



Gregory Meeks, Democratic Party

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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: As a father, I know the perspective gained in a diverse educational setting is invaluable. That said, New York City has had difficulty in ensuring that school districts reflect the diversity of the city. I have pushed for NYC DOE to fix the institutional factors contributing to this segregation, and believe that all schools should be able to provide high quality education, not just in affluent communities. There is also a housing component to this issue, which the federal government must work to address, to encourage diversity and not push out low income families out of the neighborhoods they've always lived in through gentrification.

GUN CONTROL

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

A: I have long been an advocate for long overdue, common sense gun control legislation, like closing the gun show loophole and implementing universal background checks, reinstating the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, and stopping the flow of guns in New York from less restrictive states. It is my hope that, with a Democratic Congress, I'll be able to finally push through these overdue reforms. I have also introduced legislation, the Investor Choice Against Gun Proliferation Act, to require public companies to disclose relationship with the gun industry.

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: To the detriment of Americans benefitting from the Affordable Care Act's protections, the GOP and this administration have practiced a policy of sabotage and repeal. This is undermining New Yorkers access to affordable health care. In repealing the individual mandate, the GOP has contributed to skyrocketing premiums instead of working with Democrats to work on fixing problems with Obamacare. I will fight to protect our care so that we don't return to a time when needing medical help can leave you bankrupt.

IMMIGRATION

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

A: In Queens, the world's borough, we know the value that immigrants contribute to our society and our economy. This administration, however, has implemented xenophobic policies that are causing unprecedented levels of cruelty on undocumented immigrants in our state and at our border. I will continue to fight to protect our DREAMERS, restore decency at our border, and finally reform our immigration system to provide a pathway to citizenship. No immigrant should feel forced to retreat to the shadows, and we must provide every possible protection to our most vulnerable New Yorkers.

CENSUS

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

A: This administration's move to add a legal status question to the Census is particularly a threat to New York, whose large immigrant populations rightfully are concerned that their answers could be used against them. The census was never meant to be political, and by underrepresenting New York's population, our state will have less resources to help all residents of our state. I have joined in an amicus brief to challenge the 2020 census question in court.