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2017 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire
for New York City Candidates

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the New York League of Conservation Voters Questionnaire.

The New York League of Conservation Voters is the only non-partisan statewide environmental organization in New York that fights for clean water, clean air, renewable energy and open space through political action. This questionnaire is designed to elicit your views regarding what environmental, public health, clean energy and transit and environmental justice groups consider to be the most important issues of the day. Responses may inform NYLVCV's educational and legislative programs and actions NYLVCV takes in the election cycle.

Responses should be considered public. Although NYLVCV may choose not to publicize responses to every question, verbatim responses may be reproduced and distributed publicly. If so, your responses may be shortened, if necessary, but will not be edited in substantive ways. If you choose to refer us to a position paper or website, please indicate exactly what text you would like us to cite. For candidates choosing not to respond to the questionnaire, NYLVCV will note as much in its public materials.

NYLVCV and its partners in the environmental policy arena believe that New York's voters are determined to make the environment a voting issue this year. Candidate positions on issues such as protecting public health, building a clean energy future, and mitigating climate change will help voters decide how to cast their ballots this election cycle. This questionnaire is one of the primary ways the public will get this information.

Here are a few guidelines:

- **Questionnaires are due Friday, May 19**
 - The completed questionnaire is mandatory for endorsement consideration and must be submitted via e-mail as a Microsoft Word file to: politics@nylcv.org
 - Questions or extension requests may be directed to Joshua Klainberg (jklainberg@nylcv.org)
- To ensure your responses address the issues NYLVCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review NYLVCV's 2014-18 NYC Policy Agenda
- After receipt of the completed questionnaire, candidates will be invited to participate in a formal interview with our Chapter Board
- All candidate endorsements will be made by the state board on July 26, 2017

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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 child I would play near the waterfront near my home. One of the places where we would play was a boat marina, long since abandoned. Since my election and working with the Port Authority and various city and state agencies that area has become Blissenbach Marina Park.

As a member of the New York City Council my experiences have been formative to my actions as an elected official. I currently serve as the Chair of the Waterfront Committee.

ISSUES

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

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Healthy New Yorkers: Policies that improve the well-being of all New Yorkers through the protection of the environment and that provide access to basic needs.

Water Quality — Every New Yorker has the right to clean drinking water and waterways

I support the NYLVCV policy agenda in its entirety on this issue with particular emphasis on opposing fracking because of the threat it presents to our water supply.

Air Quality — Every New Yorker has the right to breathe clean air

I support the policy agenda. Pollution from traffic congestion increases the incidence of coronary and pulmonary diseases along our expressways, notably the Staten Island Expressway. I am eager to determine what effect the elimination of toll barriers - automatic toll collection - at the Verrazano Bridge would have on reducing pollution. Construction of a rail freight tunnel from Jersey City to the LIRR connection as proposed by Congressman Nadler and recently commented upon by Governor Cuomo would take over 100,000 trucks off the Staten Island Expressway and would reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. I am working with the Mayor's Office and the Department of Sanitation to move the Jersey Street Sanitation garage out of its location in a residential neighborhood. That is a priority now and if re-elected in my next term.

Healthy & Local Food — Every New Yorker has the right to access healthy, local, affordable produce

I support the NYLVCV agenda, the expansion of Greenmarkets and the farm to table concept to get higher quality food to more of our population and support local farmers.

Green Buildings — Every New Yorker deserves the protection of a home that is energy efficient and is resilient to impacts of storms heat waves and extended utility outages

I support the policy agenda with particular reference to the recommendations of the Building Resiliency Task Force.

Strong Neighborhoods: Promote policies that improve the quality of life for communities in all five boroughs.

Parks & Recreation — Every New Yorker should live within a 10-minute walk of a park that is clean, safe and well-maintained

Parks are essential to the quality of life for New Yorkers in every neighborhood. As I noted above, I was able to have the Blissenbach Marina Park completed and look forward to its re-opening.

Waterfront Access — Every New Yorker should have safe and public access to clean rivers, creeks, bays, harbors and other waterways

I am Chair of the New York City Council Waterfront Committee. One of my policy goals is the completion of the esplanade from the St. George ferry terminal to Edgewater Plaza in Rosebank, among other access projects.

Transportation — Every New Yorker should have safe, affordable, reliable and efficient transportation options in their daily life

The lack of adequate public transportation on Staten Island is notorious. I support the project to implement light rail service along the abandoned North Shore right of way. I supported 24/7 service on the Staten Island Ferry. Our waterways should be regarded as a resource, not as a barrier to transportation and recreation.

Resiliency & Recovery — All communities should be better able to handle extreme weather events: rainfall, snow, storm surges, heavy wind, heat and utility failures

The North and East Shores within the 49th Council District were severely impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Priority was given to the horrific damage and loss of life on the South Shore. I had to fight to bring relief to the businesses in my district which suffered extensive damage and consequent loss to our local economy. I have worked with NYC DEP to have catch basins regularly cleaned to stop flooding in the neighborhoods and thoroughfares in the 49th district.

Vibrant Economy: Promote policies that foster green job creation while protecting New Yorkers from the effects of climate change

Infrastructure — Make critical investments to maintain New York City's competitive edge in the global economy while creating local jobs

Again, I support the policy agenda of the NYLVCV. It is long past time to plan for the replacement of our failing infrastructure and plan for the rail height tunnel as I indicated above.

Solid Waste – Effective solid waste management will reduce environmental burdens in overburdened communities, save the city millions of dollars in exporting waste and generate quality green jobs

I support the agenda with particular reference to expanding Action 2 to double waste diversion from the residences and businesses of this district. In every instance homeowners have responded favorably to expansion of recycling.

Green Workforce Development – Provide training for New Yorkers to help green the city and support its resiliency

I support the agenda. The workforce development aspect needs to be expanded into the curriculum of our public schools.

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