



## Campaign Endorsement Sign-On Letter

As an elected official in the City of New York, representing working families in many diverse communities, I work hard every day to ensure that my district is a home for good jobs and responsible and sustainable economic development.

I stand together with other elected officials, community groups, concerned workers and residents, small business owners and members of the clergy across New York City in exposing and opposing Walmart, its broken promises, its abusive labor policies, and its negative impact on small businesses.

When Walmart enters a community, it eliminates three retail jobs for every two poverty-wage jobs it “creates.” The majority of Walmart workers earn less than \$25,000 annually and according to a recent congressional study, taxpayers subsidize the company’s poverty wages in amount of nearly \$1 million per store. A study conducted after a Walmart store opened in Chicago showed that 25% of existing retail businesses surveyed within four miles eventually closed. Simply put, I cannot condone these practices in the communities I represent.

As an elected official, with access to political capital, I commit to marshaling the resources at my disposal for bringing good jobs to our communities and for working with businesses that share our values – and not businesses that lower the area average retail wage and destroy existing, local jobs.

**By endorsing the Walmart-Free NYC campaign, I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure that NYC remains Walmart-free:**

**Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo**  
District 17, the Bronx

**Council Member Costa Constantinides**  
District 22, Queens

**Council Member Andrew Cohen**  
District 11, the Bronx

**Council Member Daniel Dromm**  
District 25, Queens

**Council Member Rafael Espinal**  
District 37, Brooklyn

**Council Member Vincent Gentile**  
District 43, Brooklyn

**Council Member Corey Johnson**  
District 3, Manhattan

**Council Member Ben Kallos**  
District 5, Manhattan

**Council Member Andy King**  
District 12, the Bronx

**Council Member Karen Koslowitz**  
District 29, Queens

**Council Member Brad Lander**  
District 39, Brooklyn

**Council Member Rory Lancman**  
District 24, Queens

**Council Member Stephen Levin**  
District 33, Brooklyn

**Council Member Mark Levine**  
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**Council Member I. Daneek Miller**  
District 27, Queens

**Council Member Annabel Palma**  
District 18, the Bronx

**Council Member Antonio Reynoso**  
District 34, Brooklyn

**Council Member Donovan Richards**  
District 31, Queens

**Council Member Helen Rosenthal**  
District 6, Manhattan

**Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez**  
District 10, Manhattan

**Council Member Ritchie Torres**

District 15, the Bronx

**Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer**

District 26, Queens