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# GET OUT THE VOTE!

by George Morin

With less than two weeks to go before the Democratic Primary, Lex Club members are being called into service to help in the push to victory for all the Club's candidates.

### Calling all feet

All campaigns report plans for extensive street flyering, phone banking, letter writing and other get-out-the-vote efforts.

On Primary Day itself, the focus will be the polling places, with volunteers doing visibility, passing out lit and palm cards, making calls, assisting the disabled, and "pulling" supporters who haven't yet voted.

### Mayor

In the mayor's race the issue is whether our candidate, Gifford Miller, will score enough votes to come in first or second to either win outright or qualify for a runoff.

Heavy voting for Gifford in his home and nearby districts is essential for him to be in the running. Your help is essential. Call now to get on the team.

### Public Advocate

The incumbent and the Club's candidate, Betsy Gotbaum, is facing strong opposition from a crowded and active seven-candidate field. See the article on Betsy inside. Give her the help she needs..

### Manhattan Borough President

Scott Stringer, the indefatigable reformer who gets results, who's endorsed by the *New York Times*, is up against a ferocious ten-candidate field, each more determined than the other to claim Manhattan's presidency. Read the piece about Scott inside and then volunteer for this important campaign.

### 4th City Council District

Dan Garodnick is facing a relatively small field, but that doesn't make it any easier.

Strong candidates are nipping at his heels, despite his *New York Times* endorsement.

With his district literally at our doorstep, he is one of the most visible campaigns. He needs your help and your vote to put him over the top. Don't let him down.

### 5th City Council District

Our other City Council candidate who won the *Times* endorsement is Jessica Lappin, the former district chief of staff for Gifford Miller. Jessica is up against three opponents.

Jessica won the Club's endorsement and has been campaigning with Club members ever since.

**Volunteer now.**  
Phone numbers and websites for all Club candidates are inside this issue.

If you're into phone banking and street flyering, Jessica wants to talk with you.

### Manhattan Surrogate

Although she has only one opponent, Eve Rachel Markewich is in a highly contested battle for this extremely important post.

See the article inside to appreciate how qualified Eve truly is. Your help could make all the difference.

### Manhattan District Attorney

Bob Morgenthau is also facing a tough challenge and is asking Club members to sign on for phone banking and other efforts. There's an article on Morgenthau by State Senator Eric Schneiderman in this issue.

### Election Day Activities

All Club members who can spare some time on Primary Day are urged to contact the campaign committee for assignments, such as poll watching, flyering, phone banking, and collecting poll results.

You can reach the campaign committee by calling Lillie Balinova at 212-404-5574, Heather Leifer at 646-643-8109 or Larry Goodman at 917-972-2964. **LDC**

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Forum on the Roberts Nomination**  
Is he or isn't he a radical right wing ideologue? If so, can he be stopped?  
  
Thursday, September 15, 2005  
7 p. m.  
Brown Gardens  
225 East 93rd Street  
between 3rd and 2nd Avenues

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## DEAR LEX CLUB MEMBERS:

Primary day is almost upon us as we head into the final stretch of the primary season.

The Lex Club has had an extraordinary couple of months as members have been out on



the streets both petitioning and campaigning for our endorsed candidates.

Our campaign committee, co-chaired by Heather Leifer, Larry Goodman and Lillie Balinova, has been extremely active in this period.

Due to their efforts we were able to qualify all of our district leaders for re-election along with our candidates for judicial delegate and alternate.

We also contributed to the immense number of signatures collected by our endorsed candidates.

As we head into September 13th I would urge all of you to help out our endorsed candidates by campaigning on the street and phone banking.

The strength of the club is reflected by how much help we can provide them.

We need everyone to be out on election day opening and

closing polling places.

Please contact members of our campaign committee to volunteer your time.

At the same time, the club is preparing various activities over the next few months including issue forums and community service activities.

I look forward to seeing you all at these events and on the campaign trail.

Sincerely yours,

Alex Tisch, President,  
Lexington Democratic Club

# “SINK OR SWIM, LIVE OR DIE, SURVIVE OR PERISH, I GIVE MY HAND AND MY HEART TO THIS VOTE.” –DANIEL WEBSTER

## Markewich has the right stuff for Surrogate

Eve Markewich has vast experience as a litigator and a keen understanding of what is necessary to be a great trial court judge.

### Compassionate, but balanced

Her history of social and community involvement serves as a promise for a compassionate, but balanced, view from the bench.



Eve Markewich for Manhattan Surrogate

Eve has long been involved in many local, state, and national affairs. She has been particularly active on issues affecting the disabled community, in no small part due to her lifelong use of two artificial legs.

### Community activist

She is currently Vice President of the Amputee Coalition of America. Eve has also worked hard to better her local com-

munity and the Democratic Party, serving for six years as a Democratic District Leader on the Upper West Side and as an Alternate Delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

### Ambitious goals

As Manhattan Surrogate, Eve Rachel Markewich will:

- Bring nearly twenty years of experience involving the Surrogate's Court
- Ensure that cases are fairly assigned to the best qualified lawyers
- Increase diversity among lawyers who practice in the Court
- Expand access to the Court for all litigants
- Efficiently move cases to conclusion, many of which currently drag on for an unnecessarily long time
- Serve with the highest level of integrity and independence.

Eve Rachel Markewich richly deserves the support of every Lex Club member. **LDC**

– adapted from the Markewich website

## VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Contact the campaigns below to volunteer and get in on all the excitement!

