

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.

Candidate Name: Jumaane D. Williams

Age: 37

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Party Affiliation(s): Democrat

Campaign Manager Name: Rance Huff

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Education: Bachelor's Degree, Brooklyn College; Master's Degree in Urban Policy and Administration, Brooklyn College.

Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office): Elected in 2009.

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Executive Director, New York State Tenants & Neighbors; Housing Director, Flatbush Development Corporation; Interim Executive Director, Flatbush East Community Development Corporation; Assistant Director, Greater Flatbush Beacon School.

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: 7/9/13

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 I'm interested in learning more about this.</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 I'm interested in learning more about this.</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</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 I am the prime sponsor of this legislation.</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</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</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 I'm interested in learning more about this.</p>
<p>8. What is your position on expanding the Voter Guide</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>

<p>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>	
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

<p>9. What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose Contributions bundled by lobbyists may be from people who otherwise would be eligible for matching.</p>
<p>10. What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose I’m interested in learning more about this.</p>
<p>13. What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker :</p>	
<p>a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire at least one committee staffer?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose</p>
<p>b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose I would like to know more about how this currently works.</p>

c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	Support/Oppose
d. Should the number of overall committees be reduced so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	Support/Oppose
14. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?	Support/Oppose
15. What is your position on limiting stipends or "lulus" to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions?	Support/ Oppose
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 would like to discuss this further.
17. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?	Support/Oppose
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'm interested in learning more about this.

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
20. What is your position on establishing the Commission to Combat Police Corruption (CCPC) as a permanent commission in the City Charter while	Support/Oppose

empowering the CCPC to issue subpoenas?	
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 This does not address fundamental flaws with the CCRB.
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
23. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support/Oppose I'm interested in learning more about this.

BUDGET REFORM

24. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for:	Support/Oppose
a. the borough presidents?	
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
26. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	Support/Oppose

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	Support/Oppose
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<p>which they advertise and make community board appointments? (Int. No. 913)</p>	
<p>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?</p>	<p>Support/Oppose I have some logistical concerns with this idea.</p>

Additional Comments:

Citizens Union is adding a new element to its evaluation of incumbents running for re-election. In addition to evaluating their stances on the issues above, Citizens Union will assess incumbents on how well they kept the promises they made to voters during the previous election.

As an elected official who is seeking re-election,

- a. What were the top five promises you made to your constituents when you ran for your current position and what progress have you made to keep those promises, and why and why not have you met them?
- b. What are your top five campaign promises you are making to the voters during this campaign for this position?

We thank you very much for your response. Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient.

Because I make a specific point of not issuing promises, I am putting forward my campaign priorities.

**TOP FIVE CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES FROM YOUR MOST RECENT CAMPAIGN
AND ACTION ON THEM**

1. Affordable housing, renters' rights and foreclosures: I have continually lobbied for reform of our state's rent regulation laws, advocated for fair rents in front of the Rent Guidelines Board, hosted housing forums to empower my constituents, worked to improve conditions at local housing developments and put resources toward construction of affordable housing units.
2. Youth services: I helped start a youth group (Students Taking Action Today-S.T.A.T.) out of my office, allocated millions of dollars in the budget towards youth programming, playgrounds and libraries, held events to direct young people towards positive resources, fought for restoration of SYEP and Beacon funding,
3. Education: I have funded millions of dollars in improvements to my schools as well as technology improvements through participatory budgeting, created unique educational opportunities to stimulate cross-cultural dialogue, advocated for greater parent involvement and closing the achievement gap for students of more color and those with disabilities, fought against school closures and forced co-locations and called for smaller class sizes as well as the end of mayoral control.

4. Senior citizens: I have directed millions of dollars toward senior centers to provide enrichment, hosted holiday concerts and parties, coordinated free trips to local events, held health fairs to advance wellness education and advocated for the protection of SCRIE and increased senior center funding on the citywide level.

5. Public safety: I have funded security cameras and park lighting through participatory budgeting, helped to form a community observation patrol in Community Board 17, mobilized residents around awareness of local crime issues, driven passage of the landmark Community Safety Act to raise police accountability, fought against firehouse closures, held anti-violence marches as well as Safe Surrender and gun buyback events, co-chaired the Task Force to Combat Gun Violence and supported greater use of community policing.

TOP FIVE 2013 CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

1. Education

2. Immigration

3. Housing

4. Public Safety

5. Government Reform

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