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Office Sought (New York State) **Assembly**

District Number 37

In which primary **Democratic**

What party line/s are you running under? Democrat

Age 30

Education NYU, Fordham

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement Ran for NYC Council in District 30 against Bob Holden (2021)

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Have you completed the required campaign finance filings? Yes

Are you participating in the State Public Campaign Finance Program? Yes

Are you willing to be interviewed by Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee? Yes

Signature

What are your top three campaign promises or goals, and what action will you take to achieve them if elected? First: Housing Second: Street Safety Third: Environmental Justice

If elected, what is the first piece of legislation you would want to introduce? If you are an incumbent, what legislation have you passed which you are most proud of? Upon becoming elected, I introduced a package of bills that would help New Yorkers' lives more affordable, including bills to eliminate MCI's and change the Area Median Income formula to make affordable housing in our city truly affordable to all.

In providing constituent services, what are the major needs of your district's constituents and how will you meet them? In my first term in office, an overwhelming number of my constituents have requested help with signing up for unemployment benefits, requesting assistance with eviction proceedings, and street safety issues such as requesting stop signs, fixing crossing signals and other quality of life issues. We have met these needs with prompt service, including many of my own personal visits to areas that need the most help.

What experience have you had, if any, with good government and reform issues? (e.g. voting and elections, campaign finance, ethics, I have long supported, co-sponsored and voted in favor for good government and transparency laws in the Assembly. Some examples have been voting to fully fund our campaign finance board so we can have fairer

government transparency and oversight, police accountability). If you've worked to advance these goals, we'd love to hear about it.

elections, extending COVID-era open meeting laws that allow for remote participation, and applying FOIL to local development corporations.

How long have you lived in the district in which you are running?

Although I've technically only lived within the new district lines this past year, I lived a few blocks outside the Maspeth border of the district for my entire life, where I ran for NYC Council against Councilmember Bob Holden.

1. Do you support moving city elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, and will you vote in favor of legislation that enacts that change?

Yes

2. Do you support restarting the constitutional amendment process to enact same-day voter registration in New York?

Yes

3. Do you support improving voter participation in CUNY and SUNY colleges by requiring schools to develop and implement a student voter engagement action plan?

Yes

4. Do you support reducing the party-based hiring in boards of elections to the minimum currently required by the constitution?

Yes

5. Do you support implementing an open, competitive, merit-based hiring process for all election administration staff and certain functions at polls?

Yes

6. Do you support requiring election commissioners and top BOE staff undergo mandatory training developed by the State Board of Elections?

Yes

7. How would you use your power as a legislator to improve election administration in New York? Feel free to add any policy proposals you support in regards to reforming the BOE.

I want to push for the Board of Elections to no longer be run by party loyalists. It's insane that this body is run by political machine appointees, and I will be proud to support any legislation that changes this.

If needed, you may elaborate below on your positions on the previous questions.

8. Will you support fully funding new state public campaign finance program in the upcoming budget process?

Yes

9. Do you commit to opposing any attempt to undermine the State Public Campaign Finance Program by changing its rules to benefit large donors?

Yes

10. Do you support requiring campaigns to disclose a contributor's employer in

Yes

campaign finance reports, as is done in NYC?

If needed, you may elaborate below on your positions on the previous questions. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

11. Who do you think should draw new district maps every decade in New York? (e.g., the current Independent Redistricting Commission, the Legislature/LATFOR, a new body)

If we could get a new, non-political body instead of one that simply calls itself "independent", I would favor it.

12. Do you support changing the constitutional redistricting process to reduce the influence of legislators over map-making process, make the redistricting commission less partisan and more diverse, and eliminate the Legislature's veto power over final maps?

Yes

If needed, you may elaborate below on your positions on the previous questions. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

13. Do you support establishing an independent ethics agency with commissioners not chosen by the elected officials they oversee, which would have oversight powers over the executive and the legislature (also replaces the Legislative Ethics Commission)?

Yes

14. Do you support requiring lobbyists to report their contributions and fundraising activity?

Yes

If needed, you may elaborate below on your positions on the previous questions. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on ethics issues.

15. Do you support giving the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board access to certain sealed and confidential records in matters involving potential police discipline?

Yes

16. Do you support transferring disciplinary hearings involving police officers from the NYPD to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH)?

Yes

If needed, you may elaborate below on your positions on the previous questions.

17. Do you support maintaining the Commission on Judicial Nomination, which recommends candidates for the Court of Appeals to the Governor?

Yes

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What is your win number (the number of votes needed to win this race), and what is your plan to achieve that number?

3,500

What are your current fundraising numbers? What are your fundraising goals?

\$20,000 on hand, \$200,000 overall goal

How many individual donors do you have?

Approximately 200, but I can provide a more detailed answer after my next filing is processed.

Please indicate any endorsements that your campaign has received, if applicable (you can also share a link to a list of endorsements)

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

What else would you like us to know about yourself?

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