



THE NEW DEMOCRATS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

2010 Endorsement Survey

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

Position running for: _____

Party affiliation: _____

Other endorsements:

Will you be seeking the endorsement of the Conservative or Independence parties? If yes, state which party or both _____

Money on hand: _____

Money needed to compete: _____

Prior races run: _____

Elected offices held: _____

LOCAL ECONOMY

1. Do you support or oppose the provision of tax breaks to business, and if so, do you also support clawback provisions for those that accept public support but do not create the jobs they stated they would? Please explain.

2. Do you support or oppose the proposed merger of local industrial development agencies? Please explain.

3. The assessment of real property has become a hot button issue. Do you support regular re-assessments by local governments? Also, do you support the creation of countywide assessment departments which would replace the current multiple assessment offices as currently exist. Please explain.

4. Upstate New York's economy has been stagnant for many years. What are your priorities for reinvigorating upstate New York's economy?

GENERAL LOCAL QUESTIONS

1. In Erie County, registered Democrats have an enrollment advantage of almost two-to-one over Republicans; however Republicans often win countywide and regional elections. Why do you think that is and what would you do to try to change this?

2. Please name your top three priorities if elected, as well as first three pieces of legislation you will introduce or champion if elected?

GENERAL POLICY QUESTIONS

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

1. Are you pro-choice or pro-life? Please describe your views on abortion?

STEM CELL RESEARCH

1. Do you support embryonic stem cell research? If not, what about adult stem cells only? Please explain.

2. Do you believe the government should financially support embryonic stem cell research?

GAY MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNIONS

1. Do you support gay marriage? If not, please explain your why?

2. If you do not support gay marriage do you support civil unions and the benefits that come along with that? Please explain.

GUN CONTROL

1. Are you in favor of gun control? Please explain.

2. Do you believe that municipalities should engage in gun buy back programs? Please explain.

3. Should hand guns continue to be registered and automatic weapons outlawed?

ECONOMY

1. If you were in Congress would you have voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Package) and would you reverse President Bush's tax cuts for the rich, including reinstating the estate tax?

2. Do you support the entering into of free trade agreements by the U.S.? Are there any you would support or reject (NAFTA, CAFTA, etc.)? Please explain.

ENVIRONMENT/GLOBAL WARMING/ENERGY

1. Do you believe in "Global Warming" and if so, what can you do as an elected official to help stop the spread of it? Please explain.

2. Should state and federal governments be investing in research to reduce carbon dioxide emissions?

3. What kind of legislation would you pass to make corporations more responsible for polluting?

4. Would you support legislation that requires better gas mileage (CAFÉ standards) for car manufacturers in regard to automobiles and trucks?

DEATH PENALTY/CRIMINAL ISSUES

1. Do you support the death penalty? Please explain.

2. If you oppose it in general, do you support or oppose it if a police officer is killed, or if it is to be applied to a known terrorist? Please explain.

3. Should the government compensate those victims who are falsely convicted of a crime?

HEALTH CARE REFORM

1. Do you support the Health Care Reform Legislation Passed in Congress, and would you have voted yes in favor of the passage if you were in Congress? Please explain.

2. Should we be allowed to buy cheaper prescriptions from foreign countries such as Canada and Mexico? Please explain.

EDUCATION

1. Do you support charter schools? Please explain.

2. Do you support school vouchers? Please Explain.

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

1. New York State's 2010-2011 proposed budget has a \$9 Billion deficit. How would you propose addressing the shortfall. Please note if you would support tax increases, cuts to the budget, and borrowing, and if so how you would achieve each.
