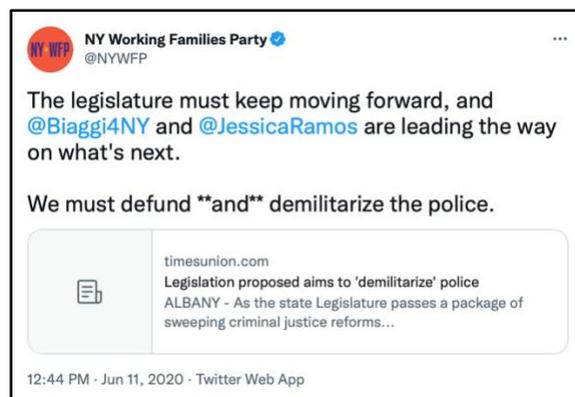


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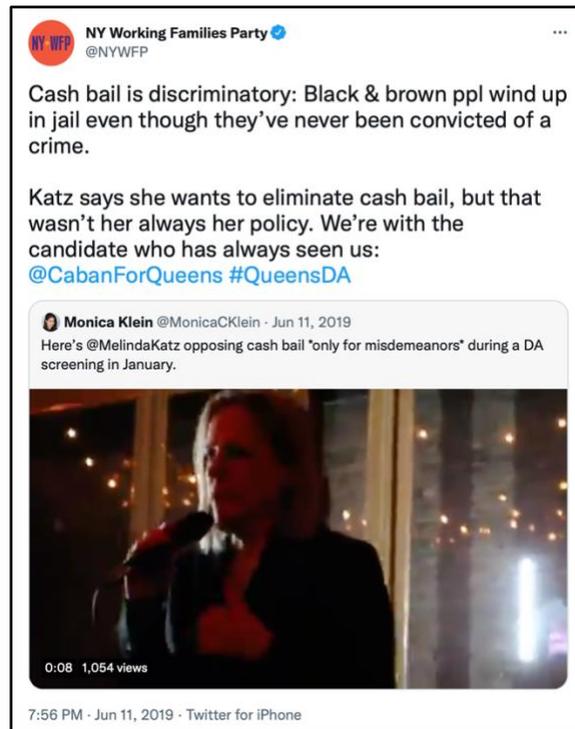
Robert Zimmerman is running on the Working Families Party line even though the party supports radical policies such as defunding the police, ending cash bail, and even believes that the path to public safety is “not through police and prisons”:

- **Robert Zimmerman is running on the Democratic Party line and on the Working Families Party line.** “Melanie D’Arrigo of Port Washington, a health care advocate and community organizer, ran in the Democratic primary for the 3rd Congressional District last month with the endorsement of the Working Families Party. On the Aug. 23 ballot she got 4,197 votes, behind Josh Lafazan with 5,296, Jon Kaiman with 6,884, and Robert Zimmerman, the winner, with 9,482 votes. The WFP website on Friday still listed her among its candidates for the November election – but apparently that just hadn’t been updated. Ravi Mangla, a spokesman for the party, confirmed to The Point that her name has been replaced with Zimmerman’s on the fall ballot line. As a result, Zimmerman, of Great Neck, will have a second line like his Republican opponent George Devolder-Santos who is cross-endorsed by the Conservative Party. That avoids the prospect of D’Arrigo siphoning off progressive votes from Zimmerman in a district where she has run before and has some name recognition.” (Dan Janison, “Working Families worked it out with Dems again,” [The Point](#), 9/9/22)
 - **The Working Families Party is one of “the country’s leading progressive groups.”** “The WFP is unique among the country’s leading progressive groups because of its ability and willingness to run its own candidates, something its allies ~ and, occasionally, competitors ~ like the Democratic Socialists of America and Justice Democrats do not.” (Gregory King, “The Working Families Party, on the rise nationally, faces a defining test in New York,” [CNN](#), 10/19/20)
- **The New York Working Families Party supports defunding the police.** “The legislature must keep moving forward, and @Biaggi4NY and @JessicaRamos are leading the way on what’s next. We must defund **and** demilitarize the police.” (NY Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 6/11/20)



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- **The New York Working Families Party supports the elimination of cash bail.** “Cash bail is discriminatory: Black & brown ppl wind up in jail even though they’ve never been convicted of a crime. Katz says she wants to eliminate cash bail, but that wasn’t her always her policy. We’re with the candidate who has always seen us: @CabanForQueens #QueensDA” (NY Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 6/11/19)



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- **The New York Working Families Party believes that “the path to public safety is not through police and prisons.”** “That – not more police – is the roadmap to advancing safety in New York City. This month, the City Council has another opportunity, and a moral obligation, to pass a budget that properly invests in the people and reduces the ineffective and harmful role of the NYPD. But if last year’s budget bait-and-switch is any indication, the current Council may fall short once again – which is why the upcoming mayoral and City Council elections are so important. We have the opportunity to elect a new generation of leaders who understand that the path to public safety is not through police and prisons. That’s why the Working Families Party has endorsed dozens of candidates who are proposing a new vision for public safety – one that begins with investment, not incarceration. As the calendar ticks down toward election day, we must support the candidates who are unafraid to challenge the status quo keeping us from truly safe neighborhoods. The future of all New Yorkers depends on it. Nnaemeka is director of the state Working Families Party.” (SOCHIE NNAEMEKA, “Expand policing now? Hell no,” Op-Ed, [New York Daily News](#), 6/8/21)