



GENERAL INFORMATION

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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: Public Safety – New Yorkers deserve to feel safe in their neighborhoods and on public transit. Crime is still above pre-pandemic levels, and we need a real plan that restores order without relying on ineffective, reactionary policies. Expand community policing and smarter NYPD deployment – We need more uniformed officers on subways and streets while ensuring officers focus on real crime, not over-policing communities. Invest in mental health crisis response – Expand B-HEARD crisis teams to reduce police response to mental health emergencies. Fix the subway safety crisis – Increase real-time surveillance with privacy protections, better lighting, and station staffing to improve rider safety.

Promise 2: Affordability – Housing & Childcare – New York is becoming unaffordable for working people, with skyrocketing rents and childcare costs forcing families out. Expand affordable housing with a focus on working- and middle-class New Yorkers – My Mitchell-Lama 2.0 plan would build deeply affordable housing on public land and crack down on bad landlords. Strengthen tenant protections – Defend Good Cause Eviction and expand rental assistance for struggling New Yorkers. Lower childcare costs through the Trishare Childcare Plan – My Trishare Childcare Plan would split the cost of childcare between employers, the city, and families, ensuring that working parents have affordable, high-quality childcare options without being priced out.

Promise 3: Ethics & Corruption – New Yorkers deserve a government that works for them, not special interests. End the pay-to-play culture in City Hall – Strengthen oversight and ensure city contracts are awarded based on merit, not political donations. Restore integrity to public service – New Yorkers have lost faith in city government. I'll hold agencies accountable, protect whistleblowers, and ensure transparency in budgeting and decision-making. Strengthen campaign finance reform – Reduce corporate influence in local elections while ensuring public financing works for grassroots candidates. New York needs competent leadership that puts working people first. I have the experience, vision, and track record to deliver real solutions on public safety, affordability, and government accountability.

**2. 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 built my career championing good government and fighting to reform our institutions to make them stronger, more equitable, and more accountable. I have been doing this work since my tenure in the NYS Assembly, a few highlights include:

- Ending “empty seat voting” for legislators in Albany
- Publishing the “Breaking Down Barriers to the Ballot” recommendations including:
  - Increasing access to absentee ballots
  - Passing the Voter-Friendly Ballot Act
- Auditing the Board of Elections after the 2016 Presidential Primary exposed failure to account for more than 1,450 computers and voting machines and the dumping of 125,000 from the voter roll
- Implemented a comprehensive six-point plan to address potential conflicts of interest in the Bureau of Asset Management
- Hired the first Chief Risk Officer and Chief Compliance Officer for the NYC Pension Funds
- Testified to the State Campaign Finance Board calling for state with public matching fund program to decrease the influence of big money in our political system
- Provided regular ethics training to all new and current employees
- Conceived of and implemented ClaimStat to identify “hot spots” and work with agencies to adjust training and protocols
  - Provided real-time claims data to the NYPD resulting in an 11% reduction in complaints against the department
- I called upon the Securities and Exchange Commission to adopt new rules increasing transparency from Private Equity firms

Leading by example has been key in fostering an ethical, transparent governing body that solely focuses on delivering for New Yorkers. I will bring the city into a transparent, ethical future.

**ELECTIONS AND VOTING**

**3. Do you support moving New York City's elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, and will you publicly support efforts in Albany to implement this reform?**

No

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.

Comments (optional)

I welcome reform that will strengthen our democracy, however, this move was deemed unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. Moreover, public safety, corruption and ethics, and the ongoing affordability crisis in New York City are more immediate priorities for my administration to focus on once I am elected mayor.

**4. The New York City Board of Elections (NYC BOE) has been a source of frustration for voters and candidates for years. How will you use your power as Mayor to improve the operations of the NYC BOE and ensure that its operations are transparent and accountable to the public?**

Transparency and reforming our institutions to make our democracy stronger have been my focus throughout my time in public office. As Comptroller I audited the board of elections' management and operations and exposed mismanagement and negligence that compromised the integrity of the 2016

Presidential Primary, leaving some voters unable to perform their civic duty. I sent a letter to the Board demanding immediate action be taken to avoid a recurrence of those problems. Moreover, I made policy recommendations to make voting more accessible by allowing same-day registration, mail-in ballots for any reason, pre-registration for 16 and 17-year-olds so they are ready to go once they turn 18, and more language services at polling locations.

