

VID Candidate Survey for the Position of NYC District Attorney

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District Attorney • Questions

Will you prosecute drug possession? Will you prosecute sex workers? What about sex purchasers or those who facilitate sex work? *

No to all

If you don't charge crimes of poverty and other minor crimes, how will you help get services to those in need of them? *

Rather than forcing New Yorkers into unnecessary contact with the criminal justice system, we'll offer services as soon as a case comes in to ECAB, regardless of whether or not we pursue prosecution. Offers of services will not be connected to a guilty plea.

What management experience do you have to prepare you to run an office of this size? *

I have been an Assemblymember for 9 years, managing my district office and a legislative office in Albany, as well as multiple campaign teams over the course of my political career. I have also been an attorney in private practice for over twenty years, supervising associates at each law firm I have worked at.

What prosecutorial experience do you have, to understand the jobs of those you are supervising? What experience do you have with this office specifically? *

I have done public defense work as an 18-B attorney, standing in opposition to the Manhattan District Attorney's office on the cases that are the bulk of the office's caseload - prosecutions of poor people of color for crimes of poverty.

How aggressively do you plan to prosecute police officers for excessive use of force? What about lying? If aggressively, how do you plan to turn around and work with them in your other cases? *

I will prosecute very aggressively. Police officers are public servants and there must be consequences when they beat New Yorkers and break the bond of trust with the public. An elected District Attorney's relationship with the NYPD doesn't need balance, it needs accountability.

What is your vision for using this office to make Manhattan a better place? *

A District Attorney's office should offer the opportunity to cure harms within and across communities. Unfortunately, under Cy Vance, the Manhattan District Attorney's office has instead served as a rubber stamp on the NYPD, utterly failing to check their power. I'll reverse Cy Vance's racist policies and as DA, I'll focus the office on actual harms. I'll rebuild the sex crimes unit, ensuring that people who commit sexual assault are held accountable. Most importantly, I will ensure that every Manhattanite will be treated equally, regardless of wealth or status.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

