



Candidate Questionnaire
 Local Candidates Committee
 New York City Council Elections 2017

Citizens Union appreciates your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York City and our interest in reforming city and state government. **Please return the questionnaire to us as soon as possible, and no later than June 28th.** Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union uses to evaluate candidates running for the New York City Council, and to issue our preference for the Primary and endorsement for the General Election. Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.

If you seek our support, we will also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. **Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed.**

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, printed voters directory, and other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

Biographical Information

Candidate Name: Tamika Mapp
 Party Affiliation(s): Democrat Age: 41
 Education: BS. Paralegal Studies AS Medical Billing & Coding
 Office Sought (including district): City Council District 8
 Occupation/Employer: Self-employed East Harlem Tax Service

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

City Council (2013) State Assembly (14, 16)
Girl Scout Leader, NWPC-NY

(Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.)

Campaign Contact Information

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Affirmations

Have you completed required campaign finance filings? YES NO
 Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES NO

(Please note: interviews are prerequisites of being considered for Citizens Union endorsements.)

Signature of Candidate:

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Date: July 5, 2017

I. POLICY QUESTIONS

Please state whether you support or oppose the following reform measures, and feel free to 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?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose
2. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose
3. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose
4. 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?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose
5. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

6. 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?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose
7. What is your position on increasing the Campaign Finance Board's public matching grants from a partial match of 55% to a full match of funds raised (Int. 1130-A)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / <input type="radio"/> Oppose

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

8. How do you feel the reformed bill drafting process is going under the enacted 2014 Council Rules Reforms and do you think we need a more independent process similar to New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission?

I feel the process is going great and help to pass some great laws. I do think we need more of an independent process to all bill drafting committees.

22. What is your position on requiring the NYPD to publish a regular report of use of force incidents with data disaggregated by race?

Support / Oppose

BUDGET REFORM

23. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for:
a. the borough presidents?

Support / Oppose

b. Conflicts of Interest Board?

Support / Oppose

c. the public advocate?

Support / Oppose

d. community boards?

Support / Oppose

24. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining and limiting units of appropriation?

Support / Oppose

25. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?

Support / Oppose

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM

26. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough president's report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and make community board appointments?

Support / Oppose

27. 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

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

28. In November, voters in New York will be asked whether they wish to hold a constitutional convention to amend the New York State Constitution. What is your position on holding such a convention?

Support / Oppose

29. If you support the constitutional convention, what actions, if any, will you take to ensure that it takes place? If you oppose the convention, what will you do to defeat it?

I will educate my district on why this will be a bad idea to vote yes to this will be very vocal and lobby my state and City elected colleagues on why we shouldn't be doing this.

30. Last year, Citizens Union helped craft and push for the enactment of a law that placed political contribution limits and disclosure requirements on nonprofits that are formed by, or affiliated with, elected officials, which helped prevent some significant features of an emerging "pay-to-play" culture in New York City. Do you have any other ideas to further limit such a culture and create a better environment where contributions, either personal or political do not unduly influence the actions of elected officials?

I would add no PAC's can give to elected officials in New York City. If a PAC wants to contribute they should have monthly finance disclosures made to the public. It should be made available within 24 hours of any large contribution.

Please use the space provided or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the issues contained in the previous pages. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

II. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, what are 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.

Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient, and to affix additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements. We thank you very much for your response.

TOP FIVE 2017 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. Wage equality - minimum wage workers earn less than \$500 a week. No matter where you live, that's just not enough money to make ends meet. This is about people in our district who show up everyday and work so their employers can make a profit at least, everyone in our district should make \$20 p. hr.
2. Immigration Reform - long-time, law-abiding resident in this district should have an affordable pathway to citizenship and a voice at the ballot.
3. Housing for all - I will protect, expand and demand permanent housing to make sure each resident have a safe & affordable place to call home regardless of their income.
4. Family court Reform - make sure each child can see both sides of their families and making sure our children voices are heard in family court by bringing it to the 21st century.
5. Quality Education for all - Each child should have professional teachers, resources to help them exceed in and out of the classroom. I will help create affordable, quality afterschool programs.

III. ETHICAL REPRESENTATION OF CONSTITUENTS

Citizens Union believes that all New Yorkers deserve to be represented by officials who work for the public interest and honor public trust. With the corruption conviction of recent state legislative leaders, we seek to endorse a candidate who will demonstrate that she/he will honor the full commitment of the oath of office, and will always represent the public interest above all else.

Please tell us how you have and would continue to conduct the political affairs of this office in an upright manner, and restore the public trust in your district.

I believe when a community have resources and feel welcome they stay together. I always will seek the communities input by having committees at the district level to ensure that I'm representing them the way they want me to. By having quarterly Resource fairs to make sure they have everything they need for their families.

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