

YOUTH-CENTERED POLICY MATRIX--SCOTT STRINGER

Scott Stringer is currently serving as the 44th comptroller of New York City. he previously served 13 years and 6 terms in the New York State Assembly. He also took office as Manhattan Borough president in 2006 where he issued over 40 policies in hopes of Improving NYC. Scott Stringer is a strong candidate for the youth agenda in terms of education. However, his stance on various improvements within the community and actions to strengthen community relationships remains unclear. Although Stringer’s campaign had been gaining momentum, on April 28th, Jean Kim, a lobbyist, came forward and alleged that she had been sexually harassed and assaulted by Stringer during his 2001 public advocate campaign. Stringer has since repeatedly denied allegations, stating that “Jean Kim was never an intern” and that their encounters had been entirely consensual. Regardless, Kim filed a formal complaint against Stringer on May 4th and these accusations have been detrimental to Stringer’s campaign with several losses of major endorsements and even some of the fellow candidates calling for him to drop out of the race.

YVote youth leaders Milena, Janiris, Kellen, and Sharona assessed Candidate Stringer 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 Scott Stringer'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	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand Affordable Housing Y 2. Housing and Cash Transfer Programs for Homeless Youth U 3. Increase Funding for Sanitation U 4. Expand Participatory Budgeting Initiatives U 5. Divest and Reinvest Funds from NYPD Y 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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” U
Candidate’s Platform	

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1. Supportive: Wants to preserve existing affordable housing as well as convert vacant hotels and commercial spaces into shelters, supportive housing, and affordable housing. Also wants to invest in NYCHA and new social housing and fight homelessness with housing and support. (Source: <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/housing-affordability/>)
2. Unclear: Even though his stance towards housing and cash transfer programs for homeless youth is unclear he does wish to set aside 15 percent of all city-funded units to house the formerly homeless, in order to reduce the shelter population. He also promises to prioritize a housing first model with supportive housing, create new standards to ensure that the system has the array of services necessary to serve homeless New Yorkers, and work with the State to expand our supportive housing network by 30,000 beds. (Source: <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/housing-affordability/>)
3. Unclear: There are no policies or statements that directly state Stringer will increase funding for sanitation, however, he did have this to say at a press conference “I lived through a fiscal crisis — and dirty streets and lack of management by City Hall signals to people that this city will not come back,” Stringer said. “We do not have to surrender to garbage and to rats. Stop throwing your hands up because you had to

1. Supportive: Promises to end the school-to-prison pipeline and continue efforts to remove the NYPD from city schools. He also wants to implement common-sense decriminalization measures and parole reform. (Source: <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/justice/>)
2. Supportive: Wants to address the social-emotional needs of students by increasing the number of social workers and mental health professionals as well as establishing a mental health continuum (Source: <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/children-education/>)
3. Supportive: In favor of bettering the education system and equipping students with the necessary resources to be successful for the future. He plans on doing so by making CUNY community colleges free for all, organizing paid internships for all CUNY graduating seniors, and expanding bridge programs. In favor of civil rights in general.
- <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/children-education/>

Rating: 8/10

make a small budget cut to the sanitation department.”

- 4. Unclear: He does claim to support investing in programs and initiatives — from housing and education to overdose prevention and employment programs.

- <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/justice/>

- 5. Supportive: “Has adopted the goals of the “defund the police” movement and wants to significantly cut the police budget and divert resources into social services.” He is also a huge advocate for Strengthen and reinvest in communities and programs

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/23/nyregion/police-mayor-floyd-nyc.html>

- <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/justice/>

Rating: 5/10

Reasoning: Unclear about a lot policies however the ones he is clear about he shows tremendous support for

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 **Y**
- 4. Support youth to develop and own business cooperative that meet the needs identified by young people **U**

- 1. Extend flexibility and Increase funding for youth programs to meet community food needs **Y**
- 2. 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. Supportive: Plans on organizing paid internships for all CUNY graduating seniors to help them bridge the gap between college and career and plans to pilot universal paid internships for high school students, and increase career exploration and youth employment opportunities including by offering universal school-connected summer jobs (SYEP).
 - <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/children-education/>
2. Supportive: Plans to organize paid internships for all CUNY graduating seniors to help them bridge the gap between college and career and wants to dramatically increase investment in Career and Technical Education.
 - <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/children-education/>
3. Supportive: Stringer has been very open in the past about distributing MetroCards to low-income New Yorkers. Stringer also has a 17-point plan to reform the transportation system:
https://stringerformayor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/transportation_Final.pdf
4. Somewhat supportive however support is unclear: He promises to prepare New Yorkers for the jobs of tomorrow by strengthening partnerships with private industry to upskill New Yorkers, improve career pathways, and expand apprenticeship opportunities. (Source:

1. Supportive: plans to invest in nutrition programs in order to combat obesity and metabolic diseases with specific, sustained health investments to close gaps in care in communities with disproportionate rates of disease and low life expectancy.
 - <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/children-education/>
2. Unclear: He does plan to build out a world class public health system by strengthening the City's public health leadership and infrastructure and plans to create a Chief Health Officer to align the public health vision of the City, however does not specifically apply emphasis on the need to exercise and helping new yorkers stay fit.
 - <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/healthcare/>
3. Somewhat supportive: Conveys he wants to establish free "high dosage tutoring" through a NYC Tutoring Corps to help get kids back on track after the pandemic. (Source: <https://stringerformayor.com/plans/children-education/>)

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Rationale: Although Stringer’s platform appears to be supportive of policies that would benefit the future of the youth, I am hesitant to give Stringer a perfect score as oftentimes candidates make promises to youth that are seldom carried out.

Rating: 4/10

Rationale: While Stringer does have a few initiatives and plans in order to make sure that the health and relationships or new yorkers are in good hands, it doesn't seem to be a major priority to him.

OVERVIEW OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY

Somewhat supportive (Weakest)

According to the YAY census, youth wanted to see more work being done to enhance their communities and mentioned that there is a lack of sanitation and care for the homeless. Scott Stringer wants to support sanitation and increase funding for the homeless. However, he is not specific as to his plan of action for doing so.

YOUR SCHOOLS

Extremely supportive (Strongest)

Scott Stringer is a strong candidate for the youth agenda in terms of education. In the YAY census, youth signaled the need for more mental health awareness and supported the eradication of the prison to school pipeline.

YOUR POCKETS & FUTURE

Supportive

He promises to support youth to develop their own business cooperative, increase funding to expand SYEP and youth employment programs. Scott Stringer also wants to expand the internships available for graduating CUNY students.

YOUR HEALTH & RELATIONSHIPS

Supportive

Scott Stringer plans to invest in nutritional programs to combat obesity, specifically in communities with disproportionate rates of disease and low life expectancy. He also plans on strengthening the City’s public health leadership but remains unclear on specific plans in this field. He also plans on establishing free tutoring for NYC students through NYC Tutoring Corps.