

CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
ELECTION 2013

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and residents 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 "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 will not automatically schedule an interview with you if you return this questionnaire, as we prioritize competitive races and resources constrain us from evaluating all races. Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed. We thank you very much for your response.

Candidate Name: Peter Gleason Age: \_\_\_\_\_

C a m p a i g n A d d r e s s :  
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Party Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_

W e b s i t e & E m a i l :  
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E d u c a t i o n :  
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Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office):  
Attorney 9yrs.

P r e v i o u s O f f i c e s a n d C a m p a i g n s :  
City Council 2003 & 2009

Please state your position on the following issues by using the space provided below each question or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the following questions. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

1. What trends do you see in criminal activity that the district attorney's office should address?

Public corruption not only polarizes the political process it creates apathy in the voters. Restoring public trust is the first step in creating an inclusive public dialog.

2. What role do you think the district attorney plays in anti-corruption efforts and building public trust? What changes would you make to the structure of the office to help bolster public confidence in the DA's office?

The Manhattan District Attorneys office should immediately place the Speaker of the Assembly under investigation based on the fact that large sums of cash were found in his Chief of Staff's home closet. His Chief of Staff's husband operated his business endeavors from funds the Speaker directed to him.

This is was what I believe was the first public scrutiny of the manner in which this entity conducted business:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/giving-charity-bad-article-1.399197>

3. To what extent would your office use the district attorney's existing authority to investigate and monitor elected officials' conduct in relation to issues like campaign finance compliance and proper use of government resources and influence?

This would be a priority.

4. Do you support Governor Cuomo's Program Bill No. 3, the Public Trust Act, which strengthens laws against bribery and adds new penalties for those convicted of fraud? Are there additional statewide legislative reforms that you would advocate for if elected to office?

Yes, I support this initiative. Local prosecutors are in the best position to investigate public officials under their County's jurisdiction.

5. Do you believe more needs to be done to ease the re-entry of formerly incarcerated persons into society and if so, what would you propose?

Yes, particularly for non violent first time offenders.





## **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 2013 CAMPAIGN PROMISES**

- 1. Lobby for term limits (3 terms maximum)**
- 2. Public outreach with the goal uncovering public corruption**
- 3. Creating satellite offices throughout Manhattan**
- 4. Take part in the NYPD Comstat process**
- 5. Transparency in the Office's operating fund.**

**Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee  
via fax to 212.227.0345 or via email to [candidates@citizensunion.org](mailto:candidates@citizensunion.org)  
Call 212-227-0342 Rachael Fauss ext. 22 or Alex Camarda ext. 24 with any questions.**