

# CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION 2012, COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Citizens Union would appreciate your responses to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and the citizens 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 "Endorsed Candidates" for this special election. In order to receive Citizens Union's "endorsed" status, in addition to completing the questionnaire, candidates must participate in an interview with Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee.

we thank you very much for your response.
Candidate Name: Andy King Age: 49
Campaign Address: 952 East 218th St Bronx NY 10-169
Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 515-5464 Fax: (718) 515-5463
Party Affiliation(s): DEMOC Campaign Manager Name: Nova Shilling forel-King
Website & Email: WWW. ANOYKINGNYC. ORG & Electandisking@gmail.com
Education: B.A. Communications - William Paterson University
Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): 1199 stru/HEO
Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: 2009 NYC-Canal,
Volunter Youth Davidoper, Oceany movement, Safety Shipnfrisk, Healthouse
hobbiging, Community Advocacy
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES V 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 V NO
Signature of Candidate: phy Date: 9/29/12
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Friends Of Andy King

## I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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**

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1.	What is your position with respect to eliminating	Support/Oppose
	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?	
2.	What is your position on creating a voluntary	(Support)Oppose
	municipal poll worker program to supplement poll	
	worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No.	
	721)	
3.	What is your position on requiring city agencies to	(Support/Oppose
	report the number of applicants that they register	
	to vote as required by current law (Int. No. 760)?	
4.	What is your position on transmitting electronically	Support/Oppose
	voter registration information collected by city	
	agencies to the Board of Elections in the City of New	
	York?	
5.	What is your position on requiring the Board of	Support/Oppose
	Elections to report performance metrics to the City	
	Council that conform to the Mayor's Management	
	Report? (Int. No. 778)	

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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6.	What is your position on expanding the Voter Guide	Support/Oppose
	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)	
7.	What is your position on implementing "war chest" restrictions that would prohibit a candidate from transferring funds raised in a previous election cycle into a current campaign committee for a different	Support/Oppose
	office?	

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8.	What is your position on not providing matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?	Support/Oppose
9.	What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?	Support/Oppose
10	. 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?	Support/Oppose

CITY COUNCIL REFORM 11. What is your position on allowing Council Oppose committees to function more independently of the speaker than is presently the case? a. Should committee staff be hired by and report Support/Oppose to committee chairs? b. Should committee hearings and votes be Support Oppose scheduled at the direction of the chairs? c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas Support/Oppose by a vote of their members? 12. What is your position on greater disclosure of Support/Oppose councilmembers' outside income? 13. What is your position on limiting stipends or "lulus" Support/Oppose to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions? 14. What is your position on requiring that any future Support/Oppose increase in councilmember compensation not affect those serving in the current term of the council, only applying prospectively to the following term? 15. What is your position on consolidating the current Oppose committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees? Support/Oppose 16. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?

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17. What is your position on increasing transparency of	Support Oppose
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	
capital funds?	
18. What is your position on modifying the City Charter	(Support/pppose
to require that laws enacted by referendum only be	
changed through approval by the voters?	

**GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT** Support/Oppose 19. 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/Oppose 20. 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 in the absence of a complaint? 21. What is your position on granting the Civilian Support/Oppose Complaint Review Board (CCRB) with the authority to prosecute officers found guilty of lying during **CCRB** investigations? 22. What is your position on reinstating the zero Support/Oppose tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?

BUDGET REFORM	
23. What is your position on establishing independent	(Support/Oppose
budgeting for:	
a. the borough presidents	
b. Conflicts of Interest Board	Support/Oppose
c. the public advocate	Support/Oppose
d. community boards	Support/Oppose
24. What is your position on making the budget process	, Support/Oppose
more transparent by clearly defining units of appropriation and limiting their size?	PLESON mur info
25. What is your position on releasing the non-property revenue projections prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	Support/Oppose

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### 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 five 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 FIVE 2012 CAMPAIGN PROMISES
1.	Establishing Youth and Education programs
	CREATION of PARTWERShips DETWEEN BUSINES and
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	Establishing health CARE Education
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Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee via fax to 212.227.0345 or via email to policy@citizensunion.org Call us at 212-227-0342 with any questions.

1- Improve the Educational system, 2- Community to creater and train people fore Employment.



