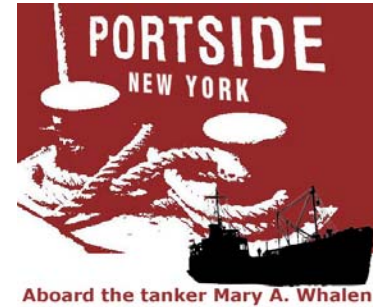


**Bios of New York City Council Waterfronts Committee
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Chairperson: Deborah Rose (North Shore of Staten Island)

<http://council.nyc.gov/d49/html/members/home.shtml>

District 49 - Council Member – Democrat

New York City Councilwoman Debi Rose holds the distinction of being the first African-American elected official from the Island, winning the 49th Council District seat (North Shore/Staten Island) in 2009.

In that capacity she represents the communities of Clifton, Clove Lakes, Concord, Elm Park, Livingston, Mariners Harbor, New Brighton, Port Richmond, Randall Manor, Rosebank, St. George, Snug Harbor, Silver Lake, Stapleton, West Brighton, Westerleigh, and Tompkinsville. She sits on the Council's Education, Health, Higher Education, Transportation, Aging, and Oversight & Investigations Committees. On March 3rd, 2010, Council Member Rose was named the chairperson of the New York City Council Civil Rights Committee.

Known for her energetic activism, Councilwoman Rose is a second-generation Staten Island native. She was a member and officer of Community Board 1 for more than 20 years and chaired its Youth Services Planning Committee for 11 years. She also chaired the Staten Island branch of the New York Urban League chapter's Education and Youth Committee and sat on the Governance Board and Bylaws Committee of You Participate in Solutions, a local youth initiative.

The longest-serving president of the National Council of Negro Women, Ms. Rose founded the Evelyn Marshall Scholarship Fund that awards two annual scholarships to students attending the College of Staten Island (CSI). She chaired the Staten Island Community Residential Center of the New York State Division for Youth, a facility that prepares incarcerated teens and young women for re-entry into the community. As a member of the Staten Island Mental Health Society's (SIMHS) Board of Directors from 1996 until her election to public office, she addressed issues pertaining to the agency's programs and services, and lobbied successfully for 80 additional slots at the Society's Kingsley Head Start Center in New Brighton.

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Chaim M. Deutsch (Midwood, Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach-*replaces Mike Nelson*)
<http://council.nyc.gov/d48/html/members/home.shtml>
District 48 - Council Member – Democrat

Council Member Chaim M. Deutsch is a life-long Brooklynite, who proudly represents the diverse communities within the 48th City Council District, including Brighton Beach, Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, Madison, Manhattan Beach, Midwood, and Sheepshead Bay. Prior to Chaim's decisive victory for City Council in 2013, he served as a constituent liaison for City Councilman Michael C. Nelson and before that, as a community liaison for City Councilman Lloyd Henry.

Council Member Chaim Deutsch has been a successful and tireless advocate in helping those in need of assistance. From seniors who are homebound or infirm, to kids who are at risk of drug addiction, alcoholism, or abuse, Chaim has taken a personal interest in an umpteen amount of these sensitive cases, with extremely positive results.

Council Member Deutsch has proven time and again that he has the experience and expertise necessary to cut through bureaucratic red tape and hold our city agencies accountable to ensure that their services are provided at the optimum level.

Before Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on the lives of so many people and destroyed a great amount of our precious waterfront communities, Chaim mobilized community-based volunteers and coordinated with the Flatbush Shomrim, a highly respected volunteer organization he founded in 1990, to help evacuate residents in "Flood Zone A" who were unable to do so alone. When Hurricane Sandy struck, Chaim and his volunteers worked hand-in-hand with Federal, State, and City authorities to help rescue those who were trapped by the storm surge. After Hurricane Sandy's devastation, Chaim, with the assistance of the NYC Mayor's Office and other resources, personally distributed thousands of free meals, heaters, blankets, and other necessities to those in need.

Chaim has been recognized on many occasions for his leadership and outstanding services provided to the community. Among his many awards, Chaim has been honored to receive Community Leadership Awards from Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, former Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, the NYS Senate and Assembly, the NYC Council and former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. Chaim was also the recipient of the John V. Lindsay Award for Race and Ethnic Relations from the Citizens Committee for New York City and the Community Service Award from the Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society. After Hurricane Sandy, Chaim was formally recognized and awarded by the Manhattan Beach Community Group for his service during that catastrophic time.

Chaim is a graduate of the NYPD Citizens Police Academy as well as the New York City Office of Emergency Management-Community Emergency Response Team Training

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Program. Chaim has served as the First Vice President and Police Liaison for the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush. He has also served on the Board of Directors of New York Community Hospital and the Chaim Meir/Leader Family Camp Fund.

Chaim has been married to his lovely wife Sara for over 25 years. They have five beautiful children and one adorable grandson.

Daniel R. Garodnick (East Side of Manhattan)

<http://council.nyc.gov/d4/html/members/home.shtml>

District 4 - Council Member – Democrat

Born and raised on the East Side of Manhattan, Dan Garodnick was elected to the New York City Council on November 8, 2005.

