

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: Lower the cost of living for working families

Promise/goal 2: Increase public safety

Promise/goal 3: Deliver better city services to District 28.

- 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.**

New York is facing a massive affordability crisis with a lack of affordable housing, soaring rents, and inequitable property taxes being a driving force. I would introduce legislation that addresses this head on by extending tax rebates to seniors and longtime homeowners to keep families in their homes, while mandating that developers create affordable units in new developments in District 28.

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

My neighbors have been working harder than ever before and still struggling to get ahead. They have been crushed by rising prices, excessive rents, and unfair property taxes all while our leaders are cutting budgets for education and more concerned about enriching themselves. We need to improve the quality of life in Southeast Queens to ensure that people feel safe and can raise their families in District 28.

- 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 have lived in District 28 for the last 28 years and am proud to be an active member of several community organizations including Community Board 10, the NYPD 106th Precinct Community Partners Program and as the District Governor of the Brooklyn and Queens Lions Clubs. I am proud to give back to my community through organizing Thanksgiving and back to school giveaways, park cleanups, and the annual Christmas tree lighting in Richmond Hill.

- 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.**

This is my first time running for public office so I have never had the opportunity to advocate for good government reform on a large scale level but I look forward to working with Citizens Union to do so on the City Council.

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

Trust in our city's government has never been lower and the City Council needs to work to hold bad actors- whether it is a contractor, commissioner or elected official accountable for their actions. The City Council needs to remain an independent governing body that needs to prioritize working people over politics. We need to make New York work for everyone- not the rich, powerful, and well connected.

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: No.

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?

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

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

YES/NO: Yes

Comment (optional):

- 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?**

YES/NO: No

Comment (optional):

*** 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.**

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?

YES/NO: Yes
Comment (optional):

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/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 New York City’s campaign finance system.**

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.**

Faith in our city government has never been lower due to poor leadership, broken promises, and major ethical lapses. I have heard from too many of my neighbors that they do not think they will vote this year due to our City's failures and corruption. I want to be one of the most accessible and transparent members on the City Council. I will be an active presence in our community by holding monthly town halls and always exceed ethical standards and conflict of interest laws set by the city. I will also not accept any campaign contributions from registered lobbyists.

- 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).

The Police Commissioner

*** 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?

One of the most important responsibilities of the City Council is to conduct oversight and I will take that responsibility extremely seriously. I believe that the mayor should need Council's approval to appoint commissioners and other high ranking officials.

*** 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.