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GUIDE *for*

District 27

*Cambria Heights, Hollis, Jamaica, St. Albans,
Queens Village, and Springfield Gardens*

New York City Primary Election Day is
Tuesday September 12, 2017

New York City General Election Day is
Tuesday November 7, 2017

POLLS OPEN 6 AM - 9 PM

The Candidates



I. DANEK MILLER

*Democrat
NYC Council Member,
District 27*



ANTHONY RIVERS

*Democratic
Independent financial Rep.*

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Would you defend NYC's status as a sanctuary city?	<p>MILLER: Yes, as an elected official, I already support this status.</p> <p>RIVERS: Yes, I feel people have migrated to the U.S. for centuries for a better life.</p>
Would you support ending criminal penalties for minor infractions to limit arrests and potential threats to immigrants' status?	<p>MILLER: Yes. We need to further implement policies that help residents and immigrants succeed and not demean them for minor infractions.</p> <p>RIVERS: yes, I don't think minor infractions should threaten immigration status</p>
Describe your greatest accomplishment in advocating for constituents of the district.	<p>MILLER: Working with the Mayor and my colleagues, we declared and made clear NYC's status as a Sanctuary City.</p> <p>Successfully obtained an injunction against NYC, which was up held in supreme court and the appellate division. This was obtained while fighting on behalf of the community for affordable housing.</p>
Describe the 3 biggest priorities for the district.	<p>MILLER: 1) Pre-K for All, millions for schools (classrooms, laptops, science labs, playgrounds); 2) Our pilot Freedom Ticket lowers LIRR fares in SEQ and provide free bus/subway transfers; 3) We're building 2,000 affordable housing units in District 27. Our 'Mortgage Buyback' and Foreclosure Prevention Initiatives kept SEQ families in their homes.</p> <p>RIVERS: 1st. work to enforce fair share placement of shelters. 2nd. Work to make sure affordable is truly affordable (reduce AMI to reflect our area) Mandatory inclusionary housing. 3rd. Work for quality education (no collocations) make our schools function as one school, like the north side of Queens.</p>
Would you support continued funding to support detained immigrants?	<p>MILLER: Yes. Immigrants helped to make our City and punitive federal initiative inject fear in communities, discourage cooperation and reduce community safety.</p> <p>RIVERS: Yes, all people should be treated humanely.</p>
What is your position on tracking US residents and/or citizens based on their religious identity? Would you expunge wrongly collected surveillance data on Muslim New Yorkers?	<p>MILLER: We cannot and should not undermine our civil liberties for the sake of freedom. There is a way to work in all communities to ensure we remain safe without sacrificing the rights we are supposedly taking these actions to protect.</p> <p>RIVERS: I feel the tracking of anyone based on ethnic origin or religion is wrong. I believe all information request should be granted as long as there is no potential to interfere with an on going investigation. I think all wrongly collected surveillance on any New Yorker should be expunged.</p>
What is your position on strengthening the reinstated Handschu Committee?	<p>MILLER: I support effort to strengthen police community relations and honest oversight protects the police and those these are sworn to protect.</p> <p>RIVERS: I was under the impression Mayor de Blasio has appointed a non NYPD representative on the committee. Judge Stephen Robinson a former U.S District Judge in the Southern District of NY.</p>
Would you bring to justice the perpetrators of all types of hate crimes, including those based on religion, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity?	<p>MILLER: Yes. Enforcing laws against hate crimes is important in protecting all residents and we need to ensure our city remains inclusive.</p> <p>RIVERS: Yes, I believe in justice for all.</p>
What is your position on law enforcement tracking members of civil rights movements?	<p>MILLER: Unless the NYPD believes an individual could be a threat against the public it should not tracking individual based on any affiliation with Black Lives Matter.</p> <p>RIVERS: It is wrong, All people are guaranteed the right of free speech.</p>

Would you support legislation to allow non-citizen residents to vote in NYC elections? Allowing parolees to vote in local elections?

MILLER: I have consistently supported extending the right to vote to non-citizens and I support the ability of parolees to vote.

RIVERS: No, new procedures require new regulations. Allowing non citizens to vote, you open up the flood gates on the requirement to show ID when voting. People dislike acquiring additional ID. I'm sorry but parolees have not completed their debt to society, upon completion of parole all rights should be automatically re instated.

