

JESSICA LAPPIN



Jessica Lappin is the President of the Alliance for Downtown New York. The organization manages New York City's largest Business Improvement District (BID) and provides service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors. Lappin joined the Downtown Alliance in February and also serves as the President of its sister organization, the Downtown Lower Manhattan Association.

A lifelong New Yorker, Ms. Lappin has a distinguished record in civic life and public service. A New York City Council Member representing Manhattan's fifth district from 2006 to 2013, she earned a reputation as a committed advocate for her constituents and a champion of common-sense, practical solutions. She played a key role in bringing the Cornell-Technion Applied Science and Engineering Campus to Roosevelt Island and worked with a wide variety of stakeholders to mitigate negative impacts stemming from construction of the 2nd Avenue subway. As Co-Chair of the City Council Women's Caucus, she authored a nationally recognized, landmark bill to protect women's health and reproductive rights.

As the former Chair of the Council's Land Use Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses, she made significant contributions to the protection of the city's waterfront and helped lead the fight for a greener New York. She authored laws creating the city's textile recycling and street corner recycling programs. She was instrumental in reclaiming waterfront areas that had been inaccessible and in making them available to the public. By securing \$15.5 million in funding, she helped spur the development of four new waterfront parks. They include FDR Four Freedoms Park and Southpoint Park on Roosevelt Island, Andrew Haswell Green Park on Manhattan's east side waterfront, and a soon-to-be-built park behind One Sutton Place.

Bringing jobs to New York City has always been a top priority for Ms. Lappin. She authored a biotech tax credit that has encouraged small biotech companies to create and keep jobs in the city. The establishment of the Cornell-Technion Applied Science and Engineering Campus on Roosevelt Island, for which she was an influential proponent, is expected to generate 30,000 jobs in the next three decades.

Another issue of great importance to Ms. Lappin is the quality of education in New York City. A parent of two public school students, she has strived to improve educational excellence and opportunities throughout the city; she oversaw the approval of 20,000 new class seats citywide and provided crucial support for the opening of six new schools in Manhattan.

Before holding public office, Ms. Lappin was a senior advisor to Council Speaker Gifford Miller, who also represented Manhattan's fifth district on the New York City Council. In 2013,

she was a Democratic candidate for Manhattan Borough President. In 2011, the Aspen Institute, a renowned international think tank, selected her as a Rodel Fellow. The program is focused on transcending political partisanship and addressing overarching questions of leadership and effective governance. Alumni include Congresswomen Gabby Giffords and Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Ms. Lappin lives in Manhattan with her husband and two sons. She graduated from Georgetown University with high honors and Stuyvesant High School, where she was in the first class to graduate from its Lower Manhattan location.