

YOUTH-CENTERED POLICY MATRIX--KATHRYN GARCIA

Kathryn Garcia is a lifelong New Yorker and a public servant. She has 14 years of government experience delivering services that New Yorkers rely on every day. Kathryn has been the go-to crisis manager for some of New York City's toughest moments. As the 43rd Sanitation Commissioner, she managed a uniformed agency of over 10,000 and implemented some of the most transformative initiatives in the history of the department, including banning styrofoam and implementing the nation's largest composting program. During COVID-19, she created an emergency food program that has delivered 200 million meals to New Yorkers in need. She served as incident commander during Hurricane Sandy. She stepped in to protect children from lead poisoning in our public housing. Kathryn knows how to build a healthier, safer, more liveable New York. Spanning two mayoral administrations, she has become the go-to problem solver, someone with foresight and leadership ability to take on projects that seem impossible to others.

YVote youth leaders Chris-Ann, Kekeli, and Kenisha assessed Candidate Garcia with regard to how well his platform addresses policy recommendations developed in response to the Youth Ask Youth (YAY) Census 2020 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 Kathryn Garcia's campaign website, public speaking events, and articles in Gotham Gazette, New York Magazine, New York Times, NY Daily News, Rolling Stone, and The City. For further information, contact Sanda@yvoteny.org

YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY

YOUR SCHOOLS

Policy Recommendations

1. Expand Affordable Housing **Y**
2. Housing and Cash Transfer Programs for Homeless Youth **U**
3. Increase Funding for Sanitation **Y**
4. Expand Participatory Budgeting Initiatives **U**
5. Divest and Reinvest Funds from NYPD **U**

1. Get Police out of Schools and Effective implementation of Restorative Justice Initiatives **Y**
2. Expand Social-Emotional Learning and Increase Social Workers in Schools and Youth Programs **Y**
3. Teach Life Skills and Support "Civics for All initiative" **N**

Candidate's Platform

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1. Yes
 - a. Comprehensive “Housing Heals” plan
2. --
3. Yes
 - a. Used to serve as the Commissioner of Sanitation under DeBlasio
4. --
5. Somewhat
 - a. Wants to reallocate funds for deescalation tactics; wants to take a proactive approach
 - b. Looking to reform police training
 - c. However, she lacks a comprehensive [to foster long-term accountability and a sustainable new system](#)

1. Yes
 - a. [Getting Police out of schools](#), focusing on mental health
 - b. Lacks restorative justice initiatives
2. Yes
 - a. Aims to move \$130 million from DOE admin to principals for hiring staff and supplies
3. No

YOUR POCKETS & FUTURE

YOUR HEALTH & RELATIONSHIPS

Policy Recommendations

1. Increase Job Access for Young People, Expand SYEP and Support Multilingual and Undocumented Students **Y**
2. Implement work-based learning opportunities **Y**
3. Provide Metrocards and other free transportation services **N**
4. Support youth to develop and own business cooperative that meet the needs identified by young people **N**

1. Extend flexibility and Increase funding for youth programs to meet community food needs **Y**
2. Promote safe practices for socialization and exercise **N**
3. Manageable workload and support for remote learning due to COVID-19 **N**

Candidate’s Platform

1. Yes
 - a. Wants to [expand SYEP](#) and support disadvantaged students
2. Yes

1. [Yes](#)
 - a. Has been feeding millions of New Yorkers since the pandemic started
 - b. Tackling food insecurity, especially for

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- a. Will increase work-based learning opportunities
- b. Expand access to jobs following a vocational education or attending a CUNY

- 3. No
- 4. No

public school students

- 2. No
- 3. No

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY

Garcia has a comprehensive housing plan that seeks to address homelessness and better the state of affordable housing in our city. However, when it comes to police reform, even though she prioritizes more trust in the NYPD, she lacks sustainable infrastructure that will foster long-term accountability.

YOUR SCHOOLS

Garcia's plan for schools mainly focuses on fixing the school to prison pipeline and improving the quality of education for all residents despite their zip code. She lacks a focus on civil education but has plans to increase the number of teachers and mental health professionals.

YOUR POCKETS & FUTURE

Garcia prioritizes connecting young people with the workforce, mainly through the expansion of SYEP and implementation of work-based learning. Additionally, she aims to improve job prospects for recent graduates and those with a vocational degree. But, she lacks in her plans to support young people, without providing programs that young people have advocated for and mentioning nothing about the high cost of public transportation.

YOUR HEALTH & RELATIONSHIPS

Garcia mainly focuses on providing access to food to food insecure residents. Additionally, she prioritises revamping the public hospital system to provide better care. She doesn't have any plans towards remote learning support or the revamping of workloads during the pandemic.