



Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats: 2020 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?

As a first time candidate, I am seeking an endorsement from CBID because the organization's values aligns with my campaign's values of maintaining integrity within our party, providing access to our government and ensuring that by implementing our policies we still uphold the foundational ideas of The Constitution.

I completed my undergraduate studies biology and chemistry, my graduate studies public administration and law. I have been an educator that has worked in inner city school and responsible for rebuilding communities through education. I have the knowledge and courage to make real changes happen. here is strength in numbers and with your endorsement, we can work towards becoming the changes that we want to see in our government.

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

My top legislative priority would be strengthening our economy for the citizens. I would support bills that increase the federal minimum wage, reduce tax for individuals that make less than \$100K, increase taxes on large corporations, reopen factories in our city and cities nationwide to give companies domestic hubs to manufacture products so that we can create more jobs and produce products to increase the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP).

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.

Women have the absolute right to decide the outcome of their pregnancy. I have always believed that no one, especially the government, should have the ability to restrict women's reproductive rights.

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, my plan is to continue to fund organizations such as Planned Parenthood and include requirements that women attend an informational session to explore all options and prepare them to manage the emotional stress that may occur once termination is concluded. I propose healthcare legislation that would protect women's reproductive rights and increase healthcare coverage for women's prenatal and postnatal care.

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?

I want the building of all new oil/gas projects to be halted. My vision is that all states, with NYS leading the charge, transition to hybrid/electric transportation and operate homes/businesses on solar generated power. Making this commitment would reverse most of the damages caused by human activity.

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

I support a revised version of the Affordable Health Care Act. The current act is a great start to addressing access to affordable healthcare and insurance coverage. There are changes that could be made to make the program cost efficient.

I would also support a bill that would allocate more funds to public hospitals, place a cap on the cost of prescription medication, and funding the healthcare education tuition to encourage student to peruse an education in medicine.



7) The Census determines how critical resources and political power are distributed. NYS and NYC have historically been undercounted. What action can you take to ensure that New Yorkers, and in particular, members of immigrant communities, are counted? What outreach and educational activities do you have planned?

This year I will be working with members of the community to host informational seminars that teaches New Yorkers the significance of the census and host community events where individuals will have a safe space to complete their form. Bringing awareness and educating our population will be the best way to ensure that we have an accurate headcount and secure the resources we need for the future.

8) Voter ID laws, poll taxes, and limitations on polling sites and early voting are all examples of voter suppression tactics. Do you support actions to combat voter disenfranchisement? If so, please describe.
Every voice matters and should be heard. I wholeheartedly support actions that defend us against disenfranchisement. I would support House Resolution 1451 that would prohibit interfering with voter registrations. I have/continue to hold voter registration drives months before election is held. I also have hosted candidate forums where constituents can meet the candidates running for office.

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

I support extensive background checks, placing sin taxes on ammunition, restriction on assault rifles, increasing the age to 21 years old to buy a weapon (with an exception for military members) and placing a ban on gun shows/conferences where weapons are sold. I would support community initiatives to educate members on gun violence, gun safety, and community support groups for individuals that may feel isolated, bullied or pushed to extremism.

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

There needs to be a complete overhaul on the Immigration process in our country to ensure that the VISA application process upheld with integrity and timely. I would also push for congress to use the information gathered from the previous investigations of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to implement policy changes that would stop the separation of families, imprudent detainment of individuals and inhumane treatment of individuals in detainment camps.

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

I support eliminating the death penalty and reviewing the bail system. I would propose a bill that would require that any case (both state and federal) where an individual could be facing fifteen or more years in prison be heard in trial and appoint more judges to be able to hear cases.

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

Currently there are no Federal repercussion for companies when violate Federal Labor Laws. I would support bills that would implement harsh penalties on companies to hold them accountable and deterred them from future violations. I also support increased and equal salaries for minority employees.

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

I would support bills that would allocate additional funds to public housing voucher programs, place federal requirements for landlords to make certain renovations to buildings/homes that are over 20 years old and place rent caps on apartments based on property's real value. I would also implement background checks on individuals that apply for a voucher.



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 any groups or individuals whose ideas and values are not aligned with my campaign's platform.

15) What measures would you support to improve educational opportunities for all students in New York City? Please include how you would address the continued drop in Reading and Math scores and efforts to desegregate NYC schools.

Research shows that during the first five years of life the learning rate is at its highest. Therefore, I would support bills that would require and fund registered child care providers to implement a math/reading curriculum, summer school programs for students who are below level between the grades of Kindergarten – 9th grade. I would support federal funding for STEM programs to encourage students. In efforts to desegregate schools, I would introduce the “Federal Inclusion Grant” that would be awarded to schools that have a student population that is representative of the NYS demography.