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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 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.

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 NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV'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

CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

See attached.



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.

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

My administration supports the goal of providing all New Yorkers with clean drinking water and access to waterways. We have done considerable work to improve access to both the Bronx River and the Harlem River, among other projects.

3. Air Quality – Every New Yorker has the right to breathe clean air

My wife is asthmatic and for my entire 22 year career in government, I have fought for cleaner air and worked to combat air pollution. I am funding the conversion of old boilers to new boilers to ensure use of cleaner fuel oil, resulting in cleaner air in the Bronx.

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

I have worked very hard to bring produce markets to all neighborhoods of the Bronx and online grocers (Fresh Direct especially) to all areas of the Bronx, all to promote healthier food and better produce/fruit options. I run a Changing Attitudes Now (CAN) campaign to promote healthier choices, and substitutions in ethnic food recipes to promote healthier eating and weight loss. I have worked hard to promote and expand SNAP, and helped create a pilot program to allow EBT/SNAP users to use their benefits through online portals.

5. 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

In order to be considered for capital funds for construction from my office, you have to build Green and prove it. I have put capital funds to convert old boilers in our older housing stock to secure cleaner oil use and less air pollution. My office requires a green component for all capital projects.

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

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

I have allocated more than \$52 million since 2009 to improve and maintain Bronx parks.

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

My office has done considerable work to improve access to both the Bronx River and the Harlem River, among other projects. This includes the creation of the Special Harlem River Waterfront District, which will create new access along the Harlem River in the South Bronx.

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

My office has helped advocate for considerable transit improvements in The Bronx, such as the long-awaited East Bronx Metro North Expansion.

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

My office has worked with city and state agencies to address resiliency concerns, especially following Hurricane Sandy.

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

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



My office has advocated for considerable capital infrastructure investments, including the East Bronx Metro North expansion and the redevelopment of the Sheridan Expressway, among other projects.

11. 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

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

I am a strong supporter of Sustainable South Bronx and their parent organization, the Hope Program, and work with them to promote green workforce jobs and training.