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Radhwaa Ahona	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X033	NO	NO	
Mst Akhter	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X094	YES	NO	
Heba Alamori	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X094	NO	NO	I will be happy to help and serve
Gregoria Alejo	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X015	YES	NO	
Kerri Baldassaro	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X081	NO	NO	I am currently a parent of a second grader in District 10 and I am also a career educator. I spent 12 years teaching middle and high school in Brooklyn and Queens and have worked for the last 6 years as a teacher educator, instructing and advising preservice teachers as a professor at Manhattan College. The quality and direction of district 10 public schools is a chief concern to me both as a parent who wants to see my children and my community have meaningful and effective educational options and also professionally, as I count on the local schools to provide rich opportunities for my students to grow as educators under experienced and engaging mentors. I would be gratified with the opportunity to have a voice regarding local education and I feel my experience as an educator would be an asset to the Council.
Estalin Batista	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X056	NO	NO	Hello, My name is Melissa Reynoso I am a parent of a 4 grader with an IEP and a 3rd grader . I have experience with PTA and SLT at their school P.S 056 I always loved the idea of being involved and encourage new learning methods and also to improve old methods thay help me and bring them back I would love to be involved in the department of education council.
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Marisol Colberg	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X009	NO	NO	My name is Marisol Colberg I'm a parent of 6 children, 3 children have graduated from a DOE high school and 3 children are currently in the DOE school. I am also a current member of CEC10, D10 President council, and PA President at 10X009. Further, I have put together various workshops for parents, work closely with my school administrator to continue to support and push for a better education for all Bronx children. Additionally, I am also a volunteer member of the Claremount Tenant Association. Here I support the elderly community and the youth, we serve food to families in the community in need and bringing food to tenants. We also share information about events with the community and tenants. I strongly believe I will be a good candidate for a CEC position because I will continue to use my voice to share what our communities and students need. I will continue to represent parents, but also uplift voices and concerns and most importantly supporting the development of more parent leaders.

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Lorraine Cruz	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X003	YES	NO	
Jannie Davis	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X081	NO	NO	Hello My name is Jannie I am a wife, mother of 1 daughter in the 4th grade. I am a Optician whom is currently stay at home mother to my daughter Jammie while my husband works. And I am able to commit to this opportunity fully. Serving on an Education Council is important to me because I love children and my family strongly believes that education is very important. Helping our community during Covid while off is a priority. My daughter and I help our elderly neighbor with food shopping when we are able to, it's not much but if I can offer a hand I will. During this trying time I can help participate in helping teachers, parents and students set goals and achieve them.
Irhina De La Cruz	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X085	YES	NO	I submitted a statement and it was not accepted. I prefer to provide statement in person due to ongoing technical difficulties.
Yesica Delossantos	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X032	NO	NO	I was born and raised in the Bronx and attended NYC School, graduated went to college, now I want to represent all the children and families, I want to help my community.
Carol Gaston	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X308	YES	NO	As the mother of a 12-year-old child with an individualized education plan I feel as though the parents and children's needs are not being met by the current remote learning curriculum. Serving on an education Council, Will allow me to speak with the parents and children both and represent what we need in terms of tools and curriculum to ensure all children are still productive while in remote learning. As we all know remote learning has been a challenge and I feel us as the parents are undervalued and the children are cut short of a solid education. We need more representation so that the teachers union will no longer dictate how and when our students learn inside of a school building. The department of education needs working class parents to represent what we need from the school system and what our children need. A lot of us Are essential workers battling this pandemic during the day and battling the department of education in the evening when we come home from work. We are parents but we still need support. We need understanding. Our children need more than dictated computer assignments. They need love care compassion and understanding all of which the system is lacking at this time. Excessive amounts of schoolwork do not ensure that the children are retaining information. These children need to be college bound and educated and I want to see to it that they are all successful.
Latisha Gibbs	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X003	NO	NO	I am running for a seat on the community educational council because there is a huge need for change in the public scholls education curriculum. The curriculum need to be updated to reflect true history and current events in today time. The old curriculum is no longer work. There need to be more education around today's current events and history. There is a huge need for cultural competency embedded into the education curriculum. I am a community health education/advocate for children educational rights.
