

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

# KEITH POWERS



2018 offers tremendous opportunities for our city, which won't come without their share of challenges. I'm prepared to face them and thrilled to serve you all.

It's been a busy and productive past few weeks, and I've enjoyed getting to work for everyone in District 4. I've most enjoyed hearing from all of you. Your voices, ideas, and feedback will guide much of my next four years as your Council Member.

I'm working to create and preserve affordable housing, protect our communities from overdevelopment, and ensure we have enough Pre-K seats for our youngest learners. And I'm working to find better ways to get around New York, as the city and state introduce various solutions for our public transportation system and traffic throughout the boroughs. Just this week, I introduced my first piece of legislation, which would extend sexual harassment protection to all private City employees, a necessary step at this time in our society.

You'll be hearing from me frequently as I share updates on legislation, progress on my priorities in office, and more.

See you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith".



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## TAKE OUR SURVEY

My office recently shared a survey looking for feedback on what you think I should prioritize over the next four years. In the coming weeks I'll share results, and a path forward outlining the work ahead. *The survey is available at all Community Board meetings.* <http://bit.ly/PowersSurvey>

## AT CITY HALL

I am honored to be named Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee on the City Council. My core focus here is managing the closure of Rikers Island, a responsibility I take seriously. My committee will be overseeing how the city deals with the future of the facility, as well as examining the justice system to identify areas of improvement for more fair practices.

I also will serve on the following committees: Health, Economic Development, Finance, Subcommittee on Capital Budget, Governmental Operations, Oversight and Investigation, and Public Safety. I was appointed Vice Chair of Budget on the Progressive Caucus, as well.



*Council Member Powers appears on MNN with State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli to discuss priorities and his future agenda.*



*During the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), Council Member Powers joined volunteers for a night of Census counting.*



*Council Member Powers with community, state, and city leaders at Mount Sinai Doctors Stuyvesant Town opening.*



*Engaging with colleagues of the Manhattan Delegation.*

## FROM THE OFFICE: TEAM POWERS

The greatest aspect of my role as a Council Member is helping New Yorkers. My team is here to help, too:

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## IN THE NEWS

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FOX and Friends, February 27, 2018

### **New York Dems Push Equal Rights Amendment**

*During a live, morning show debate, Council Member Keith Powers defended the progressive values of New York City, like passing an Equal Rights Amendment that protects against discrimination for gender, sexuality, disability, and citizenship.*

amNY, February 22, 2018

### **JPMorgan Chase plans to replace headquarters in midtown east**

*City Councilman Keith Powers, who represents the area, said even though the development and future projects within the rezoned area will be mostly as-of-right, the community will have input. A special governing group, led by himself, Deputy Mayor Glen, the community boards and other parties, will be responsible for tracking and doling out the money for the future infrastructure projects generated by the developments.*

Our Town, January 30, 2018

### **Powers aims for safe closure of Rikers**

*City Council Member Keith Powers, who this year took office as the representative for District 4, will serve as chair of the Council's criminal justice committee in his first term. In this role, one of Powers' chief responsibilities will be overseeing the closure of the notoriously violent Rikers Island jail complex.*

## SAVE THE DATES

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Thursday, February 1, 2018, Town Hall: How States Can Trump Washington  
6:30 PM, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5th Avenue

Thursday, February 8, 2018, Town Hall: Proposed Homeless Shelter at Park Savoy Hotel  
6:30 PM, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 524 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Room L63  
RSVP: [ParkSavoyTownHall.eventbrite.com](http://ParkSavoyTownHall.eventbrite.com)  
*In partnership with Borough President Gale Brewer and DHS*

Deadline: Friday, February 9, 2018 Community Board membership applications due

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Avenue of the Americas Association, Membership Meeting Keynote  
8:30 AM, Hippodrome Building, 1120 6th Avenue

Deadline: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 City Council discretionary funding applications due

Deadline: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village affordable housing lottery applications due

Thursday, March 1, 2018, Finding Solutions to our Transportation Crisis  
6-8 PM, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2018 Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) applications due