

Voting on Election Day

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1. If this is your first time voting: most voters provide a Social Security number or driver's license when registering to vote. If you did not, you need to bring proof of identification the first time you vote. If you voted before: you are not required to provide identification. However, it may be helpful to bring your registration card from the Board of Elections.
2. If there is a problem, demand to vote by "provisional" ballot.
3. Limited English proficient voters have a right to bring someone with them to interpret. Some poll sites have translated ballots.
4. Report any voting problems to 800-966-5946 (Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund Multilingual Voter Hotline).

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在选举日当天

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3. 英语水平有限的选民有权携带翻译陪同. 部分投票点配有已翻译的选票。
4. 如有任何投票问题, 可致电 800-966-5946 (AALDEF 多语言选民热线) 进行报告。

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Melissa Mark Viverito - "Fix the MTA" Party

Immigration

Q) There has been recent movement at the federal level to expand the definition of the "public charge" to include people who depend on programs such as Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. How should the city respond to this shift?

A) I submitted a public comment to oppose this new definition of public charge. This is another way for the Trump administration to victimize immigrants and people with little means. New York City should sue the Trump administration once the new definition of public charge is finalized. New York City should also prepare to provide resources to communities affected by this draconian measure and have contingency plans to prevent people that rely on Medicaid and SNAP from foregoing these resources because they fear that they will be deported.

Housing

Q) In the last two years, NYS and NYC signed on to provide \$3 billion in tax incentives to bring Amazon to Long Island City preemptively with inadequate community input. What is your stance on Amazon? How do you plan to amplify the voices of the communities impacted when it comes to zoning and land use in their neighborhoods?

A) I have serious concerns that the planned project will receive too much City and State subsidies and that the plan did not receive any input from the community in which the proposed development will be. Amazon, one of the largest and wealthiest companies in the world will be receiving billions that we could invest into other things in the City and State. That being said, I don't believe it is a done deal and am committed to working with the Labor Movement and advocacy groups to put pressure on our leaders defeat the deal as it stands. Any project that receives subsidies needs to be subject to higher scrutiny.

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) Throughout my tenure in public office, I have always advocated for more collaboration and community input. This is one of the reasons why I was one of the first members of the City Council to embrace participatory budgeting. I believe that our schools will improve if we have more community input and participation from parents and other stakeholders. As Public Advocate, I plan to work closely with parent organizations and community leaders to ensure that their voices are heard when it comes to education policy and procedures.

Healthcare

Q) What are your plans to promote mental health services and combat the cultural stigma and language barriers that deter Asian Pacific American communities from accessing them?

A) As a City we have to focus on working toward making mental health services more accessible for people and work toward de-stigmatizing it. We need to do an outreach campaign within the Asian communities and other communities that have a cultural stigma against receiving help for mental health issues. We then have to focus on making sure that language is not a barrier against receiving services. I will work with community leaders within the Asian Pacific American communities in this outreach campaign.

Voting Rights

Q) How do you plan to ensure NYC's underserved polling sites receive resources such as adequate translation services, trained poll workers, and functioning machines? What active steps will you take to ensure that voter suppression in NYC is limited as possible?

A) This is an issue that I feel passionate about and have witnessed in my time in public office. We have to focus on making it easier for people to vote. As Public Advocate, I will use my office's investigation and oversight powers to ensure that the BOE is training its staff and providing all communities with the appropriate resources to properly run an election which include translation services, trained poll workers and machines that function. The fact that our State will now have early voting, and that we are moving forward with no-excuse mail voting, will help make it easier to vote. I will use my voice as Public Advocate to encourage communities to embrace these new changes to the voting laws to make voting easier and make their voices heard in our electoral process.

2019 NY Public Advocate Candidate Survey



Eric Ulrich* - "Common Sense" Party

Immigration

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A) No public statement was found.

