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CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2009

Citizens Union would appreciate your responses to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and the citizens 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. In order to receive Citizens Union's "preferred" or "endorsed" status, in addition to completing the questionnaire, candidates must participate in an interview with Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee.

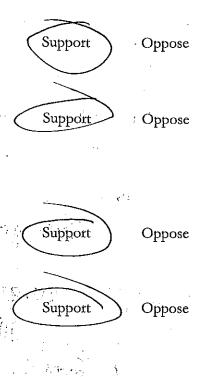
We thank you very much for your response.
Candidate Name: Evergreen C. Chou Age: 48
Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Council District #: 20
Campaign Address: 41-34 Frame Pl. #5K
Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 961-1515 Fax: (718) 961-1515
Party Affiliation(s): Green Campaign Manager Name: Paystar Chow
Website & Email: www. myspace. am/evenneer_chon; evergreen 188 ogman.com Education: Bachelon of Science
Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Whrashum Technician
Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Neighburhow Advisory Bland #
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES NO
Signature of Candidate: Green C. Chan Date: 7-27. D

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 allowing voters who are registered as independents to vote in party primaries?
- 2. What is your position on passage of state legislation that would allow referenda initiated by the City Council and/or the public to appear on the ballot at the same time as a referendum initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor?
- 3. What is your position on increasing the pay of Election Day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event?
- 4. What is your position on restructuring New York's current board of elections model to eliminate political party responsibility for overall election administration and replace it with a system that narrows political party involvement to certification of candidate petitions and the actual counting of votes?
- 5. What is your position on having an election administration system where there is a local elections executive director appointed by the mayor upon recommendation by a new board that is chosen by the mayor and the city council?



CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

6. What is your position on implementing "war chest" restrictions that would prohibit a candidate from transferring funds raised in a previous election cycle into a current campaign committee for a different office?

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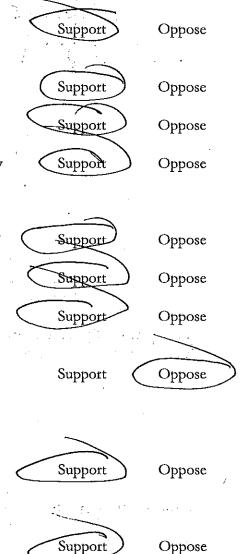
7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot proposals?

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CITY COUNCIL REFORM

- 8. What is your position on allowing Council committees to function more independently of the speaker than is presently the case?
 - a. Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs?
 - b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?
 - c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?
- 9. What is your position on:
 - a. limiting councilmembers' ability to earn outside income?
 - b. making the job of councilmember a full-time position?
 - c. eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions?
- 10. What is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation not affect those serving in the current term of the council and only be applied prospectively to the following term?
- 11. What is your position on consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees?
- 12. What is your position on term limits for elected officials?
- 13. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that changes to term limits may only be approved by the voters?



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14. What is your position on the recent extension of term limits for the city's elected officials to three consecutive four-year terms? Please explain your answer.

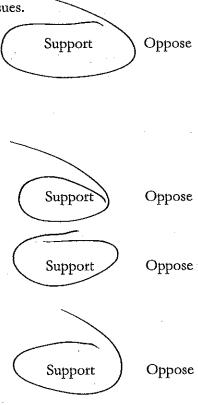
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POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

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.

- 15. Knowing that the police department and commissioner retain ultimate authority for determining whether an officer is guiltily and penalty, what is your position on transferring power to the Civilian Complaint Review Board to prosecute cases of police misconduct, such as force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and offensive language?
- 16. What is your position on changing the current land use process under ULURP to increase the role of community-based planning?
- 17. What is your position regarding the creation of a Charter Revision Commission to review specifically the roles of the various offices of government and how well government has functioned since the 1988 and 1989 charter review commissions?
- 18. What is your position on reforming the current pension funding structure to create multiple tiers for future city government employees?



	a.	In FY 2008-09, New York City spent \$12 billion on pensions and fringe benefits for City employees out of a total budget of \$62 billion. What would you do to address the growing pension costs borne by the city and New York City tax payers?	
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is less reliant on Wall Street. What is your position on such a plan? If you support it, what
would you do to diversify the city's economy? How would you adjust spending in New York City to accommodate the anticipated reduction in tax revenue as the tax base shifts
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24. Many policy advocates champion the creation of a more diversified economy, and one that