

CITIZENS UNION

**2014 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR**

Citizens Union would appreciate your responses to the following questions related to policy issues facing the State of New York and our interest in reforming how state government operates. Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union will use to evaluate candidates running for office in order to determine our "Endorsed Candidates" for the General Election.

We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire in our Voters Directory and in other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

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Previous Offices and Campaigns: Various local, state, and congressional races between 1993 and 2013, including Governor in 2010.

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES

(Please note: Citizens Union can grant its "Preferred Candidate" and "Endorsed Candidate" rating only to candidates we have interviewed.)

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES

Signature of Candidate: Howie Hawkins Date: Oct. 10, 2014

I. REFORM ISSUES

ELECTION REFORM

1. What is your position on consolidating the state and federal primary to the third week in June, while ensuring that the legislative session ends at least two weeks prior?	Support consolidating primary, probably later
2. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote? Currently those on parole may obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief to have their right to vote restored, but few of these are granted, and they cannot be applied for immediately upon release.	Support
3. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by lowering signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirements?	Support
4. What is your position on reforming the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative vacancies, as proposed by S.161/A.5290 ?	Oppose bill, need reform
5. What is your position regarding automatic voter registration in which voter registration information of individuals who consent to be registered is provided electronically to the Board of Elections, and address information is updated automatically?	Support
6. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for primary elections in citywide election in New York City, effectively eliminating the need for a separate runoff election?	Support (IRV for all single member elections)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

7. What is your position on establishing a matching public financing system for state legislative and statewide races similar to the New York City model?	Would not veto but want full public campaign funding
8. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?	Support
9. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents and those who do business with the state?	Support
10. What is your position on limiting or banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs? (Note: such entities would have the constitutionally-protected right to form separate political action committees.)	Support
11. What is your position on closing "soft money" loopholes such as limiting transfers from party committees to candidates or other committees to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees, including housekeeping accounts, to the same ceiling placed on candidates?	Support
12. What is your position on requiring candidates to include the full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution and bundler?	Support
13. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session?	Support

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14. What is your position on limiting the ability of candidates to accumulate “war chests” and then transferring funds raised in one race to another in which they run?	Support
15. What is your position on clarifying the definition of coordination between candidates and outside political committees to ensure contribution limits are not exceeded with in-kind contributions, and expenditures and contributions are properly reported?	Support

JUDICIAL REFORM

16. What is your position on a merit-based appointment system through creation of a commission for the selection of judges in all of New York’s trial courts?	Support
17. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state’s court system by consolidating the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system?	Support

ETHICS REFORM

18. What is your position on empowering the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases involving public corruption, including serious election law malfeasance?	Support
19. What is your position on amending the State Constitution to extend pension forfeiture, subject to due process safeguards, to all public officers and legislators who have been convicted of felonies?	Support

BUDGET REFORM

20. What is your position on requiring the governor’s budget submission to present the full scope of the state’s financial obligations, including its public authorities?	Support
21. What is your position on establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage in long term, multi-year budget planning?	Support
22. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?	Support
23. What is your position on ensuring adequate disclosure and itemization of discretionary funds, including member items and lump sum funds, as well as reporting on their usage?	Support
24. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?	Support
25. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?	Support
26. What is your position on limiting the ability of the governor to enact policy changes governing the use of resources in appropriation bills by requiring that such bills be consistent with existing law or proposed changes in separate legislation?	Support

ADDITIONAL REFORM

27. What is your position on having the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey appointed directly by the Board of Commissioners, and having the position of Chair of the Board rotated between representatives of New York and New Jersey, as appointed by the respective governors?	Support - but need more
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Regarding your views on the issues listed previously, the questions below on the next page are intended for candidates to further describe their positions on these and other issues related to political reform.

What is your position on Proposition 1, the redistricting reform constitutional amendment that voters will consider this November?

Oppose. The Redistricting amendment is far too weak in requiring an independent, nonpartisan process to avoid gerrymandering. This is why groups such as NYPIRG, Common Cause and Green Party oppose. We can do much better. There is still time for 2020. Also support proportional representation from multi-member districts, which will make gerrymandering safe one-party districts nearly impossible.