David Golovner	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X141	YES	NO	Good day! I am David Golovner, a single father and the primary care giver for two children. one of whom, my daughter, is starting college in the fall after a k-12 career in private special education schools, and the other, my son, is now a seventh grade student at RKA 141 in our neighborhood, Riverdale in the Bronx. I myself am a graduate of PS. 24 and JHS 141 and Bronx Science, more than a few year ago.

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Jessica Hamilton	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X015	NO	NO	<p>Aside from parenting my child, I've worked for nonprofits catering to at risk students and families since I was 13. Assisting and providing support alongside DOE as well as other city/local and state programs taught me a great deal about processes; but more about people. I've made it my mission to provide support or find a resource who could and if given the opportunity to be a part of the council; I will let transparency lead and results matter. It's important to be inclusive, to provide guidance and to ensure all voices are heard; I would like to be a part of a council that can ensure the smallest voices are counted.</p>
Matthew Hammond	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X007	NO	NO	<p>I believe in the importance of a strong public education system which grows and is informed by the local community. It should serve all students, and in a way that addresses the needs of every student. Every student deserves a chance to excel and succeed so they will have a rewarding future. That is why we need to endeavor to make the best decisions for them all. I promise to serve our community, to address our children's needs, and to listen to what we all have to say about what our children need. As a graduate of higher education I believe in and understand the importance of education. With a strong, well rounded education our children will be better prepared to experience the world, to partake in our ever changing societal & cultural dialogue, and find their strength and voice to live the lives they want to lead. I am a Progressive Democrat. I support the UFT and want our children's teachers to have the tools and support to help our children succeed. I believe in science and research and their ability to help guide in what is and what can be possible to find success. I believe we can use our tools - research, our teachers, and our voices - to affect the change we need to give our children the best chance to have the future they want.</p>
Tyan Hewitt	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X007	NO	NO	<p>As an immigrant from the Caribbean and former student of the Bronx public school system, and a parent of a third grader in this public school system, we have a vested interest in the success of all our students. As a blue collar worker and a resident of the Bronx, we are motivated to ensure a better future and opportunity for all our students. In the pursuit of the betterment of all our students is the only reason that I believe I would be a benefit to the council board. Please entrust this awesome responsibility for me to represent our students. Thank you.</p>
Benerkis Hogando	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X279	YES	NO	<p>Hola mi nombre es : BENERKIS Hogando soy madre de un niño de educación especial conocida como IEP. Quiero ejercer in puesto ya que muchos padres están en la misma situación que y en muchos casos no tiene la ayuda o orientación suficiente de hacer un proceso o no saben que es un IEP. Y eso como padres no hace sentir frustrados y más cuando no tenemos la información suficiente . Para mí sería un honor servir a mi comunidad muchas gracias.</p> <p>Hello my name is: BENERKIS Hogando I am the mother of a special education child known as IEP. I want to practice since many parents are in the same situation as and in many cases they do not have enough help or guidance to do a process or they do not know what an IEP is. And that as parents does not make us feel frustrated, especially when we do not have enough information. For me it would be an honor to serve my community, thank you very much.</p>

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Deionne Howard	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X391	YES	NO	<p>As a native of the Bronx, I was educated in the New York City public school system. Our (southern native) parents taught us to acknowledge the Creator in all things, work hard, and study harder, that we may never have to work as hard as their parents or grandparents. Remembering my mother telling us stories of how her father had to quit school in the sixth grade to take care of his siblings, when his father passed away, education was always taught to be precious jewels. Even as a single teenage mom, I understood the importance of taking my 18 month old to the on-campus daycare facility as obtained my associate's degree. After becoming a small business owner, substitute teacher and School Improvement Council parent member in Lexington County South Carolina secondary education system; 1999-2001), I knew my children needed me to not only advocate for them but more importantly continue to be a living example just as my mother. She set a shining standard of being the first from our family tree to acquire an undergraduate degree in psychology, serve her community for forty-two years and ultimately obtained her Doctorate before transitioning this life. While I continued to work various health information contract roles for the next 10 years and I humbly completed my post-secondary education with an undergraduate degree in management. During this time, while living in rural South Carolina. I was saddened by the huge populations of people that could not easily access healthcare. When relocating back to the Bronx in 2013, I had the opportunity to participate in volunteer work for a New York State Assembly elections Campaign Committee (2014-2015). Here I witnessed a different