Reform Party

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**Candidate Questionnaire- State Legislative Candidates**

 *The Reform Party is an advocate for:*

1. Responsible State Budgeting
2. Property Tax Reform
3. Election and Campaign Finance Reform (including redistricting)
4. True Government Transparency
5. An End to Unfunded Mandates
6. Criminal Justice Reform
7. Government Employee Compensation & Pensions Consistent with Private Sector
8. An End to Back-Door Borrowing and Reining in Authorities
9. Empowering individual state legislators
10. A better functioning education system with an emphasis on local control
11. Restoring public confidence in government
12. Defense of small business
13. Improved Mass Transit

Name:

Home Address (include Apartment Number and Zip Code)

Campaign Address (include Apartment Number and Zip Code)

Telephone Numbers:

Day: Evening:

Fax: None E-mail:

Campaign Manager: Telephone:

Candidate for which elective office (include district number)?

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): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What other party lines are you seeking?
2. Should you fail to win the nomination of any other party (including your own), would you commit to running enthusiastically and energetically as the nominee of the Reform Party?
3. The Reform Party has a focus 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?

1. Please state your views in general with respect to criminal justice reform and what specific reforms you might support.
2. Please comment on your position on term limits.
3. Would you agree to a debate which includes all other candidates for the office you seek who have made the ballot?

1. Currently, elections for state legislature are held in a partisan manner. Would you support a system of non-partisan elections for state legislature, 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) aka Single Transferrable Voting?

1. 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?

1. Currently, residents of New York City have the right to reform the city charter through Initiative and Referendum. Would you support extending that to the state level? Please be specific.
2. Do you believe that state Supreme Court Justices should be elected through the current judicial convention process or by some other means? Please be specific as to the method you’d prefer.
3. What is the biggest problem with the way the legislature conducts business in Albany and if elected, what would you do to change this?
4. If you are the Reform Party nominee, in what ways do you think the party could work with you to grow, expand its influence and enact its agenda?
5. Would you support combining the Congressional Primary and State Legislative Primary so that both are held in June?
6. What’s your position on “Common Core” and what changes would you suggest be made to it?
7. If you receive the Reform Party endorsement, how would you use it in your campaign? And will you include that fact in all campaign materials and ads for your campaign?
8. What’s the biggest problem facing the residents of your district?
9. How would you reform the MTA and/or similar public authorities?
10. How would you like to see the property tax structure in the state changed or improved?
11. Do you agree - whether or not you should receive the Reform Party endorsement - that you will not challenge, cause to be challenged, or urge to support a challenge to any Reform 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.

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

**Please sign and date this questionnaire.**

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

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