As Mayor, I will implement the QualitySTAT system, a data-driven program designed to identify problem areas across multiple agencies through direct engagement from the public. The Deputy Mayor for Quality of Life – a new position I will create – will coordinate with agencies to create sustainable solutions to those problems. The goal of the QualitySTAT program is to instill more accountability and facilitate action to make services and agencies work for New Yorkers. There will also be regular reports available from each agency so the public can see how their tax dollars are being utilized.

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

Yes

**Comments (optional)**

New York City’s rank-choice voting system creates a city government that more accurately reflects the will of the electorate.

**6. 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?**

No

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

**7. 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

**Comments (optional)**

I have built my career fighting corruption, ensuring accountability, and enforcing full government transparency. Fully prohibiting contributions and bundling by individuals or entities doing business with the city and prohibiting city agencies from hiring individuals who have lobbied them in the past year are two crucial aspects of my plan to uphold ethics and end the corruption in City Hall.

**8. 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)**

Public campaign financing is a crucial line of defense against the corrupting influence of big money in politics and allows candidates who do not come from wealth to run people-powered campaigns. For elections to remain free, fair, and broadly competitive, public campaign financing needs to remain a cornerstone of the democratic process.

**\* 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.**

In 2013, when I first ran for Comptroller, my opponent was a former governor who, at the last minute, decided to run for City Comptroller. He chose to use his own money to fund his campaign and did not hold back – spending some \$12 million in just nine weeks. Had I not been enrolled in our public financing system, there is no question that I would have lacked the resources to remain competitive. But thanks to the city's system of matching funds, we were able to get our message out and give voters a real choice. And that's what public financing is all about – giving candidates from all walks of life a chance to run a competitive race. That is why I testified before the New York State Campaign Finance Commission advocating for the expansion of that program, or a comparable one, state-wide. Reforming our electoral system starts with expanding public financing. We make New York strong by ensuring that every voter, in every town and city, feels invited to participate in our democracy.

## ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

**9. The recent 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.**

The corruption at City Hall has betrayed the people and the values that built New York City. Over the course of my three-decade-spanning career in elected office, I have proven myself to be a reformer committed to transparent, ethical governance. As mayor, I am committed to cleaning up city hall putting accountability measures in place for all city employees, and instituting a comprehensive ethics and anti-corruption agenda that includes:

Ban Pay-to-Play Practices: End campaign contributions and bundling from contractors, lobbyists, and developers doing business with the city. Impose strict penalties for violations

Tackle Big Money: Prohibit independent expenditures from contractors and foreign-influenced corporations in city elections, ensuring campaigns reflect the voices of everyday New Yorkers—not special interests.

Bring Full Transparency:

Create distinct budget lines for every project, enabling the public to track real-time spending.

Require vendors bidding for city contracts to submit redacted proposals for public review. Making proposals publicly accessible will:

Ensures that contracts are awarded based on merit and need

Encourage Fair Competition

Reassure taxpayers that their money is being used responsibly and effectively.

Implement a Comprehensive Reform Plan to overhaul the City's procurement by:

Streamlining processes to eliminate delays in contract execution.

Prioritizing timely payment for human services providers

Mandating reporting on vendor performance to ensure accountability and quality service delivery.

Close the Revolving Door:

First-in-the-Nation Restriction on Lobbyists: Prohibit city agencies from hiring individuals who have lobbied them in the past year

Prevent former city officials from lobbying their agencies for two years after leaving office

**10. Incoming public servants must sever ties and divest from companies or other interests that have business dealing 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

**Comments (optional)**

Public servants must serve all New Yorkers, not just the few with personal connections to City Hall. My Ethics and Corruption Plan is designed to rebuild public trust by bringing full transparency to the government and holding public officials accountable.

**11. 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

**Comments (optional)**

Closing the revolving door between lobbyists and the government is a key aspect of my Ethics and Corruption Plan. As mayor, I am committed to breaking the cycle of insider influence that puts special interests of any kind ahead of public needs. New Yorkers will finally have a government that works for them, not for lobbyists or political insiders.

