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Jasmin Benitez	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M083	NO	NO	I Mrs Jasmin Benitez is a full time remote for my two daughters I am a mother of four two adults and two young ones. All my children attend public school at New York. I have been part of the ps 83 pta team as a secretary from 2018 to 2021. As a mother and parent I have enjoy learning different issue we have as school unit. I have been a medical assistant and dental assistant at this time I am unemployed and keep my focus on two daughters education due to full remote.(covid 19 regulations) I decided to return to college to presume my education in dental hygiene at hostos college in the Bronx New York. I'm a humble person who enjoys to learn new things especially if it involves in making all children in community a good safe education and changes we are going through due to epidemic covid.
Kim Brown	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M096	YES	NO	I would like to run for a seat on the Citywide Council on Special Education and Community Education Council on account of my 3 boys who each has special needs. I want to be a voice for them and all families with children with and without special needs. I want to be a voice to make sure our families are getting all they need to best support their children's educational needs as well as basic needs. I believe my life experience of getting support from school administration, mental health specialist, therapist, councils and community based organizations for my children has given me the best experience that I need to be able to focus on the needs of our families and children. I have served on district 4 CEC for 2 years as well. I have been and currently am a member of Riverdale Ave Middle School Student Leadership Team, Presidents' Council and a member of the District leadership team. I am also, the Title 1 Chairperson at RAMS. I am a mother of 10 children. I have had many roles on the PA/PTA in different schools where my children attended. I have been a part of the school system for years. I believe that community and family also matters. I believe children and families should have resources in their community as well as in school. My goal is to make sure these services are worth while to give each child and family the support they need in all areas of life.
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Anna Burns	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M012	NO	NO	My name is Anna Burns and I am running for a seat on the Community Education Council for District 4. As a native New Yorker, I attended public schools from elementary through high school. With my son currently in first grade and my daughter several years behind, I am committed to public schools in New York. Supporting our community and improving our schools is critical for the growth, development, and advancement of our children and the diversity and equality of our city. This past year has only increased the challenges we face as parents, families, and educators and we owe our children "and communities" more. As a neighbor in District 4, I want to be involved in our community in a deep and lasting way. As a practicing lawyer with over 10 years of experience including significant public interest work on behalf of tenants, I also understand how critical it is to listen and dig deep. To read, re-read, and ask questions. To speak up and fiercely advocate for my clients. I am currently serving as a class parent to my son's first grade class and really enjoy bringing the families together, reaching consensus, and advocating for our children. I would take the position on the Community Education Council seriously and with drive for change. Please consider me as a candidate for the Council.
Kasha Cacy	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M012	NO	NO	Hello. My name is Kasha Cacy and I am running to be part of the Community Education Council for District 4. I am currently the Second Vice President of CEC4 and have been on the council for the past two school years. I joined the council because I believe deeply in the idea that every student, regardless of circumstance, background, support systems or unique needs deserves a high quality education. I wanted to be involved because I want District 4 to be a district that is the envy of all of New York and I wanted to support, parents, students, the Superintendent, Principals and Teachers to make that happen. Since being on the board, I have served as the Secretary and the Second Vice President. I have worked with the council to ensure our schools are fair and racially just. During COVID, I worked to ensure that our schools were safe, equipped with adequate equipment and that all of our students have access to the technology and broadband access required to learn online. I am extremely passionate about public education and will fight to ensure that we are district where every student has the opportunity to learn in a supportive environment. Thank you for your consideration.

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Elisa Capers	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M155	NO	NO	I believe I would be a great candidate for Education Council because for starters, I have been teaching for 14 years. Most of my experience is in the charter school sector but many of my colleagues are DOE teachers. I know first hand what teachers need and want in order to be successful at their craft and with my years of experience and my experiences as a school leader, I believe it is time to step into other roles of education. In addition, I am a product of DOE. I attended DOE schools from 1st grade up to 12 grade and I want to make an impact on students and teachers like myself. Running for Education Council is outside my comfort zone but I have learned that the only way to grow is to be in uncomfortable situations that will make you stronger and wiser. This is why I am running for Education Council.
