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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? **Democratic**

Age

Education

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement I ran for State Senate in 2021 Special Election and State Senate 2022 in the Democratic Primary for District 30

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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

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

First: Mental Health

Second: Housing and Housing the Homeless

Third: Small Business

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?

I would like to introduce making mental health counselors being first responders with the NYPD when the situation calls for it.

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

Housing, Mental Health Services, and Tackling the Homelessness Crisis are major issues in my district. I will prioritize mental health by advocating for accessible mental health services, collaborate with organizations to increase affordable housing options, and propose initiatives to tackle homelessness through housing programs and support services. Effective communication and community engagement will be crucial in implementing these solutions.

What experience have you

I've actively engaged in fostering good government through my roles in

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.

community organizations, advocating for increased transparency, and supporting initiatives for police accountability. My commitment to ethical governance is reflected in my efforts to promote fair elections and ensure citizens' voices are heard.

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

20 plus 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 support in regards to reforming the BOE.

As a legislator, I would champion legislation aimed at enhancing election administration in New York, advocating for measures such as modernizing voting systems, expanding access to polling locations, and promoting voter education initiatives. I'd work collaboratively to address any existing challenges and strive for policies that prioritize fairness, efficiency, and inclusivity in our electoral process.

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)

I believe an independent and bipartisan redistricting commission should be responsible for drawing new district maps every decade in New York. This approach helps ensure fairness, transparency, and minimizes the potential for gerrymandering, allowing for a more representative and accountable political landscape.

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?

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

How many individual donors do you have?

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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