Housing

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A) In a op-ed Ulrich wrote about Amazon's arrival, he writes, " Amazon is coming to Queens to open up shop in the greatest city in the world and I, for one, couldn't be happier. This project will prove to be a boon for the borough and is a positive sign of things to come for the local job market. New Yorkers will be lining up to work for the country's largest internet-based retailer, and for good reason. Amazon promises to deliver 25,000 new jobs with a median salary of \$150,000. Trust me, there is no government program that will lift someone out of poverty better than a six-figure salary. For this reason alone, we should support it."

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) Parents have a right to choose how to educate their children free from bureaucratic interference. As Public Advocate, I will stand up for the rights of all students, especially the students and parents who choose to send their children to non-public schools and who are currently fighting for their educational rights. The top down, one-size fits all approach to education does not work for religious families who choose to send their children to Yeshivas, Catholic schools, and other faith-based schools. We need to eliminate bureaucratic rules that eviscerate the sound education these schools already provide their students.

Healthcare

Q) What are your plans to promote mental health services and combat the cultural stigma and language barriers that deter Asian Pacific American communities from accessing them?

A) No public statement was found.

Voting Rights

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A) No public statement was found.



Dawn Smalls - "No More Delays" Party

Immigration

Q) There has been recent movement at the federal level to expand the definition of the "public charge" to include people who depend on programs such as Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. How should the city respond to this shift?

A) There is a real risk that people will feel they cannot access needed programs. It's important that the City should continue to ensure that needy New Yorkers can access necessary services without regard to immigration.

Housing

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A) I do not believe this deal can or should go forward without it being shared with the public for 90 days and voted on by the City Council. In addition, this deal cannot go forward until the City finds an alternative site for the 1500 units of affordable housing units that were originally planned for the site. I would use the office to demand full transparency and rigorous debate and ultimately a vote by the City Council. I also believe Jeff Bezos should dedicate a percentage of the total subsidies from his philanthropy, the Day One Fund, to NYC. His philanthropy is dedicated to helping homeless families, which is one of my key focus areas for the Public Advocate's office.

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) Every parent wants access to the best education and best school for their child's needs - no parent wants their child to be a policy experiment. As a parent myself, I know that parents will do whatever it takes to ensure their children get the best possible education. As Public Advocate, I will call on the DOE to provide equitable resources to all students, regardless of where they go to school. To help with funding issues, I will fight for the money NYC is owed by the state under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, a case I was proud to support through an amicus brief as a law student. In addition, as Public Advocate I will use my position to provide oversight and clear accountability of the DOE.

Healthcare

Q) What are your plans to promote mental health services and combat the cultural stigma and language barriers that deter Asian Pacific American communities from accessing them?

A) As part of the leadership team who implemented the Affordable Care Act at the Department of Health and Human Services, one of my proudest accomplishments was personally shepherding the Mental Health Parity Act, the regulation to ensure mental health was treated on par with physical health once millions of Americans got access to coverage. I believe that no one should feel ashamed of seeking mental health services, and that such services should be accessible to all, including with translation services if needed.

Voting Rights

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A) The passage of voting reforms in the state legislature is a great start for New Yorkers - but they won't mean anything unless they are properly implemented by non-machine affiliated professional civil servants. As Public Advocate, I will be the people's watchdog to make sure the current reforms are properly implemented so that New Yorkers see a real change the next time they come to the polls. I will also advocate for the passage of policies that are missing from this first round of reforms and ensure all communities receive the services they need to fully exercise their right to vote.



Rafael L. Espinal Jr. - "Livable City" Party

Immigration

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A) As a NYC Councilman I have supported and worked toward designating our City as a "Sanctuary City", part of my platform is to continue to push for New York City to become a fully protected "Sanctuary City" whereas such services as Medicaid and SNAP will continue to those immigrants who require such services. My office will also push the state legislature and the Governor to enact such a law for the entire State.

Housing

Q) In the last two years, NYS and NYC signed on to provide \$3 billion in tax incentives to bring Amazon to Long Island City preemptively with inadequate community input. What is your stance on Amazon? How do you plan to amplify the voices of the communities impacted when it comes to zoning and land use in their neighborhoods?

