



**CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
ELECTION 2007**

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to Council and election reform policy issues facing the City of New York. We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire on our website and in other appropriate venues.

Citizens Union will also be using your answers to guide the process of evaluating candidates for this office and to assist us in determining whether to issue a candidate "endorsement."

We thank you very much for your response.

Candidate Name: _____ Mohammad "Moe" Razvi _____

District/Borough: __40th City Council in Brooklyn _____

Campaign Address: __1083 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn NY 11230 _____

Campaign Telephone Number: (347) 627-5607 _____ Fax: (347) 627-5608 _____ (zip)

Party Affiliation(s): _____

Campaign Manager: _____ Ron Basci _____

Website & Email: __voteformoe@gmail.com _____

Education: __Brooklyn college _____

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): __Executive Director of Council of Peoples Organization _____

Previous Offices and

Campaigns: __None _____

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES
(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed.)

Signature of Candidate: __Mohammad Razvi _____ Date: __ February 2, 2007

VOTING ELECTIONS AND REFORMS

1. Do you support allowing independents to vote in party primaries? NO

Comments: _____

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2. Do you support allowing non citizen immigrants the right to vote in municipal elections? NO

Comments: _____

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3. Do you support the passage of state legislation that would allow for other charter measures to appear on the ballot at the same time when there is a charter reform proposal initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor? NO

Comments: _____

4. Do you support increasing the pay of election day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event? YES

Comments: _____

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

5. Do you support stricter requirements on the dispersal of campaign finance matching funds to candidates that face non-competitive challengers? YES

Comments: _____

6. Do you support limiting the influence of those doing business with the city by restricting campaign contributions from these entities? YES

Comments: _____

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7. Do you support a ban on the transfer of funds that were raised in a previous election cycle into a current account? YES

Comments: _____

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8. Do you support allowing public campaign financing for charter proposals? YES

Comments: _____

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9. Do you support lowering the campaign contribution limit for City Council candidates from the current \$2750 for those that voluntarily participate in the city's campaign finance program? NO

Comments: _____

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10. Do you support lowering the expenditure limit for City Council candidates that voluntarily participate in the city's campaign finance program? YES

Comments: **By allowing the current contribution limit but lowering the current expenditure limit, I believe that candidates with less resources can remain competitive. For example, if such a candidate could raise the maximum through a few people the spending limit would allow him/her to be competitive.**

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

11. Do you support allowing Council committees to function more independently of the Speaker than is presently the case? YES
- Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs? YES
 - Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs? YES
 - Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members? NO

Comments: _____

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12. Do you support eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions? YES

Comments: **At the present time with the Council legally a part time position I support a limitation but not elimination of stipends.**

13. Do you support consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees? YES

Comments: I believe a more stream line structure would be more beneficial to the public.

14. Do you support keeping Council term limits in place for two consecutive four year terms? If not, why, and what do you propose? YES

Comments: _____

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Policy Issues of Importance

15. Do you support keeping in place the current property tax rate? If not, what do you propose? YES

Comments: _____

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16. Do you support establishing mandatory inclusionary zoning standards and requirements for all new residential development projects? If so, what should be the minimum percentage set aside for low income households? YES

Comments: ___30% or more.

17. Do you support the use of eminent domain to seize private property to allow for development of projects like the basketball arena in downtown Brooklyn? YES

Comments: ___ **In those instances that it will directly benefit the community and the processes is done in a open public manner.** ___

18. Do you support increasing the limit on the number of charter schools permissible by law? YES

Comments: _____

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**Additional
Comments:** _____
