

Rana Abdelhamid is running to represent New York's 12th district in Congress. Our neighbors have been hit hard by COVID-19, losing their small businesses and homes. We need a representative who will show up for our communities just as tirelessly as we show up for each other. She is a New Yorker and a child of working class Egyptian immigrants. Rana's mom arrived in New York City on the 4th of July. Her dad told her the fireworks in the sky were just for her. That this was New York's way of saying "Welcome Home."

Abdelhamid attended New York City public schools and watched her parents work every day — and most nights — to achieve the American dream for my family. Rana's dad owned and operated a neighborhood deli. She says that she had never seen her father happier than when he was inside that shop, making a living and a life for his family. But over time, rising rent forced him to take on a second job as a cab driver at nights just to pay the bills. And eventually, he just couldn't keep up with the cost of living and had to close his small business. It wasn't just his work that was impacted by gentrification. Home was impacted, too. Abdelhamid moved six times over the course of her childhood as a result of being caught between poor housing conditions and the continued rise of rent.

With the help of a local college readiness program and many scholarships, Rana graduated from Middlebury College, became a Truman Scholar and attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government to pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy. For the last few years, she has worked to create economic opportunity and safety for women through technology in my job at Google while running Malikah and organizing in NYC. She is a member of CWA Local 1400.

Rana's spent the last decade organizing across New York City: fighting against gentrification, supporting small businesses, and addressing challenges of food insecurity before and during the pandemic. She's rallied for Black lives, against inhumane migration policy and advocated for gender justice. Finally, she's learned that communities across our diverse district want to build safety and power together.