



**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	Cory Provost
Council District number and neighborhoods represented	41; Ocean-Hill, Brownsville, East Flatbush, Crown Heights, Bedford Stuyvesant
How long have you lived in the above district?	4 years
Preferred campaign contact information: name, email address, phone number	[REDACTED]
Why do you want to serve as a member of the NYC Council?	I find that our district has historically received the short end of the stick. No matter the political climate our district continues to lead the city in health disparities, high poverty, and high crime. Our elected officials consistently face scandals – causing them to be alienated in chambers. I am running to bring integrity and confidence back in our public officials and to turn around our community.
What have you accomplished in public life that you are most proud of?	Establishing CUNY has a smoke-free University and winning the fight against co-location for Meyer Levin JHS.
What are the greatest strengths and struggles of your council district?	Our district is facing a health crisis – currently holding one of the lowest life expectancy rates in NYC. The greatest strength is the raw potential that resides within the children of the district. There is tremendous talent across all industries that need to be better cultivated.
Why do you want New Kings Democrats' endorsement?	As an organizer I have tremendous respect for the energy, commitment, ideals and fortitude of NKD. As a Democrat I love the strength that you give your members – empowering them to get in the game. As the next councilmember I would welcome all of those things to better our government.
If elected, what will your top three legislative and budgetary priorities be while in office?	Closing Riker's Island, increasing funding to add more guidance counselors/health professionals to in our schools, and
What is one thing you would do while in office to make New York City government more transparent, accountable, or inclusive?	I would fight for a more inclusive City government by pushing to expand voting rights to non-citizens.
In what ways would you like to expand voting access, and how can you do this as a member of the NYC Council?	<p>New York needs to step up as a major leader in reforming the way voting is done. New York needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Early Voting</li> <li>▪ Weekend Voting</li> <li>▪ Holidays for Primary Elections</li> <li>▪ Extended Voting Hours</li> <li>▪ Higher Pay for Poll Workers</li> <li>▪ Universal or Same day registration</li> <li>▪ No excuse absentee voting</li> </ul> <p>The City Council can instruct the City BOE to enhance voter communication such that</p>

	they send out more reminders, possibly using new technologies to communicate. The Council can also help expand language access services for voters.
What criminal justice reforms would you like to see the Council implement?	Closing Riker’s Island, increase the use of citations over arrests, end Broken Windows policing, end the over policing of schools with public safety officers. Pass the right to know act, and strengthen the CCRB.
Do you support the Right to Know Act?	Yes
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?	I do not at this time. I find that the current political climate would put New Yorkers at tremendous risk to lose certain rights/protections.
What is your vision for the Brooklyn Democratic Party?	I envision a party that plays a greater role in recruiting, training, and supporting Democrats to run for office. One that actively engages its members while weeding out “Democrats In Name Only”.
What funds have you raised for this campaign? What are the major sources of your campaign funds?	\$16,000. We received approximately 200 donations from everyday New Yorkers.
What endorsements have you received from publications, electeds, community leaders, or political organizations?	Assemblyman Nick Perry, Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte, and Frank Seddio (Kings County Democratic Chairman).
Of the other people who hold the office you're running for, who do you admire most and why?	CM Williams. I believe CM Williams has mastered the role of a servant leader. His ability to navigate his diverse district and to balance the role of Councilman with community activist has created a blueprint others should follow.
What are some of the ways you think New York City residents can best participate in civic life?	Joining or participating in their community boards, starting a block or tenant association, or joining their neighborhood advisory board.
What is one fun fact about you?	I am avid scrabble player – hoping to play professionally one day.

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

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_5-15-17\_\_

***You must sign this questionnaire! When complete, please e-mail your signed and scanned questionnaire to [politics@newkingsdemocrats.com](mailto:politics@newkingsdemocrats.com) and [info@newkingsdemocrats.com](mailto:info@newkingsdemocrats.com)***