

STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following list of questions were sent to each candidate running for State Senate and Assembly. Candidates were asked to answer each question, with a yes or no, and were given the opportunity for further elaboration at the end of the questionnaire. The yes or no answers are compiled in the following pages. These answers, as well as their additional comments, were a part of our candidate evaluation process. Only responses of those candidates that have returned the questionnaire are included in this directory.

GENERAL QUESTION

1. Do you believe that the way in which the State Legislature operates overall is in need of reform to make it more open, transparent, accountable, and efficient?

ELECTORAL REFORM

- **2.** Do you support the establishment by statute of an Independent Citizens Legislative District Commission charged with drawing congressional and state legislative lines, and adopting strict redistricting rules, that would ensure every district is equal in population, contiguous and compact, formed without regard for incumbency protection, mindful of the need to keep neighborhoods intact, and drawn not to undermine racial, linguistic, and ethnic representation?
- **3.** Do you support a public financing system for state legislative campaigns, similar in design and function to the one in place for the City of New York?
- **4.** Do you support abolishment of the bipartisan structure of the Board of Elections, and the creation of a more independent entity in its place?
- **5.** Do you support removal of cumbersome ballot access measures aimed at preventing challengers from running against incumbents allowing easier access for candidates to appear on the ballot?
- **6.** Do you support adoption of statewide Election Day voter registration legislation?

LEGISLATIVE REFORM

7. Do you support stricter requirements for the use of "messages of necessity" often used to rush through legislation by either requiring two-thirds of the members of either the Assembly or Senate to make such a request or that the Governor has personally reviewed and signed the messages, so that more bills (including budget bills) exist on the calendar for three days, thus allowing for greater public review?



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- **8.** Do you support allowing bills placed on the calendar be brought to the floor within 60 days or before the end of session and relaxing the restrictions on discharge motions so as to allow consideration of a greater number of bills by the full Assembly or Senate?
- **9.** Do you support allowing bills to be reported directly to the legislative calendar from the jurisdictional committee without having to go through the Committee on Rules or Ways and Means?
- **10.** Do you support open floor votes on legislation, in which the outcome is not predetermined by leadership?
- 11. Do you support open election of committee chairs in both the Assembly and Senate?
- **12.** Do you support term limits for Assembly and Senate committee chairs, the Speaker, and the majority leader?
- **13.** Do you support providing opportunities for the public to provide testimony at committee meetings and hearings?
- **14.** Do you support allowing public hearings to be held on bills if a majority of committee members so request?
- **15.** Do you support allowing minority members to co-sponsor legislation with majority members?
- **16.** Do you support abolishing proxy voting in committee, and requiring a legislator's presence in chamber in order for their vote to be counted?
- 17. Do you support establishing routine conference committees when similar bills addressing the same issue are passed by each house, and allowing prime sponsors to request that a conference committee be convened to advance legislation?
- **18.** Do you support televising the proceedings of the legislature in their entirety?
- **19**. Do you support full disclosure of all "member items" or those funding items to constituent groups that are provided by the Leaders at the request of the member?
- **20.** Do you support requiring all lobbying activity, including procurement-based activity, involving state agencies and public authorities be reported and available for public scrutiny?



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BRONX																					
A77/Curry	R,I,C	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	γ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ
A80/Chiofalo	R,C	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A80/Rivera	D	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ
A81/Dinowitz	D,WF	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	N	NA	NA	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ
A82/Benedetto	D	γ	Υ	Υ	N	Y	N	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	N	N	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ
A83/Heastie	D,WF	γ	NA	Υ	NA	NA	γ	Υ	NA	N	NA	γ	NA	N	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	γ	Υ
A85/ Diaz Jr.	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Y	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	γ	Υ
S28/Mendez	R,I	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	Y	γ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S28/Serrano	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ
S31/ Schneiderman	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S34/Fleming	R,C	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S34/Klein	D	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Y	N	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
S36/HThompson	D,WF	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
BROOKLYN																					
A43/Norman	D,WF	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	γ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Y	N	γ	Υ	γ	Υ
A44/Brennan	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	N	γ	γ	γ	NA	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
A44/Littlefield	1	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A47/Colton	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A50/Lentol	D	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	γ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ
A52/Millman	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A53/Borino	G	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Y	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
A57/Metz	G	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA	γ	Y	Υ	γ	Y	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ
A58/Robertson	R,C	γ	Υ	γ	N	N	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	N	γ	γ	γ	Υ	γ	N	N	Υ
A59/ Seddio	R,D,I	NA	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	N	N	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
S17/Malave-Dilan	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Y	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S17/White	G	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Y	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	N	γ	γ	Υ
S18/Montgomery	D,WF	γ	Υ	NA	Υ	NA	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ
S21/Parker	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S23/Curtis	R,I,C,SC	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S23/Savino	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ
S25/Connor	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ



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MANHATTAN		ŲI	ŲZ.	ųз	Ų4	цэ	Q6	Q7	ŲO	Q9	Q10	ŲII	ŲIZ	UIS	Ų14	UID	ŲIO	Ų1/	ŲIO	Ų17	Q20
A64/Sackett	1	Υ	γ	γ	N	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	γ
A65/Grannis	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A67/Stringer	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A68/Powell	D	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
A69/Lanzilotti	R	Υ	γ	N	N	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A69/ O'Donnell	D,WF	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	NA	N	N	γ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
A70/Wright	D,WF	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	γ	N	γ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A71/Cox	ı	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
A72/Chicon	R,C,I	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	N	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	N	N	γ	Υ
A72/Espaillat	D,WF	Υ	γ	γ	N	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	γ	N	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
A73/Bing	D,WF	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	γ	NA	γ	NA	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
A73/Winston	R	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A74/Berkowitz	R,SC	Υ	γ	N	N	Υ	N	γ	γ	Υ	N	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	γ	Υ
A74/Sanders	D,WF	Υ	γ	γ	NA	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	NA	NA	γ	N	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ
A75/Gottfried	D,WF	Υ	NA	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	N	Υ	γ	N	N	NA	N	Υ	γ	γ	γ	NA
S26/McCoy	R	Υ	γ	γ	N	Υ	N	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	Υ
S26/Krueger	D,WF	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ
S28	See Bro	nx on	Орроѕіі	te Page																	
S29/Csendes	R	Y	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	γ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S29/Duane	D,WF	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S29/Neiman	I	Y	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S30/Paterson	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S30/Mosley	R,I	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S31	See Bro	nx on	Opposii	te Page																	

[•] Q1-Q20 correlates with the Citizens Union 2004 State Legislative Candidate Questionnaire found on page 10 and 11.

[•] Letters and numbers that appear before candidates' last names signify the district number and the legislative house S = Senate A = Assembly

[•] Incumbent candidates in bold



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QUEENS	_																				
A22/Chou	G	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A22/Grodenchik	WF	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A22/Meng	D,I,C	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ
A22/Tan	R	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ
A23/Pheffer	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA	N	Υ	NA	N	N	Υ	NA	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A24/Weprin	D	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA	Υ	NA	NA	Υ	γ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ
A25/McLaughlin	D,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	N	γ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	NA	Υ	N	N	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A26/Boudouvas	R,C	γ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A26/Carrozza	D,I,WF	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	NA	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A27/Mayersohn	D	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ
A28/Cohen	D,I	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	NA	N	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	NA	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ
A28/Weiss	R	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A29/Scarborough		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	N	Υ	NA	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	N
A34/Lafayette	D,WF	γ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	NA	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	NA
A36/Gianaris	D	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A39/Peralta	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S10/Smith	D,I,WF	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S12/Onorato	D,WF	Υ	Υ	N	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S13/Sabini	D,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	NA	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
S16/Stavisky	D,WF	Υ	Y	Υ	NA	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
STATEN ISLAND																					
A61/Lavelle	D,WF	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A61/Russell	R,C	γ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A62/Ignizio	R	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
A62/Straniere	I,WF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ

Candidate Responses

Y = Yes

N = No

NA = No answer or qualified answer

Party Affiliations

C = Conservative

D = Democrat

G = Green

GNTW = Greens No To War

I = Independence

R = Republican

SC = School Choice

WF = Working Families Party