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ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY AND CITIZENS UNION'S EVALUATION PROCESS

New Yorkers this September will be voting during the third primary of the year on Thursday, September 13, 2012 to select party candidates for state senate and assembly races, as well as judicial contests. While state legislative races are generally not competitive, newly drawn districts reflecting the 2010 U.S. Census and many incumbent legislators running for higher office mean there are several open seats and important choices to be made by the voters. Please note that this year's state primary will be held on a Thursday – not the typical Tuesday – due to September 11th remembrances.

To help our supportive Citizens Union members prepare for the upcoming primary election, we bring you our 2012 Primary Election Voters Directory, which would not be possible without the hard work of members of the Citizens Union Board, Local Candidates Committee, staff and our summer interns. Members of Citizens Union's Board of Directors and Local Candidates Committee formed nonpartisan interview teams and evaluated candidates for state senate and assembly races in addition to the contest for Manhattan surrogate court. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, expertise and commitment this summer to interviewing and evaluating candidates.

State government has been moving in the right direction over the last couple years with enactment of ethics reform laws and first passage of a redistricting reform constitutional amendment, but there is still much more to be done – including second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment by the legislature and reform of the state's campaign finance laws. We are hopeful that Citizens Union's policy priorities will be addressed by newly-elected and otherwise reform-minded legislators in 2013. Provided in this directory are Citizens Union's recommended candidates, descriptions of the positions and backgrounds of candidates we interviewed, and listings of every contest for all state legislative and judicial offices that will be on the ballot in New York City on September 13th. We caution voters that there may be last minute elimination or reinstatement of candidates on the ballot, so the list contained in this directory may have changed since this document was printed.



ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY AND CITIZENS UNION'S EVALUATION PROCESS

Recommendations are first made by the Local Candidates Committee on the basis of interviews, research, questionnaire responses, and first-hand knowledge of the candidates. These recommendations are advisory and then reviewed by the Citizens Union Board, which makes the final decision. A “Preferred” rating reflects a candidate that Citizens Union deems not only qualified for the office with a viable candidacy, but committed to an agenda of positive reform. Please note that candidates not preferred may nevertheless be highly regarded, which is generally reflected in the commentary. Citizens Union issues a “Preferred” rating during the Primary Election, and an “Endorsed” rating applies only to General Election contests. A “No Preference” rating may result when there is insufficient information available, it is believed that the candidates are of equal merit, or if no candidate in the race is believed to be effective or capable of representing the district.

We thank you for your support, and hope you enjoy the latest edition of the Voters Directory.

To view candidates’ complete questionnaires, please visit Citizens Union’s website at www.citizensunion.org.



PREFERENCES

CITIZENS UNION 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE PREFERENCES

Bronx

Assembly District 80	Mark Gjonaj (D)
Assembly District 84	Maximino Rivera (D)
Assembly District 87	Daniel Figueroa III (D)

Brooklyn

Senate District 18	Jason A. Otaño (D)
Assembly District 42	Rodneyse Bichotte (D)
Assembly District 55	Anthony L. Herbert (D)
Assembly District 57	Olanike T. Alabi (D)
Assembly District 60	No Preference

Manhattan

Surrogate Judge	Barbara Jaffe (D)
Senate District 27	Brad M. Hoylman (D)
Senate District 31	Adriano Espaillat (D)
Assembly District 72	Mayra S. Linares (D)
Assembly District 74	Brian P. Kavanaugh (D)

Queens

Senate District 10	James Sanders Jr. (D)
Senate District 15	Eric A. Ulrich (R, I)
Senate District 16	No Preference
Assembly District 25	Nily D. Rozic (D)
Assembly District 40 (Democratic)	Ron Kim (D)
Assembly District 40 (Republican)	No Preference



CONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Please note that this list does not contain candidates for delegate to the judicial convention, as well as party district leader and committee positions. To obtain this information, visit the City Board of Elections website, <http://vote.nyc.ny.us> or call (866) VOTE-NYC.

COUNTYWIDE JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

SURROGATE COURT JUDGESHIPS

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS (RETIREMENT AGE OF 70) • SALARY: \$136,700

MANHATTAN

Democratic Primary

Countywide

Barbara Jaffe†

Rita Mella†

CIVIL COURT JUDGESHIPS

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS (RETIREMENT AGE OF 70) • SALARY: \$125,600

BRONX

Democratic Primary

2nd Municipal District

Eddie McShan

Juana P. Valentin

BROOKLYN

Democratic Primary

1st Municipal District

Lara J. Genovesi

Richard J. Montelione

5th Municipal District

Theresa M. Ciccotto

Charles Finkelstein

Steven Z. Mostofsky

MANHATTAN

Democratic Primary

3rd Municipal District

Lisa A. Sokoloff

Olga Statz

Citizens Union preferred candidate in bold.

^ Incumbent

† Has returned candidate questionnaire; see pages 14-17 for responses, or for surrogate candidates, visit <http://www.citizensunion.org>.



CONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

Democratic Primaries

District 33 J. Gustavo Rivera^{^†}
Manual R. Tavarez

BROOKLYN

Democratic Primaries

District 17 Simcha Felder
Abraham Tischler

District 18 Martin Malave Dilan^{^†}
Jason A. Otaño[†]

MANHATTAN

Democratic Primaries

District 27 Thomas M. Greco[†]
Brad M. Hoylman[†]
Tanika Inlaw[†]

District 31 **Adriano Espaillat**^{^†}
Guillermo Linares[†]

QUEENS

Democratic Primaries

District 10 Shirley Huntley[^]
Gian A. Jones[†]
James Sanders Jr.[†]

District 16 John A. Messer[†]
Toby Ann Stavisky^{^†}

Republican Primary

District 15 Juan D. Reyes[†]
Eric A. Ulrich[†]

Independence Primary

District 15 Joseph E. Tiraco
Eric A. Ulrich[†]

Citizens Union preferred candidate in bold.

[^] Incumbent

[†] Has returned candidate questionnaire; see pages 14-17 for responses, or for surrogate candidates, visit <http://www.citizensunion.org>.



CONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

Democratic Primaries

District 77 Anthony Curry†
Vanessa L. Gibson^

District 78 Ricardo Martinez
José Rivera^

District 80 **Mark Gjonaj†**
Naomi Rivera^
Irene Estrada Rukaj

District 82 Michael Benedetto^
Edigio Sementilli

District 84 Carmen E. Arroyo^
Maximino Rivera†
Charles R. Serrano

District 86 Nelson L. Castro^†
Richard Soto

District 87 **Daniel Figueroa III†**
Luis R. Sepulveda†

BROOKLYN

Democratic Primaries

District 42 **Rodneyse Bichotte†**
Rhoda S. Jacobs^†

District 45 Ben Akselrod
Steven Cymbrowitz^

District 48 Dov Hikind^
Mitchell Tischler

District 54 Rafael L. Espinal Jr.^†
Juan C. Rodriguez

District 55 Roy Antoine
William F. Boyland Jr.^†
Nathan Bradley†
Christopher J. Durosinni
Anthony L. Herbert†
Anthony T. Jones
David R. Miller

District 57 **Olanike T. Alabi†**
Martine Guerrier†
Walter T. Mosley III†

District 58 Terry Hinds†
N. Nick Perry^

District 60 Christopher Banks†
Inez D. Barron^†



CONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Republican Primary

District 46 Thomas A. McCarthy
Lucretia Regina-Potter

MANHATTAN

Democratic Primaries

District 72 Melanie Hidalgo
Mayra S. Linares†
Gabriela Rosa†
Ruben D. Vargas

District 74 **Brian P. Kavanagh**^†
Juan Pagan

QUEENS

Democratic Primaries

District 25 Jerry M. Iannece†
Nily D. Rozić†

District 40 Ethel Chen†
Yen S. Chou
Martha Flores-Vazquez†

District 33 Barbara M. Clark^†
Clyde Vanel†

Ron Kim†
Myungsuk Lee

District 38 Etienne David Adorno†
Michael G. Miller^

Republican Primary

District 40 Philip Gim
Sunny Hahn†

STATEN ISLAND

Independence Primary

District 61 Paul D. Saryian
Matthew J. Titone^

Citizens Union preferred candidate in bold.

^ Incumbent

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UNCONTESTED SEATS IN THE PRIMARY

Please note that this list only includes incumbent state legislators whose primary election is uncontested.

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

BRONX – UNCONTESTED

District 29 José M. Serrano (D)

District 32 Ruben Diaz (D)

District 34 Jeffrey Klein (D)

District 36 Ruth Thompson (D)

BROOKLYN – UNCONTESTED

District 19 John Sampson (D)

District 20 Eric Adams (D)

District 21 Kevin Parker (D)

District 22 Marty Golden (R)

District 23 Diane Savino (D)

MANHATTAN – UNCONTESTED

District 25 Velmanette Montgomery (D)

District 26 Daniel Squadron (D)

District 28 Liz Krueger (D)

District 29 José M. Serrano (D)

District 30 Bil Perkins (D)

STATEN ISLAND – UNCONTESTED

District 23 Diane Savino (D)

District 24 Andrew Lanza (R)

QUEENS – UNCONTESTED

District 11 Tony Avella (D)

District 12 Michael Gianaris (D)

District 13 Jose Peralta (D)

District 14 Malcolm Smith (D)

District 15 Joseph Addabbo (D)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

BRONX – UNCONTESTED

District 79 Eric Stevenson (D)

District 81 Jeffrey Dinowitz (D)

District 83 Carl Heastie (D)

District 85 Marcos Crespo (D)

BROOKLYN – UNCONTESTED

District 41 Helene Weinstein (D)

District 43 Karim Camara (D)

District 44 James Brennan (D)

District 46 Alec Brook-Krasny (D)

District 47 William Colton (D)

District 49 Peter Abbate (D)

District 50 Joseph Lentol (D)

District 51 Felix Ortiz (D)

District 52 Joan Millman (D)

District 53 Vito Lopez (D)

District 56 Annette Robinson (D)



