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Affordable Housing Advocate & Democratic State Committee Member Dan Cohen Announces Run for City Council's 7th District

NEW YORK, NY - Affordable housing advocate and Democratic State Committee member Dan Cohen officially announced his campaign to succeed term-limited Council Member Mark Levine in the 7th Council District. The district consists of portions of the Upper West Side, Manhattan Valley, Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, West Harlem and Washington Heights.

Dan Cohen is a native New Yorker and lifelong resident of the community, where he lives in the district with his wife and young son. Dan has worked in housing in New York City for over 20 years, including in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. He currently works at the nonprofit Housing Partnership as Vice President, where he oversees a sponsorship pipeline of over 5,000 affordable housing units, reflecting an investment of more than \$1 billion, in New York City each year.

Since 2010 Dan has been re-elected four times in the 69th Assembly District as the Democratic State Committeeman and is a co-founder of the NYS Democratic Committee's Progressive Caucus, which was a leading voice against the turncoat Democrats in the State Senate known as the IDC. "I've been civically involved in this community since before I could vote," said Dan Cohen. "I believe we are at a pivotal moment in history for our planet, our country, and our city. It's important that our district has someone with experience and a history of activism representing us at City Hall. I am eager to take on that responsibility."

Dan is involved in his community as an appointed member of Community Board 9, and is working to create a West Harlem Community Arts Center, limit runaway real estate development, protect local landmarks, and preserve our parks. He is on the community advisory board of Mt. Sinai Hospital, the elected President of the Valley Restoration Local Development Corporation, the founder of Friends of Anibal Aviles Playground/Amigos del Parque de Anibal Aviles and on the board of Friends of Morningside Park. Dan also serves on the Board of Directors of the Columbus-Amsterdam Business Improvement District.

"I look forward to speaking with my friends, neighbors, and all members of the communities I hope to represent about their ideas for the future of our district," said Dan Cohen. "Whether it's creating more affordable housing, improving transportation, or bettering public education, we have a lot of work to do. The district needs someone to step up on matters such as climate change, criminal justice reform, and protecting small businesses and I am ready for the challenge."