



Candidate Questionnaire

Local Candidates Committee

New York City Council Elections 2019

Citizens Union appreciates your response to the following questionnaire related to policy issues facing New York City and our interest in reforming city and state government. Please return the questionnaire to us as soon as possible, and no later than May 1st. Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union uses to evaluate candidates running for the New York City Council, and to issue our preference for the Primary and endorsement for the General Election. Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.

If you seek our support, we will also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed. We plan to make responses to this questionnaire public on our website, printed voters directory, and other appropriate venues.

We thank you very much for your response.

Biographical Information

Candidate Name: Victor Jordan Candidate Cell Phone: 718 679 1940
Party Affiliation(s): Democrat Age: 57
Education: graduate level
Office Sought (including district): City Council, District 45
Occupation/Employer: Consultant

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement: Member, Brooklyn Community Board 17.

(Please feel free to affix any additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements.)

Campaign Contact Information

Campaign Manager Name: Additional Staff Contact:
Address:
Telephone: Fax:
Website: Email: Vjordan2014@gmail.com
Twitter: Facebook: Vote Victor Jordan

Affirmations

Have you completed required campaign finance filings? YES / NO
Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES / NO

(Please note: interviews are prerequisites of being considered for Citizens Union endorsements.)

Signature of Candidate: [Signature] Date: 5/8/19

I. POLICY QUESTIONS

Please state whether you support or oppose the following reform measures, and feel free to elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM

1. What is your position on instituting ranked choice voting for all citywide offices, including all special elections?	<i>Indifferent</i> Support / Oppose
2. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders?	Support / Oppose <i>Indifferent</i>
3. What is your position on requiring the Board of Elections to report performance metrics to the City Council that conform to the Mayor's Management Report?	<i>Indifferent</i> Support / Oppose
4. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?	<i>Indifferent</i> Support / Oppose

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

5. What is your position on prohibiting participants in the city's campaign finance program from using public matching funds to purchase strategic campaign consulting services from firms that also provide lobbying services?	✓ Support / Oppose
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CITY COUNCIL REFORM

6. What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker:	✓ Support / Oppose
a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire at least one committee staffer?	✓ Support / Oppose
b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?	✓ Support / Oppose
c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?	✓ Support / Oppose
d. Now that committee chair stipends have been eliminated, what is your position on reducing the overall number of committees so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?	✓ Support / Oppose
7. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?	✓ Support / Oppose
8. What is your position on increasing transparency of discretionary funding by requiring the list of capital and expense funds and their sponsors be provided to Council Members and the public three days in advance of any vote, and expanding the online searchable database of expense funds to include all capital fund recipients and applicants?	✓ Support / Oppose
9. What is your position on making all actions designed to influence any City Council outcome, including the choice of Speaker, reportable as a lobbying expense?	✓ Support / Oppose

PUBLIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT

10. What is your position on enhancing the Civilian Complaint Review Board's (CCRB) authority to initiate an investigation into reported or known incidents of police misconduct without receipt of a formal complaint?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
11. What is your position on granting the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) the authority to prosecute officers found guilty of lying during CCRB investigations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
12. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance policy for false official statements by public officers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
13. What is your position on requiring the Police Commissioner to explain divergence from NYPD trial judge and CCRB disciplinary recommendations and to make the explanation public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

BUDGET REFORM

14. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for: a. borough presidents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
b. The Conflicts of Interest Board?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
c. The Public Advocate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
d. community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
15. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining and limiting units of appropriation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
16. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support / <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose

17. How do you feel the reformed bill drafting process is going under the enacted 2014 Council Rules Reforms and do you think we need a more independent process similar to New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission?

I will have to research this question further.

18. What specifically will you do as a City Council Member to ensure New York achieves a full and complete Census count in 2020?

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19. In 2016, Citizens Union helped craft and push for the enactment of a law that placed political contribution limits and disclosure requirements on nonprofits that are formed by, or affiliated with, elected officials, which helped prevent some significant features of an emerging "pay-to-play" culture in New York City. Do you have any other ideas to further limit such a culture and create a better environment where contributions, either personal or political, do not unduly influence the actions of elected officials?

Not at this time.

Please use the space provided or a separate sheet of paper to elaborate on your positions on the issues contained in the previous pages. You may also provide additional information on any actions that you have taken or plan to take to advance your positions on these issues.

N/A

II. CAMPAIGN PROMISES MADE TO VOTERS

What are the top five campaign promises you are making to the voters during this campaign?

If elected, Citizens Union will use these promises to evaluate your performance while in office, as well as to evaluate your candidacy in the future.

Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient, and to affix additional information such as a résumé, campaign brochure, or issue statements. We thank you very much for your response.

TOP FIVE 2019 CAMPAIGN PROMISES OR GOALS

1. Eradicate homelessness in the district
2. Create a plan to protect homeowners in the district from the foreclosure crisis
3. achieve equity in School funding
4. Reform the Justice System in New York State.
5. eliminate or reduce the number of illegal police shootings in the district.

III. ETHICAL REPRESENTATION OF CONSTITUENTS

Citizens Union believes that all New Yorkers deserve to be represented by officials who work for the public interest and honor public trust. We seek to endorse a candidate who will demonstrate that they will honor the full commitment of the oath of office, and will always represent the public interest above all else. Please give us your views on this aspect of holding elected office.

I am in complete agreement.

Please return to: Citizens Union, Local Candidates Committee, 299 Broadway, Suite 700 New York, NY 10007
Via email to candidates@citizensunion.org or fax to 212.227.0345 • Call us at 212-227-0342 with questions.