

Bob Botfeld

Dear Three Parks Club Member,

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as District Leader for Three Parks Independent Democrats and as representative to the Democratic Party for Part A of the 69th Assembly District. As District Leader, I am proud and pleased to be an integral part of Three Parks Independent Democrats, an organization that has aimed so high, worked so hard, and accomplished so much. We are activists committed to working on national, state, city, and local issues and to electing national, state, city, and local progressive candidates.

As usual, I am pleased to help select and elect progressive candidates to represent our district in the NY State Assembly, Senate, and US Congress. And strong backing for our endorsed officials means more than just electing good representatives. Aided by our support, they are free to use their campaign time and resources to help progressive, liberal candidates in swing districts all across the country.

Our grass roots efforts make a difference. Much of my work as District Leader supports those efforts. I organize our petition campaigns, the pre-election posterage that covers every building in our neighborhood with hall cards announcing the election, and poll workers and coordinators for our poll sites.

Prior to this catastrophic pandemic year, I initiated, organized, or helped manage each of our presidential campaign storefronts, each of which have made tens of thousands of calls and

sent thousands of canvassers to neighboring swing states. Our unique grass roots, self-funded, presidential campaign storefronts are known among activists throughout the state and nation.

Because we are knowledgeable activists, we should have a strong voice in electing the public officials that represent us. As club and county committee members, we also have the unique job to select the Democratic nominee when there is a vacancy in an elected office – a common event. In 2018, we learned that that privilege could be denied by a quirk in the New York Democratic party constitution, that had remained unused for years, and unfortunately invoked to deny local county committee members their vote. In response, I drafted the change, negotiated, and successfully fought for the amendment for the New York County Democratic Constitution ensuring that in the future, county committee members could not be denied their vote in selecting their local representatives.

In past years I have worked successfully to protect our neighborhood. I was a founder and organized the successful effort to stop skyscrapers from overwhelming our the area from 97-110 streets, culminating in the Westside Rezoning; founded Save Our Stores, the organization that successfully extended to 97-110 streets, Gale Brewer's rezoning plan to preserve our local mom and pop stores; and a led the West Side effort to stop the west side stadium.

I would like to continue working with you in 2021 to help advance progressive legislation and I ask for your continued support and

endorsement at our virtual club meeting on
Wednesday, November 11.

Very truly yours,

Bob Botfeld

Democratic District Leader; 69th AD Part A