Alvin Bragg

A son of Central Harlem, now raising two children there, Alvin Bragg was repeatedly stopped and frisked by the NYPD as a teenager, including three times at gunpoint. His life has been about the fight for justice, standing up to the powerful, and demanding that all people be treated equally before the law. His lived experience, extraordinary professional credentials, and deep commitment to justice will make him a great Manhattan DA.

Alvin Bragg has earned the support of former US Attorney Preet Bharara, former Congressman Charles Rangel, State Senator Robert Jackson, former Borough President C. Virginia Fields, civil rights legend Hazel Dukes, lead House Impeachment Counsel Dan Goldman, Three Parks members Daniele Gerard, Liz Kellner, Lynn & Steve Max, Judy Wood, and many more. He would be honored to have Three Parks endorsement.

From day one, Alvin will bring long overdue, fundamental reform to the way this critical office approaches criminal justice. He will make the office the progressive leader it should be on criminal justice reform. One that makes us safer by refusing to criminalize poverty, ends racial disparities, demands justice for the brave survivors of sexual assault, makes incarceration a measure of last resort, brings new funding and focus to reentry programs, creates a civil rights unit to handle investigations of police misconduct, and refuses to take campaign donations from any lawyer who appears before the office.

Alvin served as a civil rights lawyer, fought corruption with Preet Bharara in the US Attorney's office, and most recently was the Chief Deputy Attorney General of New York State, overseeing 1,200 people and some of the office's biggest cases – including prevailing against the Trump administration over the census, successfully suing Trump and the Trump Foundation, and charging Harvey Weinstein and his company for the existence of a hostile work environment. Alvin shined a light on the City's unjust stop and frisk policies, helped workers recover stolen wages, and held accountable landlords who unlawfully harassed tenants out of their homes.

Throughout his career, Alvin has fought for police accountability, suing police officers for excessive force, convicting an FBI agent for lying, prosecuting a sitting District Attorney for his handling of an investigation of a police shooting of an unarmed person, and now representing the family of Eric Garner in a case against the Mayor seeking key details about Mr. Garner's death.

Alvin knows what it means to live in a community where crime is a meaningful problem, but also what it means to live in a community where you worry that your children, like he was, will be thrown up against a wall by the police for nothing on their way home.

Alvin graduated from Harvard and Harvard Law School and is now a Visiting Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Racial Justice Project at New York Law School, a member of the Board of Directors of The Legal Aid Society, a former member of the Board of Directors of the New York Urban League, a Little League coach, and a Sunday School teacher at the Abyssinian Baptist Church.