

Biographical Information

Candidate Name: **Elizabeth Crowley**

Party Affiliation(s): **Democrat**

Age: **39**

Education: **M.S. in City and Regional Planning from Pratt Institute Graduate School of Architecture; B.A. in Restoration from SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology.**

Office Sought (including district): **City Council District 30**

Occupation/Employer: **City Council Member district 30**

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: **NYC Council Member; Democratic District Leader, 38th Assembly Part A, NYC Council Chair of the Fire and Criminal Justice Committee, Co-Chair of the NYC Council Women's Caucus, The Commission on Gender Equality Board Member**

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

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Affirmations

Have you completed required campaign finance filings? **YES** / NO

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? **YES** / NO

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM

1. What is your position with respect to eliminating party primaries and establishing a nonpartisan 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?

Yes, I feel that the reformed bill drafting process enacted in 2014 was a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done when it comes to State Legislature requests. Currently there is no step by step policy in place where a Councilmember can get a bill drafted, heard and passed. Councilmembers who introduce bills should not have to wait an extended period of time before their bill gets drafted. The bill drafting process needs to treat all bills introduced equally and currently that is not the case.

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** / 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

PUBLIC 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

23. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for:

- a. the borough presidents? **Support** / Oppose
- 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? **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

27. What is your position on establishing a formal standardized and transparent process for community board appointments including written applications, interviews of candidates, and filling vacancies within 30 days? **Support** / Oppose

CONSTITUTIONAL 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**

29. If you support the constitutional convention, what actions, if any, will you take to ensure that it takes place? If you oppose the convention, what will you do to defeat it?

30. Last year, Citizens Union helped craft and push for the enactment of a law that placed political contribution limits 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 was the lead sponsor on this bill. I firmly believe that contributions both personal or political should not influence the actions of an elected official. There needs to be stronger laws put in place to prohibit such actions with significant consequences if an elected official is found guilty of participating in "pay-to-play".

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.

TOP FIVE 2017 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. Transportation. In Council District 30 there is a lack of public transportation leaving the roads extremely congested during rush hours. There needs to be a new passenger rail created to make commuting easier and to also alleviate the congestion on the roads for cars and buses.

2. Education. New York City has some of the best schools in the Country but they suffer because of overcrowding in classrooms. In Council District 30, we need to look to build more high schools in order to shrink the class sizes. We must put our children's education first in order to set the foundation for a prosperous future.

3. Seniors. We need to ensure that our senior centers are providing services to our senior citizens. We can do this by continuing to provide funding to continue programming and also to increase programs provided.

4. Housing. With the cost of living in New York City continuing the rise each day, we need to take every step possible to alleviate the cost of living. In the Mayor's first term he has built no affordable housing units in my district and has preserved only 5 out of 60,000 citywide. Council district 30 is underserved and suffers because of it. We need to be building more affordable housing units to keep people in their homes. In addition, we need to build more affordable housing for seniors so they are able to age in place.

5. Jobs & Small Businesses. We need to expand and strengthen local businesses especially on main roads. In my district some of those include Grand Avenue, Metropolitan Avenue, Myrtle Avenue, Fresh Pond Road and Jamaica Avenue. Each of these major roads extend through my district and have a tremendous amount of foot traffic each day. An expansion of local business would not only create more jobs but it would significantly increase our economy.

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.

I will continue to serve my community with nothing but an upright manner. I firmly believe that an elected official should honor the oath of office and put the public before his or her personal interests. I also strongly believe that an elected official should be held to the highest standard and if he or she were to be found to have broken the oath of office he or she should be held responsible for their actions.