

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2009 -2010

Candidate's Name: BOB FRIEDRICH
Office: COUNCIL 23RD CD District #: 23

Office Sought: Incumbent / Challenger / Open Seat (Circle One)

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Primary Date: 9-15-09 General Election Date: _____

Incumbent's Name: _____
Amount you have raised to date: \$ 50,000

Legislative Priorities

Please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.

1.
BOB STANDS FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF:
• LIMITED GOVERNMENT, ECONOMIC FREEDOM, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY
• PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
• ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY MAXIMIZING ECONOMIC GROWTH & CHOICE
• INNOVATIVE IDEAS & CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

2.

Please indicate whether you have ever said anything publicly or to the press that could come back to embarrass the Republican Party, its party officials or Republican elected officials. It is important that you are as forthcoming as possible.

5.

No

6. Please answer the following Budget and Tax Issues. Indicate what city funding levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. Select one level per category, you can use a number more than once. 1 = maintain status, 2 = slightly decrease, 3 = greatly decrease, 4 = slightly increase, 5 = greatly increase, 6 = I do not wish to respond. This scale of 1 to 6 will also serve for many of the question categories that follow.

- a) Education (Higher) 1
- b) Education (K-12) 1
- c) Emergency preparedness 2
- d) Environment 1
- e) Health care 1

Support school vouchers & Parental choice

- f) Law enforcement 1
- g) Transportation and highway infrastructure 1
- h) Welfare 1

7. City Council members weigh in with resolutions and at time with home rule amendment requests on or related to city or state taxes and can as a matter of course raise certain species of taxes without Albany's approval. Please indicate what tax levels (#1-6) you support for the following general categories. Select one level per category, you can use a number more than once.

- a) Alcohol taxes 1
 - b) Cigarette taxes 2
 - c) Corporate taxes 1
 - d) Gasoline taxes 1
 - e) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000) _____
 - f) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000) _____
 - g) Sales taxes 2
 - h) Vehicle taxes 1
- } Do NOT support most
Recent PERS INC. TC Hike.
WE MUST CUT SPENDING
→ I support a TEMP sales tax holiday on car purchases as a way to encourage sales.

8) Should there be a cap on property taxes? Circle Yes or No for this and questions that follow that call for a Yes or No response. You may expand on your answer or qualify it in your interview.

Yes Property Taxes must be capped to force Gov't to control spending. CO-OP TAXES ARE CURRENTLY much higher than Single Family Homes + must be adjusted.

9) Should sales taxes be extended to Internet sales?

Yes
 No Vehemently opposed

10) Should New York City establish a "rainy day" fund to balance the city budget or pare down debt?

Yes provided it can be legislatively protected from those who will spend IT ON "SUNNY DAYS"

11) Should fee increases be used to balance the budget?

Yes
No Generally NO, Although fees should be ~~be~~ reviewed periodically AND Adjusted if appropriate.

12) Do you support raising the income tax for those making \$1,000,000 or more?

Yes

No

13) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

a) Do you support limiting the number of terms for New York City Mayors and City officials to two terms?

Yes

I testified in support of term limits + feel very strong about this.

No

b) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to city candidates?

- 1) Individual Yes No
- 2) PAC Yes No
- 3) Corporate Yes No
- 4) Political Parties Yes No
- 5) Unions Yes No

I participate under the NYC Campaign Finance Law.

c) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?

Yes

No

d) Do you support imposing spending limits on political campaigns?

Yes

No

My views on this have changed over time + I do support limits on local races.

e) Should New York participate in the federal REAL ID program?

Yes

No

14) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.

a) Increase public funds for construction of state prisons and hiring of additional prison staff.

Yes No

b) Enforce the death penalty in New York.

Yes No

c) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.

Yes No

provided the same programs are offered to non-CRIMINALS BASED ON Economic Need

d) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.

Yes No

e) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.

Yes No

No more SLAP ON THE WRIST for juveniles convicted of serious crimes

f) Support state and local law enforcement officials enforcing federal immigration laws.

Yes No

g) Support hate crime legislation.

Yes No

- I believe all crime is HATE crime + should carry similar penalties

15) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

a) Support increased funding of universal pre-K programs.

Yes No

I support INCREASE in funding if the Budget Revenue permits. Can't spend what you don't have.

b) Support federal education standards and testing requirements for K-12 students (No Child Left Behind).

