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District Number 69

In which primary **Democratic**

What party line/s are you running under? Democratic

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Have you completed the required campaign finance filings?

Are you participating in the State Public Campaign Finance Program?

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

Signature

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

First: Implement a robust housing policy that prioritizes affordability for all residents, incentives affordable housing development and defends tenants’ rights. I will advocate hard to expand developments statewide to create both affordable units and market rate apartments. I will also advocate for stronger tenant protection laws and ensuring fair treatment in landlord-tenant relationships.

Second: Promote safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists through improved infrastructure, such as protected bike lanes and better crosswalks, alongside increased enforcement efforts to target reckless driving.

Third: Combat bias-related hate, especially antisemitism, and all forms of discrimination throughout the community. Through education, outreach programs, and strict enforcement of anti-discrimination measures, I believe we can foster an inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents in the city.

If elected, what is the first piece of legislation you would

My first piece of legislation would prioritize addressing the affordable housing crisis throughout the city. This legislation would address the

want to introduce? If you are an incumbent, what legislation have you passed which you are most proud of?

housing shortage through a multifaceted approach including increased funds for affordable housing development, the replacement of regressive zoning laws and funding for supportive housing programs for vulnerable communities. The goal is to create a comprehensive framework that ensures access to safe, affordable housing for all residents of the city.

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

The constituents of Assembly District 69 are in desperate need of accessible representation. For far too long, the local government has been inaccessible to the average person and I intend to change that. My job as a legislator is to make myself available to residents throughout my district and listen to whatever concerns they may have. I will have an extremely accessible district office open and engaged to all members of the community. Many residents are unaware of the resources available to them through the Assembly office, so I will also run outreach campaigns to reach even the most disenfranchised citizen.

What experience have you had, if any, with good 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.

I was formerly a member of the municipal workforce so I have a personal understanding of the opportunities and challenges of being a public employee, as well as the importance and necessity of their job functions. Subsequently in my roles as an advocate, I lobbied for additional resources for state and local agencies to better support workers in administering key programs that provide essential social services to New Yorkers.

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

15 years

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

As an Assemblymember, I would utilize my power to improve election administration in New York by advocating for reforms aimed at increasing access to voting, enhancing transparency, and ensuring the integrity of the electoral process. I would support measures such as implementing automatic voter registration and modernizing voter registration systems. Additionally, I would push for increased funding and resources for the

support in regards to reforming the BOE.

Board of Elections to improve its management of elections. I would advocate for greater accountability and oversight of the Board of Elections, including measures to address instances of partisan influence through independent commissions and enhancing the role of nonpartisan election observers.

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 current Independent Redistricting Commission. New Yorkers deserve fair and equal representation and I stand in strong opposition to partisan gerrymandering.

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?

My win number is approximately 8,000 votes. To achieve this number, I plan to target specific groups in my ground strategy and canvassing efforts. Specific groups for activation include voters with a history of turning out for primary races, the pro-housing voters and renters, female voters, Jewish voters, younger voters and students registered in the district. In addition, through an organized ground-level outreach strategy, I'll seek to encourage and activate voters of color and NYCHA residents especially in the northern half of the district to turnout, messaging that previous representatives have not delivered for these communities.

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

I have currently raised approximately \$35,000. My goal is to raise \$50,000 by the 3/15 fundraising deadline and aim for \$150,00 for the race overall.

How many individual donors do you have?

187

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

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