

**CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
NEW YORK CITY MAYOR
ELECTION 2013**

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following policy questions facing the City of New York and its residents that are of concern to Citizens Union. 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. In order to receive Citizens Union's "preferred" or "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: JOE Lhota

Age: 58

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BSBA GEORGETOWN (1976) MBA HARVARD (1980)

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office):

UNEMPLOYED

Previous Offices and Campaigns:

N/A

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES
NO

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES
NO

(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Preferred Candidate" or "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed. We will make every effort to interview candidates in this race.)

Signature of Candidate: Joseph L. Lott Date: 8/29/13

Please state your position on the following issues by indicating whether you support or oppose each, where applicable. Please also use the space provided below each question or on a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the questions which require a detailed answer. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please circle 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.

CITIZENS UNION ISSUES

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM

<p>What is your position with respect to eliminating 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?</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices? (Int. No. 1066)</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No. 721)</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>What is your position on requiring city agencies to report the number of applicants that they register to vote as required by current law (Int. No. 760)?</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>

<p>What is your position on transmitting electronically voter registration information collected by city agencies to the Board of Elections in the City of New York?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>
<p>What is your position on requiring the Board of Elections to report performance metrics to the City Council that conform to the Mayor's Management Report? (Int. No. 778)</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>
<p>What is your position on expanding the Voter Guide 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)</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

<p>What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

<p>When the Quadrennial Compensation Commission is reconvened, what is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation only apply prospectively to the following term?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>
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What is your position on increasing transparency of 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 all capital fund recipients and applicants?	Support/Oppose
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PUBLIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

What is your position on reducing the frequency of stop, question and frisks by conducting stops more judiciously?	Support/Oppose SQF is CONDUCTED JUDICIOUSLY
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
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 without receipt of a formal complaint?	Support/Oppose
What is your position on granting the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) with the authority to prosecute officers found guilty of lying during CCRB investigations?	Support/Oppose
What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support/Oppose

BUDGET REFORM

What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for: the borough presidents?	Support/Oppose
Conflicts of Interest Board?	Support/Oppose
the public advocate ?	Support/Oppose
community boards?	Support/Oppose

What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining units of appropriation and limiting their size?	Support/Oppose <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support
What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	Support/Oppose THEY ARE IN EVERY EXEC BUDGET. THEY ARE UPDATED WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE INFO AT ADOPTION

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM

What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough presidents report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and make community board appointments? (Int. No. 913)	Support/Oppose <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support
What is your position on establishing a formal standardized and transparent process for community board appointments including written applications, interviews of candidates, and filling vacancies within 30 days?	Support/Oppose <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support

ISSUES of CITYWIDE IMPORTANCE

What is your view of the amount of taxes paid by New Yorkers compared to the value that is received in City services? Do you believe that taxes should be raised or lowered? If you believe taxes should be changed, please provide specific proposals about what taxes you would change and if you didn't raise taxes, what services you would cut, listed in order of greatest magnitude

TAXES ARE TOO HIGH.

I WILL ELIMINATE THE TAX ON CAPITAL IN GCT

I WILL PHASE-OUT THE UBT

2. Certain New York has been trying to create a more diversified economy, and one that is less reliant on Wall Street. What is your position on such efforts? If you support it, what would you do to diversify the city's economy? How would you ensure that the city would receive adequate tax revenue as a result of potential shifts in the tax base?

I SUPPORT DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY. I WILL ADMINISTER OUR CURRENT TAXES FAIRLY + EQUITABLY TO ENSURE ADEQUATE RECEIPTS

3. In FY 2013-14, New York City is budgeted to spend \$13.568 billion on pensions and fringe benefits for City employees out of a total net budget of \$68.5 billion. What would you do to address the growing pension and health care costs borne by the city and New York City tax payers, particularly in the context of contractual bargaining with the city's unions for retroactive raises?

