

Public Advocate Candidate:

Below is the Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club's Public Advocate Candidate

Questionnaire. Please fill it out and return to jimowles@gmail.com

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1. Do you now support or have you ever supported an openly LGBTQ candidate for public office? Yes
2. If applicable, what legislation directly affecting the LGBT community have you introduced or co-sponsored? (indicate accordingly) n/a
3. What LGBT organizations have you been involved with, either on a volunteer basis or professionally? Audre Lorde Project, National Black Justice Coalition
4. If applicable, what LGBT organizations have you allocated funds to? National Black Justice Coalition
5. Do you consider yourself a member of the LGBT community? No, I'm an ally.
6. Have you marched in Pride? Which marches and for approximately how many years? Yes, once in the City, 2015.
7. Have you employed openly LGBT individuals previously? Do you employ any currently? Yes and yes
8. If you receive the endorsement, do you agree to identify the club using its FULL name on all literature and electronic materials where you list endorsements? Yes
9. What press conferences, demonstrations, rallies and protests in support of LGBT issues, pro choice legislation, criminal justice issues and the Resist Trump Movement have you attended? Several, including as co-organizer for the Millions March NYC, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Black Lives Matter demonstrator, and many of the marches in response to family separation and Muslim ban policies by Trump.
10. Have you ever been arrested? If so please explain why and outcome of arrest. No, but I have served as a legal advocate when activists were arrested, both here and in Ferguson.
11. Will you advocate in Albany for legislation to mandate the review of sentences of incarcerated individuals over the age of 55 who have served in excess of 15 years to determine if they warrant release? Yes.

12. Do you commit to visit constituents who are incarcerated in state prisons such as Bedford Correctional Facility? Yes.
13. Do you believe sincere remorse, risk of reoffending and actions taken while incarcerated should be considered over the original crime in determinations of parole? All those things should definitely be considered, in addition to ongoing support to ensure success upon returning to society.
14. Do you consent to having your name added to a letter of elected officials to the New York State Parole Board advocating for the release of Judith Clark? Yes
15. Have you participated in any demonstrations or protests in relation to the issues of clemency and parole? Most of the criminal justice rallies I've participated in have included clemency and parole as top issues.
16. Will you affirmatively seek to hire formerly incarcerated individuals? Yes
17. Do you believe in the legalization of sex work? Yes
18. What proposals will you advocate for the protect immigrants and the further New York as a Sanctuary City? Immediate moratorium on c
19. Will you advocate, including introducing legislation, to remove public funding from religious schools? For the most part, yes, although there are some exceptions. In our city, however, the way public funding is used is inequitable as far as religious observances and needs to be investigated.
20. What is your position on Amazon opening their headquarters in Queens? I believe there ought to be a moratorium on any developments until a full investigation into the deal and its specifics are scrutinized and made public. I also believe that a deeper assessment of whether the tax and land benefits to Amazon are justifiable given the City's long history with displacement due to real estate developers and corporate interests.
21. Do you support removing the loitting statue from the state criminal code? Yes
22. Do you support the legalization of marijuana?  
Yes, as long as connected to restorative justice and economic justice priorities.
23. Do you support the establishment of supervised drug consumption spaces? Yes, and we still must support rehabilitation and quality mental and emotional health support.
24. Have you ever endorsed any member of the IDC or any candidates who challenged IDC members?  
Please identify all candidates  
  
I endorsed every challenger of the IDC.
25. Do you support reform of the CCRB? If yes, please explain. Yes--it should be an elected space, not an appointed one.
26. Please identify 3 boards on which the PA serves and 3 appointments the PA makes that are of the utmost importance to you.

The three boards of interest, in terms of both serving and appointments, includes 1) the committee to appoint the director of the Independent Budget Office; 2) chair of Commission on Public Information and Communication; and 3) the City Planning Commission.

27. What reforms to the powers and duties of the office would you advocate for? The most important is advocating for subpoena power. I also believe it should not be a stepping stone to be Mayor, and should stand alone as an independent space.

28. Will you commit to hiring a member of the LGBT community to serve as a liaison to the community?  
Yes

29. Will you commit to ensuring diverse LGBT representation among your staff? Yes

30. Who did you support for office in the following races A) Mayor and Public Advocate in 2013 B) President in 2016 C) Governor and Attorney General in 2018

I wasn't an NYC voter in 2013, but I would not have supported de Blasio. I would have supported Tish James. I was a Bernie supporter, and then Clinton for general. In 2018, Cynthia Nixon and Tish James.

31. Do you support Habitat for Humanity's proposal for gay-friendly low income housing on Elizabeth Street? I support low-income housing especially for marginalized communities. As Public Advocate, I'd want to make sure we aren't pitting green space and housing issues against each other. Of course, we must prioritize the lives of New Yorkers and explore all available options.

32. Would you speak in favor of an establishment applying for a liquor license when the opposition is based on Nimby and or unreasonable concerns? Yes