



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. 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 September 13th Primary Election, and our "Endorsed Candidates" for the November 6th General Election.

If you seek our support, we would also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. We will not automatically schedule an interview with you if you return this questionnaire, as we prioritize competitive races and resources constrain us from evaluating all races. Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed.

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, Voters Directory and other appropriate venues. We thank you very much for your response.

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Education: MA, Public Policy, University of Chicago, 1981, BS, Social Policy/Human Development, Northwestern University, 1979

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): in current office since 2002

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Professional Experience:

Associate Director, Community Food Resource Center, 1986-2000,

Consultant to the Board of Directors, Food for Survival, 1983-1986,

Special Project Coordinator, Greater Cleveland Community Food Bank, 1981-1983,

Researcher, Children's Policy Research Project, University of Chicago, 1980-1981.

Community Involvement: Founding Director, New York City Food Bank,

Grants Advisor, Mazon-A Jewish Response to Hunger, 1996-2000,

Co-Facilitator, New York City Welfare Reform Network, 1994-2000

Emergency Food and Shelter Program,

Board Chair, New York City Coalition Against Hunger

Board Member, New York City Federal Emergency Management Agency

Chair, New York Human Resources Administration Income Support Advisory Council_

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.)

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES NO

Signature of Candidate: Liz Kavegen

Date: July 2, 2012

1. 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

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| 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/ <u>Oppose</u> |
| 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? | <u>Support</u> /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? | <u>Support</u> /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? | <u>Support</u> /Oppose |
| 5. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote? | <u>Support</u> /Oppose |
| 6. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration? | <u>Support</u> /Oppose |
| 7. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting? | <u>Support</u> /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? | <u>Support</u> /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? | <u>Support</u> /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? | <u>Support</u> /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? | <u>Support</u> /Oppose |

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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| 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? | <u>Support</u> /Oppose |
| 13. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office? | <u>Support</u> /Oppose |
| 14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents and those who do business with the state? | <u>Support</u> /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.) | <u>Support</u> /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/ <u>Oppose</u> |

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| 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 |
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (CONTINUED)

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 | Support/ Oppose |
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| tools such as open data portals to ease public access to information? | |
| 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.

1. As a strong supporter of independent redistricting , I was extremely disappointed that this issue is being put off until 2022, effectively undermining voting power for downstate and minority communities for another ten years. I believe there are problems with the constitutional amendment that have yet to be resolved. Most critically, it leaves final approval of the maps to the legislature.

12. I cosponsor S3584B which would implement a system of matching funds _

13. S3854B also lowers contribution limits

14. I am the lead sponsor of S3053 which would limit lobbyist contributions

17. This provision is also included in S3584B

19. This provision is included in S3053, of which I am the lead sponsor

26. I am the lead sponsor of S.416 which would apply pension forfeiture to all employees regardless of when they were hired.

28. I am the lead sponsor of S.445 which would establish a nonpartisan legislative budget office.

29. I am the lead sponsor of S.414 which would require adoption of GAAP principles by New York State.

30. I cosponsor S. 1681, the most recent version of this legislation. I also cosponsored S.7007 when it was introduced in the 2009-10 legislative session.

31. I am the lead sponsor of S.413 which would establish a commission to implement performance based budgeting.

32. I am the lead sponsor of S.418 which would move the fiscal year start date to June 1.

II. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS (PAST AND CURRENT)

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 an elected official who is seeking re-election,

- a. what were the top five promises you made to your constituents when you ran for your current seat and what progress has been made in keeping those promises, and
- b. 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 FROM 2010 AND ACTION ON THEM

1. Fight for reform of the State Budget process. As the Ranking Minority member of the Senate Finance Committee, I challenged the majority over their failure to follow the procedures required under the 2007 budget reform law, and carry a package of legislation to reform the process.
2. Fight for Electoral Process Reform. I testified multiple times on the need for independent redistricting and have consistently supported legislation to enhance voter access and implement campaign finance reform. Unfortunately these proposals have been blocked by the Senate majority.
3. Fight for expanded access to affordable housing. I strongly advocated for renewal of the rent laws in 2011, and was pleased that there were some modest improvements in those laws, although I supported much more substantive changes to protect tenants rights.
4. Fight to protect the safety net and address the economic security of low income and unemployed New Yorkers. I spoke out many times on the floor about the need to avoid balancing the budget on the backs of the poor, and to develop a more balanced approach to closing budget deficits. I believe that in 2011 the failure to consider revenue enhancers during the budget process severely impacted programs for vulnerable New Yorkers at a time of great economic hardship, but I was pleased that by the end of the year under pressure from advocates both inside and outside of Government, Governor Cuomo reversed his position and approved a modestly progressive change to tax policy, which made this year's budget much less damaging to the needy.
5. Fight for environmental protection and clean energy. I consistently sponsored pro-environmental

legislation and have been outspoken in challenging hydrofracking proposals, which I believe represent a major threat to our state's environment. _____

TOP FIVE 2012 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. _Since work remains to be done on all my priorities from 2011, they have not changed. Fight for Reform of the State Budget Process _____
2. Fight for electoral process reform and public financing financing of campaigns through matching funds _____
3. Fight for expanding access to affordable housing _____
4. Fight to protect the safety net and address the economic security of low income and unemployed New Yorkers _____
5. Fight for environmental protection and clean energy policy and a ban on hydrofacking _____

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