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U.S. House of Representatives 9th Congressional District

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Q: Please provide a campaign statement (we ask that you please include the neighborhoods and communities that make up the district you are running for. Your statement is limited to 1,250 characters (approximately 200 words).

A: I was born and raised in Woodside, Queens, and the son of a New York City fireman. I have been active in the Socialist Workers Party and in social and political struggles defending the interests of the working class for nearly 40 years. We need unity in the working class to organize a fight against the impact of the crisis-ridden world capitalist system on our living and job conditions. We need our own party – a working-class alternative to the two capitalist parties, the Democrats and Republicans. The first thing I'd do in office is help organize a fight by working people to demand the government shorten the workweek with no cut in pay to create more jobs and organize a massive, federally- funded public works program to put millions to work rebuilding the infrastructure. Take the funds out of the bosses' profits, which they appropriate from the wealth we produce with our labor. This will take a revolutionary struggle by millions of working people. It is the only way we can take political power out of the hands of the ruling capitalist class and begin rebuilding society from top to bottom so we can bring an end to a society based on war, racism, women's oppression and class exploitation.