



2013 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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.

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33yrs NYC Bd of Ed, PS in Staten Island

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: President, North Shore Democratic Club 9608, Various Civic Assns. I was involved in all Democratic Campaigns

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

(Please note: Citizens Union can only grant its support to candidates we have interviewed. If you would like to be interviewed, please follow up with Citizens Union staff, as resources constrain us from interviewing every candidate.)

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES NO

Signature of Candidate: Date: 9/20/13

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.

<p>1. What is your position on changing the current land use process under the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to require that community-based 197-a plans are responded to when other development proceeds in conflict with those plans?</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>2. Do you support ending mid-year amendments to the Annual Citywide Statement of Needs and including other than city-owned property in the Atlas of City Owned Property so a more comprehensive picture of services, facilities, and environmental burdens is known to inform future development?</p>	<p>Support/<u>Oppose</u></p>
<p>3. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough presidents to report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and make community board appointments? (Int. No. 913)</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>4. 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?</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>5. What is your position on independent budgeting for the following:</p>	
<p>a. the borough presidents</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>b. the Conflicts of Interest Board</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>c. the public advocate</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>d. community boards</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>6. Do you support standardizing term limits to five consecutive two-year terms for members of all community boards?</p>	<p>Support/<u>Oppose</u> 4-2yr terms</p>
<p>7. If elected, would you post on your website all applications received by your office for capital and expense discretionary funds, as well as groups which ultimately received funding?</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>
<p>8. Do you support empowering borough presidents to require the appearance of borough commissioner of city agencies for monthly interagency meetings led by the borough presidents?</p>	<p><u>Support</u>/Oppose</p>

9. What is your position on granting the borough presidents the ability to make an additional appointment to the Board of Standards and Appeals?

Support/Oppose

Additional Comments: I would seek to have the BP appoint the Borough Commissioners. I have also stated that I would appoint myself or my deputy to those boards that have a BP appointee - i.e. Education Panel, Hospital Boards

1. How would you use the office of the borough president to impact city policies affecting the borough?

I would ask my council members to introduce legislation concerning Island problems - i.e. Sandy Relief

2. Developers argue ULURP should be streamlined while community groups and advocates believe more opportunities for input should be provided or that voting thresholds should be changed for application approval. Others note that the ULURP process does not integrate the need to plan for post 9/11 security issues in development. What reforms to ULURP do you support?

I don't think any developers will be contributing to my campaign. I support any measures that provide for community input (Right now a proposal for making Bay St One Way is something that has to be looked at.)
- Not only security but post-Sandy information must be included

3. The borough presidents make recommendations to the mayor on capital projects as part of the budget process. All of the boroughs combined additionally receive 5 percent of the appropriations in the mayor's capital budget divided between the boroughs based on formulas related to land size and population. What would be your priorities for capital projects in the borough?

A few capital projects might include berms and other flood prevention projects I would like to provide capital funds for some of our cultural sites - Jacques Marchais Tibetan Museum, Alice Austen House, Snug Harbor, SI Museum, SI Zoo, to name a few. There are some items that require part of that budget and I would make sure that they receive continued funding

4. Borough presidents are charged with establishing a planning office that, among other functions, provides training and technical assistance to community boards on land use issues. How would you use the office to help community boards fulfill their charter mandated responsibilities in providing feedback on land use proposals while enabling the boards to make decisions independent of the borough president's office?

At the request of any board I would provide any data my office has concerning land use. I am very interested in land held by tax exempt organizations and possible use of any of this land when sold. This is a difficult question because how much influence does this provide?

5. Borough presidents are charged with making hundreds of appointments. What criteria would you use for appointments to positions appointed by the borough president (the Panel on Educational Policy, City Planning Commission, community boards, etc.)? What processes would you put in place for advertising open positions and recruiting qualified candidates that represent the diversity of New York City?

I plan to appoint myself to the Ed. Panel and City Planning Commission. Fortunately we have the 31 Advance to advertise openings. I would empanel a committee to review and advise on appointments taking diversity and

qualifications into consideration

6. Borough presidents can hold hearings on any matter of public interest and are charged with establishing a borough-wide complaint program to report public complaints to better service delivery by agencies. How would you use these powers and the position of the office to amplify the concerns of borough residents? What issues might you focus on to improve agency performance or draw public attention to?

Public hearings and town hall meeting may help. I would also work closely with the Public Advocate both to receive complaints and report complaints

7. The borough presidents have the authority to introduce legislation yet few borough presidents in recent years have exercised this authority. Would you utilize this power, and, if so, what legislation would you introduce?

I would ask my council members to do this but if that was not forthcoming I would ask my attorney to structure

legislation. I think my tax deferred instead of tax exempt promise might have to go that way. This plan would provide the city to buy any tax-exempt property for the asking sale price before it is sold to another owner. If they choose not to do that, the buyer would be required to pay all the exempted tax

8. How would you leverage the office of Borough President to address any of the following issues, if not discussed in answering previous questions:
- Affordable Housing
 - Public Safety
 - Public Transportation
 - Health and the Environment
 - Economic Development
 - Education

a I have proposed a task force for senior housing to monitor selection lists, standards to be met by the operators of senior housing. This can be extended to affordable housing

b - Close coordination with our 4 precincts and their community outreach

c. Restoration of all bus routes cut and more express buses. Half hour ferry service at night Restoration of the North Shore Rail

Additional Comments:

d. Increased awareness of Women's Health issues and the fact that we have an office available in St George Aids awareness, contraception info adoption and pregnancy termination are addressed

Right now we have a surplus of hospital beds but a public hospital in the future should be considered

e. Economic Development - The Wheel and outlets - In favor with reservations Development of the West Shore - Howland Hook Shipping

Education

f. No coteceptions. cessation of teaching for pests Reverse the demonization of teachers

Our schools should be palaces, teachers paid large salaries and it should be "painful" to provide - This comes from "The West Wing"



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. I will appoint myself to various Boards
2. Restoration of Bus Service
3. Save M+M on rez
4. Use "The Cusick Plan" to reduce tolls on TVZ for islanders
5. Use the new "Sandy Maps" to promote or curtail development

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