



**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: Wellington Sharpe

District/Borough: Brooklyn - 40th

Campaign Address: 1738 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY

Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 940-6890 Fax: () (zip)

Party Affiliation(s): Democrat

Campaign Manager: Omar Boucher

Website & Email: www.wellingtonsharpe.com

Education: _____

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Self Employed
Owner - Early Child Care Center

Previous Offices and Campaigns: _____

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: W. Sharpe Date: 2/6/07

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

Comments: This is the only way to guarantee fair and impartial elections

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: A candidate who raises funds on thierown should be allowed to use unused funds in the future.

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

Comments: Proposals should not be limited to those who are wealthy or well connected.

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: No. There are many candidates who are independtly wealthy who have the capacity for unlimited spending. This is and would be an unfair advantage

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: - Same as above -

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: A reduction of 5% across the board to all home owners. An additional rebate for fixed income residents, persons with disabilities and Seniors

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: 20%

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: However, this must be carefully monitored and used within strict limits

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

Comments: NO

Additional Comments: _____

