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Issues Affecting Downtown

Key issues that affect Downtown Manhattan residents: affordable housing, racial equity and AAPI hate, gun violence, reproductive rights, and protection from climate change.

Affordable Housing—Being able to have access to affordable housing is a basic human right. We have a housing shortage problem. People are paying too much of their earnings in rent or mortgage payments. To address this issue, I will partner with state and local officials to tackle this issue, bring in federal resources to support state and local initiatives on affordable plans, consult with community stakeholders so we could offer more affordable options to congressional district 10's residents.

Racial Equity and AAPI hate--As your congressional representative, I would work hard on racial equity and AAPI hate issues. I would support programs that reduce childhood poverty, narrow educational gaps, improve income and employment opportunities for marginalized populations, and quality health care for all.

Gun violence--Supreme Court's ruling on NY Conceal Carry Gun Law would make it easier for people to carry handguns. Our country is already in a crisis with gun violence, like mass shootings in schools, malls, churches, and other social gatherings. We need to ban assault rifles (like semi-automatic AR-15) and enforce strict gun control laws to protect innocent people from getting hurt or killed.

Reproductive Rights— It is women's right to choose whether or not to reproduce, period! In 2022, many other non-democratic countries offer reproductive rights to their women. The United States, as a role model for the world, we shouldn't even need to have a conversation on this. Therefore, we are all outraged by the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe V. Wade. I would support any legislation that protects women's abortion rights.

Protection from climate change—Remember Hurricane Sandy? It had caused massive damage to NYC's waterfront communities. We have seen extreme weather patterns in recent years due to climate change. We need to prepare for all the challenges. Be proactive! No more waiting! We need to invest heavily on infrastructures to protect our city from hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. We can learn from others (ie. Japan and Singapore) on how they prepare for those challenges. Let's invest in our future!