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Elizabeth Caputo

Elizabeth has called the Upper West Side her home her entire adult life. She brings decades of experience to serving her neighborhood and the City.

She has lived and worked in Manhattan through its toughest days – during 9/11, the 2008 financial crisis, Hurricane Sandy, and now, through a global pandemic where New York City has been at the epicenter. She believes strongly in the future of the City and will put her years of experience to work to build Manhattan back.

Elizabeth's career has bridged public and private, global and local. She began her NYC career in municipal finance, supporting essential local infrastructure projects for the City and the country – everything from bridges to schools to airports to housing to transit systems. She worked as part of the founding team to launch the Fund for Public Schools, under Caroline Kennedy, at the NYC Department of Education. She later returned to municipal finance, spending a decade in management roles focused on New York City and New York State.

Currently, Elizabeth works at the World Economic Forum, where she is responsible for the Forum's US government engagement. In this role, she bridges US cities with emerging technologies around the world and brings global leaders together to promote an inclusive and sustainable future. Elizabeth was elected the longest-serving Chair of Manhattan's Community Board 7 in 2013 – a position she held for three years, while holding her full-time day job.

In this role, she negotiated hearings on Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, successfully initiated plans for the Amsterdam Avenue bike lane, launched the City's first truly inclusive playground, and the Board's first Public Housing task force, brought CitiBike to the Upper West Side, and leveraged new technologies to make the internal operations of the Board more efficient and accessible - all while placing community, collaboration, and equity at the heart of her work. She remains active in CB7 leadership.

Elizabeth chaired Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century, New York City's largest civic organization focused on locating, educating, and activating thousands of New Yorkers into Democratic politics and public service.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Business School. She lives on the Upper West Side with her partner and spirited pup.