### Gifford Miller

(212) 587-8087

www.millerfornewyork.com

### Dan Garodnick

(212) 260-0126

www.garodnick.com

### Jessica Lappin

(212) 988-2270

www.jessicalappin.com

### Scott Stringer

(646) 403-9916

www.stringer2005.com

### Eve Rachel Markewich

(212) 580-1680

www.markewichforsurrogate.org

### Betsy Gotbaum

(212) 571-5167

www.betsy2005.com

### Bob Morgenthau

(212) 661-7400

www.morgenthau2005.com

## Top 10 reasons why I support Morgenthau

by Eric Schneiderman, Deputy Democratic Leader, NY State Senate

#10 He was a courageous voice against the death penalty when it was not politically popular to be so.

#9 His experience and wisdom are qualities that I appreciate in a D.A.



Bob Morgenthau, for re-election to Manhattan District Attorney

#8 When he took office, Manhattan was the most dangerous borough in the city. Today Manhattan is safer than Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens.

#7 The share of all NYC crime that took place in Manhattan has plunged from 39% in 1975 to 16% today.

During that same period, the murder

rate has plunged 85%, robberies 86.2%, burglaries 89.4%, forcible rape 70.6% and felony assault 57%.

#6 Why should Giuliani get all the credit for numbers 7 and 8?

#5 Dennis “\$6,000 Shower Curtain” Kozlowski, convicted of grand larceny for looting almost \$200 million from Tyco International, as well as conspiracy, securities fraud and falsifying business records.

#4 Bob Morgenthau’s office leads the city in indictments brought in cases of alleged domestic violence.

#3 Morgenthau’s investigation of Bank of Credit and Commerce International in March 1989 led to the recovery of more than \$1.75 billion and shut down one of the largest bank fraud operations ever.

#2 Because “It’s my turn” is not a persuasive campaign platform.

#1 He is one of the sharpest, most principled public servants I have ever met. **LDC**

## Scott Stringer

### for Manhattan Borough President

by Brice Peyre

Since his impressive, resounding endorsement by the Lexington Democratic Club earlier this summer, Scott Stringer’s campaign for Manhattan Borough President has taken off.

### Widely endorsed

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Assemblymember Jonathan Bing joined Assemblymember Pete Grannis and Senator Tom Duane in giving Scott’s candidacy important endorsements from elected officials representing the East Side.

### Teachers, firefighters, carpenters

Scott also won major labor support from unions representing teachers, firefighters, carpenters, musicians, and workers in residential buildings and in the garment and communications industries, as well as endorsements from the *New York Times*, Americans for Democratic Action, Democratic clubs from all over Manhattan, former mayor Ed Koch and others.



Stringer speaks the language of East Siders of all ages

supermarkets, and it’s really paying major dividends,” said Scott recently as he greeted voters.

“Teachers are with you all the way!” said one Upper East Side resident and member of the United Federation of Teachers as she took a piece of literature from Scott.

### Skillful reformer

A reformer who gets results, Scott is using the

### “Thanks, Lex Club.”

“I’m truly grateful to the Lexington Democratic Club for enthusiastically mobilizing support for my campaign on the Upper East Side.

The Club’s leaders and members have been tirelessly campaigning at subway stations and

same coalition-building skills that he employed so successfully to advance major reforms in Albany to forge the most broad-based and far-reaching network of support of any candidate in the crowded field running for Borough President.

### Knows the job

Whether fighting for a full-build Second Avenue Subway and better transit service for East Siders, working in concert with parents, teachers and students to improve our schools, or maintaining a strong community presence to keep our neighborhoods and parks safe and clean, Scott understands intuitively that a Borough President must work in alliance with others in order to advance common goals in a meaningful way.

### Will make us proud

It’s that kind of coalition-building and follow-through that has earned Scott’s candidacy the broadest platform of support of any candidate for Borough President. And it’s that kind of skill and resolve that will make Scott Stringer a Borough President of whom Lexington Democratic Club members will be very proud. **LDC**

## Betsy Gotbaum

### for re-election to Public Advocate

by Billy Sternberg

When I introduced myself to Betsy Gotbaum at Jim McManus’ Christmas Party in 2001, she did a double take. She was finally face-to-face with the guy who had been bugging her for contacts regarding the New York history of Judge Crater. She had always provided them to me gladly and promptly, but we had never met.



Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum

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### Helps thousands

Just as she always reliably helped me, Betsy has helped hundreds of thousands of families, seniors, and children with government service related problems in her office as New York’s Public Advocate.

### Promises more

In her next term she promises to help even

more New Yorkers by building on the accomplishments of her first term.

She promises to continue to make schools safer for our kids and to improve housing conditions for the countless New Yorkers who live in dilapidated conditions.

She pledges to continue to improve government services for seniors, the hungry and the homeless, for victims of domestic violence, and the mentally and physically disabled.

Betsy also plans to strengthen the office by fighting for an independent budget line and expanding the office’s hot line that helps New Yorkers solve government related problems.

### A record of accomplishment

Betsy boasts the following accomplishments in her quest for a second term:

- Helping tens of thousands of families, seniors, and children with government service problems.
- Fighting for thousands of families who were wrongfully denied city services and benefits.
- Protecting countless seniors from cuts to important programs,

• Advocating for hundreds of business owners in a dispute with the city over fees and licenses.

• Assisting children and parents throughout the city with school related problems.

### Fighting for better schools

Betsy leads the fight for better schools, monitoring all of the Mayor’s school reforms and speaking out consistently when promised reforms fail.

Betsy also confronted the Department of Education (DOE) upon discovering that it illegally denied thousands of children special education. The DOE admitted its error and committed more funding for special education. She then introduced a bill requiring the DOE to regularly report on its special education management.

### And for a better learning environment

Betsy also discovered that despite the DOE’s best efforts to conceal problems and promote their school safety policy, there is still a chronic problem. She has called for the permanent removal of poorly behaving students from their schools so other students can learn in a safe environment. **LDC**

See it all at [www.lexclub.net](http://www.lexclub.net)