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## PART I

1. Have you ever held public or political office? Please provide office/dates.

Yes, I have had the honor of being a public servant for most of my career.

Lieutenant Governor, 2015 - present

U.S. Representative for 26th Congressional District, June 2011 - January 2013

Erie County Clerk, 2007 - 2011

Hamburg Town Council Member, 1994 - 2006

2. If (re)elected, please describe the three programs/activities you would select as priorities for new, additional or re-programmed public funding.

- a. Expanding access to affordable quality healthcare for all New Yorkers, protecting women's reproductive health, reducing stigma on mental health, and combating the heroin and opioid epidemic.
- b. Establishing an Early Voting program in New York State and automatic registration
- c. Establish cashless bail and increase funding for re-entry and reducing recidivism

3. (For incumbent legislators): Please state the bill number, title and status of each measure you've drafted/introduced (not merely cosponsored) in your current term (add additional sheets if necessary).  
N/A

4. Do you now support or have you ever supported an openly LGBTQ candidate for public or party office?

Yes, many. The Lieutenant Governor often supports her good friends, Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Senator Brad Hoylman, and Assemblymember Matt Titone, to name a few. She also supports Speaker Chris Quinn as Vice Chair of our State Party. LGBTQ New Yorkers deserve to have representatives that know their priorities and concerns personally.

5. Will you seek support for your candidacy from any other political party or parties? If so, please provide detail.

The Lieutenant Governor is the declared candidate for three parties: Democratic Party, Women's Equality Party, and the Independence Party.

6. What endorsements have you received to date?

The Lieutenant Governor has received the endorsement and support of labor, Democratic clubs and elected officials. Attached, please find her endorsement list.

7. If you receive the endorsement of Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn, do you agree to identify the club using its FULL name on all literature where you list endorsements?

Yes. The Lieutenant Governor will proudly list Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn on all campaign related materials.

## PART II

Please state your position (SUPPORT or OPPOSE) on each of the following FEDERAL bills or issues (House bills are listed; most have a companion Senate bill). If you OPPOSE, please explain your position in each such instance.

1. H.R. 2282: Equality Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2282>

Yes

2. H.R. 2640: Every Child Deserves a Family Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2640>

Yes

3. H.R. 2498: Freedom from Discrimination in Credit Act

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2498>

Yes

4. H.R. 2491: Global Respect Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2491>

Yes

5. H.R. 1739: REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1739>

Yes

6. H.R. 1516: Healthy Families Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1516>

Yes

7. H.R. 5339: Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5339/text/ih?overview=closed&format=xml>

Yes

8. H.R. 1957: Safe Schools Improvement Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1957>

Yes

9. H.R. 2151: Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2151>

Yes

10. H.R. 1515: Juror Non-Discrimination Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1515>

Yes

11. H.R. 3602: Real Education for Healthy Youth Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr3602>

Yes

12. H.R. 5374: Student Non-Discrimination Act <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5374>

Yes

13. H.R.15: Raise the Wage Act <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/15/all-info>

Yes

14. Do you support dramatic investments to reduce the cost of college at public institutions, such as the College for All Act of 2017 or the Debt-Free College Act of 2018, and legislation to reduce student loan debt, such as the Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act?

The Lieutenant Governor supports comprehensive efforts that make education affordable for working and middle-class families. College graduates should not be weighed down with exorbitant student loan debts.

15. Legislation and other actions to increase federal resources to help address the housing affordability and transportation crisis in New York City?

During her tenure in Congress the Lieutenant Governor fought hard to increase federal funding to New York State. As Lieutenant Governor, she works with the New York State delegation and her former colleagues in Washington to get our fair share of federal funding.

16. A federal constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision.

The Lieutenant Governor is supportive of an amendment and other policies we can take to remove money from politics.

17. A comprehensive U.S. immigration reform bill that includes a reasonable path to citizenship for undocumented migrants presently residing in the U.S., as well as:

The Lieutenant Governor supports holistic immigration reform which should include reasonable path to citizenship, family reunification including LGBTQ families, citizenship for DACA recipients and diversity visas.

a. No funding for a wall at the Mexico-U.S. border.