level of healthcare disparities in our local communities. This reignited my desire to position myself in my community to increase better healthcare outcomes. At present, I'm certified as a medical administrative assistant (CMAA, 2020) and an electronic health records specialist (CEHRS, 2019), while completing my graduate studies in Health Information and health coaching. Simultaneously, I'm serving as a parent member of my daughter's School Leadership Team (SLT, MS391 2019-21). We are collaboratively providing workshops for parents to provide tools for remote learning at home and providing social emotional support daily/weekly. I was concerned that there were not many parents participating in weekly teacher engagement opportunities and PTA meetings. Prior to our national pandemic, I was saddened by other parents not sharing the vision of accountability in the classrooms. Now that we are in the midst of this pandemic, where does that leave our population not children whose parents do not know how to advocate for them? How do we help parents cope with pre-existing (pre-pandemic) fears, as well as new fears/anxiety? How can we aid in making sure teachers/parents are accountable during the remote learning era? What does that mean for our children, our future leaders? If your panel decides to elect me as a community council member, I will be committed to collaboratively liaise with and provide assistance to School Leadership Teams(SLTs), review district educational programs for effectiveness, and promote the achievement of educational standards and of objectives as it relates to our students. I believe that as a collective body of parents and educators, we can overcome these obstacles together. My Elders instilled in me the understanding that we are as individuals a distinguished integral portion of a collective community. Ultimately, as a collective body of parents, community leaders, and educators, we will better equip future generations. Being dedicated to the collective, even in the face of adversity will allow each generation to be better equipped to deal with issues of living and maintain a better quality of life in general.</p>
Abu Islam	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X094	NO	YES	
Mohammad Islam	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X009	NO	NO	
Ahshaki Long	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X045	NO	NO	<p>Hello! My name is Ahshaki Long. I am a mother,a student and humanist. I am studying law and society at John Jay College. In the fall, I will be attending law school. Serving on this council is very important to me. Our school systems impacts what kind of citizens we will have in the future. I am an advocate for equal opportunities for minority schools. This process starts with positional power. We have the power to reimagine education. During the lockdown, I had to realize what kind of learner I was. I was a student who had to be totally in class. Not being in class was a struggle mentally and psychologically. I can also recall when I took my GED, I failed it 2 times. I wanted to give up. However, with community support, I was able to achieve a diploma. I went from a GED to law school! The community is made up of the education it provides.Mismanagement, Low moral, lack of funding ,improper zoning and poverty is a direct causality of failing schools, As I said before, I am a student myself. I had learning difficulties. However, although, I didn't have a proper education, when I grew up and had my own children; it was one of my missions to have them properly educated. Every person should have the opportunity to go to school. We have a responsibility to make sure those facilities run at its most functional capacity. The more of us we can get to support proper policies regarding inner city and minority schools, we automatically change the trajectory of a persons life and purpose. I believe I would make a strong candidate because I am practicing to advocate, and this is about having a voice.</p>
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Ines Lovera	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X315	NO	NO	Me gustara participar en el consejo de educacion para apoyar de todas las formas a cualquier necesidad de los estudiantes , tengo un record de particioacion en 2 escuelas donde he sido parte del PTA y actualmente estoy en un SLT en la escuela donde acude Mildred Arreses PS 315 , estoy dispuesta a aprender y a portar apoyo . Gracias I would like to participate in the education council to support in all ways any need of the students, I have a record of participation in 2 schools where I have been part of the PTA and I am currently in an SLT at the school where Mildred Arreses PS attends 315, I am willing to learn and be supportive. Thanks
Erika Luna	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X141	YES	NO	Good Afternoon, I grew up in New York City and attended NYC Public Schools. I also attended a local College. I am a Bronx resident whose raising a middle school student and one High School student that attend NYC schools. I wanted to join the CEC years ago but couldn't because it was a Conflict of Interest. I have worked as a Police Officer and recently submitted my application for retirement. This will no longer be an issue. I have seen first hand what happens to New York City children who stop attending school. Unfortunately, high school is extremely pivotal and detrimental in determining that outcome. I previously worked for the Administration for Children's Services as a case manager and special rates liaison. My oldest child has an Individualized Education Plan and I am a strong supporter of educators. Success comes from a collaboration between parents and teachers. I am more than willing to serve. I have an excellent work ethic and while I never joined the Parents Association, I would volunteer to drop off supplies when requested to support their necessary cause. I am impartial and believe in respecting other people viewpoints even when they don't match my own.
