



**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: Emanuele Innamorato

District/Borough: 51st / Staten Island

Campaign Address: 692 Jewett Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314

Campaign Telephone Number: (917) 750-4206 Fax: () (zip)

Party Affiliation(s): Democrat

Campaign Manager: Jason Ascher

Website & Email: minnamorato@verizon.net

Education: College of Staten Island

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

Technology Director / City of Yonkers

Previous Offices and Campaigns:

NYS Assembly 62nd District 2004

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: 2/1/07

VOTING ELECTIONS AND REFORMS

1 Do you support allowing independents to vote in party primaries? YES NO

Comments: _____

2 Do you support allowing non citizen immigrants the right to vote in municipal elections? YES NO

Comments: _____

3. Do you support the passage of state legislation that would allow for other charter measures to appear on the ballot at the same time when there is a charter reform proposal initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor? YES NO

Comments: _____

4. Do you support increasing the pay of election day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event? YES NO

Comments: _____

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

5. Do you support stricter requirements on the dispersal of campaign finance matching funds to candidates that face non-competitive challengers? YES NO

Comments: *if a candidate joins the program they should receive the funding regardless of their opponent's ability to raise money.*

6 Do you support limiting the influence of those doing business with the city by restricting campaign contributions from these entities? YES NO

Comments: _____

7 Do you support a ban on the transfer of funds that were raised in a previous election cycle into a current account? YES NO

Comments: _____

8. Do you support allowing public campaign financing for charter proposals? YES NO

Comments: *Nonpartisan education of voters to raise their awareness of the proposals*

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? YES NO

Comments: _____

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: _____

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

11. Do you support allowing Council committees to function more independently of the Speaker than is presently the case? YES NO
- Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs? YES NO
 - Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs? YES NO
 - Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members? YES NO

Comments: _____

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

Comments: _____

13. Do you support consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees? YES NO

Comments: *The structure should be flexible with each new session at the leadership's discretion*

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 NO

Comments: *I would like to see the elimination of the races due to redistricting if the terms have not ended. We also need to change the special election provisions from one year to the balance of the term.*

Policy Issues of Importance

15. Do you support keeping in place the current property tax rate? If not, what do you propose? YES NO

Comments: *We need to reduce the current rate by 10% and increase the rebate to \$500.*

16. Do you support 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? YES NO

Comments: _____

17. Do you support the use of eminent domain to seize private property to allow for development of projects like the basketball arena in downtown Brooklyn? YES NO

Comments: *eminent domain should only be used for public works projects.*

18. Do you support increasing the limit on the number of charter schools permissible by law?

Comments: _____

Additional Comments: ~~_____~~

