

**1. What values do you seek to uphold in your political life?**

I seek to uphold the values of equity, transparency, and solidarity. Government should be a tool that works for all people, not just the wealthy, the well-connected, or those who already have power. My goal is to ensure that every person, no matter their background or income, has access to the basic things that make a dignified life possible: quality housing, healthcare, education, and a healthy environment.

**2. What are your policy priorities, should you be elected?**

I will continue my work to expand access to mental health services, addiction recovery services, provide free and expanded public transit, and establish a county-managed ambulance service. I will also continue to push the county to take action on reducing emissions, including moving to zero-emission buses and vehicles. We are also working with the county district attorney to track any incursions by federal law enforcement agencies into our region.

**3. What role do you believe the USA should play in the world?**

Broadly speaking, our foreign policy should be one of anti-militarism, anti-imperialism, and international solidarity. The U.S. should aspire to end military interventionism and instead pursue diplomacy, reduce military spending, and redirect resources to human needs at home and abroad. Territories like Puerto Rico should be allowed to pursue self-determination - to become a state or independent as they prefer. We should use our influence to raise global labor, environmental, and human rights standards.

**4. Which of your policy positions are particularly relevant to youth voters?**

At the county level, my work on climate-related issues is likely most relevant. Our caucus is continuously pushing for improvements in climate certification, zero-emission vehicles, solar panels on county buildings, and energy efficiency renovations. In the near future, the county will be deciding on the future of our aging incinerator and how to handle household waste, a key turning point connected to both pollution and climate change.

**5. Which of your policy positions support students and faculty at colleges and universities?**

When the county announced it was terminating bus service to NW Dutchess, I worked with school administrators and other local leaders to organize a town hall where residents and students spoke out against the change. The county's public transit department reversed its decision, and the bus line continued uninterrupted.

I am also a long-time supporter of getting an on-campus voting location and of students' right to vote. Unfortunately, the county resisted for many years. But eventually, the courts finally agreed with Bard College and required on-campus voting, and later the state passed a law to require it.

Finally, I support increased funding for our county's community college, SUNY Dutchess, one of the top community colleges in NYS.