

Responses from Mayoral Candidates			
	Michael Nutter (D)	Karen Brown (R)	Wali “DiOp” Rahman (IND)
		Has not responded	
1. Oppose any bill that seeks to dismantle or weaken the city’s campaign finance ordinance, including changing the existing contribution limits	Support		Wholeheartedly Support These are the kinds of laws that help to level the playing field for independent candidates.
2. Advocate for legislation requiring corporations or unions that spend their general funds to support or oppose Philadelphia candidates to disclose their identity and amount of spending to the Philadelphia Board of Ethics, and requiring the Board to make this information publicly available online	Support		Support Full disclosure can only enhance the public trust.



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3. Advocate for strengthening the city's campaign finance ordinance to require 527 committees – groups that are only permitted to advocate either on behalf of or in opposition to political issues, and not for the election or defeat of a particular candidate – to register as political committees	Support		Support
4. Urge City Council to hold a hearing after the 2011 elections to consider additional reforms of the campaign finance ordinance with an eye towards making the ordinance a national model for diminishing pay-to-play and political favoritism in contracting	Support I will urge City Council to take this action.		Support



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5. Improve the city's electronic campaign finance database so that it can be easily searched and understood by the public and its data can be exportable into a spreadsheet or other analytic software formats	<p>Support</p> <p>I will work with the Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT) and the Records Department to accomplish this goal.</p>		<p>Support</p>
6. Make it easy for the public to learn about the contributions made by recipients of non-competitively bid contracts to elected officials by linking eContract Philly (the listing of firms and companies seeking or receiving non-competitively bid contract awards) with the campaign finance database	<p>Support</p> <p>I will work with the Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT) and <i>eContract Philly</i> to accomplish this goal.</p>		<p>Support</p>



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<p>7. Advocate for legislation recommended by the Task Force on Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform to require all elected and appointed city employees to register their outside jobs, and a detailed job description, with the Philadelphia Board of Ethics on an annual basis, to update that information during the year, as needed, and to make the information publicly available online</p>	<p>See Below</p> <p>I will work with City Council to enact reasonable legislation in this regard. I would like to better understand from the Committee of Seventy why this information should be publically available on-line.</p>		<p>Enthusiastically Support</p> <p>That will be the goal of my administration, complete transparency.</p>
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<p>8. Strengthen the January 2011 Executive Order on Outside Employment and Self-Employment to require all executive and administrative branch employees to register their outside jobs, and a detailed job description, with the Philadelphia Board of Ethics on an annual basis, to update that information during the year, as needed, and to make the information publicly available online</p>	<p>See Below</p> <p>I will review the January 2011 Executive Order to determine if additional changes need to be made, since this Executive Order is very strong presently. I would like to better understand from the Committee of Seventy why this information should be publically available on-line.</p>		<p>Support</p> <p>In addition I will push for the elimination of political "double dipping" where the Mayor currently is listed as a ward leader.</p>
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<p>9. Champion a proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter to eliminate two independently elected row offices – City Commissioners and Sheriff – and to transfer their necessary functions to other parts of government in order to ensure greater accountability</p>	<p>See Below</p> <p>I will first work with the newly elected officials to improve the operations of those two offices, and evaluate what would be involved in providing the services of these offices if the elected positions were eliminated. I don't personally believe these offices need an elected official to run them. But the voters will have just elected these officials, so the officials should at least be able to start doing their jobs.</p>		<p>Support</p>
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<p>10. Issue a public report on the progress of reforms to the Sheriff's operations, financial, and technology practices that were the subject of the March 2011 Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) involving the Sheriff's office, City of Philadelphia and the First Judicial District before the MOU expires on December 31, 2011 or before any renewal option is exercised</p>	<p>See Below</p> <p>I will work with the current Sheriff and the Sheriff-elect to issue such a report as soon as feasible.</p>		<p>Support</p>
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<p>11. Advocate for implementing consistent ethical rules and practices that are binding on all city-related authorities and the School District of Philadelphia, including legislative and Charter changes where applicable. I will work with Boards where I have appointees to make strong and consistent ethics policies a priority.</p>	<p>See Below</p> <p>I will review the various ethical rules and practices of each of these organizations for any consistency or conflict in City ethics rules and practices, and then seek consistency in City rules wherever possible, working with the various board members, and also respecting that some of these entities are state-created organizations.</p>		<p>Support</p>
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12. Champion the enactment of permanent legislation that forbids any city official or employee from having a role in hiring or promoting or participating in other personnel decisions involving a member of their immediate family (spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling or child) either by the city official or employee or by others in city government	<p>See Below</p> <p>I have talked with City Council about these issues in the past, and since no action was taken, I issued an Executive Order to cover nearly 90 percent of the workforce.</p>		Support
13. Oppose any effort by City Council to amend the City Charter to allow all or some non-elected city employees to serve as ward leaders, committee people or from taking any part in the management or affairs of a political party or in a political campaign	<p>Oppose</p> <p>I have already publically expressed my opposition to such a proposal, and I do not support at all an effort to extend these provisions to Executive-Branch employees.</p>		Oppose



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14. Advocate for reversing the exemption of City Council from existing city rules that ban city workers from serving as ward leaders, committee people of form taking any part in the management or affairs of a political party or in a political campaign	<p>Oppose</p> <p>I believe the Philadelphia Board of Ethics issued a regulation that deals with this issue. The “exemption” to which you refer, I believe, is based on a long-standing City Solicitor opinion.</p>		<p>Support</p>
15. Support passage of a comprehensive whistleblower law that provides sufficient protections for city employees who make good faith complaints about perceived wrongdoing in government	<p>Support</p>		<p>Support</p>



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16. Support legislation that requires all annual city financial disclosure statements to be publicly available online	Support		Support
17. Support sufficient funding for the Board of Ethics to operate effectively including, but not limited to, the resources necessary to carry out its oversight of the city's new lobbying law	<p>See Below</p> <p>I provided the needed funding for the Board of Ethics to implement the lobbying law, and I have strongly supported funding for the Board of Ethics, subject to economic budget challenges.</p>		Support



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18. Advocate for strengthening the current rules on the acceptance of gifts by enacting permanent and clear guidelines applicable to the entire city workforce that would allow gifts up to an explicit dollar value, with limited exceptions	<p>See Below</p> <p>I have publically advocated for a city-wide law, but since that did not happen, I enacted an Executive Order to effectuate these provisions for nearly 90 percent of the city workforce.</p>		Support
19. Advocate for the creation within the City Charter of an independent Inspector General with authority to investigate corruption, fraud, waste, or dishonest practices throughout city government, including City Council and independently elected row offices	<p>Support</p> <p>I have advocated for such a Charter change, but should that not occur, all elected officials and their staffs are subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics and the District Attorney.</p>		Support



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<p>20. Fight for ethics reforms across all city departments and agencies, even where they are not under my direct supervision and control. I will be an active voice and advocate for institutionalizing the highest level of ethics in government through legislative change that will extend beyond any single mayoral administration</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>I will seek to make permanent many of the ethics and anti-corruption provisions that my administration has enacted. An ethical government is the key to ensuring citizen trust.</p>		<p>Support</p>
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