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Renee Lobo, Democrat candidate for the 24th New York City Council District, is a community leader and activist for 15 years who has dedicated herself to focus the attention of policy makers to address the needs and issues of New York City residents and improve their access to services and programs. The issues that she has worked on are wide ranging and include education, safety, communal harmony, affordable health care, housing, domestic violence and hate crime.

As a devoted community activist Renee continues to be aggressively involved in a wide range of pro-bono activities:

MEMBER 1997-Present QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL: Focus on drug & alcohol abuse, domestic violence, hate crime, etc.
APPOINTED MEMBER OF COMMUNITY BOARD 6 BY QUEENSBOROUGH PRESIDENT HELEN MARSHALL – 2003–Present.
GRADUATE 2001 NEW YORK CITY CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY.
SECRETARY 2002 – Present 112th PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL. Liaison between the Forest Hills/Rego Park community and local law enforcement.
VICE PRESIDENT- NEW AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION OF NEW YORK
MEMBER CURE: COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING FOR RACIAL & ETHNIC EQUALITY
DIRECTOR 1992 – Present SOUTH ASIAN BONE MARROW ASSOCIATION (SAMAR).
FOUNDER/DIRECTOR-EYES FOR HOPE Established 1992. Organize fund-raising and other activities to help non-profit organizations for the underprivileged blind in India.

In addition to her community activism, she has also gained recognition over almost two decades as a Broadcast Journalist, Investigative Reporter and Anchor. Beginning in the 1980's, she has become a familiar face on local television. She has focused her reporting skills on the Asian community and worked tirelessly as an advocate for New Americans in the greater New York area. She is multilingual and speaks several languages including Italian, Hindi and Urdu.

Her programs can be seen regularly on International Television (Time Warner Cable of New York Channels 77 & 503) and on Queens Public Television (QPTV), which is also broadcast on Time Warner Cable in Queens. Renee graduated in Broadcast Journalism from the State University of New York, Old Westbury, Long Island and also has an Honors Diploma from the London School of Journalism. She has complemented her academic qualifications with a wealth of hands-on experience developed during her long tenure as a working journalist.

With her keen reportorial eye, commitment to truth and her unwavering integrity, Renee's programs are not only entertaining and invigorating but also educational and informative. Over the years, Renee has produced and reported groundbreaking programs on a variety of issues including domestic violence, human rights, drug and alcohol abuse, health care, immigration law, tort law, public safety, hate crime, education, family life, new technologies and many more.

She has served as an effective conduit between new immigrants and policy makers by using her access to the media responsibly and bringing forth issues that impact this group. Among them she has focussed on Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, Children with Special Needs, Reckless Driving & DWI, Identity Theft, Voter Registration, Affordable Housing, Predatory Lending and Zoning Laws. The latter is an issue with which she has first-hand experience as a member of the Land Use & Zoning Committee on Community Board 6 covering Rego Park, Forest Hills, Woodhaven and Kew Gardens. In fact she has been appointed by the Chairman of Community Board 6 to a special committee to assess the expansion of the Rego Park Mall, one of the most contentious issues in the borough of Queens. She has used her access to Policy Makers and Politicians effectively by bringing them home to her viewers; and allowing the viewers to better understand the laws and their rights as New Americans.

Among the well-known political personalities she has interviewed on her programs are:

NY State Governors George Pataki & Mario Cuomo;
NYC Mayors Mike Bloomberg, Rudy Giuliani & David Dinkins;
NY Senators Hillary Clinton, Chuck Schumer & Al D'Amato;
NY Congressmen Gregory Meeks, Gary Ackerman, Charlie Rangel;
Chairman of Queens Democratic Party Tom Manton;
NY State Assemblymen Brian McLaughlin, Michael Cohen & Jeffrion Aubry.
Commissioner Mathew Daus-NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission;
Commissioner Jonathan Greenspun-NYC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs;
Commissioner Gretchen Dykstra-NYC Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs;
Commissioner Patricia Gatlin-NYC Mayor's Office of Human Rights Commissioner;
NYC & NY State Comptroller Alan Hevesi;
Queens Borough Presidents Claire Schulman and Helen Marshall;
NYC Police Commissioners Bernard Kerik & Ray Kelly;
Queens District Attorney Judge Richard Brown;
NYC Council Members Gifford Miller, John Liu, Dave Weprin, Gale Brewer,
Joseph Addabbo, Alan Jennings, Hiram Monseratte and Helen Sears.

Renee has garnered many impressive awards for her community activism and journalism. Here is just a small sampling of some of these awards, that once again reflect her dedication to the community at large and to her home borough of Queens where she has resided for more than 15 years.

AWARDS

Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service from New York State Senator Ada L. Smith, 10th District – 2004
Certificate of Merit from NYC Taxi & Limo Commission – 2003
Certificate of Merit from Nassau County Executive – 2000
Citation from Jersey City Mayor, Bret Schundler – 1998
Certificate of Appreciation for Distinguished Achievement from Queens Public Television – 1998
Certificate of Appreciation for Media Coverage from NY State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council – 1996
Certificate of Merit from NY State Governor George Pataki – 1996
Proclamation from the City Council of NY – 1996
Certificate of Appreciation NYC Health & Hospitals Corp. – 1995
News India Times Indian American Journalist of the Year – 1993
New Jersey Senate Citation – 1993

Renee Lobo has always put people first and with her energy, compassion, drive and vision she is now running in your City Council District 24 to work for you. With your support she would like to make this great city of New York a better, safer and healthier place to live.