Shaun Donovan is a lifelong New Yorker who served as a member of Barack Obama's Cabinet, where he developed a close partnership with President Obama and was trusted by him and Joe Biden to take on some of the biggest challenges facing our country. Shaun is a proven leader and manager. As Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Obama Cabinet, he led the nation out of the Great Recession's housing crisis and reduced veterans successfully managed homelessness by 50 percent. And he the four-trillion-dollar federal budget as Director of the Office of Management and Budget during the Obama/Biden administration.

<u>YVote</u> youth leaders Lauren and Michelle assessed candidate donovan with regard to how well his platform addresses <u>policy recommendations developed</u> <u>in response to the Youth Ask Youth (YAY) Census 2020</u> with Y indicating that the candidate addresses the recommendation, N indicating that the candidate doesn't address it, and U indicating that the candidate's response is unclear, unaddressed, or incomplete. The statements shared through this Candidate Assessment Matrix are based on <u>Shaun Donovan's campaign website</u>, and articles in Gotham Gazette, New York Magazine, New York Times, NY Daily News, Rolling Stone, and The City. For further information, contact <u>Sanda@yvoteny.org</u>

#### YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY

#### **YOUR SCHOOLS**

#### **Policy Recommendations** 1. Get Police out of Schools and Effective 1. Expand Affordable Housing Y implementation of Restorative Justice 2. Housing and Cash Transfer Programs for Homeless Youth Y Initiatives Y 2. Expand Social-Emotional Learning and 3. Increase Funding for Sanitation Y 4. Expand Participatory Budgeting Initiatives Y Increase Social Workers in Schools and 5. Divest and Reinvest Funds from NYPD Y Youth Programs Y 3. Teach Life Skills and Support "Civics for All initiative" U **Candidate's Platform** 1. Yes! 1. Yes!

- a. Expand capital funding for affordable housing by making a commitment of \$2 billion/year to accelerate repairs across NYCHA
- b. \$2 billion dollars will also be provided for resources to create new affordable housing programs and expand existing programs
- c. Ensure citywide expansion of NYC's Universal Access to Counsel program to provide free legal services for tenants facing legal eviction
- 2. Yes
  - Creating an improved system of emergency rental assistance to help people stay focused when facing economic setbacks to avoid homelessness
  - Expand the creation of permanent supportive housing units (intensive support to create 2,000 supportive housing units annually)
- 3. Yes!
  - a. Introduce a plan he calls CleanStat that will use data to target garbage block by block
  - b. "The Donovan administration will set standards for trash removal, street cleaning, and graffiti removal and work in close collaboration with the Department of Sanitation, the BIDs and neighborhood groups to ensure a high level of delivery to these standards".

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- a. Removing police from schools, starting with schools that employ multiple School Resource Officers
- b. Eliminating metal detectors, on-campus arrest, and handcuffing (except in extreme circumstances)
- 2. Yes!
  - a. Reinvesting in relationship response coordinators, trained in child development, de-escalation, and understanding how trauma and life experiences impact behavior
- 3. Unclear

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- 4. Yes!
  - a. Closing Rikers Island
  - b. Utilize savings to invest \$500 million in community-focused public safety and racial justice initiatives

### YOUR POCKETS & FUTURE

#### **YOUR HEALTH & RELATIONSHIPS**

### **Policy Recommendations**

- Increase Job Access for Young People, Expand SYEP and Support Multilingual and Undocumented Students U
- 2. Implement work-based learning opportunities **Y**
- 3. Provide Metrocards and other free transportation services **U**
- Support youth to develop and own business cooperative that meet the needs identified by young people Y
- Extend flexibility and Increase funding for youth programs to meet community food needs Y
- Promote safe practices for socialization and exercise Y
- 3. Manageable workload and support for remote learning due to COVID-19 **U**

### **Candidate's Platform**

#### 1. Unclear.

- Goal of creating <u>500,000 jobs</u> by the end of his first term
- Never mentions specific to SYEP or Multilingual and Undocument Students
- 2. Yes!
  - Wants to create comprehensive skills-based training program to help DOE and CUNY students acquire workplace training

### 1. Yes!

- Has a 15 minute plan, meaning he wants everything that a New Yorker needs to be healthy to be within 15 minutes of them (access to vaccine, primary health care, public schools, fresh food, parks, and rapid transportation)
- 2. Yes!
  - Wants to create <u>emergency response</u> to prevent Covid-19 from becoming

- Committed to establishment of 10,000 apprenticeship placements by 2025
- 3. Unclear.
- Wants to improve MTA systems
- 4. Yes!
  - Equity bond plan to provide every child \$1,000-\$2,000 bonds every year based on family income

severe again

- Plan for annual vaccination if necessary
- Wants access to vaccines and exercise to be within 15 minutes of every new yorker

### 3. Unclear.

- Expresses interest in tackling inequities experienced by low-income households
- Doesn't mention making a manageable workload
- Supports initiatives to assist mental health

### **OVERVIEW OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES**

YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY	YOUR SCHOOLS
<ol> <li>Supports affordable housing</li> <li>Wants to address homelessness by improving emergency rental assistance</li> <li>Wants to provide legal support for tenants on the verge of eviction</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Supports increasing charter schools</li> <li>Cares about mental health of students and wants to increase psychologists and social workers in schools</li> <li>Wants to modify, but is willing to abolish if it still poses a barrier to marginalized students</li> </ol>
Your Pockets & Future	Your health & Relationships
<ol> <li>Wants to expand job market by creating 500,000 new jobs in his first time</li> <li>Plans on creating equity bonds for youth in low-income</li> <li>Supports lowering state and local taxes on rentals and for certain homeowners by eliminating the federal tax deduction cap of</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Plans on making everything (public schools, parks, vaccine access, primary health-care, fresh food, and rapid transportation) that a New Yorker needs within 15 minutes of their home with the 15 minute plan</li> <li>Wants to improve emergency response</li> </ol>

\$10,000	to prevent Covid-19 from becoming severe again 3. Has a Zero Waste Policy and wants to become zero waste by 2030 therefore reducing greenhouse gases
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