Rori Crosson	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M171	NO	NO	I am applying to be a part of the 2021 Education Council because I believe that all the children in New York City are entitled to a quality education. As a social worker, I have understanding and experience in the role that education plays in the ability for children to develop into healthy productive adults. It is my professional goal to work towards transforming systems so that they are better able to support our children and their development. My specialty is in the mental health needs of children, and I would be determined to bring my knowledge to the education council. As a community member, I want to ensure that we are providing the best educational opportunities to all of the children, not just my own. We are all better when we work together, and collaborate. We all benefit from solid educational programs for the children in our communities.
Rosa Diaz	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M171	NO	NO	My name is Rosa Diaz. I am a parent of 3 kids in grades PreK son, 4th grade daughter with IEP and an 8th grade son at PS171 Patrick Henry Preparatory. I am a Parent Leader for my kids' school and have been supporting and volunteering for several years. I started serving as a Community Education Council in 2019 and it has been an honor to be a voice for parents in D4. I have gained so much knowledge and will continue to support all schools in D4. Currently I work part-time as a Paralegal and a Commissioner of Deeds for Law Offices of Terilli & Tintle and have extensive legal experience and knowledge which has helped several families. I am a Community Ambassador for East Harlem Community Partnership and before the Pandemic we held community meetings, events and shared resources such as Food Pantries, Childcare Services, Mental Health Organizations, Immigration Services, Parent Advocacy, etc; for East Harlem families of all ages. During the Pandemic, we saw a high need of food insecurity amongst our families and decided to help families with food distribution and together with other organizations, we were able to pack food items and safely distribute them to hundreds of families. Lastly, I support Dr. Collins and CADA PASO, a non-profit organization which promotes Healthy living and eating for all families of all ages. We have several walks per year to learn about each other, current community concerns and how to help each other. Wanted to take the opportunity to thank parents for the time in reading my statement.
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Johanna Dominguez	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M007	YES	YES	We must as parents seek all the tools so that our children have a better future full of possibilities, grow in minority sectors, where obtaining "the easy" is faster, we must teach our children that hard work has its fruits, so I try to wrap myself in school activities that can strengthen the self-esteem and disbursement of my children.

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During my adolescence, my brother and I had to be in our rooms from 7:00pm - 9:00pm or stay outside until 9:00pm, while our parents conducted group therapy in our home; during the weekend, my parents provided family therapy sessions. Then there were the numerous civil rights and anti-war/peace demonstrations during the 60's and 70's they brought us to. I remember making the signs we would carry during the demonstrations. We were even involved in a Peace March in Washington D.C. where we were tear gassed. Currently as the Director of The Children's Aid Society East Harlem Center, since 2005, and with a long tenure with Children's Aid (CA) which began as a 13-year-old teen in 1975, an employee since 1980. I have held a variety of positions with CA: Group Counselor, Prevention Case worker, Program Coordinator of the Carter Hotel, (homeless families), Director of the East Harlem Center; along with 15 years in mental health Intensive Case Management as a Case Manager, Supervisor &amp; Administrator of Case Management services with Catholic Charities. Leading the East Harlem Center since August 2005, I see my role as not just the leader of the community center, the clientele and/or staff, but to all children, their parents of the East Harlem community at large. I have enjoyed working with children and parents in supporting and guiding them in the achievement of their goals, dreams and seeing that twinkle in their eyes when they finally get something they have been struggling with and overcome. I am committed to working collaboratively with the larger community partners, other CBOs', the private &amp; public sectors, and government offices and elected officials to identify, address, and implement an Action Plan to address and improve community for all individuals. During my experiences, I have participated on the following Boards: Board Member of Community Board since 2009, Chair CB 11's Youth &amp; Education Committee, NYC DOE District 4 Community Education Council (CEC) Board Member since 2019. Previous Board affiliations: Mt. Sinai TEEN HEED Diabetes Prevention program, East Harlem El Barrio Youth Task Force. 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Jacqueline Gonzalez	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M497	NO	NO	<p>Hi. I was born and raised and still live in East Harlem. I am an educator, I am a mother, and I am completely invested and determined to help our families and our children to thrive in our community. I want our schools to have practical, sensitive and sensible policies that help propel our children forward, preparing them for what they will need to prevail.</p>

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Nian Liu	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M012	NO	NO	The pandemic brought many changes to our lives, including how our children are taught and access knowledge. The public schools in New York City are also going through many transformations. Some of them are long overdue, but brought upon us quite suddenly. The Asian American families that I am familiar with are often frustrated and confused by the changes. As someone who grew up in China and spent over 20 years studying and working in the United States, and with two children in the public school system, I feel like I can be of some help in bridging the varied cultural understandings and ideologies concerning education.
