

Ray Walter's 2012 Legislative Survey

OVERALL PRIORITIES

Please identify your most important priorities by numbering the following items, with "1" being the most important and "8" being the least.

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| ___ Agriculture | ___ Education |
| ___ Environment | ___ Health Care |
| ___ Jobs | ___ Senior Benefits |
| ___ State Mandates | ___ Taxes |
| ___ Other: _____ | |

JOB PRIORITIES

Please tell me your recommendations on whether the following should be increased, decreased, or left about the same:

- Business tax incentives:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Taxes on small businesses:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Environmental regulations:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Taxes on high earners:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Investment in higher education:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Investment in infrastructure:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Other:** _____

GOVERNMENT

1. Do you approve of the Obama Administration's job performance?
 Yes No
2. Do you approve of the Cuomo Administration's job performance?
 Yes No

BUSINESS

3. Currently, small businesses in New York have limited options in the types of health care coverage offered to their employees – very expensive or none at all. Would you vote to enable small employers to offer more modest coverage if it meant more employees would be offered health insurance?
 Yes No
4. Would you vote to allow wine to be sold in grocery stores?
 Yes No
5. Would you vote to eliminate business incentive programs and use the savings to cut taxes for all businesses?
 Yes No

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the business environment in New York in order to create more jobs?

ENVIRONMENT

6. Would you vote to allow hydrofracking in accordance with strict environmental regulations?
 Yes No
7. Would you vote for New York State to impose the toughest carbon dioxide restrictions in the nation even though it would increase utility costs and reduce business competitiveness?
 Yes No

8. Would you vote to require utility companies to purchase more of their power from renewable energy sources, regardless of price?
 Yes No

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the environment in New York?

EDUCATION:

9. Would you vote to allow school boards to include teacher performance as a factor in layoff decisions rather than being based solely on seniority?
 Yes No
10. Would you vote to change the current teacher tenure system?
 Yes No
11. Do you think Western New York's children are getting the education they deserve for the price that taxpayers pay for education?
 Yes No

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Please tell me your recommendations on whether funding for the following should be increased, decreased, or left about the same:

- Overall taxes and spending:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- State aid for local schools:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Higher education:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Welfare:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Law enforcement:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Medicaid funding:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Economic development:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Senior programs:**
 Increase Decrease Keep the same
- Other:** _____

SPENDING:

12. Would you vote to cap State spending to the rate of inflation?
 Yes No
13. Would you vote to reduce pension benefits for future public employees?
 Yes No
14. Would you vote to increase State taxes to provide additional funding for education?
 Yes No

OTHER IDEAS

Please share your other ideas on how I can best represent you in state government.
