



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 seek a forum of open minds and respect for different points of view. An endorsement is subjective. Preferences are often determined ahead of time. I would judge the success of this meeting by its ability to draw distinctions of substance between candidates.

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

Public safety. Civility, as opposed to continued polarization in DC. Small business empowerment.

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 been pro-choice.

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?

We had the chance to codify abortion rights in the past, and did not do it. I will fight ardently to pass legislation for a women's right to choose in Congress, as that will be our only resort should SCOTUS reverse Roe v Wade.

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 it's unrealistic for anyone to say they are going to arrive in D.C. and discontinue oil and gas products on day one. We should be exploring alternative energy that is efficient and scalable, and work on transitioning as attitudes change, and the alternative energy space evolves. Right now, the least environmentally taxing and most powerful and reliable energy source is atomic energy.

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

I support the allowance of Medicare to negotiate with drug companies.

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



No. This can easily backfire depending on who has the majority in the Senate. It seems shortsighted.

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?.

We should always fight to maintain fair elections. Ultimately, states must be held accountable for how their elections are conducted, but Federal interference with such initiatives are tricky due to existing voting laws.

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

NY gun laws are some of the strictest in the nation, yet we still seem unable to stem the flow of illegal guns from the South. This necessitates an enhanced interstate effort combined with stricter background checks. The gun show loop hole must be fixed. In our district, it is not just guns that are a problem, however.

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

I support all paths to legal immigration. We are a city and a nation of immigrants. Furthermore, the extension of visas to foreign students ought to be met with less residence. For example, it's in our national best interest to make it easy for an MIT graduate to stay in our country once they graduate. This has not been the case, amazingly.

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

As an endorsed candidate of New Yorkers for Safer Streets, I must emphasize the critical situation we are in right now. Many idealistic reforms that may have been drawn up with good intentions, have backfired horribly. I plan to shutdown mismanaged homeless shelters linked to neighborhood violence, foster the renewal of respect between the community and the NYPD, and would support any state law maker's attempt to repeal bail reform.

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

Depending on the industry, organized labor unions can be a powerful force against the abuse of workers rights. It will be important to work with corporations to ensure fair treatment is continually enforced internally.

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

I would encourage NYCHA to spend more on their buildings and construction rather than the outrageous "consulting fee" they take out of the budget each year. Adjust that number and I think we would all be pleasantly surprised at the outcome. Additionally, community boards ought to be empowered to get more for



their communities when negotiating with developers.

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 don't accept money from any organizations that are damaging to society.