

***Laura Gillen Is Supported By The Working Families Party And Politicians Who Advocate For “Cashless Bail”, Which Has Released Thousands Of Dangerous Inmates Onto Our Streets To Wreak Havoc Again In Local Neighborhoods***

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Supervisor Town of Hempstead (VOTE FOR) 1 (WITH 669 OF 669 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Laura A. GILLEN (DEM)	76,246	48.18
Anthony J. SANTINO (REP)	66,380	41.94
Anthony J. SANTINO (CON)	9,572	6.05
Laura A. GILLEN (WOR)	2,845	1.80
Anthony J. SANTINO (IND)	1,619	1.02
Laura A. GILLEN (WEP)	1,123	.71
Anthony J. SANTINO (REF)	375	.24
WRITE-IN.	96	.06
***** Totals by Candidate *****		
Laura A. GILLEN	80,214	50.69
Anthony J. SANTINO	77,946	49.25
WRITE-IN.	96	.06
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Total	158,256	

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Supervisor Town of Hempstead (VOTE FOR) 1 (WITH 669 OF 669 PRECINCTS COUNTED)		
Laura A. GILLEN (DEM)	72,640	47.35
Donald X. CLAVIN, Jr. (REP)	67,643	44.10
Donald X. CLAVIN, Jr. (CON)	7,711	5.03
Laura A. GILLEN (WOR)	2,565	1.67
Donald X. CLAVIN, Jr. (IND)	1,508	.98
Diane MADDEN (LBT)	1,304	.85
WRITE-IN.	24	.02
***** Totals by Candidate *****		
Donald X. CLAVIN, Jr.	76,862	50.11
Laura A. GILLEN	75,205	49.03
Diane MADDEN	1,304	.85
WRITE-IN.	24	.02
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Total	153,395	
Over Votes	211	
Under Votes	1,871	

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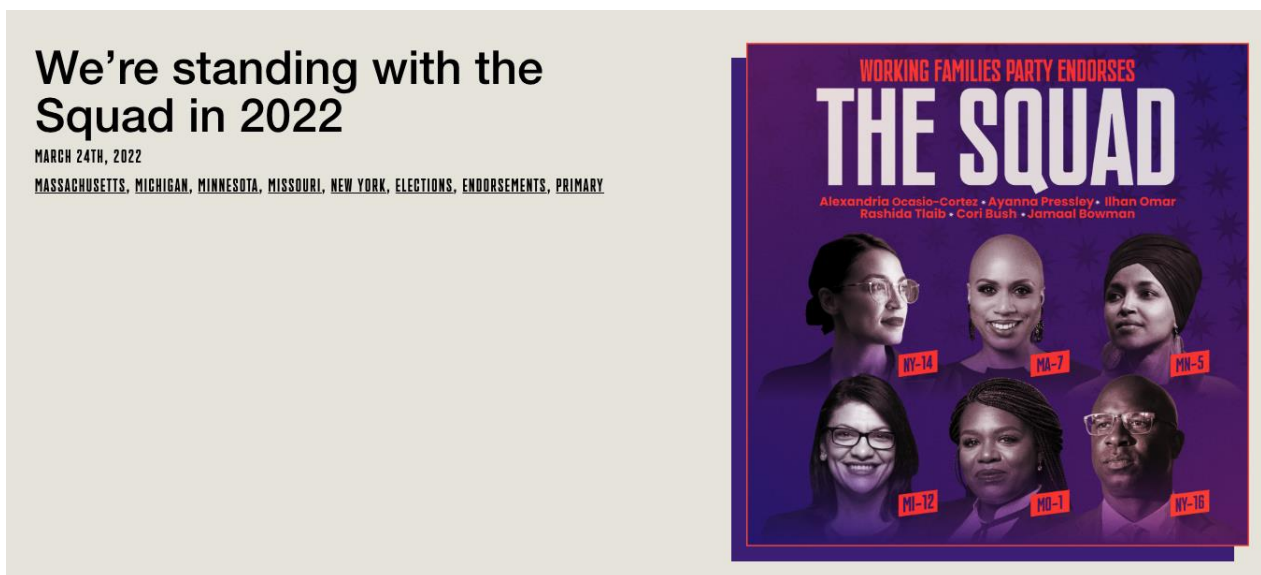
**Sen. Bernie Sanders Has Said The Working Families Party Comes Nearest To His “Vision Of Democratic Socialism”**

**The Observer Headline: “Bernie Sanders Calls The Working Families Party ‘The Closest Thing’ To Socialism”** (Will Bredderman, “Bernie Sanders Calls The Working Families Party ‘The Closest Thing’ To Socialism,” [The Observer](#), 11/5/16)

