

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**EDUCATION:** J.D. -- Hofstra University School of Law  
Hempstead, New York 1981  
Law  
B.A. -- Hofstra University  
Hempstead, New York 1977  
Political Science

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Public Administration, Political Science, Government, Urban Affairs, Urban Studies, Legislation, Budget and Fiscal, Tax Policy and Reform, Environment, Land Use and Zoning, Public Safety, Housing, Transportation, Strategic Communications and Marketing, Community Relations and the Law.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

May 2003 – present

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS / PUBLIC POLICY PRACTICE**

Queens and New York, New York

Public Affairs

Consultant

Government and Public Affairs, Community and Media Relations.

August 2007 – present

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REFERRALS AND RESOURCES**

Queens, New York

Human Services

Executive Vice President

Manage and Supervise all non-clinical operations, including administration, marketing, external relations and public affairs, fiscal, legal, human resources, real estate, strategic business planning, and program and project development.

June 2003 – May 2005

**TIMESLEDGER NEWSPAPERS**

Queens, New York

Weekly public policy column, *The Public Ought To Know.* Past columns may be viewed at <http://coreybearak.com/columns.shtml>.

January 2002 – May 2003

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADOLFO CARRION JR

Bronx, NY

Government

Director of Planning, Policy & Budget/Legislative Counsel

Managed three distinct government units [Planning and Development, Policy and Budget, and Economic Development]; develop and recommend policies, priorities and initiatives with the directors for Budget, Health and Human Services, Education and Youth, Planning and Housing, and Economic Development; devise strategies to advance initiatives; manage and/or coordinate implementation of policies, priorities and initiatives, including projects and task forces; represent and/ or accompany Borough President at community, and public meetings, including presenting testimony; liaison to Communications office; counsel and provide technical assistance on legal, legislative, land use, environmental, education, fiscal and other policy issues and initiatives; draft news releases and statements, testimonies, briefings and speeches; serve as advisor on police and other public safety matters; Deputy Agency Chief Contracting Officer.

February 1999 – December 2001

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER

Bronx, NY

Government

Legislative Counsel

Serving in Agency's Communications Unit, Counsel on legal, legislative and policy issues (including police, Civilian Complaint Review Board and other public safety matters; budget, fiscal and tax reform; government structure and census; environment; housing; and transportation); manage, develop and initiate legislation and policy; draft news releases, testimonies, op-ed articles, statements, letters to the editor, briefings and speeches; revised and maintain agency website ([www.bpferrer.org](http://www.bpferrer.org)); devise and implement strategies to advance legislative and policy initiatives; analyze reports and studies; interface with electronic and print media and serve as an authorized spokesperson; and represent Borough President at government, public and community meetings (including CCRB, Charter Revision Commission and City Council meetings and hearings) and news conferences; perform intergovernmental and community relations; and resolve constituent problems with government.

September 1982 – January 1999

CITY COUNCIL

Queens and New York, New York

Government

Counsel/ Chief of Staff

For City Council Member Sheldon S. Leffler [Public Safety committee chair 1989-1999; Environmental Protection committee chair, 1986-1989], manage legislative (including capital and expense budgets, land use and the public safety committee chaired by the Councilman), public information and constituent services programs; provide counsel on legal, legislative and policy issues; propose and draft local laws and resolutions; research issues; analyze reports and studies; develop committee and legislative agendas; set expense and capital budget priorities; prepare speeches, news releases, op-ed articles and letters to the editor; design newsletters; interface with electronic and print media; serve as authorized spokesman; represent Council Member at government, public and community meetings (including Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board); and resolve constituent problems with City, State and Federal governments.

June 1982 – present

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE

Queens, NY

Law

Attorney and Counselor At-Law

Private Practice in Wills, Estates, Guardianship and Incompetency matters, Real Estate, Contracts (Admitted to New York State Bar, Second Department, May 1982.).

January - August 1978

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Albany and New York, New York

Government

Assistant to the Secretary of State

For Secretary of State Mario M. Cuomo, researched issues, drafted position papers, speeches and news releases, prepared briefings, and coordinated Mr. Cuomo's activities (Resigned to enter law school.).

### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:**

#### ***Media and Community Relations:***

Serve as an authorized spokesperson to electronic and print news media; develop and manage communication and marketing strategies - including traditional print, electronic and new media platforms - to advance initiatives; perform intergovernmental and community relations, including representation and testimony at community, public and government meetings and news conferences; and resolve problems with government.

#### ***Speeches, Op-eds, News Releases and Newsletters:***

Draft speeches, news releases, statements, op-ed articles, letters to the editor, briefings, testimonies, position papers and newsletters.

#### ***Project Management:***

Develop and recommend policies, priorities and initiatives; devise and implement strategies to advance legislative and policy initiatives; manage and/or coordinate the implementation of policies, priorities and initiatives, including projects and task forces.