How would you seek to further restore the public's trust in government? Do you support further changes to ethics oversight beyond those made in recent years, such as restructuring or increasing transparency of Joint Commission on Public Ethics' (JCOPE) operations? Do you support further prohibitions on who can serve on JCOPE, such as all state and local elected officials, as well as senior state agency staff?

Hawkins support establishing an independent commission to oversee legislative compliance with ethics rules. The Joint Commission on Public Integrity (JCOPE) and the Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC) are compromised by segmented jurisdictions and leadership appointed by and staffing drawn from staffs of the very politicians they are supposed to investigate. Hawkins would give the Commission the resources necessary resources to vigorously investigate and punish ethics rules violations by members of both the executive and legislative branches. He would operate it under the following rules:

No elected officials on its governing board.

A five-year revolving door restriction for recent politicians or their staff members to serve as board or staff for the Ethics Commission.

Apply Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Laws to the Ethics Commission.

Hawkins believes the legislature should be full time, especially with the generous salaries and benefits they presently receive. He would bar income from outside work while serving a term in office.

Legislators should be public servants, not a politicians getting rich from the work (show or no-show) they secure because they are legislators who influence legislation.

What reforms, if any, do you think are necessary to ensure the continuation of an on-time budget, and to create a more transparent budget process that allows for public accountability? Do you believe the current balance of power between the governor and the legislature ensures a healthy budget process?

There is no balance of power between the legislature and the Governor. The Governor has almost all the power. The Governor's ability developed under David Paterson to attach major policy changes to any spending authority extensions to keep government running largely forces the state legislature to adopt a budget on time. However, the state's fiscal year should be extended by at least a month to enable the legislature to have more time to review the budget and to provide for public input.

Would require the Governor to submit a five-year financial plan as part of his/her budget proposals to allow legislators and the public to evaluate the long-term impact of any multi-year tax cut proposals. Would establish a nonpartisan Independent Budget Office (IBO) similar to the Congressional Budget Office to develop revenue forecasts. The Director of the Office would be appointed by legislative years for a fixed five year term. The IBO's initial forecast would be due November 15th, so that the Governor could incorporate its analysis into his own budget proposals. A second forecast would be made no later than February 15th.

What steps, if any, do you support to improve the operations and structure of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to ensure it is able to fulfill its regional mission in a more apolitical manner? Do you support S.6718-C/A.8785-C of 2014 (Ranzenhofer/Paulin) that would ensure the Port Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Law, and the "Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Transparency and Accountability Act of 2014," S.7721/A.3944-C (Lanza/Brennan)? On the state's other public authorities, how would you support and engage the Authorities Budget Office to fulfill its oversight mandate?

Authorities in NY are used to circumvent constitutional restrictions on public debt and to reduce public scrutiny. This is wrong. They are a haven of political patronage and excessive spending. Authorities should be subject to the same legislative and legal oversight as other state agencies. I support increasing funding and staff to the Authorities Budget Office to ensure it has the resources to do its jobs.

I support S6718 / A875. As the bill memo notes. the Port Authority is not subject to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) or the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), respectively, of New York or New Jersey. Although the Port Authority has established policies regarding access to its records, these are simply policies, which can be ignored or altered at any time, subject only to the discretion of the board or executive officers then serving. Further, because these policies cannot be enforced, the Port Authority may choose to withhold its records, leaving the public without recourse if the records are not provided.

I also support S7721 A / A3944 which would require the Port Authority to adhere to accountability and transparency standards that were imposed on New York state public authorities in 2005 and 2009.

What is your view about measures to limit the role of money in elections and politics? Do you support substantially reducing contribution limits and instituting a public matching campaign financing system at the state level? What is your position on requiring further disclosure of independent expenditures? If elected, would you set an example on campaign finance reform by voluntarily limiting the size of campaign contributions you receive by an amount significantly less than the current limit, should reforms not be enacted?

New York needs full public campaign financing, not Cuomo's proposed matching funds system of partial public campaign financing.

