

Robert F. Holden was raised in Maspeth, Queens, and met his future wife, Amy (Yumiko) Sciulli, on June 21, 1968, on Eliot Avenue in Middle Village. He was 16, and Amy was 15. They have been happily married for 50 years, living in Middle Village, and have three children and five grandchildren.

For 44 years, Robert Holden was a professor at New York City College of Technology (CUNY) in the Department of Communication Design and a working graphic designer.

For 25 years, he served as president of the Juniper Park Civic Association, which represents the neighborhoods of Middle Village and Maspeth. During that time, he also served as Managing Editor and Art Director of the Juniper Berry Magazine, the JPCA's 96-page color magazine. First published in 1940, the Juniper Berry is considered one of the finest all-volunteer civic magazines in the nation. He served as the webmaster of the JPCA's informative website, www.junipercivic.com, for 25 years. The Juniper Park Civic Association, founded in 1938, has grown to 1,750 member families and is considered one of the most active civic associations in the State of New York. Some of the JPCA's accomplishments include fighting to save the former Elmhurst Gas Tanks 6.5-acre site from becoming a big box store – it is now a park – and saving St. Saviour's, an 1847 carpenter gothic-style church designed by world-renowned architect Richard Upjohn.

In 1991, Mr. Holden co-founded COP104, a coalition of civic groups within the Community Board 5 area that sponsored monthly police and community forums for over 20 years. Holden was the founder and president of the Juniper Valley Park Conservancy Inc., an organization that raises funds and organizes volunteers to care for the park. The group has co-sponsored summer concerts in Juniper Valley Park for over 20 years.

Holden was a Community Board 5 Queens member for 30 years, serving as First-Vice Chair and Chair of the Public Safety Committee. He also served as a baseball coach in little league for 15 years. In 1997, he founded the Midville Dodgers youth baseball teams for ages 10-18, serving as president for 20 years. The Midville Dodgers won the NABF national championship in 2006. All of these were volunteer positions.

In 2017, Holden was elected to the New York City Council, representing the 30th Council District, which includes Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village, and parts of Ridgewood, Woodhaven, and Woodside. As a council member in the 30th District, he brought record funding to the District where he was born and raised and is noted for his office's outstanding constituent services. Council Member Robert Holden currently serves as Chair of the Council's Veterans Committee and previously served as Chair of the Technology Committee.

Robert Holden has received several achievement awards from the United States Congress, New York State Senate, and the New York City Council. In 2012, he was awarded a lifetime achievement award from the Queens Civic Congress for his volunteer work in the community. Prof. Holden also received the PSC-CUNY Excellence in Teaching Award in 1999. For his work, Holden earned the title of Professor Emeritus upon his retirement from CUNY. In the NYC Council, Councilman Holden is a staunch advocate for public education and the City University of New York.