Yes No

c) Support state education standards and testing requirements for K-12 students.

Yes No

d) Support requiring public schools to administer high school exit exams.

Yes No

e) Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any public school.

Yes No

f) Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.

Yes No

g) Provide increased funding to increase teacher salaries.

Performance Based,

Yes No

h) Support using a merit pay system for teachers.



Yes No

i) Provide public funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.

MUST Be COLOR BLIND & Economic Means Tested,

Yes No

j) Support allowing illegal immigrant high school graduates of New York to pay in-state tuition at public universities.

Yes No *would like to see Actual cost of this.*

16) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.

a) Increase funding for job-training programs that re-train displaced workers and teach skills needed in today's job market.

Yes No

b) Reduce city government regulations on the private sector.

Yes No

c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses.

Yes No

d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income working families.

Yes No

e) Increase public funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families.

Yes No *provided Parents Are working*

f) Include gender identity in New York's anti-discrimination laws.

Yes No

g) Increase the state minimum wage. *periodically review it.*

Yes No

h) Support laws that prevent employers from dismissing employees at will.

Yes No

i) Support financial punishments for those who knowingly employ illegal immigrants.

Yes No

j) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.

Yes No

k) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.

Yes No

l) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.

Yes No

b) Support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, oil, etc).

Yes No

c) Use public funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned.

Yes No

d) Support funding for improvements to New York's power generating and transmission facilities.

Yes No

e) Support a congestion pricing plan whereby drivers would pay a fee for entering Manhattan during rush hour.

Yes No *Actively opposed this + Testified in Oppos. trial*

f) Support funding for open space preservation.

Yes No

g) Limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to global warming.

Yes No

h) Enact environmental regulations even if they are stricter than federal law.

Yes No

18. Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.

a) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows?

Yes No

I support the 2nd Amendment

b) Should citizens be allowed to carry concealed guns?

Yes No

c) Should a license be required for gun possession?

Yes No

d) Do you support current levels of enforcement of existing restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns?

Yes No

e) Do you support current restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns?

Yes No

19) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding health.

a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state and city funded care where necessary.

Yes No

b) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of government.

Yes No

c) Limit the amount of damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.

Yes No

d) Allow patients to sue their HMOs.

Yes No

e) Require hospitals and labs to release reports on infections that are a risk to public health, while not compromising patient confidentiality.

Yes No

f) Legalize physician assisted suicide in New York.

Yes No

g) Support allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes.

Yes No

20) Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding social issues.

a) Should New York State recognize civil unions between same-sex couples?

Yes No

b) Should same-sex couples be allowed to marry?

Yes No

c) Should New York State provide state-level spousal rights to same-sex couples?

Yes No

d) Do you support New York City's Domestic Partnership law?

Yes No

d) Do you support a moment of silence in public schools?

Yes No

e) Do you support voluntary prayer in public schools?

Yes No

ee) Do you support displaying the crèches (Nativity Scenes) in public schools during the Holiday Season?

Yes No

f) Do you support sexual education programs that include information on abstinence, contraceptives, and HIV/STD prevention methods?

Yes No For Higher Grades Only

g) Do you support abstinence-only sexual education programs?

Yes No

h) Should the government consider race and gender in state government contracting and hiring decisions?

Yes No

i) Do you support affirmative action in public college admissions?

Yes No Must be color blind BUT Economic Means testing is O.K.

j) Should New York continue affirmative action programs?

Yes No

21. Do you think a mother should have the legal right to an abortion for any of the following reasons:

a. The fetus was conceived through rape or incest

- Yes
- No

MY Views ON Abortion
Are moderate

b. The fetus has a handicap

- Yes
- No

• I believe in choice with restrictions

c. The fetus has a genetic defect?

- Yes
- No

- Oppose Late Term Abortion
- Support Parental Notification
- Support Allowing States to make Decisions on Abortion

d. The health of the mother

- Yes
- No

- Oppose Forcing Religious Institutions to carry Medical Ins. for their employees that cover Abortion

(Please note that the U.S. Supreme Court in Doe v. Bolton defined "health" in the context of abortion to include "all factors — physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the woman's age — relevant to the well being of the patient." This broad definition has led to the sanctioning of abortion-on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy.)

