



NEWS From Assemblymember John T. McDonald III

2017 CONSTITUENT SURVEY

Dear Neighbor:

I hope you had a relaxing summer and are enjoying the fall season so far. In anticipation of the 2018 Legislative Session, I want to hear what your legislative priorities are and about the issues that are important to you.

As always, my office is always available to assist in any way we can. If you are looking for assistance regarding state or local government issues, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling (518) 455-4474 or by emailing mcdonaldj@nyassembly.gov. To stay updated on community and legislative updates, please join my mailing list by visiting my New York State Assembly website at www.nyassembly.gov/mem/John-T-McDonald-III.

I always encourage you to reach out to me whether to provide feedback on issues, share any ideas you may have, or whether you have a problem that needs to be tackled. I am always willing to meet with constituents in my office or out in the district. Hearing your voice is extremely beneficial as we shape our legislative agenda and prioritize the needs of the 108th District. It is a privilege to serve you; it is an honor that I will never take for granted. Thank you for completing the enclosed survey.

Sincerely,

John T. McDonald III



2017 108TH DISTRICT CONSTITUENT SURVEY

Please find a constituent survey below that will allow you to provide input on the issues that are important to you and subjects that may come up during the next legislative session. These questions are meant to gauge your opinion on areas that are likely to arise or have been discussed during previous legislative sessions.

Your survey responses help guide my work as your representative in the New York State Assembly. I look forward to receiving your input since I rely on it when voting on measures, sponsoring and supporting legislation, and prioritizing funding in the budget process. Please note that there are two spaces available to allow two members of your household to participate.

There are two ways that you can submit the survey:

By returning the enclosed survey by mail to our Albany office located at the following address:

Assemblymember John T. McDonald III
LOB 417
Albany, NY 12248

By filling out the form online on my website:

www.nyassembly.gov/mem/John-T-McDonald-III



We provided spaces for two constituents to answer each question. (**Constituent 1** • **Constituent 2**)
 If you need extra space for comments, please attach additional paper and mail it with the survey. Thank You!

1. There has been much discussion surrounding the vote to hold a constitutional convention that will be on the ballot for November 2017. Do you support holding a constitutional convention?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?
<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?

2. During the 2017 session, the NYS Assembly passed the "Child Victims Act" as a one-house bill; the legislation proposes to extend the statute of limitations for sexual abuse criminal and civil cases. Under current law, the five year statute of limitations for bringing a criminal case begins when the victim reaches age 18. Under the bill, the five year statute of limitations would begin when the victim reaches age 23. As for civil cases, the current law starts the statute of limitations at age 18, under the proposed legislation, the victim would be able to bring a suit up to the age of 50 years old.

Do you support extending the statute of limitations for survivors of childhood sexual abuse? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you support extending the statute of limitations for survivors of childhood sexual abuse? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If your answer is YES , do you support the extension: <input type="checkbox"/> For criminal cases <input type="checkbox"/> For civil cases <input type="checkbox"/> For both <input type="checkbox"/> How long do you think the statute of limitations should be extended for? <input type="text"/>	If your answer is YES , do you support the extension: <input type="checkbox"/> For criminal cases <input type="checkbox"/> For civil cases <input type="checkbox"/> For both <input type="checkbox"/> How long do you think the statute of limitations should be extended for? <input type="text"/>
Why do you support extending the statute of limitations in these cases?	Why do you support extending the statute of limitations in these cases?
If you DO NOT support extending the statute limitations, why?	If you DO NOT support extending the statute limitations, why?

3. The Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) is a bill that expands the rights of transgender individuals and seeks to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or expression and expands New York State's hate crime laws to include crimes against people because of their gender identity or expression. Do you support the passage of GENDA into law?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?
<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?