Does not support funding for a wall.

b. A path to citizenship for DACA recipients, their parents, and those eligible for DACA but who failed to apply.

Supports

c. Ensuring the continuation of family reunification, the process by which green card holders or legal U.S. residents may sponsor a family member for immigration to the United States (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/family-immigration/family-based-immigrant-visas.html>).

Supports

d. Maintaining the Diversity Visa Lottery: <https://www.us-immigration.com/greencard/Green-Card-Lottery.html>.

Supports

18. The continuation and independence of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections.

The Lieutenant Governor has deep respect for law enforcement and the judicial branch of government. To avoid a constitutional crisis, Special Counsel Mueller must be allowed to diligently continue his investigation.

19. The submission of an impeachment resolution against President Trump (and/or Vice President Pence) in the U.S. House or the passage of a resolution authorizing an inquiry that may lead to an impeachment resolution.

The Lieutenant Governor supports allowing Special Counsel Mueller's investigation to continue and believes Congress must act accordingly to the recommendations of Mueller's report.

### PART III

Please state your position (SUPPORT or OPPOSE) on each of the following NYS bills or issues. If you OPPOSE, please explain your position in each such instance.

1. Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (S502: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S502>), which has been repeatedly passed by the NYS Assembly, to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and gender expression.

Supports. In October 2015, New York State became the first executive in the nation to issue statewide regulations prohibiting harassment and discrimination on the basis of gender identity, transgender status or gender dysphoria.

2. Prohibit licensed mental health professionals from performing conversion therapy techniques upon LGBT minors, which has been passed by the NYS Assembly (S263: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S263>).

Yes. The Lieutenant Governor supports the prohibition of mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts (also known as "curative therapy," "reparative therapy," and "gay conversion therapy") with a patient under the age of eighteen years.

3. The Child-Parent Security Act (S17A: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S17>), which would repeal New York State's ban on paid gestational surrogacy and provide comprehensive legal protections for New Yorkers building their families.

Yes

4. Legalization of the adult possession, use, and sale of marijuana in New York State (Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (S3040B and A3506B).

The Lieutenant Governor is waiting for the recommendations from the Governor's Commission, and regardless, acknowledges the benefits of medicinal marijuana.

5. The New York State DREAM Act (A.9605), which would permit undocumented students who meet in-state tuition requirements to access state financial aid and scholarships for higher education.

The Lieutenant Governor supports providing DREAMers with the opportunity to further their education.

6. Full marriage equality for same-sex couples (all rights and privileges under federal and state law as afforded to opposite-sex married couples).

YES!!!! The Lieutenant Governor believes love is something that should be celebrated.

7. Denying religious institutions the use of New York City public school buildings for worship services.

The Lieutenant Governor fully believes in the separation of church and state.

8. Increased funding (capital and operating expenses) for both emergency shelter beds and transitional beds for homeless youth, a huge percentage of whom are LGBT.

Yes

9. Funding (capital and operating) for culturally competent senior housing built and operated to specifically meet the needs of LGBT seniors. Many LGBT seniors experience harassment and homophobia in senior facilities, forcing them to choose between supportive services and going back into the closet.

Yes

10. The NYS Blueprint to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in NYS by 2020 ([https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/ending\\_the\\_epidemic/](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/ending_the_epidemic/)).

Yes, this is a proud accomplishment of the Governor's administration.

#### PART IV: DEMOCRATS TAKING CHARGE

1. State THREE concrete actions you're taking to ensure that Democrats win in November and take control of the U.S. House and/or U.S. Senate.

Actively campaign for candidates making sure they're building grassroots support.

Works with county chairs upstate to recruit Democrats to run for office.

Represent Democrat candidates at events across the state and will work with them to strategically earn media and raise necessary resources

2. Presuming Democrats take control of one chamber of Congress, what three actions will you take to advance economic security and opportunity, protect the environment, strengthen consumer protections and strengthen regulation on financial institutions, and advance access to affordable health care (such as single payer, Medicare buy-in, a public option, etc).

1. Keep fighting to protect the Affordable Care Act and expanding quality affordable coverage to all New Yorkers.

2. Ensure the Federal Government is providing enough funding to New York's affordable housing stock, like NYCHA, to better living conditions for all.

