



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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office for which I am running: New York Democratic State Committeewoman for 66th AD

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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?

1. Apathy/Lack of Awareness

Many New York City residents believe that we are insulated from the polarizing issues facing our country because we live in a progressive, liberal bubble. This has allowed our neighbors to feel as though they do not need to stay abreast of New York State politics. New Yorkers were shocked to learn after the 2016 Presidential election that our state was actually under the control of the Republican party because of the IDC, which was backed by the head of the NYS Democratic Party, who was supported by its leaders. One of the chief responsibilities of State Committee Members is to be in constant contact with Democratic voters in the 66th AD—both to be aware of their concerns and to keep them informed about the activities of the state party. If elected, I will take this responsibility very seriously. I will organize and participate in town halls, write and publish detailed reports of the activities of the NYS Democratic Party and be very accessible to the journalists who focus on Greenwich Village issues. I will be an active presence in our

neighborhoods, canvassing our neighbors to ensure that I know their concerns, and I will not encourage apathy by acting opposite to them.

2. Accountability

Our elected representatives have too often focused on issues of concern to them or wealthy donors, particularly those in the real estate industry. I will be accountable to the residents of the 66th AD. I will never introduce a resolution that is contrary to the best interests and wishes of my constituents, and I will never cast my vote at the State Convention for any on Democratic candidate for statewide office who does not have the support of my constituents. This is crucially important as the 66th A.D. has the second-highest number of Democratic votes in NYS.

3. Home rule/local issues

I will be hyper-focused on issues in our neighborhoods on which the NYS Democratic Party can have an impact. For example, I would have drafted and marshaled support for resolutions calling on the NYS Legislature (1) to vote to alienate East River Park and (2) not to vote to remove the limit on maximum residential density to 12 FAR.

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?

1. In December 2016, I co-founded the New York City-wide Indivisible group, which has evolved into Empire State Indivisible, a driving force in NYS progressive politics and a crucial player in the defeat of the IDC.

2. I volunteered for the New York City effort for the 2020 Census, participating in text campaigns and coordinating large, residential buildings to encourage residents to self-report.

3. I have been a volunteer with Greenwich House for over 10 years and have participated in fundraising for Greenwich House and its individual programs.

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?

Politics in New York State and New York City are broken and dysfunctional. Many of our elected officials cater to wealthy donors, particularly those in the real estate industry, and other elected officials from whom they seek endorsements. As a result, they ignore what our neighborhoods need and want, consistently voting against our interests and overruling their own Community Boards; in the last several months alone, Governors Island and SoHo/NoHo have been upzoned, and East River Park has been destroyed. The attention of every one of our elected officials should be brought to bear on the needs of their constituents; given that they are all Democrats, the New York Democratic State

Committeewoman for the 66th AD can and should be an effective conduit for the people who put their trust in and vote for our officials. The 66th AD needs a State Committeewoman who is independent of the powerful and will be a constant presence in our neighborhoods and a reliable voice for their constituents. I am a grass-roots candidate from outside of the political establishment and will be beholden only to those who elect me.