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 September 21st. 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: **ANTHONY ARIAS**  
 Party Affiliation(s): **REPUBLICAN, REFORM**  
 Age: **28**  
 Education: **BA Economics - George Washington University**  
 Office Sought/District: **STATE SENATE NY - DISTRICT 2-6**  
 Occupation/Employer: **MANAGING DIRECTOR - SADA CAPITAL**

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADVISORS TO CONCORDIA COLLEGE OF GREECE  
PRESIDENT - GREENVICH VILLAGE CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
COMMUNITY BOARD 1 OF NYC BOARD MEMBER

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

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

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(Please note: interviews are prerequisites for Citizens Union endorsements.)

Signature of Candidate: [Signature]
Date: 9/18/2018

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.
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.
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 through legislation, 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
Support / Oppose

4. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats and eliminate delays in filling vacancies.
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.
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.
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

**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

**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

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.

**ELECTION REFORM** - I WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR CANDIDATES BY REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THE PETITION PROCESS. LET THE PARTIES, NO MATTER BIG OR SMALL, SUPPORT CANDIDATES OR HAVE PRIMARIES.
CAMPAIGN FINANCES: PROONENT OF ELIMINATING ALL CORP. CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CAMPAIGN - SAVINGS PEOPLE.

BUDGET PROCESS: REQUIRE COMPLIANCE OF CONTRACTORS TO MEET PROJECT DEADLINES AND BUDGETS OR FACE A PENALTY.
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

1. **SUSTAINABLE + RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT - MORATORIUM ON LUXURY DEVELOP.**
   **GET RID OF Y2K AND REPLACE WITH A TAX INCENTIVE FOCUSED ON LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING.** **ALL DEVELOPMENT MUST DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR + WATER ACT. FUND RESILIENCY PROJECTS FROM TAX REVENUE BY ELIMINATING U21A.**

2. **MAKE ALREADY WORK FOR US - TERM LIMITS ON LEGISLATURES.**
   **INCREASED TRANSPARENCY ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE BUDGETING OF SOME CITY PROJECTS.**
   **INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING**
   **MAKE IT EASIER FOR CHALLENGERS TO GET ON THE BALLOT.**

3. **MAKE MTA WORK FOR COMMUTERS - REDUCE RUNDOWN AGENCIES IN THE MTA**
   **IMMEDIATELY FUND THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE BEFORE DOING ANY NEW PROJECT.**
   **EXPLORE EMISSIONS CREDIT TO REDUCE FARES FOR COMMUTERS**

4. **EDUCATION REFORM - EQUATE SPENDING ACROSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**
   **REFORM THE GUIDANCE PROGRAM + TUTORING TO MORE EFFECTIVELY UNDERSTAND STUDENT NEEDS AND TO EDUCATE ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS.**
   **BRING BACK MORE VOCATIONAL + ARTS SCHOOLS. KEEP SPSAT.**

5. **SIMPLIFY BUSINESSES - REDUCE THE REGULATORY + TAX BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES. INCENTIVIZE TO HIRE LOCAL. DIGITIZE THE BUSINESS LICENSING PROCESS TO ALLOW SMALL BUSINESSES TO GROW + INCENTIVIZE THEM TO GO GREEN OVER OUR OVERREGULATING + TAXING.
IV. ETHICAL REPRESENTATION OF CONSTITUENTS

Citizens Union believes that all New Yorkers deserve to be represented by officials who work for the public interest and honor the public trust. With the corruption conviction of recent legislative leaders, we seek to endorse a candidate who will demonstrate that she/he will honor the full commitment of the oath of office, and always represent the public interest above all else.

Please tell us how you have and would continue to conduct the political affairs of this office in an upright manner, and maintain the public trust.

Transparency is key to building trust with strong follow through on your word. I will be an easy to reach and transparent senator. To start I will publicly have live streams of my meetings for public viewing. I will also go beyond normal public disclosures by publishing public funds on social media for weekly review so everyone can see that I am spending their money in an ethical manner. Regular weekly meetings will be held with the community to learn about the ever-evolving issues and to hear the people’s voice on the issues in focus to them. I will use every platform at my disposal to inform the public of not just my actions but the actions of my fellow colleagues. I seek to never use and when a question arises that I do not know, I will say so and instead work to bring a collaborative bipartisan team to find the answers. I will not take donations from special interests, especially those involved in state contracting - never put money before the people! I have and will continue to be vocal for the people’s wants and needs to ensure the public interest is number one, not party interests. In this transparency and being open and honest I intend to conduct myself in manner befitting of a public official.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee, 299 Broadway, Suite 700 New York, NY 10007
Via email to candidates@citizensunion.org or fax to 212.227.0345 • Call us at 212-227-0342 with questions