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Teisha Mckoy	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M083	YES	NO	My reason to run for a seat for the community education counsel and ccse are genuine and sincere. As a parent , there are certain expectations that are expected from us when sending our children to school each day. Our children should be dressed , clean , fed and ready to learn each day for school and exhibit the best behavior possible conducive to their classroom. There should also be the same expectation for all schools that serve our children. The same progress should be made, resources and support given to all families and students that the DOE serve. In America and her children are required by law to attend school (a free education) but unfortunately it's not always designed that way for certain communities of color & economic disparities. Certain schools lack the resources , the staff and support needed to guarantee a quality education for everyone. Certain boundaries such school suspensions, promotion, special education resources etc makes it very difficult for certain community children to keep up. I believe the counsel and everyone that sits at these kind of tables should be held accountable to action ALL children. The underserved, the gifted & talented and those dreamers to achieve their educational goals and dreams. And I hope to be apart of that.
Ramona Niederhausern	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	02M158	NO	NO	I am a Mechanical and Energy Engineer and Software Developer. I love all math including probability and I am a researcher for life. I've been in various teaching positions since I started teaching K-12 at a high needs public school district in the South at age 17. I've been Cubmaster for Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scout Leader for a STEM troop I created with Girt Scouts of America. Last year I left a volunteering position with a large Women's organization where I had been the President for 1.5 years. My primary role was to teach and help women progress their life. I currently teach religious history. Tragedies caused by mental illnesses in my family have defined who I am and created my desire to use my knowledge to better our educational system, and to specifically integrate Mental Health Education into our curriculum. Overall my life has been amazing and I am very happy. I am a mother and loving it! I am a wife and happily married, my husband supports me in working long hours. I am the oldest sister of six children. I am always a student, looking to gain knowledge from ground up in everything I do.

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Ramona Niederhausern	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M146	NO	NO	I am a Mechanical and Energy Engineer and Software Developer. I love all math including probability and I am a researcher for life. I've been in various teaching positions since I started teaching K-12 at a high needs public school district in the South at age 17. I've been Cubmaster for Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scout Leader for a STEM troop I created with Girl Scouts of America. Last year I left a volunteering position with a large Women's organization where I had been the President for 1.5 years. My primary role was to teach and help women progress their life. I currently teach religious history. Tragedies caused by mental illnesses in my family have defined who I am and created my desire to use my knowledge to better our educational system, and to specifically integrate Mental Health Education into our curriculum. Overall my life has been amazing and I am very happy. I am a mother and loving it! I am a wife and happily married, my husband supports me in working long hours. I am the oldest sister of six children. I am always a student, looking to gain knowledge from ground up in everything I do.
Scott Pactor	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M012	NO	NO	
Elsie Porto	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M375	NO	NO	My name is Elsie Figueroa. I'm a mother of four children. I'm the PTA President for Mosaic Prep Academy. I work as Funeral Director with all the work I have I still make time to assert myself in my children studies. It's important for us as parent to be present in our children studies so they can have all the support they need.
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Ricardo Ramirez	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M102	NO	NO	Hello, my name is Ricardo Ramirez and I would like to run for a seat on the CEC for District 4. I currently have a son enrolled in the G&T Program at Jacques Cartier P.S. 102. My connection to District 4 began when my mother arrived from Puerto Rico as a single parent and settled in East Harlem. We managed to find a apartment in Jefferson Houses and I was enrolled into P.S. 57 without knowing any English. I excelled in my studies and graduated to Jackie Robinson J.H.S. 13. Every day was a struggle but my mother always emphasized the significance of a good education. From J.H.S.13 I was awarded a four year scholarship to attend the prestigious Deerfield Academy High School in Deerfield, MA. I then went on to study at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. Living in New Orleans was a cultural dream but I wanted to return to New York. Once I was back in New York I jumped into the hospitality business but I always thought how could I share my educational experience with young students from similar backgrounds. I worked with YAP( Youth Action Program), SCAN( Supportive Children's Advocacy Network), and Aspira. I was also a para-professional for a short period. Every experience was rewarding. I am now a parent of a 3rd grader, a member of the SLT, and I assist the PTA at P.S.102. Serving on the Community Education Council is important to me because I would like to share my personal experiences with education and assist the CEC in any capacity possible. Thank you, Ricardo Ramirez
Tammy Rodriguez	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	10X442	YES	NO	The education system In the United States has struggled To maintain resources in Special Education for our urban youth. Students are struggling with their grades to advanced to the next grades. During this pandemic, especially, students have had to adapt themselves to a "new classroom" and/ or a new school culture. They have suffered academically and personally. I have seen students with IEP's who struggled in the classroom with support now still struggling with added stressors. Many Special Education students and well as General Education students are struggling with Self regulation and discipline. I am a mother of 2 public school students. One student who is in High School and currently has an IEP and an honor student. I have also attended every IEP meeting for both of my children. I also have an eighth grader whom is a former IEP student who is now an honor student. I am a licensed music teacher who currently teaches in the Archdiocese of NYC. I also tutor reading and math for title 1 students within the Archdiocese of NYC. I currently have completed my Masters in Special Education. I am anticipating In acquiring my Teaching license for Special Education by July of 2021. I feel that I am a good candidate for the council because of my teaching background as well as having students who are former and current IEP students. I have a passion for the education system for NYC.

