

2013 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and residents of the City. We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire in our Voters Directory, on our website, and in other appropriate venues. 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 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 thank you very much for your response.

Candidate Name: Robert M Waterman Age: 49

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Education: Undergraduate Degree in Social Science, Political Science and Communication from the City University of New York, Hunter College and Masters Degree from NY Theological Seminary and Doctorate in Ministry from Drew University.

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

The NAACP (Brooklyn Chapter), the Black Brooklyn Empowerment Convention, the African American Clergy and Elected Officials Organization of Brooklyn (AACEO), the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS of New York City (BLCA), Watchful Eyes, Central Brooklyn Flu Steering Committee, 81st Precinct Community Council and Community Board No. 3, member of Phi Theta Kappa Society, founded youth programs such as Rebounding Math and Homework Hoops Program, runs the Youth Entrepreneurship program

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES

(Please note: Citizens Union can only grant its support to candidates we have interviewed. If you would like to be interviewed, please follow up with Citizens Union staff, as resources constrain us from interviewing every candidate.)

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES

Signature of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Please state your position on the following issues by indicating whether you support or oppose each. You may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM

1. What is your position with respect to eliminating party primaries and establishing a non-partisan election system in which all candidates and all voters participate in the first round and the top two candidates advance to the second round?	Support
2. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices? (Int. No. 1066)	Support
3. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No. 721)	Support
4. What is your position on requiring city agencies to report the number of applicants that they register to vote as required by current law (Int. No. 760)?	Support
5. What is your position on transmitting electronically voter registration information collected by city agencies to the Board of Elections in the City of New York?	Support
6. What is your position on requiring the Board of Elections to report performance metrics to the City Council that conform to the Mayor's Management	Oppose

Report? (Int. No. 778)	
7. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?	Support
8. What is your position on expanding the Voter Guide published by the Campaign Finance Board to cover all races occurring in New York City, such as state and federal contests, and providing the opportunity for voters to receive the guide electronically rather than in print form? (Int. No. 769)	Support

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

9. What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?	Oppose
10. What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?	Oppose
11. What is your position on prohibiting participants in the city's campaign finance program from using public matching funds to purchase strategic campaign consulting services from firms that also provide lobbying services?	Oppose

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

12. What is your position on creating a bill drafting service independent of the Speaker's Office, similar to the New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission?	Support
13. What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker :	---
a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire	Support

at least one committee staffer?	
b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?	Support
c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	Support
d. Should the number of overall committees be reduced so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	Support
14. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?	Support
15. What is your position on limiting stipends or "lulus" to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions?	Support
16. When the Quadrennial Compensation Commission is reconvened, what is your position on requiring that any future increase in council member compensation only apply prospectively to the following term?	Support
17. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?	Support
18. What is your position on increasing transparency of discretionary funding by requiring the list of capital and expense funds and their sponsors be provided to councilmembers and the public three days in advance of any vote, and expanding the online searchable database of expense funds to include all capital fund recipients and applicants?	Support

PUBLIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

19. What is your position on reducing the frequency of stop, question and frisks by conducting stops more judiciously?	Support
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20. What is your position on establishing the Commission to Combat Police Corruption (CCPC) as a permanent commission in the City Charter while empowering the CCPC to issue subpoenas?	Support
21. What is your position on enhancing the Civilian Complaint Review Board's (CCRB) authority to initiate an investigation into reported or known incidents of police misconduct without receipt of a formal complaint?	Support
22. What is your position on granting the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) with the authority to prosecute officers found guilty of lying during CCRB investigations?	Support
23. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support

BUDGET REFORM

24. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for:	Support
a. the borough presidents?	
b. Conflicts of Interest Board?	Support
c. the public advocate ?	Support
d. community boards?	Support
25. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining units of appropriation and limiting their size?	Support
26. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	Support

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM

27. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough	Support
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<p>presidents report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and make community board appointments? (Int. No. 913)</p>	
<p>28. What is your position on establishing a formal standardized and transparent process for community board appointments including written applications, interviews of candidates, and filling vacancies within 30 days?</p>	<p>Support</p>

Additional Comments:

As a pastor in the Bedford-Stuyvesant community for over 11 years, I have first hand knowledge of the issues that matter in this City. With my experience, I have identified four key issues that I plan to address as your New York City Councilman. First, I will work to make sure the economy works for the people by fighting to restore the Bloomberg's cuts funding for vital programs in our community. I will fight to preserve local jobs in Bedford Stuyvesant, including those at Interfaith Medical Center. I will work with small businesses in our community to make sure they receive the support they need to thrive and create more jobs. I will work with labor to ensure that the jobs we create pay a living wage that can support our families. In addition, I believe that everyone in our community should have access to quality, affordable health care for their families. I support establishing health care programs in our schools to keep our children healthy and will support increased funding for health clinics in our neighborhoods.

I will also work with local leaders to press state leaders to increase Medicaid. More importantly, I know that the number one priority in our community is to keep our children safe. I will work to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community to foster the respectful communication necessary to combat violence and make our neighborhoods safer. I will ensure that innocent citizens are free from unlawful stop and frisk searches. I will fight for more funding for after-school programs to keep our children off the streets and out of trouble, as well as push for more funding in drug treatment programs to end the cycle of addiction that causes more crime in our community.

Lastly, I understand that housing costs are spiraling out of control for working families. I plan to increase the amount of affordable housing in Bedford Stuyvesant and promote incentives to build more affordable units.

II. CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Citizens Union is adding a new element to its evaluation of candidates running for office. As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing

your top four campaign promises you are making to the voters during this campaign for this position.

If elected, Citizens Union will use these promises 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 FOUR 2013 CAMPAIGN PROMISES

1. Revitalize local economy by restoring community program funding, preserving local jobs, supporting small businesses, and creating a living wage.
2. Ensure communities have access to quality, affordable healthcare by establishing health care programs in schools and increasing Medicaid.
3. Strengthen public safety by bolstering relationship between law enforcement and the community, stopping unlawful stop and frisk searches, fighting for great funding for after-school programs and drug treatment programs.
4. Increase amount of affordable housing in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee
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Call us at 212-227-0342 with any questions.