

## Independence Party of Queens

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**Candidate Questionnaire- City Council and Borough President Candidates**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (include Apartment Number and Zip Code)

Campaign Address (include Apartment Number and Zip Code)

Telephone Numbers:

Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

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Campaign Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for which elective office? \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Party Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Campaign Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to attach pages if you don't have enough room for an answer. You may wish to attach a resume or campaign material to this questionnaire (optional). This questionnaire is not confidential.

1. Have you run for this or other elective office before? \_\_\_\_\_

Office (District): \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2. What other party lines are you seeking?

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3. The Independence Party focus is on reforming the political and electoral process, to eliminate corruption and special interest control of policy making. Please state your basic philosophy on this agenda and the kinds of initiatives you will campaign on with respect to political reform.

4. What do you think is the most pressing issue(s) facing your constituents, and how do you plan to address this issue(s) if elected?

5. Have you read the Independence Party Platform (<http://ipny.org/platform.html>)? If so, are there any substantial areas with which you especially agree or disagree?

6. Please comment on your position on term limits in general. Additionally, please comment on the NYC term limits law that was amended last year specifically.

7. Would you agree to a debate which includes all other candidates for the office you seek who have made the ballot? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Currently, elections for City Council and Borough President are held in a partisan manner. Would you support a system of non-partisan elections for these offices, where candidates would forego the primary process and run without party labels? Please feel free to elaborate on your response.

9. What is your position on Instant Run-Off Voting (IRV)?

10. What is your position on Same Day Voter Registration?

11. The Board of Elections currently administers all elections in this state. Would you support a plan to restructure the Board of Elections along non-partisan rather than Bi-partisan lines? What other reforms might you support for changing the way the Board of Elections operates?

12. Currently, New Yorkers have the right to reform the city charter through Initiative and Referendum. Would you support extending that to the state level? Please be specific.

13. In general do you think Judges should be elected or appointed? How do you feel about the current manner in which Civil Court and Family Court Judges are appointed and what changes if any would you like to see made to the process? Please be specific as to the method you™d prefer.

14. What is the biggest problem with the way the City Council conducts business and if elected, what would you do to change this?

15. If you are the Independence Party nominee, in what ways do you think the party could work with you to grow, expand its influence and enact its agenda?

16. What do you envision as the most effective way to proceed with development at Ground Zero?

17. What if any plans do you have to reduce traffic congestion in your district?

18. What is your position on real estate development in Queens, like Willets Point?

19. If you receive the IP endorsement, how would you use it in your campaign? And will you include that fact in all campaign materials and ads for your campaign?

20. How can city government most effectively aid Queens residents and New Yorkers during the current fiscal crisis and what public policies would you support towards that end?

21. Do you agree - whether or not you should receive the Independence Party endorsement - that you will not challenge, cause to be challenged, or urge to support a challenge to any Independence Party candidate petitions filed with the Board of Elections this year for any office, except with the expressed written consent of the chairman of the this committee, and that your name may be used as being opposed to any such challenge? Please *initial* after yes or no.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments on any subjects not covered that are important to you are welcome.

**Please sign and date this questionnaire.**

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_