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Office:
District:

The Business Council PAC 2018 Questionnaire for Candidates

We appreciate your responding to our questionnaire. Your completed document will be used only for our internal endorsement reviews, and will not be released or distributed by The Business Council of New York State, Inc. or the Political Action Committee.

Business Council MISSION STATEMENT: Working to create economic growth, good jobs and strong communities across New York State.

The Business Council's 2018 Legislative Priorities:

1. Improve the state's workforce development
2. Adopt broad-based labor reforms
3. Adopt additional state tax reforms
4. Adopt liability reforms
5. Update and reform SEQRA
6. Reject expansion of prevailing wage
7. Oppose single-payer health plan
8. Reject new taxes or other revenue measures

General Information

Candidate name: _____

Office/district: _____

Mailing address of campaign HQ: _____

Campaign manager's name and contact information: _____

Campaign press secretary and contact information: _____

Campaign website(s): _____

Campaign and/or candidate social media account(s): _____

Personal Background

Please share any accomplishments or experiences that reflect your commitment to advancing the principles of The Business Council.

Current and recent occupation(s):

Professional affiliations:

Community service honors:

Endorsements to date:

Involvement with business organizations:

Previous offices held:

Legislative Positions

- Do you support or oppose a constitutional cap on state spending growth?
- Do you support or oppose making the state's 2% real property tax cap permanent?
- Do you support or oppose taxpayer-financed elections for state office (Senate/Assembly and statewide offices)?
 - If you support, where would you propose the source of funding come from?
 - existing General Fund resources
 - a new broad-based tax or fee
 - enforcement/penalty income
 - other (*please specify*): _____
- Do you support or oppose extending New York State public sector prevailing wage mandates to private sector projects?
- Do you support or oppose expansion of the Martin Act, New York's broad and stringent securities fraud statute?
- Do you support or oppose the adoption of new coverage mandates for group health plans?
 - If you support, which new coverage mandates do you recommend? _____
- Do you support or oppose the adoption of a comparative negligence standard under the "Scaffold Law," Section 240/241?
- Do you support or oppose reforms to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) that provided more certainty regarding project review, timetables and standards?
- Do you support or oppose reducing PSC-imposed energy assessments for energy intensive businesses?
- Do you support or oppose expanding natural gas access for industrial, commercial and institutional customers?

- Do you support or oppose providing state funding to promote job training programs that specifically address local/regional employer needs?
- Do you support or oppose targeted tax cuts for small business and farms (e.g., reducing personal income tax liability for unincorporated small business.)?
- Do you support or oppose stand-alone legislation to limit political contributions by business, including LLCs?
- Do you support or oppose adoption of a “single payer” system for health care services in New York State?

Closing Questions

What are your three highest legislative priorities for 2018?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Signature of the Candidate or Designee _____ Date _____

Printed Name *(if other than the candidate)* _____

Please feel free to provide us with an additional page outlining any information or issues of personal interest that you would like us to consider.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. In the event we have further questions regarding your answers we may contact you to set up a formal interview.

Contact Darren Suarez at **518.465.7511 ext. 206** with any questions. Responses should be emailed to **darren.suarez@bcnys.org** in PDF format.