



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 #: 11

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Education: Masters in Business Administration- New York University, Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering- Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Senator since 1972, Deputy Commissioner- New York City Department of Buildings, Engineer-Westinghouse Electric Company

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: 30-year career in the Army Corps of Engineers including serving as commanding officer of the 411th Engineer Brigade and Chief of Staff, 77th ARCOM. Life member of the Alley Pond Environmental Center and American Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, Army Reserve Officers Association, American Legion and various civic, fraternal and civic organizations.

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES X 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: 7/1/2010

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 ?	Support/ 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/ Oppose <i>Still political</i>
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/ Oppose
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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ Oppose
9. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?	Support/ Oppose <i>Subject to fraud</i>
10. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse	Support/ Oppose

absentee voting?	
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

11. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?	Support/ Oppose
12. What is your position on establishing a system of public financing for state legislative and statewide races?	Support/ 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?	Support/Oppose
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?	Support/ Oppose
15. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs, while still allowing such entities to form separate PACs?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ Oppose
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?	Support/ Oppose
20. What is your position on requiring disclosure of independent expenditure campaigns?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ Oppose
26. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?	Support/ Oppose
27. What is your position on requiring regular reporting of lump-sum appropriations	Support/ Oppose

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.?	
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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ Oppose
30. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?	Support/ Oppose
31. What is your position on mandating the use of conference committees in the legislative budget process?	Support/ 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?	Support/ 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?	Support/ Oppose <i>Only where savings are certain</i>

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.

Over the years, I have been proud and honored to have received the endorsement of the Citizens Union of the City of New York for reelection. Like the mission of Citizen Union, I believe it's imperative to dramatically reform New York state government. Earlier this year, I signed the "Pledge for Change New York" and the three-part government reform pledge presented by NY Uprising. Additionally, I was also recognized as a "Hero of Reform" by NY Uprising. At the beginning of the year, I presented my government reform plan entitled "A Blueprint for a Stronger New York." The comprehensive plan focuses on government reform, fiscal responsibility, and greater accountability and transparency in the State Legislature and all levels of state government. A key component of my "Blueprint" plan is my legislation (S.3245) that would establish reasonable financial and business disclosure requirements for campaign consultants who also engage in lobbying state government entities, including the State Legislature. The legislation is modeled after similar practices currently used in the City of New York and the State of Texas. I believe that enactment of this legislation would help break ;both "influence peddling" and "pay to play" that tend to arise when the realms of politics, lobbying and the legislative process intersect. Other provision contained in my "Blueprint" plan include: empower voters through Initiative and Referendum, the creation

of an Independent Budget Office and measures to combat waste, fraud and abuse in all levels of state government including Medicaid. In 2004, I was a co-chairman of the Senate Taskforce on Government Reform that proposed many measures that were adopted in terms of government and budget reform.

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 PRIORITIES FROM 2008 AND ACTION ON THEM

1. Help put the economy back on track to a path of growth and prosperity- Presented my “Blueprint for A Stronger NY” plan which includes measures aimed at instilling fiscal responsibility and budget reform. Also advanced the Job Creation and Retention act that provides cost-neutral tax credits for businesses that create jobs, provides additional tax credits for small businesses and places a moratorium on regulations and taxes placed on businesses. Also introduced comprehensive legislation that would make fundamental and necessary reforms to the Medicaid program to eliminate fraud, waste and abuse.
2. Lower energy prices by increasing the availability of alternative and renewable energy in New York- I am the co-sponsor of legislation that would allow for added funding sources for municipal sustainable energy programs and legislation that would extend tax credits for solar energy equipment.
3. Continue the record investments in New York City schools- I voted against the state budget which cut funding to NYC schools.
4. Continue the progress on government reform with an emphasis on making government more accountable to all New Yorkers- Introduced my “Blueprint for a Stronger New York” which includes ethics reform, budget reform and other measures aimed at making New York state government more accountable to all New Yorkers. I was also voted for ethics reform legislation that was advanced in the State Senate.
5. Enact progressive legislation that will help protect our environment today and for generations to come- support various legislative initiatives including legislation establishing a rechargeable battery program, legislation establishing an e-waste program, and legislation mapping cancer rates.

TOP FIVE 2010 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR PRIORITIES

1. Reform state government to include comprehensive and meaningful ethics reform, sweeping budgetary reforms to instill fiscal responsibility and greater accountability, independent and non-partisan redistricting, and rein in state spending through a state spending cap.

2. The establishment of a strong economic recovery plan that will create jobs and help small businesses thrive by providing cost-neutral tax credits to businesses that create jobs, eliminate costly regulations and place a moratorium on the imposition of new businesses taxes and regulations.
3. Provide tax relief and new economic opportunities to New York's middle class families, seniors, and small businesses.
4. Reform New York's Medicaid system to provide savings to taxpayers through greater enforcement against fraud, waste and abuse in the program.
5. Work with parents and all stakeholders to ensure we invest in the education of our children.

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