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Carlin has achieved results and respect as our legislator

To the Editor:

Every time I vote for Sydney Carlin, I do it with increased conviction. Sydney has proved to be a sensible, fair and responsible legislator: a genuine citizen-leader.

She's achieved both results and respect while working her heart out as state representative. She did the same as mayor and on our law, library, health and parks boards, as well as the Manhattan Area Technical

College Board. She's volunteered on scores of charitable, civic and arts projects. An experienced small-business entrepreneur, Sydney served on the Chamber of Commerce Board, as well. She represents us with authenticity because she truly knows Manhattan.

On the House Higher Education Committee (vital, of course, to K-State interests), Sydney is now the ranking member. She's worked to expand student loan programs and, in response to Fort Riley requests, widened access to in-state tuition for military families. Sydney's vote for pre K-12 school finance legislation, (bipartisan passage was by one vote), reminds us how much we continue to need her rock-solid votes for education.

Sydney's ability to "walk in someone else's shoes" enables her to respond effectively to voters' concerns and also to gain bipartisan cooperation in Topeka. But we can't take her top-notch representation for granted.

If we want to continue to benefit from Sydney Carlin's incredibly hard work, her knowledge of Manhattan and her discerning judgment, we must be sure to vote for her on Nov. 7.



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