A) I am totally against the Amazon deal. I was the only city council representative that did not sign onto the Amazon support letter. This deal should have included all stakeholders that are impacted by the deal. I fully believe that no Zoning or land use change should occur without the full support of the community. I was the first councilman impacted by the city new rezoning plan and I did not allow that to proceed forward without the full involvement of the community.

Education

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A) I am not a proponent for Mayoral control under this current system. We've had Mayoral control for some time now and the situation with our children's education is still deficient. I believe that the mayor's powers should extend only to appointing a committee from a list of nominees selected by the city council with input from parents and education advocates. Then it is this appointed board that is entrusted with the job of selecting a superintendent of schools with the approval of the same city council and stakeholders. This same board would hold bi-month meetings that would include parents and other stakeholders for direction with budgeting and curriculum matters.

Healthcare

Q) What are your plans to promote mental health services and combat the cultural stigma and language barriers that deter Asian Pacific American communities from accessing them?

A) I support replacing the current for-profit health insurance industry that profits off of people's illnesses with a Medicare for All system where everything from emergency surgery and prescription drugs to mental healthcare and dental would be covered with no out-of-pocket expenses, co-pays, or deductibles. This system would be open to everyone, and not be included in public charge determinations. I am completely against any change in public charge policy that dejects or punishes immigrants from seeking necessary and lifesaving health care or treatment.

Voting Rights

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A) A good path to voter apathy is this election. We have this special election which elects a public advocate candidate on Feb. 26th and on the same day we begin to collect signatures for the same office, for an election date of June 25th. I believe that the best way to fix this broken system is to change how things are done. We need more transparency. I would change the machines we use to one that computerized and meet the new demand of early voting, I would raise the pay of poll workers and implement a split shift system where more people can be involved and allow sixteen and seventeen year olds to also be eligible to work the polls and simplify the training of workers.

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Ron Kim - "No Amazon" Party

Immigration

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A) Moves by the Trump administration to expand the definition of "public charge" are meant make life for immigrants in the US harder. This administration is actively threatening immigrants with punishment for using public benefits. Last time a similar move was made, more than half of all children with at least one non-citizen parent fell off the SNAP rolls for fear of putting a target on their families back.

These draconian policies will hurt children the most. The city and state have a responsibility to support these families and protect them from retaliation for asking for help. Any support the city provides should not be openly shared with federal immigration authorities as a part of New York's sanctuary city/state mission.

Housing

Q) In the last two years, NYS and NYC signed on to provide \$3 billion in tax incentives to bring Amazon to Long Island City preemptively with inadequate community input. What is your stance on Amazon? How do you plan to amplify the voices of the communities impacted when it comes to zoning and land use in their neighborhoods?

A) While many other elected officials in New York signed the Mayor's letter welcoming Amazon to New York, I did not. Instead, I have been the first and most vocal critic of the Amazon HQ2 deal. Before the terms of the deal were even announced I spoke out against it, understanding that any kind of agreement would end up putting the needs of business before the community. When 3 billion dollars in corporate subsidies are given away, that's prioritizing corporations over people. I will work to ensure that people already living here are not priced out and have access to high quality jobs with a living wage. Furthermore, I will do my best to make sure that our tax dollars are used to support the people who need it most.

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) When one elected official oversees the largest single K-12 education system in the country, it's only a matter of time before it becomes politicized. Our children should not be a political bargaining chip. So much of the divisiveness we face is the fruit of economic strife. Meanwhile, we have enough money in two Manhattan zip codes to fully fund all our schools. I believe that we need more local control of our education system. I will ensure that the voices of marginalized communities are heard and considered.

Healthcare

Q) What are your plans to promote mental health services and combat the cultural stigma and language barriers that deter Asian Pacific American communities from accessing them?

