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I chose Flushing, New York, for this project because it is located within NYC Council District 20. Sandra Ung is the council representative from this area. Flushing, Murray Hill, Queensboro Hill, Fresh Meadows, and Mitchell-Linden are some areas in district 20 (New York City Council, n.d.). As a diverse and heavily immigrant populated neighborhood, it's crucial that a representative here can be aware of the everyday needs of local families, students, employees, and small business owners. Sandra Ung represents her constituents and, as a member of the New York City Council, represents the needs and concerns of the community.

Today, Sandra Ung is a key leader in the City Council in a number of significant roles. In her official biography, she is described as being the Chair of the Committee on Standards and Ethics as well as on the Council Leadership Team and Budget Negotiations Team at the New York City Council (n.d.). She was also Chair of the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and Federal Legislation (Sandra Ung for City Council, n.d.). She is showing leadership in a number of positions that are part of the City's policymaking, budgeting, and legislative oversight processes. Her committee assignments indicate that other council members have confided in her with tasks that relate to ethics, government, and decision making.

Sandra Ung's focus is on a number of critical community concerns, including immigrant support and education, women's rights, youth advocacy, environmental improvement, and support for survivors of domestic violence (Sandra Ung for City Council, n.d.). She is a former community activist and lawyer before going into politics; many of her priorities are based on that. She has advocated for language access programs and policies that facilitate immigrant families' communication with and access to city services. She has also promoted the local transportation system and services to residents in Flushing and neighboring areas (New York

City Council, n.d.). These priorities are important due to the critical links that many families in Queens have to public transportation, education, and community based services in their everyday life.

In my opinion, Sandra Ung represents her community well as she seems engaged in helping her community to solve issues and acquire resources in D20. A significant instance of her community involvement is her sponsorship of educational enhancements in Queens schools. In a recent article for QNS, Ung received support for some technology upgrades in a Bayside school and singled out other investments in education throughout the district (Dawson, 2024). This investment reflects her commitment to the community's students, teachers, and schools. New technology and learning opportunities can have a positive impact on the opportunities available to pupils to learn and succeed in the future.

Overall, Sandra Ung is well entrenched in her community in terms of advocacy, legislation, and community engagement. Her support for immigrants, underserved populations, and community development is very representative of the needs of the residents in District 20. She has held leadership positions and community projects, which indicate that she is working effectively to support the district and to make the community more livable.

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