

Buffalo Niagara Partnership State Legislature Candidate Questionnaire 2008

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District Assembly 146

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Party Endorsements Received Republican Conservative Independence Working

Candidate Information

Current employment New York State Assemblyman / Attorney

Name of employer (if applicable) Shaw & Shaw, PC

Employer address: 4819 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075

Have you ever been elected or appointed to public office?

Yes No

If yes, years of service and office(s) 4 years, New York State Assembly

If no, have you ever run for an elected office?

Yes No

Election year and office(s) _____

If you are (re) elected to office, list your top three priorities for your first/next term and why:

1. Changing Albany – reduce spending of tax dollars, Albany spends too much

and we must reduce waste and abuse.

2. Saving & Creating jobs – We need to make NYS an affordable place to do

business and ensure we keep young families and people in NYS.

3. Healthcare – we must make healthcare affordable and accessible for all and

make it a priority, not a privilege.

What is the top issue employers in your district are facing? Taxes, taxes, taxes

If elected, on which committees would you most like to serve?

1. Judiciary – ranking minority member

2. Health, Banks, Housing, and Government operations

NYS REGULATIONS		
Do you support legislation repealing or reforming NYS's Scaffold Law to allow juries to consider an employee's comparative negligence? If (re) elected, would you sponsor legislation repealing or reforming Scaffold Law? Comments: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO NO
Do you support legislation reforming NYS's Taylor Law to make a municipality's ability to pay the primary determining factor? If (re) elected, would you sponsor legislation to reform the Taylor Law? Comments: <u>I agree with reforming the Taylor Law but an employer's ability to pay is one of many issues the state must address in this financial crisis.</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO NO
Do you support repealing NYS's Wicks Law? If (re) elected, would you sponsor legislation to repeal Wicks Law? Comments: _____ _____	YES YES	<input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY		
Do you support a cap on school property taxes at 4% or 120% of inflation, whichever is higher? Comments: <u>The 4% cap is only one part of the answer. There must also be mandate relief, spending cuts, and a circuit breaker for me to support a tax cap.</u>	YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
Do you support a cap on state spending? Comments: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Do you support Governor Paterson's efforts to cut state spending by \$2.6B in FY 2008 and 2009? Comments: <u>There must be across the board spending cuts of at least 5% on everything in the budget.</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Do you support linking wage and apprenticeship requirements to economic development incentives? Comments: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO

<p>Do you support maximizing replacement and expansion power generated at the Niagara Power Project for use within a 30-mile radius of the NPP for economic development purposes? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
<p>Do you support the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as a means to spur brownfield remediation and redevelopment? Comments: <u>100% support</u> _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
<p>Do you support the state's renewal of the Empire Zone program when it is due to expire in 2011? Comments: <u>I support its renewal but there must be reforms to the system. We would be better off with lower taxes overall instead of needing an EZ program.</u> _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
TAX REFORM		
<p>Do you support changing the standard deduction for people 18-25 to encourage young NYers to stay in NY? Comments: <u>Co-Chair of RemainNY Task Force which focuses on keeping young people in NYS.</u> _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
<p>Do you support legislation allowing student loan interest to be deducted from taxable income statewide? Comments: <u>As Co-Chair of the Young NY'ers Task Force, this legislation is one of my top priorities for the upcoming session and plan to introduce this legislation.</u> _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
HEALTH CARE		
<p>Do you support allowing self-employed individuals to deduct health care premiums from payroll taxes? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
<p>Do you support allowing tax incentives for the purpose of health insurance? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
<p>Do you support requiring employers to provide health coverage to their employees? Comments: <u>only if there is an incentive or tax credit provided to the business as a result.</u> _____</p>	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

<p>Do you support using a payroll tax or employer "fair share" fee to finance a health care insurance program/plan? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>LEGAL REFORM</p>		
<p>Do you support tort reform legislation to protect small businesses from frivolous lawsuits? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>LABOR ISSUES</p>		
<p>Do you support lowering or eliminating the small business exemption (50 employees) to the Family and Medical Leave Act? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>Do you support legislation requiring employers to pay for employee sick leave? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>Do you support legislation requiring unions to notify its membership of their right to refuse to pay for union political activities? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>Do you support allowing family-time (comp-time) that gives private sector employees the ability to choose time off instead of overtime pay? Comments: _____ _____</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
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<p>OTHER</p>		
<p>UB2020 is the Partnership's #1 economic development advocacy priority for the job creation and business investment potential it brings to the Buffalo Niagara region. Will you support the state policy changes and allocation of resources necessary to help UB2020 accomplish its goals? Comments: "[UB2020] is the best idea to come to Buffalo in a long time." - Assemblyman Jack Quinn, Buffalo News, 9-25-08</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Do you support the "Millionaire's Tax"? Comments: <u>Voted against this bill</u></p>	<p>YES</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>If (re) elected would you support legislation allowing a referendum for a state constitutional convention? Comments: <u>I signed Carl Paladino's pledge.</u></p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>If (re) elected, would you sponsor such legislation? Comments: _____</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Do you support expanding the "Restore New York" program to recognize smaller communities and communities that have experienced high levels of population loss and higher proportions of vacant and blighted property? Comments: _____</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Do you support recapitalization of the NYSDEC Environmental Restoration Program? Comments: _____</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Do you support reducing cities' reliance on state aid by allowing utilization of revenue opportunities that do not burden taxpayers, such as authorization for a red light camera system and elimination of the state practice of sharing certain locally generated revenue streams, for example, motor vehicle moving violations, marriage licenses and handicapped parking fees? Comments: _____</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>NO</p>

List two reasons employers should support your campaign:

1. I have been an avid supporter of business and promoting an environment for prosperity, growth, and keeping our best talent in New York.

2. In my 4 years in the Assembly, I have voted against \$5.5 billion in new and increased taxes and fees and will continue to fight for less taxes and spending in Albany.

If (re) elected, what specifically will you do to help increase private sector investment and jobs in Buffalo Niagara?

(Please feel free to attach additional pages)

I would continue to fight for less taxes and spending from Albany while working with local business leaders in finding ways to make Western New York an affordable place to do business, raise a family, and create new jobs. It will take a concerted effort from government officials, business professionals, our colleges and universities, and community groups to promote Western New York and I look forward to continuing to be a leader in that effort. With my role as Co-Chair of the Young NY'ers Task Force, I am looking forward to tackling the problems Western New York faces with fresh ideas and cooperation from all facets of our community.

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9-30-08
Date

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