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Subject: 25th AD Campaign Update

It isn't really a campaign until you start knocking on doors, and that is what we began doing this week. Election district by election district, I am going door to door asking for votes. It doesn't hurt that five of the ten biggest prime Democratic EDs (including the top two) are in my neighborhood, Hillcrest. A day in the life of a campaign means fundraising calls in the afternoon, knocking on doors in the early evening and community meetings beginning around 7:30 or 8:00 at night. We keep a pretty full schedule, as you can see (or if you can't see below, click here):



There is no better way to get out your message and really build on your understanding of the community than going door to door. Here I'm discussing traffic safety with a Richmond Hill homeowner and voter. Voters really appreciate meeting the candidate in person, as opposed to just getting countless mailings from a candidate in the two weeks before election day.

Can't have a campaign without a campaign manager or a campaign office. Meet Sean Finnerty, my campaign manager. Sean is a native New Yorker with experience in campaigns across the country. His specialty is organizing field operations and petition drives. Here we are in our new campaign office on Union Turnpike.



Kissena Park is the largest park in the district, and the neighborhood surrounding the park is full of beautiful homes and very civic minded people. Here I am speaking at a meeting of the Kissena Park Civic Association.

Serving on the Community Board is not that much different from serving as a legislator. We hold hearings, conduct research, debate the merits of proposals and then vote, often on very critical issues for our community. Here I am listening to testimony concerning an important rezoning plan for Hillcrest Estates and Jamaica Hills, which the committee voted to approve with qualifications.



The Solomon Schechter School of Queens, which my three children attend, celebrated its 50th



anniversary. I represented Assemblyman Brian McLaughlin and presented a State Assembly Resolution recognizing the school for its accomplishments and half-century of service.

The John F. Kennedy Democratic Club is one of the biggest in Queens, under the leadership of former Councilman Morton Povman, District Leader Charlotte Scheman and President Herb Ryan, and it is the first Democratic Club I ever joined. Here I am speaking at the Club's March meeting, and afterwards we signed up about a dozen volunteers; a very hardworking Democratic Club.



Like many communities, Richmond Hill is concerned about over-development and illegal building conversions. At a town hall meeting hosted by Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn at the Richmond Hill Block Association, I was asked to say a few words about over-development issues from my perspective as a long-time civic leader and Community Board member.

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