OUR VALUES AND AIMS

As an independent, non-partisan organization, Citizens Union works to promote good government and political reform in the City and State of New York. For more 111 years, CU has worked to combat the corrupting influence of Tammany Hall and its inheritors.

In keeping with this tradition, CU aims to promote a competitive and diverse political culture, a fair and open political process, and accountable and responsible governance. Through public education, issue advocacy, and civic engagement, CU seeks to inform the citizens of New York, affect the issues in which it is involved, and advance the cause for which it was founded. To that end, CU evaluates candidates for elected office and backs those candidates who strongly support and can advance our stated agenda for reform.

When CU evaluates and supports candidates, it focuses on significant, competitive races; on races in which an incumbent has earned our support by his or her diligence in pursuing our agenda; and on races in which an incumbent has earned our opposition by either being an obstacle to reform in office or through inappropriate personal behavior. Races considered for evaluation and support shall be limited to the following:

a) City-wide — Mayor, Public Advocate, and Comptroller

b) Borough-wide — Borough President, District Attorney, and Surrogate Court Judges

c) Legislative — State Senate, State Assembly, and City Council

d) State-wide — Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller

The following guidelines hels the Local Candidates Committee (LCC) and the Board of Directors fulfill CU's mission.

OUR CRITERIA

The criteria for determining CU's support for a candidate is as follows:

1. Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be a primary criteria used in deciding its support for a candidate.

2. Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but not be determinative.

3. Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not determinative.

4. Incumbents will be held accountable for their record of reform in office and shall be judged accordingly on the basis of their demonstrated support for CU's issues.

5. State, local, or community issues specific to the race's jurisdiction shall be considered (as determined annually by the Board and LCC) as will candidates' ability to grasp these issues, propose thoughtful solutions, and represent the interests of their constituents, but these factors shall be given less weight than CU agenda issues.

6. The practice of ethical conduct and adherence to high ethical standards shall also be seriously considered.

7. For city-wide or state-wide races, CU not only will evaluate candidates against the above criteria, but also gauge their knowledge and command of other issues as defined by the Board and their proposed approach in addressing them.

8. Evaluation of the candidates and the decision to support a particular candidate shall be made without regard to political party and in a non-partisan manner.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following list of questions were sent to each candidate running for State Legislature. Candidates were asked to answer each question and were given the opportunity for elaboration at the end of the questionnaire. The support or oppose answers are compiled in the following pages. These answers, as well as their additional comments, were a part of our candidate evaluation process. To view completed candidate questionnaires, please visit www.citizensunion.org.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

1. Where do you stand on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?

2. What is your position on establishing a system of public financing for state legislative and statewide races?

3. If you support public financing, what is your position on a system where public funds are awarded on a matching basis (similar in design and function to the New York City system) rather than a system of full public funding of campaigns?

4. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?

5. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs, while still allowing such entities to form separate PACs?

6. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from unions, while still allowing them to form separate PACs?

7. What is your position on limiting transfers from party committees to candidates, or other committees, to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees to the same ceiling placed on candidates?

8. What is your position on increasing disclosure and reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures by requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution?

9. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session?

ELECTION REFORM

10. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the two-party system of governance and operation?

11. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot (i.e. lower signature requirements, less burdensome witness signature requirements, etc.)?

12. Where do you stand on amending the state constitution to allow adoption of statewide Election Day voter registration?

13. What is your position on amending the Municipal Home Rule law to limit the ability of a mayor-appointed charter revision commission to "bump" other local charter amendments from appearing on the ballot?

14. Where do you stand on establishing by statute an Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission charged with drawing congressional and state legislative lines, thus removing the responsibility from the Legislature?

15. Where do you stand on the adoption of stricter redistricting rules that would ensure that every district is: more equal in population (within 1% deviation from the mean), contiguous and compact, formed without regard for protecting an incumbent or political party, mindful of the need to keep neighborhoods intact, and not drawn to undermine racial, linguistic, and ethnic representation?

ETHICS REFORM

16. What is your position on changing the representation of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity so no one elected official makes a majority of the appointments?

17. What is your position on expanding the jurisdiction of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity to include legislative ethics violations?

18. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?

BUDGET REFORM

19. What is your position on requiring all budget documents, including budget bills and legislative additions, to be presented in a format that is organized into programmatic categories and allows for comparison between past year and expected spending in order to facilitate public and legislative review?

20. What is your position on requiring the governor's budget submission to present the full scope of the state's financial condition, including its public authorities, and to provide a clear, comprehensive, and consolidated picture of the state's budget operations and fiscal obligations?

21. Do you support establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage in long term, multi-year budget planning?

22. What is your position on creating an independent Public Authorities Budget Office and requiring disclosure of detailed budgetary operations of all public authorities?

23. What is your position on requiring regular reporting of lump-sum appropriations and member items that includes detailed information on MoUs, funds distributed, recipients, and remaining funds?

ADDITIONAL REFORM

24. Do you support a system of selecting New York trial court judges through an appointment process in which candidates are recommended by citizens committees on the basis of merit?

25. Do you support reform of the Wicks Law that requires New York State government entities to award separate prime contracts for the major components of a construction project?

26. What was your position on holding a public vote on the floor on the issue of congestion pricing?

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

District/Name	Party Affiliation(s)v	Lower Campaign Contribution Limits	Public Financing of Campaigns	Institute NYC Matching System Statewide	Restrict Lobbyist\State Contractor Contributions	Ban Corporate, LLC, LLP Contributions	Ban Union Contributions	Limit Committee Transfers and Committee Contribution Limits	Report Contributors' Background, i.e. Contact, Business Info	Require Two Periodic Filing Reports During Session	Nonpartisan Election Administration	Easier Access for Candidates to Appear on Ballot	Election Day Voter Registration	Prohibit Charter Commission's bumping of local amend.	Establish Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission	Stricter Redistricting Rules, i.e. Contiguous, Compact, etc.	Change Public Integrity Commission Appointment Process	Change Public Integrity Commission Ethics Violation Jurisdiction	Stricter Campaign Expenditure Laws, i.e. Ban Personal Use	Organize Bills so Programmatic Categories Allow Comparisons	Require Full Disclosure by Governor in Budget Proposal	Establish an Independent Nonpartisan Budget Office	Create an Independent Public Authorities Budget Office	Require Reporting on Lump-Sum Appropriations, i.e. MoU's	Select NY Trial Court Judges Through Appointment Process	Reform Wicks Law	Public Vote on Congestion Pricing
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26
QUEENS																											
A22/Meng	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A22/**Young**	D,I,WF	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S15/Addabbo	D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S15/Baldeo	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S16/**Stavisky**	D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S
BROOKLYN																											
A40/Barron	D	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	N/A	S	N/A
A40/Key	D	0	S	S	S	0	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	0	0	0
A40/Williams	D	S	S	N/A	S	0	0	0	S	0	0	S	N/A	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	0	0	N/A
A55/**Boyland**	D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	N/A
S20/**Adams**	D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0
S21/Felder	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S
S21/**Parker**	D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S
S21/Stewart	D	N/A	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
MANHATTAN																											
A64/Henry	D, I	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A64/Newell	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A72/**Espaillat**	D	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S
A72/Martinez	D	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	N/A	0	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S
S25/**Connor**	D	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S25/Squadron	D,WF	S	S	N/A	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
BRONX																											
S33/Espada	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Candidate Responses
S = Support **0** = Oppose **N/A** = No answer or qualified answer

Party Affiliations
C = Conservative
D = Democrat
I = Independence
L = Liberal
LBT = Libertarian
RVC = Rising Voices Coalition
R = Republican
WF = Working Families Party