**\* 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.**

During the eight-years I led the Comptroller's Office, my team and I initiated many ground-breaking reforms intended to make city government more responsive, transparent, and efficient. In one of my first acts as Comptroller, I ordered a top-to-bottom review of the Bureau of Asset Management and implemented a comprehensive six-point plan to address potential conflicts of interest and strengthen internal controls and transparency. I prioritized enhancing governance, accountability, and ethics by banning placement agents and hiring the first Chief Risk Officer and the first Chief Compliance Officer. I worked with the NYC COIB and NYC CFB to provide all new and current employees with regular ethics training to ensure all city and comptroller employees remained compliant with Federal, State, City, and Agency requirements and were singularly focused on delivering for all New Yorkers.

I have led by example practicing transparent governance throughout my tenure in public office and fighting to open up government to the people. I was responsible for countless key transparency initiatives throughout City Hall. Major enhancements to Checkbook NYC, creating roadmaps to assist people navigating government through roadmaps, and countless audits of government agencies, most impactfully with the NYCHA. In 2015 I forged a coalition comprised of 13 public pension funds around the



nation and called upon the Securities and Exchange Commission to adopt new rules increasing transparency from Private Equity firms to protect New Yorkers from unexpected fees. As Mayor, I will build on these successes and rebuild the trust between the people and the city.

## POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

**12. 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; Mayor or Deputy Mayor for Public Safety; or another individual or entity.)**

Ethical Oversight is at the center of my Public Safety & Quality of Life Plan. I intend to make sure policing is done properly and upholds civil liberties while keeping New York City safe. My plan builds multiple new avenues of oversight and accountability for the NYPD and other city agencies. Firstly, the QualitySTAT program is a transformative framework designed to align resources, streamline decision-making, and strengthen accountability across all key agencies, including the NYPD, by sharing data and progress through a public dashboard, building trust, and letting residents see what is being done.

Moreover, as we integrate so much new technology as part of our plan to bring public safety into the 21st Century, we are assembling an Independent Technology Oversight Board comprised of civilians, civil rights advocates, tech experts, and local leaders to conduct regular audits and monitor the new programs to protect and provide a voice for the public interest throughout the development and implementation process.

Lastly, a new position, the Deputy Mayor for Qualify of Life, will be created as a centralized leader responsible for Whole-of-Government Oversight, Enhanced Accountability, and operating my QualitySTAT program. The final say on repercussions and discipline will be given to the deputy mayor in collaboration with the mayor and the Police Commissioner.

**13. How do you view the role of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety?**

Under multiple administrations, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety’s responsibilities have been stretched to include so many different things that their role has become unclear. The most important aspect of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety’s position is their ability to read the city, connect with New Yorkers, and coordinate our city’s public service provider and agencies to meet their needs on a day-to-day basis. That is why my plan for public safety and quality of life will replace the position with a Deputy Mayor for Quality of Life who will focus on:

Whole-of-Government Oversight: The Deputy Mayor unifies disparate agencies under a single performance framework, eliminating silos and fostering collaboration.

Enhanced Accountability: Ongoing performance reviews, informed by QualitySTAT data, allow quick remedial actions and strategic adjustments.

Community Engagement: Involving residents in decision-making ensures city initiatives mirror neighborhood needs, building trust and transparency.

Working closely with the mayor, the Deputy Mayor for Qualify of Life will be the nucleus of my QualitySTAT program – a cross-agency performance management tool that aggregates data from agencies to enhance efficiency and address the root causes of public safety challenges throughout the city. We will streamline New York City’s response mechanism, facilitating the collaboration of various city agencies to create tailored responses for every situation. I intend to take a holistic, unified approach to public safety and quality of life that will require the Deputy Mayor to be a reformer and be committed to the day-to-day management of city affairs.

**14. Do you support making the appointment of the New York City Police Commissioner subject to the advice and consent of the City Council?**

No

Comments (optional)

Limiting mayoral authority to appoint the Police

Commissioner lessens a mayor's ability to efficiently staff their administration and create swift, decisive change.

