

The Green Beans
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- Economy and Jobs: Kathy is a strong advocator for a strong economy and wants to come back, now more than ever, stronger than we have ever been, especially after the pandemic. This passion started young with Kathy helping her mom open a small flower shop when she was a child. “To make New York more affordable for the middle class, Governor Hochul is also: Accelerating \$1.2 billion in middle-class tax cuts for 6 million New Yorkers, providing \$100 million in relief for nearly 200,000 small businesses, delivering \$1 billion in property tax rebates for more than 2 million New York families, making affordable child care accessible to 100,000 more working families and investing \$75 million to raise child care worker wages” and more! She is working harder than ever before to recover from the pandemic and provide assistance to small businesses to help them recover from the pandemic.
- Health Care and COVID: Kathy is fighting to help out people in need, fighting to provide Medicare! She is a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act as well. She believes that, in the midst of a pandemic, healthcare is more important now than it ever has been. She is working to decrease the prices of prescriptions and drugs to make them more affordable for all. She expanded vaccination efforts during the pandemic in order to get back to a normal lifestyle as quickly as possible (students going to school in person, the economy recovering, people going to jobs, etc.). “She has also committed to a \$10 billion investment to grow New York’s health care workforce by 20% over the next five years — the largest investment in health care in state history. This includes more than \$4 billion to support wages and bonuses for health care workers.”
- My views: Personally, I believe that Kathy would be a great candidate for the position of Governor. She seems to care more about the people than the economy or politics. She herself said that “in Congress, she proudly fought to save Medicare funding and the Affordable Care Act, putting politics aside to vote against its repeal,” and, after researching her goals and campaign, I believe this statement to be true. Kathy truly believes in the issues she advocated for, no matter what others think. I admire this and her campaign as a whole. It is all geared toward less-fortunate people rather than those

who are already privileged. It seeks to unite the community and provide equal opportunities and services for all. Additionally, the economy and the pandemic go hand in hand as huge recent occurrences. As a result of the pandemic, healthcare and the economy both went down, negatively impacting our country as a whole. They should therefore be one of our top priorities at this time. The environment in itself is a problem as it requires urgent action. If we don't act soon, the negative effects on the environment could become permanent, and soon! Therefore, all the issues her campaign addresses are extremely crucial!

Person 2: Letitia James

- Letitia is running for the position of NY Attorney State General
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- Environment: One of Letitia's biggest priorities is the environment! She is extremely passionate about air pollution in general as $\frac{2}{3}$ of the population breathes unhealthy air and less-fortunate communities get the worst of it. So far she has: "been a fierce advocate for environmental justice, taking on big polluters and federal regulators to keep our air, water, and communities safe for future generations. Her office took hundreds of legal actions to stop the Trump Administration's relentless attacks on key environmental protections, she repeatedly sued Trump's EPA to get it to enforce environmental laws, compel required Hudson River clean-ups, and stop dangerous smog from blowing in from out of state, she defended critical environmental review standards for infrastructure and clean cars, she has cracked down on illegal dumpers and polluters who contaminate parks and neighborhoods across the state, she sued bad landlords, property managers, and corporations, to make sure our children and homes are free of lead, and our air and waterways are clean..." and more!
- Immigrants: The US is home to one of the biggest populations of immigrants in the entire world! However, immigration status has often been used as a resource to marginalize or target specific groups or communities, even ones that haven't immigrated. Letitia however, fights for all New Yorkers regardless of whether they were born in the US. So far she "helped to force the Trump Administration to restore DACA, giving more than 700,000 Dreamers across the country the chance to live, study, and work without fear, she kept ICE out of our courts, protecting victims and witnesses who come forward in other cases, making our communities safer, she stopped Trump's bid to exclude undocumented immigrants from the census, preserving the resources that New York is due, she cracked down on wage theft and blocked Trump's "Public Charge Rule," so no one has to choose between their immigration status and the food or health care their family needs to survive, she protected immigrants' ability to legally get a driver's license in New York, lifting people out of the shadows and making our roads safer..." It is clear that Letitia is, and has been, a strong advocate for immigrants, making them feel welcome and equal to others.
- Civil rights: Recently especially, we have been faced with many unjust laws targeting specific groups, despite prior progress in creating more unity and equality. Letitia believes that every voice should be heard, not just the majority, not just those of specific demographics. "Letitia helped to drive historic voter turnout in 2020, defending mail-in

voting, and suing to keep the U.S. Postal Service fully operating, her office has prosecuted voter suppression efforts, run an Election Day hotline, and monitored poll sites to protect voters, she is challenging a rash of anti-democratic laws that limit voting access in states across the country, especially in low-income and rural communities, she has long fought for reproductive freedom, challenging regressive state laws that restrict the right to choose, and blocking attempts to deny abortions during the pandemic, she has worked to protect clinics and patients from harassment, to repeal the “gag rule” that restricted what doctors could say to their patients, and to preserve New Yorkers’ access to contraceptive care...has fought to ensure that no one can be denied service, safety, care, credit, a career, or anything else, simply because of whom they love or how they identify...proved in court that no business can refuse to serve LGBTQ+ customers, and she sued to stop the Trump Administration from letting doctors deny health care to LGBTQ+ individuals...helped persuade the U.S. Supreme Court that no worker can be fired just for being gay, and she helped to block a rule that would’ve restricted asylum for LGBTQ+ immigrants,” and continues to fight for a myriad of other marginalized demographics. Letitia is a strong believer in equality and just laws for all!

- My views: As with Kathy, I believe that Letitia is a great fit for the position. She is compassionate, strong, and extremely determined to make a change. Because she is part of a marginalized demographic herself, she knows what she is fighting for and what the consequences are if she fails. This, I believe, makes her an excellent candidate! Her campaign is also diverse and focused on equality!

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Thank you both so much for your campaigns and determination to make a change! The Green Beans are inspired by your goals and drive to achieve them! We are rooting for you both!

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