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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.

**I personally believe that a healthy environment can impact the wellbeing of our everyday life. It is our responsibility to make sure that we add value to the advancement of pro-environment initiatives. Unbeknownst to some multiple factors impact health like water quality, indoor air quality, food source quality, electromagnetic field exposure as well as sights and sounds.**

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

**Environmental issues are a growing concern amongst many who reside within my district, affecting various aspects of their lives. It is my desire to put a stronger focus on this on the state level, which is vital to our community.**

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

**Leaking pipelines affect climate and add to global warming and contaminates water supply. I co-sponsored bill A07965 which requires gas corporations to file a plan addressing aging or leaking pipelines within their service territory.**

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

**Companies must be held accountable for what they put in food and there should be a level of transparency. I co-sponsored A00617 which provides for the labeling of raw agricultural commodities, processed foods, seed, and seed stock produced with genetic engineering.**

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

**Maintaining and preserving our land is very important. I sponsored bill A08583 which directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to take a parcel of land by the eminent domain procedure to create a state park and continued community gardens.**

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

**I am a huge advocate of solar panels and I am fighting for implementation of this within the East New York area of my district.**

