



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 1st.** 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.

Biographical Information

Candidate Name:	Marisol Alcantara	
Party Affiliation(s):	Democrat	Age:
Education:	Masters Degree	
Office Sought/District:	New York State Senate	
Occupation/Employer:	State of New York	
Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:	NYSNA	

(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)?			

I. AFFIRMATIONS

Have you completed required campaign finance filings?	YES
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee?	YES
<i>(Please note: interviews are prerequisites for Citizens Union endorsements.)</i>	
Signature of Candidate: 	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.	Support
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

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. Support b. Support c. Support d. Support e. Support f. Support g. Support
4. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats and eliminate delays in filling vacancies.	Support

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
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

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

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
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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
12. Empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute election law malfeasance and cases of public corruption.	Support

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
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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.

III. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS (PAST AND CURRENT)

In addition to evaluating stances on the issues above, Citizens Union also assesses incumbents on how well they kept the promises made to voters during the previous election.

As an elected official who is seeking re-election,

- what were the top five promises you made to your constituents when you ran for your current seat and what progress has been made in keeping those promises?
- 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 CAMPAIGN PROMISES FROM LAST ELECTION AND ACTION ON THEM

- 1. Preserve and facilitate the creation of affordable housing in Mitchell Lama and NYCHA housing.**

Delivered \$150M for Mitchell Lama 2020.

- 2. Increase education funding.**

Invested, \$500,000 to establish an English Language Learner pilot program in Community School

District 6 that will reduce the class size of schools with highest population of English

Language Learners and establish a Teacher Resource Center that will provide the professional development.

- 3. Protect farmworkers from abuse and exploitation.**

Sponsored the Farmworkers Fair Practices Act which provides farmworkers in the state basic labor protections

including a 40-hour workweek, the right to organize and collectively bargain, and overtime pay.

- 4. Protect immigrants rights.**

Secured, \$15 million for Immigration Legal Defense Fund, of which \$2 million have gone to the Northern

Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights to provide free immigration legal services.

- 5. Fight for Paid Family Leave**

Helped achieve a 12 Week Paid Family Leave.

TOP FIVE 2018 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. Bail Reform--end cash bail for those accused of nonviolent crimes.

2. Campaign Finance Reform--establish a public finance system for campaigns.

3. Voter Reform--including automatic registration, early voting, and no excuse absentee ballot

4. Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act--provide a 40-hour work week, overtime pay, and right to collective bargaining

5. Dream Act--give Dreamers access to financial aid for their public education
