

What is the DA Accountability Movement?

Recognizing the tremendous power District Attorneys hold, organizers have mobilized in cities across the country to elect more progressive DAs and make sure they're held accountable. These campaigns and movements, in places like Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Boston, have pushed candidates to commit to policies like declining to prosecute low-level charges, not requesting money bail for low-level charges, reducing supervision for parolees, and seeking more lenient sentences for certain crimes. These changes to DA practices can ripple throughout the criminal legal system to lessen the harm the system regularly inflicts on our communities. As abolitionists, we know electing 'a different kind of DA' is not *the* answer, but prosecutor accountability is one thing we can fight for to reduce harm to those targeted by the criminal legal system and to decrease our reliance on the criminal punishment system. DAs hold a lot of power to reduce or expand the scope of criminalization.

DA Accountability Comes to Queens!

After almost three decades of incalculable harm and injustice under District Attorney Richard Brown, Queens residents will vote for a new DA in the **June 25th Primary Election!** The Queens for DA Accountability Coalition formed a year ago to ensure that the new DA meets the demands of its community. **Freedom for survivors** is one of the essential tenets of the coalition.

Queens for DA Accountability demands that the new DA:

Decline to prosecute survivors of domestic, sexual, or gender-based violence whose arrests were related to acts of survival, including: self-defense, "failure to protect," migration, removing children from abusive people, being coerced into acting as an "accomplice," and securing resources needed to live.

It is imperative that the new DA delivers on this demand. The facts show that histories of domestic, gender and sexual violence are inextricably tied to incarceration and criminalization. The majority of people in women's prisons nationwide have histories of sexual or physical abuse prior to their sentence. This is not even to mention people locked up in men's' prisons. And for survivors, the cycle of violence continues once they are swept up in the system at the hands of police, courts, prisons, and immigration enforcement. Survived and Punished works to end this cycle by supporting and advocating for criminalized survivors to be reunited with their friends and families.

How Can I Get Involved?

Mobilize for the Primary Election on June 25th!

While Survived and Punished won't be endorsing a specific candidate, we encourage you to investigate each of the candidates and get involved!

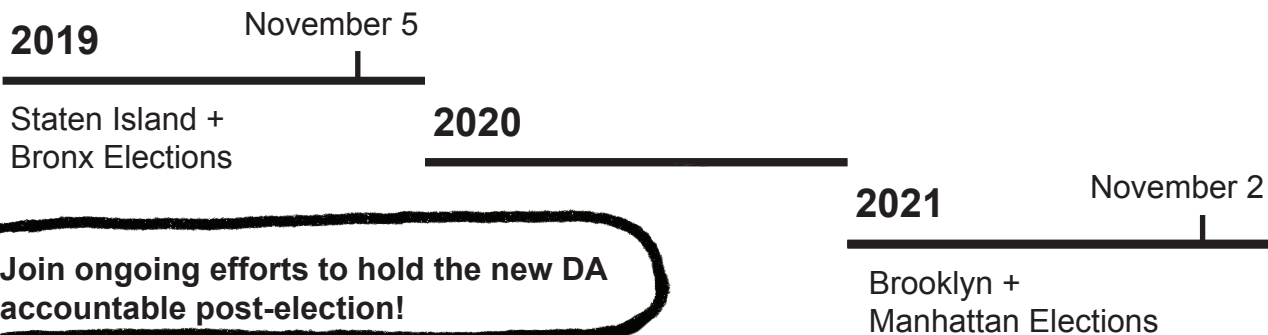
- VOTE on June 25th!!
- Volunteer to canvas with VOCAL-NY!
- Spread the word - encourage your friends and communities to vote!

Demand Cuomo Grant Clemency to Survivors Now!

- Send Governor Cuomo a postcard to demand that he immediately use his clemency powers to free criminalized survivors of gender violence held in prisons in New York.
- Call the Governor at 518-474-8343 or 212-681-7753 and use the script at freethemny.com
- Sign the petition to demand Cuomo free criminalized survivors of gender violence at <https://bit.ly/2EgoRfq>

Building Power in 2019 and Beyond!

Keep track of upcoming DA elections and organize your communities!



Join ongoing efforts to hold the new DA accountable post-election!

- Get involved and volunteer with Courtwatch NYC! Sign up for trainings and shifts at www.courtwatchnyc.org/
- Join Survived & Punished NYC and organize with our DA Accountability Group!

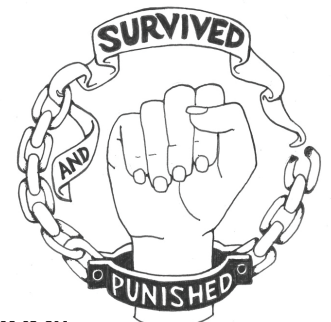
Where Can I Learn More?

To grab on your way out: 5 Borough Defenders Report Cards on the Queens DA Candidates
More Information about the Queens DA Coalition: <https://www.queens4da.org/>
Overview of the Role and Power of DAs: <https://theyreporttoyou.org/>
Philadelphia DA Accountability Campaign: <https://www.phillydaforthepeople.org/>

Who are we?

Learn more about **Survived and Punished**:

- Visit www.freethemny.com to learn how to support the Survived & Punished Mass Commutations Campaign to free survivors in New York State prisons.
- Join the #FreeThemNY mailing list at freethemny.com/contact
- Visit the S&P National website at <https://survivedandpunished.org/>



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