①. REQUIRE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING THAT CITY EMPLOYEES PAY MORE FOR THEIR HEALTH CARE

② WORK WITH GOVERNOR TO CREATE ANOTHER NEW TIER AND START MOVE FROM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

What is your overall position on public education and what changes, if any, would you make to mayoral control of city schools? What would you do to increase test scores and graduation rates? How would you propose the Department of Education increase the ability for parents and teachers to become more meaningfully involved? What are your views on shuttering underperforming schools and opening new ones, including charter schools, oftentimes in the same buildings?

See ~~attached~~ speech on the subject at:

www.JoelHotzforMayor.com/posts/LHOTZ-VISION-FOR-PUBLIC-EDUCATION-REFORM

How would you propose the city address the shortage of affordable housing, particularly given the expected growth in population? Would you continue to attempt to reach the goals of PlaNYC 2030? If not, what is your vision for long-term development particularly in light of climate change and extreme weather?

I support the HOUSING FIRST
Initiative. See
HOUSINGFIRST-NY.ORG/

What would you propose to increase the transparency of the Board of Elections in the City of New York's operations and accountability to the city? What is your position on non-citizen voting?

① THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEEDS TO BE RE-VAMPED. STATE LAW MUST CHANGE SO THAT IT'S OUTSIDE OF THE PARTY PROCESS. IT SHOULD BE PROFESSIONALIZE AND DE-POLITICIZED.

INCREASED TRANSPARENCY: Yes

NON-CITIZEN VOTING: NO

Taking into consideration the lessons learned from the debates surrounding congestion pricing and the Ravitch Commission's recommendations to provide the MTA with long-term funding, what do you think should be done to address the MTA's fiscal solvency issues and ensure that the burden for funding the MTA are equitably distributed amongst all stakeholders? What is your view on expanding alternative forms of transportation like the Citibike program and the installation of bike lanes?

THE MTA IS SHORT-CHANGED BY THE STATE. ACCORDING TO FEDERAL DOT, NYS RANKS LAST AMONG STATES WITH MASS TRANSIT SUBSIDY PER RIDER. NYS should never be ranked last; it should be first. The State needs to reverse its raid of the dedicated MTA subsidy which occurred in 2009.

Our roads are to^(be) shared by cars, buses, trucks, bicycles and pedestrians. Citibike program is great.

Bike lanes are important to have but their installation requires community input.

What do you believe is the proper role of government in regulating public health? Would you advocate for continuing policies proposed by Mayor Bloomberg banning large sodas and reducing the proportion of people who smoke cigarettes?

Proper role of government in public health is to educate the public. I am in support of the ban on smoking; I am not in support of the ban on large sodas.

How can the city continue to keep the crime rate at record low levels? What is your position on stop, question and frisk?

- ① Provide the support + resources to NYPD
- ② SQF is an important policing tactic that must continue within the guidelines set up by Supreme Court in 1968.
- ③ The public needs to be educated on value of SQF.

How would you ensure that city agencies share data and resources and coordinate in delivering services? Do you believe that management should be decentralized, allowing agency heads greater independence, or centralized in the mayor's office? Would you continue executive order 41 ensuring all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status can access the city services that they are entitled to receive?

- ① CENTRALIZED
- ② Yes, I will continue Ed Koch's executive order re: immigration,

