

Candidate: Jasmin Sanchez

Office: NYS Assembly District 65

Question: Please provide a brief statement about why you are running for this office. What would be your #1 policy priority if elected? And please provide one accomplishment that you believe illustrates why you're the best candidate for the job.

Candidate Response:

I'm running for State Assembly in District 65 because Lower Manhattan deserves leadership that is rooted in community, guided by justice, and unafraid to take on powerful interests to deliver real change.

I am Jasmin Sanchez, a lifelong organizer and NYCHA resident, product of the NYC public school system, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies graduate student, educator, and current Democratic District Leader, raised in a working poor community and shaped by the belief that democracy only works when everyday people have a real say in the decisions that affect their lives. I didn't come to this work for a title; I came because I've seen what happens when the government fails to show up for our neighbors, and I know it doesn't have to be this way.

My core values are simple and unapologetic: people over profit, dignity over displacement, care over cruelty, and democracy over corporate power. These values align deeply with constituents who believe government should be bold, moral, and rooted in the lives of working people.

Housing is not a single policy issue, it is the backbone of climate resilience, public health, educational equity, economic security, and mental well-being. Any serious agenda for justice and opportunity must begin by ensuring everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

I am the best candidate for the job because I combine lived experience, policy expertise, and a proven ability to deliver results across the entire district, from grassroots organizing to legislative drafting. I am rooted in the realities of this district. As a lifelong Lower Manhattan resident, I've organized alongside tenants, immigrants, workers, and small businesses not just during campaigns, but in moments of real crisis. I didn't parachute into these issues; I've lived them. I've turned community needs into real action. I've helped lead mutual aid efforts that delivered food and support to thousands of households during the pandemic. I've fought displacement, challenged NYCHA privatization, and pushed for affordability and resilience in neighborhood planning processes that affect both the East and West sides of the district. I've shown I can negotiate across ideology to secure resources while holding firm to core values. And I bring policy credibility. As a drafter of the Green New Deal for Public Housing, I've helped shape major legislation that links housing preservation, climate justice, labor standards, and public investment; exactly the kind of bold, practical leadership Albany needs.

My vision is a Lower Manhattan where families can afford to stay, where young people can imagine a future, where seniors can age with dignity, and where our government reflects the courage, care, and creativity of the people it represents.

That is why I'm running. Not just to hold office, but to co-govern with DID, other clubs, organizations and residents that make this city and state help work for all of us.