

**Name** Jessica Ramos

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Office Sought (New York State)**

**District Number** 13

**In which primary**

**Age** 40

**Education** Hofstra University

### Current job, position, or occupation

State Senator

### Other positions or roles

Director of Latino Media, City of New York  
Communications Adviser, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives  
Communications Director, Build Up NYC

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

Democratic District Leader 2010-2014  
Queens Community Board 3 Member  
Jackson Heights Beautification Group Board Member

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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?**

Deliver an economy that works for working people, build more housing, and make government more effective. I will advance wage and labor standards, invest in a union climate economy, increase housing supply with real affordability, and strengthen oversight and transparency to ensure laws are enforced and agencies deliver.

### **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 was born in Elmhurst Hospital in my district. I moved to Corona in 2005 and to Jackson Heights in 2009. As Labor Chair, I've passed laws raising wages, strengthening worker protections, and improving enforcement. I believe this helps workers and levels the playing field for good employers. I've secured major public investments like the \$2.1 billion excluded workers fund and built coalitions to move policy from proposal to implementation like raising the minimum wage and tying it to inflation. I'm also very proud of passing the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act and championing universal child care.

### **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.**

I've advanced transparency, accountability, and enforcement in government. As Labor Chair, I've strengthened oversight of wage theft and workplace standards, and pushed agencies to better enforce laws on the books. I support strong ethics rules, campaign finance reform, and transparency in decision-making, I also back independent oversight, including strengthening bodies like the CCRB, to ensure public trust 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)

I don't believe New Yorkers should be shut out of meaningful elections. Many like mine are solely decided in Democratic primaries. I support expanding participation while ensuring reforms are implemented thoughtfully to protect voter engagement and confidence in the process.

**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)

I strongly oppose weakening constitutional protections. Fair maps, protection of minority voting rights, and respect for communities of interest are essential to a functioning democracy.

**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)

Voters should choose their representatives. I support nonpartisan special elections to increase transparency, accountability, and public trust, while ensuring communities have fair and timely representation.

**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)

The BOE must be professional, transparent, and accountable. I support restructuring to reduce patronage, improve operations, and ensure every voter can access a fair and efficient election system.

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

Yes

**Comments (optional)**

I oppose voter ID requirements that risk disenfranchising voters. Our focus should be expanding access and ensuring elections are secure, accessible, and fair without creating unnecessary barriers.

**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)**

No voter should lose their voice due to an emergency. I support extending polling hours to ensure all eligible voters have a fair opportunity to cast their ballot.

**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)**

Eligible voters should not lose their right to vote due to detention. I support establishing clear, consistent infrastructure to ensure access to the ballot while maintaining integrity and accountability in the process.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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

Yes

## Comments (if needed)

I participate in public financing because it expands access to running for office and strengthens accountability to small donors, not special interests.

**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)

I support fully funding the program. It empowers grassroots campaigns, diversifies participation in our democracy, and reduces the influence of large donors.

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

Yes

## Comments (optional)

Transparency is essential to public trust. Disclosing employer information helps identify potential conflicts and ensures voters understand who is supporting candidates.

**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)

Voters deserve to know who is funding political ads. Requiring disclosure of top donors increases transparency and helps reduce the influence of dark money in our elections.

**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)

Lower limits help prevent pay to play and strengthen public trust. Those seeking to influence or do business with the state should be subject to stricter standards to ensure decisions are made in the public interest.

# 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)

Full transparency around lobbying and campaign activity is essential to prevent conflicts of interest and strengthen public trust in government.

**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

## Comments (optional)

The public deserves transparency in all areas of influence, including nominations and confirmations. Disclosure ensures accountability in the appointment process.

**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)

Sexual harassment must be clearly defined as an ethics violation with real consequences. Codifying it strengthens accountability, protects workers, and helps ensure a safe and respectful workplace in government.

# 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)

Meaningful oversight requires access to relevant records. Providing CCRB access strengthens accountability and public trust while ensuring due process protections remain in place.

**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)

Independent adjudication improves fairness and credibility. Moving hearings to OATH helps ensure consistent, transparent discipline separate from NYPD influence.

# 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)

Charter revision should reflect public trust, not last-minute maneuvering. This protects transparency and legitimacy.

**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)

A minimum timeline ensures meaningful public input and thoughtful deliberation, preventing rushed proposals that undermine confidence in the process.

# 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?

I've built a record of delivering results through coalition-building, not just rhetoric. I prioritize implementation, fiscal responsibility, and measurable outcomes. I also bring a labor lens to economic policy, ensuring growth translates into real gains for working people. I welcome accountability and believe good governance requires transparency, consistency, and follow-through.