



INCUMBENT EMILY GALLAGHER DODGES DEBATE; ANATHEA SIMPKINS TO HOST TOWN HALL

Gallagher's Refusal to Debate Prompts Simpkins to Engage Directly with Voters

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North Brooklyn, NY — In response to the incumbent Emily Gallagher's refusal to debate Anathea Simpkins for the New York State Assembly District 50 race, Simpkins will host a town hall meeting to engage directly with the community and address the pressing issues facing the district. This is a race that may be overlooked but promises to be highly competitive, making direct engagement with voters more important than ever.

"I'm disappointed that my opponent has refused to debate, a decision that is all too common among incumbents who feel untouchable in their position," **said Simpkins**. "A test of perseverance in politics is being able to meet with people without fear. Debates are a crucial part of the democratic process, as they allow candidates to step out from behind the protective barriers of social media and engage directly with the people they seek to represent."

Anathea Simpkins is a candidate for the 50th Assembly District after collecting 2,800 petition signatures from registered voters in North Brooklyn and anticipates substantial matching campaign funds in the next round.

The town hall will be moderated by Pastor Katrina Foster and take place on Saturday, May 25th, 2024 at 4:30pm at St John's Lutheran Church, 155 Milton St, Brooklyn, NY 11222. This event is designed to give residents of the 50th Assembly District the opportunity they deserve to hear directly from candidates on the ballot. This event will provide an opportunity for residents of the 50th District to voice their concerns and engage in meaningful dialogue with Simpkins about her vision for the community.

About Anathea Simpkins

Anathea Simpkins is a dedicated working mother, anti-violence advocate, educator and 17-year Greenpoint resident, Simpkins is running to address the housing crisis, champion quality education, provide safe and efficient transportation and support small businesses. With 26 years of experience in education and violence prevention, she brings a wealth of professional and personal experience to her campaign. Anathea's commitment to ensuring a safe, healthy and prosperous future for all constituents drives her vision for a more equitable 50th Assembly District. Visit anatheaforny.com to learn more.