

2014 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

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 11th. Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union uses to evaluate candidates running for office in order to determine our "Preferred Candidates" for the September 9th Primary Election, and our "Endorsed Candidates" for the November 4th General Election.

If you seek our support, we will 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. <u>Please contact us</u> if you wish to be interviewed and have not heard from us.

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, Voters Directory and other

appropriate venues. We thank you very much for your response.

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I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state your position on the following reform measures. Specify whether you support or oppose each. You may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

ELECTION REFORM

1. What is your position on the redistricting proposition amending the constitution on to November ballot that would create an independent commission with appointees split between the majority and minority parties?	
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2. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the	7
administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the strict two-pa	rty Support/Oppose !
division of governance and operation?	
3. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by lo	owering Support/Oppose
signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirement	ts?
4. What is your position on amending the Municipal Home Rule Law to limit the ability	of a
mayor-appointed charter revision commission to "bump" other local charter amends	ments Support/Oppose
from appearing on the ballot?	
5. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to	
Currently those on parole may obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief to have	Support/Oppose .
right to vote restored, but few of these are granted, and they cannot be applied for	
immediately upon release.	
6. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Voter	Support/Oppose
Registration?	voting? Support/Oppose
7. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee	
8. What is your position on instituting early voting in New York State to allow voters to	Support/Oppose
their votes at more convenient times over a period of several days?	
9. What is your position on reforming the special election process, utilizing a nonpartise	an Support/Oppose
special election for state legislative vacancies, as proposed by <u>S.161/A.5290</u> ?	
40. What is your position regarding automatic voter registration in which voter registration	ion (oppose
information of individuals who consent to be registered is provided electronically to	the Support/Oppose
Board of Elections, and address information is updated automatically?	
11. What is your position on consolidating the state and federal primary to the third were	Support/Oppose
tune, while ansuring that the legislative session ends at least two weeks prior	
42. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for primary elections	Connect (Onnece
citywide election in New York City, effectively eliminating the need for a separate ru	noff Support/Oppose
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CARADAICAL FINANCE REFORM

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS	
13. What is your position on establishing a matching public financing system for state legislative	Support Oppose
and statewide races similar to the New York City model?	
14. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide	Support Oppose
candidates for public office?	
15. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists,	Support/Oppose
placement agents and those who do business with the state?	

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (CONTINUED)

CAMPAIGN FRANCE REPORTS (CONTINOLD)	
16. What is your position on limiting or banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs? (Note: such entities would have the constitutionally-protected right to form	∕Support/Oppose
separate political action committees.)	- Cabba, 4 a bbaga
17. What is your position on closing "soft money" loopholes such as limiting transfers from party	
committees to candidates or other committees to twice the limit set on individual	
contributors and limiting contributions to party committees, including housekeeping	Support/Oppose
accounts, to the same ceiling placed on candidates?	
18. What is your position on requiring candidates to include the full name, home address, and	
employer/business name for each contribution and bundler?	Support/Oppose
19. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during	
the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session?	Support/Oppose
20. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-	Sunnärt Onnoco
campaign related activity, such as personal use?	Support/Oppose
21. What is your position on improving disclosure of independent expenditures such as requiring	(O = 1 = 2 = 2
disclosure of electioneering activities?	Support/Oppose
22. What is your position on limiting the ability of candidates to accumulate "war chests" and	Support/Oppose
then transferring funds raised in one race to another in which they run?	3000010/Oppose
23. What is your position on clarifying the definition of coordination between candidates and	
political committees to ensure candidate contribution limits are not exceeded, and	Support/pppose
expenditures and contributions are properly reported?	
JUDICIAL REFORM	
24. What is your position on a merit-based appointment system through creation of a	Support/Oppose
commission for the selection of judges in all of New York's trial courts? 25. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state's court system by consolidating	3
25. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state's court system 27	Support/Oppose
the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system?	l
ETHICS REFORM	- 7
26. What is your position on empowering the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute	Support/Oppose
cases involving public corruption, including serious election law maifeasance?	
27. What is your position on amending the State Constitution to extend pension forfeiture,	
subject to due process safeguards, to all public officers and legislators who have been	- Չարինդ (/ Oppose
convicted of felonies?	
BUDGET REFORM	
28. What is your position on requiring the governor's budget submission to present the full	Support/Oppose
scope of the state's financial obligations, including its public authorities?	
20. What is your position on establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide	7
revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage	Support/Oppose
to the second multi-year budget planning?	
30. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) father	Support/Oppose
than cash accounting for the state budget?	
31. What is your position on ensuring adequate disclosure and itemization of discretionary	(Support/Oppose
funds, including member items and lump sum funds, as well as reporting on their usage?	
32. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome	Support/Oppose
measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?	Support/Oppose
33. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?	
34. What is your position on limiting the ability of the governor to enact policy changes governing the use of resources in appropriation bills by requiring that such bills be consistent.	Support/Oppose
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with existing law or proposed changes in separate legislation?	
ADDITIONAL REFORM	
35. What is your position on enactment of legislative rules reform to strengthen rank-and-file members' roles in the legislative process and create more equity between members?	Support/Oppose
36. What is your position on the webcasting of all legislative proceedings for both houses of the legislature, including committee meetings, hearings and session proceedings?	Support/Oppose
37. What is your position on having the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey appointed directly by the Board of Commissioners, and having the position of Chair of the Board rotated between representatives of New and New Jersey?	Support/Oppose

