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## 2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

### CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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1. Please share your accomplishments or experiences that indicate your commitment to advancing a pro-environment agenda. These experiences may be professional or personal.

Since joining the New York State Assembly in 2010; addressing climate change, protecting our environment, and safe guarding public health have been some of my highest priorities.

I was an early opponent of hydrofracking in New York State, have been an ardent supporter of environmental education, and am particularly involved with water conservation efforts in my district.

In 2016, in addition to being a supporter of funding for the environmental agenda in the NYS budget, I supported a number of pieces of legislation to further environmental causes including: pieces of legislation to further limit hydrofracking in New York State, safeguard our children from glyphosates in public areas, and increase awareness of the damaging effect of triclosans in cleaning products.

Please indicate your level of commitment to, and if applicable your recent personal and professional activity with respect to, the following issues:

(To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2016 State Policy Agenda](#))

2. Ensuring adequate funding for the environmental agencies and programs

As a member of the NYS Assembly Majority, I supported funding commitments and increases for environmental agencies and programs. The 2016 NYS budget included \$300 million for the Environmental Protection Fund, \$200 million in water infrastructure improvements and \$14 million to create a Climate Change Account within the EPF.

3. Addressing the causes and effects of climate change (e.g., clean energy and emission controls)

In addition to supporting the aforementioned funding measures to combat climate change and being an opponent of hydrofracking, I am a co-sponsor of legislation to prohibit the idling of any passenger vehicle for more than 3 consecutive minutes and prohibit the sale and use of pavement products containing coal tar.

4. Protecting the health of New Yorkers and their communities (e.g., toxics, air quality, food quality and security)

Protecting the health of New Yorkers and their communities is one of the most important issues in our state. I am a proud co-sponsor of legislation that safeguards our children from glyphosates in public areas as well as legislation that increases awareness of the damaging effect of triclosans in cleaning products.

5. Conserving and protecting natural resources (e.g., water, open spaces, habitat, organic recycling)

By safeguarding our natural resources and public spaces, we ensure a healthy future for our children. The conservation and protection of our New York's water supply is essential for our future and in Albany, I am a supporter of legislation that keeps hydrofracking off of and away from our parks, historic areas, state forests, and wildlife management areas.

Locally, I'm a proud supporter of institutions that promote environmental education and awareness; including the Queens Botanical Garden, Queens County Farm Museum, and Alley Pond Environmental Center.

6. Investing in better, smarter infrastructure (e.g., transportation, electrical grid, green infrastructure, smart growth, rail transport of crude oil)

Improvements to our infrastructure make transportation safer and cleaner for all of us and I have been a proponent of a number of innovative transportation solutions in my district. These include proposals to increase bus rapid transit through Queens and the outer-boroughs, lower inter-city LIRR fares and explore the development of a Queens Greenway.