

INTRODUCTION

1. What are your top three campaign promises or goals, and what action will you take to achieve them if elected?

Promise/goal 1: Ensure public programs and institutions, including our schools, are adequately funded and that the city's budget reflects the community's needs.

Promise/goal 2: Fight to make NYC a more affordable city to live in. This includes improving access to affordable housing and food.

Promise/goal 3: Strengthen protections for our immigrant neighbors who are under threat and work with the community to resist federal and state level enforcement actions.

2. If elected, what is the first piece of legislation you would introduce? Why is that your top priority? If you are an incumbent, please also state what legislation you have passed which you are most proud of.

If reelected I will continue to introduce legislation that will benefit the working class, a promise that is backed up by my record. Legislation that I have introduced and has been passed includes: tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires, preventing pollution by requiring the use of shore power at cruise terminals, requiring greater transparency surrounding NYCHA management practices and NYPD stops of civilians.

3. In your view, what are the major needs of your district's constituents?

My constituents need the government to work for the many, instead of the wealthy few. Specifically, more resources need to be devoted to public institutions and public services. Not only services that are currently available but additional services need to be created that will help ease the affordability crisis that our city is currently experiencing, including programs to expand public housing and food benefits. My constituents deserve a fully financed public education system that serves the needs of all children, including those with disabilities or special needs. They need basic human livability standards to be met, like clean air and water, in addition to well maintained parks and community spaces. My constituents also deserve support against the cruel federal and state immigration policies that threaten to rip our immigrant neighbors from their families and communities.

4. How long have you lived in the district in which you are running, and do you have any achievements or involvement in your neighborhood you are particularly proud of?

I am a lifelong Brooklynite and have lived in Sunset Park for over two decades. I have served and been involved in my local community long before I ran for office. For a decade, I served as the PS 172 PTA president, collaborating with other parents to build programs and support the neighborhood's children. I also chaired the New York City Youth Board. As a member of the local Community Board 7, I served as a Parent Representative of the M.S. 88 School Leadership Team.

5. What experience have you had with good government and reform issues? (e.g., voting and election reform, campaign finance, ethics, police accountability, government transparency). If you've worked to advance these goals, we'd love to hear about it.

I believe government transparency and accountability are critical to creating trust with my constituents. My record reflects this belief as I have introduced numerous measures to advance these goals. I passed legislation that requires the mayor's office to submit an annual report to the City Council on the impact of the New York City Housing Authority's Permanent Affordability Commitment Together program. This will ensure transparency with regard to the developments that are selected and converted to the program, a variety of information about the development partner and property manager, and a number of indicators about the impact of the program on the residents of the developments. I also championed the 'How Many Stops Acts' to increase police accountability by requiring officers to record the race, age and gender of the civilians they approach during investigative encounters. We have also successfully advocated for terms and conditions in the budget process and continue to advocate for more transparency.

6. What do you think the role of the City Council is in city government this upcoming term?

The role of the City Council will be especially important in this upcoming term. With the current scandal surrounding the current mayoral administration, it is critical that we work to restore the public's faith in city government. We are also in the midst of an affordability crisis that is threatening the survival of the working class communities that make NYC great. That means the City Council must be extra diligent in ensuring that the legislation we pass and the budget oversight we provide will accurately reflect the needs of the community.

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

7. Voter turnout in New York City elections is exceptionally low, as they are held "off-cycle" in odd-numbered years. To boost local voter turnout and reduce participation gaps, the Legislature passed and Governor Hochul signed a law that moves county and town elections to even-numbered years, and lawmakers are supporting a constitutional amendment that would do the same for city elections, including New York City's. Citizens Union is [leading a coalition of groups advocating](#) to move New York City's elections to even-numbered years, and the City Council is considering a [Resolution in support](#) of that shift.

Do you support moving New York City's elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, and will you co-sponsor a Council Resolution supporting that measure?

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

8. The New York City Board of Elections (NYC BOE) has been a source of frustration for voters and candidates for years. The City Council appoints NYC BOE members and has the power to appoint commissioners who are committed to reform, but the most recent commissioners have been appointed behind closed doors.

