



# Candidate Questionnaire

Local Candidates Committee NYS Legislative Election - Primary 2026

**Name** Latoya LeGrand

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

**District Number** 32

**In which primary** Democratic

**Age** 40

**Education** Associates degree at LaGuardia Community College and Bachelor's degree at CUNY John Jay

### Current job, position, or occupation

District Manager for Senate District 10

### Other positions or roles

Founder of Projects II Projects  
Education Chair of Queens Community Board 12  
Former Constituent services for Assembly District 32

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

None, ran for City Council District 28 in 2025, coming in third place.

## Campaign Contact Information

**Twitter** <https://www.legrand4assembly.com/>

**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?

Centering teachers, making sure teachers are funded by working with educators on day one to make sure

the next budget is passed with greater education funding

Ensuring greater accountability in affordable in affordable housing construction and financing, moving away from a solely private developer model

Investing in public safety that work, especially taking close look at funding streams for CBOs

**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?**

o I have lived in the district for over 20 years, since I moved in to South Jamaica Houses at 18 year old and have since raised my family here. I am proud of the work that I have done as the Education Chair of Community Board 12, inspired by my fight with the DOE where I sued them and won to make sure my son and kids like him have proper resources for their IEPs. I am also proud of my work at my non-profit Projects II Projects, where we provide direct resources to our community such as giving away backpacks and school supplies at the beginning of the school year.

**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 Community Board 12 Education chair I have been working with the superintendent to bring greater transparency to resource and opportunity allocation in our district as compared to other districts. I also have 6 years of experience working in local government at the State Senate and State Assembly level.

# 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)

Yes, as it especially disenfranchises voters who are against the two party system or want to maintain their independence

**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

## Comments (optional)

Yes, we have seen in Southeast Queens the benefits of implementing nonpartisan special elections for NYC elections and I would love to extend this to state elections as well to give power back to the people.

**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

## Comments (optional)

Yes, voter ID laws have a dark history in this country and I am opposed to them.

**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, this is a common sense law that I support to increase equity.

**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

## Comments (if needed)

Yes I am, and it is a crucial lifeline for working class candidates like myself.

**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 absolutely am a supporter and beneficiary and will commit to ensuring the program is fully funded

**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

## Comments (optional)

Absolutely, I saw in my last race the effects of PAC money flooding our local democracy with the AirBnB PAC pumping tens of thousands of dollars into my opponents campaign - we need greater transparency and disclosure.

**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

### **Comments (optional)**

Absolutely this is a crucial step to transparency

**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