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## 2017 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire for Capital Region 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 NYLCV's educational and legislative programs and actions NYLCV takes in the election cycle.

Responses should be considered public. Although NYLCV 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, NYLCV will note as much in its public materials.

NYLCV 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.

After receipt of your completed questionnaire, you will be invited to participate in a formal interview with our Chapter Board. The interview will provide you with an opportunity to present your credentials, elaborate on your questionnaire responses, and respond to questions. Here are a few more guidelines:

- Questionnaires are due **Friday, June 9**
- The completed questionnaire is mandatory for endorsement consideration and must be submitted via e-mail as a Microsoft Word file to: [politics@nylcv.org](mailto:politics@nylcv.org)
- To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2016-17 Capital Region Policy Agenda](#)
- Questions or extension requests may be directed to Joshua Klainberg ([jklainberg@nylcv.org](mailto:jklainberg@nylcv.org))

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Even before serving as a Council Member, I was an advocate for sustainability and public transportation. I've been a member of the honest weight food co-op since 1991 - a cooperative grocery store that supports environmental efforts. I currently serve as Board Chair of the NY Bicycling Coalition, a statewide bicycling advocacy organization and I am a League of American Cyclists "LCI" -- which means that I am certified to teach other people safe bicycling skills. I am Vice President of Capital Carshare, our regional carshare non-profit. Since serving as a Council Member in 2010, I have achieved the following:

- - Sponsored the January 2014 Resolution against the Global Partners south end boiler that initiated the resistance to bomb trains in Albany and specifically raising an Environmental Justice concern.
- Worked with neighbors and city officials to address chronic flooding issues in the Pine Hills neighborhood. The result are projects in Woodlawn Park and Elberon Place that address chronic flooding and help to keep CSO out of the Hudson River.
- Sponsored Albany's "Complete Streets" ordinance to ensure the city considers all users of the road when repaving or designing our city streets,
- Led a campaign calling for the installation of protected bike lanes as part of the Madison Avenue "Road Diet" - while we did not achieve protected bike lanes on this stretch of road, we did bring the concept into the local lexicon and gain excitement around the health and environmental benefits of getting more people riding bicycles for short trips in the city.
- Sponsored the Local Law that created Albany's Sustainability Advisory Committee,
- Chaired a committee to review the city's pesticide ordinance and advanced changes to our Pesticide ordinance to protect city workers, children and families.
- Supported efforts against the Constitution pipeline.

## 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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2. Regional Transit Analysis: Working with the Capital Region Regional Economic Development Council to develop rapid transit options (i.e., bus and light rail) between central business districts

As a public transportation and bicycling advocate, I strongly support the NYCLV Regional Transit Analysis agenda. I would be happy to use my position as a Council Member and advocate to advance the NYLCV goals.

3. Renewable Energy: Streamlining and modernizing the process for obtaining government approval to install renewable energy facilities

This is very important and I believe that with Albany's recent rezone, it will now be more simple to get approval for installation of renewable energy facilities. Part of the reason that I sponsored the Local Law to create the city's Sustainability Advisory Committee was to push the city to take action on renewable energy.

4. Clean and Safe Water: Working to ensure counties and localities regularly test their drinking water using EPA's Contaminant Candidate List and Unregulated Drinking Water Contaminants

This is a critical issue that I support addressing. Albany has been fortunate to thus far have safe drinking water, however, we are an older city and most homes have lead pipes and more must be done to educate residents and protect our communities from unsafe drinking water.

5. Sustainable & Transit-Oriented Development: Creating livable and sustainable communities that permit increased density and diversity in our downtowns and neighborhoods

YES! I fully support transit-oriented development that increases vibrancy and sustainability of our communities. There are aspects of TOD in Albany's new zoning code -- particularly the Central Ave corridor and areas with form based code that will support more creative uses and development.

6. Transportation: Maximizing environmentally friendly mobility options in and around residential and commercial centers

This is up my alley. The Madison Avenue Road Diet or "Traffic Calming through lane reduction" is one project in the city of Albany that I have championed since 2010 and it is great that it will finally be completed this year.

7. Open Space Preservation: Planning strategies such as clustering, creating pocket parks in developed areas, and encouraging biotic corridors in less densely populated areas

I support open space preservation. While this is generally not an issue in the city where our parks and open spaces are protected and not zoned for development, and in fact the city and neighborhood groups have been doing more to support some of our open spaces that have been neglected such as the Tivoli Preserve and Normanskill Farm -- we need to be vigilant to ensure that our open spaces remain protected.

8. Sustainable Public Access Management: Making significant impacts on energy use and the environment simply by deciding to spend money and deploy resources wisely

Yes, I support sustainable public access management, and again this was a major driver behind the creation of Albany's Sustainability Advisory Committee.

9. Natural Resource Protection – Comprehensively managing and protecting regional natural resources (i.e., air, water and land)

Yes, I support this critical goal, please let me know how I can use my position as a Council Member to ensure that our natural resources are protected.

10. Farms and Local Food: Managing development and providing access to healthy, fresh foods

Yes, I support this goal and will do all that I can to ensure that local, healthy and fresh foods are accessible to all communities in our city. Many of our low income, Black and Brown communities are food deserts and I support the efforts of the Capital Roots and other organizations to ensure that fresh vegetables are accessible in every neighborhood in our city.

11. Energy: Achieving energy efficiency in residential and commercial settings, in existing and new buildings, and with cutting-edge technology and the smarter use of older technology

I support this goal of energy efficiency using cutting edge technology and smarter use of older technology.