Do you commit to request a public hearing for BOE nominees, and to only vote for individuals who are publicly committed to reducing party-based patronage and supporting open hiring practices?

<p>YES/NO: Yes Comment (optional):</p>
<p>9. Do you support maintaining the use of Ranked Choice Voting in New York City elections?</p>
<p>YES/NO: Yes Comment (optional):</p>
<p>10. New York City is one of the few cities that maintains a closed primary system, in which only registered party members can vote in the primary election. Do you believe New York City should shift to a form of completely open primaries, allowing all registered voters to vote in one primary where the top two candidates, regardless of party affiliation, move on to the general election?</p>
<p>YES/NO: Yes Comment (optional):</p>
<p>* In the box below, you may provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to improve elections and voting in New York City.</p>
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<p>CAMPAIGN FINANCE</p>
<p>11. Individuals with business ties to city government and registered lobbyists can bypass their donation limits by “bundling” donations from other people. Do you support limiting bundling by people on the Doing Business with the City database?</p>
<p>YES/NO: Yes Comment (optional):</p>
<p>12. Are you a supporter of the City’s public campaign matching funds program, and do you commit to protecting the independence of the program and ensuring that the Campaign Finance Board has sufficient resources to run the program?</p>
<p>YES/NO: Yes Comment (optional):</p>
<p>* In the box below, you may provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to improve New York City’s campaign finance system.</p>



ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

- 13.** The recent indictments and resignations surrounding City Hall have exposed serious ethical problems in City Government. **Please describe how you will maintain the highest ethical standards in office.**

I have and will continue to maintain the high level of ethics that our city government and my community deserves. The corruption scandal that has embroiled the mayor's office is a perfect example of why our government cannot be beholden to monied special interests and lobbyists. There is a direct connection between an ethical government and a government that serves the interests of the working class.

- 14.** Incoming public servants must sever ties and divest from companies or other interests that have business dealings with the City, but they are not required to recuse themselves when working on matters involving their former business partners, clients, employer, etc. **Do you support forbidding public servants to work on matters relating to their former business partners, clients, employers, and other interests for a set period of time?**

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

- 15.** Some campaign consultants also work as lobbyists. **Do you support restricting campaign consultants from lobbying their former clients for a period of two years after their client has won elected office?**

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

- 16.** **Do you support moving lobbying oversight and enforcement from the City Clerk's Office to another agency charged with ethics issues, like the Conflicts of Interest Board?**

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

*** In the box below, you may provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to improve ethics standards in New York City government.**

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

17. Who do you think should have the final decision on discipline in the New York City Police Department? (i.e., Place the final decision with the Police Commissioner; the Civilian Complaint Review Board; the Mayor; the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety; or another individual or entity).

I believe the final decision should be placed with the Civilian Complaint Review Board in order to increase the level of citizen oversight of the police department. I believe this will help raise the levels of trust and cooperation between our communities and the police, which in turn will make our communities safer.

*** In the box below, you may provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to improve police accountability in New York.**

CHECKS AND BALANCES

18. The Mayor currently has the power to block charter revision ballot questions (proposed by the City Council, other charter commissions, and citizen petitions) by establishing their own Charter Revision Commission. Do you support removing this Mayoral power?

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

19. Do you support allowing bills with strong support to go through the committee process and be put to a vote on the floor without needing the permission of the speaker?

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

20. Please provide your views about the New York City Council's "advice and consent" powers. In what cases, if any, should a mayor need the Council's approval for an appointment of a high ranking Mayoral official, such as an agency commissioner?

I firmly support an expansion of the Council's advice and consent powers. Recent events have made it painfully clear that there needs to be more checks on the Mayor's powers. The Council should have a voice in ensuring that our government official appointments are qualified and not the result of favoritism or backroom political dealings. This will be a meaningful step towards ensuring transparency and winning back the trust of our community.

*** In the box below, you may provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to improve the system of checks and balances in New York.**

ADDITIONAL INFO

Please feel free to attach any additional information such as resume, campaign brochures, or issues statements.

Please provide any other info you would like us to know about you and your candidacy.