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Congratulations to Public Advocate Tish James for winning the hotly contested Democratic Party primary and to her opponents for waging the races each did. Now, I encourage all voters, regardless of party affiliation, to study the records of the three principal candidates for Attorney General. What you will see are many very clear distinctions:

1. I am the only litigator in the race. I have a long history of winning big cases and cases which have mattered to many people. The other candidates have no such track record. Indeed, neither is listed as filing any case in any federal court in NY State. On the other hand, for forty years, I have been on the front lines, litigating public law cases which matter. As Attorney General, I will not need anyone to instruct me on how to file a complex federal case, whether against Donald Trump or Andrew Cuomo.

2. I am not about promising to stand for this or that. I have stood out for civil rights, for environmental sanity, protecting people dispossessed from their homes and those beaten or killed by misguided police officers. I have a clear and long record of lawyering for the people. I am not a debt collector for corporations or a professional politician. I have no political ambition and do not view the Attorney General as a stepping stone for higher office.

3. I have advocated for major systems reform and succeeded, whether forcing New York State to eliminate the discriminatory battery promotional test in 2010 or forcing the proper redistricting of the Westchester County Legislature in the mid 1980s and the Orange County Legislature in 2012. I shut down the Orange County landfill in 1992 because it was built on the county's principal aquifer and adjacent to the Wallkill River; I forced Orange County to maintain Valley View Nursing Home for its senior citizens in 2013. I fought for more than two decades to desegregate Yonkers schools and housing patterns and caused the then Sullivan County Clerk to resign to settle sexual harassment allegations against him a decade ago. I successfully defended the falsely accused African-American Superintendent of Poughkeepsie on a multitude of charges and have stood up to the power brokers in Kiryas Joel and New Square for thirty years.

4. I am the only candidate for this office who will never take money from corporate interests. I have set a contribution limit of \$180/person and will adhere to this through the campaign. My opponents are seeking to raise huge sums of corporate money; that money is donated with a great cost to each voter

and represents control over the democratic process by those with other interests.

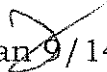
5. While a Democrat for 46 years, I am not running on any major party slate and will not be beholden to the pay-to-play culture which permeates this State. I am the only truly independent candidate and will be bought by NO ONE. I will tell state agencies which violate the law to clean up and will NOT spend taxpayers' dollars defending their illegal conduct. I will strongly advocate for common sense campaign finance reform, for critically needed bail reform and re-structure the AG's office so that a majority of the lawyers are fighting to protect our public health and safety, not defending beatings in our correctional facilities. I will not continue to use state lawyers to defend against the meritorious claims of parents and children from high-poverty school districts suing for their court-ordered full funding. No more state complicity with injustice!

6. I am running on the Green Party slate because I believe we need a society dedicated to people not profits and a legal system which elevates the same values. I believe that both parties have created and are sustained by a duopoly of corruption and that only outsiders, without any corporate connections, can fairly represent the people. The Green Party represents the future and its values coincide with my own.

I am today calling on both major party candidates to join me in a series of televised debates around NY State. The People need to know of our records,

our accomplishments, our flaws. They need to make an informed choice and it is our responsibility to help them do so.

Finally, you can get involved with my campaign for Attorney General. Learn more at [Elect Sussman NY State AG](#), a web-site which will keep you posted on our campaign.

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