#### ***Policy and Legislative Counsel:***

Counsel on law, legislation, and policy (including public safety; government structure; census; education, environment; housing; land use, and transportation); develop legislation and policy; devise strategies to advance legislation and policy.

#### ***Budget and Fiscal Advisor:***

Set expense and capital budget priorities, manage capital and expense budgets; counsel and provide technical assistance on budget, fiscal and tax reform.

#### ***Website management:***

Devise content and appearance.

#### ***Environment and Land-Use:***

Provide representation, counsel and provide technical assistance.

#### ***Staff-training and Technical Assistance:***

Train key staff; advise on agency structure and operations.

#### ***Campaign Management:***

Devise and implement field and media strategies; petitions; endorsements, labor, political and community outreach.

## **PUBLICATIONS and WEBSITES:**

*The Property Tax: Creating stable, middle-class neighborhoods*, Drum Major Institute for Public Policy ([http://coreybearak.com/projects/the\\_property\\_tax.shtml](http://coreybearak.com/projects/the_property_tax.shtml)), October 2003

*Bringing Equity to the Property Tax in New York City*, Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (Contributor), April 2003

*The Public Ought to Know* weekly column on public policy in *TimesLedger* newspapers (<http://coreybearak.com/columns.shtml>), June 2003 – May, 2005

*The New York City Recycling Law: Reality Meets Idealism*, Hofstra Environmental Law Digest ([http://coreybearak.com/projects/publications/hofstra\\_law\\_digest\\_fall\\_1990\\_nyc\\_recycling.shtml](http://coreybearak.com/projects/publications/hofstra_law_digest_fall_1990_nyc_recycling.shtml)), Fall 1990

*Whither Board of Estimate*, Queens Bar Journal (<http://coreybearak.com/projects/publications/whither1986.pdf>), February, 1986

*You Can Have It All* brochure, Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council, 1992, rev. 1995, rev. 2004, rev. 2006 (<http://northeastqueensjewish.org/images/NEQJCC%20Brochure.pdf>)

[www.queensciviccongress.org](http://www.queensciviccongress.org) [Developed content; directed design]

[www.northeastqueensjewish.org](http://www.northeastqueensjewish.org) [Developed content; directed design]

[www.bpferrer.org](http://www.bpferrer.org) (no longer generally available) [Developed new and revised content; directed re-design]

[www.KeepNYCFree.com](http://www.KeepNYCFree.com) [Developed content, designed and built site]

[www.CPRRservices.com](http://www.CPRRservices.com) [Developed content, designed and built site]

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, BOARDS and COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Community School Board 26 (1989-93; Legislative, Budget, Legal co-Chair)

Community Board 13Q (1980-1988, 2000-present; chair, Nominating Committee)

Queens Civic Congress (President, 2007-2010; Executive Vice President, 1999-2007; Vice President, 1997-1999)

Queens Civic Congress Foundation (Vice President, 2004-2010; director, 2003)

Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council (Chair, Executive Committee, 1998-present; President, 1991-1998)

NORC-WOW [Naturally Occurring Retirement Community - Without Walls] Community Leadership Advisory Board (Co-Chair, 2003-present)

Services Now for Adult Persons (Executive Board Member, 2003-present)

Hofstra University School of Law Alumni Association (First Vice President, 1998-2002; Trustee, 1995-1997, 2003-2007; Secretary 2007-present)

Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Conservancy (founding Director; Director, 2003-present)

Order Knights of Pythias (Publicity Chair, Grand Lodge State of New York; Secretary FDR Lodge #613, 2006-present; Editor The Beam of FDR Lodge #613, 2004-present)

Northern Queens Health Coalition, Founding Co-chair (1995-1996) and incorporator (1996)

## **HONORS:**

2009: Community Impact Award, TimesLedger Newspapers/Community Newspaper Group (January 31, 2009)

2008: Excellence in Journalism and Fraternalism, The Knights of Pythias of New York State (2007-08)

2008: Myrtle Wreath Award, Queens Region Hadassah, (May 4, 2008)

2007: Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service within the Pythian Order, Knights of Pythias (August 2, 2007, presented October 12, 2007)

2007: Excellence in Journalism and Fraternalism, The Knights of Pythias of New York State (2006-2007)

2007: Man of the Year, Order Knights of Pythias, Grand Lodge Domain of New York

2003: Community Commitment Award, Congressman Gregory W. Meeks

1998: Outstanding Community Service, Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council

1998: Congressional Recognition (Member of Congress Nita M. Lowey)

1998: City Council Citation

1998: NYS Assembly Citation (Assembly Members Mark Weprin & Ann-Margaret Carrozza)