**In November 2016, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) Asserted That The Working Families Party “Comes Nearest To His ‘Vision Of Democratic Socialism.’”** “In an email sent this afternoon, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders urged his New York supporters to vote for Hillary Clinton on the left-wing Working Families Party line—asserting the third party comes nearest to his ‘vision of democratic socialism.’ The labor-backed WFP endorsed independent socialist in the New York’s April Democratic primary, to chagrin of a number of its union founders and elected supporters. After Clinton sealed the Democratic nomination, the party agreed to put her atop its ballot line—Row E—in the Empire State.” (Will Bredderman, “Bernie Sanders Calls The Working Families Party ‘The Closest Thing’ To Socialism,” [The Observer](#), 11/5/16)

- **Sanders Advocated For Supporting Hillary Clinton’s Presidential Campaign Through The Working Families Party Line. “Why? Because The WFP Is The Closest Thing There Is To A Political Party That Believes In My Vision Of Democratic Socialism.”** “‘I ask that you not only vote for Hillary Clinton, but that you vote for her on the Working Families Party line,’ wrote Sanders, who backed Clinton himself in July. ‘Why? Because the WFP is the closest thing there is to a political party that believes in my vision of democratic socialism. The WFP shares my view of a society and an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy and well-connected.’ Sanders went on to assert ‘we desperately need’ entities like the Working Families Party, and cited their support for an array of liberal policies on labor, elections and environmental issues.” (Will Bredderman, “Bernie Sanders Calls The Working Families Party ‘The Closest Thing’ To Socialism,” [The Observer](#), 11/5/16)

**The Working Families Party Supports “The Squad,” Which Includes Members Like Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Who Was Backed By The Democratic Socialists Of America**



(“We’re Standing With The Squad In 2022,” [Working Families Party](#), 3/24/22)

**The Working Families Party, An Influential, Labor-Backed Organization That Has Helped Push Democrats To The Left Has Aligned Itself With The Movement That Spawned Rep. Ocasio-Cortez.** “The Working Families Party, an influential, labor-backed organization that has helped push Democrats to the left, is moving toward a new identity: It wants to align itself with the movement that spawned Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The shift comes amid recent internal debate between the labor unions that helped found the W.F.P. in the late 1990s and the party’s more progressive faction — fissures that have caused key unions to withdraw their support for the party in New York. Rather than try to repair those relationships, party leaders

are moving further to the left, seeking to strengthen its alliance with groups like the Democratic Socialists of America, an early backer of Ms. Ocasio-Cortez’s congressional campaign in 2018.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “A Political Party Aligns Itself With Ocasio-Cortez,” [The New York Times](#), 12/9/19)

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- **The Democratic Socialists Of America Call Ocasio-Cortez Their “Foremost Socialist Superstar.”** “Bronx Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, best known as AOC, is DSA’s foremost socialist superstar. Her June 2018 primary win—a 29-year-old taqueria bartender defeating the third most powerful Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives—inspired up to 10,000 people to join DSA. The Netflix documentary Knock Down the House details her life story leading up to that victory. Since then, her influence has only grown. Earnest, fun, relatable, and fierce, she became one of Congress’ best known members overnight, and used the attention to pull the national conversation leftward. In October 2019, her endorsement revived Bernie Sanders’ campaign following his heart attack.” (Don McIntosh, “Talking Socialism | Catching Up With AOC,” Democratic Socialists Of America’s [Democratic Left Blog](#), 3/19/21)

## The Working Families Party Has Advocated For Defunding The Police And “Defeat Those Who Stand In The Way ...”

### The Working Families Party Has Frequently Advocated For Defunding The Police:



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 5/31/20; Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 9/23/20)



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 7/30/20)

## **In Their 2023 Candidate Questionnaire For New York City Council Candidates, The Working Families Party Offered Their Endorsement If Candidates Backed Causes Like Defunding The Police And Bail Reform**

**The New York Post Headline: “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda”** (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda,” [The New York Post](#), 1/22/23)

**In January 2023, The Working Families Party Pushed New York City Council Candidates To Fight Mayor Eric Adams’ Agenda By Offering Endorsements If They Backed Causes Like Defunding The Police And Bail Reform.** “The leftist Working Families Party is pushing City Council candidates to fight Mayor Eric Adams’ agenda by offering up endorsements if they back its pet causes such as defunding the police and bail reform. The WFP also wants the incumbents and other candidates to embrace the tidal wave of migrants flooding the city, support more licensed injection sites for addicts and block charter schools. ‘We’re committed to pushing back against Mayor Adams’ agenda of austerity politics, broken windows policing, and mass incarceration policies,’ the WFP said in its lengthy endorsement questionnaire.” (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda,” [The New York Post](#), 1/22/23)

