

## Mark Levine

New York City Council Member Mark Levine represents the 7th District in Upper Manhattan. Serving as the Chair of Council Committee on Health since 2017, Council Member Levine has been a leading voice in the City's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. While in the City Council, he has been a leader on many issues including, housing, transportation, education, economic justice, and the environment.

Council Member Levine has been a lifelong advocate for addressing inequality in New York City, and just last year declared victory in his fight to get legal representation for low-income tenants facing eviction in housing court by passing landmark "Right to Counsel" legislation, the first of its kind in the nation. As Parks Chair he also successfully fought for greater equity for parks in New York's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

In the 7th Council, District Mark has fought for safer streets, faster bus service, better schools, cleaner parks, more affordable housing, and development that fits the scale and context of the neighborhood.

Mark began his career as a bilingual math and science teacher at Junior High School 149 in the South Bronx. He went on to found Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union, which helps low-income families in Upper Manhattan gain access to financial services including more than \$15 million in microloans. In the years before he entered the City Council,

Mark served as Executive Director of Teach For America-New York and as Executive Director of the Center for After-School Excellence at TASC. He has been recognized nationally for his work as a social entrepreneur.

Mark also has long taken a leading role in his community. He was elected as a Democratic district leader in 2007. He also founded the Barack Obama Democratic Club of Upper Manhattan, a diverse grassroots organization focused on progressive activism and political reform. Mark served as chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee on Manhattan Community Board 12 where he called for improved subway and bus service and championed the cause of making streets safer for cyclists.

Mark graduated from Haverford College with a B.A. in physics. He received a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Mark resides with his wife and their two sons in Washington Heights and he speaks Spanish and Hebrew.