



Candidate Questionnaire

Local Candidates Committee NYS Legislative Election - Primary 2026

Name Eon Huntley

GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Sought (New York State)

District Number 56

In which primary

Age 42

Education BFA in Fashion Design

Current job, position, or occupation

The Row Specialist / Brand Manager, Bergdorf Goodman

I am a full time retail worker. I work on my feet and earn an hourly wage.

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement

-Volunteer for Bernie Sanders, 2016; 2019-2020

-NYC-DSA member 2018 - Current

-Member of Workers United Local 340, bargaining committee at Barneys NY 2016-2019

-President of PTA at PS54, 2020 - 2023

-Candidate for AD56 Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights, 2023 - 2024

-Dads For Kamala Leadership, founding member, lead volunteer coordinator, 2024

-NYCC Central Brooklyn branch leadership, delegate, 2024 - Current

-NYC-DSA Afro-Socialist and Socialists of Color Caucus coordinating committee, recruitment team, 2024 - 2025

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GOALS AND PLANS

In addition to evaluating stances on the reform issues, Citizens Union considers the campaign goals articulated to voters, issues specific to the district, and the ability propose thoughtful solutions to represent constituents' interests.

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

1) Housing justice and affordable housing. I will support establishing a Social Housing Development Authority that will use public resources to build new permanently affordable units. I support the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), to help protect buildings from predatory speculators and put the tenants who actually live there in control. I'll defend our rent stabilization laws from any attempt to weaken them and support efforts like the Rent Emergency Stabilization (REST) Act to expand the number of tenants protected by these laws.

2) I want to ensure New Yorkers can enjoy quality childcare and education from cradle to college by fighting for no-cost childcare, fully funded public schools, and free and universal CUNY and SUNY. I support the Universal Child Care Act, which will establish an essential and visionary state childcare program, relieving one of the largest financial burdens parents and prospective parents face. I will always fight for maximal funding for public education, and never support diverting funds to charter schools.

3) I will do everything I can to protect our immigrant neighbors and get Trump's masked and unaccountable ICE enforcers off our streets. That means passing the New York For All Act, which bars the state from cooperating with ICE or using our New York tax dollars to carry out federal "immigration enforcement." I'll also fight for the Dignity Not Detention Act, which will get New York out of the business of ICE detention by prohibiting state and local facilities from holding people detained by ICE.

How long have you lived in the district in which you are running, and do you have any achievements or involvement in your district you are particularly proud of?

I have lived at my current address, within the boundaries of AD-56, for a little over a year. I am a lifelong resident of Brooklyn. I have lived all over the borough, but my earliest years were spent living with my grandmother and single mother in the Louis Pink Houses, a NYCHA housing complex in East New York. As a young adult, I moved first to Bushwick and then later to Bed-Stuy, where I have lived since 2009 and raised my two daughters.

At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic I stepped up to lead the PTA at my daughter's school (PS54) after the sudden departure of the prior president left a vacuum in leadership. I am particularly proud of how, during that time, we were able to work with our school community to organize a mobile food pantry in partnership with Food Bank For New York City which served over 200 families, once a month from February 2020 until 2024. The mobile pantry was volunteer operated and staffed by a network of local community members, with whom I was able to form close and lasting bonds. I'm proud that the mobile party was able to help serve as a social safety net for many families who were struggling to put food on the table when so many experienced a sudden loss of income due the pandemic.

What experience have you had, if any, with good government and reform issues? (e.g. voting and elections, campaign finance, ethics and anti-corruption, checks and balances, government transparency and oversight, police accountability). If you've worked to advance these goals, we'd love to hear about it.

As a democratic socialist, my political vision is to create a world where every person can live a good life by challenging the structures in society that further enrich and empower the already rich and powerful. I

chose to run for office in the first place because I was sick of my community being represented by politicians who are more accountable to the high dollar donors and the lobbyist PACs who bankroll their campaigns than to the masses of their constituents.

My campaign, by contrast, rejects all corporate donors. Instead it is powered by individual contributions from working people united by a belief in our vision. I am glad to be campaigning here in New York State, where - thanks to the advocacy of good government reform groups like Citizens Union - we have taken an important step towards curbing the influence of big money in politics by establishing the public matching funds program. I am proud to have participated in the public matching funds program, both this time around and in my previous campaign in 2024. This funding is critical to enabling insurgent campaigns like mine to challenge entrenched incumbents with anything approaching a level playing field and has helped give working class people a greater voice in helping to determine who will represent them in government.

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

1. Do you support opening up New York City's closed primary system, allowing over 1 million unaffiliated voters that are currently locked out of the election to participate in the primary election?

Yes

Comments (optional)

We know how crucial primaries are: they determine who's on the ballot in the first place. That's why it's key that we don't restrict primaries to official party members, and that's why I support opening up NYC's closed primary system so that more people can engage in primary elections. Because unaffiliated voters often come from marginalized groups and are younger, we have to reform NYC's closed primary system if we are to move towards a more representative municipal system.

2. Will you oppose any attempt to permanently remove redistricting protections from the state constitution, including existing protections of minority voting rights, population equity, ban on political gerrymandering, and consideration of communities of interest?

Yes

Comments (optional)

In the US at large, we've seen political gerrymandering make multiple elections into self-fulfilling prophecies, all because district lines were redrawn to deliver partisan results. I stand opposed to ongoing efforts to chip away at voting protections, which are the bedrock of our democratic institutions. This includes making sure that the state constitution protects against redistricting that would, among other things, erode minority voting rights.

3. Do you support reforming the process of filling vacancies in the state legislature by implementing nonpartisan special elections (like the system used in New York City) instead of giving party officials the power to decide who will run as the party nominee?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. Legislators should be chosen by the voters of the district they represent, not by unelected party insiders. The shortened timeline of a special election doesn't justify this undemocratic decision making process.