A) Mental health treatment has been combating stigma for thousands of years. While significant progress has been made in the past century there is still a lot of education necessary. This is especially true for non-english speaking populations in New York where more than 20 Asian languages are spoken. As Public Advocate and an Asian American individual I will stand up for and with members of the community suffering from mental health issues. I will push for greater investment in mental health services and continue to support groups like KSC that can provide culturally appropriate care for patients.

Voting Rights

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A) Voters are more likely to participate when they have been reached out to multiple times on a consistent basis. As a member of the Assembly I have supported measures promoting linguistic access to the ballot. The Board of Elections must expand the number of translators at site with large non-english speaking populations. My campaign has made a point to prioritize immigrant voters who have historically been left out of the political process and been ignored. Failure to speak English should not be a reason to be excluded. To that end I will be putting out campaign materials in a variety of languages and keeping in contact with a diverse array of foreign language media.

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Jumanne Williams - "It's Time Let's Go" Party

Immigration

Q) There has been recent movement at the federal level to expand the definition of the "public charge" to include people who depend on programs such as Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. How should the city respond to this shift?

A) The city should oppose this shift through all available channels. This policy is designed to frighten immigrants by making them risk their opportunity to receive a green card or become full citizens by choosing to access food, shelter, and healthcare benefits when needed.

Housing

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A) I oppose it. I introduced legislation prohibiting a Mayor from signing a non-disclosure agreement like this again. The existing deal should be torn down and a new agreement established, led by the LIC community. Amazon needs to show they will be a partner, recognizing union protections for Amazon's employees. The Public Advocate's office should have a role in the ULURP process, as a space for community activists to have their say in land use proposal. I would reopen Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and redesign it for something more engaged in needs of the community. I would use the powers to shine a light on such proposals - too often the community is taken advantage of because no one is paying attention.

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) Parents don't send their kids to schools just to have no stake or say in their education. Because we are talking about kids, parents must be front and center of any decision made regarding that child, be it in the establishment of IEPs, where needed, or having a seat at the table when administrators or teachers decide to assign the child to any program. I would not be where I am without my mother being engaged, and my teachers teaching. I worry today that if teachers were forced into teaching to the test, I would not have had the opportunities to attend Brooklyn Tech. My nickname in school was "needs improvement."

Healthcare

Q) What are your plans to promote mental health services and combat the cultural stigma and language barriers that deter Asian Pacific American communities from accessing them?

A) We have to make a distinction between mental illness and mental health. For anyone struggling with mental illness it is vital that they receive the healthcare they need to take care of themselves. Mental health is something that every person needs to take care of, in the same way that we treat our physical health. We should actively work to de-stigmatize this conversation. The Public Advocate can deploy investigative powers into City agencies to ensure that they are fulfilling their duties and provide services to all New Yorkers regardless of language barriers. To combat stigma it's important to continue talking out and demonstrating that mental health is as serious and normal a concern as physical health, but the words come strongest from within the community. I would eagerly partner with advocates and leaders in the community and lend office resources to help amplify the message.

Voting Rights

Q) How do you plan to ensure NYC's underserved polling sites receive resources such as adequate translation services, trained poll workers, and functioning machines? What active steps will you take to ensure that voter suppression in NYC is limited as possible?

A) I'm glad to see the new Democratic state legislature pass needed voting rights reforms with urgency and will continue to partner with them to advocate for every New Yorker's right to be heard. This is a great first step, and I applaud the state, but we need to go further.

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Michael A. Blake - "For the People" Party

Immigration

Q) There has been recent movement at the federal level to expand the definition of the "public charge" to include people who depend on programs such as Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. How should the city respond to this shift?

A) As a proud son of Jamaican immigrants, my platform of jobs and justice includes all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status. As an Assembly Member, I submitted comments in strong opposition to the Trump Administration's proposed "public charge" rule. It is designed to make legal immigration harder and keep families apart. New York should vigorously oppose the rule change, including considering legal challenge. This proposed rule change will also deter an estimated 65-115,000 immigrant

New Yorkers from getting benefits and services they are entitled to receive, which will impoverish 45,000 children. I'll work with CBOs, agencies and City Hall to ensure that this doesn't happen. Healthcare and basic nutritional sustenance are fundamental human rights that should be guaranteed.