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Kaliris Salas	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M497	YES	NO	It has been an absolute privilege to serve on CEC4 this term as the IEP member and current President. After spending 4 years organizing in East Harlem as a PA president and President of the President's Council for D4 (which meant I was a member of the DLT and CPAC) I was prepared me to be an effective CEC member when I began my first term in 2019. I have established relationships with other parent leaders across the city, which has allowed me to think holistically about the policy and programmatic changes that need to occur in the system which will support all children in D4. This term has been a critical one for CEC4, as we have had a transition in leadership and changes in other integral staff in our district office. As a CEC we have been the anchor, elevating parent concerns and making sure they are addressed. For the first time as CEC4, under my leadership, we have passed almost a dozen resolutions ranging from school reopening, culturally responsive practices in our schools and funding. We have also strengthened the relationship our CEC has with superintendent, Community Board 11 and other elected officials across the city, as well as DOE central. Our CEC has worked collectively to bring equity into our district. During COVID19 the inequities that have historically impacted East Harlem were exacerbated. Our community was the hardest hit by pandemic in the Spring. We have advocated for a robust remote learning plan (especially since 60%+ of our families have chosen to stay remote), more support for our students with IEP's and increased community engagement/transparency so that parents could make the best decisions possible for their children. Our meetings have changed to a town hall format, allowing everyone to not only be informed of what is happening in our district from the superintendent and principals, but is has also become a space to address any concerns that parents and students may have; increasing attendance 9 times than what it used to be. These next two years we have an opportunity to build on the momentum we have gained in District 4. While we spent the last two years increasing transparency and establishing relationships, now we must continue to bring resources to our East Harlem schools. We will need more supports for our children while advocating that the NYSED reimagine education to support all learners as many children have suffered from trauma and loss this last year. Equity must remain front and center. We must acknowledge that we can no longer maintain the status quo, therefore, we need parent leaders at the forefront that understand the system to create and advocate policies that result in systemic change. D4 is unique in that it has everything from progressive, traditional, dual-language, and G&T schools; each requiring support in different ways. As an educator in higher education I understand what children need to thrive in college and beyond. As a community organizer, I know how to build relationships and move policies forward. As the mother of Black child with an IEP, I have sensitivity for children with learning differences that need additional support in order to succeed while recognizing that this system does not always provide him with what he needs. I look forward to continuing the great work we have done as a CEC and to lead with compassion for further success in our district.
Guadalupe Santamaria	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M171	YES	NO	
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Ana Santos	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M057	NO	NO	PTA/SLT
Cassi Wilkins	CEC4	Community Education Council (04)	04M377	NO	NO	My name is Cassi Wilkins I have two children in east Harlem district 4 community schools. I believe I would make a great candidate for either council because I have a child in general education and special education. Unfortunately due to a severely chronically absent teacher in my youngest son's first grade year he missed out on the foundations of learning. I noticed he wasn't reaching significant milestones in school that his brother had reached. I know all children are different and learn different but there are certain things they should be familiar with by the third grade and my son wasn't. I had him evaluated and now he has an IEP he receives SETS and occupational therapy. Fortunately for me I knew enough to notice the signs and use the resources provided. Other parents aren't as knowledgeable of these resources and their children fall through the cracks.
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