

# MORGAN EVERS

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## NYC TEACHER AND BRONX ACTIVIST MORGAN EVERS LAUNCHES PRIMARY CHALLENGE IN NY 81<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY

*Community organizer and disability advocate's early fundraising crosses state threshold to max out on public matching funds*

**BRONX, NEW YORK** – Teacher and activist Morgan Evers launched her campaign Dec. 7 for New York's 81st Assembly District at a standing-room only kickoff fundraiser in the Bronx where she met her fundraising threshold to qualify for the maximum in the state's public matching funds program.

"I am humbled by the overwhelming response I have received across this district since I explored a run this summer...and it's clear: the people in the Northwest Bronx are ready for change," **Evers, 41, said** to a packed room at Connaughton's Riverdale Steakhouse. "While dangerous policies from Washington threaten New Yorkers every day, the 81st Assembly District has an entrenched politician who is more focused on building a political dynasty into a third decade of status quo governance rather than assuring us we have a trusted fighter who will protect us. I enter this race with a clear vision for a people-centered campaign focused on the neglected needs of working families and the local economy in this fast-changing district."

The campaign kicked off with more than \$26,000 raised from over 200 donors, of which 85% are in-district, qualifying for the New York State Public Campaign Finance Program's maximum of \$175,000 in matching funds.

Evers is running in the June 2026 Democratic primary challenging 16-term incumbent Jeffrey Dinowitz, a foreclosure auction referee, elected to the seat in 1994.

The 81st Assembly District encompasses Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Van Cortlandt Village, and parts of Norwood, Wakefield and Woodlawn in the Northwest Bronx.

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Evers is running on the evolving needs of the diverse district: addressing the affordability and housing crisis including saving the historic Amalgamated Houses—the nation's first cooperative complex and affordable housing model—which is facing imminent structural and financial demise. She is also prioritizing equitable access to quality childcare in the Bronx for working parents like herself and her husband, also a teacher. The couple were in debt for five years after paying for childcare for their two sons on credit cards.

“Affordability is nuanced and layered across this district. In the coming weeks, my campaign will roll out a policy-specific platform based on my conversations with constituents across the 81st,” she said.

Evers, who uses a mobility assistance cane due to a visual impairment—she was diagnosed with a degenerative retinal disease in her 30s—is preparing proposals for state legislative action in response to the Trump administration’s attacks on disability rights. The Department of Justice removed nearly a dozen Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance guidance for businesses this year. Advocates point out that these moves are promises to roll back enforcement of the ADA including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act—federal civil rights protections for educational services and programs for the disabled that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education. The Trump administration has more than signaled the Department of Education will be dismantled.

“Though my eyesight is vanishing, my vision for a better Bronx is not,” Evers said. “Now more than ever, we need bold leadership fighting on the front lines for New York during unprecedented attacks to our basic rights by a fascist federal government. We are done with establishment politicians guarding incumbency over the needs of constituents who are being targeted.”

Evers served as New York State Committee member for the 81st Assembly District during the 2022 to 2024 term. She is a member of the Unity Democratic Club, which she co-founded in 2022 with breakaway progressives of the Benjamin Franklin Democratic Club.

If elected, Evers will be the first disabled woman to serve in the New York state legislature.

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