

Witness Bio – Councilwoman Inna Vernikov

Inna Vernikov is a Ukrainian-born American lawyer and politician, serving as the minority whip of the New York City Council, where she proudly represents the 48th District. Ms. Vernikov is one of six Republicans on the council, who flipped a seat that has been traditionally Democratic for more than one hundred years.

Prior to running for office, Councilwoman Vernikov was the proud owner of an immigration and matrimonial law practice, where she zealously and successfully represented hundreds of clients.

In 2021, seeing the chaos at both local and national levels, she ran for office to bring about change. Focusing her attention on rising crime, unreasonable mandates, and the recent migrant crisis, Councilwoman Vernikov plays an important role in bringing common sense into city government.

Since entering her current role, Councilwoman Vernikov has become a leading voice against Antisemitism; making waves by bringing stories of antisemitic assaults to the national and international stage, assuring victims of antisemitic hate crimes face consequences, defunding CUNY school of law, and exposing CUNY's antisemitism by holding an unprecedented hearing in the council.

Aside from vigorously fighting for her constituents in city hall, Councilwoman Vernikov and her team prioritize the everyday needs of the district above all. From sanitation issues, to illegally parked commercial vehicles, enforcement and confiscation of illegal vending, to ensuring small businesses and community organizations get the support and partnership they need from the City.

Councilwoman Vernikov regularly appears on local and national TV as well as radio, to shine a bright light on issues that are important to her and the communities she represents.