



2019-2020 Assembly 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	Diana C Richardson
How long have you lived in your district?	My whole life - 36 years!
What civic and political organizations are you involved with in the district?	I was a member of Community Board 9, ran for district leader, went to Medgar Evers College, participated in the Crown Heights Tenant Union, was active with SOS Crown Heights -- I am a very engaged community leader. Today, as an incumbent elected official, I run Civic Minded -- a monthly meeting of community members looking to build civic engagement.
What have you accomplished in public life that you are most proud of?	I led the fight for the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019 -- the rent regulation laws that protect New York's tenants.
Why do you want to serve as a member of the Assembly?	I serve as an Assemblymember because my district is constantly overlooked and forgotten by the powers that be. I fight SO HARD for my people to have a voice in the State capitol. I have brought results to my community, and am currently running against a Trump, IDC "Democrat." My community needs true representation.
Why do you want New Kings Democrats' endorsement?	I have always stood up to Brooklyn's political machine. From my first time running for office -- when County Committee pulled tricks to keep us off the ballot in a Special Election -- I ran as a WFP member. I am a Democrat and I have always fought to bring transparency and representation to Brooklyn County, and will always speak up to corrupt County bosses. I respect NKD for doing the same.
Would you be willing to run on a slate with District Leader candidates?	Maybe.
If endorsed by NKD, would you be willing to carry County Committee candidates running through our #RepYourBlock campaign on your petitions, if these candidates canvassed for you?	NA - petitioning is over.
What are your District's greatest strengths and struggles?	Evictions, gentrification and deed theft are destroying this community.

<p>What is your vision for the Brooklyn Democratic Party?</p>	<p>To see the problems with Brooklyn’s democratic party, you just need to follow the money. I represent Brooklyn with integrity, and I won’t take a DOLLAR of money from someone who will stop me from representing my people the way that I need to.</p>
<p>If elected, how will you support the work of New Kings Democrats and its partners to make New York State government more transparent, accountable, or inclusive?</p>	<p>I have always fought for campaign finance reform and will continue to fight to keep Albany accountable to the people. I host monthly community meetings in my district to keep my constituents abreast of what is happening in Albany.</p>
<p>What is one important way you think the State Assembly should be reformed, and what is your plan for trying to implement such reform?</p>	<p>Pass true public financing of elections.</p>
<p>If elected, what will your top three legislative and budgetary priorities be while in office?</p>	<p>Enact criminal justice reform. End homelessness and invest in truly affordable housing. Invest in our schools.</p>
<p>Please review NKD’s rent regulation platform, adapted from the Housing Justice for All platform: https://bit.ly/32dVcM9 If elected, will you fight for the passage of the planks of this platform that were not enacted in 2019, including but not limited to universal rent control?</p>	<p>Of course! I lead that fight.</p>
<p>NKD is a proud member of Communities United for Police Reform. Please review CPR’s Safer NY platform: https://www.changethenypd.org/safer-ny If elected, will you fight for the passage of these bills?</p>	<p>Of course!</p>
<p>Please review NKD’s voting rights platform: https://www.newkingsdemocrats.com/voting_rights If elected, will you fight for the passage of the planks of this platform that have not yet been enacted, including but not limited to full enfranchisement for people with criminal records?</p>	<p>Of course!</p>
<p>NKD is a proud supporter of the Sexual Harassment Working Group. If elected, will you commit to working side-by-side with the SHWG to fight for</p>	<p>Yes, proudly!</p>

changes to the culture of sexual harassment and abuse in Albany?	
What funds have you raised for this campaign? What are the major sources of your campaign funds?	I am the first elected official to not take real estate money to fund my campaign. I am supported by the people, for the people. I am running on small donations.
What endorsements have you received from publications, electeds, community leaders, or political organizations?	I have been endorsed by every major union and community group in Crown Heights.
What areas of the district do you see as your biggest sources of votes and support?	I work hard to represent every part of my district. I live right in the Center of it, and I love it all dearly!
Which member of the State Assembly do you admire most and why?	Nick Perry
What is one fun fact about you?	I was the first elected official to the New York State Assembly using ONLY the WFP line.

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



Candidate Signature: _____ Date:
6/8/2020_____

You must sign this questionnaire! When complete, please e-mail your signed and scanned questionnaire to politics@newkingsdemocrats.com