The partial public campaign financing system of matching funds advanced by Governor Cuomo provides the illusion of change while maintaining the ability of the 1% to buy the candidates. Cuomo's matching funds system provides limited public campaign financing alongside unlimited private financing. It does not level the playing field for all candidates or significantly restrict the ability of special interests to ensure that the two corporate parties continue to do their bidding at the expense of the 99%. The hundreds of donors who have given more than \$40,000 to Cuomo's election coffers won't be losing much sleep over his proposal

The recent Mayoral election in NYC shows how large donors still dominate under a partial public campaign finance system, especially for the most powerful positions. Hawkins and the Green Party have long advocated a full public campaign financing system such as Arizona and Maine have adopted. The Greens also support the We, The People Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to establish that money is property, not speech, and that the public may fully regulate campaign financing.

I set an example in this campaign by voluntarily limiting contributions to \$2,600, the federal limit. I support full disclosure of independent expenditures.

What is your position on reforming and restructuring the State Board of Elections and improving the administration of elections by: abolishing the constitutionally mandated two-party system of governance and operation, and replacing it with a more centralized system that includes a sole chief elections officer and a nonpartisan board? How would you ensure there is proper enforcement of campaign finance violations at the Board of Elections, given the appointment of a new Enforcement Counsel?

The most important reform by far is to initiate proportional representation for the state legislature. The US is one of only three so-called democracies that uses winner-take-all elections rather than proportional representation. And at least the other 2 countries aren't limited to 2 parties, which leads to both parties being right of center, especially with lack of campaign finance reform.

The Green Party has long advocated for nonpartisan control and operation of the state and local board of elections. If the Green Party finishes second or first in the upcoming Gubernatorial election, it would run the Board of Elections with the other party. It will use this position to push for legislative changes to provide for nonpartisan administration.

It appears that the so-called new Enforcement Counsel at the state Board of Elections actually reports to the Governor's office.

What specific reform measures would you implement to increase voter participation and reduce barriers to voting? Do you support no-excuse absentee voting, allowing voters to vote at more convenient times through early voting, and ensuring that voters can register to vote on Election Day?

The Green Party has long advocated for same day voter registration to increase voter participation. It opposes all efforts to intimidate voters from participating (e.g., voted id). It would provide for voting on weekends to make it easier for working people to vote.

Hawkins advocates making it the responsibility of state government to register all qualified voters, as over 30 nations do. Automatic voter registration is one of the most powerful predictors of high voting turnout levels. U.S. voter turnout is among the lowest in the world. In 2012, New York State ranked 44th in the United States in voter turnout

How would you ensure greater public access to the wealth of public information held by state agencies, including data? What steps can be taken to ensure robustness of disclosure of commonly-requested information, including improvements to the state's open data portal?

Start by making the Freedom on Information Law and Open Meeting Law apply to the state legislature. State agencies routinely violate / ignore the FOI Law, under both Democratic and Republican Governors, delaying responding to routine requests for months or years. The FOI law should be amended to hold public employees individually and criminally liable for failing to reasonably and timely respond to FOI requests. There should be an independent enforcement agency establish to oversee compliance with the law, able to order release of information and levy fines on staff guilty of violating the law.

What other steps would you take to expand transparency of state government, including the Executive Chamber?

The state legislature should expand public access by webcasting committee meetings. Every committee should provide a description that details the types of bills that move through that committee, general areas of focus, significant topics are a focus this session, and agencies that it oversees

The Executive Chamber should end its practice of quickly deleting emails.

The Governor should provide at least a week notice of his public schedule.

STATEWIDE POLICY ISSUES

How do you anticipate utilizing the \$6.2 billion surplus for the 2014-2015 fiscal year expected as a result of legal settlements from BNP Paribas and others? How would you manage New York's growing long-term obligations in the out years, given the projected \$2.5 billion gaps for fiscal years 2016 through 2018? What would be your budgetary priorities? Are there specific programs or revenue sources that you would consider increasing, decreasing, eliminating or creating?

The surplus should be used for capital investments, starting with the MTA budget.

