



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?

In March of 2020, we were tested as a nation and as a city like never before. Our healthcare system, retailers, transportation operation, financial sector, education apparatus, sports and recreation centers, tourism, etc., all felt the full brunt of an unrelenting and unforgiving pandemic. Unfortunately, there was a certain degree of governmental ineptitude which compounded the problem. Many lives were lost unnecessarily due to bureaucracy, in-fighting, egomania, and incompetence.

As New Yorkers, we deserve better. I am running for Congress because my qualifications satisfy the three main criteria: I am willing to serve, able to serve, and ready to serve the as the congresswoman for New York's 10th Congressional District.

With over 2,000 unique volunteers, all of which were never involved in a movement to take control of their futures, I am the fresh new voice New York never knew it needed.

I ran for Mayor of New York City (2021), New York State Comptroller (2022) and now Congress (2022); gathered over 58,000 signatures (combined for 3 races) in 17 congressional districts, in less than 1-year, with no prior political experience, if one of these candidates has done this, then I will tell you that person deserves your endorsement. **97%** of the campaign contributions received from prior races were from first time donors. As a mother of three, that resides in New York #10, attended high school and college (NYU) in New York #10, helped the residents and small business owners recover from Superstorm Sandy as a federal emergency management official in New York #10; it would be an honor to serve and receive your endorsement.

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

I would have to say my top legislative priority is education. It is important to ensure the United States has a first-class K-12 21st education system.

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 have always supported a woman's right to choose.

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?** I

have always supported a woman's right to choose. Ensuring organizations such as Planned Parenthood Federation of America have the financial support they need, can lead to increases in access to reproductive healthcare. Additionally, I would advocate to fund research that explores the information seeking channels of low-income residents in communities through-out the United States to ensure abortion and health services



remain accessible as well.

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? One of the most significant issues and potentially more threatening to our life expectancy than a pandemic or war is climate change. I do support the framework and vision of a Green New Deal.

As the representative for New York's 10th Congressional district, I would look at areas and instances where we are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change (e.g., hurricanes, torrential rain, and nor'easters) and develop emergency procedures that are adaptive, cost-efficient, and effective. Additionally, as a former emergency management official that understands the unique vulnerabilities and infrastructure needs of New York #10, I would examine factors that contribute to climate change and develop strategies to minimize, but preferably eliminate their impact.

I would create an office or commission to examine and address those climate change issues that adversely affect our district; moreover, these entities would provide proactive strategies that could mitigate the damaging effects of climate change.

Climate change is connected to various academic disciplines. As a PhD candidate, I would advocate that there be more emphasis in curricula devoted to climate change.

Lastly, I would sponsor forums with the preeminent climate change experts that would convene in New York City to make the City be a leader in climate change awareness, policy, and practices.

6) What health care reforms or plans do you support? I support a plan to ensure every American is insured and has access to quality medical care.

7) Do you support repealing the Senate filibuster? If so, how will you use your platform to push for this reform? I do support repealing the Senate filibuster. I think increasing voter turn out is important to ensure we elect officials that can be true representatives of the people, everyday Americans.

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 am committed to sponsoring legislation that expands and protects the voting rights of Americans.

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

Sponsor or support legislation that would limit children's access to guns, restrict concealed-carry permits, and restrict "stand your ground" policies.

10) What actions do you support to protect our immigrant neighbors? I would support a legal, fair, and transparent pathway to citizenship.

11) What steps do you support to reform our criminal justice system? All steps that ensure a fair and equitable criminal justice system.

12) What policies do you support to ensure fairness in employment and workplace conditions, as well as strengthening and increasing access to unions? Assessing, analyzing, and evaluating historical data derived from various federal agencies and the business communities through-out the United States would be a start. It is important at this juncture to start utilizing data to inform decision-making; for the purpose of implementing data driven public policies that can measurably ensure fairness in employment, salary, workplace conditions and promotional opportunities for all.

13) What would you do to ensure access to affordable and quality housing for everyone in Brooklyn and nationwide? I would support appointing a federal Chief Equity Officer that would be tasked with assessing, analyzing, and evaluating historical data derived from various federal agencies for the purpose of implementing data driven public policies that can adequately address the economic inequality that is directly correlated with disparities in education, employment opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing.

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 need to assess, analyze, and evaluate the data before I can determine which groups or industries, I will not accept campaign contributions from. However, I will not accept campaign contributions from organizations that operate outside the legal parameters.

