



THE VILLAGE REFORM DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Dear 2022 Candidate:

The Village Reform Democratic Club is interested in knowing about your qualifications, thoughts and plans for the office you're seeking. We have prepared this very brief set of questions to help us know you better as we decide on our Club endorsements.

Please provide your name, website URL, the office for which you're running and contact information in case our members wish to request additional information or clarification.

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1. What are your top 2-3 issues going forward? If elected or re-elected, what will be your specific approach to each of them?

- A. **Recovering from COVID-19:** Providing health care to New York's most underserved communities has been a central goal of mine. I was proud to help bring The Floating Hospital to Queensbridge Houses – the only Federally Qualified Health Center in a NYCHA development – and I am in the process of bringing a satellite facility to Astoria Houses amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. I am also proud of the work I did as Chair of the Oversight Committee to secure an unprecedented level of federal funding to New York City and New

York State as part of the 2020 pandemic legislative packages, this funding was used to support the City's health care system but also to roll out universal 3-K – an initiative I strongly supported. Through my campaign, I hosted meal handouts and mask distributions throughout the pandemic by partnering with mutual aid organizations and community organizers. I have also hosted and handed out over 2,000 COVID-19 at home test kits and KN95 masks. I will continue to advocate for funding for New York and lead in ensuring our city has the resources and PPE it needs so our communities can function and prevent the spread of additional COVID-19 variants.

B. Addressing housing in New York. Funding for NYCHA's capital needs has been one of my highest priorities. As a Member of the Financial Services Committee, which is responsible for drafting the affordable housing section, I have already ensured that the House-passed BBB would have sufficient funding to address our public housing capital needs backlog. I will continue to work with and meet with Tenant Association and Resident Association presidents, leadership, and residents to assist in any way I can to address the funding shortfalls of NYCHA and public housing.

C. Addressing climate change: There is no simple solution to solve the climate change crisis, but as Chairwoman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, I marked up \$15B as a part of the House passed Build Back Better, which included \$25M for the Office of Management and Budget to support the implementation of the package and to track labor, equity, and environmental standards and performance. I will also continue to investigate the fossil fuel industry and be a strong voice to see that legislation like my Climate PREP Act and other legislation that I am proud to co-sponsor like Green New Deal for Public Housing Act are signed into law.

2. Please list 2-3 things you have done for our community (the greater Greenwich Village area) and the results you achieved. What were the challenges, how did you address them, and how did you involve the community?

I have worked with many members of club leadership to support efforts throughout the community. Recently, I have been working with club members to support the creation of a public school in a NYU owned building. Throughout the pandemic,

my office and I worked with numerous Village businesses to access Payroll Protection Program and federal Small Business Administration loans, so the independent mom & pop stores that add so much to neighborhood character and quality of life could keep their doors open. In addition, many Village residents were impacted by the health related diseases caused by 9/11 exposure to toxins. I led the charge in Congress to pass victims compensation for 9/11 responders and survivors as well as passing legislation that established the World Trade Center Health Program, in which many Village residents are enrolled. While I have only represented a small part of the Village in Congress, the new district lines now extend well into the West Village. I look forward to representing your club members in Congress and keeping an open dialogue as to how I can best represent your needs at the federal level.

Getting a school established or passing a bill isn't easy, but I have accomplished both with great success. On the East Side, I led community efforts to build the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (one of the best public schools in New York City) and in Western Queens I helped establish the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts. In terms of passing legislation, I am consistently ranked one of the top three most effective members of Congress for my ability to pass legislation. I plan to use my know-how and proven ability to get things done for the betterment of Village residents.

3. What do you most want our club members to know about you and why you believe you're the best candidate for the position?

I began my career as a teacher working in ESL and continuing education in East Harlem, then worked for the Department of Education and as a legislative staffer in Albany before running for City Council and becoming the first woman elected to represent my district. I fought to be appointed to the committee that oversaw NYCHA contracts, and was able to end organized crime's hold on the NYCHA contracting system. I also introduced the first LGBT equality bill in NYC history.

When the Supreme Court decided *Planned Parenthood vs Casey*, which paved the way to today's restrictive abortion laws, I filed to run for National office the same day. I was outspent 5-to-1 by an entrenched Republican - and still won, as the first woman ever elected to my Congressional district. I was part of the largest class of women ever elected to the House up to that date.

Since then, I've worked to fight for women's rights, clean government, corporate accountability and consumer protection, the environment, family

and workers' rights including paid family leave, LGBTQ protections, top-of-the-line infrastructure, economic prosperity, reducing inequality, campaign finance reform, reproductive rights, and a number of other issues.

The core function of government is to work for the people to improve quality of life, economic stability, accountability, safety and - perhaps most importantly - equality. I don't back down from challenges - I find ways to work through and around them.

In 2019, I was elected as the first woman to chair the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, which is America's watchdog. So far we have held hearings on abortion access, universal paid family leave, family separation and DHS abuses, reaching hard-to-count communities with the Census, the abuses of the pharmaceutical industry, and more.

I am running for office in 2022 to continue doing this work, and to use my experience and seniority to continue advancing priorities that help women, marginalized communities and working people as a member of leadership in Congress.