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Randi Martos' strong sense of community comes from her lifelong residency in Riverdale.

In 2006, Ms. Martos was elected Female Democratic District Leader of the 81st Assembly District, which includes Riverdale, Kingsbridge, Van Cortlandt Village, Norwood, Woodlawn and Wakefield. Many Bronxites know Ms. Martos for her work with Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, as well as with the Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club and the Bronx Democratic Party.

Nearly 15 years ago, Ms. Martos started her career as Community Liaison for Assemblyman Dinowitz. She currently serves as the Assemblyman's Chief of Staff, overseeing the daily operations of the office, including media, legislative affairs and office publications as well as supervising staff in both the district and Albany offices.

Ms. Martos has been an activist for the local public schools since her son, Adam, began at PS 24. She started as a Parent Association library volunteer, and was eventually elected President of the Parents Association, serving for three years. Ms. Martos then helped spearhead a campaign to restructure MS 141 into a middle/high school; after a long, intense battle in 1999 with the community school board and the school district, Ms. Martos and others successfully created The Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy (RKA). Their goal was to create an excellent neighborhood based middle/high school to stem the tide of young families who were leaving their community. This huge victory for the community is one of her proudest accomplishments.

Ms. Martos' involvement in the public schools did not end there. In 2000, she brought her enthusiasm to RKA, when her son entered the school as a 6th grader. In 2001, she was elected Parents Association President, and was subsequently re-elected six times, making her the

longest serving PA President for the school.

One reason Riverdale has remained such a special place to live and grow up in is its strong co-op presence. Ms. Martos has served on her building's co-op board for over 24 years, spending 22 of those years as its President.

Whether it is functioning as a parent leader, a co-op leader, or a community and political leader, Ms. Martos has been a strong and positive force in the Bronx for over 20 years. She is a tremendous asset to the community and one of the reasons Riverdale is such a wonderful place.

Ms. Martos lives in Riverdale with her son, Adam.