By restoring the more progressive tax structure New York State had in the 1970s, we could increase revenues by about \$30 billion a year. 95% of New Yorkers would get a tax cut by having the top 5% and particularly the top 1% pay the taxes they used to pay. \$30 billion would add more than 20% to New

York State's \$140 billion budget. With \$30 billion more in state revenue, we could restore full funding for public schools and colleges, pay for the state mandates on local governments through increased revenue sharing, cut regressive local property and sales taxes, and build the infrastructure and services of the Green New Deal.

Stop rebating the Stock Transfer Tax (\$12 to \$16 billion in recent years).

End corporate welfare (\$7 billion a year).

Restore the more progressive personal and business income taxes of the 1970s (\$8 billion a year).

More progressive estate taxes.

Cut regressive sales and property taxes.

Circuit breaker on property taxes and rents.

State payment for state mandates on local governments.

Restore state revenue sharing with municipal governments to 8% of state revenues (\$5 billion).

What would be your approach to education? How would you ensure the provision of funding needed to ensure a sound basic education under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity decisions to all of New York's school districts? What changes would you seek, if any, to implementation of the Common Core Standards as the state seeks Race to the Top funds?

Education is a basic human right. The Green ticket supports expanding public education from early childhood through college and support statewide universal full day Pre-K and Kindergarten with certified and unionized educators.

The Green candidates support fully funding public schools by eliminating the property tax cap and the Gap Elimination Adjustment and increasing state aid to schools. They support a simpler need-based state school aid formula and an end to competitive grants for funding. The cumulative shortfall on Foundation Aid is now over \$9 billion. Hawkins and Jones want to reduce race and class segregation in New York schools, which are the most segregated in the nation.

"Policies supported by the Democratic and Republican parties in this state are creating a dual school system: separate and unequal. Cuomo's high-stakes testing regime is failing the underfunded schools and teachers of low-income children in order to privatize the schools as charters and downgrade the teaching profession. This agenda won't do anything to improve education for our students who have the greatest needs. It just punishes them for having those needs," said Hawkins.

The Green candidates want to replace Common Core-linked high-stakes testing of students, teachers, and schools with a qualitative assessments of students and teachers, designed by educators for educational objectives instead of the convenience and profit of testing vendors.

"Our children are not standardized and their brilliance cannot be quantified. We want schools that nurture all of their gifts and abilities, not just their ability to read and to write. We want assessments written by educators, not corporate contractors. We want to end the role of using testing to punish schools, students or teachers," said Brian Jones, who taught in the NYC school system for 9 years.

"We support community (parent, teacher, student) control of schools, with adequate resources to write their own curricula. We need schools that respect, nurture, and support the cultures and languages in our communities. We want classrooms that promote wonder, make-believe, humor, joy, genuine inquiry, and fun in all of our schools for all of our children. The more we recruit their intrinsic interest in learning, the better the results will be, however we measure them," added Jones.

The Green candidates also urged voters to vote down the Smart Schools Bond Act, which would authorize \$2 billion in new state debt to pay for computers, internet connectivity, and high-tech building security in public schools.

"This bond act from Google and Pearson is all about putting students online for high-stakes testing linked to Common Core. If we are going into debt for the schools, let's build more schools and classrooms in order to reduce overcrowding and class sizes and make sure students have a good connection with a teacher first," said Hawkins

Hawkins and Jones have previously called for the resignation of New York's Education Commissioner, John King. "As Cuomo's main accomplice in the corporate takeover of our schools, we think it's time to show him the door," said Jones.

Given the implementation of a local property tax cap, how would you address the concerns of localities about increasing costs due to items such as employee pensions, and the need for increased revenue?

The state should pay for its mandates on local governments with adequate revenue sharing.

I would repeal the local property tax cap.

I would restore revenue sharing with local governments to 8% rather than the current <1%.

All pensions, including public ones, must be protected. Pensions are the deferred earnings of the workers and they are the owners.

What health care initiatives would you propose? How would you continue management of the state's Health Care Exchange, and address the continuing high cost of the state's Medicaid program?

