

**Name** Patrick Martinez

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Office Sought (New York State)**

**District Number** 30

**In which primary**

**Age** 38

**Education** MBA

### Current job, position, or occupation

Director of Accounts and Operations at Pentaleap

### Other positions or roles

Board Member, Queens Community Board 2  
Democratic District Leader, AD30

## Campaign Contact Information

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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?**

My campaign is centered on three core priorities:

1) Affordable Housing & Tenant Protections: We don't have enough housing New Yorkers can actually afford – and that is a crisis. I'm ready to continue the work I've done on Queens CB 2 to build housing so that people who want to stay in New York, raise their families here, and invest in our communities can afford to. I will fight to strengthen rent stabilization laws, expand truly affordable housing, and increase funding for tenant legal services. I will support legislation that closes loopholes landlords use to push tenants out and work with local organizations to ensure enforcement.

2) Immigration: Queens is the most diverse place in the world, and my district has some of the largest immigrant populations in the state. We need to protect our history and our future by defending immigrant communities from ICE and Trump. Whether that's working to make sure ICE is accountable in New York or investing in language access programs, our response to the issues facing immigrant communities will determine New York's future.

3) Education: As a public school student and son of a UFT member, I know that our schools – including early childhood education centers – are critical. Every student deserves a high-quality education that sets them up for success, and we need to invest in our schools in order to invest in our communities. This includes expanding universal childcare and ensuring schools are fully funded.

### **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 deep roots in this district and have spent years working in and serving communities across District 30. I was raised here, educated in its public schools, and now have chosen to set roots here in the community for the long-haul. I've been on my local community board for the past 5 years and I've served as a Democratic District leader, working with the current Assemblymember to help organize the district, for the past 4 years. I'm particularly proud of my work supporting immigrant families, connecting residents to essential services, and advocating for housing and workplace protections. In particular, I've served on Queens Community Board 2 fighting for prevailing wages and deeply affordable housing on development projects, including when discussing conditions for OneLIC.

### **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 support strengthening our institutions to provide trust and confidence in our system, especially in this period of increased cynicism. I have supported efforts to increase transparency in decision-making, expand voter engagement, and hold institutions accountable to the communities they serve. I believe strongly in campaign finance reform, ethical governance, and ensuring that public institutions operate with integrity and fairness. Experience in this realm is mostly related to my work on the Community Board, where I try to conduct myself, and encourage others, to emulate these values as a model for others.

# 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?**

No

## Comments (optional)

Organizing starts block by block, with political groups building up from there. Parties should work to persuade individuals to join their ranks, and if individuals cannot find a party to fit their needs, new groups and parties can be made to fill that void.

**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 any effort to weaken redistricting protections, including safeguards against gerrymandering and protections for 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)

I support reforming the vacancy process to allow for nonpartisan special elections, giving voters the deciding voice.

**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 Board of Elections should be professionalized, transparent, and less dependent on political parties.

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

Yes

**Comments (optional)**

Voter ID laws have more of a negative impact than a positive impact with regards to voter engagement.

**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)**

Voters should not lose access due to unforeseen disruptions.

**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 incarcerated individuals must have meaningful access to vote.

## 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

## Comments (optional)

Full disclosure is necessary to prevent conflicts of interest and build trust of the system.

**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)

Transparency must extend to all areas of influence.

**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, this is essential for accountability and maintaining public trust.

## 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

### **Comments (optional)**

Having these hearings be handled by OATH would improve fairness, independence, and public confidence in the process.

## 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)

Major structural changes should not be rushed at the end of an administration.

**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 deliberate, transparent process is essential for meaningful public input.

## ADDITIONAL INFO