



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: ANGELO MARAGOS Age: 24

Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Council District #: 26

Campaign Address: 44-61 23rd St. Fl. 3 LIC, NY 11101

Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 994 4127 Fax: () _____

Party Affiliation(s): Republican Campaign Manager Name: Paula Hostetter

Website & Email: www.electangelo.com, electangelo@gmail.com

Education: The Cooper Union, Bachelors of Engineering

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): -

Business Analyst - Credit Suisse

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES NO

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES NO

(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Preferred Candidate" and "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed. We will make every effort to interview candidates in each race for City Council.)

Signature of Candidate: Angelo Maragos Date: 7/12/2009

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

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| 1. What is your position with respect to allowing voters who are registered as independents to vote in party primaries? | Support | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Oppose |
| 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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support | Oppose |
| 3. What is your position on increasing the pay of Election Day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support | Oppose |
| 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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support | Oppose |
| 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? | Support | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Oppose |

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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| 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? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support | Oppose |
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7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot proposals? Support Oppose

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

8. What is your position on allowing Council committees to function more independently of the speaker than is presently the case? Support Oppose

a. Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs? Support Oppose

b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs? Support Oppose

c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members? Support Oppose

9. What is your position on:

a. limiting councilmembers' ability to earn outside income? Support Oppose

b. making the job of councilmember a full-time position? Support Oppose

c. eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions? Support Oppose

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? Support Oppose

11. What is your position on consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees? Support Oppose

12. What is your position on term limits for elected officials? Support Oppose

13. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that changes to term limits may only be approved by the voters? Support Oppose

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.

Support

Oppose

Five horizontal lines for writing an answer.

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 guilty 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?

Support

Oppose

16. What is your position on changing the current land use process under ULURP to increase the role of community-based planning?

Support

Oppose

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?

Support

Oppose

18. What is your position on reforming the current pension funding structure to create multiple tiers for future city government employees?

Support

Oppose

- 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?

- 19. What is your position with respect to the City Council passing a resolution calling upon the State Legislature to establish a State Constitutional Convention? Support Oppose

- a. If support, what are the three most important areas that need improvement?

- b. Do you believe that greater home rule should be granted to the City of New York? If so, in what areas should further sovereignty be given?

- 20. Taking into consideration the lessons learned from the debates surrounding congestion pricing and the Ravitch Commission's recommendations to provide the MTA with long-term funding, what would you propose to address the MTA's fiscal solvency issues and ensure that the burden for funding the MTA is equitably distributed among all stakeholders?

24. Many policy advocates champion the creation of a more diversified economy, and one that 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 to lower paying jobs?

25. What would you propose the Department of Education do to increase the ability for parents and teachers to become more meaningfully involved in the education system? What other positives changes can be made to the New York City public school system?

26. What would you propose to increase the transparency of the Board of Elections in the City of New York's operations and accountability to the city and its voters?

27. What would you propose to further enhance transparency regarding the relationships between council members, their families, and nonprofits that receive funding from New York City?



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 2009 CAMPAIGN PROMISES

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5. _____

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New York City Council Election 2009**

Additional Responses:

14. I strongly oppose the recent extension of term limits to three consecutive four-year terms. This was a clear circumvention of the will of the people of New York City who have twice voted in favor of current term-limits. An issue so fundamental to our democracy should have been returned to the people for judgment.
18.
 - a. I would propose that city pensions should be no more generous than the average of private industry pensions.
19.
 - b. Yes, I do believe greater home rule should be granted to the City of New York. Two recent examples are the approval of raising the sales tax and extending mayoral control over education.
20. Urban public transportation should be a national priority and should be subsidized by the federal government.
21. I propose that each council committee have a direct role in the budget process and should examine, refine, and vote on the budgets for the agencies it oversees.
22. Tax revenue surpluses should be used in the best interest of the city – first to pay future debt obligations or left unspent and retained in reserves.
23. There is a widening disparity between taxes paid by New Yorkers and the value that is received in city services. New Yorkers are generally dissatisfied with the city's quality of service. There should be no further tax increases and our government should be streamlined to be made smaller and more efficient.
24. I support the introduction of Green industry as well as scientific and engineering research. As urban centers such as New York City experience significant population growth, the need for sustainable environmental practices coupled with transportation and operational innovation will be paramount. New York City ought to be a leader in these regards and our economy must evolve accordingly.
25. I propose that parent-teacher advisory committees be afforded more influence and be given representation on the Department of Education's leadership team. Other positive changes for New York City public schools include raising academic achievement standards, controlling class sizes, and improving facilities and learning resources.

27. I propose that additional and more comprehensive conflict of interest affidavits be required and that council members' financial activity be more closely monitored and audited.

Top Five Campaign Promises Being Made in 2009

1. Reform city government – use tax payer dollars wisely.
2. Bring new jobs to the district.
3. Enable small business growth.
4. Provide better access to healthcare in the district.
5. Improve education.

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Mr. Maragos is currently a Business Analyst in Commodities at Credit Suisse. He holds a Bachelors of Engineering from The Cooper Union in New York. As an undergraduate he held various elected positions including Chairman of the Student Council and Student Representative on the university Board of Trustees. Mr. Maragos is credited for leading efforts to raise the largest senior class donation in Cooper Union's history. He was born, raised, and educated in the New York Area.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Credit Suisse Group, New York, NY Business Analyst & Engineer - Commodities Trading and Marketing	July 2007 - Present
SDS Financial Technologies, New York, NY Engineering Intern	May - Aug 2006
M.A.A. Construction, Long Island City, NY Assistant Project Manager	June - Sept 2005
Securities Dealing Systems, Inc. New York, NY Engineering Assistant	June - Sept 2004

EDUCATION

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art, New York, NY - The Albert Nerken School of Engineering, - Four-year, full-tuition scholarship - Bachelor of Engineering degree concentrating in Electrical Engineering - 1 st Place, IEEE Student Paper Contest - Student Service Award	2003 - 2007
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ACTIVITIES

The Cooper Union - Chairman, Engineering Student Council - Student Representative, Board of Trustees - Student Representative, Engineering Curriculum Committee - Student Representative, Senior Council - Led fundraising efforts resulting in largest class donation in school history

PERSONAL DATA

- Marital Status: Single
- Date of Birth: May 2, 1985
- Place of Birth: Staten Island, NY