I support a state single payer health care system.

New York must treat health care as a human right. The state's own study showed that we would reduce overall health care costs by nearly \$30 billion annually by 2019 if we had a single payer health care program rather than the insurance mandates of Obamacare.

Vermont recently became the first state to adopt a statewide universal health care program, though it is somewhat short of a true single payer system. Obamacare does allow states to enact their own health care programs as long as coverage is at least as good. Single payer would be much better at a much cheaper cost.

Having one program pay all bills significantly reduces administrative costs - an estimated \$400 billion annually if done nationally. The reduced costs and paperwork will generate enough savings to provide coverage to all residents, with no copays, deductibles or premiums. All medically necessary services would be covered.

A single payer plan (A5389 / S2078) by Assemblymember Richard Gottfried is co-sponsored by almost half of the State Assembly and 19 members of the State Senate.

Medicare / single payer is a much simpler program than Obamacare and is used by the other industrial nations, which deliver much better health care to their residents than the U.S. at about half the cost per person. Medicare was rolled out in less than a year - at a time when computers did not exist - and had a 93% participation rate when it started.

Obamacare was written by the insurance companies and they are the prime beneficiaries. Even if Obamacare someday gets fully implemented, it will leave more than 30 million Americans without health insurance and force far more to waste money on expensive insurance that will pay only a fraction of their health care costs. New Yorkers will continue to pay far too much money for inadequate health care in order to maintain insurance and drug company profits.

Recent proposed premium hikes for NYS health insurance average in the double digits, with Excellus and MVP both seeking hikes of at least 19%.

Having a true universal health care program - which Obamacare is not - would also significantly reduce costs and premiums for other programs that are impacted by health care, such as auto insurance (i.e., bodily injury), workers comp and Medical malpractice. Single payer would also reduce the local property tax burden of paying for Medicaid and public employee health care costs.

Health care would also no longer be part of labor contract disputes with single payer. The state single payer bill has been endorsed by the NYS Nurses Association, 1199 SEIU, NYS AFL-CIO, CWA and many others, as well as a wide spectrum of health care, doctors, anti-poverty, senior and community organizations

What is your plan for ensuring that New York State is economically positioned in the years ahead including preparing residents to secure jobs in the technology sector, and with regard to the growth of the upstate economy? How would you evaluate the effectiveness of the Regional Economic Development Council program, and how would you plan for future growth?

According to a study done by Stanford and Cornell Professors, investing in a transition to a 100% clean renewable energy system by 2030 would create 4.5 million new jobs, four times the number of people unemployed in NYS.

Clear standards and reporting requirements need to be enacted for any economic development programs. Job goals must be contractually agreed to, and if companies fail to meet them the public funds and subsidies must be rebated. Most of the state's present \$6 billion plus corporate welfare / economic development does not translate into job growth, especially for local residents. Community residents should have democratic input and oversight of local regional economic development. Preferences should be provided to local businesses and worker cooperatives. Priority should be given to local infrastructure development to ensure that that public investment remains after the companies depart.

Top-end tax cuts as economic stimulus do not trickle down middle and working class people as more jobs and small business opportunities. I favor a bottom-up, full employment, wage-led policy that raises demand, which gives the wealthy a much stronger incentive to make investments in new production assets and new hires to meet the increased demand for goods and services.

How would you address rising income inequality and address the affordable housing needs of the state, particularly in the cities?

I would raise wages for New Yorkers by setting the minimum wage at \$15 an hour and make health care a right under a single payer program. Our Green New Deal would create full employment in New York, creating 4.5 million living wage jobs, by investing in a transition to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030. Full employment would also strengthen workers' negotiating positions at the bargain table.

I would address the problem where it is generated — at the point of production. I would target state economic assistance and investments to promote worker cooperatives, where net income is distributed according to labor contribution instead of asset ownership. These co-op businesses would have a much more equitable and just distribution of economic surpluses.

I would also reverse the decades of bi-partisan tax cuts for the wealthy. Restoring the state's progressive tax structure of the 1970s would provide 95% of New Yorkers with a tax cut while raising billions of dollars of additional tax revenue to invest in rebuilding New York and creating jobs.

