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

District Number 70

In which primary **Democratic**

What party line/s are you running under? Democrat

Age 29

Education Syracuse University (Bachelor's)

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement I am currently the Chief of Staff to NYC Council Member Yusef Salaam. Previously, I was CM Salaam's Campaign Manager and a member of Community Board 11 for a number of years. I grew up around public service, as my father Keith L.T. Wright represented the 70th AD from 1992-2016, and I often accompanied him to community events.

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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 – Harlem faces both a housing shortage and an affordable housing shortage. Folks who have grown up here are being priced out, and as the epicenter of Black political life and culture in this country, Harlem cannot afford to allow this affordability crisis to persist.

Second: Jobs – We must prepare Harlem's workers for the jobs of the future.

Third: Youth Services – We must support the true growth and development of our youth.

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?

Ultimately, if elected, supporting my community boils down to ensuring public safety. To do so, we must tackle some of the root causes of crime, chief among them being the inability to afford a home or obtain a good-paying job. Therefore, while I am deeply hopeful that Albany acts on a well-rounded bill to tackle the affordable housing crisis, as of now, a strong piece of legislation will be my immediate priority. To do so, we must ensure that tax incentives are sufficient to actually promote development and that

measures are put in place to affirm that good-paying union jobs will be at the base of any incentive. If we can build more affordable housing for folks to live in, and if we can build that very affordable housing by creating local union jobs, we will have chipped away at two of the root causes of our present issues with public safety.

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

In the 70th Assembly District, the issue I hear most as I walk the streets of my community is affordable housing. We have a shortage in Harlem and across this city and state, and when affordable units do come available, they are often difficult to find before they get swept off the market. My constituent services team will be prepared to connect residents to affordable housing opportunities as they arise, especially as I continue my fight for more affordable housing through legislation.

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.

As Chief of Staff to NYC Council Member Yusef Salaam, I stood behind the How Many Stops Act, whose sole aim was to increase data collection around substantive police interactions. Also, I will continue to advocate for more community-based policing so that communities can truly get to know the officers tasked with keeping them safe. In the Assembly, I will fight for police accountability and good government reforms supporting non-partisan redistricting efforts, ethical campaign finance, and increased government transparency.

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

29 years (my whole life)

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.

As a member of the Assembly, I would strongly stand behind proposals to increase the amount and level of training for our poll workers. While they are under-appreciated, they are also often under-trained. Moreover, in cases where we have more poll worker candidates than positions available, hiring should be conducted on the basis of merit so that we have the most competent election administrators possible.

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)

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 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 on this campaign is 6,700 votes. In order to achieve this goal, I have in place a robust campaign operation, led by State Committee Member Londel Davis, Jr. as my campaign manager and District Leader William Allen as Londel's deputy. I have obtained Back Chamber Consulting, led by Kyle Ishmael and Raziq Seabrook, as my general strategists, given their impressive records across the state and especially within Harlem. In addition, I have a dedicated finance director leading an impressive fundraising operation that has far outdone my field of competitors thus far. I have a Field and Communications team working on ambitious plans for physical and virtual outreach to voters, and I have a large team of advisors in the field, policy, fundraising, and faith communities supporting my efforts.

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

Currently, I have raised \$89,000, with \$38,000 on hand | Overall Fundraising Goal: \$375,000 | Private Funds Goal: \$200,000 | Matching Funds Goal: \$175,000.

How many individual donors do you have?

~285

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

1) Keith L.T. Wright (New York County Democratic Party Leader; former NYS Assemblyman from AD-70 (1992-2016); Democratic District Leader from AD-70C)
2) Yusef Salaam (NYC Council Member from D-09 (2024-present); member of the Exonerated Central Park 5)
3) Charlie Rangel (former U.S. Representative (1971-2017); former NYS Assemblyman (1967-1970); Democratic District Leader from AD-70B)
4) Inez E. Dickens (NYS Assemblywoman from AD-70 (2017-present); former NYC Council Member from D-09 (2006-2016); Democratic District Leader from AD-70B)
5) Cordell Cleare (NYS Senator from SD-30 (2021-present); Democratic District Leader from AD-70A)
6) David Paterson (former Governor of the State of New York)
7) H. Carl McCall (former Comptroller of the State of New York)
8) Al Taylor (NYS Assemblyman from AD-71 (2017-present))
9) William A. Allen (Democratic District Leader from AD-70A)

- 10) Wilma Brown (Democratic District Leader from AD-70C)
- 11) Jackie Rowe-Adams (Prominent Harlem gun violence prevention advocate)
- 12) Ilesha Sekou (Prominent NYC gun violence advocate)

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?

I am running to represent the 70th Assembly District because I believe deeply in the potential of our community and its residents. As a lifelong Harlemit and dedicated advocate – someone who served for years on his local Community Board and now serves as Chief of Staff to local Council Member Yusef Salaam – I am committed to addressing the pressing issues facing our district, including affordable housing, education, public safety, environmental justice, and immigrants’ rights. I understand these challenges firsthand, and I am passionate about implementing solutions that will improve the lives of all residents. With my track record of effective local advocacy, hard work, and a comprehensive understanding of our district's needs, I am determined to be a next generation leader for positive change and to ensure that every member of our community has the opportunities they need to find success while remaining in Harlem.

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