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Jennifer Medina	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X306	NO	NO	
Richard Montenegro	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X280	NO	NO	My name is Richard Montenegro and I am honored to run in the 2021 Community Education Council Elections for District Ten. I've had the privilege of serving District Ten communities for over eleven years. As a parent leader and advocate, I believe our children's education is paramount. The COVID-19 pandemic has generated the largest disruption of education in history. Our school communities are healing and adapting to virtual and hybrid settings. Our work in District Ten has not stopped; it continues to progressively move and adjust to our current needs. Education is not only a fundamental human right; it is an enabling right, a gift that promises a future of learning opportunities for anyone. I strongly believe that I can continue to serve in this council and humbly ask you to consider voting for me in the upcoming elections. Together we can achieve the best future for our children and reclaim the promise of public education by strengthening the resilience of education and ensuring equity and access for all.
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Kea Myers	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X396	YES	NO	Hello Parents! I'm a stay-at-home mom of three children, all with IEPs. I'm also a small business Owner and Manager, and work from home, so I often spend many hours learning, understanding, and advocating for my children's special needs. Early Intervention and The Department of Education have been instrumental in supporting my children, but the process can be confusing and overwhelming. I want to do all I can to ensure that the system is easier to navigate, and families can achieve the same transformative academic and social experience that mine have. Previously, I served as Vice-President of the Parents Association at my children's school. This year, I want to join the CCSE to continue to advocate for my community, but also impact the city's special education system at its core. It would be my honor to serve on the CCSE, and I hope you grant me the opportunity to.
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Marie Nieves	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X020	NO	NO	
Janequa Parsons	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X033	YES	NO	
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Maribel Pastor	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X340	NO	NO	
Carina Penafiel	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X003	NO	YES	I make this statement based in my experience how mother of 2 children in an public school in the Bronx . I go make sure parent can receive the correct grades for their children's . I want to compromise with those parent whose feels bad because when they spoke with the teacher about their kids teacher telling they are ok in class but when the period is done what they see in the report card is not the same a what they talk we the teachers before. what is happen ? what is change ? why she or he tell me different things ? . parents has multiple questions but not the right answer. I want make this problems a solution . how ? make sure you get the same results what you expect when you spoke with the teachers. parents needs respect and their children's too. we want children in the school strong but how they gonna by strong if we not motivate than in what they waiting. teachers needs to by more clear when they talk with parents , and the only way they can do this is watching than to follow up the school rules . I want make sure parents and teachers can are in the same point with the same way and with the same results.
Yiset Perez	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X310	NO	NO	
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Amada Pinargote	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X003	NO	YES	Buenas noches quiero este cargo porque así puedo ayudar a los ninas/os de una manera de ayudar que siga adelante con los estudios que muy importante para el futuro tambien me gustatia ayudar dando opiniones en las escuelas sobre como mejorar para el futuro quiero aprender mas de lo poquito que se porque trabajo con ninos (soy la matron de bus escolar) y cada dia veo y aprendo algo nuevo de los ninos que yo no sabia o no lo se en ese momento. Good evening, I want this position because so I can help the children in a way to help them continue with their studies, which is very important for the future. I would also like to help by giving opinions in the schools about how to improve for the future. I want to learn more from What little I know because I work with children (I am the school bus matron) and every day I see and learn something new about the children that I did not know or did not know at that time.

