



2013 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and residents 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.

If you seek our support, we would also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. We will not automatically schedule an interview with you if you return this questionnaire, as we prioritize competitive races and resources constrain us from evaluating all races. Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed. We thank you very much for your response.

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Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Candidate for City Council, 5th District

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: David Garland for New York Senate, 2012

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

(Please note: Citizens Union can only grant its support to candidates we have interviewed. If you would like to be interviewed, please follow up with Citizens Union staff, as resources constrain us from interviewing every candidate.)

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES NO _____

Signature of Candidate: David Garland Date: 9/20/13

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 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?	Support
2. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices? (Int. No. 1066)	Support
3. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No. 721)	Support
4. What is your position on requiring city agencies to report the number of applicants that they register to vote as required by current law (Int. No. 760)?	Support
5. What is your position on transmitting electronically voter registration information collected by city agencies to the Board of Elections in the City of New York?	Support
6. 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? (Int. No. 778)	Support
7. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?	Support
8. What is your position on expanding the Voter Guide published by the Campaign Finance Board to cover all races occurring in New York City, such as state and federal contests, and providing the opportunity for voters to receive the guide electronically rather than in print form? (Int. No. 769)	Support

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

9. What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?	Support
10. What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?	Support
11. 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?	Support

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

12. What is your position on creating a bill drafting service independent of the Speaker's Office, similar to the New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission?	Support
13. What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker :	
a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire at least one committee staffer?	Support
b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?	Support
c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	Support
d. Should the number of overall committees be reduced so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	Support
14. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?	Support
15. What is your position on limiting stipends or "lulus" to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions?	Support
16. When the Quadrennial Compensation Commission is reconvened, what is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation only apply prospectively to the following term?	Support

17. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?	Support
18. What is your position on increasing transparency of discretionary funding by requiring the list of capital and expense funds and their sponsors be provided to councilmembers and the public three days in advance of any vote, and expanding the online searchable database of expense funds to include all capital fund recipients and applicants?	Support

PUBLIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

19. What is your position on reducing the frequency of stop, question and frisks by conducting stops more judiciously?	Support
20. What is your position on establishing the Commission to Combat Police Corruption (CCPC) as a permanent commission in the City Charter while empowering the CCPC to issue subpoenas?	Support
21. What is your position on enhancing the Civilian Complaint Review Board's (CCRB) authority to initiate an investigation into reported or known incidents of police misconduct without receipt of a formal complaint?	Support
22. What is your position on granting the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) with the authority to prosecute officers found guilty of lying during CCRB investigations?	Support
23. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support

BUDGET REFORM

24. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for:	Support
a. the borough presidents?	
b. Conflicts of Interest Board?	Support
c. the public advocate ?	Support
d. community boards?	Support
25. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining units of appropriation and limiting their size?	Support

26. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	Support
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LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM

27. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough presidents report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and make community board appointments? (Int. No. 913)	Support
28. 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

Additional Comments:

I thoroughly support Citizens Union reform agenda with respect to elections, accountability, budgeting and reform. I believe on a very foundational level, that the starting point needs to be a shift in perspective of what public office is about: it is about being a servant of the public first and foremost, not to serve the interests of the elected official. It is about sacrifice of that individual for the needs of the community he/she seeks to represent. Initiatives that serve to direct public servants toward this perspective are working toward the greater good.

As a longtime resident of New York City, and a member of a minority party, I also am in a unique position to identify how inequitable the system really has become, and how that inequity builds upon itself. The fact that 47 of 51 seats in the City Council are held by one party is not healthy for the City of New York, and I would say the same thing regardless of what party held 92% of the seats. This is a recipe for groupthink, patronage, stifled debate, and ultimately bad policy. It also serves to show how stacked the system is for incumbents and the dominant incumbent party. Monopoly in any context breeds corruption, apathy, laziness and suppresses the emergence of bold, new ideas.

Although I support the Citizens Union policy proposal of eliminating primaries and making elections non-partisan, in practice I think this will be hard to implement. Though not necessarily a good practice, people find party categories useful because the label removes the onus on them to evaluate the candidate's policies. Even if the party label were removed, I believe an informal "party labeling" would still occur and people would vote based on these informal labels instead. This would eliminate

party vetting, but still produce candidates loosely lumped together based on the interest group labeling them. I think that the funding of candidates would still occur based on these party labels, even if New York abolished party labels on the ballot. That said, I still support the idea as I believe it moves us in the right direction, and it forces voters to become more familiar with a candidate's policies rather than making policy assumptions solely based on party labels (which are becoming less and less effective as policy stance indicators over time).

With respect to public safety and police initiatives, I support ensuring that any misconduct is routed out, but I would stand against any policy proposals that inhibit the police from conducting their work efficiently. As Citizens Union recognizes, New York has become one of the safest cities in America, and this is due to good policy and hard work by New York's finest. Preventing the police from effectively performing their jobs is not good for maintaining this trend, or for the morale of the police force who put their lives at risk to keep our city safe.

As a CPA, an MBA, and having worked in government reform in many contexts, I am well aware of how budgets are manipulated to feed the interests of those holding the most seniority and power. Leveraging the internet to break down the walls that protect these inequitable interests, and maximizing transparency should also be integral to the culture of all public servants. Anytime a public servant makes a budget decision, the litmus test should be whether that decision would pass public scrutiny. It is, after all, the public's money. The more policy and budget information is made publicly available, the more informed the public, and the less the risk of abuse of power.

II. 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 2013 CAMPAIGN PROMISES

1. Put an end to the Waste Transfer Station initiative at Asphalt Green, and work to eliminate Waste Transfer Stations in all residential areas.
2. Provide relief for small businesses along 2nd Avenue.
3. Provide relief for school overcrowding in the District.
4. Relieve congestion and parking constraints for taxpaying residents on the Upper East Side via a zoned street parking permit program.
5. Work toward a less partisan and more equitable election system in New York City.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee
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