3. Keep up the fight for comprehensive federal immigration reform. Our dreamers and their families are looking for the same American dream as our ancestors before us. This issue really encompasses every policy objective above.

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1. Helped her good friend Shelly Mayer win her special election.

2. Actively campaign for our candidates in competitive districts.

3. Recruit Democrats to run for office throughout the NYS.

4. STATE SENATE CANDIDATES:

If you're (re)elected to the NYS Senate, do you unequivocally commit for the entirety of your term in office to:

Caucus with the majority of Democrats in the chamber; and

Not join the Independent Democratic Conference or any other "breakaway" faction of Democrats?

Circle one: YES NO

Federal AND State Candidates: Will you oppose for re-election any NY State Senator that is or has caucused with the IDC?

Circle one: YES NO

#### PART V: OTHER ISSUES

Please state your position (SUPPORT or OPPOSE) on each of the following issues. If you OPPOSE, please explain your position in each such instance.

1. Legislative efforts (federal/state/city) to expand funding for non-HIV LGBT health and human services. If support, please state which non-HIV service(s) you support and in what amount(s).

Support. The Lieutenant Governor supports increased funding for comprehensive health and mental health services for the LGBT community throughout the age continuum.

2. A woman's unrestricted right to reproductive services, including abortion. Potential restrictions might include public funding (Medicaid, military/veterans benefits, etc.) for birth control and/or

abortions, criminalizing late-term abortions, preventing the inclusion of reproductive/abortion services in state health insurance marketplaces or as part of the required essential health benefits under the Affordable Care Act, or parental consent for an unemancipated minor to obtain birth control or abortion services.

The Lieutenant Governor supports a woman's unrestricted right to reproductive services regardless of her immigration status. She also believes Roe v. Wade should be codified.

3. The Black Lives Matter movement and goals (<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/>).

Yes. The Lieutenant Governor supports the Black Lives Matter movement and has participated in BLM events. As a lifelong activist, she believes in the right to protest oppression, discrimination and inequality.

4. The MeToo movement to end sexual violence (<https://metoomvmt.org/>).

The Lieutenant Governor spearheaded the Enough is Enough law to stop sexual assault on campuses, well before the #MeToo movement. She visited campus after campus, listening to victims, parents, and administrators to gain a deep understanding of the problem and develop solutions. Enough is Enough is now a national model.

5. Sensible gun control, including universal criminal background checks for gun and ammunition purchases, limits on ammunition cartridge capacity, universal gun licensing and a national gun registry/database, prohibit the sale of high-capacity magazines, and an assault weapons ban, among other measures (<http://www.gaysagainstguns.net/about>).

Yes.

6. Federal and state efforts to enact criminal justice reform and end mass incarceration, including sentencing and prison reforms (for example, HR 3356 Prison Reform and Redemption Act), bail reform (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-unveils-22nd-proposal-2018-state-state-restoring-fairness-new-yorks-criminal>), and the closure of Rikers Island.

Yes

7. The elimination of the death penalty nationwide (NY's Court of Appeals effectively ended the death penalty in NYS in 2004).

Yes

8. Specific laws and resources to effectively address violence and hate crimes targeting the transgender community, particularly transgender and gender-nonconforming women of color (<https://transequality.org/issues/anti-violence>).

Yes!!! The Lieutenant Governor believes everyone has the right to unapologetically be who they are and not fear for their lives.

9. The expansion of age-appropriate sex education in public schools, including non-judgmental discussion of sexual orientation/gender identity and the distribution of condoms to students, within the context of educating them about the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections with the goal of preventing transmission among school-aged children/adolescents.

Support

10. An initiative requiring New York City's public schools to develop and implement a curriculum on LGBT history.

Support. New York State is and always has been the progressive leader in the LGBTQ movement, and we should ensure that the history of LGBTQ people and their rights are included in curricula

11. The use of school vouchers to permit students to attend private schools paid with public school dollars.

No

12. Organized prayer in public schools.

The Lieutenant Governor fully supports the separation of church and state.

Kathy Hochul

6/5/2018

Candidate Signature

Date