



Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats: 2022 Federal Candidate Questionnaire

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Please answer each of the following questions to the best of your ability:

1) Why do you seek an endorsement from CBID?

I am seeking the endorsement of CBID so that I can expand my base of support for my voting block in the 2022 House race to represent Congressional District 11 of Staten Island/Southern Brooklyn.

2) If elected, what would be your top legislative priority?

To propose a bill to help and promote small business support due the pandemic and health crisis we have suffered for the past couple of years.

3) Do you support the right of a pregnant person to choose to terminate their pregnancy? Have you always? If not, please explain why your position has changed.

I support a person's right to choose to terminate her pregnancy because this is a personal matter only the individual can deal with for reasons best known to her, which can have very complex extenuating circumstances and therefore should be left to her alone to determine.

4) With Roe v. Wade at risk, do you plan to ensure adequate funding and legal protection to guarantee the right to accessible abortion and health services? If so, what actions will you take?

Yes, I do plan to ensure adequate funding and legal protection to guarantee the right to accessible health services for all women. I would support women's right to choose and provide funding under Medicaid to help the poor and needy in family planning.

5) What is your position on the building of new oil or gas projects? What is your vision for expanding the nation's supply and transmission of renewable energy? Do you support the vision of a Green New Deal?

I think that in order to protect our environment for our children and posterity, we have to refrain from building new gas and oil projects. On the contrary we need to support and promote the green new deal by focusing on a greener economy because our future depends on it.

6) What health care reforms or plans do you support?



I believe that adequate health care coverage is a right for all citizens and hence, I will support any health care reform that will make this a reality.

7) Do you support repealing the Senate filibuster? If so, how will you use your platform to push for this reform?

I don't support repealing the Senate filibuster. I think that as an institution the Senate should not allow itself to follow adhoc opinions for the sake of convenience or expediency. If congress would pass common sense legislation we can as a nation get bipartisan support to move the country's agenda forward.

8) Voter ID laws, poll taxes, and limitations on polling sites and early voting are all examples of voter suppression tactics. What will you do to protect voting rights and elections, including but not limited to cosponsoring legislation?

I would support the making of elections day a federal holiday to encourage voter participation. I would also support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2021 to strengthen the voting rights act of 1965.

9) What steps do you support to reduce gun violence in the United States?

I would implement an adequate waiting period for gun purchase. I would also like to raise legal age limit to purchase guns across the board. Finally it would be wise to deny gun purchase to people who commit certain crimes such as murder, rape, armed robbery etc...

10) What actions do you support to protect our immigrant neighbors?

I support DACA and I also support providing a path to citizenship for eligible immigrants who qualify.

11) What steps do you support to reform our criminal justice system?

There is a need to reform our criminal justice system starting with the parole process. Chronic offenders should not be granted parole and mental health offenders should not be criminalized but placed in adequate mental health institutions that can care for their needs.

12) What policies do you support to ensure fairness in employment and workplace conditions, as well as strengthening and increasing access to unions?

Fairness in employment and workplace conditions must be based on competence and qualifications. Workers have the right to form and join unions to fight for adequate salaries and good working conditions.

13) What would you do to ensure access to affordable and quality housing for everyone in Brooklyn



and nationwide?

Affordable and quality housing for everyone in Brooklyn and nationwide can be achieved through rent controlled apartments and subsidized programs.

14) What, if any, groups or types of people will you not accept campaign contributions from? If so, please note whose money you will not accept.

I will not accept money from corporate PACs. An example is the NRA.