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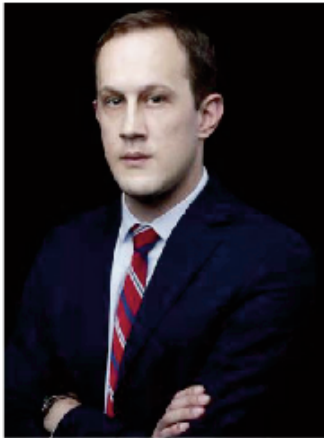
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Bill de Blasio started out as a young political operative with dreams of getting elected to the New York City Council. Carl Heastie was once a little-known assemblyman from the Bronx. Melissa Mark-Viverito left her native Puerto Rico to attend college in New York and cut her teeth as an activist and community board member.

The early professional experiences of these political heavyweights in New York City are no different from those of the exceptional young men and women featured in these pages. In this issue, we look ahead to the next generation of local leaders in politics and government. Our annual list features the city's most remarkable young lobbyists, staffers, advocates, activists and journalists - all of them under the age of 40.

One of them could eventually be elected mayor of the city. Another one might one day lead the state Senate or Assembly. Still others could contend for the position of speaker of the New York City Council. Many of them are certain to play influential roles in city government and politics for years to come.

So without further ado, we present this year's New York City 40 Under 40 Rising Stars.

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Helen Ho

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WHEN HELEN HO was Queens director for the de Blasio administration's Community Affairs Unit, her most difficult task was also the one she found most satisfying.

Amid the rise in homelessness in recent years, a number of emergency shelters were opened in Queens. Despite local opposition and fears of drug addicts or sex offenders, Ho knew that many who needed shelter were children or women facing domestic abuse.

"That was my most challenging and my most rewarding accomplishment there – finding partner groups that are able to help out, to help people understand who a homeless person is," says Ho, a first-generation Chinese American who was born and raised in Queens.

In January, Ho joined LaGuardia Community College in Queens, overseeing a new external affairs division. With around 50,000 students enrolled, many from low-income families, there's plenty to keep Ho busy.

Among the initiatives she works on are connecting with businesses on workforce development while highlighting LaGuardia programs like ESL, the city's largest, or training for taxi drivers.

Her connections with city government also make her suited for the job at LaGuardia, given its relationship with the city, from partnerships with Department of Small Business Services to monitoring the local impact of the city's feasibility study of nearby Sunnyside Yards.

"We work really hard to make sure that we have great relationships with the community," Ho says, "and that we're being good neighbors to community members, which also include our elected officials."

Where did you go to college?
SUNY Geneseo
BS, CUNY Hunter
College MUP

If you didn't work in politics/government, what would you do?
Work on solving our inequity issues another way! College professor and/or professional slow bike rider

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**LaGuardia
Community College
Congratulates
Helen Ho!**

"This is a much-deserved honor for our LaGuardian, Helen Ho! As Director of External Affairs, she's expanding our visibility in Long Island City and beyond.

– Gail O. Mellow, *President, LaGuardia Community College*

"In the decade that I've known and worked with Helen Ho, I've been impressed by her passion for issues and her drive to make the world a safer and more just place. She's always been a star to me and I know she's rising to an even greater future."

– Jimmy Van Bramer, *Majority Leader, New York City Council*

"Helen has devoted her career to making this city a better place to live for all New Yorkers. The campaigns she's led—to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, welcome immigrants to NYC Parks, defend homeless families, and improve police-community relationships, have had significant impact."

– Marco A. Carrión, *Mayor's Office, Community Affairs Unit*

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