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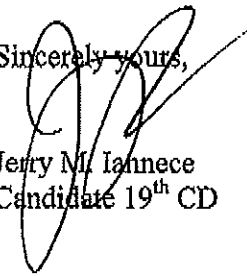
RE: 2009 NYC Candidate Questionnaire

Dear Sirs:

A per your instructions, annexed hereto please find a faxed copy of a fully completed 2009 Candidate Questionnaire for my City Council Race in the 19th CD. I have been endorsed by the Queens County Democratic Organization, numerous local elected officials, and supported by the overwhelming majority of the local civic leadership.

Please inform me when you would like to interview me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,


Jerry M. Iannece
Candidate 19th CD

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CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
ELECTION 2009

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Citizens Union would appreciate your responses to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and the citizens of the City. We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire in our Voters Directory, on our website, and in other appropriate venues. Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union will use to evaluate candidates who are running for office in order to determine our "Preferred Candidates" for the primary election and "Endorsed Candidates" for the general election. In order to receive Citizens Union's "preferred" or "endorsed" status, in addition to completing the questionnaire, candidates must participate in an interview with Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee.

We thank you very much for your response.

Candidate Name: JERRY M. IANNECE Age: 49

Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Council District #: 19

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Education: NYU (UNDERGRADUATE) ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): PARTNER -
IANNECE + CALVACCA (ATTORNEY)

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

CHAIR OF COMMUNITY BOARD # 11, PRESIDENT - BAYSIDE HILLS CIVIC ASSOC.
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL (19TH CD) '97 + 2001

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES NO

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES NO

(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Preferred Candidate" and "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed. We will make every effort to interview candidates in each race for City Council.)

Signature of Candidate: [Signature] Date: 7/15/09

I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state your position on the following issues by indicating whether you support or oppose each. You may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM

- 1. What is your position with respect to allowing voters who are registered as independents to vote in party primaries?

Support	<u>Oppose</u>
	I BELIEVE IN THE PARTY SYSTEM
- 2. What is your position on passage of state legislation that would allow referenda initiated by the City Council and/or the public to appear on the ballot at the same time as a referendum initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor?

<u>Support</u>	Oppose
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- 3. What is your position on increasing the pay of Election Day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event?

<u>Support</u>	Oppose
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- 4. What is your position on restructuring New York's current board of elections model to eliminate political party responsibility for overall election administration and replace it with a system that narrows political party involvement to certification of candidate petitions and the actual counting of votes?

<u>Support</u>	Oppose
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- 5. What is your position on having an election administration system where there is a local elections executive director appointed by the mayor upon recommendation by a new board that is chosen by the mayor and the city council?

<u>Support</u>	Oppose
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

- 6. What is your position on implementing "war chest" restrictions that would prohibit a candidate from transferring funds raised in a previous election cycle into a current campaign committee for a different office?

<u>Support</u>	Oppose
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7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot proposals?

Support

Oppose

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

8. What is your position on allowing Council committees to function more independently of the speaker than is presently the case?

Support

Oppose

a. Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs?

Support

Oppose

b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?

Support

Oppose

c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?

Support

Oppose

9. What is your position on:

a. limiting councilmembers' ability to earn outside income?

Support

Oppose

b. making the job of councilmember a full-time position?

Support

Oppose

c. eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions?

Support

Oppose

10. What is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation not affect those serving in the current term of the council and only be applied prospectively to the following term?

Support

Oppose

11. What is your position on consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees?

Support

Oppose

12. What is your position on term limits for elected officials?

Support

Oppose

13. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that changes to term limits may only be approved by the voters?

Support

Oppose

14. What is your position on the recent extension of term limits for the city's elected officials to three consecutive four-year terms? Please explain your answer.

Support

Oppose

I THINK WHAT THE CITY COUNCIL DID WAS THE EPITOME OF ARROGANCE + AN OUTRAGE. THE PEOPLE OF NYC VOTED TWICE ON THIS VERY ISSUE. ABSENT A VOTER CITY-WIDE BALLOT REFERENDUM, THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD NOT HAVE EXTENDED THEIR OWN TERMS. ~~THE~~ THIS UNDEMOCRATIC ACTION A FURTHER UNDERMINED THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT + ELECTED OFFICIALS.

POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

Please state your position on the following issues by indicating whether you support or oppose each, where applicable. Please also use the space provided below each question or on a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the questions which require a detailed answer. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

15. Knowing that the police department and commissioner retain ultimate authority for determining whether an officer is guilty and penalty, what is your position on transferring power to the Civilian Complaint Review Board to prosecute cases of police misconduct, such as force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and offensive language?

Support

Oppose

16. What is your position on changing the current land use process under ULURP to increase the role of community-based planning?

Support

Oppose

17. What is your position regarding the creation of a Charter Revision Commission to review specifically the roles of the various offices of government and how well government has functioned since the 1988 and 1989 charter review commissions?

