Lab.

CREATING NEW PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

600 Permanently Affordable Units Coming to Clinton/Hell's Kitchen

After many years of working with Community Board 4 and local residents, the Gotham Organization will be starting construction on a large scale project that will bring to the neighborhood at least 600 permanently affordable middle and moderate income apartments. Once completed, this project will help to ensure our neighborhood stays as economically diverse and wonderful as it is today.

New Affordable Housing in Chelsea

The newest permanently affordable housing building in our neighborhood will soon be coming to Ninth Avenue between West 24th and West 25th Streets. This very exciting project, being developed by Artimus, has come to fruition after years of working with Community Board 4, NYCHA, and HPD. This building will provide permanent low, moderate, and middle income affordable housing for our neighbors.



Demanding New York City's Fair Share

Speaker Quinn addresses the crowd in opposition to proposed Federal funding cuts to HUD and other housing programs.

Clinton Commons Passed by the Council

On April 6, the New York City Council passed a rezoning plan which will make way for new permanently affordable middle income cooperative apartments in Clinton/Hell's Kitchen. I am pleased to have supported this project which will bring a unique housing opportunity to the neighborhood.

PRESERVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CHARACTER OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Greenwich Village Historic District Extended

For years, I have worked with my fellow local elected officials, community leaders, advocates and residents of the West Village and Greenwich Village to preserve the low-rise historic nature of our community. The extension of the historic district designation, the second in four years, has increased the size of New York City's largest historic district to 2,320 buildings. I look forward to continuing our efforts to preserve the Village's architecturally unique and historically significant heritage.

Preserving the Middleton S. and Emilie Nielson Burrill House

On October 27, the New York City Council approved landmark designation for the Middleton S. and Emilie Nielson Burrill House, located at 36 East 38th Street. This brownstone row house was constructed in approximately 1862 and was remodeled by the prominent architectural firm of Hoppin & Koen in 1902-1903. The Middleton S. and Emilie Nielson Burrill House remains a striking example of a Beaux Arts style row house in Murray Hill.



Raising Awareness in Chelsea

Following a hate crime incident in Chelsea, Speaker Quinn, along with The Anti-Violence Project, passes out safety tips.

Far West Village Rezoning Approved

The community-lead rezoning application for the Far West Village was recently approved by the New York City Council. This rezoning puts the finishing touches on the Far West Village rezoning of 2005 and will strengthen the fiber of the community as a whole.

Protecting the character of this area has long been a concern of mine, as well as West Village residents, Community Board 2, and my fellow local elected officials. With this rezoning, we have successfully protected the character and aesthetics of the neighborhood.



Protecting Tenants

On October 27, my colleagues in the New York City Council and I voted on a significant extension of existing tenant protections which will now be afforded to over 1,500 housing units. This new zoning law will ultimately restrict building owners from demolishing sound residential housing in the neighborhoods of Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Chelsea, protecting tenants from losing their homes and discouraging unnecessary displacement of households. This is an enormous victory for the neighborhood and I am proud to have supported it.

Victories in the Fight Against Illegal Hotels

Victory at the Lighthouse Apartments on West 49th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues! After several letters and meetings, my office, with the help of the tenant association, West Side Neighborhood Alliance and Housing Conservation Coordinators, were able to close an illegal hotel operating here.

In addition to that great news, after a lot of hard work by the Illegal Hotel Working Group and my colleagues in the State Legislature, former Governor Paterson signed into law legislation that will help stem the spread of illegal hotels. This law, which was supported by the New York City Council, makes it crystal clear that apartments in Class A buildings are only for permanent residential purposes. This law went into effect on May 1, 2011.

Thank you to Assembly Member Gottfried and State Senator Krueger for sponsoring this bill and to Assembly Members Glick and Rosenthal and State Senator Duane for their support.



Callen Lorde Ribbon Cutting

Speaker Quinn, Assembly Members Deborah Glick and Richard Gottfried, and Council Members Jimmy Van Bramer and Daniel Dromm celebrate the opening of the Callen Lorde Community Health Center's new pharmacy.