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II. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS (PAST AND CURRENT)

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 2014 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

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Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee 299 Broadway, Suite 700 New York, NY 10007 via fax to 212.227.0345 or via email to <u>candidates@citizensunion.org</u> Call us at 212-227-0342 with any questions.



Biography

Crystal Collins has over 20 years of experience in healthcare management and community service. Candidate Collins began her career in health care as a manager with Bronxwood Home for the Aged. Living in the Bronx Ms. Collins was awarded the opportunity to manage a senior care facility close to home. She is caring, giving and committed to her community. Ms. Collins has such compassion for the special needs, seniors and mentality disabled. She has worked closely with a mental health daycare facility in the Bronx, early intervention programs as well as assisted living facilities.

Continuing to strive for excellence professionally, Ms. Collins managed a Branch of a Home Health care agency overseeing the daily operations of the entire office.

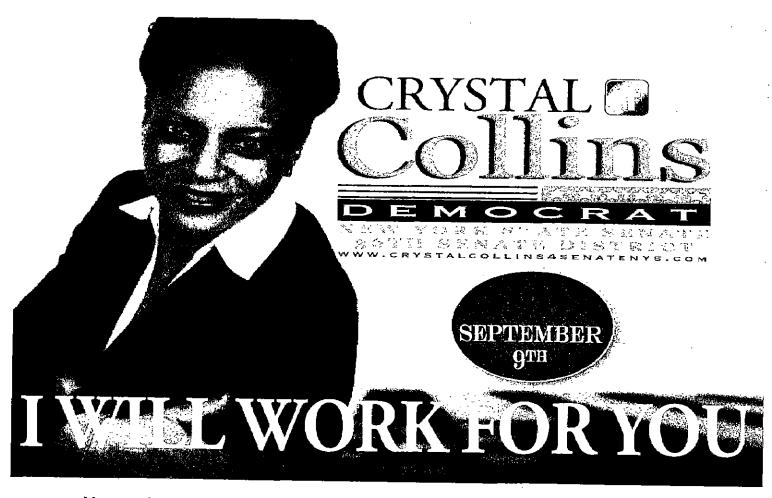
In her leadership capacity, Ms. Collins offered continued employment and training opportunities to the youth and the community, on a whole, with her focus on Westchester County and the Northeast Section of the Bronx which included: Norwood, Eastchester, Baychester, Williambridge, Gunhill, Co-op city, Wakefield & Mt. Vernon.

Ms. Collins has a demonstrated commitment to her community. Her volunteering extends from advocacy for seniors and youth, as an elected official in the City of Mount Vernon as a District Leader and as a youth church director and youth advisor at Union Grove.

Ms. Collins has held past positions of PTA President of the school of diplomacy middle school 370, a past Vice -president of East 217th street condominiums and a 83rd assembly district leader candidate.

During Ms. Collins 20 years in the healthcare industry, she was recognized in the "Covington's who's who" professional magazine for her continued effort and commitment to her profession. Additionally the Bronx Branch NAACP recognized her at their annual freedom fund by awarding her with the community leader award of the year.

Ms. Collins was raised by a single mother and her 11 siblings in the Edenwald housing development for 25 years. Ms. Collins is a lifelong resident of the 36th district, and she is a proud parent, of four boys who all attend the public school system. Ms. Collins is truly committed to community with a desire to improve the quality of life for all.



Many residents have express loss of faith, trust and hope in our system of democracy, in your elected officials.

