



**CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
ELECTION 2007**

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: Jesse Hamilton

District/Borough: 40th Council, Brooklyn

Campaign Address: 284 New York avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11216

Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 775-5414 _____ Fax: (718) 778-8924 _____
(zip)

Party Affiliation(s): Family Values and Money Matters

Campaign Manager: Shelton Jefferson

Website & Email: votejessehamilton.com & jessehamilton@hotmail.com

Education: M.B.A. & Law Degree

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): New York City Dept of Finance

Previous Offices and Campaigns: Democratic District leader 43 Assembly, President of Community School Board District 17

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

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Comments: Yes

9 Do you support lowering the campaign contribution limit for City Council candidates from the current \$2750 for those that voluntarily participate in the city's campaign finance program? NO

Comments: no

10. Do you support lowering the expenditure limit for City Council candidates that voluntarily participate in the city's campaign finance program? YES NO

Comments: need more information.

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

11 Do you support allowing Council committees to function more independently of the Speaker than is presently the case? YES

- Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs? YES
- Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs? YES
- Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members? YES

Comments:

12. Do you support eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions? NO

Comments:

13. Do you support consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees? YES

Comments: Yes I would support this measure if it would reduce cost to taxpayers

14. Do you support keeping Council term limits in place for two consecutive four year terms? If not, why, and what do you propose? YES

Comments: Term has been great in allowing more competition in New York City Politics.

Policy Issues of Importance

15. Do you support keeping in place the current property tax rate? If not, what do you propose? YES