

Democrat Marti Speranza Endorsed By Former Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger

With two weeks until Democratic Primary, Speranza gains momentum with high-profile support

MANHATTAN, N.Y. – Marti Speranza, Democratic candidate for City Council in the 4th District, today received the endorsement of former Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, bringing the campaign a major boost in the closing weeks before the September 12 primary.

"New York needs a feminist leader like Marti in the City Council. She has spent her life advocating for women's equality, from running her campus NOW chapter and organizing Take Back the Night, to launching six citywide programs for women from underserved communities as the Director of Women Entrepreneurs NYC. As the Council's gender gap grows, strong leaders like Marti will make sure women's voices are always heard," **said Messinger.**

"It means so much to have Ruth's support. She has done so much to empower the women of this city and has dedicated so much of her career to improving the lives of all New Yorkers. I am humbled to have her endorsement," **said Speranza.**

Ruth Messinger is a lifelong activist and civil servant. From 1990 to 1997, she served as Manhattan Borough President before running as the Democratic nominee in the 1997 Mayoral Election against former Mayor Rudy Giuliani. From 1998 to 2016, she was the President and CEO of the American Jewish World Service, and she currently serves as a Global Ambassador for the organization.

This endorsement adds to Speranza's diverse and growing coalition of support. Messinger joins State Senator Brian Benjamin, City Council Progressive Caucus Co-Chair Antonio Reynoso, former Council Member Ronnie Eldridge, United Federation of Teachers, Laborers' International Union of North America, Communications Workers of America, and Professional Staff Congress, among others. The 4th District includes the Upper East Side, Midtown East, Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, and Central Park South.