

Biography Tiffany Caban

A Queens native, Tiffany was born in Richmond Hill, Queens, to Puerto Rican parents who grew up in Woodside Houses. She attended PS 62 in Richmond Hill and JHS 210 Elizabeth Blackwell in Woodhaven, and later attended St. Francis Preparatory High School in Fresh Meadows. Tiffany earned a Bachelor's degree in Crime, Law, and Justice from Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctorate from New York Law School.

Before joining the New York City Council, Tiffany worked as a public defender, representing people who did not have resources to defend themselves against the brutal system of mass incarceration. In her years at New York County Defender Services (NYCDS) and the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice, Tiffany represented over a thousand indigent clients in cases ranging from turnstile jumping to homicide. Throughout her professional career, she has used the law to help New York City's most vulnerable communities, and her experiences advocating on behalf of her clients helped her identify some of the worst inequities of our criminal justice system. The years she spent as a public defender inspired her to run for elected office, determined to redefine how our city approaches public health and public safety.

In her time in the Council, Tiffany has introduced and passed legislation to support survivors of gender-based violence, protect abortion care in NYC, move homeless New Yorkers more efficiently to permanent homes, and much more. She is the co-Chair of the Council's LGBTQIA+ Caucus and a leader in Local Progress, a national organization of progressive local elected officials.

Tiffany lives in Astoria with her two rescue dogs, Natalie and Ducky.