



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:	Jasmine Robinson	
Party Affiliation(s):	Democratic	Age: 37
Education:	Political Science, B.A.	
Office Sought/District:	State senate	
Occupation/Employer:	Legal secretary ICHUBB	

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Member at Large Staten Island Democratic Association, Staten Island Political Action Group and Staten Island Women Who March

(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)? Black and Latino caucus.

I. AFFIRMATIONS

Have you completed required campaign finance filings?	YES / <u>NO</u>
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee?	<u>YES</u> / NO
<i>(Please note: interviews are prerequisites for Citizens Union endorsements.)</i>	
Signature of Candidate: <u>Jasmine L Robinson</u>	Date: <u>6/27/18</u>

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

I support the above progressive legislations. I would support ending cash bail. I would support any progressive legislation that was blocked by the Republicans and the "former" IDC

I care very passionately about a few issues. Bail reform, affordable healthcare and the climate and community protection Act. Bail reform is necessary because working class families along with communities of color suffer greatly. Many families do not have the cash bail to get their loved ones. I gained the support of Allicem Browder who is the older brother of Kalief Browder. Kalief spent three years in jail and once he was released, he killed himself. Many families of color do not have the resources for jail and their loved one stay in jail until their trial. If the charge is a non-violent charge then I believe the individual should be issued a summons. Campaign finance reform is very needed. Governor Cuomo allowed his campaign manager to conduct campaigning (phone calls and meetings) next to his office. There needs to be stronger restrictions. I support closing these LLCs so corporations cannot funnel money and donations multiple methods to their candidate of choice. If money was eliminated or reduced then there would be more progressive candidates running and progressive legislation passed.

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. Bail Reform - This issue hurts people of color and working class. Some families cannot afford the cash bail. There too many people of color waiting for their cases to be heard.
2. Climate and Community protection Act - I support any alternative methods to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels. I support renewable energy sources.
3. Affordable healthcare - I would support the MY Healthcare Act. We deserve lower premiums, prescriptions and co-pay. I also support people having more options with their healthcare. The healthcare monopoly needs to go..
4. GEUSA - legislation to prohibit discrimination to our fellow LGBTQ community. They deserve protection and support especially during the Trump Administration's stance towards the LGBTQ, people of color and women.
5. Women's Reproductive Healthcare Act - women need access to birth control and resources. The government (Trump Reign) wants to revert all the gains women have made throughout the years.

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.

I promise to uphold this position in the highest regard. I pledge to conduct myself and staff with respect. I will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior amongst my staff. I will address any allegations of inappropriate behavior immediately. I will not silence anyone's claims / allegations of abuse. I will have the investigation or whatever is necessary to resolve the matter. It is very important that my constituents trust me. I will work to the best of my abilities. I promise to show up for all the communities in my district. I understand that some communities feel overlooked and slighted. Being both Cuban and Black, I understand the feeling all too well. I am willing to show up and have a presence in communities that are ignored and forgotten by their elected officials. I pledge never to join an coalition that blocks legislation which helps working class people, communities of color and other vulnerable communities. I also promise to work with my party to promote and pass legislation of progressive substance.

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