
THE BROADWAY DEMOCRATS

◆ District Leaders: Curtis Arluck, Paula Diamond Román ◆ President: Luis Román ◆

ENDORSEMENT MEETING

- Countywide Civil Court, Incumbent Tanya Kennedy seat
- Male and Female Democratic District Leaders, 69th AD Part C
- Judicial Convention Delegates and Alternates, 69th AD

and

REPORTS FROM

- Councilmember Mark Levine
- Councilmember Helen Rosenthal
- Borough President Gale Brewer

Thursday, May 14th

Meeting starts at 8:00 PM

Bank Street College of Education

610 West 112th Street (between Broadway and Riverside Drive)

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District Leader's Report

Curtis Arluck

RE-ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

This year is the "off year" election where Paula and I are the marquee candidates rather than the afterthoughts: nothing is on the ballot in our area except for the presumably unopposed Civil Court Judge Tanya Kennedy above us, and Judicial Convention Delegates/Alternates and Democratic County Committee below us. After the intense contests of two years ago, where we elected *six* different people to represent us in City Government, we look forward to a relatively relaxed campaign this time around. But with relaxation comes responsibility: since there is virtually nothing else on the ballot, we must do all the work to get ourselves re-elected. We will kick off our campaign on the first day of petitioning, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday June 2, with a reprise of our rooftop:

PETITION PICKUP PARTY

Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

At the Rooftop Garden of Curtis Arluck and Katie Hanner's building, 545 West 111th St.
(Rain location, 545 West 111th St., Apt. 8B)
Wine and Refreshments will be served.

The only price of admission is that you take home a couple of petition sheets. We need signatures in our area, roughly 106th – 125th west of the parks, but to witness signatures you need only be a registered Democrat in NYC, so if you want that wine and those hot dogs-in- the- blankets, be prepared to petition! We are also seeking volunteers (victims?) for the Democratic County Committee, a vestigial organization which does little unless there is a vacancy, in which case it becomes hugely important. There was a vacancy in 2013, for Civil Court Judge, and our own Carol Sharpe was selected by the divisional County Committee for the 5th District. To serve on our divisional County Committee you must be a registered Democrat in the 69th Assembly District. If you would like to serve on the Democratic County Committee, and to RSVP for our rooftop Petition Pickup Party, please email me, Curtisdems@aol.com.

LOOKING FORWARD AND BACK

I looked at the newsletters from our election time two years ago. Some issues have had favorable results: thanks to Mayor De Blasio, Stop and Frisk has ended, and the threat of "infilling" NYCHA housing sites like Douglass Houses with luxury units has been shelved, hopefully forever. Many of Governor Cuomo's policies are dismaying, but he has banned fracking in New York

State, and that is a very good thing. The Manhattan Judiciary, whose NY County Democratic Party Judiciary Committee I am proud to chair, continues to be the finest in the state; in the last two years our panels approved and we elected outstanding West Siders Peter Moulton, Anil Singh, Lou Nock and Carol Sharpe to the bench. But there is still much work to be done. We're being stampeded by Charter Schools, especially in existing school buildings where non-Charter kids are treated like poor relations. Income inequality continues to get worse. We may not have natural gas fracking, but we have dangerous oil, coal and nuclear facilities all around us. Our President has dug us out of the Republican-caused depression, but still gets treated with near-treasonous disrespect and behavior.

It's been a frustrating but still exhilarating ride, and we ask for your support to continue our and Broadway Democrats' efforts to build a better Democratic Party and a better world.

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Our Illustrious Electeds with Broadway Dems
President Luis Román at the May 3rd Fundraiser

Steering Committee

Rachelle Bradt

REPEAL RENT DEREGULATION: MAY 14 RALLY

The hammering and drilling I'm hearing in my building signals yet another tenant has moved out. The building I have lived in for thirty years has come to resemble a hotel for short term tenants. Some of us have lived and

raised our families in this building. We are not just tenants, we are neighbors.

It all started in 1997, when Rent Deregulation was instituted in New York State Law. Then Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno expected the laws to largely dismantle rent-regulation within 12 years. Now, 12 years later, rent-regulation is on the brink of extinction, but we have a fighting chance: Our Major, our Public Advocate and State Assembly Members all are committed to make the Repeal of Rent Deregulation the centerpiece of the upcoming June legislative negotiations in Albany.

- 1) **Mark your calendar: On Thursday, May 14th** join the **Rally to Save 1 Million Homes** before it's too late. **Meet at 5pm at Foley Square** for a march across the Brooklyn Bridge. (For those unable to march, provisions will be made on site.)
 - Organized by Tenants & Neighbor (www.tandn.org)
 - Go to the website: **www.realrentreform.org** website and download the flyer.
 - Print, post and distribute.
 - Link to the related Facebook page, share and send invites.
- 2) **Mark your calendar: Wednesday, May 27** buses will take tenants and advocates to an **Albany Lobby Action Day**. To save a seat on the West Side bus leaving West 95th Street & Broadway call the Goddard Riverside Organizer at 212-799-9638 ext. 205.

Anyone interested in our vibrant communities that make New York City great, we will make it happen: **Repeal Rent Destabilization in 2015!**



Steering Committee

Ed Sullivan

The Steering Committee voted unanimously to endorse this letter and to present it to the membership for their endorsement.

United States Senator Charles Schumer
We are writing to urge you to make a strong commitment to the policies of President Barack Obama concerning the ongoing negotiations between the United States and the state of Iran.

The purpose of these negotiations is to halt the development of nuclear weapons by the government of Iran. Although the negotiations will not result in a detailed agreement until June 30th of this year, there is reason to believe that an agreement, successful in its antinuclear purpose, is well within reach.

The main threat to the success of the negotiations is an attempt by the Republican leadership in the Congress to subvert the negotiations by demanding that any agreement be reviewed, and effectively be rewritten, by the Congress. Those Republican leaders have clearly indicated their disagreement with the policy initiatives of the President. Can anyone doubt that such a revision, with politics as its main theme, will destroy any agreement reached by the President and the government of Iran?

That will leave war as the only viable mechanism for restraining Iran's dynastic ambitions. We prefer a negotiated agreement to war.

There may be a need to reexamine the relationship between a negotiating President and Congress, but this is clearly not the time to do so. The emotional turmoil surrounding these current negotiations will overwhelm intelligent and dispassionate deliberation on the balance of powers within our government.

Until in a calmer time we can begin a serious reexamination of the balance of powers, we expect you, as an important leader in the Democratic Party, either to support the policies of President Obama, our duly elected, and reelected, national leader, and the leader of the Democratic Party, or to offer a plausible alternative to those policies other than war.



More from the Fundraiser:

Bob Liff, Katie Hanner, Gretchen Borges, NY State Assemblyman Keith Wright

Eligibility to Vote in Club Endorsements:

To be eligible to vote you must be current on your 2015 dues, and have attended at least one of the prior nine club meetings.

Membership

In order to vote in club elections (endorsements, elections of officers, judicial convention, amendments), you must be an eligible, voting member of the Broadway Democrats. You must have attended at least one of the previous nine monthly public meetings and you must pay your dues. Dues partially defray the costs of presenting forums and putting out this newsletter. Dues are \$25; senior dues are \$10.

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Endorsement Meeting and Reports from City Electeds

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