

Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn

2018 Candidate Questionnaire

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Campaign Name: Dilan for Senate

Office Being Sought: New York State Senator, District 18

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PART I

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

New York State Senate, 2002-present. New York City Council, 1992-2001. New York City School Board, District 32 1975-1989, Board president for seven years.

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

- a. Transit funding, capital plan & emergency funds
- b. NYCHA Capital
- c. Raise the Age Implementation, funding is critical to success of the policy change

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).

See attached.

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

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Yes.

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

No.

6. What endorsements have you received to date?

DC37 / 1199SEIU / Council of Schools Supervisors & Administrators / National Institute of Reproductive Health / Mayor Bill De Blasio / Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins / Member of Assembly Erik Martin Dilan / Councilman Rafael Espinal / Congressman Adriano Espaillat

Working to earn support of many others.

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?

Absolutely.

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>
2. H.R. 2640: Every Child Deserves a Family Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2640>
3. H.R. 2498: Freedom from Discrimination in Credit Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2498>

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4. H.R. 2491: Global Respect Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2491>
5. H.R. 1739: REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1739>
6. H.R. 1516: Healthy Families Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1516>
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>
8. H.R. 1957: Safe Schools Improvement Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1957>
9. H.R. 2151: Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2151>
10. H.R. 1515: Juror Non-Discrimination Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1515>
11. H.R. 3602: Real Education for Healthy Youth Act <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr3602>
12. H.R. 5374: Student Non-Discrimination Act <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5374>
13. H.R. 15: Raise the Wage Act <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/15/all-info>
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](#)?
15. Legislation and other actions to increase federal resources to help address the housing affordability and transportation crisis in New York City?

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

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:

- a. No funding for a wall at the Mexico-U.S. border.
- b. A path to citizenship for DACA recipients, their parents, and those eligible for DACA but who failed to apply.
- 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>).
- d. Maintaining the Diversity Visa Lottery: <https://www.us-immigration.com/greencard/Green-Card-Lottery.html>.

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

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.

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.

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Support, currently cosponsor in the Senate.

- 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>).**

Support wholeheartedly.

- 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.**

Fully support.

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

I was proud to be the first to cosponsor the legislation when it was introduced in 2014.

- 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.**

Fully support and look forward to passing it with a Democratic Majority.

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

Absolutely. I was proud to join Senator Hoylman in opposing a measure that excluded same-sex couples from insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization.

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

Believe in the separation of church and state.

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- 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.**

I have added my name to budget letters requesting the prioritization of funding for homeless youth.

- 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.**

This is very interesting to me. Something I have not considered before but recognize the validity of the concerns. It is something I would like to learn more about and look forward to future conversations.

- 10. The NYS Blueprint to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in NYS by 2020 (https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/ending_the_epidemic/).**

Absolutely.

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.**
- a. Focused on Democrats taking control of the State Senate
 - b.
 - c.
- 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).**
- a.

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b.

c.

3. **State THREE concrete actions you're taking to ensure that Democrats win in November and take control of the NYS Senate.**

- a. Past; supported countless campaigns in the past. Walked streets in Long Island, Schenectady, the Hudson Valley and western NY. Stood with democratic candidates and supported them financially. Publicly called for the expulsion of IDC members from the Democratic Party in 2014.
- b. Present; member of the DSCC Board and Leadership of the conference. Steadfast support of my leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.
- c. Future; no matter the outcome of my primary, I will support candidates win Long Island and the Hudson Valley so that we can earn a long deserved majority. I have fought for a Democratic Majority for years. The disappointment, and frustration of 2009 is all the motivation I need.

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:

- a. **Caucus with the majority of Democrats in the chamber; and**
- b. **Not join the Independent Democratic Conference or any other "breakaway" faction of Democrats?**

Circle one: YES

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

Circle one: I am not actively supporting any Senator at this time. I am focused on my race and my constituents.

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.

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- 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. I would like to see an increase of funding to the LGBT Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative, within the Department of Health.

- 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.**

Fully support. Member of the bi-partisan prochoice legislative caucus. Cosponsor of the Reproductive Health Act.

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

I support social justice for all people.

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

Absolutely. Support individuals coming forward to enact a societal shift in our country. As a father and grandfather, I am hopeful for a more tolerant and kind world.

- 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>).**

I supported the SAFE Act that limits cartridge capacity and sale of assault rifles in NY. I support extreme orders of protection. We need action on the Federal level.

- 6. Federal and state efforts to enact criminal justice reform and end mass incarceration, including sentencing and prison reforms (for example, HR 3356**

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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.

Support criminal justice reform. Proud of my vote to repeal Rockefeller Drug Laws. Support the elimination of the cash bail system, solitary confinement and the closure of Rikers Island.

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

I oppose the death penalty.

- 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>).**

Support.

- 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.

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

Oppose.

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12. Organized prayer in public schools.

I am not in favor of organized prayer.


Candidate Signature

July 24, 2018
Date