



PETER F. VALLONE

Peter F. Vallone served as Speaker and Majority Leader of the New York City Council from 1986 through 2001 and represented the 22nd Council District in Astoria, Queens since 1974. Vallone strongly advocates fiscal responsibility, passing eleven consecutive balanced budgets on time. Vallone created a \$300 million reserve fund and increased funding to parks, libraries, cultural institutions, health care and youth programs. In 1996, Vallone allocated \$1.4 billion to school construction and textbook replacement to ease overcrowding, replace coal burning furnaces and update textbooks from the 1950's and 1960's.

Vallone has been a champion of the environment and quality of life legislation. He gave New York its first modern recycling programs, led the fight to ban pornographic book and video stores from residential areas, and protected New Yorkers from second-hand smoke. Vallone strongly advocates on behalf of women's health issues by increasing funding for breast, ovarian, and lung cancer research and treatment facilities.

Vallone is a lifelong resident of Queens. His mother, Leah, was a Democratic State Committeewoman and his father, Charles, was a Civil Court Judge and Civil Rights Advocate. He and his wife, Tena, have three sons, Peter Jr. (NYC Council Member), Perry and Paul who also practice Law and eight grandchildren. Vallone graduated from Power Memorial Academy in 1952 and from Fordham College of Arts and Science. He received his J.D. from Fordham Law School where he received the prestigious Francis Bacon Award for excellence upon graduation. At Fordham he became a member of The Sodality and has kept his pledge of daily Mass and Communion ever since. He is also an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

In 2002, he rejoined the law firm of Vallone & Vallone founded by his father, the late Judge Charles J. Vallone, after whom the new Civil Courthouse in Queens was named. He also is a member of the Governmental Consulting firm of Constantinople & Vallone, and serves on the Mayor's Election Modernization Task Force.

Vallone served as Professor of Politics and Principles of Government at Fordham University and now lectures at the Peter F. Vallone Lectureship Government series of televised public lectures at Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, and authored "Learning to Govern: My life in New York Politics, From Hellgate to City Hall", Chaucer Press (2005), and "GOD Came Home With Me, Retreat Reflections," Passionist Press (2008).