**According To Their Candidate Questionnaire, The Working Families Party Asked Potential Endorseees: “Will You Work With Advocates – Including Working Families Party Members And Affiliates – As Well As Your Colleagues To Form A Bloc And Build A Strategy Towards A 2023 Budget That Decreases Funding For The NYPD And Instead Increases Funding For Social Services And Programs?”** “But the endorsement of the left-leaning third party WFP could help council incumbents or insurgents in contested Democratic primaries. The WFP, like the anti-Adams Democratic Socialists of America, whose members include Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, is known to provide foot soldiers and other financial resources to help candidates it supports. The WFP endorsement query asks questions such as, ‘Going forward, will you work with advocates – including Working Families Party members and affiliates – as well as your colleagues to form a bloc and build a strategy towards a 2023 budget that decreases funding for the NYPD and instead increases funding for social services and programs? Please explain how.’” (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda,” [The New York Post](#), 1/22/23)

- **“The Questionnaire Also Asks Candidates If They Will Back Legislation To Bar The NYPD From Aggressively Responding To Nonviolent Protest Protests, To Abolish The ‘Gang Database,’ To Remove The Police From Schools And To Eliminate The Vice Squad That Conducts Prostitution Raids On Massage Parlors.”** (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda,” [The New York Post](#), 1/22/23)
- **The Working Families Party Also Asked It’s Potential Endorseees: “Will You Publicly Reject And Speak Out Against The Mayor’s Continued Efforts To Smear And Further Roll Back Bail Reform?”** “The progressive lefty activists also blame Adams for the public backlash against the state’s controversial cashless bail-reform law. The overhaul eliminated cash bail and lets defendants who are accused of misdemeanor and most non-violent felony crimes free pending trial. ‘Mayor Adams has continued to mislead the public about the impact of New York’s bail reform laws,’ the WFP questionnaire says. ‘The data on bail reform is crystal clear: bail reform has decreased jail populations, kept communities intact, reduced racial injustice, and has had no impact on crime. Will you publicly reject and speak out against the Mayor’s continued efforts to smear and further roll back bail reform?’” (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda,” [The New York Post](#), 1/22/23)
- **“As It Did Last Year, The WFP Also Asks Candidates If They Will ‘Refuse All Donations’ From Law-Enforcement Unions, As Well As The Fossil Fuel-And Real-Estate Industries.”** (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Targets Adams As It Seeks Candidates To Embrace Leftist Agenda,” [The New York Post](#), 1/22/23)

## **In Their 2022 Cycle Candidate Questionnaire, The Working Families Party Urged Candidates Seeking Their Endorsement To Refuse Contributions From Police And Corrections Associations, And “Fight To Ensure There Are No Further Rollbacks To Bail Reform”**

**During The 2022 Cycle, Amid Cops Being Shot And Killed By Violent Parolees, The Working Families Party Pressured Candidates Who Sought Their Endorsement To Shun Support Away From Law Enforcement Unions Representing Beat Cops And Corrections Officers.** “Amid cops being shot and killed by violent parolees, the left-wing Working Families Party — which claims to fight for the interests of blue-collar workers — has declared war on the unions representing uniformed officers. The WFP is pressuring candidates who seek their endorsement in 2022 elections to shun support from law enforcement unions representing beat cops and correction officers, as revealed by the party’s 2022 candidate questionnaire, a copy of which was obtained by The Post.” (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Declares War On Police Unions After Killing Of NYPD Cops,” [The New York Post](#), 1/26/22)

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- **“Will You Refuse All Donations From Corporate Pacs, Real Estate Developers, Police And Corrections Associations, And The Charter School Industry,’ Question No. 44 Asks.”** (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Declares War On Police Unions After Killing Of NYPD Cops,” [The New York Post](#), 1/26/22)
- **The Working Families Party Survey Urged Candidates Who Wanted Their Backing “To Go Easier On Criminals And Defendants – Including Blocking Any Changes To The Controversial Bail Law.”** “The WFP’s extensive 58-page, 113-question survey was forwarded to The Post anonymously by a concerned ‘mainstream Democrat.’ The questionnaire also urges candidates who want their backing to go easier on criminals and defendants — including blocking any changes to the controversial bail law.” (Carl Campanile, “Working Families Party Declares War On Police Unions After Killing Of NYPD Cops,” [The New York Post](#), 1/26/22)
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## **In January 2020, The Working Families Party Was Among The Groups Pushing Back Against Any Effort To Alter New York State’s Cash Bail Law**

