

Thank you for agreeing to complete the South Central Brooklyn United for Progress State Assembly District 46 candidate questionnaire. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with how our endorsement process works - a candidate must receive  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the ranked choice vote in order to win our endorsement. [More details here.](#)

Your answers to these questions will be made available to the public on our website, <http://scbkunitedforprogress.org/>, and will be promoted on our Facebook page and twitter feed.

**Answers are due 24 hours prior to your scheduled interview time if you want to be considered for endorsement!**

### Campaign Information

What is your name? **Mathylde Frontus**

What are your preferred pronouns? **She/Her**

What office are you running for? **NYS Assembly, District 46**

Who is the point of contact for your campaign and what is the best way to get in touch with them? **Joe Herrera / Joe@underdogs.nyc**

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What is your campaign phone number? **917-450-6174**

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What is your campaign website? **FrontusforNY.com**

Is your campaign on social media? **Yes**

If so, what platform(s) and what are the names? **Facebook.com/FrontusAD46**  
**Twitter@FrontusforNY**

## Campaign Issues

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **health care** and what would you do to address them?

*Americans in general and New Yorkers in particular are struggling to afford high healthcare costs. Some families are uninsured due to high premium costs, others forego healthcare altogether due to the costs. For those with coverage, they still worry about medical bills. Research has found that New Yorkers welcome government-based solutions. The New York Health Act is a tangible solution and I will continue to fight for its passage.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **COVID-19 and recovery from its effects** and what would you do to address them?

*The challenges facing New Yorkers regarding COVID-19 and recovery are multifaceted. Healthwise, many New Yorkers and their families are dealing with long COVID health complications. Residents are also concerned with the economic recovery of our city and their financial well-being and many households lost income during the height of the pandemic. My office implemented a 6-point economic mobility plan for my constituents with the above concerns in mind. We curated program offerings in the following areas: homeownership assistance, career readiness & training, financial planning, entrepreneurship, cooperative economics and community investment opportunities. This plan is an effort from my office to help families regain their financial footing and plan for the long-term.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **prejudice, hate crimes, and racial justice** and what would you do to address them?

*Unfortunately, my district has seen too many instances of prejudice and hate crimes. There have been instances of anti-semitism, Islamophobia, anti-LGTBQ violence, anti-Black and anti-Asian discrimination. Hate and intolerance continue to be serious issues. As the 46th district is also one of the most racially and ethnically diverse, raising awareness and using educational campaigns seem to be the most effective tools to fight back. I have used the visibility of my office to speak up about all instances of hate and have organized multiple events to raise awareness.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **public schools and education** and what would you do to address them?

*Parents have a long list of concerns regarding public schools beginning with the lack of adequate funding for their childrens' schools. As a member of the legislature, my colleagues and I are responsible to fight for increased public education funding. The 2022-2023 budget will deliver over \$31.5 billion in total School Aid which is the highest level of State aid to date. Parents continue to express concern about the safety of their children in the wake of rising COVID-19 cases, including the highly contagious Omicron variant, and have asked for more*

*remote learning options. My office has stood with parents and has been extremely vocal advocating for their needs in asking the DOE for remote options.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **homelessness and housing** and what would you do to address them? What is your philosophy about housing development in the district?

*Across NYC and in my district in particular, homelessness and lack of affordable housing continue to be an issue. Working class families are working check to check but cannot afford rising rents. My philosophy is that newly constructed housing units must match the AMI of families living in the immediate vicinity of any new project. In the past, broader metrics for the AMI have been utilized and have included higher income earners who do not live in the immediate vicinity of new housing units. For example, if someone is developing new housing in the midst of dozens of NYCHA developments the rent should be affordable so that local families can afford them based on their low to medium income levels. Fortunately, in recent years there have been fully affordable units built in the community but I will continue to advocate that future projects reflect the needs of the community.*

What more do you think could be done in regards to **pedestrian / bicycle / automobile safety** in your district and/or in all of New York City / State?

*I recently signed on to approximately a dozen bills comprising the Crash Victim Rights and Safety Act. This issue is extremely relevant to southern Brooklyn where we've experienced a disproportionate amount of fatalities. I introduced Jeanne's Law, named after a close friend of my family who was hit by a car and left on the street. My bill would create a "duty to assist" law for the state of New York, as is the case for several other states. Drivers would be held responsible to render assistance to anyone who is the victim of a crash with their vehicle.*

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing New Yorkers and those in your district regarding **voting access and voter suppression** and what would you do to address them?

*Voting access and voter suppression are issues facing Americans all over the country and in my district as well. In recent elections (2018 and 2020) there were issues of residents in my neighborhood being given the wrong ballot. For example, some of my neighbors were told they had to vote for the incorrect city council district or not vote at all. For these reasons I am supporting new leadership in my district and supporting Angela Kravtchenko for Female District Leader.*

What other issues do you consider important and how will you address them?

*It's extremely important to me to support nonprofit organizations across my district who are doing the work that the government is not equipped to do. It has been my honor to support a variety of groups with small to large grants, as well as capital funding awards. I will continue to create a positive impact on the communities I represent by supporting the providers of medical services, mental health services, senior services, cultural programming, and social services.*

Assembly District 46 is one of the few districts in Brooklyn where there is a significant chance of a Republican winning the race. What are your strategies for reaching out to people and communities that might be otherwise inclined to vote against you in the general election?

*Due to the nature of my district, I have always reached out to all types of voters, whether they identify as Democrat, Independent or Republican. On numerous occasions, I've had Republicans say that they would be voting for me in the general election because they agreed with a position I've taken or the way that I've handled a particular situation. As the district becomes increasingly conservative, I have every intention of speaking to as many voters as possible about my priorities and making sure that they hear from me directly so that they are not relying on a false narrative by my opponent who will try to paint me with a broad stroke for being a Democrat.*

### **For fun (answers to these questions are not required)**

If your district had a musical anthem, what would it be and why?

*Under the Boardwalk*

What is your favorite restaurant in your district?

*Too many to mention but Footprints Coney Island*