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Arisleidy Polanco	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X033	NO	NO	<p>I wish to be part of this experience because I like to help the community and I believe it will be so important for me to increase my knowledge of education. As a young woman I like to be in communication with parents and children who are around me helping out with question regarding to educations purposes. I have a lot of experiences about this courses I have a CDA certificate that I had the opportunity when I was working in a child daycare program for the last 5 years I decided to study more about how children can learn through play. Then I am the secretary of my daughters school.</p>
Prince Quarcoo	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X141	NO	NO	<p>First of all, I will like to say a big thank you to the Education council and DOE for making the application process so easy. Honestly I've never contemplated the ideal of applying to be elected to the education council until now having been a participating parent with the NYC DOE school system for the past 4 years. This year has been one of a kind considering the various challenges that the entire world has to grapple with. Schools more importantly have had to endure much of the challenges and I can say without mincing that I've never been proud of the work the entire NYC DOE have done for our children. The virtually transition has been very drastic and impressively success having been a close observer since its inception because my daughter has been enrolled in 100% virtual. The peculiarity of this school year has given me an enormous exposure to the school system and I believe have encouraged me to get involve in the council to contribute my bit. I believe my years of professional experience as an accountant and having been full time parent for the past 13 years to my daughter has thought me a thing or two that I could give back in the form of service to the education council if elected to the council. Thank you.</p>
Mohammad Rahman	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X020	NO	NO	<p>I expertise in these areas: *** Counseled students during individual and group counseling sessions to improve behavior, academic performance, and lead them through crisis intervention. *** Created tailored lesson plans in all areas of concern for students, educators, and parents. *** Conducted training for parents in areas of expertise including conflict resolution skills, student behavior management, and intervention at home. *** Oversaw direct observations and student assisted interviews for IEP and 504 plans. *** Developed and coordinated programs for Anti-Bullying Prevention, Red Ribbon Week, and Career Day for students, staff, and parents. *** Compiled generated and interpreted data to create necessary programs for the needs of the student population *** Collaborated with various community service organizations to implement community outreach programs for at-risk students *** Advocated for the needs of students based on school and district data.</p>

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Judy Robles	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X007	NO	NO	I will start my rationale with a quote from Benjamin Franklin: "An investment in knowledge, pays the best interest". To me no truer words have been spoken and this is why serving to support our educational system means so much to me. I am a product of a public school education from Pre-K through high school in the Bronx and today I'm a veteran financial service provider at one of the largest and premier global banks. I tie these two together as evidence of what is possible if we continue to nurture our educational systems. I had the benefit of great teachers and excellent programs which were all within walking distance for every grade within this very same district. I am passionate about elevating and making quality educational accessible to our diverse community, right in our backyards. In addition to my passion and strong belief that education is a worthwhile investment, I bring to the table over 25 years of transferable skills that can serve the Council well as they carry out their responsibilities. These skills include bi-lingual communications, analytical, product/program development & implementation and the various soft skills that enable me to be a great team player, influencer and presenter. Additionally, I have acute experience in policy management inclusive of development, adherence programs and risk evaluations. While, I've exercised these skills in the financial services realm, my ability to develop solutions, assess progress and work with people would allow me to bring a fresh perspective and add value to the Council. Lastly, as a parent it would be great to work on things that will enhance my child's educational experience. I have a vested interest in bringing the voice of parents like me to make things better. I recall being part of the committee that vetted my child's new principal and collectively we picked the best choice; a choice that today is successfully guiding our kids through this new normal. It is rewarding to know that I was part of making that happen and that the school is reaping the benefits today. I would like to replicate that on a bigger scale. I humbly ask that you consider my candidacy and hope that I get to join the Council in continuing to enrich the education of our future leaders with the actions we take today.
