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

District Number 68

In which primary **Democratic**

What party line/s are you running under? Democrat, Working Families

Age

Education

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement Community Organizer

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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: Criminal Justice Reform Second: Election Reform Third: Ensuring affordable housing for long term residents of the district.

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?

As a formerly incarcerated individual, I am very proud of passing A4009A: An act to amend the correction law, in relation to providing notice of voting rights to persons released from local jails.

In providing constituent services, what are the major needs of your district's constituents and how will you meet them?

Historically, my district has faced a lack of representation that caused gaps in funding and led to structural deficits in the services and resources for our community. As an Assemblymember I work to pass legislation that will have a long term positive impact on my district. But on a day to day basis my constituents also need help where gaps still exist. Whether that's navigating the large New York bureaucracy or just needing to use a printer, I have an open door policy.

What experience have you had, if any, with good

I've worked on voting reform, specifically in regards to formerly incarcerated individuals. Additionally, I was proud to support the John

government and reform issues? (e.g. voting and elections, campaign finance, ethics, government transparency and oversight, police accountability). If you've worked to advance these goals, we'd love to hear about it.

Lewis Voting Rights Act at the state-level.

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

I was born and raised in this district.

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?

No

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.

One bill I have proposed that will improve election administration is A3999. Laws prohibiting incarcerated individuals, who are mostly African-American and Latin-x citizens as a result of targeted laws, from voting is based on a history of disenfranchisement. That is why I have worked to change that and proposed a bill that would allow incarcerated citizens, a label I used to fall under, to vote. Another voting rights bill I am working on is A8581. A8581 would allow bipartisan election officials to extend voting hours if there is a disruption at a polling site.

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 campaign finance reports, as is done in NYC?

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.

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)

The Independent Redistricting Commission

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

Yes

to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH)?

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?

Our win number is 5,785. We will win by working backwards to contact the necessary number of voters through a canvass, phones, digital, and mail operation. Build the universe based on previous supporters, voters with a high propensity to turn-out, and targeting of a multi-racial and ethnic coalition that we feel confident will equal our win number this June.

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

Cash on hand: \$29,000. Goal: \$150,000

How many individual donors do you have?

We have numerous donations from dozens and dozens in the district.

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

Working Families Party, Laborers, Senator Gillibrand, Senator Schumer, Representative Nadler, and Assemblymember Bores

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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