

## About Corey Ortega

A lifelong resident of West Harlem, Corey Ortega is a son of Dominican immigrants and the proud product of a union household.

An experienced community organizer, Corey works as District Leader to fight for a fairer, stronger city for all New Yorkers. Corey is running for City Council on a platform of addressing the crisis of affordable housing, ending police abuse, expanding civil right to counsel, protecting LGBTQ+ rights, fighting for Medicare for all, building emergency and transitional housing for homeless LGBTQ+ youth, and fighting for educational equity.

Corey's passion for public service started on the block where he grew up. While completing his degree at St. John's University, he worked with his mother, a retired public school teacher, to found a group family daycare. He also fought for the rights of daycare providers on the executive board of UFT's Child Care Providers Chapter. After graduation, he worked as a tenants' rights advocate at P.A.L.A.N.T.E. Harlem, helping to improve the living conditions of Harlem residents in rent-stabilized and federally-subsidized buildings.

Corey also served as a Special Assistant for New York State Assembly Member Keith L.T. Wright, where for 3 years he served the Harlem community. From fighting eviction proceedings, to working with vendors on a proposal to create a [vendor district on 125th Street](#) and helping small [business owners](#) get back on their feet, he found equitable solutions for the residents of the district.

Corey has brought his skills as an organizer and knowledge of affordable housing to serve the

veteran community. As Director of Civic Leadership at the NYC Veterans Alliance, he recruited and trained veterans to run for office. He also helped organize veterans to pass [NYC Human Rights Local Law 119](#), which protects veterans and service members from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

Corey is a staunch ally of the LGBTQ+ community. He has worked on LGBTQ+ voter registration drives, fought for the CASTRO bar/lounge and other LGBTQ+ businesses of color, and has been vocal in protesting against Trump's recent healthcare rule that erases transgender protections.

Corey is a progressive Democrat who believes in bringing new voices to government and the political process. In 2017, he ousted an entrenched incumbent to become the first Dominican American District Leader in the [70th Assembly District \(Part D\)](#). Corey is committed to building an inclusive, progressive Democratic Party that looks like our neighborhood.