



Candidate Questionnaire
Local Candidates Committee
NYS Legislative Elections 2018

Citizens Union appreciates your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York State, and our interest in reforming state government. **Please return the questionnaire to us as soon as possible, and no later than July 1st.** Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union uses to evaluate candidates running for the New York State Legislature, and to issue our preference for the Primary and endorsement for the General Election. Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.

If you seek our support, we will also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. **Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed.**

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, printed voters directory, and other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

Biographical Information

Candidate Name: Julia Salazar

Party Affiliation(s): Democratic

Age: 27

Education: BA from Columbia University

Office Sought/District: State Senate District 18

Occupation/Employer: Organizer at Jews for Racial and Economic Justice

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Organizing Committee of DSA Socialist Feminist

Working Group, activist with Communities United for Police Reform and Caring Majority, member of

JFREJ, organizer with UAW on contract campaign at Barnard.

(Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.)

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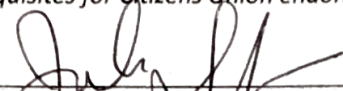
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If elected, which legislative conference will you join (e.g., Republican, Democrat, other)?

Democratic

I. AFFIRMATIONS

Have you completed required campaign finance filings?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / NO
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / NO
<i>(Please note: interviews are prerequisites for Citizens Union endorsements.)</i>	
Signature of Candidate: 	Date: 7/10/18

II. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state whether you support or oppose the following reform measures, and feel free to may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

2018 PRIORITY ISSUES:

ETHICS

1. Limit outside compensation earned by state legislators and statewide officials to 25% of their salaries, while enacting a salary increase and eliminating stipends.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
2. Reform the Joint Commission on Public Ethics to eliminate the ability of one party to veto an investigation and to increase disclosure of its decision-making.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

3. Do you support or oppose the following changes to the state's current registration and voting system?	
a. Early voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
b. No-excuse absentee voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
c. Election Day voter registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
d. Re-enfranchisement of people on parole automatically <u>through legislation</u> , without requiring a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
e. Automatic voter registration, unless the potential voter opts out	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
f. Consolidated state and federal primaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
g. Electronic poll books	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
4. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats and eliminate delays in filling vacancies.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

5. Establish public financing of campaigns for state legislative and statewide offices using a method similar to New York City's Campaign Finance Law.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
6. Close the LLC loophole to ensure that limited liability companies have the same contribution limits as corporations, rather than the higher limit for individuals.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

7. Drastically reduce campaign contribution limits and reduce them even further from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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BUDGET PROCESS

8. Require full disclosure of grants and contracts issued by the state, including the budget lines from which the spending is made and reporting on the results of each grant or contract over a certain amount.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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9. Provide for adequate online disclosure and itemization of spending from elected officials' lump sum appropriations, including reporting on potential conflicts of interest and how the funds are spent.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

10. Repeal Civil Rights Law, Sec. 50-a, which shields from public view the disciplinary records of police officers, correction officers, and firefighters.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

11. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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12. Empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute election law malfeasance and cases of public corruption.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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HOME RULE

13. Make mayoral control of city schools permanent, with a governance system that provides for accountability, transparency, parent engagement, and democratic participation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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Please use the space provided or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the issues contained in the previous pages. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

New York's election system is one of the worst in the country. Our laws make it far too difficult to vote, and this results in a disastrously low turnout rate. We allow partisanship to intervene at every stage in the

process--to the point of allowing county machines to pick the winners of most special elections and legislators to gerrymander their own districts. Finally, the corrupting influence of money in politics is every where in our system, with the predictable result that legislators go to jail on corruption charges

every year and many New York residents have lost all faith in the democratic process.

Fixing these problems--through wholesale reform of our voting laws, taking partisan power out of our election system and most importantly campaign finance reform (including public campaign finance) will be a top priority for me if I'm elected.

III. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

In addition to evaluating stances on the issues above, Citizens Union also considers the campaign goals articulated to voters.

What are the top five promises you are making to the voters during this campaign?

Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient, and to affix additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements. We thank you very much for your response.

TOP FIVE 2018 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. I will fight for real affordable housing in North Brooklyn. In particular I will fight to strengthen and expand New York's rent laws during the renewal in 2019 by ending vacancy decontrol and the eviction bonus and closing other loopholes.
2. I will work for a public campaign financing system in New York State similar to the one in New York City to decrease the influence of money in politics and ensure real democracy. I will fight to close the LLC loophole.
3. I have pledged to reject corporate donations, real estate donations, and fossil fuel money in this campaign, so that voters know that my first loyalty is to them, not special interests.
4. I will fight to end cash bail and shut down Rikers. No one should be jailed for their inability to pay, and the majority of those incarcerated on Rikers Island in horrific conditions have not even been convicted of a crime.
5. I will work to protect New York's immigrants by keeping ICE out of our court system, banning collaboration between police and immigration authorities, and granting drivers' licenses to undocumented immigrants.

IV. ETHICAL REPRESENTATION OF CONSTITUENTS

Citizens Union believes that all New Yorkers deserve to be represented by officials who work for the public interest and honor the public trust. With the corruption conviction of recent legislative leaders, we seek to endorse a candidate who will demonstrate that she/he will honor the full commitment of the oath of office, and always represent the public interest above all else.

Please tell us how you have and would continue to conduct the political affairs of this office in an upright manner, and maintain the public trust.

Integrity has always been a central value for me in my personal life and I would absolutely take that commitment with me to Albany. The tragedy of New York politics is that so many politicians have betrayed the public trust that few ordinary people trust our political institutions. That's one of the reasons I have pledged to refuse all donations from the real estate industry, the fossil-fuel industry and for-profit corporations: I want to make sure that my constituents know I represent them and no one else.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee, 299 Broadway, Suite 700 New York, NY 10007
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