23. Do you oppose the use of public revenues for abortions or for organizations that advocate it.

- Yes
- No

24. Do you agree with the following Republican Party Platform principles regarding the elderly, handicapped, and infirm?

a. Opposition to euthanasia

- Yes
- No

b. Opposition to assisted suicide

- Yes
- No

c. Opposition to the non-consensual withholding of care or treatment because of disability, age or infirmity.

Yes

No

25. Do you support efforts to ban cloning of human beings?

Yes

No

26. Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

a) Abortions should always be illegal.

Yes

No

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b) Abortions should always be legal.

Yes

No

c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.

Yes

No

d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.

Yes

No

e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.

Yes

No

f) Abortions should be subject to a mandatory waiting period.

Yes

No

g) Require clinics to give parental notification before performing abortions on minors.

Yes

No

h) Comments on this subject

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27) The local Republican Party appreciates that urban and suburban voters may have different priorities that Republican's in other parts of the Country including less of an emphasis on social "wedge" issues and more of a focus on taxes, economic development, job creation, good government and quality of life issues.

What follows are statements of principles that we hope will animate the thinking of any candidate who receives our endorsement, particular when he is she is elected to public office and has to decide policy questions affecting the lives and pocketbooks of every day New Yorkers . Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the principles that follow: (Circle one or the other)

A. Place People Before Government

Fundamentally change how government views the taxpayers -- rejecting the concept that each person who lives, works or conducts business in NYC exists to support a bloated government bureaucracy. Implement both tax and spending cuts to bring our tax code, at the very least, on par with the second-highest taxed city in America, and our spending down to a manageable level that does not unfairly burden future generations.

Agree or Disagree

Strongly Agree on ALL!

B. Place Parents Before Bureaucrats

Empower individual schools to make decisions and establish priorities that enable it to create an effective, competitive teaching environment. Empower parents, within this new competitive environment, to be able to choose the school best suited to their child's needs, giving each student the best possible chance of receiving a high-quality education.

Agree or Disagree

C. Remain Vigilant in the Fight Against Crime

Ensure that our neighborhoods remain the safe havens to which we have grown accustomed in recent years, and that we have the best-trained and equipped Police force in America. We will strive to keep the NYPD to the highest standards of conduct and professionalism.

Agree or Disagree

D. Abolish Barriers to the Attraction and Retention of Jobs in New York

Adopt pro-business policies, (particularly small businesses that are the major employers) including lower taxation and fewer fines and levies in order to established a friendlier business climate, curtail capital flight and ultimately diversify our economy and tax base. The days of wine and roses are over.

Agree or Disagree

E. Fight for Good, Responsible and Responsive Government

Reform the way that city government is run. Adopt methods of doing the city's business that create competitive forces and efficiencies in delivering taxpayer-funded services. Create more competition in municipal elections by modernizing the election process itself - reducing the power of incumbency thereby ensuring that New York has the best, most dedicated public servants possible.

Agree or Disagree

By signing below I am attesting that the answers I've given represent my views to the best of my knowledge based on the information available to me today. It is also an indication that I want the Republican Party's endorsement and should I receive it I will proudly tout that I am the Republican party's candidate and will continue to work with the Republican Party and its leaders to build a greater awareness of the vital role the Republican Party plays in ensuring we have a good and responsive government of the people, by the people and for the people - which is after all what it means to be a Republican.

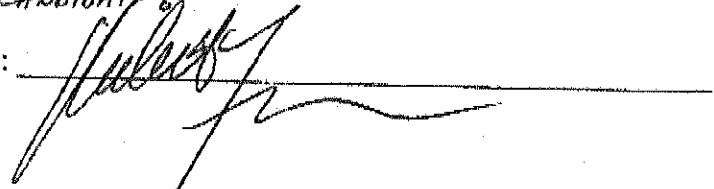
Candidates Closing Comments

My Record of Accomplishments is BOTH Visible & Measurable. As a Civic LEADER, I have A Record of Action, NOT Promises that have improved the Quality of Life of Thousands.

My LEADERSHIP style is based on Principles of Integrity and transparency.

I strongly supported Frank Padavan, against much Advice from the Dem Organization. I believe we need Councilmembers that come out of the civics and who will bring Innovative ideas & Creative Solutions to problems we face.

I am that candidate!

Candidate's Signature: 

Date: 5/1/09

(Please enclose campaign literature, policy statements, if any, and biography of candidate)