

Note From Theresa ...

I'm so honored to have been elected District Leader of Three Parks Independent Dems! Many thanks to all the Divisional County Committee members who showed up in support, and much appreciation to all the Club members who also expressed support. It felt like a warm embrace. Never did I expect to be District Leader, and the reasons for this opportunity also fill me with sorrow. Not only was Cynthia Doty a long-time friend, neighbor, political ally and mentor, we were companions in many adventures and cohorts at the Board of Elections. I will certainly miss her friendship.

Cynthia will be a hard act to follow, but her memory will continue to guide and inspire me as I move forward as District Leader and follow her lead in matters of social justice, continue the fight for affordable housing, give voice to progressive causes, and support candidates with ability and integrity. Just as importantly, I will do my part to ensure that we have fair, impartial and accessible elections for all voters.

Many of you know me as I have been a member of Three Parks for 30 years, but for those who do not, I will briefly

summarize my background. I have been privileged to serve on the Board since 1995 through the present, and as an officer of the Club for 26 years. I've served the membership as President, First and Second Vice President, Treasurer and Judicial Delegate. Currently, I am Membership Director but will be stepping down by the end of the year.

As part of Three Parks Dems, I have worked with the Club on many campaigns and Presidential storefronts over 30 years. On many campaigns I have been an organizer/manager/consultant, most notably for Howard Dean's Presidential Campaign where I was a fundraiser and coordinated the petitioning initiative in our Congressional District; and for Norman Siegel's campaigns for NYC Public Advocate, coordinating all campaign operations from start to finish including preparing CFB filings and audits, planning and implementing fundraising strategies, GOTV, and coordinating and managing endorsements and volunteers. During the past 12 years I have often advised Judicial candidates, including NY County Surrogate, NYS Supreme Court and Civil Court candidates.

Additionally, thanks to Cynthia's encouragement, I have been a Trainer and an Election Monitor for the BOE since 2013, working as the Democratic Lead Trainer since early 2019. My experience in training poll workers and monitoring poll sites will be very useful when it comes to staffing our local poll sites.

I look forward to working with Dan Cohen as my Co- District leader, as I know we will always prioritize the best interests of Three Parks Dems and issues affecting the quality of life in our Upper West Side community and beyond.

If you have any comments, concerns or anything you wish to share with me, the best way to reach me is by email, tesscanter@aol.com.

Thank you, **Theresa**