



Candidate Questionnaire  
Local Candidates Committee  
NYS Legislative Elections 2018

Citizens Union appreciates your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York State, and our interest in reforming state government. **Please return the questionnaire to us as soon as possible, and no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.** Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union uses to evaluate candidates running for the New York State Legislature, and to issue our preference for the Primary and endorsement for the General Election. Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.

If you seek our support, we will also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. **Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed.**

We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, printed voters directory, and other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

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**Biographical Information**

Candidate Name: Ethan Lustig-Elgrably

Party Affiliation(s): Democrat Age: 28

Education: BA - Political Science & Anthropology

Office Sought/District: State Assembly - 46th District

Occupation/Employer: N/A

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Chief of Staff to Council Member Mark Treyger

*(Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.)*

**Campaign Contact Information**

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If elected, which legislative conference will you join (e.g., Republican, Democrat, other)? Democrat

## I. AFFIRMATIONS

Have you completed required campaign finance filings?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / NO
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / NO
(Please note: interviews are prerequisites for Citizens Union endorsements.) Signature of Candidate: <i>htc Sudler - Ulysses</i>	Date: 7/1/18

## II. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state whether you support or oppose the following reform measures, and feel free to may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

### 2018 PRIORITY ISSUES:

#### ETHICS

1. Limit outside compensation earned by state legislators and statewide officials to 25% of their salaries, while enacting a salary increase and eliminating stipends.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose
2. Reform the Joint Commission on Public Ethics to eliminate the ability of one party to veto an investigation and to increase disclosure of its decision-making.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose

#### ELECTIONS AND VOTING

3. Do you support or oppose the following changes to the state's current registration and voting system? a. Early voting b. No-excuse absentee voting c. Election Day voter registration d. Re-enfranchisement of people on parole automatically <u>through legislation</u> , without requiring a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief e. Automatic voter registration, unless the potential voter opts out f. Consolidated state and federal primaries g. Electronic poll books	a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose b. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose c. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose d. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose e. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose f. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose g. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose
4. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats and eliminate delays in filling vacancies.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE

5. Establish public financing of campaigns for state legislative and statewide offices using a method similar to New York City's Campaign Finance Law.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose
6. Close the LLC loophole to ensure that limited liability companies have the same contribution limits as corporations, rather than the higher limit for individuals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support / Oppose

7. Drastically reduce campaign contribution limits and reduce them even further from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state.	Support / Oppose
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**BUDGET PROCESS**

8. Require full disclosure of grants and contracts issued by the state, including the budget lines from which the spending is made and reporting on the results of each grant or contract over a certain amount.	Support / Oppose
9. Provide for adequate online disclosure and itemization of spending from elected officials' lump sum appropriations, including reporting on potential conflicts of interest and how the funds are spent.	Support / Oppose

**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY**

10. Repeal Civil Rights Law, Sec. 50-a, which shields from public view the disciplinary records of police officers, correction officers, and firefighters.	Support / Oppose
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**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION**

11. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration.	Support / Oppose
12. Empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute election law malfeasance and cases of public corruption.	Support / Oppose

**HOME RULE**

13. Make mayoral control of city schools permanent, with a governance system that provides for accountability, transparency, parent engagement, and democratic participation.	Support / Oppose
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Please use the space provided or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the issues contained in the previous pages. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

See Below



### III. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

In addition to evaluating stances on the issues above, Citizens Union also considers the campaign goals articulated to voters.

What are the top five promises you are making to the voters during this campaign?

Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient, and to affix additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements. We thank you very much for your response.

#### TOP FIVE 2018 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

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- 1) I am a first-time candidate, and am very committed to implementing reforms that will make our state government more responsive to the people it serves. With voter turnout rates consistently below 20%, we need to remove barriers to registration and voting. I am running for a seat that has had two vacancies in the last 4 years, which has resulted in my neighbors losing representation. In the Assembly, I will fight to reform the special election process, to ensure that vacancies are not left open and that all New Yorkers have access to full representation. As a first-time candidate, with experience on both state and city campaigns, I emphatically support the extension of public financing to the state level—we need to reduce barriers to running for office, and increase the impact of individual, small-dollar contributions. I also support the itemization and online disclosure of lump sum appropriations and conflicts of interest for lump sum appropriations. In the City Council, all discretionary grants and their intended purpose is published online before the budget is adopted, and members publicly disclose their conflicts of interest on the record. There is no reason why Albany should not hold itself to the same standard. During my time at the City Council, I dealt with the New York City Board of Elections as part of an advocacy campaign for to provide poll site interpreters for language groups not covered by the Voting Rights Act. Throughout our efforts to implement changes, the NYCBOE demonstrated politically-motivated intransigence. I fully support restructuring the state and city Boards of Elections as professional, nonpartisan entities.
- 2) Top Campaign Goals:
  - a. Improve mass transit throughout the district
  - b. Fight to maintain the existing affordable housing stock
  - c. Fight for increased education funding to public schools
  - d. Address environmental and quality of life issues
- 3) The seat that I am running for has been stained by corruption; both of the former Assembly Members resigned abruptly, leaving their constituents in the lurch, and have faced indictment, harming public trust. I have worked almost all of my career in public service, and am committed to representing the people of this district with honesty and integrity, and to implementing reforms that will ensure that my colleagues in Albany are kept accountable for holding themselves to a higher standard. When I worked at the Department of Parks and Recreation, I was disappointed by the lack of regard for the input of communities who were impacted by proposed changes. I am running for the Assembly to ensure that my neighbors in the 46th District have the committed, inclusive, and ethical voice that we deserve fighting for us in Albany.