



2012 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York State and our interest in reforming state government.

If you seek our support, we would also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process.

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, Voters Directory and other appropriate venues.

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

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES [checked] NO

Signature of Candidate: [Signature] Date: 6/29/12

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.

ELECTION REFORM

1. What is your position on second passage of the constitutional amendment (S.6698/A.9526 of 2012) creating an independent redistricting commission with appointees split evenly between the majority and minority parties?	Support/Oppose
2. 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?	Support/Oppose
3. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by, for example, lowering signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirements?	Support/Oppose
4. 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?	Support/Oppose
5. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote?	Support/Oppose
6. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?	Support/Oppose
7. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?	Support/Oppose
8. What is your position on instituting early voting in New York State to allow voters to cast their votes at more convenient times?	Support/Oppose
9. What is your position on redesigning the ballot to ensure that voters are able to clearly read candidates' names, titles of offices, designations and ballot questions; that instructions are clear and accurate; that bilingual ballots are required; and that the ballot is able to split races between multiple pages?	Support/Oppose
10. What is your position on reforming the special election process, creating a nonpartisan special election for state legislative vacancies, as proposed by A.1369/S.26?	Support/Oppose
11. What is your position regarding automatic voter registration in which voter registration information of individuals who consent to be registered is provided electronically to the Board of Elections, and address information is automatically updated?	Support/Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

12. What is your position on establishing a matching public financing system for state legislative and statewide races similar to the New York City model?	Support/Oppose
13. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?	Support/Oppose
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents and those who do business with the state?	Support/Oppose
15. What is your position on limiting or banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs? (Note: such entities would be able to form separate political action committees due to constitutional issues regarding freedom of speech.)	Support/Oppose
16. What is your position on closing "soft money" loopholes such as limiting transfers from party committees to candidates or other committees to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees, including housekeeping accounts, to the same ceiling placed on candidates?	Support/Oppose
17. What is your position on requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution and bundler?	Support/Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (CONTINUED)

18. 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?	Support/Oppose
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?	Support/Oppose
20. What is your position on improving disclosure of independent expenditures such as requiring disclosure of electioneering activities and linking expenditures to candidates targeted?	Support/Oppose
21. What is your position on limiting the ability of candidates to accumulate "war chests" and then transferring funds raised in one race to another?	Support/Oppose
22. What is your position on creating an enforcement entity independent of the State Board of Elections to oversee campaign finance laws?	Support/Oppose

JUDICIAL REFORM

23. What is your position on a merit-based appointment system through creation of a commission for the selection of judges in all of New York's trial courts?	Support/Oppose
24. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state's court system by consolidating the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system?	Support/Oppose

ETHICS REFORM

25. What is your position on empowering the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases involving public corruption, including serious election law malfeasance?	Support/Oppose
26. What is your position on amending the State Constitution to extend pension forfeiture, subject to due process safeguards, to all public officers and legislators who have been convicted of felonies, building on the 2011 ethics reforms which only apply to future state employees?	Support/Oppose

BUDGET REFORM

27. What is your position on requiring the governor's budget submission to present the full scope of the state's financial obligations, including its public authorities?	Support/Oppose
28. What is your position on 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?	Support/Oppose
29. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?	Support/Oppose
30. What is your position on distributing member item allocations equally among all legislators and requiring for greater accountability as expressed in S. 7007/A10116?	Support/Oppose
31. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?	Support/Oppose
32. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?	Support/Oppose
33. What is your position on limiting the ability of the governor to enact policy changes governing the use of resources in appropriation bills by requiring that such bills be consistent with existing law or proposed changes in separate legislation?	Support/Oppose

ADDITIONAL REFORM

34. What is your position on increasing public access to information by reforming the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Laws to enhance transparency, as well as the creation of tools such as open data portals to ease public access to information?	Support/Oppose
35. What is your position on enactment of legislative rules reform to strengthen rank-and-file members' roles in the legislative process and create more equity between members?	Support/Oppose

Please use the space provided or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the issues contained in the previous pages. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

SEE ATTACHED

II. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing your top five campaign promises or goals you are making to the voters during this campaign for this position.

If elected, Citizens Union will use these promises or goals 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 2012 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. CAMPAIN FINANCE REFORM
2. PASSAGE OF INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE
3. PASSAGE OF DRUG ACT / FUND
4. BAN ON HYDRO FLUORIDE.
5. TAX RELIEF FOR CO-OP + CO-OP OWNERS

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Citizens Union Addendum

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

As a long time civic leader and activist, I am very concerned that the public has lost its trust in government and our elected officials. The existing election laws encourage pay-to-play, extreme influence/access of lobbyists and Pac's and a climate of corruption and distrust. Legislation must be passed to reform the state's antiquated campaign finance laws and create a public finance system that will make elections transparent and shift away from raising money and towards issues and candidates themselves. I applaud CU for its leadership and efforts hereon and I look forward to working with you in bringing reform in this area.

(I have included this as a priority on my website: www.ianneceforassembly.com)

ELECTION REFORM

The present way NYS uses to elect our representatives is antiquated, ineffective, prone to abuse and corruption, and established a system that discourages participation. It is no mistake that our voter turnout is as low as it is. The reforms supported by CU are sound and pro-active and will open the process to encourage greater public participation and force out partisan politics, abuse, irregularities and corruption.

JUDICIAL REFORM

As an active trial attorney, I know first hand how ineffective and slow our court system presently is. Furthermore, the quality of those that are chosen to dispense justice must be enhanced. Judges MUST be qualified to serve via an independent non-partisan commission, prior to being elected and/or appointed. The creation of a 2-tiered system and real judicial reform are some of the steps that we should implement to modernize and reform our court and/or judicial qualification system.

ETHICS REFORM

Too many elected officials abuse the trust placed in them by the electorate. My wife was a Special Prosecutor under Charles Hines in the 1980's, investigating and prosecuting corruption and/or abuse with governmental officials and/or agencies. Unfortunately, for budgetary concerns, the office was disbanded. The abolishment of this office was shortsighted and foolhardy. We must re-establish this office, whether through the Attorney General or independently, and empower them with the ability to investigate and weed out corruption to discourage abuse, prosecute wrongdoers and regain the trust of the public.

BUDGET REFORM

I am strongly in favor of CU's suggestions in this area. The NYS budgetary process whereby 3 men in a room make all the decisions for a multibillion dollar budget must stop. The governor's budget must include the full scope of the state's financial obligations, and an independent nonpartisan budget office must be established to give real projections and not fabrications to justify the back door dealing. Furthermore, we must severely revamp the process to incorporate performance budgeting, pick a realistic fiscal year start date, and limit the governor's ability to enact appropriations and policies that are consistent with existing laws.

ADDITIONAL REFORMS

I am strongly committed and as Chair of Community Board, actively employed a strong policy of complete transparency and day light. I further am in favor of legislation to reform the present system to create more equity between legislative members.