Do you support passing Intro. 1482 to increase oversight and comprehensive reporting of NYPD surveillance technology?

MILLER: Proper oversight and reporting have ensure the NYPD follow appropriate policies and implement appropriate training and oversight. It will help strengthen police community relations and protects both the police and those these are sworn to protect.

RIVERS: Yes, there is nothing wrong with transparency as long as it does not interfere with an on going investigation or endanger public safety.

What is your position on proposed legislation Intro. 152-A, the Certificate of No Harassment, that aims to protect tenants from landlord harassment?

MILLER: I support protections for rent regulated and related housing.

RIVERS: Yes, I believe a tenant should be protected from harassment from the landlord while the building is under renovation or construction.

What is your position on the Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development revising their requirements for developers who request subsidies to include a significant increase in the amount of deeply affordable housing?

MILLER: I have been able to build over 3,000 affordable units in my district because of the tax subsidies. But this was only after significant amounts of conversation and ensuring MWBE's were used for a majority of the work and local residents had the first opportunity to live in the buildings.

RIVERS: Yes, affordable housing is a concern for all neighborhoods.

What is your position on the proposed Housing Not Warehousing legislation, including Intro.'s 1034, 1036 & 1039, to assure that land is used for affordable housing and not held vacant for profit?

MILLER: I oppose policies that irresponsibly reduce the supply of housing, especially affordable units.

RIVERS: I agree with 1034 to register the property, I agree with 1036, all agencies should know what properties are vacant. I can't fully agree with 1039 because there is a rezoning clause in the legislation

Do you support passage of the Right To Know Act (Intro.'s 182 & 541) to increase police accountability?

MILLER: Yes.

RIVERS: Yes

Would you support ending the NYPD's current "broken windows" policing practices that over criminalize minor crimes and quality of life infractions in low-income communities of color?

MILLER: The NYPD and government must take a common sense approach that is what community policy represents. Broken windows can represent an overzealous policy that does not engender an atmosphere of police-community cooperation and trust.

RIVERS: Yes.

What is your position regarding transparency and accountability of the NYPD when officers have engaged in misconduct or abuse?

MILLER: Investigations should be conducted and we need to continue to change the culture of the NYPD to help ensure it does not happen again.

RIVERS: I think there should be transparency with egregious behavior.

How would you propose to cut greenhouse gas emissions from those buildings that are the biggest & dirtiest in the city?

MILLER: I have supported measures that helped change the ways which City buildings are maintained and do not harm our environment. I have also been a prime co-sponsor of Intro. 0886 which would identify and address environmental justice issues.

RIVERS: I propose the use of solar panels to cut emissions.

Do you support installing solar panels on public buildings in NYC? Would you include local job creation & hire and the reinvestment of energy savings into communities most impacted by climate & economic challenges?

MILLER: Yes. That is why I support the NYC Green Jobs program, providing union jobs that train residents to retrofit our City to make it environmentally friendly.

RIVERS: Yes, I think it's a good idea.

GUIDE INFORMATION

This candidates guide is based on the platform of the Faith Over Fear coalition, a group of more than 27 faith-based justice organizations in New York City, convened by Faith in New York. The content for this guide was created through a candidates survey. All answers were written directly by the candidates or their campaigns, except in some cases where answers were shortened to meet a 50 word limit due to design limitations. All candidates listed by the New York City Campaign Finance Board (NYCCFB) and the Board of Elections were invited to fill out the survey. Only candidates who completed the survey have their information included. This guide was paid for by Faith in New York Action. To view the platform and learn more about the coalition, please visit <https://faithinnewyork.org/faithoverfear>.

VOTING INFORMATION

The NYC primary election is Tuesday, September 12th, 2017. You must have been registered to vote in NYC by August 18th, 2017 to vote in the primary election. The NYC general election is Tuesday November 7th, 2017. You must register to vote by October 13th, 2017 to vote in the general election. On voting day, bring your voter registration card if you have it, and another form of identification just in case. Be aware that you CANNOT be barred from voting as long as you are on the voter rolls, even if you do not have a photo ID or voter registration card. You are guaranteed assistance by a poll worker or interpreter if needed. For other questions on voting, please visit <https://faithinnewyork.org/faq>, or go to the New York City Board of Elections site at <http://vote.nyc.ny.us>.

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