

David Weprin

A lifelong Queens resident, David Weprin has devoted himself to making New York City a better place to live, work and raise a family. Now, David Weprin is running for New York City Comptroller to continue this fight on behalf of all New Yorkers.

Born and raised in Queens by his Cuban-immigrant mother Sylvia who was a teacher, and his Brooklyn born father who was a public servant, Saul, David was brought up in a household that cherished diversity and deeply appreciated the opportunities afforded to immigrants and hardworking families in New York City.

David's parents instilled in him the key values which still define his life to this day: hard work, determination to do what is right, and respect for others.

David's knowledge of public finance, and his involvement in the civic life of New York City led him to be appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo as Deputy Superintendent of Banks and Secretary of the Banking Board of New York State during his first term in office. As part of his tenure, David was a watchdog of nearly \$2 trillion, regulating more than 3,000 financial institutions and financial service firms in New York State, including international banking institutions, mortgage brokers and bankers.

David soon put his financial background back to work for New Yorkers, as he was elected to the New York City Council and served as the Chair of the Council's Finance Committee for eight

years. In this key role, David was responsible for balancing the city's budget, allocating millions of dollars for non-profit organizations, and ensuring that the City's legislative priorities were fully funded.

In the Assembly, in one of his proudest legislative accomplishments, David authored the Adoptee Bill of Rights, which permits an adopted child to access their birth certificate and medical history records upon turning 18 years of age. The legislation also allows birth parents to give a contact preference upon giving up their child for adoption. Since becoming law, David's bill has reunited thousands of families. Further, after ten years of stalling in the state Legislature, David was able to pass into law the Religious Garb Bill, which protects New Yorkers' religious liberties, regardless of their creed. And in one of the most gratifying moments of his career, David served as a key vote and supporter of New York's successful passage and enactment into law of Marriage Equality.

With the city battling a pandemic that has dealt a significant blow to the City's budget and our economy, the next Comptroller needs to have the experience – and the heart – to get the City back on track. David Weprin is the only candidate running for Comptroller with public finance experience, or who has ever balanced a City budget.

David will ensure that working and middle class families are protected and that the City's budget is never balanced on the backs of hardworking New Yorkers. That means protecting public pensions, ensuring our first responders and city workers do not face mass layoffs – especially after having served on the front lines during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic – and making New York City affordable once again for

everyone, not the privileged few. As the son of an immigrant teacher and public servant, this isn't just rhetoric for David, it's a promise.