

YOUTH-CENTERED POLICY MATRIX--MAYA WILEY

Maya Wiley has an extensive and diverse resume, working inside and mostly outside of government, but has never run for office before this year, when she is seeking to become the first woman and second Black person ever elected Mayor of New York City. A civil rights attorney and former counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio, Wiley has run as an underdog with confidence, built on decades of experience working on the thorniest issues in American society and fighting for equity that isn't easily attained, power that isn't easily ceded.

YVote youth leaders Bethany, Ericka, Kenisha, Maisha, Munaja, and Talia assessed Candidate Morales with regard to how well her 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. For further information, contact Sanda@yvoteny.org

YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY	YOUR SCHOOLS
Policy Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand Affordable Housing Y 2. Housing and Cash Transfer Programs for Homeless Youth Y 3. Increase Funding for Sanitation Y 4. Expand Participatory Budgeting Initiatives U 5. Divest and Reinvest Funds from NYPD Y 	<ul 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" Y
Candidate's Platform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rent protection; fighting against gentrification and protecting people of color; and expanding and subsidizing low cost housing 2. Ending evictions and eradicating homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wants to minimize and phase out the role of police officers at school and implement restorative justice practices in schools 2. Re-allocate the \$450 million NYPD budget for school policing to support the mental health and social-emotional needs of

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3. Wants to improve public sanitation through her \$10B Capital Spending Plan for NY
4. Not Mentioned
5. Replace the NYPD with mental health professionals, a social worker, or a mediator for non-threatening situations.

Evaluation: For the most part, Wiley addresses the policy recommendations based on the YAY census. Importantly, she has strong visions for reallocating NYPD funding, restructuring the police system (with the help of social workers and other mental health professionals), and remedying homelessness by ending evictions. However, Wiley does not address participatory budgeting or how she would foster community involvement in politics.

Rating: 8/10

students

3. Wants to involve the city’s vibrant urban ecosystem, museums and cultural institutions, civics and activism, and physical and social infrastructure in learning

Evaluation: Wiley also lacks a strong alternative to replace the SHSAT; because of how contentious this proposal is and the many directions it could go in, this goal works against her because she provides no viable alternative. All she does say is she wants all schools to simply have the same application process. Wiley wants to put an end to discriminating “screens”, but she is guilty of putting her kids in these discriminating, top schools. She wants to eliminate privileges her own children use, that’s a bit questionable.

Rating: 7/10

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 **Y**

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 **Y**

Candidate’s Platform

1. Creating a year-round, universal Summer

1. Wants to create locally-based food councils to

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Youth Employment Program (SYEP) with multi-year continuity for all high school students who need employment

2. Expanding SYEP and work opportunities after high school
3. Not mentioned, but wants to expand bus routes/lines.
4. Expanding life-preparedness through employment and mentorship opportunities that will allow students to gain this knowledge and skill

Evaluation: Wiley has not spoken about free transportation or cards, but she wants to create more bus lines around the city. Although some may say it can eventually increase the metro cards even more by doing so. She needs to take in consideration low income families and students who will struggle to pay for the MTA if the prices continue to increase. Her stance on SYEP is strong, as she has said she would input a minimum of 20 million dollars into the program in order for students to have a connection with work and school.

Rating: 8/10

inform nutrition; in tandem with her \$10B Capital Spending Plan for NY

2. Investing in public healthcare facilities, create more jobs for home health care workers
3. Wants to use remote learning to increase course choices and implement programs for students of color and multilingual students

Evaluation: While the healthcare aspects of COVID recovery aren't fleshed out as well as they should be, Wiley has a one-of-a-kind childcare proposal that many other candidates haven't capitalized on. This is one of Wiley's few—and her strongest—plans, which definitely gives her a leg up in this category. The UCC proposal is not only helpful as we transition back to "normal life," but a sustainable proposal NYC could use for years.

Rating: 7/10