Support

Oppose

18. What is your position on reforming the current pension funding structure to create multiple tiers for future city government employees?

Support

Oppose

- a. In FY 2008-09, New York City spent \$12 billion on pensions and fringe benefits for City employees out of a total budget of \$62 billion. What would you do to address the growing pension costs borne by the city and New York City tax payers?

THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT + COMPLICATED QUESTION. I WOULD TRY TO CLARIFY IN THIS MEETING + TRY TO COME UP W/ A PLAN THAT IS IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST.

- 19. What is your position with respect to the City Council passing a resolution calling upon the State Legislature to establish a State Constitutional Convention? Support Oppose

- a. If support, what are the three most important areas that need improvement?

- ① REPT CONTROL / DESTABILIZATION
- ② FARES + TOLLS
- ③ MEDICAL CARE CONTROLS

- b. Do you believe that greater home rule should be granted to the City of New York? If so, in what areas should further sovereignty be given? YES

- FARES + TOLLS ON MASS TRANSPORTATION
- REPT CONTROLS
- GRANTING LIQUOR LICENSES (CREATE NYC LIQUOR AUTH)
- MORE CONTROL OVER FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- 20. Taking into consideration the lessons learned from the debates surrounding congestion pricing and the Ravitch Commission's recommendations to provide the MTA with long-term funding, what would you propose to address the MTA's fiscal solvency issues and ensure that the burden for funding the MTA is equitably distributed among all stakeholders?

I WOULD MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE COMMUTER TAX. I WOULD TRY TO RESTRUCTURE THE MTA / TBTA TO PROVIDE A GREATER REVENUE PERCENTAGE TO + FOR THE NYC TRANSIT SYSTEM. I FURTHER BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO POSSIBLY IMPOSE A STATEWIDE GASOLINE TAX DEDICATED FOR MASS TRANSIT.

21. What would you propose in terms of creating a greater role for the city council in determining and deciding the city budget?

A BUDGET COMMISSION w/ THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD BE CREATED WHICH IS LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED TO WORK w/ THE MAYOR ON THE ANNUAL CITY BUDGET.

22. What is your position regarding the City's past practice of using surplus tax revenues to pay down future health cost and pension obligations, and the decision not to do so this year?

ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FISCAL CRISIS OVERTOOK THIS POLICY THIS YEAR, I THINK IT WAS SHORTSIGHTED + IN THE LONGRUN COST THE CITY MORE MONEY. TO USE SURPLUS REVENUE TO PAY DOWN FUTURE DEBT, ALLOWS THE CITY TO PAY FOR ^{FUTURE} OBLIGATIONS IN TODAY'S (COST REDUCED) DOLLARS + FREES UP MONEY FOR OTHER THINGS.

23. What is your view of how the taxes paid by New Yorkers compare to the value that is received in City services? Do you believe that taxes should be raised or lowered? To the extent you believe taxes should be changed, please provide specific proposals about what taxes you would raise and what services you would cut, if you didn't raise taxes, listed in order of greatest magnitude.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT NYC RESIDENTS COLLECTIVELY PAY MUCH MORE MONEY THAN THEY RECEIVE IN RETURN SERVICES. WE SHOULD TRY OUR BEST + MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO NOT RAISE TAXES AT THIS TIME. RATHER, WE SHOULD LOOK TO IMPLEMENT COST/WASTE SAVING MEASURES TO REDUCE OUR LIABILITIES, ~~WE~~ LOOK FOR WAYS TO COLLECT ON OUTSTANDING VIOLATIONS + TRY TO BRIDGE OUR BUDGET w/ WHAT WE GOT. SPECIFICALLY, WE SHOULD TRY TO IMPLEMENT THE (COMMUNITY TAX + FAIR SHARES TAX REFORM. WE SHOULD FURTHER TRY TO COLLECT ON OUTSTANDING ^{UNPAID} REAL ESTATE TAXES ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES (ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE BILLIONS) + OUTSTANDING VIOLATIONS, WHILE IMPLEMENTING A POLICY OF NO - NO-BID CONTRACTS + NO OUTSOURCING.

24. Many policy advocates champion the creation of a more diversified economy, and one that is less reliant on Wall Street. What is your position on such a plan? If you support it, what would you do to diversify the city's economy? How would you adjust spending in New York City to accommodate the anticipated reduction in tax revenue as the tax base shifts to lower paying jobs? I AGREE.

PUTTING ALL OUR EGGS IN THE WALL STREET BASKET CAN LEAD TO GREAT ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DURING DIFFICULTY TIMES, (LIKE NOW). IF NYC LEADS THE WAY + IMPLEMENTS THE GREEN AGENDA, WE CAN JUMP START OUR ECONOMY W/ ^{GREEN} RETRO FITS, GREEN PRODUCTS, GREEN MARKETS + GREEN COLLAB JOBS. WE FURTHER MUST LOOK FOR WAYS TO CUT WASTE + DUPLICATION OF SERVICES - OUT-SOURCING TO LOWER OUR SPENDING TO ADJUST TO THE LOWER TAX REVENUE BASE.