**New York State Of Politics Headline: “Advocates Push Back Against Rolling Back Bail Law”** (“Advocates Push Back Against Rolling Back Bail Law,” [New York State Of Politics](#), 1/7/20)

**In January 2020, Advocates For Overhauling New York’s Criminal Justice Laws Pushed Back Against The Effort To Alter The State’s Cash Bail Law.** “Advocates for overhauling New York’s criminal justice laws are pushing back against the growing effort to alter the newly enacted cash bail law. Democratic state lawmakers over the last several weeks have been slammed by Republicans, law enforcement officials and prosecutors over the effects of ending cash bail for misdemeanors and non-violent felonies: The release of people facing charges like robbery and manslaughter.” (“Advocates Push Back Against Rolling Back Bail Law,” [New York State Of Politics](#), 1/7/20)

**The Working Families Party Were Among The Groups Pushing Back, With The New York State Director Saying The Group Was “Proud To Stand Strong With Criminal Justice Reform Advocates, Communities Of Color, And Progressive Leaders In Albany To Oppose Any Changes To Bail, Discovery And Speedy Trial Laws.”** “Meanwhile, the Working Families Party is also pushing back against any effort to scale back the changes. ‘The Working Families Party is proud to stand strong with criminal justice reform advocates, communities of color, and progressive leaders in Albany to oppose any changes to bail, discovery and speedy trial laws,’ said State Director Sochie Nnaemeka. ‘We refuse to return to a time when the wealthy could buy their way out of jail while poor New Yorkers sat behind bars. We will not go back.’” (“Advocates Push Back Against Rolling Back Bail Law,” [New York State Of Politics](#), 1/7/20)

## **The Working Families Party Has Supported Candidates Who Want To End Cash Bail**

**On September 14, 2022, The Working Families Party Endorsed Megan Green For St. Louis Board Of Alderman President, And Noted Her Support For Eliminating Cash Bail.**

“NEW: We're endorsing @MeganEllyia for St. Louis Board of Alderman President. Megan is running on a platform that includes addressing the housing affordability crisis and public transit, reducing homelessness, ending the war on drugs, & eliminating the predatory cash bail system.” (Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 9/14/22)



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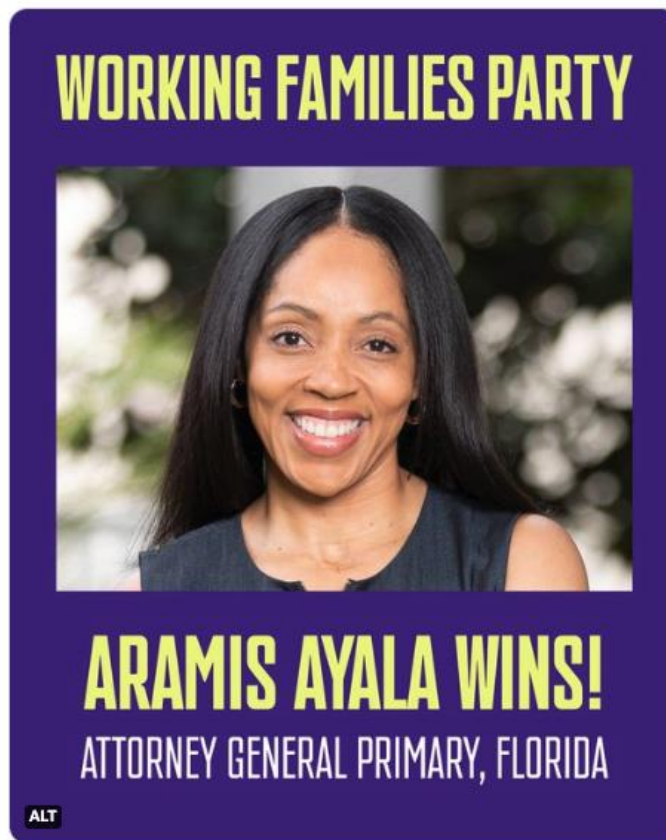
**On August 23, 2022, The Working Families Party Highlighted Florida Attorney General Candidate Aramis Ayala’s Efforts To Launch A Bail Fund And Refusing To Seek The Death Penalty.** “BREAKING: @AramisAyalaFL has won her primary election for Attorney General in Florida. She has spent her career addressing the deep inequalities in our criminal legal system. She led efforts to launch a bail fund and gained notoriety for refusing to seek the death penalty.” (Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 8/23/22)