Katherine Ruiz	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X340	NO	YES	
Isabel Sanchez	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X306	NO	NO	I, Elvis Sanchez, am running for a seat on the 2021 Education Council because I have one child who currently attends P.S. 306 (10X306) so I have a vested interest in the success of our schools. I am committed to help shape policies and priorities for NYC schools as we move forward. I am a former K-12 school teacher who specialized in helping students with special needs and English Language Learners (ELL). I have also served in the capacity of substitute teacher and private tutor. I have also helped many teachers by creating and disseminating educational material on NYC-based Teachers Pay Teachers. I have a passion for education. I feel I can give valuable input to the council. Support Our Students, Teachers, and Families It is my goal to support the progress and success our district has achieved. I hope to contribute to the district's future by having a sharp focus on school attendance, family/community engagement, and preparing students for their future. It is important to me that we keep the education, safety and well-being of each student our main task going forward. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed education unlike anything we have ever seen. Within weeks, our administrators and teachers had to reinvent education to meet the needs of blended/remote learning. We must work together in leading NYC Schools in this new challenge by continuing to work with experts in remote education to devise a new way to teach our curriculum and by training our teachers to successfully implement it. I want to support students and their families who are having to quickly adapt to this new reality in education. Parents are having to adapt to unique challenges from helping their children learn at home to juggling work and childcare demands during this pandemic. I want to help and I feel this is a great way for me to give back to our community.
Krystal Santiago	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X009	NO	NO	
Krystal Santiago	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	75X186	YES	NO	
Ely Santos De Espin	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X015	NO	NO	I want to have a voice for my child and for all the children like her. Specially for those parents that have the language barrier and can't speak for themselves.
Delphine Sidibe	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X386	NO	NO	
Delphine Sidibe	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X447	NO	NO	

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Elsie Soto	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X086	NO	NO	Hello everyone! I would like to serve on the Education Council in District 10 because as a parent with two children in the New York City's public education system, it is important to have someone representing our community who has experience and knowledge. I will work hard to make sure our children in District 10 are getting the resources and services needed to thrive while dealing with a pandemic. This pandemic has shown great disparities within the school system and this needs to be addressed. We need to make sure our children are flourishing in an all inclusive educational environment where no child is ever left behind! As an Hart Island Advocate/AIDS Activists/Autism Mama, I am no stranger to standing up for what is right! In May of 2019, after seeing the harsh conditions on NYC Hart Island, I represented family members buried on the island and spoke with City Council regarding transferring jurisdiction of Hart Island from Dept of Corrections to the Parks Department. Ultimately, the city sided with family members and now Hart Island will be a city park. I am determined and dedicated to representing those who are disenfranchised and who are largely ignored. I will do my best to represent ALL members of District 10. I thank you for your time and consideration!
Awa Soumare	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X085	NO	NO	
Isha Taylor	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X363	NO	NO	Campaign Statement I am not a politician, but a PARENT-tician! I believe in empowering parents to lead from the front. I believe that Youth Voices Matter! I am holistically invested in building community partnerships that address the needs of our District 10 families without dividing individuals based on language, cultural differences, gender, race and other tactics used to separate us from our HUMANITY! I Isha Taylor, am committed to continuing forward as a Community Education Council member for District 10 for the 2021-2023 school year. I am a mother first, my young men are Faizon(17) class of '21 who is a former student of Academy For Personal Leadership and Excellence (M.S. 363). Isaiah(14) who attended Timothy Dwight (P.S.033) and current student of (M.S. 363). As a family we believe in leading by example. Both of my children serve on their individual schools student government. I have had the honor of serving as PA President at the K-8 and high school levels. I have also been an active member of my children's individual school leadership teams (SLT) over the last (7) years. I pull from over 18 years of leadership and management experience. Serving nearly a decade of my life on active duty in the United States Air Force, a combat veteran medically retired in 2017. I believe in empowering the people with tools and resources to lead a self-sufficient life. I believe that each of us have the gifts and potential to build communities and legacies that transform and dismantle generational oppression within our Black and Brown communities. I invest the skills, talents and abilities in community building through hosting independent living workshops for youth in shelter, teaching Black and Latina women how to build their own businesses, and elevating my voice as a speaker nationally to various organizations on the