



2013 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

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: John M. Mancuso Age: 32

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Education: Degree- Urban Politics and Policy / Degree-Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office: Full Time Candidate

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: 2012 NYS Assembly Candidate, 64th District. Board Member: New York Center for Interpersonal Development. Board Member: Community Health Action of Staten Island. Auxiliary Police Captain and Commanding Officer Highway Patrol 5.

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: John M. Mancuso

Date: 7-20-13

I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state 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.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM

1. 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?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
2. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices? (Int. No. 1066)	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
3. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No. 721)	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
4. 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)?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
5. 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?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
6. 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)	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
7. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
8. 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)	Support/Oppose SUPPORT

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

9. What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
10. What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
11. 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?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

12. What is your position on creating a bill drafting service independent of the Speaker's Office, similar to the New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
13. What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker :	
a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire at least one committee staffer?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?	Support/Oppose Chairs should have the ability to schedule votes, the Speaker should also have that ability.
c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	Support/Oppose
d. Should the number of overall committees be reduced so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	Support/Oppose Oppose. Members should put the time in to participate meaningfully in all important issues. We can ignore important issues that are "less important" than others
14. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT

<p>15. What is your position on limiting stipends or “lulus” to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose Oppose. I would support reducing stipends across the board, but wouldn’t restrict the Council in deciding which positions warrant stipends.</p>
<p>16. 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 SUPPORT</p>
<p>17. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>
<p>18. 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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

<p>19. What is your position on reducing the frequency of stop, question and frisks by conducting stops more judiciously?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose I feel that this is a useful tool in crime fighting but there needs to be more transparency and more training for Officers</p>
<p>20. 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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose Oppose- It’s still overseen by the Mayor’s office so any major offences can still be downgraded and or excused</p>
<p>21. 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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose Support</p>
<p>22. 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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose Support</p>

23. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support/Oppose Support
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BUDGET REFORM

24. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for: a. the borough presidents?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
b. Conflicts of Interest Board?	Support/Oppose STRONGLY SUPPORT
c. the public advocate ?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
d. community boards?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
25. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining units of appropriation and limiting their size?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT
26. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	Support/Oppose SUPPORT

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM

27. 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 SUPPORT
28. 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 SUPPORT

Additional Comments:

II. 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. Work to update technology in our public schools.
2. Work to eradicate the abuse of prescription drugs and work with the BOE to put in place a more effective anti-drug program for public schools.
3. Ensure that emergency services are enhanced on Staten Island by adding much needed Firehouses and supplying the FDNY, NYPD and EMS with the tools and equipment needed for them to more effectively execute their jobs and protect the public.
4. Work to rebuild Staten Island's shores Safer and Stronger so we can ensure the safety of the residents from future storms.
5. Reduce outrageous taxes and fines on small businesses across the city.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee
via fax to 212.227.0345 or via email to candidates@citizensunion.org
Call us at 212-227-0342 with any questions.