

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

KEITH POWERS



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Over the past few weeks, I've been hard at work on issues ranging from access to education, transit improvements, and economic development, all with the goal of working together for a better New York.

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Read on for more on my role on the East Midtown Governing Group, how I am planning for the L-Train closure, and why safety of New Yorkers is my priority.



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YOUR VOICE: SURVEY

Last month, I requested that you complete a community survey on what I should focus on over the next four years. Results indicate you would like me to prioritize public transportation; affordable housing and homelessness; and congestion and traffic. I'm also hearing from many of you that traffic and pedestrian safety, and the rising cost of living are quality-of-life concerns. I will share a full survey breakdown in the coming weeks, and thank you again for your perspective.

You can still share your opinion on these issues and those facing our city here: <http://bit.ly/PowersSurvey>

AT CITY HALL

Last month, I joined Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Johnson to call for an expedited timeline of Rikers Island's closure. In February, I was able to take a tour of the facility with my Committee, which was an eye-opening experience in identifying opportunities for safety and security, a need for modernization, and a heightened sense of urgency for shut down. I look forward to the committee's work in the coming months to examine the safety and security at city jails, including Rikers Island.

I also joined my colleagues at a rally calling on the Mayor to restore funding for summer programs. I know that if these programs were cut, it would be devastating to not only 34,000 students, but their families as well.

And this month I introduced my first piece of legislation, part of a package of 11 that seek to address sexual harassment across our city. My bill would extend sexual harassment protection to all private employees in New York City, a necessary step at this time in our society. I am glad to join my colleagues in the Council in this effort.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

I've been appointed as a Co-Chair of the East-Midtown Governing Group, where we recently voted to designate funds to create a public pedestrian space at Pershing Square East, and more security measures to the planned shared street along East 43rd.

As the city prepares for the shutdown of the L-train, my office has been in planning conversations with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and local neighborhood groups. In addition, safety is a top priority. After too many tragic accidents on city streets, I have called for better-protected intersections on the East Side of Manhattan.

IN THE NEWS

Daily News, March 15, 2018

OP-ED: [Keep the high school admissions test and spur true diversity](#)

It's not often New York City can look to Texas for policy solutions, but fixing the admissions process for our specialized high schools is one such instance.

Our Town, March 6, 2018

[Council Aims to Seize #MeToo Moment](#)

Against the backdrop of the international #MeToo movement, the City Council is weighing a broad legislative package intended to curb workplace sexual harassment and abuse in New York City.

Town and Village, March 1, 2018

[Powers' First Bill Takes Aim At Sexual Harassment](#)

For his first bill as a City Council member, Keith Powers is hoping to change language in the city's Human Rights Law so that employees of very small companies who are facing sexual harassment can file suit against the harassers.

Gotham Gazette, March 1, 2018

[City Council Examines Sexual Harassment Policies, Considers New Laws](#)

As the nation grapples with how to confront sexual misconduct, the New York City Council is addressing the issue in its oversight and legislative capacities.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10 AM-2 PM, 82nd Street, St. Stephen Greenmarket
Upper Green Side Shred-A-Thon

Deadline: Monday, March 26, 2018, Capital budget funding requests due

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



As Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, Council Member Powers joined the Mayor in announcing the closure of Rikers Island.



Council Member Powers supporting a new Equal Rights Amendment on Fox and Friends.



Council Member Powers rallies in support of after-school summer programming.



Council Member Powers joins young democrats for a conversation with non-profit Represent US.