1997: Scroll of Honor Community Service Award, Young Israel of New Hyde Park

1997: Queens Borough President's Citation of Honor

1993: Outstanding Community Service, Queens County Line Democratic Association

1993: Community School District 26 and District 26 President's Council

Who's Who in American Law (1987-88, 1989-90, 1991-92, 1993-94, 1995-96, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2007-08)

Who's Who of Emerging Young Leaders in America (1989-90)

Who's Who in the East (1989-90)

Outstanding Young Men of America (1985; 1986; 1989)

## CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS:

- February 2, 2009 Queens Civic Congress Forum on Education: *Mayoral Control of NYC Schools: Extend it? End it? Change it?*, Queens, New York
- January 26, 2009 Protect NYC Watersheds and Hold Down NYC Water Rates, presentation to Community 13Q, Queens, New York
- January 20, 2009 Testimony to MTA, Queens, NY
- January 14, 2009 Protect NYC Watersheds and Hold Down NYC Water Rates, presentation to Community 6Q, Queens, New York
- January 13, 2009 Protect NYC Watersheds and Hold Down NYC Water Rates, presentation to Community 9Q, Queens, New York
- October 16, 2008 Testimony to City Council on extending term limits for elected officials, New York, NY
- May 18, 2008 Legislative Forum 2008: Real Property Tax Reform, Queens, NY; moderator
- May 14, 2008 Sixth Annual Parks Advocacy Day Queens Town Hall, New York, NY; moderator
- May 6, 2008 Testimony to NYC Water Board, Queens, NY
- March 31, 2008 Queens Civic Congress – A Special Forum on Zoning & Land Use: Unfinished Business, Queens, NY
- March 8, 2008 The First Annual *GOING GREEN IN QUEENS*, Queens, NY
- February 26, 2008 Queens Civic Congress Historic Preservation and Landmarks Workshop, Queens, NY
- February 4, 2008 Queens Civic Congress MTA Capital Plan Forum featuring MTA Executive Director/CEO Elliot Sander, Queens, NY
- December 14, 2007 Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition Annual Meeting, Purchase, NY; Featured Speaker on *NYC Water Supply and Quality and Cost Issues*
- October 10, 2007 Debate: “Congestion Pricing, as proposed in PlaNYC 2030, Solves Manhattan’s Transport Problems”, New York, NY (sponsored by the Institution for Civil Engineers); presenter against the position
- June 18, 2007 The Queens Civic Congress forum: “Queens Parks: Whose Parks Are They Anyway?” with Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski and Parks advocates, Queens, NY
- May 4, 2007 Testimony to NYC Council on NYC Budget, Queens, NY
- April 24, 2007 Testimony to NYC Water Board, Queens, NY
- April 22, 2007 Legislative Forum 2007: 2007 – A Transit Odyssey, Queens, NY
- Monday, April 16, 2007 Queens Civic Congress forum: “DOB: Where Are We?” with NYC Buildings Commissioner Patricia Lancaster, Queens, NY
- March 2, 2007 Testimony: City Council Finance Committee hearing on Real Property Tax Assessment, New York, NY

January 27, 2007 Jewish Ethics and Beliefs – What We Believe and Why, Queens, NY; presenter on *Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof – Justice, Justice Thou Shalt Pursue*

April 2, 2006: Legislative Forum 2006: The Race for Governor, Queens, NY

April 10, 2005: Legislative Forum 2005: The Race for Mayor – The Mayor and All those who seek to be Mayor, Queens, NY

December 19, 2004: Community Forum: The New Medicare Prescription Card, Queens, NY

November 21, 2004: Building Against Bias, Queens, NY

October 18, 2004: Queens Civic Congress forum: Building issues, including illegal construction, zoning proposals, Queens, NY

May 20, 2004: The MTA Takeover of Franchised/Private Bus Lines – What It Means to You, presenter, Queens, NY

May 17, 2004: Queens Civic Congress forum: Zoning and Landmarking, Queens, NY

March 21, 2004: Legislative Forum 2004: Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum, Queens, NY

March 15, 2004: Queens Civic Congress forum: City's Proposed Community Zoning Resolution Text Change, Queens, NY

December 10, 2003: Community Forum: Empowering Women: Breaking the Glass Ceiling, Queens, NY

October 20, 2003: Queens Civic Congress forum: Non-Partisan Elections & City Charter reform, Queens, NY

September 15, 2003: Queens Civic Congress forum: Pending Community Facilities Zoning Resolution Text Change, Queens, NY

September 4, 2003: Community Education Forum, Resources for Schools and Educational Outcomes featuring Fernando Ferrer and Robert Jackson, Queens, NY

June 22, 2003: Hate Crimes, Security Issues & Emergency Planning, Queens, NY

June 16, 2003: Queens Civic Congress forum: U.S. Senator Charles V. Schumer, Queens, NY

May 19, 2003: Queens Civic Congress forum: Education policy – Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott, Queens, NY

