

26th Senate District Annual Convention Discussion Topics

DEFENDING TENANTS' RIGHTS AND AFFORDABILITY

How can tenants, elected officials, City and State agencies, and community groups work together to protect the rights of tenants? How can we fight for laws and policy changes to preserve affordability?

REFORMING OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

How can our community advocate to make our justice system truly just, and reduce the human and financial costs of over-incarceration? How can we engage in discussions about potential changes at the detention facilities in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn?

STRENGTHENING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND REFORMING ALBANY

What steps can we take to reform New York's campaign finance system, improve our State government, and make sure everyone's voice is heard in Albany?

EDUCATING AND LIFTING UP OUR YOUTH

Education is the foundation of success. How can we promote equity in our schools and ensure every young New Yorker receives a quality education? What is the role of pre-kindergarten and afterschool programs?

PRESERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Overdevelopment has touched nearly every neighborhood in our city. What's the right balance between embracing positive changes and preserving our communities?

ENHANCING ARTS AND CULTURE

The arts are essential to the vibrancy of our city and our well-being. How can we work to protect, enrich, and expand cultural opportunities in our communities?

SAFEGUARDING CIVIL RIGHTS

What can we do to guarantee every New Yorker has access to the same opportunities, resources, and security, regardless of how they identify?

EXPANDING AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE

As Washington continues to threaten funding and support for healthcare, and our local institutions undergo changes in the services they provide, what can we do to ensure that we all get the healthcare we need?

PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF OLDER NEW YORKERS

How can we work with local organizations and government agencies to give older New Yorkers the security to age in our communities? What resources can we provide to ensure that we can all continue to live healthy and productive lives as we age?

CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH / CONVERSACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

La Oficina de Senador Kavanagh le invita a una discusión sobre preocupaciones de la comunidad y el gobierno. Venga hablan a nosotros sobre votación, educación, problemas de personas mayores y otros asuntos.

CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE/華語討論組

參議員卡范納辦公室邀請閣下來參加討論有關社區問題、政府立法、教育、選舉、長者福利和權益及你們關心的事項。

IMPROVING STREETS, TRANSPORTATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Our subways, streets, and buses are the lifeblood of New York. With huge projects like the L Train shutdown and the BQE rehab looming, and the ongoing challenges of underfunded and poorly maintained mass transit and traffic congestion, how can we repair our infrastructure and make the most of limited street space?

SUPPORTING PUBLIC HOUSING

Our public housing – home to about 400,000 New Yorkers – is in crisis. How can we support tenants, increase funding for repairs and upgrades, and improve management and accountability at the Housing Authority?

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE

New York State has one of the lowest rates of gun-related death in the country – with strong gun laws, effective policing, and community anti-violence efforts – but guns still kill 900 people here each year. What can we do to reduce gun violence and save lives?

REFORMING OUR ELECTIONS AND PROTECTING AGAINST CYBER-THREATS

Free, fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy. How can we increase civic participation, eliminate barriers, and make it easier for every eligible New Yorker to vote? How should we respond to the growing threat of hackers disrupting our elections?

ENHANCING RESILIENCY AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Nearly six years after Superstorm Sandy, our neighborhoods remain vulnerable. What can we do to protect our communities — and ensure we're doing our part to prevent climate change and sea-level rise?