

## 77 Janos Marton

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“I've been working ever since on trying to fight for people's rights, stand up to political corruption, and get people out of prison” - @janosmarton

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“I was a very early supporter, Tiffany Cabon. It was fascinating to see over the course of the race, that New Yorkers actually had a pretty big appetite for transforming the criminal justice system” - @janosmarton

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“We have something like 30,000 cases in New York State, the majority of those are in New York City. You know, we have a significant number of people dying every day” - @janosmarton

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“Jail and prison should not be a death sentence and, let's start with the vulnerable populations, there are people who we know everybody knows are medically at risk” - @janosmarton

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“So you have people in jail in prison who are vulnerable and those people absolutely need to be released. In New York, we have clemency but is barely used. And there are hundreds of clemency applications sitting on the governor's desk right now” - @janosmarton

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“You also need to create a temporary medical furlough program that can reach older people serving time in prison. Under the emergency powers that were granted to the governor, he's very much within his right to set up such a program so there's no legal obstacle there” - @janosmarton

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“We need to make sure that people who are sick or not next to people who are not sick. So we have to reduce the number of contacts that police have with the community. We need to, you know, end arraignment practices that risk spreading the virus” - @janosmarton

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“We need to make sure there are fewer people in jail. We need to make sure that unnecessary meetings, like things like technical parole violation hearings, are being suspended” - @janosmarton

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“The reality is that the virus doesn't discriminate between somebody who's incarcerated somebody who works in the jail and prison system. And those are the folks who are going in and out every day” - @janosmarton

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“He is a cook on Rikers Island, he is required to go into work, he's not allowed to take off more than two days, including sick days, because he's deemed as essential personnel. And he's terrified” - @janosmarton

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“This is not just about the people who are incarcerated, it's also about the fact that we're trying to contain a disease, and it's going to affect everybody if we don't get it under control” - @janosmarton

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“We had to really reintroduce Rikers Island to people and, and one of the tasks was explaining why it was such a public health hazard and it's always been a place that is deeply unhealthy” - @janosmarton

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With outbreaks in the past <at Rikers>, the corrections department resorted to sending people to solitary. So none of this is new with Covid-19” - @janosmarton

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“If we can release aging people from prison, people on technical parole violations, everybody who doesn't pose a risk because of COVID-19, My hope is people will recognize people never needed to be locked up in the first place” - @janosmarton

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“Governor Cuomo has spent his three terms as governor as a proud centrist, somebody who is often quick to scornfully reject progressive proposals when it comes to criminal justice” - @janosmarton

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“My sense is he's <Cuomo is> focused on ventilators and on hospital beds. And he just does not care about people who are in prison right now” - @janosmarton

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“The criminal justice system is so full of whack-a-mole that, somebody can actually follow through on changing policy but then another policy prevents people from actually getting released. The next thing you know, the number of people in jail hasn't changed at all” - @janosmarton

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“We have solutions currently in our system that we just need to scale up. We can take a whole variety of misdemeanors, non-violent felonies, and even some violent felonies and really work with people outside of the jail system to get them the help they need” - @janosmarton

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“So that's where I came up with a number 80% <reduction in jail incarceration in Manhattan>. I'm the only candidate crowded race to have made such a declaration” - @janosmarton

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“Okay, we'll lock a person away for 60 days because they assaulted somebody on the street and then hope that they are totally fine when they come back, and they won't do it ever again. What can we do to stop it in the

future? And if the answer is something other than jail in prison, and let's invest resources in that" - @janosmarton

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What we're trying to do is break these cycles of harm, so that you're not dealing with that same guy for the time 10th time and arresting him for the 10th time" - @janosmarton

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"Looking into the solitary cells was jarring for me, it was the size of a small porthole that you'd imagine a boat. And inside, there was just such a cramped confined space with this searing light" - @janosmarton

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"If I find out that somebody is in solitary confinement, I will tell Department of Corrections and the mayor's office and whoever else needs to be involved, that if that person is not removed from solitary, we will drop the case" - @janosmarton

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“To me, the law needs to have legitimacy, and so many communities that had been over-policed for so long, the law already lacked lacks legitimacy”  
- @janosmarton

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“When a person is sick and anxious, and in the case of coronavirus, probably experiencing shortness of breath it's just the worst of all worlds to put them in a small cramped space” - @janosmarton

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“it was a very well-coordinated, sophisticated, well-done attack. You know, these reactionary forces amplify each other over and it works. It scared a lot of modern folks and white liberals into thinking that this bail reform was, endangering our community when nothing could be further from the truth” - @janosmarton

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“I say, yes, you saw that story, the New York Post about the fellow who was released pretrial and got caught for something else. But did you know that 1500m 2000m 3000 people are out of jail now and at home with their families” - @janosmarton

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“I think it's one of the strongest laws in the country <bail reform> and it'd be a huge shame for it to be rolled back It would just be a very disappointing cave by Governor Cuomo - @janosmarton

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“I become, as far as I know, the first district attorney candidate in the country to call for 20-year caps on prison sentences” - @janosmarton

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“But the reality is that a lot of people sell because they're trying to put food on the table and if we're not honest about that, then the practice is never going to stop. We have to give different economic opportunities” - @janosmarton

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“Just as I would want to treat every person who's accused of a crime as an individual, and how can we get this person back on the feet and stop the cycle of harm from happening, I would feel the same way about the victims. What does the victim need?” - @janosmarton

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