



District Attorney Candidate Questionnaire

Please fill out our questionnaire, so we can bring voters information about you and your policy priorities as they gear up for the 2017 NYC elections.

We look forward to hearing from you!

I. Name and Identifying Information

Candidate Name

Official Name of Campaign Committee

Party Affiliation

Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat | <input type="checkbox"/> Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Republican | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Equality Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working Families | |
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II. Contact Information

Campaign Manager Name

Campaign Phone (not to be published)

Preferred Email (not to be published)

Other Relevant Staff and their Contact Information (not to be published)

Campaign Street Address (not to be published)

City, State, Zip (not to be published)

Campaign Website

Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

Other Social Media

III. Employment, Education, and Volunteer Experience

Do you currently serve in any elected office?

Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Senate | <input type="checkbox"/> District Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Assembly | <input type="checkbox"/> County Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Council | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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How long have you served in the elected position (if applicable)?

What is your current or most recent occupation, and what were your dates of employment?

If you currently serve in elected office, please use this space to tell us of any simultaneous employment, eg consulting.

Other Past Job and Dates of Employment

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Education - High School/GED

College and Degree - Associates/Undergraduate

College and Degree - Graduate

College and Degree - Post Graduate

Professional Associations

Volunteer Experience

Community Affiliations and Membership

Other Relevant Experience

What have you learned from your current job - or other professional, educational, or volunteer experience - that will inform how you serve as District Attorney?

IV. Legal Experience

Year Admitted to the NYS Bar

Admittance to other jurisdictions, including all federal and state courts and the dates of admission

Recent, relevant Continuing Legal Education (CLE) coursework

Please provide any information about published works in legal journals or books that demonstrate your legal knowledge and abilities.

If you are currently a practicing attorney: how many cases have you tried to conclusion in court or via settlement in the last 5 years?

Please use this space to tell us more about how your legal experience would inform your work as District Attorney.

V. Perspectives on the Role of DA

Office Management, Staffing, and Organization

1. How would you prioritize the different functions of the office of the DA's?

1=top priority, 8=lowest priority - please rank in order and pick only 1 instance of each number.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Conviction rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intake and processing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integration of social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internal office integrity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investigations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policy, legislative, and budget advocacy - city, state and/or federal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Review of past convictions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. How will you recruit staffers?

Please check all that apply.

- Post job listings on your own website, or relevant government sites.
 - Post job listings on hiring sites and news sites, for example: Idealist, LinkedIn, etc.
 - Engage consultants to shepherd the application and hiring process.
 - Work with law schools and universities to create internships and pipelines for staff.
 - Hire campaign staffers.
 - Other:
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3. What executive or managerial experience do you have that would aid in managing the DA's office? How would you handle managing and mentoring staff (both ADAs and administrative employees)?

4. What do you believe is the role of DA in fostering within the office: a diverse workforce, opportunities for advancement, and work-life balance?

5. How would you organize the office? Would you add, merge or eliminate any of the office's bureaus?

6. Would you utilize a horizontal or vertical system to bring cases, and why?

In a horizontal system, different Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) may handle varying aspects of the case, such as intake, investigations, and trial, whereas in a vertical system, there is one ADA who sees through the case from start to finish.

Particular Crimes and Law Enforcement

7. How will you balance the office's resources to maintain or increase rates of convictions or plea deals with focusing on the most serious and harmful cases?

8. How would you utilize prosecutorial discretion and selective enforcement to address quality of life cases, vehicular and biking incidents, and drug usage? What do you believe is proportionate and appropriate enforcement, and how would you achieve it?

9. How will you utilize the DA's office to address public corruption and instill greater public confidence in NYC and NYS government and officials?

10. Do you believe that racial bias is a problem in the the criminal justice system? If so, what would you do to address this issue?

11. How would you handle cases such as domestic violence, crimes against women and children, and human trafficking? What changes would you make to the office to ensure these cases are handled successfully?