## ANDY KING FACT SHEET

## **GENERAL INFO**

- ➤ Andy King is a community activist and lifelong resident of the Northcast Bronx with over 30 years of service to his community.
- ➤ Andy King is a progressive leader with genuine progressive values focused on getting real results that will move our community and city forward.
- Andy King will restore trust and integrity in our Government by engaging our community through transparency and by prioritizing people and community first.

## COMMUNITY/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ➤ Andy King formerly served as a DC37 caseworker for the Administration for Children Services and as a healthcare community organizer/advocate for 1199 SEIU.
- Andy King is the founder and volunteer director for the Bronx Youth Empowerment Program which has helped young people become productive members of our community.
- Andy King has continuously and consistently been actively engaged in community board and precinct council meetings. He has also coordinated various community education programs and events around the issues of youth empowerment, health care, job development etc.

#### **CAMPAIGN PLATFORM**

- ➤ As an advocate for our youth, Andy King will fight for increased after-school, tutoring, and recreational programs to keep our young people engaged in positive activities that serve as an alternative to gangs.
- As a fighter for our Seniors, Andy King will push for greater quality social programs and services within our senior centers. He will also fight to make sure that our seniors continue to receive their home delivered meals and adequate transportation.
- > To improve our local economy, Andy King will support funding for job training programs that will ultimately result in new employment opportunities while also connecting small businesses to city, state and federal resources to help them grow.
- > To protect low income and middle class families, Andy King will advocate to expand access for affordable healthcare and housing, fight for better wages and benefits for working people, and connect homeowners to housing programs and resources.



#### Candidate For New York City Council

#### Unions

- 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East
- Local 32BJ SEIU
- UFCW Local 1500
- Labor Press
- New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council Local 6
- CWA Local 1101
- Working Families Party-WFP
- DC 37 Local1707
- DC 37 Local 371
- CWA District 1
- RWDSU
- Uniform Firefighters Association Local 94 I.A.FF-AFL-CIO
- Teamsters Local 237
- Painters DC #9
- United Federation of Teachers UFT
- NY Communities for Change NYCC
- Metal Lathers Local 46
- NYS Court Officers
- Teamsters Local 282
- Teamsters Joint Council 16

#### **Elected Officials**

- New York City Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio
- New York City Comptroller John Liu
- Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
- Assembly member and Bronx County Leader Carl Heastie
- US Congressman Elliot Engel
- NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera
- Mt. Vernon Mayor Ernest D Davis
- NYS Assembly member Eric Stevenson
- NYS Assembly member Vanessa Gibson
- Former Assembly member Adam Clayton Powell
- Manhattan Borough President Hon. Scott Stringer
- Assembly member Jeffrey Dinowitz
- Assembly member Michael Benedetto
- Assembly member Luis Sepulveda
- New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn

#### NYC Council members

- Fernando Cabrera
- Letitia James
- James Vacca
- Inez Dickens
- Annabel Palma
- Dan Garodnick
- Robert Jackson
- Mark Weprin
- Jumaane Williams
- Rubin Wills
- Brad Lander
- Melissa Mark-Viverito
- Domenic Recchia Jr.
- Debble Rose

#### Community Leaders/Activists

- President Of The Surrey Co-op Apt Cynthia Richardson
- President Of The NAACP Williamsbridge Branch Julian McDavid
- .. NAACP Co-op City Branch President Jeanette Graves
- President Of East Of Laconia Al DeCastro
- NYCHA/Gun Hill Houses President Robert Hall
- Baychester Houses President Sandra Gross
- Eastchester Houses President Keith Ramsey
- Edenwald Houses President Walter McNeil
- · Granby's Funeral Home Samuel Granby
- Boston Secor Houses Emma Miller



- Tilden Towers Board of Directors/President Nate
  Adams
- McCall's Funeral Home James Alston
- Jamaica Progressive League President Sadie Campbell
- President of the Coalition of African American Churches and Community Organizations of Co-op City Reva Jones
- AARP President Josephine Collins
- Retirees of Oreiser Loop Co-op City President Virginia Stewart
- District Leader George Clarke
- District Leader Jamal Bailey
- District Leader Yudelka Tapia

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LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BO	ARD	REFORM
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26. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough	Support/Oppose
presidents report the Council the manner in which	0
they advertise and make community board	
appointments? (Int. No. 913)	0
27. What is your position on establishing a formal	Support/Oppose
standardized and transparent process for	
community board appointments including written	
applications, interviews of candidates, and filling	
vacancies within 30 days?	

Additional Comments:	
25. Releasing non-property revenue projections	to whom