**\* 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 City.**

Police Accountability is at the center of my Public Safety Plan. To make sure the department is delivering for the people, they need to lead by example and be accountable for their actions and remember nobody is above the law. My plan includes:

- Transparent and Accountable Progress  
Timelines and audits ensure the civilianization drive remains on track. Verified redeployments demonstrate the NYPD's commitment to optimizing resources—enhancing both accountability and public trust.
- Independent Technology Oversight Board  
Comprising civil rights advocates, tech experts, and local leaders, the board regularly audits monitoring programs to maintain privacy and accountability.
- Transparent Decision-Making  
Require public reports on new technology deployments, from LMSI expansions to AI-based monitoring, fostering dialogue and trust.
- Performance Monitoring  
QualitySTAT tracks key metrics—crime rates, mental health crises, sanitation outcomes, and other indicators—to measure agency performance against set goals.
- Enhanced Accountability  
Ongoing performance reviews, informed by QualitySTAT data, allow quick remedial actions and strategic adjustments.

The status quo has failed. New York City needs a leader who offers more than rhetoric—one who delivers transformative solutions and measurable outcomes. Now is the time to act decisively, embrace reform, and reclaim New York City's promise as a beacon of safety, opportunity, and resilience.

## CHECKS AND BALANCES

**15. 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?**

No

**Comments (optional)**

Limiting the mayoral power will have unforeseen consequences for future administrations and hobble future reforms. Additional levels to an already bloated bureaucratic process will delay needed action and prevent efficient governance from taking place.

**16. 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?**

The City Council needs to have input into the people leading the city, however, expanding advice and consent in too many cases risks further complicating city governance at an already chaotic moment and could set problematic precedents for future administrations. Maintaining strict adherence to the rules and processes laid out in the City Charter, giving the Council "advise and consent" authority over the appointment of commissioners to head city agencies and a few other executive positions, is the best way to keep adequate oversight and input from the City Council without adding additional levels of



bureaucracy and slowing the process of efficiently establishing a new administration. Although expanding the oversight and influence of the City Council may seem prudent in response to the current administration, we must be able to trust the mayor moving forward to act in the best interest of the people and deliver for New Yorkers. New York City is at a crossroads that requires an administration to be ready to take action on day one, that just isn't possible if the next mayor is forced to negotiate every appointment with the Council.

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Corruption, inefficiency, and mismanagement at City Hall have left families priced out of their homes, made neighborhoods unsafe, and failed our children. If we refuse to hold City Hall accountable, New Yorkers will continue to suffer, and the very foundation of our city—its great promise of opportunity and fairness—will further erode. We can seize this moment by enhancing our interdepartmental oversight apparatus so we can deliver for the people and reclaim New York as a place where families thrive, communities are safe, and the government serves the people, not the powerful few. From defending tenants' rights to tackling entrenched corruption, my record proves my ability to lead with integrity and vision. As Mayor, I will continue fighting for affordable housing, a fairer economy, and a government that works for all New Yorkers. I will fight to restore faith in government by rooting out corruption, holding leaders accountable, and ensuring your tax dollars are invested in everyday priorities like building affordable housing, improving education, and keeping our streets safe. This is our moment to take back our city and reclaim its promise

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

New York City is at a crossroads. Crime at levels still above pandemic levels, inaccessible childcare, and soaring costs are forcing New Yorkers to leave—loving New York just feels a little hard. Three years of chaos and corruption have shattered trust in City Hall. We can't afford more empty promises or on-the-job training.

I offer what New York desperately needs right now: proven leadership with three decades of experience cleaning up government. As Comptroller, I conducted the most impactful audits in city history, exposing waste and saving billions. I held bad actors accountable and delivered results - not just talked about them. Most importantly, I have a serious plan to tackle our biggest challenges. I'll hire 3,000 more cops to fill the current gap, reduce overtime costs, and take public safety seriously. My Mitchell-Lama 2.0 program will create truly affordable housing that builds communities, not just units. I'll make childcare accessible so families in every neighborhood can thrive. My new QualitySTAT task force will finally address and make transparent the quality-of-life issues making life harder for New Yorkers.

The choice is clear: we can either continue down the current path of mismanagement and decline or elect a proven reformer who knows how to make government work for its people again. I have the vision, experience, and competence to restore the promise of New York - where opportunity flourishes and loving this city doesn't have to be so hard. In this critical moment, I'm ready to lead the charge to fix our city.

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