

Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats: 2021 Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire

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

1) If elected, what would be your top priority in your first term?

1. My top priority would be to begin to address the systemic and structural issues that perpetuate disparity and inequity by race, gender and class. We must center the voices of people who have been systematically disenfranchised by bad policies, some of which go back centuries, especially since we are living in unprecedented times that call for the radical reimagining of what is possible. I am running to create a new social contract that centers and elevates communities that have historically been left behind. I am not promising to get NYC back to status quo, I am promising to help us build an NYC that has never existed, but is urgently needed.

In my first term I would focus on creating a budget that reflects those priorities and values. This includes making deep investments in quality, affordable and accessible housing to address homelessness, increasing mental health counselors in schools, providing job training & internships for youth, expanding the violence interrupters programs to address increasing gun violence and creating a Community First Responders Department to address homeless, mental health and substance abuse challenges in communities. Another critical priority that would provide funding support for these measures would be to significantly divest from policing by both reducing the department's budget and removing police from schools in order to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

2) What personal and/or professional experiences do you believe make you uniquely qualified to run for New York City Mayor? Attach resume or CV if desired.
(See attached CV)

I see the role of the Mayor in two parts. First, the Mayor should have shared a vision of the future, and possibilities for the City that New Yorkers can believe in and buy into. A vision that clearly articulates the value that every New Yorker brings to the City, and the connection