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**Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter State Legislative Questionnaire 2024**

Complete and return as soon as possible to:  rjezer@gmail.com

Please attach a resume as well

**Candidate Information**

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Employer. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Manager’s Name and Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.    (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

E-mail:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_District #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Incumbent? \_\_\_\_\_\_. Yes\_\_\_\_ No If yes, year first elected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which of the two major party lines are you seeking, if any? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the major party line are you seeking the nomination of any other minor party? \_\_\_Yes.  \_\_\_No

If so, which one(s): CON \_\_ WFP\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Experience**

Please describe (on an attached sheet) your past activities, accomplishments and experiences that demonstrate a track record of concern with environmental issues.

**Campaign Information**

Please provide a brief description of the district and the race. Who are your opponents?

Please list the organizations – community groups, unions, issues groups, etc. – that have endorsed you.

Whom do you consult with on environmental issues?

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**OVERVIEW**

The Sierra Club is America's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization.

The Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club is a volunteer-led, grassroots entity of the national organization representing 43,000 members across New York.

The Atlantic Chapter works to support candidates who will lead the fight in protecting our communities and natural surroundings. Candidates supported by the Sierra Club include those who champion legislation that protects clean air, water and our remaining wild places; speak out against environmentally destructive practices; and otherwise work to protect New York’s natural heritage.

PROCESS

For an endorsement to be considered, candidates must fill out this questionnaire. Candidates will be evaluated on their knowledge of and commitment to important environmental issues relevant to both their district and the state as a whole.

After receipt of your completed questionnaire, members of the Atlantic Chapter Political Committee will contact you for in person meeting. Voting records, information from this questionnaire and your website, responses in an interview, access to your office and position papers will be considered. The sooner the questionnaire is received, the sooner we can move forward with the endorsement process.

If endorsed, you will be able to use the Sierra Club endorsement seal (not logo) in your literature. The Sierra Club will help you as best as they can on your campaign, if asked.

To ensure a timely evaluation of your responses, as well as speed the endorsement process, we request that you answer all questions in an electronic format (MS Word documents preferred)*.* Please be sure to number your responses according to the question being answered.

Please email the completed Questionnaire to  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact me by email or call (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Thank You Political Committee, Sierra Club

**2024 Sierra Club Questionnaire NYS Legislature**

Answer each of the questions to the best of your ability. Please save your answers in bold or a different font for easier reading.

**Issue Questions**

1. What do you believe are the most important environmental issues facing your district?

1. The primary source of funding for environmental programs in New York State is the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which preserves open space, protects drinking water and stimulates our green economy.
	* In 2024, the EPF was funded at a historic high of $400 million. Do you support a pathway to a $500 million EFP? Which environmental programs in the EPF best support needs in your district?

3.  The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act obligates New York to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors 85% by 2050 and power our electrical grid with 100% emissions free sources by 2040. What policies in your district would you seek to implement to help NY achieve this goal? How would you like to see the state pay for this transition?

4. What does the term Environmental Justice mean to you, especially in the context of your district?

5. New York State has finite water resources that are needed for agriculture, drinking water, industrial applications, recreation and ecosystem function. What policies would you employ to best protect the abundance and quality of New York’s water resources? What policies would you promote to protect our lakes from algae blooms?

1. The State of New York, through its Solid Waste Management Plan, has adopted a Zero Waste philosophy where producer responsibility and coordinated local recycling efforts can reduce and eventually eliminate the need for incinerators and landfills. But we are far from achieving our goals
	* What policies would you support to help NY eliminate the concept of waste and create circular economies for products and materials?

7. What policies would you support to safeguard New York’s drinking water and food from “forever chemicals” like PFOA.

8. What policies or legislative initiatives do you support that would reduce the carbon footprint of New York’s transportation sector, particularly dealing with electric school buses?

9. How do you feel the new Micron Plant will affect our region and are you aware of the environmental issues presently being addressed?

**CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS**

10. When did you begin raising money for your campaign? How much money have you raised to date, and how much do you expect to raise?

11. Do you have endorsements from unions, organizations or others!

12. If you are endorsed by the Sierra Club, what would your campaign do to publicize the endorsement?

**Please attach a resume to this questionnaire.**