



Sarah Batchu is running for New York State Assembly because she believes we deserve a New York where everyone can live with dignity. From the earliest days of her career at City Hall, Sarah has tackled some of the city's toughest challenges—from repairing our crumbling public housing system to leading parts of the city's COVID-19 response. After her time in government, Sarah joined the Lower Eastside Girls Club, where she helped launch the Center for Wellbeing & Happiness, an intergenerational community wellness space. In 2025, Sarah ran for City Council in District 2's Democratic Primary, earning 43% of the vote and finishing second in a competitive race. You can follow Sarah on Instagram, X, Bluesky, and Facebook @sarahbatchu.

Top 3 Issues

Healthcare: Sarah is a dedicated advocate for quality, affordable healthcare for all New Yorkers. During the pandemic, she launched Get Help NYC, a citywide resource hub connecting residents to life-saving services like COVID-19 vaccines. With a Master of Public Health from Columbia University, Sarah has spent her career tackling health disparities on the East Side, most recently by suing Mount Sinai and the State to fight the closure of Beth Israel Hospital. As Assembly Member, she will:

- Advocate for a replacement hospital in our district.
- Expand mental health services, including counseling and virtual care.
- Prioritize healthcare access for people with disabilities, protect the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and improve accessibility and ADA compliance.
- Pass the New York Health Act to deliver universal, single-payer healthcare for all New Yorkers.

Housing: As a rent-stabilized tenant, Sarah knows the stress of rising rents and the urgency of keeping people in their homes. She has championed stronger tenant protections like Good Cause Eviction, housing accessibility, and support for low- and middle-income homeowners.

As Assembly Member, she will:

- Freeze the rent and expand rental assistance to protect tenants from displacement.
- Advocate for NYCHA renovations and tenant self-determination.
- Create new housing, including studios, family units, and senior homes.
- Expand funding for vacant, rent-stabilized apartment renovations.
- Increase paths to homeownership for working families and younger generations.

Democracy: As the wife of a Venezuelan immigrant and the great-granddaughter of Jewish refugees, Sarah understands the firsthand experience of those seeking the freedom and democracy America offers. Throughout her career, she has worked to expand access to free legal services, adult education programs, and civic engagement opportunities for all New Yorkers. As Assembly Member, she will:

- Ensure that New York remains a true sanctuary state, protecting communities from ICE raids, mass deportations, and policies that criminalize New Yorkers.
- Protect civil liberties and religious freedom while strengthening laws against discrimination and hate crimes.
- Defend voting rights, reproductive rights, and other core freedoms against federal rollbacks and extremist attacks.