



GENERAL INFORMATION

Candidate info

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City Council District # 2

In which primary Democratic

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City Council 1992-1997  
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# INTRODUCTION

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

Promise 1: Hire 3000 additional police officers and place them on foot patrol and out of cars.

Promise 2: Create a "Single Payer" health care system for residents of New York by harnessing the infrastructure we already own and the insurance payments we already make.

Promise 3: Crack down on the illegal sale and use of cannabis by reclaiming jurisdiction from Albany.

**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.**

While in Congress, I was the leading advocate for a better, more comprehensive and ultimately less expensive way to pay for and distribute health care in the United States. That experience informs my belief that we are missing an opportunity to make New York City an example of this "single payer" model here. Also, working to repair the damage of Albany overreach has had on our city.

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

The city has become increasingly unaffordable for the middle class and those aspiring to the middle class. I warned of this gathering storm in 2008 and before. But today's New York also suffers from not getting value for the money it is spending. Citizens want less disorder in their public spaces. From an explosion of scaffolds and construction sheds; unchecked street and park cannabis consumption and sales and state inflicted policies that have made it impossible to provide care for the mentally ill on our streets, we want problems solved.

**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?**

14 years.

**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 was an early advocate for ranked choice voting. So much so that when I ran for mayor in 2005 and finished second, I eschewed a run off arguing it would be divisive. I wrote books of reform ideas in past campaigns and have again this time. I was in the vanguard of proposing digitization of the city budget and used early forms of "open source" documents when in Congress that allowed my constituents to help write laws.

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

To be a partner when appropriate and a check when necessary on the Mayor. To be hot bed of activity around solving the problems of livability and safety in our city and to be a constant hairshirt for the encroachment of the state legislature into the prerogatives of our city and its citizens.

# ELECTIONS AND VOTING

**7. 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

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.

**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?**

Yes

**9. Do you support maintaining the use of Ranked Choice Voting in New York City's elections?**

Yes

**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, move on to the general election?**

No

**\* 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.**

I led the charge to stop the unseemly overturning of term limits by the city council and mayor in 2009. I am no fan of term limits but that was a gross expression of self interest by politicians.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

**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?**

No

**Comments (optional)**

The present rules that prohibit such donations from being matched is sufficient deterrent to the activity.

**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?**

Yes

**Comments (optional)**

But the 8-1 match is too generous.

**ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT**

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

I will maintain the highest ethical standards in office.

**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

**15. Some campaign consultants also work as lobbyists. Do you support restricting campaign consultants from lobbying the candidates they served for two years after the candidate won elected office?**

No

**Comments (optional)**

public disclosure about who is lobbying whom seems like the right balance. a campaign worker cant lobby but a big donor can?

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

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

17. Who do you think should have the final say on discipline in the New York 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).

The process should be : CCRB investigation with full access to subpoena power and body cam video. Producing a public recommendation (including opportunity for dissenting view) to the Police Commissioner who is accountable for his/her decisions to his/her boss - the Mayor and subject to the oversight of the City Council and the media.

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

Comments (optional)

however, the current mechanism should be replaced by another that has a similar effect : limit chaotic access to the ballot by competing or overlapping referenda.

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?

No

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 think the Mayor should have broad discretion in choosing his/her officers.

ADDITIONAL INFO