



# Candidate Questionnaire

Local Candidates Committee NYS Legislative Election - Primary 2026

**Name** JACKY WONG

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Office Sought (New York State)**

**District Number** 65

**In which primary**

**Age** 49

**Education** MASTER DEGREE

### Current job, position, or occupation

I am a housing consultant for Chinatown Partnership Local Development Corporation on a Community Land Trust project

### Other positions or roles

I am the democratic district leader for AD 65, Part B.

### Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement

Land Use, Zoning, Private and Public Housing Committee Chair of Manhattan Community Board 3

## Campaign Contact Information

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**Signature** 

## 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. Build more affordable housing by increasing supply through mid-density, mid-rise development in appropriate locations, while strengthening affordability requirements beyond the current 25% under the 485X tax credit and using stackable programs to deepen affordability. Prioritize 100% affordable housing on public land to serve very low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, and convert underutilized hotels and office spaces into permanent affordable housing rather than luxury redevelopment.

2. Ensure affordable and accessible care by treating healthcare as a basic right and keeping coverage within reach for all New Yorkers. Protect coverage in the face of federal cuts by strengthening the New York State of Health marketplace and safeguarding affordable options like the Essential Plan. Expand support for hospitals, community health centers, and preventive care programs to prevent closures and maintain stable access in underserved communities, while improving enrollment and renewal systems so eligible residents can get and keep the coverage they need.

3. Protect families and strengthen stability by defending NYCHA and Section 8 residents, including mixed-status families, from displacement and eviction pressures driven by federal policy changes. Advance legislation to require judicial warrants not only for residential spaces but also for commercial spaces in order to uphold due process, prevent unlawful ICE enforcement, and ensure greater accountability and transparency. At the same time, expand and standardize language access across government agencies so limited-English speakers can fully access services and programs, and strengthen outreach and civic engagement so immigrant communities are not shut out of decision-making or misrepresented.

**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 in Lower Manhattan for over 20 years, and I am proud that much of my work has been directly tied to improving life in this district. As a journalist, I spent more than a decade reporting on housing, immigration, and neighborhood issues in Chinatown, the Lower East Side, and other immigrant communities, and that work earned national recognition, including the 2011 Civil Rights and Social Justice Award from the Asian American Journalists Association. I am also proud of my service on Manhattan Community Board 3, where I chaired the Land Use, Zoning, Public and Private Housing Committee and worked on major neighborhood land use and housing issues, including matters affecting Grand Street co-ops and surrounding communities. Through my work in nonprofit housing management, I helped oversee a federally funded senior housing facility in the district and worked directly on housing, tenant, and quality-of-life issues residents face every day. Since last year, I have also helped organize and provide immigration legal workshops in partnership with local elected officials and legal service organizations to connect immigrant residents with reliable information and legal support at a time of growing uncertainty. More than any title, I am proud that I have spent years doing practical, on-the-ground work in the same neighborhoods I now hope to represent.

**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.**

My reporting on civil rights and social justice, which earned the 2011 Civil Rights and Social Justice Award from the Asian American Journalists Association, included uncovering the case of Asian American soldier from AD65 who was hazed to death in Afghanistan. The incident was initially at risk of being buried, but through my reporting, the story was brought to light. I worked with local and congressional representatives to push for accountability, helping bring those responsible to justice and advancing legislations that strengthened oversight and prevention of hazing within the military. This experience reinforced my commitment to ensuring that government actions are scrutinized and that marginalized voices are not ignored.

# 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)

More than one million unaffiliated voters should not be locked out of that process. I support reforms that expand participation and make our elections more inclusive, representative, and democratic.

**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

**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

**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

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

Yes

**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

**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

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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

Yes

**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

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

Yes

**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

**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

# ETHICS

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

Yes

**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)**

Yes

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

Yes

## **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

**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

# 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

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

## ADDITIONAL INFO

Please feel free to attach any additional information such as resume, campaign brochures, or issues statements.



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### What else would you like us to know about yourself?

Thank you to Citizens Union for your longstanding commitment to good government, accountability, and democratic reform in New York City. I deeply respect the role your organization has played in promoting ethical leadership and stronger public institutions.

As someone who has spent much of my career working at the intersection of community advocacy, housing, and public accountability, I share those values and would be honored to earn your support. I am also proud to be a product of CUNY, having earned my Master’s degree in Real Estate from Baruch College at the City University of New York. That experience, along with my years of work in Lower Manhattan, shaped my belief that government must be practical, transparent, and responsive to the people it serves.

I appreciate your consideration and the opportunity to present my candidacy. I would be grateful for your endorsement and the chance to work with you in advancing effective, accountable government for all New Yorkers.