



## National Organization for Women – New York City 2017 Political Action Committee Candidate Questionnaire

### About Us

The National Organization for Women – New York City advocates for the women and girls of New York by working to defend reproductive rights, fight economic inequality, and end violence and discrimination against women. We represent women’s voices on a broad range of issues that cut across healthcare access, workplace rights, economic well-being, social and political agency, and freedom from violence. For more than 50 years, NOW has been holding leaders and institutions accountable to women, shaping public debate, strengthening public policy, electing pro-women and pro-choice candidates, and mobilizing and educating women to stand up for their rights.

### Instructions

Please complete answers to all questions and add any additional comments. Return the completed questionnaire (total of four pages including this sheet) by email to: [alyssa@nownyc.org](mailto:alyssa@nownyc.org) . If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Cannizzaro at 212-627-9895.

### General Information

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office seeking: \_\_\_\_\_ District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Contact Info of Campaign Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign office address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire, which will be used in the endorsement process of the  
National Organization for Women – New York City**

## Position Questions

### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS & HEALTH CARE

Do you support reproductive freedom for all women, including the right to safe, legal abortion?	Yes	No
Do you support the right of minors to access abortion without parental consent or notification?	Yes	No
Do you pledge to stand against any efforts to cut or eliminate State Medicaid funding for abortion, which enables abortion access for low-income women in our state?	Yes	No
Do you support the New York State Reproductive Health Act (A.1748/S.2796-2017), which codifies <i>Roe</i> into our state law and would protect every woman’s right to access abortion, especially in cases where her health is at risk?	Yes	No
Anti-choice protests outside of women’s health clinics that provide abortions (and other care) are on the rise. Do you support the full enforcement of the NYC Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities law to ensure that women and girls are able to safely obtain medical care?	Yes	No
Do you support ensuring that all employees of the City of New York have access to health insurance that covers contraception without co-payments? Currently, there are a number of city employees covered by “grandfathered” health insurance plans that do not afford this coverage.	Yes	No

### ACHIEVING EQUALITY

Do you support increased funding for the NYC Commission on Human Rights?	Yes	No
Do you support the retention of domestic partner benefits for public employees and the employees of vendors contracting with the state, to preserve partners’ access to health insurance coverage, hospital visitation rights, and bereavement and sick leave?	Yes	No
Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in education, for example, it requires all schools receiving federal funds to have transparent policies in place for reporting and addressing sexual harassment and sexual assault. It also ensures the fair treatment of pregnant students. Many students, although they experience harassment on a regular basis, remain unaware of their rights and their schools’ policies. Do you support putting new strategies in place to empower students, raise awareness, and ensure Title IX compliance in our public middle and high schools?	Yes	No
Currently, there is only <u>one</u> Title IX coordinator for all of New York City’s more than 1.1. million students in over 1,800 schools. Do you support increasing the number of Title IX coordinators to at least one per borough, to strengthen the enforcement, training, and investigative capacity of the DOE on Title IX?	Yes	No

**ECONOMIC/WORKPLACE ISSUES**

Many private employers require employees to sign agreements requiring all complaints to be settled by mandatory arbitration, preventing them from filing discrimination complaints with agencies or the courts. Would you support legislation eliminating this practice?	Yes	No
Subsidized early childhood education programs for children age four and under are serving only a fraction of families in need. Do you support expanding the capacity of early childhood and after-school systems and prioritizing funding for such programs?	Yes	No
Do you support salary parity and adequate benefits for staff in ACS-funded Community-Based Programs? Currently, staff of these programs earn far less than their DOE counterparts.	Yes	No

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Do you support increasing penalty fees (i.e. john schools, car impoundment) associated with the crime of patronizing prostitution which would be used for services helping prostituted individuals and youth?	Yes	No
Do you support increasing funding for runaway and homeless services for commercially sexually exploited youth (especially including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth)?	Yes	No
Do you support expanded training for police officers, so that all officers are equipped to effectively and appropriately respond to the unique needs of sexual assault, human trafficking, and domestic violence victims, (this includes NYC Council Int. 1481-2017)?	Yes	No
The NYPD Special Victims Unit officers charged with investigating crimes of sexual assault face burdensome caseloads and limited resources. Do you support expanded training and staffing of Special Victims Units across all five boroughs?	Yes	No
Do you support taking concrete steps to ensure that funding for programs assisting victims of sexual assault including Rape Crisis Programs are “baselined” in the budget, so that programs can serve victims without interruption?	Yes	No
From 2000-2010 nearly 4,000 children under the age of 18 were married in New York State (this excludes NYC data). On July 20, 2017 a new state law (A.5524-2017) will go into effect banning marriage for those under the age of 17. Do you support the release of NYC marriage data showing ages of spouses to ensure compliance with the new law?	Yes	No

**FINAL QUESTIONS & YOUR RECORD**

What measures will you take to proactively ensure proportionate representation of women, especially women of color, on the Community Board in your district?

Please provide concrete examples of your record, as an individual and/or elected official, that highlight your commitment to each of the following of our priority issue areas:

1. Advancing Reproductive Justice

2. Stopping Discrimination

3. Securing Workplace Equality & Expanded Job Opportunities for Women

4. Ending Violence Against Women

Additional Comments (optional):