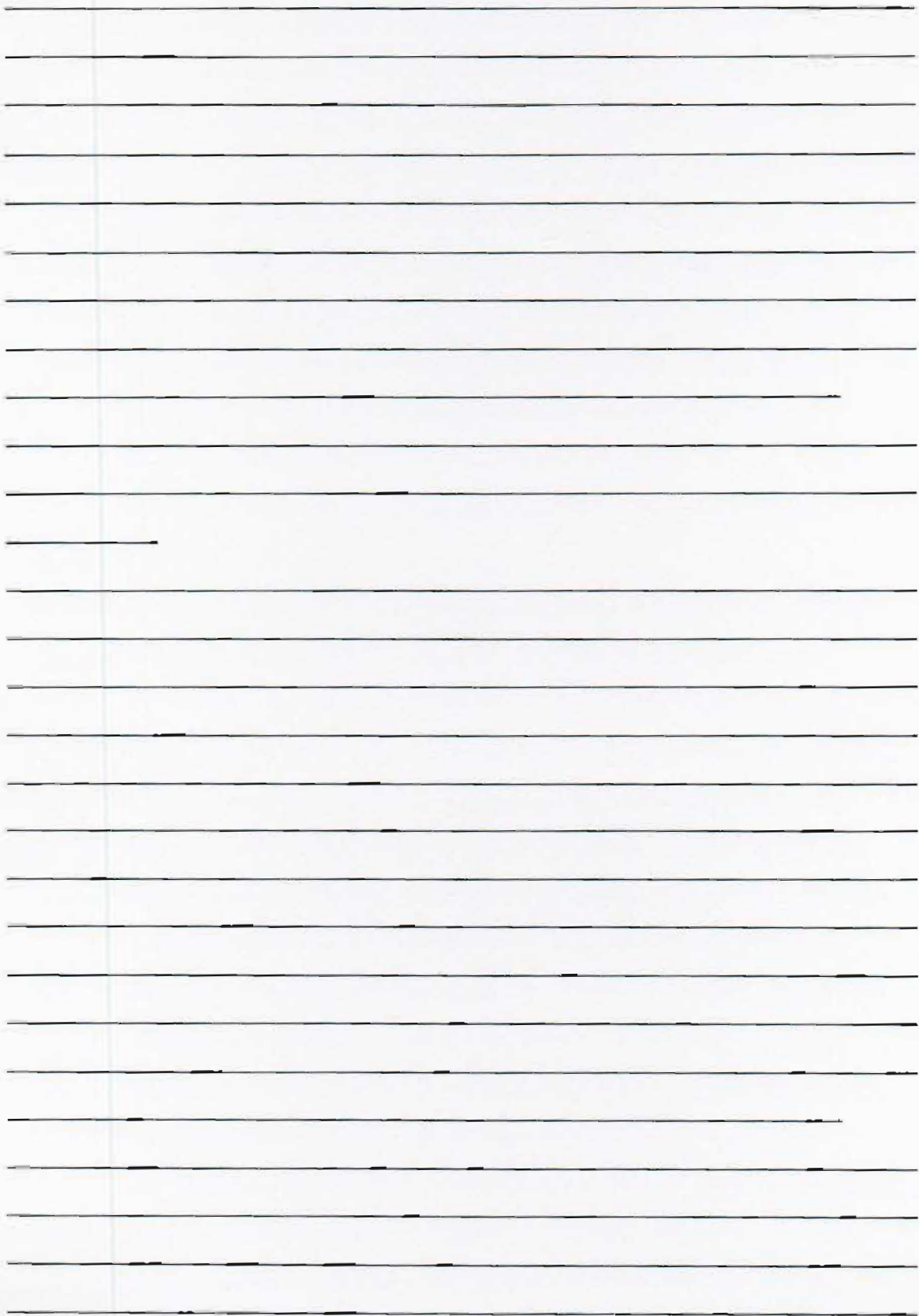
How actively would you use the office of the mayor in working on national issues such as immigration and gun control?

Not as active as MRB. I will participate in these national issues/debate.

How would you utilize city-affiliated nonprofit organizations such as the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City in raising private revenue to supplement city agencies and programs? How would you ensure that there is sufficient transparency and accountability of funding received through such entities?

I will use the Fund and will make sure that all contributions are disclosed and all expenses are line-itemed out. Full disclosure; Full transparency; full accountability.

Additional Comments:



- ② Support + Reform Public Education
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- ③ Expand Affordability of housing
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- ④ Double the # of charter schools

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⑤ LAZER-LIKE FOCUS ON CRIME REDUCTION

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