

NEW KINGS DEMOCRATS

2017 City Council Candidate Questionnaire

Completed questionnaires will be public documents available on our website, so put your best foot forward. If we ultimately hold an endorsement vote in your race, your questionnaire will be circulated to our membership before the vote.

Name	Alicka Ampry Samuel
Council District number and neighborhoods represented	41, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights and East Flatbush
How long have you lived in the above district?	I was born and raised in the district.
Preferred campaign contact information: name, email address, phone number	[REDACTED]
Why do you want to serve as a member of the NYC Council?	Even as a teenager, I prided myself in service to my community. My experiences on the local, state and federal level of government will enhance my ability to bring home quality jobs, improve schools and the quality of life in my community.
What have you accomplished in public life that you are most proud of?	Started the first Youth Market in the community providing young people with jobs, providing them with real alternatives to incarceration and bring fresh fruits and vegetables to residents with an awareness of healthy choices and eating habits.
What are the greatest strengths and struggles of your council district?	Real quality, affordable housing is a big issue in the district, from property tax issues in Crown Heights to the rising forecloses in Bedford Stuyvesant many of the constituency fear being pushed out of their homes. Many of whom have been there for generations. It is struggles like these that make the community band together to pull each other through. We are more than a community, we are a family.
Why do you want New Kings Democrats' endorsement?	NKD and I share some of the same belief and goals like Right to know and Criminal Justice reform. I believe that if elected, we could champion these causes together.
If elected, what will your top three legislative and budgetary priorities be while in office?	Affordable housing, recreational activities for children, Job training and creation.
What is one thing you would do while in office to make New York City government more transparent, accountable, or inclusive?	Participatory budgeting is a great way to get the constituency involved in choosing which services come into the district. It also opens up a dialog and a way to educate the district on how their tax dollars are spent.
In what ways would you like to expand voting access, and how can you do this as a member of the NYC Council?	There are a few bills in the Assembly that I would support with a resolution. The City Council is a strong supporter of voting rights and voter protection. To note, I worked with Assemblywoman Walker in drafting the "Modernized Voter Registration Act of NY" A8626.
What criminal justice reforms would you like to see the Council implement?	Mass incarceration leads to many social break down in communities like the 41 st district. I will work with the Council to end the school to prison pipeline by allocating funds and resources to effective programming and prevention services. As well as supporting families where they are.
Do you support the Right to Know Act?	YES to transparency and accountability in policing will go a long way to repair relations with the police and the community, especially in the 41 st district
Will you be participating in the NYC Matching Funds program?	Yes
NKD supports holding a New York State Constitutional Convention. Do you? Why or why not?	No. While some may argue that a Constitutional Convention is necessary to change parts of the state constitution, it must be said that doing so opens the door for many of our liberties to be taken away. I believe that many of the necessary changes can be made through the legislative process, while protecting rights like collective bargaining, free public education and public pensions.
What is your vision for the Brooklyn Democratic Party?	ORGANIZE AND MOBILIZE. It's time we go back to focusing on mobilizing our community by educating them on the issues plaguing the community and motivating

	our people to come out and participate in the process. We need to strategically organize with an agenda and purpose.
What funds have you raised for this campaign? What are the major sources of your campaign funds?	To date I have raised over \$41,000 most of my contributions have been low dollars from the district along with friends and family.
What endorsements have you received from publications, electeds, community leaders, or political organizations?	I have endorsements from Assemblywoman Walker, District Leader Anthony Jones, Former Congressman Ed Towns, Former District Leader Waymen Carrie, Make the Road, 32BJ, the Working Families Party, several Tenant Association leaders, and clergy members.
Of the other people who hold the office you're running for, who do you admire most and why?	Richie Torres for his strong voice and advocacy around public housing. Jumaane Williams for his strong community organizing initiatives, Corey Johnson for his willingness to share his story and be a champion for the disenfranchised and Julissa Ferreras-Copeland for being a woman of integrity, who works hard to facilitate an effective budget process with effective oversight over the finance committee. She's inspiring.
What are some of the ways you think New York City residents can best participate in civic life?	Attending community meetings and joining political clubs.
What is one fun fact about you?	I attended the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations in South Africa and had the pleasure of staying in the host hotel for Team Algeria for full week. I scheduled my time in Johannesburg/ Pretoria thinking I would rest, shop and do some touring. I left an avid football fan and many new friends who chain smoke.

I have reviewed this questionnaire and agree that the responses set forth in this document are accurate:

Candidate Signature: 

Date: 5/13/2017

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