

CITIZENS UNION
2010 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

ELECTION REFORM

1. What is your position on establishing by statute an Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission charged with drawing congressional and state legislative lines and removing the responsibility from the Legislature, through the passage of S.1614B/A.5279B?
2. What is your position on a process where the legislature directly appoints the members of a districting commission, as in S.7881-A or S.7882-A, as an alternative to the independent commission referred to in Question 1?
3. What is your position on maintaining the current redistricting process in which legislative lines are drawn by the legislators with support and research from the New York State Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR)?
4. What is your position on the adoption of stricter redistricting rules that would ensure that every district is: more equal in population (within 1% deviation from the mean), contiguous and compact, formed without regard for protecting an incumbent or political party, mindful of the need to keep neighborhoods intact, and not drawn to undermine racial, linguistic, and ethnic representation?
5. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the two-party system of governance and operation?
6. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by, for example, lowering signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirements?
7. 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 amendments from appearing on the ballot?
8. What is your position on removing prisoner populations from the census counts for the purpose of redistricting and instead counting those populations in their last known place of residence?
9. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?
10. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

11. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?
12. What is your position on establishing a system of public financing for state legislative and statewide races?
13. If you support public financing, what is your position on a system where public funds are awarded on a matching basis (similar in design and function to the New York City system) rather than a system of full public funding of campaigns?
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?
15. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs, while still allowing such entities to form separate PACs?
16. What is your position on limiting transfers from party committees to candidates, or other committees, to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees to the same ceiling placed on candidates?
17. What is your position on increasing disclosure and reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures by requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution?
18. 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?
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?
20. What is your position on requiring disclosure of independent expenditure campaigns?

ETHICS REFORM

21. What is your position on changing the representation of the Commission on Public Integrity so no one elected official makes a majority of the appointments?
22. What is your position on expanding the jurisdiction of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity to include legislative ethics violations, lobbying and campaign finance enforcement?

BUDGET REFORM

23. What is your position on requiring all budget documents, including budget bills and legislative additions, to be presented in a format that is organized into programmatic categories and facilitates public and legislative review?
24. What is your position on requiring the governor's budget submission to present the full scope of the state's financial obligations, including its public authorities?
25. What is your position on establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage in long term, multi-year budget planning?
26. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?
27. What is your position on requiring regular reporting of lump-sum appropriations and member items that includes detailed information on funds distributed, recipients, and remaining funds and bans on member item appropriations to organizations of which a close relative of the Member is on the staff or board?
28. What is your position on distributing member item allocations equally amongst all legislators and requiring for greater accountability as expressed in S.7007/A.10116?
29. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?
30. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?
31. What is your position on mandating the use of conference committees in the legislative budget process?

ADDITIONAL REFORM

32. Do you support a system of selecting New York trial court judges through an appointment process in which candidates are recommended by citizens committees on the basis of merit?
33. Do you support further reform of the Wicks Law, which requires New York State government entities to award separate prime contracts for the major components of a construction project?

Key For Questionnaire Response Grid

Citizens Union endorsed candidate in bold. *Italicized candidates preferred in primary.*

^ = Incumbent Legislator

S = Support

O = Oppose

N/A = No answer or undecided

* = Nuanced answer



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S28/Serrano	^	D, WF	S	N/A	N/A	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
S33/Rivera, G.		D, WF	S	S	O	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
S34/Klein	^	D, I, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
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A76/Rivera, P.	^	D, WF	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	S	S	O	O	N/A	O	S	N/A	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	N/A	S	S	O	S	O	S	
A80/Goodman		C	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	O	O	N/A	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	S
A81/Dinowitz	^	D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	O	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	
A81/McLaughlin		R, C	S	O	O	S	S	O	S	S	S	O	O	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	N/A	S	N/A	S	
A83/McManus		C	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	N/A	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	
A86/Castro	^	D, I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
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S18/Montgomery^		D, WF	S	N/A	N/A	S	O	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	O	N/A	S	S	O	N/A	O	N/A	
S20/Adams	^	D, WF	S	O	O	S	*	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
S22/DiSanto		D, WF	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
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A41/Bellone		R, C	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	S	O	S	S	O	N/A	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S
A42/Kesler		R	S	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	
A44/Brennan	^	D	O	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	O	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	
A49/Cipriano		R, C	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	
A50/Lentol	^	D	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S		
A51/Ortiz	^	D, WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
A52/Millman	^	D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	*	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
A57/Jeffries	^	D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
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S26/Krueger	^	D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
S28/Girodes		R	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	O	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	S		
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S31/Espallat	^ D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A65/Kellner	^ D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	
A65/Zumbluskas	R, I	*	O	O	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	O	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	*	N/A	S	S	N/A	N/A				
A68/Rodriguez	D	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
A68/Ruiz	D, WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
A71/Farrell Jr.	^ D	O	O	S	N/A	O	O	S	S	O	N/A	O	*	N/A	O	O	O	*	S	N/A	S	O	N/A	N/A	S	N/A	O	N/A	O	N/A	S	N/A	O	N/A	O	N/A		
A72/Linares	D, WF	S	O	O	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
A73/Bing	^ D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
A73/Niehaus	R, I	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
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S12/Gianaris	^ D, WF	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
S13/LaSalle	R, C, I	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
S13/Peralta	^ D, WF	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S15/Addabbo	^ D, I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	
S16/Stavisky	^ D, I, WF	S	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	
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