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## 2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

### CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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

As a former NYC Council Member and currently as a NYS Senator I have advocated for environmental protections and passed legislation such as the Zone Green Text Amendment to improve energy efficiency and expand green-building practices.

I also put an emphasis on public health initiatives that aimed to improve the overall quality of life for my constituents, pushing for better and more accessible medical facilities in Southeast Queens and now across the state. I have also addressed the amount of air and noise pollution occurring from truck traffic and the airplanes. I have also supported a wide range of environmental legislation that has been priority for NYLCV, from clean energy and recycling, to climate resiliency and electric vehicles.

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](#))

Ensuring adequate funding for the environmental agencies and programs

I am in full support of the EPF being fully funded in this year's budget to preserve and protect infrastructure and conservation needs throughout my district and our state.

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

In my roles as both State Senator and previously as NYC Council Member I have advocated for clean energy programs and emissions reductions as well as common sense solutions to provide more sustainable measures for homes, businesses and communities. We must work collectively to address the critical problem that climate change proposes to our state, our nation and the world. It is imperative that we develop and implement a plan to address the root causes of climate to help mitigate the effects to future generations.

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

I am highly committed to improving air and food quality around the state. With Southeast Queens being a food desert, I have proposed legislation that would give residents access to more fresh produce while reducing the cost of farmers to transport their goods from across the state. With some of the highest asthma rates in the city, I am also in support of legislation and initiatives that would reduce truck traffic and carcinogens in our community.

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

Maintain park land and open space is critical. As the former Chair of the Land Use Committee, I always sought to make sure the local community played a significant role in preserving and expanding access to open space when development projects were proposed.

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

I am greatly invested in providing more efficient transportation options to New Yorkers. Particularly in places like Queens, which have some of the longest commute times in the city, we must have more viable, energy efficient, methods of public transportation that are sustainable and cost effective for the consumers and the providers.