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**[All comments were submitted in an addendum. The comments have been transposed to the appropriate spaces below.]**

**Please return by fax to (212) 541-7301 or by mail to Advocacy, Committee for Modern Courts, 351 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10019 on or before October 12, 2006.**

- 1. As you read in the cover letter to this survey, Legislative action is required to change the way we select Supreme Court justices, would you support a legislative effort to make such changes?**

**YES**  **NO**

**Comments**

**I support a legislative effort to change the way we select Supreme Court Judges to comply with the decision of the recent court decision and to ensure that New York State has in place a system of selecting judges that results in a fair, impartial judicial system.**

- 2. Do you support holding public hearings to determine how to best amend our laws governing the selection of Supreme Court judicial candidates?**

**YES**  **NO**

**Comments**

**Public hearings are essential to determine the best approach for new laws on this matter to ensure that all points of view are heard and that the most responsible legislation results.**





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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

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

**My community is concerned about ensuring that judges in city and town courts are as impartial and fair as possible. We understand the importance of the issues facing these courts and the wide implications their decisions have. My constituents have expressed to me that they want the fairest possible system in place to modernize the courts and I will continue to support these efforts.**

**Thank you. Please make sure you sign the first page of this survey and return it by fax to (212) 541-7301 or by mail to Advocacy, Committee for Modern Courts, 351 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10019 on or before October 12, 2006.**

