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CARLINA RIVERA ENDORSED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS ACROSS LOWER MANHATTAN

Early support from elected officials across Manhattan demonstrates the broad coalition of support for Carlina Rivera for Council

MANHATTAN, N.Y. - Democrat Carlina Rivera, who is running to replace term-limited Councilmember Rosie Mendez in the 2nd Council District, received the strong support of leading local elected officials that represent the major neighborhoods in the district. State Senator Brad Hoylman, Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, and former State Senator Tom Duane all announced their endorsement of Carlina.

These endorsements join incumbent Council Member Rosie Mendez and the Coalition for a District Alternative (CODA) Democratic Club in support of Carlina, and comes on the heels of a strong fundraising filing in January that establishes her as the frontrunner in the primary election.

"I am humbled to receive the support of such a distinguished group of legislators with an amazing history of fighting for equal rights. Each of these public servants has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to representing progressive values and standing up for our neighborhoods," **said Carlina Rivera.** "I look forward to working as a team with these leaders to protect affordable housing, support strong public schools, strengthen local businesses, and stand up to Trump extremism."

"It's rare that I'd endorse a candidate for City Council this early in the election calendar, before some people have even announced. But I feel so strongly that Carlina Rivera will be such a strong City Councilmember that I'm compelled to act now," **said State Senator Brad Hoylman.** "Carlina has a lifetime of block-by-block knowledge of our neighborhoods in the East Village and Lower East Side and a deep commitment to a progressive agenda, at a time when we need it most to combat Donald Trump. Whether it's fighting for tenants, public schools, seniors, women or the LGBT community, Carlina will be a force for us in City Hall."

"Carlina Rivera is a long-time dedicated member of our community and would make an excellent Council Member. Carlina is passionate and has years of experience standing up for tenants, small business owners and public school children," **said Assembly Member Deborah Glick.** "Our community would benefit greatly from having her fighting to advance the rights of all people."

"I am proud to support Carlina Rivera because it is crucial that our neighborhoods have strong, effective and progressive representation at City Hall and in the community. Carlina has forcefully and successfully advocated on behalf of tenants and seniors. She has fought to preserve and create affordable housing for low, moderate, and middle-income families and individuals. Carlina is a leader in the fight for quality public education -- available to all children -- and a quality environment for residents and our small business owners," **said former State Senator Tom Duane.** "We need Carlina at this crucial time to bring her fierce advocacy for civil rights and social justice on behalf our communities and all of New York City. This is why I am strongly endorsing Carlina to be our voice in the New York City Council."

Carlina Rivera is a lifelong resident of the 2nd Council District. She was a member of Community Board 3, District Leader of the 74th Assembly District, and a member of the Tenants Association in her building. Most recently, she served as the Legislative Director for Councilmember Rosie Mendez where she proudly helped shape legislation and policy to address homelessness, improve health, regulate the oversaturation of construction, take on landlord harassment, and improve inefficiencies within our city agencies to save tax dollars.

The Democratic primary election will be on Tuesday, September 12th.

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