

From the Desk of Council Member Hiram Monserrate

Dear Supporter and Friend of Fernando Ferrer,

Like you, I have been a long-time friend of Freddy Ferrer. Like you, I believe we need progressive and effective leadership in our city and state. Like you, I believe we must continue to work for change.

That is why I am asking for your support in my race for New York State Senate in the 13th District of Queens. Now, more than ever, as the state Senate moves toward a Democratic majority, our residents need real progressive leadership in Albany that can deliver results.

As a member of the City Council, I have been an effective legislator and tireless advocate on behalf of people like you who have voices that need to be heard, listened to and represented in the halls of government. Quite simply, I have taken on the tough issues that matter and gotten results that matter.

In a post 9/11 environment, I moved the Mayor to sign one of the most progressive immigration policies in the country that protects immigrants' right to access needed city services, such as health care and law enforcement. Once our city pulled out of the recent recession, I wrote the law that ended "pay to pray" Sundays and brought back meter-free parking. I stood up to the Mets on behalf of the local Queens community to ensure they gave back to our residents for the financial benefits they received to build their new stadium. I have also worked to protect small business owners, securing a higher buy-out for the merchants in the Bronx Terminal Market who were originally ignored in the special deal between the big developer and the city.

I look forward to taking my energy, commitment and record to Albany to fight for our values. As a leading supporter and friend of Freddy Ferrer, I am confident that you share his and my belief that proactive leadership with an eye out for the needs of regular people will make the difference in our communities.

To do so, however, I need to ask for your help. I ask that you please use the attached information to make a contribution to "**United for Monserrate**," and help us educate, involve and motivate our neighbors and friends to join us this Election Day on September 12th. If you would like more information, please visit my website at www.hirammonserrate.com. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Hon. Hiram Monserrate