Housing

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A) Deals like Amazon, should never occur in the shadows, hidden from the community it will affect most. I will demand greater transparency and public input on Amazon. One example will be to hold Amazon accountable to promises of jobs by tracking whether the jobs they create are going to people who need work, especially women and people of color. The Community Advisory Committee created by the Governor and the Mayor is inadequate to permit sufficient community voice on infrastructure needs and priorities. As Public Advocate, I will use my oversight authority to demand data and planning support from agencies be released to community stakeholders and place community boards in direct relationship to the project planning and the Advisory Committee.

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) Our children are the future of our communities and their public education is a community priority. Learning from people such as David Banks, who moved Eigel Academy's parental engagement meetings to Saturday morning breakfasts in an effort to increase in collaboration, I would take a similar vision citywide. We must have greater accountability to parents and students, especially those from marginalized communities. I support CECs role in location and co-location decisions, SLT's empowerment regarding school-based budgeting, and implementing a notification system through DOE for parents and stakeholders before major educational decisions are made, I support the Youth-Adult Student Working Group because students offer invaluable insight for educational improvement. Additionally, the creation of an office of Student Integration and Equity may play a fundamental role in the future to ensure marginalized perspectives are accounted for.

Healthcare

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A) It is a heartbreaking reality that suicide is the second leading cause of death for Asian Americans between the ages of 15-24 in New York. Securing access to mental health services must be a paramount objective to aid and protect Asian American Youth. We must fight to secure greater investment in linguistically and culturally competent community education programs on mental health to remove the stigma attributed to the Western concept. Furthermore, we must work to provide funding to aid Asian-led and Asian-serving organizations to hire competent mental health providers and to train mainstream health providers to aid a population in which half operate with a limited English proficiency.

Voting Rights

Q) How do you plan to ensure NYC's underserved polling sites receive resources such as adequate translation services, trained poll workers, and functioning machines? What active steps will you take to ensure that voter suppression in NYC is limited as possible?

A) Voting is one of the most sacred rights in our democracy, and it must be carefully guarded. As State Assemblyman, I introduced and helped to pass legislation to protect voters' rights and prevent voter suppression and intimidation. I will build on these efforts as Public Advocate by promoting early voting, voting by mail, automatic voter registration, and same day registration. Additionally, I will advocate for rank candidate voting, and instant runoffs. I will hold the Board of Elections accountable to ensure shorter wait times for voters, proper functioning of machines, standardized poll staff training, and requisite translation services to fit the needs of local communities. Additionally, we must ensure that poll sites are accessible to everyone, including disabled voters.

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Daniel J. O'Donnell* - "Equality for All" Party

Immigration

Q) There has been recent movement at the federal level to expand the definition of the "public charge" to include people who depend on programs such as Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. How should the city respond to this shift?

A) No public statement was found.

Housing

Q) In the last two years, NYS and NYC signed on to provide \$3 billion in tax incentives to bring Amazon to Long Island City preemptively with inadequate community input. What is your stance on Amazon? How do you plan to amplify the voices of the communities impacted when it comes to zoning and land use in their neighborhoods?

A) At the NYCCFB Public Advocate debate on February 6, he said: "When [De Blasio] sent me the letter to sign with Amazon, I said no...[As public advocate] I would investigate whether or not the Board of Standards and Appeals was in fact issued in these decisions for the interest of people or the interest of the real estate developers."

Education

Q) How do you plan to facilitate more community engagement, especially those of marginalized communities, when citywide decisions about NYC public school system reforms are being made?

A) Regarding the SHSAT tests, he said: "I don't support what the mayor wants to do, but I know enough about politics that you can't fix a problem until you acknowledge that it exists...I think we have to look at different ways to address that test and in order to outright eliminate it the state legislature's going to have to do that and that's an uphill battle. I hear the families - many of the families in my district who go to the schools - I understand that, but we have to look at how we admit people in a different way."

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