

## **17th City Council District**

**Julio Pabón (D)**

Hi, My name is Julio Pabon and I am running for City Council in the 17th District. I have lived in the Bronx since I was a child. I came here from Puerto Rico with my father who was a migrant farm-worker. When I was growing up people would say the "Bronx is burning". It was a very impoverished area. Although much has changed since then, the social economic disparity that is evident is why I felt compelled to run for office. I am a product of the public school system and have been able to receive my masters from NYU proving that a public school education can work. I have been a public school teacher and believe education is the number one reason why I was able to get myself out of poverty. We need to increase investment in education. We spend over \$30,000 a year to put a child in prison yet we only barely spend \$3,000 to educate our children. We have the money, we just need to spend it intelligently. In order to deal with these disparities, we want to revive a plan to develop a Science and Technology center here in the Bronx. We need elected officials that actually understand the issues of our community and are going to be strong advocates who will champion our causes. We need people who will actively fight to improve the conditions of our community. We need people who are for creating a new Bronx. You can find out more about our campaign at [JulioPabon.com](http://JulioPabon.com). I hope I get your vote on September 10, 2013! Thank you.

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