importance of creating a culture rooted in diversity, equity, and inclusion in corporate spaces. As a Community Education Council member for the 2019-2021 term, here are a few highlights: -Joined the Education Council Consortium (ECC) an organization of elected and appointed Community Education and Citywide Council members who address the issues that affect schools and communities throughout all 32 school districts. We also provide feedback, solutions, and meet regularly with the Chancellor to further our efforts to promote equity and access for all (Jun 2019-Present). -Conducted at least 50 school liaison visits outside of required CEC monthly meetings pre and post pandemic (Sept 2019-Present). - Collaborated with NYC Administration For Children's Services to launch the Family Assessment Response (FAR) initiative; a movement which helps schools and community based organizations use child protective services as a restorative resource and not punitive action(Nov 2019). -Marshaled and partnered with Journey For Justice Alliance at MSNBC's first Education forum with Presidential Candidates in Pittsburgh, PA to ensure presidential elect candidates prioritized equity and access for black and brown communities overlooked and underserved (Dec 2019). -Coordinated, scheduled, and lobbied to city and state elected legislatures Assemblyman Pichardo, Senator Gustavo Rivera, and other community leaders to sign and support policies that will bring over \$6 Billion to fully fund our schools (Oct 2019-Present). -Dedicated to being a warrior for equity and true diversity. In addition to my CEC duties, I have the privilege of serving on the district and borough equity teams. Advocating for parents, students and their families to have a seat at every table and level of leadership within our school communities (Oct 2020-Present). Here is what you can expect from me during the 2021-2023 CEC 10 term: - I will continue to amplify parent voices at the school, district, city, and state levels. - I will challenge my fellow council members to commit to performing school liaison visits. - I will continue to lead with integrity and without bias. - I will continue to empower leaders, inspire cultural and social change, and grow community partnerships. Why You Should Vote For Me: Vote for me because I believe in PEOPLE over profit, positions, or titles. Vote for me because I will continue to hold city and state legislatures accountable. Vote for me because I lead with integrity and a duty to serve ALL people without bias. Vote for me because I am Bronx Strong!

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Camelia Tepelus	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X024	YES	NO	It Takes a Village! As an immigrant, a single parent, a working mom with a demanding job, a community Board member, but most of all as a mother that feels strongly that all children deserve a high quality education, I, CAMELIA TEPELUS, submit for your consideration my application for the 2021 Education Council Election. I am the mother of a kindergarten son with an IEP receiving special education services, and a very poised 4th grader daughter, both in a public school in the Bronx. As many families experienced, over the last year we went through many challenges trying to ensure that the education of my children continues, in COVID conditions, both remotely and in person. I advocated with my children's school and, with the support of the administration, we succeeded to obtain 5 days in person education for my son in kindergarten, and securing continuation of his special services. I have been through the experience of applying for the Learning Bridges program, as well as for the DOE ASD NEST program. I am currently undergoing training with INCLUDEnyc to become a Parent Member of the IEP team, to be able to assist parents through stressful IEP meetings and understanding the processes around special education. I am also a very active member in my local community in Spuyten Duyvil in North West Bronx, and have been a member of the Bronx Community Board 8 since 2019. Professionally, I am the Executive Director of a business improvement district in central Bronx, and in this capacity I interact on a daily basis with people from all walks of life, different cultures and ethnicities. I also advocate frequently with elected officials and staff of NYC agencies, ensuring that concerns brought to my attention are being addressed appropriately by the people with the capacity to create change and improvements. For my work in the community I was honored to receive in 2020 the NY State Women of Distinction, distinction from D34 Senator Alessandra Biaggi, and the 2020 Schneps Media Power Women of the Bronx distinction. Finally, I want to state that I am a believer in the power of team-work, and, when it comes to our children's education it takes a village! It is the parent, the family at home and extended family, the teacher and school administration team, along with DOE officials at district, borough and City level, that all together have to coordinate and create a system of education that helps ALL our children. I thank you in advance for the consideration and for your work to continue improving the NYC education system for all children. Dr. Camelia Tepelus, 2/26/2021
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Juan Torres	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X077	NO	NO	Because it's easy It's easy to not participate in my child's life when I am tired. It's easy to become complacent with those after school activities. It's quite easy not be an active part of my child's life because I had so much going on. What is not easy is going through and making a valid effort in my children's lives. After work, on the weekends, in sickness and in health. I believe in doing my part for my children and their future. That I why I'm an active part our PTA and have the role of secretary. This is why I want to do more for my children and yours. Together we rise.

