

2010 Candidate Survey

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1. Candidate for (check the one that applies.) (answer type: multiple options with single answer)

Answer: selected option = New York State Assembly 120th District

2. Candidate Name (answer type: short text)

Answer: Bill Magnaralli

3. Campaign Name and Address (answer type: short text)

Answer: People for Magnarelli, P.O. Box 1299, Syracuse, NY

4. Campaign office phone number (answer type: short text)

Answer: 396-0235

5. Campaign FAX Number (answer type: short text)

6. Campaign email (answer type: short text)

Answer: cmfix@twcny.rr.com

7. Educational Background: (answer type: long text)

Answer: J.D., cum laude, Syracuse University College of Law
B.A., Syracuse University

8. Occupation: (answer type: short text)

Answer: Attorney

9. Work History: (answer type: long text)

Answer: Partner; Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, Fetter, and Burstein, P.C. 1982-Present
Associate with Richard Scolaro, Esq., 1977-1979

Associate with Axenfeld, Webb, Marshall, Bersani, and Scolaro, 1973-1977

10. Community Involvement: (answer type: long text)

Answer: Past member of the Board of Directors, Onondaga County Bar Foundation
Past Adjunct Professor, Syracuse University College of Law
Past member of the Board of Directors, CNY Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation
Member of the Onondaga County, New York State, and American Bar Associations
Past member, CNY High School Football Referees Association
Past Counsel to and member of Board of Directors, Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity

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11. What is your top legislative policy priority for 2011? (answer type: short text)

Answer: Jobs

12. What are two specific actions you would take to address next year's anticipated state budget deficit? (answer type: long text)

Answer: Medicaid Reform -- Both the recent Lt. Governor's report and the Comptroller's audit of the Department of Health show that much can be done in this area to reduce costs and improve service delivery.

Paperwork/Regulation Reductions -- We passed legislation I sponsored this year that would have reduced the amount of unnecessary and reduplicative paperwork individuals and businesses are required to submit to State Government, often without any legislative authorization. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed this cost-saving bill, which I intend to re-introduce. This will not only save the State money, but also individuals and businesses.

13. What are your top two recommendations to improve the climate for economic development in our region? (answer type: long text)

Answer: Worker's Compensation costs must be reduced along with our energy costs.

14. What specific efforts would you support to control the growth of state spending in 2011? (answer type: long text)

Answer: Medicaid costs must be reduced. I believe they can be without reducing benefits. The Comptroller recently, in an audit of the Department of Health, found over \$100 million in mismanged cost.

I believe we should look for consolidations of agencies/departments/commissions/authorities, etc. It has been widely publicized that there is much waste and duplication in our various segments of New York State Government.

15. What steps would you take to reduce the cost of public employee benefits to better align them with those of private sector employees? Will you support a Tier VI with defined benefit contributions? (answer type: long text)

Answer: I believe that all aspects of government must be looked at in the coming session. We cannot change benefits to present employees, both because of our Constitution and existing contract rights. However, everything is on the table during the next session for review, including a possible Tier VI.

16. What steps would you support to increase the competitiveness of New York State's small businesses? (answer type: long text)

Answer: As I stated above, worker's compensation reform, Medicaid reform, paperwork/regulatory reduction all need to be pursued.

17. What specific policies or legislation would you sponsor or support in 2011 to encourage or implement government modernization at the state, regional and local levels? (answer type: long text)

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Answer: Bringing our government into 21st Century technology is important. Although it will cost us in the short run, I believe there will be many benefits and savings in the long run.

18. If elected, at the end of 2011, what would you like to point to as your most important legislative or budget related accomplishment for the year? (answer type: short text)

Answer: New energy bills calling for lower cost power to our Upstate New York businesses and manufacturers and calling for the siting of new power sources.