Improving access to affordable housing is critical to improving education in New York State. Recent studies have found that US schools are more segregated today than before the US Supreme Court decision on Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education. New York State schools are the most segregated in the nation.

To desegregate our schools, we need to institute a substantial public housing program to build mixed-race, mixed-income, scattered-site, clean energy public housing in the cities and the suburbs. We need stronger enforcement of fair housing laws, elimination of exclusionary zoning, and promotion of inclusionary zoning,

We need a cabinet-level Civil Rights Department in state government whose central mission is enforcement of anti-discrimination laws and desegregation programs.

Hawkins would strengthen rent control including repealing state laws restricting the rights of cities to control their housing markets.

What is your plan for sustainability and resiliency of the state, particularly in light of climate change and the possibility of future disasters? What steps would you take to ensure that the state's emergency preparedness plan is sufficiently robust?

Governor Cuomo and NYC officials did a terrible job in responding to Hurricane Sandy. Tens of thousands of low-income, disabled and senior residents were abandoned for weeks in the impacted areas. Priority must be given to meeting the needs of the state's most vulnerable citizens who are always the principal victims of severe weather.

In prior severe weather emergencies, such as Hurricane Irene, Governor Cuomo waived critical emergency protections regarding repairs such as work in water bodies. That tragedy can not be repeated.

The most critical step is to take action to reduce climate change by transitioning by 2030 to a 100% clean renewable energy system.

Steps must be taken to move water and sewer systems out of flood plains. Subways and other critical infrastructure must be protected against storm surge. Wetlands, which reduce flooding, need to be restored. Rebuilding such not be allow in flood zones and storm surge areas.

What is your position on permitting hydraulic fracturing in New York State? What environmental and health impact assessments do you believe are appropriate and/or necessary in examining this issue?

I called for a ban four years ago on hydrofacking. I now support a total ban on any investment in new infrastructure for fossil fuels.

Hawkins said that hydrofracking will turn upstate New York into an industrial wasteland of drilling rigs, pipelines and compressor stations, storage ponds for toxic flow back water, and polluted ground water and aquifers. It will destroy our abundant clean water resources.

Natural gas is a grave threat to our climate. Gas is just another dirty fossil fuel whose greenhouse gas emissions will accelerate global warming. It is not a bridge to the renewable future as the gas industry claims. That bridge is out and if we take that road we will go over the cliff into climate catastrophe. We don't have the precious time to waste on a decade of natural gas dependence. If we do that, it will be too late to turn to renewables to stop runaway global warming.

Hawkins' Green New Deal would create millions of jobs for New Yorkers by investing in a transition to a 100% clean renewable energy economy by 2030 and cut electric rates in half in the next decade.

Please provide any additional information about your positions as well as actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on the above issues either below or on a separate sheet of paper.

Political corruption in the State Capitol has gotten worse under the Cuomo administration, who disbanded "his" Moreland Commission as soon as legislators began to feel the heat. Cuomo's recent reforms failed to require lawmakers to disclose the names of their clients they get outside income from. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver recently reported that he is paid nearly \$750,000 to act as a rainmaker for a law firm. As Attorney General, Cuomo issued a get-out-of-jail card to Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno, who was unusual primarily for his willingness to publicly boast that he was in office to help enrich his friends and 'business associates'.

Hawkins has been a long time critic of the partial public campaign finance system promoted by Cuomo and many good government groups, pointing out that it would enable large donors to still buy political influence. Hawkins supports a full public campaign finance system such as Maine and Arizona, where candidate have to collect a certain number of small contributions in order to qualify for equal and sufficient public campaign funding grants. Hawkins would also ban contributions from lobbyists as well as companies and individuals doing business with the government. He would also ban legislative employees from working on political campaigns.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES

As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing 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.

We thank you very much for your response. Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient.

TOP FIVE 2014 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. _Raise state minimum wage to \$15 an hour.
2. Transition to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030.
3. Restore full funding for schools.
4. Ban fracking.
5. Enact single payer health care.