Your desire to improve the quality of living in this district, your voice is heard by me.

As a mother, I know your family deserves access to quality health care. Our children deserve opportunity for educational success in schools. Our families deserve to be safe in public. This is the time for New Leadership and a New Vision for our community.

As your New York State Senator, My focus is on the success of you and your family in this district. As your neighbor, understanding what matters to you is important to me.

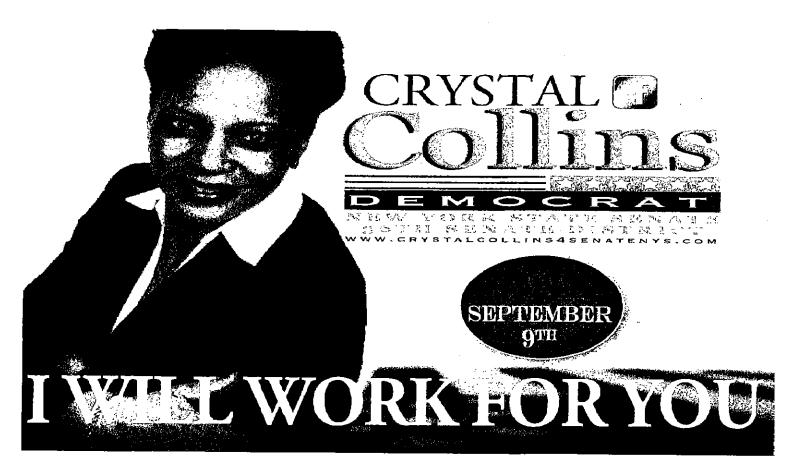
As a healthcare manager of over 20 years I've learned to understand the issues first, and then fix them. I am committed to understanding your concerns, then working for you to improve the quality of your living in the Bronx and Mt. Vernon.

Let's work together! Let's restore trust, faith and hope in this community.

Let's communicate, email me, contribute to my campaign, like me on Facebook and join the movement to improve life in this district.

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Education

College of Mount Saint Vincent, MS HealthCare Systems & Policies College of Mount Saint Vincent, BS Business Interboro, AAS Accounting P.S. 112, John Phillip Sousa JHS and Clinton H.S.

Work Experience

Regional Supervisor/Branch Manager Home Health Care Agency/Community Base Employer Regional Supervisor/Case Manager Early Intervention Program/Special Needs/Manager for Adult/Assisted Living Facility/Customer Relations Management/Supervisor Mental Health Facility

Awards

Bronx Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Community Leader Award

Community Involvement

Mount Vernon Overall Economic Development member Mount Vernon, NY District Leader 37th Westchester County Senior Program Speaker Member Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Bronx, NY Youth Church Director/Youth Advisor. MV4U Active Volunteer, Bridging the Gap MV/BX, Founder Bronx Middle School #370 Past PTA President, Bronx Condominium Past Vice President 83rd District Leader Candidate

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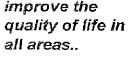
New Leadership, New Vision

More than one in four families is living in poverty in the Bronx. Basic living needs including quality health care, educational success and public safety are impeded. If elected as your New York State Schator, my main focus would be you. My goal is to work for you and improve the quality of life in all areas.

<u>Jobs</u> and the Reanamy

I will work with small business communities and active business associations to promote and strengthen their relationship so that they will work collectively to enhance the quality of life for the business owners and residents within our area. I will fight for more funding to increase the economic growth in the district and increase job opportunities.

Education



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Facts! The Bronx has a high school dropout rate of 31% which is more than double the national average of 15%. Programs are essential to tackle this issue. As your New York State Senator, I will diligently work for our community to bring resources and programs to this area. I am a parent of four and I have a vested interest in the improvement of our schools across the board for both Mount Vernon and the Bronx.

Seniors

I will fight for seniors. My goal is to achieve better access to senior services programs and benefits. Many of our seniors are struggling to make ends meet, suffering from hunger, physical, mental, health and financial hardships.

Housing

I will continue to fight for the availability of affordable housing in our district. I will work with our local officials to develop a plan to meet the tax cap initiative to bring some reprieve to homeowners.

Public Safety

I will work collectively with the community grassroots organizations and the local police to aide in repairing the mistrust and fear that has been imbedded into the minds of our district.

Public Health

Prevention. Prevention. Prevention... is the key. Our district has a high inference of childhood obesity, obesity, diabetes, hypertension and asthma. Preventative programs are imperative to light the rise in these areas.

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