

2010 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing the State of New York and our interest in reforming how state government operates. 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 primary election and "Endorsed Candidates" for the general election. 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 in our Voters Directory and other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

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Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Assembly/Senate District #: New York State Senate District #31

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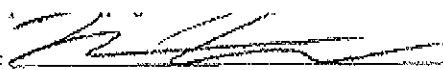
Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Self-employed/Community Relations Consulting

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Worked as Director of Dominican Affairs for Congressman Charles B. Rangel, Constituent Service Provider for Former Manhattan Borough Presidents Ruth Messinger and C. Virginia Fields, District Manager of Manhattan Community Board 11; also worked with Alianza Dominicana, Commission on Public's Health System.

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.)

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES X NO

Signature of Candidate:  Date: 7/11/2010

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 establishing by statute an Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission charged with drawing congressional and state legislative lines and removing the responsibility from the Legislature, through the passage of S.1614B/A.5279B?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
2. What is your position on a process where the legislature directly appoints the members of a districting commission, as in S.7881-A or S.7882-A, as an alternative to the independent commission referred to in Question 1?	Support/ <u>Oppose</u>
3. What is your position on maintaining the current redistricting process in which legislative lines are drawn by the legislators with support and research from the New York State Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR)?	Support/ <u>Oppose</u>
4. What is your position on the adoption of stricter redistricting rules that would ensure that every district is: more equal in population (within 1% deviation from the mean), contiguous and compact, formed without regard for protecting an incumbent or political party, mindful of the need to keep neighborhoods intact, and not drawn to undermine racial, linguistic, and ethnic representation?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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
8. What is your position on removing prisoner populations from the census counts for the purpose of redistricting and instead counting those populations in their last known place of residence?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
9. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
10. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

11. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
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12. What is your position on establishing a system of public financing for state legislative and statewide races?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
13. If you support public financing, what is your position on a system where public funds are awarded on a matching basis (similar in design and function to the New York City system) rather than a system of full public funding of campaigns?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
15. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs, while still allowing such entities to form separate PACs?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
16. What is your position on limiting transfers from party committees to candidates, or other committees, to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees to the same ceiling placed on candidates?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
17. What is your position on increasing disclosure and reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures by requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
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?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
20. What is your position on requiring disclosure of independent expenditure campaigns?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose

ETHICS REFORM

21. What is your position on changing the representation of the Commission on Public Integrity so no one elected official makes a majority of the appointments?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
22. What is your position on expanding the jurisdiction of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity to include legislative ethics violations, lobbying and campaign finance enforcement?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose

BUDGET REFORM

23. What is your position on requiring all budget documents, including budget bills and legislative additions, to be presented in a format that is organized into programmatic categories and facilitates public and legislative review?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
24. 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?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
25. 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?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
26. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
27. What is your position on requiring regular reporting of lump-sum appropriations and member items that includes detailed information on funds distributed, recipients, and remaining funds and bans on member item appropriations to organizations of which a close relative of the Member is on the staff or board.?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose
28. What is your position on distributing member item allocations equally amongst all legislators and requiring for greater accountability as expressed in S. 7007/A10116?	<u>Support/</u> Oppose

29. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
30. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
31. What is your position on mandating the use of conference committees in the legislative budget process?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose

ADDITIONAL REFORM

32. Do you support a system of selecting New York trial court judges through an appointment process in which candidates are recommended by citizens committees on the basis of merit?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose
33. Do you support further reform of the Wicks Law, which requires New York State government entities to award separate prime contracts for the major components of a construction project?	<u>Support</u> /Oppose

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

My prevailing motivation in running for New York's 31st Senatorial District seat is to contribute to the movement for an improved New York. Conforming to the status quo is a luxury we can no longer afford. I concur with President Obama's proposition, manifested on Super Tuesday (Feb. 5, 2008) stating, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person at some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Consistent with your philosophy, I believe it is crucial to have a diverse portfolio of perspectives in any governing body. Considering my credentials and advocacy work, I am confident I have gained the necessary experience to help achieve the change our great state deserves.

During this period of budgetary constraints I plan to exhibit the integrity of my work once in office with a cloak of transparency. It is my intention to achieve compromise through bipartisan promulgation and cooperation on the pressing issues to alleviate New Yorkers from the unconscionable fiscal burden they face today.

It is imperative that Albany provide the necessary resources for programs such as those that provide family homes, foster care and child protection. Our children are our future. We must treat all as we would want our own children to be treated by providing the most help to the underserved as possible to guide them in the right direction and integrate them into society. Moreover, I will also support any Act that ensures a school environment is free from discrimination and harassment. These are detriments that have the potential to undermine the pedagogical institution's mission and must be contained when and if discovered.

I share the ambitions of President Obama in achieving universal healthcare by injecting a public option into the marketplace. This would have forced private firms to lower their prices to be competitive and consequently create an arena where the citizenry has more plausible and affordable options than they would have had otherwise. Once in office I plan on working together with fellow community leaders and stakeholders to increase the access to affordable health insurance for all New Yorkers.

I have attached my platform and biography for your consideration. Thank you for affording me this opportunity.

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 or goals 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 or goals 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 OR GOALS FROM 2008 AND ACTION ON THEM

1. NOT APPLICABLE
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TOP FIVE 2010 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. I will help bring accountability to Albany, making public our goals and opening my office to all groups no matter whether I agree with them or not.
2. I will ensure that the dealings of my office shall be transparent with online dissemination of our work. And that any Community based initiative funding be given out through an open lottery process allowing those best qualified to process community based services to provide these services with duplication.
3. I will continue to advocate for the underserved, providing a strong voice to seniors, children and the handicapped and insuring that those public services that impact them the most remain intact.
4. I will continue to ensure New Yorkers aren't coerced into unconscionable housing situations, pushing for stricter oversight and fairer policies that are mutually beneficial for tenants as well as private developers and the state. I will push for legislation that all mega projects provide a 35/65 affordable housing ratio.
5. I will continue to advocate for equal access to public resources, while making sure that there is true transparency with those who provide those public services.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee

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