



2018 NY Governor Primary Candidate Survey

Cynthia Nixon Democratic Party

Election Day:
Thursday, September 13, 2018

Polls Open:
6:00 am - 9:00 pm EST

Healthcare: Q) *What is your position on the New York Health Act that establishes a universal health plan for New York State residents?*

A) I support the New York Health Act and establishing a single-payer health care system in New York.

Immigration: Q) *In light of the recent controversial executive orders and following court decisions, what are your plans regarding the rights, safety, and status of undocumented immigrants?*

A) On my first day in office, I will issue an executive order restoring access to driver's licenses for all New Yorkers, regardless of their immigration status. I will also fight to pass the Liberty Act, a bill which would make New York a true sanctuary state. This bill has already passed the Assembly but died in Cuomo's Republican Senate. Unlike Governor Cuomo, I will also make passing the DREAM Act a priority.

Finally, Cuomo continues to support the existence of ICE, and has refused to return more than \$800,000 in campaign contributions from companies and landlords who rent space to ICE. I believe that ICE needs to be abolished.

Education: Q) *What is your position on the elimination of the SHSAT for specialized high school admissions?*

A) I have strongly endorsed legislation introduced by Assemblyman Charles Barron designed to end the segregation in the specialized high schools. The legislation proposed by Assemblyman Barron would phase out the single test for admission to specialized high schools and instead rely on multiple measures including classroom grades and tests that are taken by all students and do not require prep courses. Over three years the legislation would open up admissions to the top five to seven percent of students from every middle school in New York City which is projected to increase enrollment of Black and Latinx students to 45 percent.

Voting Reform: Q) *New York has some of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. What policies would you implement to the current New York State's voting laws and increase voter turnout?*

A) I support early voting, automatic voter registration, and same-day voter registration. I also support ensuring that our Board of Elections have the resources they need to fully implement accessible voting sites in every corner of the state. Despite the laws passed to ensure that voters with disabilities can vote just like their neighbors, currently 1 in 6 voters have a disability but only 1 in 4 polling places are accessible to them.

Census: Q) *How do you plan to address the undercounting of New York State residents in the 2020 Census? What is your view on the responsibility of the Governor's office in ensuring a fair and accurate Census count?*

A) It is the Governor's responsibility to do everything she can to mobilize all of civil society in New York to reject the proposed citizenship question to the 2020 Census -- protest, lobbying, litigation, and calling our legislators. This is an attack on immigrants and our democracy.

As Governor, I would commit to directing resources towards ensuring a fair count—ideally with significant resources going to community groups with deep relationships in immigrant communities and communities of color for outreach. I would also have a team that is specifically focused on this in 2019 and 2020. I will also create a task force on ensuring a fair census count as Governor.