



Local Candidate Questionnaire 2021

Thank you for your interest in Citizen Action of New York's endorsement of your candidacy.

This is our candidate questionnaire. Upon submission, your completed questionnaire will be reviewed by our volunteer leaders in our chapter nearest to your district. A representative of Citizen Action will be in touch with you soon.

We do require that all questionnaires be submitted through this website for consideration.

Please answer all of the questions below. Some of the questions are short answer ("Yes/No" or "Support/Oppose") with an option or request to comment and elaborate on your answer. If you answer "Not Sure," we request that you explain your position in the "Comment" lines provided. Please feel free to make additional comments in the section provided below or to send us additional comments or information on yourself or your issue positions by email. You can email us at endorsements@citizenactionny.org.

We also request that you include biographical information and any relevant documents such as campaign literature, articles you've written and press clips.

Candidate and Campaign Information

Candidate Info

Please fill in this information about the candidate.

*Candidate First Name:

*Candidate Last Name:

*Are you seeking our support for a primary or the general election?

Check both if applicable

Primary

General

*Candidate Webpage / Facebook / Twitter / etc. (if any):

Campaign Contact Info

Please specify the person we should contact with any questions concerning this questionnaire and to interview the candidate if necessary for our endorsement.

*Campaign Contact First Name:

*Campaign Contact Last Name:

*Campaign Contact Title:

*Campaign Contact Email:

*Campaign Contact Cell Phone:

*Campaign Contact Address:

Campaign Contact Line 2 (if applicable):

*Campaign Contact City:

*Campaign Contact State:

*Campaign Contact Zip:

*Name of Campaign Manager:

Indicate 'same' if same as Campaign Contact

If you are the incumbent for this office, specify the year you were first elected:

*Specify your party registration, if any:

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| <input type="radio"/> Democratic | <input type="radio"/> Republican | <input type="radio"/> Working Families |
| <input type="radio"/> Conservative | <input type="radio"/> Independence | <input type="radio"/> Green |
| <input type="radio"/> I am not enrolled in a party | | |

*Check all of the party lines you are seeking, including any “non-official” party lines (if so, list under “other”):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic | <input type="checkbox"/> Republican | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Independence | <input type="checkbox"/> Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (if so, list the name of the line) | | |

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*How would you describe your basic political philosophy?

*Why do you want Citizen Action's endorsement? Please describe your past activities and experiences that demonstrate work with Citizen Action or a track record of concern with Citizen Action’s goals and issues, particularly in regard to its major priorities, including education, health care, fair elections/public funding of elections, decarceration and ending mass criminalization, minimum wage, a fair budget and tax system, or issues of local significance. (You can visit <http://citizenactionny.org> for information on our issue positions and activities.)

*List your top 2 to 5 issue priorities and the steps you will take to implement these priorities if elected.

*What does racial justice mean to you? How will you advance racial justice through your campaign and through the office you seek if elected?

*Describe the race, including such issues as: 1) who your actual or anticipated opponents are and basic information about them (such as whether they are the incumbent and what office they currently hold, if any); 2) the funding and other resources (like political support) it will take to win your race; and 3) any information you want to provide on the progress of your campaign, such as money raised and level of support.

*Would you be willing to meet regularly with Citizen Action of New York leaders and/or staff to discuss common issues and priorities if elected?

Yes

No

Comments:

Positions on Local Issues

*What policies, if any, would you promote in your municipality or county to promote “smart growth” and to address urban or suburban sprawl? We are particularly interested in policies that you support that address climate change and its actual or potential consequences for your community or county.

*What policies would you promote in your municipality or county to promote affordable housing, including rental housing and tenant rights for low and moderate income people?

*Would you be willing to use the power of the office you seek to stop or curtail the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure (including but not limited to gas and oil pipelines and compressor stations) through and adjacent to the municipality or county for which you seek office? Please specify in as much detail as possible in the comment lines below the steps you would consider taking, including legislative resolutions in opposition to proposed projects, calling upon state or federal agencies to deny permits and speaking to the media?

Yes

No

Not Sure (if not sure, please explain)

Please explain:

*Will you work to ensure that local law enforcement and government agencies in your municipality or county limit cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - and especially Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) - in enforcing federal immigration policy to the fullest extent possible under the law, despite threats of loss of federal funding?

Yes

No

Not Sure (if not sure, please explain)

Please explain:

*Do you support or oppose a voluntary system of public financing of elections on the county and/or local level, similar to the 6-1 matching funds system now used in New York City?

Support

Oppose

Not Sure (if not sure, please explain)

Please explain:

*Will you commit to opposing austerity measures to cut public services in the county or municipality where you live, including such steps as privatizing public services like nursing homes? What steps are you willing to take such as raising revenues, to avoid such austerity measures?

Yes

No

Not Sure (if not sure,
please explain)

Please explain:

Positions on State and Federal Issues and Legislation

*The proposals cited are for your background information only; we are asking you for your support of the general concept of each of these proposals, not whether or not you'd sponsor or vote for any specific bill.

*What are the top three issues, unique to your community and the office you are seeking, that you intend to prioritize if elected?

*Do you support or oppose state legislation to tax the wealthy?

- Support Oppose Not Sure (if not sure, please explain)

Please Explain:

*If asked by Citizen Action, would you strongly publicly advocate for a “millionaire’s tax” to create higher brackets for earners making over \$1 million annually, at \$1 million, \$5 million, \$10 million, and \$100 million?

- Support Oppose Not Sure (if not sure, please explain)
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*Please Explain:

*Do you believe that in times of economic distress, cuts to vital human services programs like health care, education and social services should be minimized primarily by increases in personal and business taxes that increase the progressivity of the tax system?

Yes

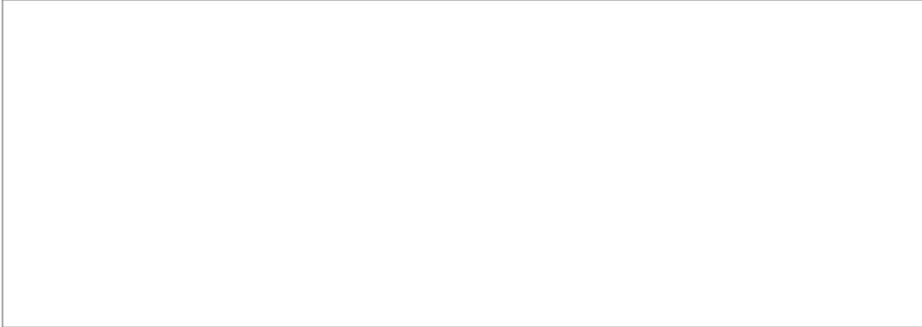
No

Not Sure (if not sure, please explain)

Please Explain

*What do you believe can be done in your community to help avert climate catastrophe?

*Gentrification has driven people of color and working-class people from their homes and their communities all across New York State. How has your community been affected by gentrification? How do you plan to ensure that growth and economic development in your community do not displace those who have called it home for generations?

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Additional Information or Comments

Please use this space to add any additional comments.

Please use this space to upload any additional materials that you would like us to have.