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EDUCATION

Q: What is your position on diversity initiatives in historically racially and socioeconomically segregated schools, and if elected, what steps will you take to influence federally funded programs and/or policies?

A: I support merit-based specialized schools and diversity initiatives. To improve communities and lives of citizens, opportunities must be provided to each and every citizen. Communities must engage in dialogue and diversify schools to reflect the communities the schools are located in. I will work with colleagues in Congress, introduce legislation and make it a priority.

GUN CONTROL

Q: What is your position on gun control and if elected, what specific policies will you advocate for?

A: I support gun control. Gun control applicants must be minimum 21 years old, go through background vetting system, and all assault rifles should be banned from the public.

HEALTHCARE

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that immigrants continue to have access to healthcare in New York in light of recent discussions concerning public charge policies?

A: NY has been a beacon of hope, access and opportunities for people regardless of immigration status. President Trump is considering legislation to make legal immigrant families deportable because they used CHIP or other medical benefits. We cannot allow this. We will protect every New Yorkers.

IMMIGRATION

Q: Given the recent changes and proposed changes to immigration policy, which existing immigration policies would you advocate to protect?

A: The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 is an important legislation that has allowed people from Asia, Africa and others parts of the world previously banned from coming. I would protect this piece of legislation. We should not become a Police nation, where our priority is enforcement and criminalization of behavior. We need to keep our humanity – support DACA, support TPS, and ban separation of children from parents and use of cage to house people.

CENSUS

Q: What steps have you taken or will you take to ensure accurate representation of underrepresented and vulnerable communities for Census 2020?

A: People from underrepresented and vulnerable communities need awareness that Census 2020 is happening and matters, that they should fill it out and participate in Census, everyone is counted, and we must prevent gerrymandering.