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.

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Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Council District #: 39
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Party Affiliation(s): Republican Campaign Manager Name: (same)
Website & Email: www.joenardello.com joe@joenardello.com
Education: BA, Journalism from NYU, Washington Sq., Arts & Science
School of Visual Arts, Advertising & Art Direction
Currently, 6 yrs with Blumberg (Julie Blumberg founded the Citizens Union, aff) & HT
Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:
(Private citizen) — always lend a hand with PTA local children/ baseball, etc.) Taught children at drama H.S.

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU’s Local Candidates Committee? YES X NO
Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES X 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: [Signature] Date: 8/24/09

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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.

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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. 

Firstly, there's a "controversy essentially that voters understand — an agreement that two terms were the limit. Because the incumbents are well-known, and in some cases QUITE GOOD and EFFECTIVE (like Mayor Bloomberg and Bk. Mark Markowitz) we can maintain strong leadership. But, the way we arrived — should have been by another [11/08] referendum.

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?

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?
Where does the NY State Lottery go?

Connecticut, the TAP, and let them close each other's books.

Dissolve the MTA, create a public entity for oversight and shatter support from Albany.

Still has to complain New York and rural funds

Sovereignty is the guiding worldview. Representation is usually decided by a majority of votes — only factions

New York was the first state in the union — why start from scratch?

3) Transit-oriented redo; design and plan along the lines of New York.

4) Transport sessions and workshops — law and order

5) Transit-oriented redo; design and plan along the lines of New York.

6) Public sessions and workshops — law and order

10. What is your position with respect to the City Council's passing of a resolution calling upon the State Legislature to establish a State Constitutional Convention?

Support

Oppose

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My message to our friends after the terrorist attacks:

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21. What would you propose in terms of creating a greater role for the city council in determining and deciding the city budget?

The council already has significant budgetary roles — in the examination, point by point, of budgets/plans, etc. Effective decision making through the budgeting/approval process needs critical analysis at the start.

22. What is your position regarding the City’s past practice of using surplus tax revenues to pay down future health cost and pension obligations, and the decision not to do so this year?

It’s a recession, and theAlign. candidates are better equipped to answer this. I believe that we need to cut/trim/slowly restrict revenues/engagements — I can see the sense in this, but my answer is off-hand. Honestly.

23. What is your view of how the taxes paid by New Yorkers compare to the value that is received in City services? Do you believe that taxes should be raised or lowered? To the extent you believe taxes should be changed, please provide specific proposals about what taxes you would raise and what services you would cut, if you didn’t raise taxes, listed in order of greatest magnitude.

1) Budgeting Review, especially in a downturn economy, has to be thorough — not with just, but with

inspection of overall cost. Entire agencies escape scrutiny, like D.C.T., with millions or projects like "bus islands" in Lower Broadway that waste $300,000. We cut five times, yet allow candidates to expand services at a moment’s notice by "embarking on new ideas" or "pursue more ideas (â€¢ $100 million) why?"

2) Why is there Verrazano Bridge â€¢ Tolls...
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?

1) Get involved with PTAs, Lead-Teacher Teams, etc.
2) Stop expecting parents, you get what you put in
3) Increase school sizes, we can try over-crowding
4) Teach the parents — give children their space and
   confers at home to learn, parent-teacher confers need to be
   responsibily, too

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?

   - The correct and updated voter registration numbers.
   - Examination of candidates by the BOE. (criminal background, etc.)
   - Result on their websites. (city websites)
   - Censorship, fines, etc.
   - Eliminate salaries, immediately if does discovery.
Breakthrough campaign for anyone that wants strong representation — but not a "politician."

This candidate embodies our citizens' collective experience — and frustration with politicians and what moves them. As a lifelong private citizen that's witnessed what's effective — and what's lacking — in our local government, Joe Nordello is pledged to "make an honest difference."

This campaign is 100% about the common purpose that our representatives should carry. Backroom dealing, endearments, the game with quick pro quo, etc., — what we all know as today's "politicians." Don't affect this 47 year old.

I'm not running for self-aggrandizement.

The not lived a life designed with an "eye" on someday taking an office. Yet there's enough of experience in my background — of service for 2 mayors on complete opposite sides of the "political spectrum." That can be put to excellent use in public service.

Doing a Becerra/Tent will entertain a real year in October — we've put forth an independent, unbiased angel, unprejudiced, honest candidate, and option. Now, you can never say there's "no such thing" anymore.
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

1. 100% about Public service (a representative, not a politician).
2. Focus on economy, economic development (linked with everyone).
3. Reducing fees, tolls; contracting the MTA, control your authority.
4. Slowed car traffic; cleaner, safer, brighter streets.
5. Your representation equally, without restriction of political influence – a completely independent councilman, working for residents, not for re-election.

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