



4. *Until the Legislature enacts new laws, Supreme Court judicial candidates will be selected at open primaries. The undue influence of campaign contributions on judicial candidates would be enhanced in an open primary system. Would you support legislation that provides for public financing of judicial campaigns?*

YES  NO

*Comments*

Annie Rabbitt, "We might also consider a matching fund program as well."

5. *The Feerick Commission recommended a series of reforms to the current elective system that might address the constitutional issues found by the Appeals Court in Lopez Torres (see cover letter). Included in the Feerick Commission recommendations, are reforms of the judicial nominating conventions. The reforms are designed to increase the participation and knowledge of delegates to the convention. They include:*

- *providing for the election of judicial delegates long before the conventions,*
- *decreasing the number of delegates,*
- *extending the term a delegate maintains his/her position,*
- *decreasing the petition signatures required for a delegate, and*
- *allowing judicial candidates to address the delegates at the convention.*

*Would you support legislation that would include some or all of these recommendations?*

YES  NO

*Comments*

6. *Would you support another recommendation of the Feerick Commission: legislation establishing independent judicial qualifying commissions composed of appointees of local bar/civic, not for profit organizations, and law schools or local colleges or universities that would review judicial candidates and report its findings of "most qualified" directly to the delegates and the voters?*

YES  NO

*Comments*

Annie Rabbitt, **“This proposal has merit and I would consider it however, we are again faced with how do we define “independent””**

7. *Other elected judges in New York State include County Court, Surrogate Court, Family Court (outside of New York City), New York City Civil Court, District Court and City Court judges. Would you support the creation of independent judicial qualification commissions to review the qualifications of those judicial candidates?*

YES  NO

***Comments***

Annie Rabbitt, **“I would need to ascertain how you would maintain independence of these commissions.”**

8. *Please circle and comment on which of the following components of our court system are important to the members of your community.*

Jury Duty   
Court Facilities   
Judges   
City Court   
Family Court   
Supreme Court   
Village or Town Courts

***Comments***

Annie Rabbitt, **“All have importance to my constituency and all deserve our attention.”**