25. What would you propose the Department of Education do to increase the ability for parents and teachers to become more meaningfully involved in the education system? What other positives changes can be made to the New York City public school system?

- WE MUST RE-INTRODUCE + RE-ESTABLISH A STRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT W/ A SUPERINTENDANT W/ STAFF + RELIABLE PARENTS W/ A STRONG MEANINGFUL ELECTED EDUCATION COUNCIL (SCHOOL BD). WE FURTHER MUST INSURE THAT THE CHAIRPERSON IS AN EDUCATOR + THAT THEIR ARE CHECKS + BALANCES IN PLACE FOR PEP'S, W/ CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR HOW PEP'S ARE SELECTED + WHO CAN SURVE.

26. What would you propose to increase the transparency of the Board of Elections in the City of New York's operations and accountability to the city and its voters?

- CHAIRPERSON MUST BE AN EDUCATOR, PEP'S MUST BE CHOSEN W/ CHECKS + BALANCES + NOT JUST THE MAYOR + THEY SHOULD SIT FOR A FIXED TERM + MEET EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS. THEY FURTHER MUST HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE +/OR OVERRIDE POLICY + BUDGETARY DECISIONS, WHILE ISSUING NO NO BID CONTRACTS + TRANSPARENCY FUNDING. WE MUST RE-ESTABLISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS W/ STRONG LOCAL SUPERINTENDANTS W/ STAFF.

27. What would you propose to further enhance transparency regarding the relationships between council members, their families, and nonprofits that receive funding from New York City?

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS + FAMILY MUST SUBMIT TO FULL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS W/ REVIEW + OVERSIGHT BY THE DEP OF JUSTICE THRU CO/FIDELITY OF INT. BD. FURTHERMORE, ALL FINANCING IN THIS AREA SHOULD + MUST BE OPEN TO THE PRESS + PUBLIC + POSSIBLY TELEVISION OR ACCESS TV.

Additional Comments:

AS CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARDS FOR 6 OUT OF THE LAST 8 YEARS, LONG TIME CIVIC LEADER + ACTIVIST IN OUR DISTRICT, FORMER PROSECUTOR, LOCAL ATTORNEY (w/ EXTENSIVE LIST OF LOCAL PRO-BONO WORK) LITTLE LEAGUES COACH + ACTIVE + VOCAL LOCAL RESIDENT w/ THIS DISTRICT FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN ISSUE, PROJECT OR PROBLEM THAT I, AS A VOLUNTEER, HAVE NOT BEEN PART OF THE DIALOGUE OR SOLUTION ON. FROM ZONING, TO EDUCATION, TO PUBLIC SAFETY, TO PARKS, TO LOCAL FLOODING, TO THE ENVIRONMENT TO QUALITY OF LIFE, I HAVE A WELL-RECOGNIZED OUTSTANDING RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS + RESULTS. I HAVE CONSISTENTLY STOOD UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY, ADDRESSING OUR ISSUES, CHAMPIONING OUR CAUSES + SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS, EVEN YOUR PAPER, THE GOTHAM GAZETTE, COMMENTED + INDICATED THAT "JERRY IANNECE IS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS ^{MOVING} ~~DOWN~~ IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK" (SAVING OAKWOOD LAKE - 11/04 - GOTHAM GAZETTE - SAM WILLIAMS)

IF ELECTED I PLEDGE TO CONTINUE DOING WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR MY COMMUNITY FOR WELL OVER 20 YEARS + DO MY BEST TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF NORTHEAST QUEBES (1974 CO)



CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Citizens Union is adding a new element to its evaluation of candidates running for office. As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing your top five campaign promises you are making to the voters during this campaign for this position.

If elected, Citizens Union will use these promises to evaluate your performance while in office, as well as, to evaluate your candidacy in the future.

We thank you very much for your response. Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient.

TOP FIVE 2009 CAMPAIGN PROMISES

1. FINISH OUR LOCAL DOWN-ZONING + STOP OVER DEVELOPMENT.
2. LOBBY TO ENSURE OUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS REMAIN THE BEST.
3. TRY MY BEST TO GET A NEW POLICE PET OR GREATLY INCREASE THE # OF OFFICERS WE HAVE (WHICH IS TOO LOW).
4. TRY TO CRAFT A PARK CONSERVACY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS TO KEEP OUR #'S HIGH + MAINTAIN OUR OWN PARKS.
5. DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO INSURE THAT WE GET OUR FAIR SHARE OF ALLOCATING MUNICIPAL RESOURCES + THAT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IS LOCALLY MAINTAINED + ENHANCED.