

# Candidate Questionnaire

# Local Candidates Committee

# New York City Council Elections 2017

Citizens Union appreciates your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York City and our interest in reforming city and state government. Please return the questionnaire to us as soon as possible, and no later than June 28<sup>th</sup>. Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union uses to evaluate candidates running for the New York City Council, 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.

Candidate Name:	Carlina Rivera		
Party Affiliation(s):	Democrat	Age: 33	
Education:	B.A. , Marist College		
Office Sought (includ	ing district): New York City Co	uncil District 2	
Occupation/Employe	r:		
Previous Offices, Car	npaigns and Community/Civic Involvemer	:Democratic District Leader-74th AD, Pt	A
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Signature of Candidate:

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Date: 6/27/2017

## I. POLICY QUESTIONS

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

### **VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM**

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?	Support / Oppose
2.	What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices?	Support / Oppose
3.	What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders?	Support / Oppose
4.	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?	(Support ) Oppose
5.	What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?	(Support ) Oppose

#### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

6.	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?	Support Oppose
7.	What is your position on increasing the Campaign Finance Board's public matching grants	
	from a partial match of 55% to a full match of funds raised (Int. 1130-A)?	Support Oppose

### **CITY COUNCIL REFORM**

8. How do you feel the reformed bill drafting process is going under the enacted 2014 Council Rules Reforms and do you think we need a more independent process similar to New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission? The NYS Legislative Bill Drafting Commission allows for independent bill drafting in a divided partisan legislature.
The 2014 changes to the Council Rule put the Council on a better path to member input though there is a lot of room for improvement. The additional support staff helps with efficiency and speeding up the review process timeline. That said, because bills often require agency input, agencies can sometimes delay the process or influence the language of the bill based on the Mayor's agenda. The Speaker can also have major influence over the timing of the drafting of bills.

9.	What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker:	
	a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire at least one committee staffer?	Support / Oppose
	b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?	Support Oppose
	c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	Support Oppose
	d. Now that committee chair stipends have been eliminated what is your position on reducing the overall number of committees so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	Support Oppose
10	. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?	Support Oppose
11.	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
12	What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?	Support y Oppose
13.	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
14	What is your position on extending term limits from two four-year terms to three four-year terms?	Support Oppose
15	What is your position on making all actions designed to influence any City Council outcome, including the choice of Speaker, reportable as a lobbying expense?	Support Oppose
PUB	LIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT	
16	What is your position on establishing the Commission to Combat Police Corruption (CCPC) as a permanent commission in the City Charter while empowering the CCPC to issue subpoenas?	Support Oppose
17	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
18	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
19.	What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?	Support / Oppose
20.	What is your position on requiring the Police Commissioner to explain divergence from NYPD trial judge and CCRB disciplinary recommendations and to make the explanation public?	Support / Oppose
21.	What is your position on requiring the NYPD to publish a regular report of use of force incidents with data disaggregated by race?	Support / Oppose

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BUDGET REFORM	
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23. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for: a. the borough presidents?	Support ) Oppose
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b. Conflicts of Interest Board?	Support Oppose
c. the public advocate?	Support Oppose
d. community boards?	Support Oppose
24. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining	
and limiting units of appropriation?	Cupport Coppose
	Support Oppose
25. 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	
26. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and	
requiring borough president's report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and	
make community board appointments?	Support Oppose
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27. What is your position on establishing a formal standardized and transparent process for	
community board appointments including written applications, interviews of candidates, and	Support ) Oppose
filling vacancies within 30 days?	Support Oppose
CONSTIUTIONAL CONVENTION	
28. In November, voters in New York will be asked whether they wish to hold a constitutional	
convention to amend the New York State Constitution. What is your position on holding such a convention?	
	Support Oppose
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29. If you support the constitutional convention, what actions, if any, will you take to ensure that i	t takes place? If you
oppose the convention, what will you do to defeat it?	
As I am running in a contested primary, my efforts are primarily focused on my own race a to do so beyond the primary to the general election.	nd will continue
to do so beyond the primary to the general election.	

and disclosure requirements on nonprofits that are formed by, or affiliated with, elected officials, which helped prevent some significant features of an emerging "pay-to-play" culture in New York City. Do you have any other ideas to further limit such a culture and create a better environment where contributions, either personal or political do not unduly influence the actions of elected officials?
I applaud Citizens Union's efforts to keep money out of politics. Coming from humble beginnings, it is because
of the NYC matching funds program, and contribution limits that I am able to run. I believe we can further remove
"pay-to-play" culture by increasing the amount matchable by New York City contributors.
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.

30. Last year, Citizens Union helped craft and push for the enactment of a law that placed political contribution limits

## II. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, what are your top five campaign promises you are making to the voters during this campaign for this position.

If elected, Citizens Union will use these promises to evaluate your performance while in office, as well as to evaluate your candidacy in the future.

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 2017 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS**

1.	I want to create and preserve affordable housing at all income levels to ensure that working and middle class families can stay in New York City close to their families and workplaces.
2.	I will fight for the expansion of programs that allow New York seniors to age in place at affordable rent and food options, as well as access to quality services needed.
3.	I will fight for a fully funded public education system with diverse classrooms, reduced class sizes, and programming and funding equity across school districts.
4.	I want to provide year-round afterschool programming for children at all age levels and job opportunities for our youth to keep kids engaged in productive activity, particularly in underserved neighborhoods.
5.	I want to preserve local small businesses by strengthening owners' rights through leases, promoting programs to educate budding entrepreneurs, and expanding access to traditional and alternative funding sources.

## III. 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 public trust. With the corruption conviction of recent state 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 will 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 restore the public trust in your district.  Because of the hard work of community organizers and leaders, our district has been led by upright
councilwomen for twenty years who have fought hard to protect this community. I have learned from their
work throughout my career in public service and plan to continue building public trust in local elected office.
I will fight for legislation to increase transparency in government and government spending, I will support
efforts to improve our campaign finance rules to keep big money out of politics, and I will make sure district
residents have a real say in where our government resources should be invested in our community.

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