4. The proposed New York State DREAM Act would provide funding for the children of undocumented immigrants to attend college. Do you support this Act?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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5. Recognizing that while there are one-shot increases and incremental growth, overall sales taxes are decreasing, should all online sales be subject to sales tax? Since not all retailers pay sales tax in New York, do you believe that any out of state business selling in NYS should charge sales tax?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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6.(a) Other states have imposed a ban on polystyrene and/or plastic bags by replacing them with paper, recyclable material, and/or biodegradable products in the interest of environmental protection. Do you support a similar plastic bag ban in New York if retailers also charged a 10 cent fee for the new bags to offset the additional costs for these bags?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Ban all plastic bags	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Ban all plastic bags
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6.(b) Would you change your answer if 5 cents of that fee were used to fund New York State Parks?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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7. The Governor has made it a priority to encourage shared services between municipalities. Which of the below services would you be most supportive in sharing? (Please select no more than 3)

<input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> None at all	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> None at all

8. Medicaid is generally the highest cost to county governments. It would cost the state \$2.3 billion to take over Medicaid management from the fifty-five counties outside New York City. Would you be willing to assume the cost of a state takeover in the State budget if it meant either an increase in State taxes or decrease in State services in order to lower your local property taxes?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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9. Online marketplaces, such as Airbnb (Air Bed and Breakfast), enable home-sharing. Provided that they are required to pay all related taxes and are compliant with current building codes, would you support home-sharing companies in New York?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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10. Despite additional charges of corruption there has been little progress in the way of meaningful ethics reform. What in your opinion is the most important ethics reform measure that New York should enact? *Please rank from most important (6) to least important (1)*

New disclosure requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1	New disclosure requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1
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Other	Other

11. Term Length - Currently, New York State legislators are elected to a two year term.

Do you support legislators continuing to serve two year terms (every two years having to run for re-election)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you support legislators continuing to serve two year terms (every two years having to run for re-election)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered NO , would you support a constitutional amendment that would increase in the length of a term to four years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you answered NO to (a), would you support a constitutional amendment that would increase in the length of a term to four years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

12. Term Limits – Currently New York State legislators are not subject to term limits, which means they can run for an unlimited number of two year terms.

Should legislators be subject to term limits? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Should legislators be subject to term limits? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered YES , how many total years of service should a legislator be limited to (choose one response)? <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	If you answered YES , how many total years of service should a legislator be limited to (choose one response)? <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 12

13.(a) Currently, New York has a medical marijuana program in place; however it has not legalized marijuana for recreational use. To date, seven states, including neighboring Massachusetts, have legalized marijuana for recreational use. Do you support the full legalization of marijuana in New York?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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13.(b) If legalization did not occur, would you be supportive of the expungement of certain marijuana drug charges from criminal records?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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14. When considering how to allocate the State's financial resources, which categories are your highest priorities? *(Please rank highest priority as 13 – lowest priority as 1)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Education (K-12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Education (K-12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education/College	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education/College
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare/Opioid/Heroin	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare/Opioid/Heroin
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Governments/Property Tax Relief	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Governments/Property Tax Relief
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge and Road Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge and Road Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks
<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development (<i>Trades, Apprenticeships, Nursing, etc.</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development (<i>Trades, Apprenticeships, Nursing, etc.</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resources for the Aging Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources for the Aging Community
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition and Healthy Food	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition and Healthy Food
<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare

15. Supporting small businesses is a priority of mine and I frequently hear about the need for regulatory reforms to remove onerous burdens on small businesses to allow them to grow and succeed. Currently, I carry a bill that would attempt to relieve some of the burden by providing relief from regulatory fines for first-time offenses that do not impact health, safety, or the environment. What do you think is the biggest impediment for small businesses?

<input type="checkbox"/> The need for increased communication from regulatory agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> The need for increased communication from regulatory agencies
<input type="checkbox"/> Health care costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Health care costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Simplifying the tax code	<input type="checkbox"/> Simplifying the tax code
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please explain</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please explain</i>)

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16. Would you support a single payer healthcare system?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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17. The unfortunate reality of the heroin epidemic is that many of us have been touched by it in some shape or form. What obstacles do you see in prevention, treatment, and recovery? What if any thoughts do you have on how we can be more effective in battling this growing problem?

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18. Controlled safe injection sites have been proposed as a method of preventing deaths from overdoses. Would you support safe injection sites that allow supervised drug use?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?
<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?

19. Just over 90 % of patients continued to receive prescription opioids after an overdose. More than half receive the prescription from the same doctor who prescribed the drugs that led to the overdose. If a patient who is prescribed opioids has had an overdose, do you believe their prescriber should be notified of that overdose? In addition, should their overdose be noted in a private patient registry for professionals only to help identify patients who may need treatment?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Why?
<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Why?

20. Please share any thoughts on what issues are important to you that you would like to see addressed in the 2018 session.

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