Garodnick was praised by the New York Times for his "independent streak," as well as for being a "champion of smarter redevelopment along the East River and a fighter for increased funding for the city's public school students." In his first year on the Council, Garodnick established himself as a leader in the fight for affordable housing, spearheading the \$4.5 billion tenant-backed bid for the purchase of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village.

His "creative problem solving" recently earned Garodnick a place on City Hall's list of "The Next Generation of Political Leaders in New York." In 2007, Garodnick secured the funds to build a new library for a middle school in his district — then organized a book drive that added over 4,000 books to the library's shelves. He was also recognized for his "out-of-the-box public service" after mediating between the owners of a restaurant in his district and a group of workers who had filed a federal discrimination lawsuit, and winning praise from both sides for negotiating an equitable settlement. Garodnick authored and passed a law to make government work better for property owners by staggering the City's mandated building façade inspections, and in October 2007 he introduced historic legislation to protect tenants from harassment by their landlords.

With a background in civil rights and education advocacy, Garodnick represented the Partnership for New York City in the landmark Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit. Before joining the City Council, he also directed the New York Civil Rights Coalition's "Unlearning Stereotypes: Civil Rights and Race Relations Program" in 42 New York City public schools, teaching students non-violent ways to combat racial discrimination, and how to use the processes of government to affect social change. Additionally, Garodnick represented thirteen same-sex couples seeking marriage equality in New York State, and sought and received funding to rebuild African-American churches in Virginia and Georgia burned by racially-motivated arson.

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Prior to entering public office, Garodnick practiced as a litigator at the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Garodnick also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Colleen McMahon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Garodnick holds a J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, and a B.A. in Government from Dartmouth College. Garodnick grew up in a rent-stabilized apartment in the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village community on Manhattan's East Side, and he lives in that neighborhood today.

Corey Johnson (Canal St to West 59th St on the Hudson-replaces *Christine Quinn*)

<http://council.nyc.gov/d3/html/members/home.shtml>

District 3 - Council Member – Democrat

Councilmember Corey Johnson was elected in November 2013 with over 86% of the vote to represent the communities of Manhattan's West Side.

Corey Johnson was raised in a union household where his mother, a homeless services provider, and his father, a Teamster, instilled in him the values of community service and political engagement. Corey first came to national attention in 2000 when he became a trailblazer for LGBT youth. As the captain of his high school football team, he took the courageous step of coming out publicly, and kept not only his position of leadership, but also the support of his school and teammates. Corey's bravery landed him on the front page of the New York Times.

In 2005, Corey joined Community Board 4, where he quickly gained the respect and trust of local leaders for his tireless work ethic and ability to build consensus. Corey volunteered countless hours in the community and worked hard to make Community Board 4 more responsive, organized, and effective. In 2011, after 6 years of service on Community Board 4, Corey was elected Chairperson by his peers.

Corey led Community Board 4 in negotiating for thousands of new units of permanent affordable family housing, educational scholarships for underserved children, and pressuring New York State to protect our watershed from hydrofracking. Corey stood up for protecting our parks and recreational facilities from over development, reducing class sizes in our public schools, and restoring the Mayor's proposed cuts to senior centers and meal programs. Community Board 4's activism and persistence led to the future creation of two new public schools on the West Side -- a 750 seat public school at Hudson Yards and a new school facility for P.S. 51 on 45th Street in Hell's Kitchen.

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Paul Vallone (North East Queens-replaces Dan Halloran)

<http://council.nyc.gov/d19/html/members/home.shtml>

District 19 - Council Member – Democrat

Paul Vallone was elected as a New York City Council Member to serve District 19 in North East Queens. This district includes the areas of College Point, Whitestone, Malba, Bayside, Douglaston, Little Neck, parts of Flushing, and Auburndale. Prior to his election, Vallone served as the managing partner for Vallone & Vallone, LLP and has been admitted to the New York and New Jersey Bar Associations since 1992. As a general practice lawyer, Vallone has concentrated in elder law, wills & estates, guardianships, real estate and civil litigation.

Prior to his election to the New York City Council, Vallone has served on numerous citywide boards and organizations dedicated to community service. He is the President of the Clinton Democratic Club and Immediate Past President and Founding Member of the Bayside - Whitestone Lions Club and has served as a Board Member of Community Board 7, St. Andrew Avellino's Finance Committee, St. John's Preparatory School, Board Member & Treasurer of the Astoria Civic Association. He was also previously appointed to serve as a Board Member to the New York City Board of Corrections.

Vallone also belongs to the St. Andrew Avellino Parish, Vice President of their Men's Guild, and is the proud coach of both daughters' school soccer teams. He serves as director of the local Queens Folk Group that has been singing Christmas carols at Queens Cerebral Palsy Homes for almost 30 years. Other local organizations he is an active member of include: Queens County Bar Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the Catholic Lawyers Guild, and the 109th & 111th Precinct Community Councils. Vallone is most proud of establishing local annual scholarships, totaling over \$25,000.00, through the Judge Charles J. Vallone Fund and now with the Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club for High School Seniors throughout Queens County. He and his wife, Anna-Marie, live in Flushing and are blessed with three amazing children, Catena, Lea and Charlie (Charles J. Vallone III). The love and support of family and his passion to serve the community are the cornerstones of his life and his community service.

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