

## 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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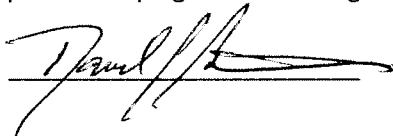
Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

RAN FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 IN 2005 - DID NOT OBTAIN BALLOT STATUS. FORMER PRESIDENT OF NYRC

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:  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**

<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT. *SEE ATTACHED COMMENTS</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>
<p>3. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No. 721)</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>
<p>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)?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT !!!</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Support/Oppose SUPPORT IF LEGALLY PERMITTED</p>

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

9. What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?	Support/Oppose <i>SEE ATTACHED</i>
10. What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?	Support/Oppose <i>SUPPORT COMMENTS</i>
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/Oppose <i>FOR THESE QUESTIONS</i>

**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?	<i>SUPPORT</i> Support/Oppose
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/Oppose <i>SUPPORT</i>
b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?	Support/Oppose <i>SUPPORT</i>
c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	Support/Oppose <i>SEE ATTACHED</i>
d. Should the number of overall committees be reduced so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	Support/Oppose <i>OPPOSE</i>
14. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?	Support/Oppose <i>OPPOSE See attached</i>
15. What is your position on limiting stipends or "lulus" to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions?	Support/Oppose <i>OPPOSE</i>
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/Oppose <i>SUPPORT</i>

17. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?	Support/Oppose <i>SUPPORT</i>
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/Oppose <i>SUPPORT</i>

**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/Oppose <i>SUPPORT</i>
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/Oppose <i>OPPOSE</i> <i>SEE ATTACHED</i>
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/Oppose <i>OPPOSE</i> <i>SEE ATTACHED</i>
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/Oppose <i>OPPOSE</i>
23. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support/Oppose <i>OPPOSE</i>

**BUDGET REFORM**

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



### Voting and Elections Reform

1. I support switching to a non-partisan election system and would even draft a compromise if changing our entire municipal elections system does not gain a majority. My compromise would be to move Public Advocate, Borough Presidents and District Attorneys (if possible) all in the off-odd year (2015, 2019) since these offices can be described more as non-partisan positions. All New York city residents would now have citywide elections every year and provide mid-term campaigns if current elected officials are not living up to their campaign promises. It would also give New Yorkers still skeptical of non-partisan elections a chance to experience how the system works with offices that do not require partisanship.

### Campaign Finance Reform

9. There are various types of "lobbyists" so to single out a particular lobbying organization over another is at odds of the First Amendment. If a union can lobby a candidate and a good government group can lobby a candidate, we either allow limited options of matching for all lobbying groups or we simply remove matching entirely for any dollar raised not by an individual.

10. I support the ban.

11. I oppose prohibiting a candidate's right to use consultation from a lobbying service. This sounds as if it is at odds with the First Amendment and if I do not define lobbying as 100% bad, then to restrict legal use is un-American. I would support rules that increase fines for services that may conflict with fair competition.

### City Council Reform

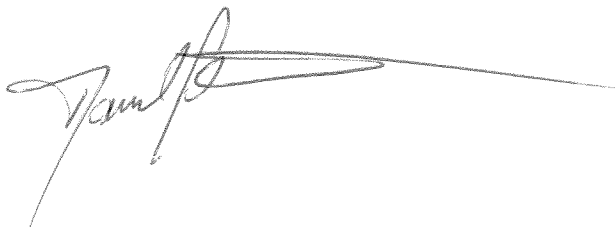
13 c. from the face of this question, I would oppose a committee to be permitted to witch-hunt, so I'll support the committee's power to request a subpoena be issued, but I am skeptical of allowing the return of McCarthy in New York City government.

14. Anyone who does business with the city or receives income from agencies that do business with the city already has to provide disclosure and I support disclosure of certain types of income from our elected officials, but I still believe in a degree of privacy for an individual even if elected to public office.

### Public Safety and Oversight of Police Misconduct

20. With the city council passing Intro No. 1079 and the installation of an Inspector General, I see no reason to continue with the CCPC. All of its responsibilities can now be permanent under the new Inspector General.

21. I current say oppose, because I need more information on the CCRB's authority.



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## 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. REVIEW EVERY AGENCY FOR CONSOLIDATION OR COLLAPSE
2. DRAFT LEGISLATION EXEMPTING SMALL BIZ FROM INCOMETAX IF BUSINESS CONTRIBUTES PERCENT OF REVENUE IN COMMUNITY WORKS
3. SHIFT PUBLIC ADVOCATE & BP'S TO NON PARTISAN ELECTIONS
4. MAKE THE 32 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ELECTED IN NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS
5. PROPOSE "PARENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT BY EDUCATION" [PAGE] BILL ALLOWING PARENTS MORE CONTROL OF THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee  
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Call us at 212-227-0342 with any questions.