Community Interaction

12. What do you think is the role of the DA's office in connecting individuals who come through the the office to social services? How and when would you provide this link, if at all?

13. What is your perspective on community courts - their efficacy, impact, and growth? As DA, how would you interact with community courts?

14. Undocumented immigrants and their communities may be concerned about interacting with those working in the criminal justice system, because of fear that it would negatively impact immigration status. How would handle working with this community?

Priorities and Challenges

15. What are 3 types of crimes which should utilize the highest percentage of law enforcement resources? Why, and how would you handle these cases?

16. What are 3 types of crimes that you believe are under-addressed by DA's offices - and what is your plan to address each of those issues?

17. What do you believe are the most challenging types of cases handled by the District Attorney's Office - and how would you handle them?

18. Are there any laws that you believe should be changed, to make prosecution and law enforcement more just?

VI. Demographic Information - Optional

Please fill out this section only if you are comfortable doing so.

We understand that individuals may not feel comfortable sharing personal demographic information, for a variety of reasons.

Yet we also believe that it is important to understand the demographics of New York's elected officials and for voters to understand the background of candidates for office - particularly given the diversity within our city and state, the role of socialization in shaping policy perspectives, the perceived tendencies of voters to cast ballots for candidates of shared backgrounds, and the perceived link between democratic representation and elected officials sharing the background of constituents.

Please note, these questions are based on terminology from significant research outlets:

On gender and sexual orientation - Human Rights Campaign.

On race - US Census, 2017 American Community Survey.

On religion - Pew Research Center.

Age

- 18 - 29
 - 30 - 39
 - 40 - 49
 - 50 - 59
 - 60 - 69
 - 70 and older
 - Prefer not to say
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Gender

This question is based on terminology from the Human Rights Campaign.

- Female
 - Male
 - Non-binary/ third gender
 - Prefer not to say
 - Other:
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Sexual Orientation

This question is based on terminology from the Human Rights Campaign.

- Straight/Heterosexual
 - Gay or Lesbian
 - Bisexual
 - Prefer not to say
 - Other:
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Do you consider yourself a member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and/or Transgender (LGBT) community?

This question is based on terminology from the Human Rights Campaign.

- Yes
 - No
 - No, but I identify as an Ally
 - Prefer not to say
 - Other:
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Race

This question is based on terminology from the US Census, 2017 American Community Survey, with answers in alphabetical order.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - Asian Indian
 - Black or African American
 - Chinese
 - Filipino
 - Guamanian or Chamorro
 - Hispanic/Latino - Cuban
 - Hispanic/Latino - Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
 - Hispanic/Latino - Other
 - Hispanic/Latino - Puerto Rican
 - Japanese
 - Korean
 - Native Hawaiian
 - Samoan
 - Vietnamese
 - White/Caucasian
 - Other:
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Religion

This question is based on terminology from the Pew Research Center, with answers in alphabetical order.

- Agnostic
 - Atheist
 - Buddhist
 - Christian - Catholic
 - Christian - Jehovah's Witness
 - Christian - Mormon
 - Christian - Protestant
 - Christian - Orthodox
 - Christian - Other
 - Don't Know
 - Hindu
 - Jewish
 - Muslim
 - Native American Religions
 - Nothing in Particular
 - New Age
 - Unitarian
 - Other:
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VII. Verification and Submission

This section is required. We want to ensure that the enclosed information represents the candidate - please tell us who you are and verify that you are a member of the candidate's team. Thank you!

Name of Individual Submitting the Form *

By checking this box, you verify that you are appropriately representing and answering on behalf of the candidate. *

- By checking this box, I verify that I am a team member of the candidate identified in this form, that the candidate has authorized me to submit answers on her or his behalf, and that the answers I submit are the answers of the candidate and her or his campaign.
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Thank you for answering our questions and helping voters learn more about your perspectives!