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**CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL ELECTION 2009**

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to Council and election reform policy issues facing the City of New York. We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire on our website and in other appropriate venues.

Citizens Union will also be using your answers to guide the process of evaluating candidates for this office and to assist us in determining whether to issue a candidate "endorsement."

We thank you very much for your response.

Candidate Name: Dr Geraldine Chapoy Age: 67

Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Council District #: 32 Council District

Campaign Address: 104-04 Rockaway Beach Blvd, Rockaway Park NY 11694

Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 474 5993 Fax: (718) 634 9510

Community First Party Affiliation(s): Special Election Campaign Manager Name: James Wu

Website & Email: EE PASTERNAK@AOL.COM

Education: BA St Johns Uni MA - TC Columbia Uni Doctorate Rutgers Uni

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): CUNY College Professor

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

Founder Trinity Seven Services Director of After School Program, Co-Chair Rockaway Catholic Jewish Council, Bd of Directors Distress Project, Bd of Directors Emerald Isle

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES NO
(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Preferred Candidate" and "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed.)

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Signature of Candidate: Geraldine Chapoy Date: 1/31/09

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I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state your position on the following reform measures. Specify 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 on allowing independents to vote in party primaries?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

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?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

3. What is your position on increasing the pay of election day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

4. What is your position on requiring that the Board of Elections in the City of New York be included in the preliminary and final mayor's management report?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

5. What is your position on establishing stricter requirement for the disbursement of campaign finance matching funds to candidates that face non-competitive challengers?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

6. What is your position on banning the transfer of funds that were raised in a previous election cycle into a current account?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot proposals?

Support/Oppose

Comments: _____

8. What is your position on lowering the campaign contribution limit for City Council candidates from the current \$2,750 for those who participate in the city's campaign finance program?

Support/Oppose

Comments: _____

9. What is your position on lowering the expenditure limit for City Council candidates who participate in the city's campaign finance program?

Support/Oppose

Comments: There should be no change

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

10. 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

11. What is your position on eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions?

Support/Oppose

Comments: _____

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

Support/Oppose

Comments: *This would require discussion based on the importance of the committee to the people*

13. 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

Comments: *The public voted for a 2 term limit I support the public opinion*

14. 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

Comments: _____

POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

15. What is your position on transferring prosecutorial power over substantiated claims of police misconduct to the Civilian Complaint Review Board? If oppose, what would you propose to ensure sufficient public oversight and effective adjudication in handling claims of alleged police misconduct?

Support/Oppose

Comments: *If there is a problem I believe they should appoint a special commission*

16. Do you believe that the State Legislature should renew mayoral control of the city's public schools in its present form? If oppose, what specific changes to the current system would you recommend?

Support/Oppose

Comments: *Having spent my life in education I believe that mayoral control must be renewed. The public must have input. There are many areas that need improvement*

17. What is your position on establishing mandatory inclusionary zoning standards and requirements for all new residential development projects? If so, what should be the minimum percentage set aside for low income households?

Support/ Oppose

Comments: _____

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

Support/ Oppose

Comments: The public must be more involved in this process

19. What is your position on the Ravitch Commission's recommendations for new revenue sources for funding the MTA and altering its governance? Please explain your answer, as well as your thoughts on how the experiences of the debate surrounding the city's efforts to implement congestion pricing can inform the current discussion.

Support/ Oppose

Comments: I propose an alternate \$100 million in funding by leasing or selling unused MTA properties

CAMPAIGN PROMISES BEING MADE TO VOTERS IN 2009

Citizens Union is adding a new element to its evaluation of incumbents running for re-election. In addition to evaluating their stances on the issues above, Citizens Union will assess incumbents on how well they kept the promises they made to voters during the previous election.

As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing what are the top five promises you are making to the voters during this campaign?

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

TOP FIVE CAMPAIGN PROMISES BEING MADE IN 2009

1. To reduce taxes and demand fiscal accountability
to continue to vehemently oppose the tolls
2. to improve the knowledge and skills of all of our
students and prepare them for success in the 21 Century
3. to fight for expanded senior programs
4. to improve access to affordable health care
5. to expand public transportation for our community
& improve municipal services in the essential
areas of police, fire, sanitation & education

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