

Dear Neighbor,



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As the new Minority Leader of the New York State Assembly, I am eager to best understand the views and concerns of communities across our state. For that reason, you have been carefully selected to participate in a survey to help identify solutions that get state government back on track to help New Yorkers. I ask that you please fill out the following questionnaire to provide me with valuable feedback that will shape statewide policy. Please be assured that your responses will be held confidential. Together, we can achieve real solutions to help all New Yorkers succeed. I look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,

Brian M. Kolb
Assembly Minority Leader

1. Do you generally believe the state is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

Right Direction Wrong Direction

2. Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor or teacher's union, or a state or federal employee?

Yes
 Labor
 Teacher
 State/Federal
 Other _____
 No

3. Which of the following issues facing New York State is your greatest concern?

Pick One

The economy
 Jobs and unemployment
 Health care
 Education
 Reforming state government
 Other _____

4. What specific thing about the economy concerns you and your family the most?

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5.

Some say charter schools take much-needed resources from public schools. Others say it gives educational choice to children and parents. Do you believe the state should fund charter schools?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

6.

Do you favor or oppose allowing same-sex couples to marry in the State of New York?

- Strongly Favor
- Somewhat Favor
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

7.

Do you favor or oppose a cap on property taxes even if it means reducing programs and services provided by local schools?

- Strongly Favor
- Somewhat Favor
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

8.

Do you favor or oppose reforming the teacher tenure system to ensure that teachers only advance if their students perform well?

- Strongly Favor
- Somewhat Favor
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

9.

Reforming state government is often talked about. What do you think needs to be done to achieve true government reform?

10.

To close next year's projected \$2.2 billion deficit, do you believe lawmakers should raise taxes or make cuts to education and health care facilities?

- Raise Taxes
- Make cuts to education and health care facilities
- No Opinion

11.

Do you agree or disagree that New York state government should NEVER regulate what type of firearms a person can own?

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

12. STAR rebate checks were eliminated in 2009 to avoid budget cuts in other state programs. How much does this action concern you?

- Very Concerned
- Somewhat Concerned
- Not very Concerned
- Not at all Concerned

13. New York State has many regionally-specific needs regarding transportation. What do you think needs to be done to improve transportation in your area of the state?

14. Do you favor or oppose raising the cost of tuition on State University of New York (SUNY) students as a means of balancing the budget?

- Strongly Favor
- Somewhat Favor
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

15. A recent change to state law allows drug offenders who served their time to have their criminal drug history concealed from future employers. Do you agree with this law or believe it should be repealed?

- Agree with law
- Repeal the law
- No Opinion

16. Do you favor or oppose doubling child care tax deductions for working families?

- Strongly Favor
- Somewhat Favor
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

17. What do you feel is the best way to create jobs?

18. Hundreds of thousands of NYS residents under 30 years old have left the state over the past decade because of lacking job opportunities. Which of the following would be most helpful in preventing younger residents from having to leave the state?

- Exempting individuals from State income taxes for 5 years after graduating from a New York State college
- Providing a 50% property tax reduction for first-time homebuyers under 30 years old
- Providing tax breaks to companies to create and maintain more jobs in New York State

19.

As one of your four statewide legislative leaders, I am interested in the opinion you hold of your local Assemblymember. When you think of your representative in the Assembly, what best describes your opinion of him/her?

- I like my Assemblymember and think they accomplish a lot
- I dislike my Assemblymember and do not think they accomplish much
- I do not know much about my Assemblymember and what they have done in Albany

20.

If you were Governor of New York State, what is one thing you would do to improve the quality of life for residents across our state?

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