March 30, 2003: Legislative Forum 2003: City Council Speaker Gifford Miller, Queens, NY

March 24, 2003: Queens Civic Congress forum: NYC's Board of Standards and Appeals, Queens, NY

June 17, 2002: Queens Civic Congress forum: Legislation to address inappropriate Community Facilities, Queens, NY

April 7, 2002: Legislative Forum 2002: Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, Queens, NY

March 18, 2002: Queens Civic Congress forum: City Budget Cuts – Who, When & Where, Queens, NY

September 6, 2001: Queens Civic Congress forum: Democratic Mayoral Debate, Queens, NY

May 21, 2001: Queens Civic Congress forum: Queens Borough President candidates debate, Queens, NY

April 16, 2001: Queens Civic Congress forum – Transportation in Southeast Queens, Queens, NY

March 18, 2001: Legislative Forum 2001: The Candidates for Queens Borough President, Queens, NY

January 22, 2001: Queens Civic Congress forum: Airport Privatization, Queens, NY

October 23, 2000: Queens Civic Congress forum: The 2012 Olympics in New York City – A Presentation by NYC2012, Queens, NY

April 2, 2000: Legislative Forum 2000: Congressman Gregory Meeks, Queens, NY

March 19, 2000: Queens Civic Congress forum: Community Facilities and Illegal Building and Inappropriate Development, Queens, NY

February 28, 2000: Queens Civic Congress forum: Community Facilities Siting and Zoning, Queens, NY

September 27, 1999: Queens Civic Congress forum: Illegal Construction and Ill-advised Development, Queens, NY

March 15, 1999: Queens Civic Congress forum: School Construction and Repair, Queens, NY

March 14, 1999: Legislative Forum 1999: Members of Congress Joseph Crowley & Anthony Weiner, Queens, NY

January 25, 1999: Queens Civic Congress Civic Workshops (Schools, Zoning, Building issues), Queens, NY

August 6, 1998: Public Forum: City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, Queens, NY

March 22, 1998: Legislative Forum 1998: NYC Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Queens, NY

February 23, 1998: Queens Civic Congress town hall "failures of government to prevent the violations of zoning and building codes", Queens, NY

April 20, 1997: End Bias Violence: Stop Hate Crimes, Queens, NY

April 6, 1997: Legislative Forum 1997: Member of Congress Charles Schumer, Queens, NY

February 24, 1997: Public Forum: Senator Alfonse D'Amato reports on Holocaust Reparations, Queens, NY

May 31 - June 3, 1996: Jerusalem 3000 Exhibit at Samuel Field Y, Queens, NY

April 22, 1996: Education Forum (Queen Coalition on Political Alternatives), Queens, NY; presenter on role of a community school board member

March 24, 1996: Legislative Forum 1996: City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, Queens, NY

December 10, 1995: How to Run for Community School Board ("Including What a Serving CSB Member Should Be Doing"), Queens, NY; Presenter on duties and responsibilities of a school board member

November 6, 1995: Nuts and Bolts of Community Cchool Boards, Queens, NY; Presenter

March 19, 1995: Legislative Forum 1995: NYS Comptroller H. Carl McCall, Queens, NY

April 17, 1994: Legislative Forum 1994: NYC Board of Education President Carol A. Gresser, Queens, NY

May 2, 1993: Legislative Forum 1993: NYS Assembly Speaker Saul Weprin, Queens, NY

November 15, 1992: Fall Lecture Series: “Israel & America...Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow” – Immediate Past Chairman Seymour Reich of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations: “The Jew in America Today – Problems & Achievements of the Jewish Community,” Queens, NY

November 1, 1992: Fall Lecture Series: “Israel & America...Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow” – Congressman Gary L. Ackerman: “The American Jew & His Relation to Israel,” Queens, NY

March 29, 1992: Legislative Forum 1992: Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown, Queens, NY

November 17, 1991: Fall Lecture Series: “Crime and Punishment” – NYS Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sol Wachtler: “The Criminal Justice System,” Queens, NY

October 20, 1991: Fall Lecture Series: “Crime and Punishment” – NYPD Commissioner Lee P. Brown: “Crime in New York City,” Queens, NY

April 21, 1991: Legislative Forum 1991: Member of Congress Charles Schumer: “After the Persian Gulf War: What's Next for the Middle East,” Queens, NY

November 18, 1990: Fall Lecture Series: “Eating to Live and Eating to Live – Nutrition and Diet – The Path to Good Health” – NYC Consumer Affairs Department Commissioner Mark Green and Newsday Consumer Reporter: “Consumer Rights in Relation to Nutrition and Food,” Queens, NY

March 18, 1990: Legislative Forum 1990: Member of Congress James H. Scheuer: “Issues of Concern to Senior Citizens and Their Families,” Queens, NY