4. Do you support restructuring the New York City Board of Elections to make it more professionalized and transparent, and less dependent on political parties (S699 Krueger/A1852 Rozic)?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. The politicization of the BOE undermines voters' ability to feel confident in the integrity of our electoral systems and risks giving party insiders opportunities to put their fingers on the scale. In order to ensure elections are fair and transparent, the BOE should absolutely be an independent and professionalized agency.

5. Do you oppose requiring registered voters to show ID to vote in New York State?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. Voter ID laws are a voter suppression tactic that disproportionately serve to disenfranchise poor, Black and Brown voters. Throwing up procedural obstacles that make it more complicated for people to vote recalls this country's ugly history of Jim Crow laws. We should not be taking historical steps backward. To make our government more democratic, we should be implementing reforms that make it easier for more people to cast a ballot, not more difficult.

6. Do you support providing time extenders for polling place voting hours in cases where an emergency leads to voting being disrupted or shut down? (S4602A Gounardes/A5846A Gibbs)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. I believe in making voting accessible, and that includes the important practicalities of making sure that people can get to a polling place. I have seen that extended voting hours are important for working people's voting access, and the flexibility to extend voting hours becomes even more important in the case of an emergency disruption.

7. Do you support the Democracy During Detention Act (S440 Myrie/A2121 Walker), which establishes the election infrastructure to make voting accessible for all those eligible to vote who are detained in jails?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes, I strongly support the Democracy During Detention Act. It is unconscionable that people who are detained are being denied their democratic rights. As a society, it is our responsibility to ensure that all can access their right to vote, regardless of detention.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

8. Are you a public campaign finance participant? If not, please explain why.

Yes

Comments (if needed)

Yes, I participate in the public campaign finance program. I have pledged not to take any contributions from those who stand in the way of real progressive change like real estate developers, corporate lobbyists, professional landlords, law enforcement organizations and the like. These are all antithetical to my politics. Instead, my campaign fundraising is grounded in small donors, because these are the people who I want to represent in office

9. Are you a supporter of the state's public campaign matching funds program, and do you commit to ensuring the program is fully funded?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes, I commit to supporting NY state's public campaign matching funds program, including its full funding. This program is crucial for making sure that NY elections aren't dominated by those with the money to buy them. In my own campaign and others who refuse corporate lobbying funds, I have seen the powerful effects of matching funds: this program means that small donors' voices can also be heard and represented in our legislature.

10. Do you support requiring disclosure of a contributor's employer in campaign finance reports? (S1910 Rivera/A3092 Carroll)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. Disclosure of campaign donors' employers helps the public identify patterns in order to see if a particular corporation or industry may be attempting to buy a politicians' influence. Full transparency is important for a healthy democracy. Voters deserve to know whose money is paying for the mailers that they see at their doorstep.

11. Do you support requiring Independent Expenditure entities (Super PACs) to disclose their top three donors on ads, similar to the requirements under NYC law? (S8445 Fahy/A10097Solages)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes, I support this move towards greater transparency. We need to know where political communications are coming from so that voters can make informed decisions about whether to trust the ads they're seeing.

12. Do you support applying lower contribution limits to lobbyists and people doing business with the state or seeking contracts from the state? New York City imposes lower contribution limits for registered lobbyists and individuals doing business with the City.

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. We need to take greater steps to prevent conflict of interest in our elections and allocation of contracts. Those doing business with the government should not have an outsized voice in our politics.

ETHICS

13. Do you support requiring lobbyists to report their campaign contributions and fundraising activity, as well as campaign consulting services they provide?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes, I support as much transparency as possible around lobbying and campaign consulting. In my own district, I have seen the effects of an incumbent who has listened to real estate lobbyists and developers for too long. The result has been stalled protections against price gouging and unjust eviction. That's why we need to elect representatives that are not beholden to the real estate industry or other lobbyists; an elected representative should always prioritize working for their constituents' needs. Having transparency will help hold elected representatives accountable if they are not doing so.

14. Do you support including lobbying regarding a nomination or confirmation of a nominee that requires Senate confirmation in lobbying reports? (S374 Gianaris/A7456 McDonald)

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15. Do you support codifying sexual harassment as conduct that violates the public officers and employees code of ethics? (Gounardes S4197/Kelles A6201)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. Our public servants should be held to the highest behavioral standards. Sexual harassment is never acceptable and I support efforts to create greater infrastructure to hold public officers who commit it accountable.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

16. 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? (S4966 Bailey/A292 Cruz)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. I support increasing police accountability, which is why we need independent agencies like the Civilian Complaint Review Board. Making sure that the board has access to the information it needs is one crucial step in strengthening their ability to hold the NYPD accountable. We need to pair this with key questions like how to ensure the NYPD is meaningfully implementing the Review Board's recommendations.

17. Do you support transferring disciplinary hearings involving police officers from the NYPD to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH)? (S3927 Myrie)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. The police should not be in charge of holding themselves accountable; we need to move towards stronger and independent oversight of the police.

REVISING CITY CHARTERS

15. Do you support banning the establishment of “lame duck” charter revision commissions, established by mayors right before the end of their term? (S8934 Liu)

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes. Mayoral administrations should not be pushing for permanent changes to the city charter just as their democratic mandates are about to expire.

16. Do you support mandating that charter commissions conduct their process over a mandatory minimum timeline of 180 days before issuing recommended ballot questions to a city’s charter?

Yes

Comments (optional)

Yes, the charter commission process should be conducted on a timeline long enough to allow ample time for regular New Yorkers from different backgrounds in different parts of the city to engage and give their input.

ADDITIONAL INFO