

MANZANO RUNNING FOR BOROUGH PRESIDENT Another name was added to the crowded race for Manhattan Borough President yesterday. At a news conference at City Hall, a leader from the renowned McManus Democratic Club, Carlos Manzano made his candidacy official.

Mr. Manzano, a Colombia-born immigrant who worked his way through Queens College and is now a Democratic state committee member, told a group of about 40 supporters that his top priority would be security and emergency preparedness. He cited affordable housing, economic development, health care, immigration, civil rights, and other issues as priorities, but will mainly focus his campaign around homeland security matters.

Mr. Manzano, who has raised \$233,763 for his bid for the office, outlined a five-point plan which centers on coordinating community-based groups with police to make Manhattan more secure. Mr. Manzano is one of eight candidates vying for the office, vacated by C. Virginia Fields because of term limits. Ms. Fields is running in the Democratic mayoral primary.

In February, City Council Member Eva Moskowitz declared her intention to run for borough president. Others running for the job are Assemblymen Scott Stringer, Adriano Espaillat, and Keith Wright; Council Members Margarita Lopez and William Perkins, and a lawyer and a District 2 school board member, Brian Eller.

— *Staff Reporter of the Sun*