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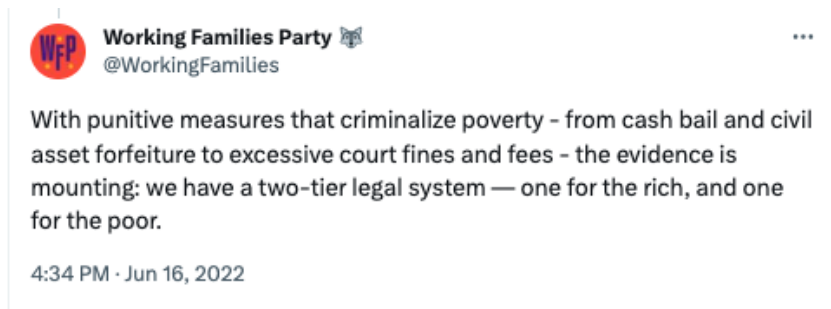
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(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 8/23/22)

- **As Part Of A June 16, 2022 Thread Endorsing Ayala, The Working Families Party Wrote “With Punitive Measures That Criminalize Poverty - From Cash Bail And Civil Asset Forfeiture To Excessive Court Fines And Fees - The Evidence Is Mounting: We Have A Two-Tier Legal System ...”** “With punitive measures that criminalize poverty - from cash bail and civil asset forfeiture to excessive court fines and fees - the evidence is mounting: we have a two-tier legal system — one for the rich, and one for the poor.” (Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 6/16/22)



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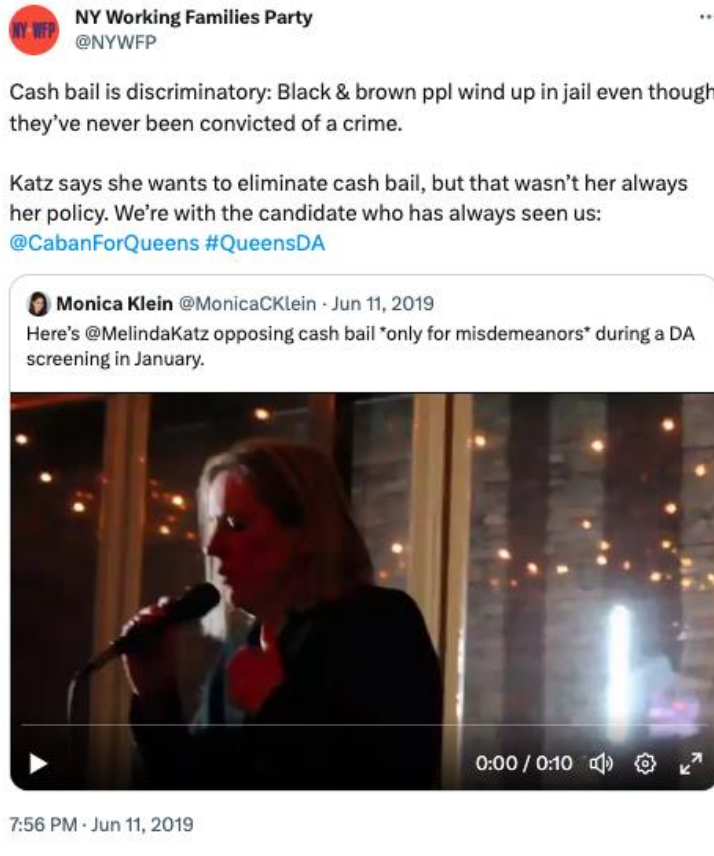
**On July 13, 2019, The Working Families Party Highlighted A Clip Of Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) Supporting An End To Cash Bail. “.@ewarren on ending cash bail #NN19”**  
(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 7/13/19)



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**On June 11, 2019, The New York Working Families Party Expressed Their Support For Tiffany Caban For Queens District Attorney And Declared, “Cash Bail Is Discriminatory” And That Communities Of Color Wound Up In Jail “Even Though They’ve Never Been Convicted Of A Crime.”** Cash bail is discriminatory: Black & brown ppl wind up in jail even though they’ve never been convicted of a crime. Katz says she wants to eliminate cash bail, but that wasn’t her always her policy. We’re with the candidate who has always seen us: @CabanForQueens #QueensDA” (NY Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 6/11/19)





(NY Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 6/11/19)

**On June 3, 2019, The New York Working Families Party Expressed Their Support For Caban For Queens DA And Quoted Rep. Ocasio-Cortez Declaring That Cash Bail Would Be Abolished.** “We're going to #EndCashBail, we're going to stop locking people up for marijuana, and Tiffany's going to be the one to do it!’ Proud to fight alongside @AOC on team @CabanForQueens. Let's make history on June 25! #QueensDA #QueensPride #Pride #NY4TheMany” (NY Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 6/3/19)



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