

VID Candidate Survey: City Council

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In which Council District are you running? *

City Council District 1 ▼

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Do you support SoHo/NoHo rezoning? Is there a version of it you would support? *

No, not during the deBlasio administration

Do you support the borough-based jail in Chinatown? *

No

Do you support replacing the Elizabeth Street Gardens with the proposed senior citizen development? *

No

Do you support the Two Bridges developments? What changes would you make to them? *

No

City Council District 2

Do you support the phased closing of East River Park for the current coastal resiliency project? If not, how would you ensure LES and EV residents are safe from future storms and flooding? *

Do you support the move and downsizing of Beth Israel by Mount Sinai? Have you considered the effect on your constituents and do you have a different proposal? *

City Council District 3

Would you support upzoning parts of the Village to create affordable housing? What is your plan to protect existing affordable housing and create more, in the Village specifically? *

Many residents of District 3, particularly our elderly and people with disabilities, have complained that lax bike rule enforcement, increased outdoor dining, and other factors have made the Village less walkable and more dangerous for elderly and disabled pedestrians. What would you do to improve the situation? *

There have been several clashes between NYPD and protesters in past months. How would you work with the NYPD to ensure that peaceful protesters are not subject to kettling and other police practices that are harmful to the protesters? *

How would you use this position to improve policing in New York? Do you support cutting NYPD funding in order to reallocate funds towards needed services and social programs? Where would you reallocate the funds, if so? What concrete policies would you advocate for to improve policing in NY? *

New Yorkers should expect a professional police department that understands and can implement deescalation techniques, aggressively weeds out corruption, and provides neighborhood and transit patrolling. Mental Health services for the mentally ill and street homeless have to be coordinated with the NYPD.

How would you go about creating more affordable housing in New York? What about permanent housing for New York's homeless population? Where would you put it? How would you make sure it's actually affordable and sustainable? Would you ever support upzoning in order to create it? Will you accept money from real estate interests? Please be specific on your proposals. *

Our post-covid world is a budget crisis world. We will need to cut taxes to keep businesses and residents. Direct cash payments are the most efficient and helpful way to help poor people, and people in need, find housing and services they need.

Do you support taxing the wealthy? What specific tax policy changes would you support in New York State and New York City to increase State and City revenue? How will you, at the same time, restore NYC's economic health, employment, tax base, and small businesses, both short-term and long? *

Progressive tax policies are fair. We can't tax our way out of the economic devastation of Covid , we need to support businesses and keep jobs here.

How should we desegregate our schools? Do you support eliminating the SHSAT? Do you support admissions screens? What concrete changes would you make to our public school system? *

I support the SHSAT and ability grouping in schools. I worked on a District 2 desegregation team which sought and received funding for a district wide desegregation plan.

What is the path forward on corrections reform? Do you support closing Rikers? Do you support constructing new, borough-based jails? In all boroughs or just some of them? Do you support bail reform? Did you support the recent partial roll back of bail reform? *

Borough based jails relocate the problems, and do not solve them. Bail reform got more right than wrong.

How can New York lead on climate change? Are there any green energy projects we can pursue? Do you support any of the existing pipeline proposals? How can we leverage our financial and economic power to encourage other jurisdictions to be better on the climate? *

NYC should focus on NYC. From plastic bag bans to congestion pricing to the resiliency projects downtown there is a lot of good work that can happen now.

How will you improve procurement and contracting? How do we cut waste, and how do we make sure women- and minority-owned businesses get a fair shake in the procurement process? *

Fairness and transparency are important. Asian-American owned businesses in our district suffered the impacts of Covid earlier than many and must be included.

What is your plan to save small businesses? How do we make sure, when we come back from COVID, our local businesses are still here? And how do we make sure the enormous amount of commercial vacancies get filled, and not just by big chains snatching up cheap leases? *

Many will not be here. Lower taxes, make it easier for new local businesses to start.

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

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