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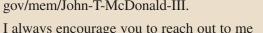
# Assemblymember John T. McDonald III

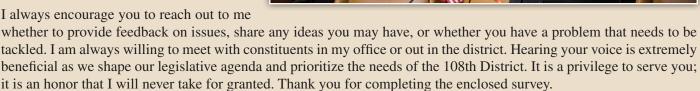
#### 2017 CONSTITUENT SURVEY

#### 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.







### 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



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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 2017. Do you support holding a constitutional convention?	a constitutional convention that will be on the ballot for November	
	Yes. Why?	☐ Yes. Why?	
٥	No. Why?	□ No. Why?	
2.	tend the statute of limitations for sexual abuse criminal and ci bringing a criminal case begins when the victim reaches age	d Victims Act" as a one-house bill; the legislation proposes to ex- ivil cases. Under current law, the five year statute of limitations for 18. Under the bill, the five year statute of limitations would begin t law starts the statute of limitations at age 18, under the proposed age of 50 years old.	
	o you support extending the statute of limitations for survivors childhood sexual abuse?	Do you support extending the statute of limitations for survivors of childhood sexual abuse?    Yes   No	
If	your answer is <b>YES</b> , do you support the extension:	If your answer is <b>YES</b> , do you support the extension:	
	For criminal cases  For civil cases  For both How long do you think the statute of limitations should be tended for?	☐ For criminal cases ☐ For civil cases ☐ For both ☐ How long do you think the statute of limitations should be extended for? ☐ ☐ ☐	
W	hy 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 <b>DO NOT</b> support extending the statute limitations, why?	If you <b>DO NOT</b> support extending the statute limitations, why?	
3.	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?		
	Yes. Why?	☐ Yes. Why?	
	No. Why?	□ 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?		
	Yes 🚨 No	□ Yes □ No	
5.		nental growth, overall sales taxes are decreasing, should all online ax in New York, do you believe that any out of state business selling	
	Yes 🖵 No	□ Yes □ No	
6.(	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?		
	Yes ☐ No ☐ Ban all plastic bags	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Ban all plastic bags	
6.(	b) Would you change your answer if 5 cents of that fee were use	ed to fund New York State Parks?	
	Yes • No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
7.			
	Police    Fire    Communications    Sanitation	☐ Police ☐ Fire ☐ Communications ☐ Sanitation	
	Parks and Recreation    Human Resources    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 ment from the fifty-five counties outside New York City. Would you be willing to assume the cost of a state takeover in budget if it meant either an increase in State taxes or decrease in State services in order to lower your local property ta			
	Yes • No	☐ Yes ☐ 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?		
□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	rogress in the way of meaningful ethics reform. What in your opinion uld enact? <i>Please rank from most important (6) to least important (1)</i>	
number of two year terms.	Do you support legislators continuing to serve two year terms (every two years having to run for re-election)?  Yes  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?  No  Subject to term limits, which means they can run for an unlimited	
Should legislators be subject to term limits?  Yes No	Should legislators be subject to term limits?  Yes No	
If you answered <b>YES</b> , how many total years of service should a legislator be limited to (choose one response)?    4   4   12	If you answered <b>YES</b> , how many total years of service should a legislator be limited to (choose one response)? $\Box$ 4 $\Box$ 8 $\Box$ 12	
	ace; however it has not legalized marijuana for recreational use. To ve legalized marijuana for recreational use. Do you support the full	
13.(b) If legalization did not occur, would you be supportive of the ex	pungement of certain marijuana drug charges from criminal records?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
14. When considering how to allocate the State's financial resour (Please rank highest priority as 13 – lowest priority as 1)	ces, which categories are your highest priorities?	
	Education (K-12) Higher Education/College Housing Healthcare/Opioid/Heroin Environment Local Governments/Property Tax Relief Bridge and Road Infrastructure Water and Sewer Infrastructure Parks Workforce Development (Trades, Apprenticeships, Nursing, etc.) Resources for the Aging Community Nutrition and Healthy Food Childcare  ently hear about the need for regulatory reforms to remove onerous eed. Currently, I carry a bill that would attempt to relieve some of	
the burden by providing relief from regulatory fines for first-ti What do you think is the biggest impediment for small busine	me offenses that do not impact health, safety, or the environment. sses?	
<ul> <li>□ The need for increased communication from regulatory agencies</li> <li>□ Health care costs</li> <li>□ Simplifying the tax code</li> <li>□ Licensing requirements</li> <li>□ Other (please explain)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ The need for increased communication from regulatory agencies</li> <li>□ Health care costs</li> <li>□ Simplifying the tax code</li> <li>□ Licensing requirements</li> <li>□ Other (please explain)</li> </ul>	

# 16. Would you support a single payer healthcare system? Yes No Yes No 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?

☐ Yes. Why?	☐ Yes. Why?
□ No. Why?	□ 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 identity patients who may need treatment?

20. Please share any thoughts on what issues are important to you that you would like to see addressed in the 2018 session.			
□ No. Why?	□ No. Why?		
☐ Yes. Why?	☐ Yes. Why?		

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