



**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: Leithland Rickie Tulloch

District/Borough: 40<sup>th</sup> Council District , Brooklyn

Campaign Address: 43 Erasmus Street 1A

Brooklyn, NY 11226 (zip)

Campaign Telephone Number: (718 ) 462-2519 Fax: ( 501 ) 644-9924

Party Affiliation(s): Special Election –Visionary, Otherwise -Democrat

Campaign Manager: Esther Tross

Website & Email: LRTULLOCH@aol.com

Education: MA-Economics and BSc –Accounting from Brooklyn College

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Sr. Associate Director, Internal Audits– Queens Health Network

Previous Offices and

Campaigns: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed.)*

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING ELECTIONS AND REFORMS**

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

**Comments:** Allowing Independents to vote in party primaries could negatively impact and decrease the members ability to select a candidate of their choice

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

**Comments:** Only residents with Legal Permanent status

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? YES NO  
X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you support increasing the pay of election day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event? YES NO  
X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 NO  
X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you support limiting the influence of those doing business with the city by restricting campaign contributions from these entities? YES NO  
X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_ **This would prevent conflict of interest** \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you support a ban on the transfer of funds that were raised in a previous election cycle into a current account? YES NO X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Do you support allowing public campaign financing for charter proposals? YES NO X

**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? YES NO  
X

**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 NO  
X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CITY COUNCIL REFORM**

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

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| 12. Do you support eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions? | YES | NO |
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| 13. Do you support consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees? | YES | NO | X |
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**Comments:**        **I believe the Subcommittee are necessary to ensure fair hearings.** \_\_\_\_\_

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| 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 | NO |
|  | X   |    |

**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 NO  
X

**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 NO  
X

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_ I believe 30-35% should be set aside for low and moderate income residents \_\_\_\_\_

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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 NO

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Only in extraordinary circumstances where the benefit of the overall population clearly outweighs that of the individual** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_ **No - I believe that greater emphasis should be made to address the problems affecting the Public school system** \_\_\_\_\_

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