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Amy Ming Tsai	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	75X811	YES	NO	<p>My name is Amy Ming Tsai and I am a current CEC member on the Citywide Council for District 75. I am currently serving in my fourth year (2 terms) and have served on multiple positions on the District 75 council. I am also a mom of five NYC public school children residing in the Bronx. All of my children are in different school/program settings, three of my children are students with disability, and the grades of my children range from kindergarten through high school. I have served 10 years as a parent/community leader throughout New York City in all five boroughs on the early childhood policy council, parent association, school leadership team and on the district leadership team. I am also currently a parent member on the Bronx and CSD 10 equity team. As a parent advocate, I also represent on multiple platforms in organizations across the city, including organizations that represent the disability community and an IEP parent advocate. Currently on the CCD75, I am the Parliamentarian, chair the committee on busing, co-chair the committee on capacity and utilization, interim co-chair for the committee on outreach, and the Manhattan representative. In my position as a council member and in the roles that I have been appointed I have made comments and recommendations on student transportation, accessibility, language-access, technology/assistive technology access, safety, site-locations, related services, inclusive-cultural education, placement/transitioning, parent engagement/involvement, and more that revolve around the educational and instructional policies and improvements for all District 75 students including ELL and Inclusion Program students citywide. Also, in my role in representing on a citywide level I am the liaison for all D75 school PA/PTAs and in supporting the entire school community. Students with disability are not recognized enough in curriculum, literature, social supports, mental wellness, supportive resources, access to equality, funding, policy and legislative decisions, the ability to access, and within their general communities Students in District 75 whom have severe disabilities and/or have more than one diagnosed disability have been significantly stigmatized by society and are left out or considered secondary in the decision making in all things regarding the NYC public school system; re-opening schools in SY 20-21 and COVID testing are examples of what District 75 students and families faced. Minority students and minority students with disability are historically marginalized, majority live in impoverished communities, discriminated by race, suffer the digital divide, and are exposed to inequities and injustices. Our most vulnerable students and families in NYC should not be silenced or ignored especially during this uncertain time of a health pandemic and racial injustice. Not just treating the core issues, but exposing the equity, access, and quality of what our students and families deserve in which it should be the best NYC school system. As an advocate and activist, I look forward to continuing the collaborations and partnerships, including spaces that I am involved in: culturally responsive-sustaining education framework (CRSE), Healing Centered Schools roadmap, the roll-out of diversity and equity, improving student transportation services, expanding inclusive education, and the integration of school culture. Building relationships is building bridges between school staff, students, parents, families, and the community. Engaging and empowering students and parents build a strong and successful school community. This is why it's important to me to continue to serve on the Education Council for another term. "It takes a village to raise a child", that is a definite.</p>

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Daria Velez	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X118	YES	NO	To whom it may concern, I would like to be a candidate for the council because I believe that I represent my borough. I am a single, Latina, hardworking mother to a 13 year old kid. I know I can work diligently when it comes to the future for our children. Being involved and engaged is the primary and only way to set the tone in efforts of achieving success. I will like to be the the voice and advocate for my son and for many others like him.
Maria Ventura	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X254	YES	NO	I am part of the SLT team and my sons school I would like to be the voice that needs to be heard for our children and our school and for any future problems that needs to be addressed I can be there voiced

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Renee Wong	CEC10	Community Education Council (10)	10X081	NO	NO	<p>My name is Renee Wong, and I am the mother of a P.S. 81 Kindergartener (age 5) and a future P.S. 81 student (age 2). I am seeking election to the District 10 Community Education Council. My goal as a parent-member of the CEC to facilitate assessments of our children's education district-wide. Currently, I am a member of the P.S. 81 Parent's Association. I have attended all meetings, and have volunteered at in-person events. Additionally, I have been elected to the P.S. 81 SLT. SLT has provided an important insight to the nature and quality of our children's education. Open communication between parents and DOE staff is necessary to establish important assessment benchmarks for improvements. I was born in Queens, and received a NYC public school education. This prepared me to further my education in engineering and obtain my law degree. As a practicing attorney, I have a solid foundation to discuss important policy considerations that impact our schools and communities. I also engage in volunteer pro bono activities include legal crisis counseling for victims of assault and representation of the indigent. Thank you for reading my statement, and for considering my appointment to District 10's CEC.</p>