UNCONTESTED SEATS IN THE PRIMARY

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

MANHATTAN – UNCONTESTED

District 65 Sheldon Silver (D)
District 66 Deborah Glick (D)
District 67 Linda Rosenthal (D)
District 68 Robert Jay Rodriguez (D)
District 69 Daniel O'Donnell (D)

District 70 Keith Wright (D)
District 71 Herman Farrell, Jr. (D)
District 73 Dan Quart (D)
District 75 Richard Gottfried (D)
District 76 Micah Kellner (D)

QUEENS – UNCONTESTED

District 23 Philip Goldfeder (D)
District 24 David Weprin (D)
District 26 Edward Braunstein (D)
District 27 Michael Simanowitz (D)
District 28 Andrew Hevesi (D)
District 29 William Scarborough (D)
District 30 Margaret Markey (D)

District 31 Michele Titus (D)
District 32 Vivian Cook (D)
District 34 Michael DenDekker (D)
District 35 Jeffrion Aubry (D)
District 36 Aravella Simotas (D)
District 37 Catherine Nolan (D)
District 39 Francisco Moya (D)

STATEN ISLAND – UNCONTESTED

District 61 Matthew Titone (D)
District 63 Michael Cusick (D)
District 64 Nicole Malliotakis (R)



LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

CANDIDATE EVALUATION PRINCIPLES AND AIMS

Citizens Union (CU) is a nonpartisan good government group dedicated to making democracy work for all New Yorkers. Citizens Union serves as a civic watchdog, combating corruption and fighting for political reform. We work to ensure fair and open elections, honest and efficient government, and a civically-engaged public.

In keeping with our mission, CU aims to promote a competitive and diverse political culture, a fair and open political process, and accountable and responsible governance. To that end, CU evaluates candidates for elected office and backs those who strongly support and can advance our stated agenda for reform.

CU's terminology for expressing its support for a candidate shall be to "prefer" a supported candidate in a party primary election and to "endorse" a supported candidate in a general election. It is recognized that not all races will provide a clear-cut example of one candidate more closely aligned with CU's agenda. In such instances, a finding of "No Preference" or "No Endorsement" may be issued.

OUR CRITERIA

The following guidelines are used by the Local Candidates Committee and Citizens Union Board of Directors in the evaluation of candidates:

1. Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be the primary criteria used in deciding its support for a candidate. Evaluation of state legislative candidates in 2012 will weigh significantly their position regarding second passage of a constitutional amendment to reform redistricting and the enactment of comprehensive campaign finance reform modeled on the New York City system.
2. Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but not be determinative.
3. Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not determinative.
4. Incumbents will be held accountable for their record of reform in office and shall be judged accordingly on the basis of their demonstrated support for CU's issues.
5. State, local, or community issues specific to the race's jurisdiction shall be considered as will candidates' ability to grasp these issues and propose thoughtful solutions to represent their constituents' interests.
6. Evaluation of the candidates and the decision to support a particular candidate shall be made without regard to political party and in a nonpartisan manner.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Election Reform

1. What is your position on second passage of the constitutional amendment (S.6698/A.9526 of 2012) creating an independent redistricting commission with appointees split evenly between the majority and minority parties?



LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

2. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the two-party system of governance and operation?
3. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by, for example, lowering signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirements?
4. What is your position on amending the Municipal Home Rule law to limit the ability of a mayor-appointed charter revision commission to “bump” other local charter amendments from appearing on the ballot?
5. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote?
6. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?
7. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?
8. What is your position on instituting early voting in New York State to allow voters to cast their votes at more convenient times?
9. What is your position on redesigning the ballot to ensure that voters are able to clearly read candidates’ names, titles of offices, designations and ballot questions; that instructions are clear and accurate; that bilingual ballots are required; and that the ballot is able to split races between multiple pages?
10. What is your position on reforming the special election process, creating a nonpartisan special election for state legislative vacancies, as proposed by A.1369/S.26?
11. What is your position regarding automatic voter registration in which voter registration information of individuals who consent to be registered is provided electronically to the Board of Elections, and address information is automatically updated?

Campaign Finance Reform

12. What is your position on establishing a matching public financing system for state legislative and statewide races similar to the New York City model?
13. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents and those who do business with the state?
15. What is your position on limiting or banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs? (Note: such entities would be able to form separate political action committees due to constitutional issues regarding freedom of speech.)
16. What is your position on closing “soft money” loopholes such as limiting transfers from party committees to candidates or other committees to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees, including housekeeping accounts, to the same ceiling placed on candidates?
17. What is your position on requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution and bundler?
18. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session?
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?



LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

20. What is your position on improving disclosure of independent expenditures such as requiring disclosure of electioneering activities and linking expenditures to candidates targeted?
21. What is your position on limiting the ability of candidates to accumulate “war chests” and then transferring funds raised in one race to another?
22. What is your position on creating an enforcement entity independent of the State Board of Elections to oversee campaign finance laws?

Judicial Reform

23. What is your position on a merit-based appointment system through creation of a commission for the selection of judges in all of New York’s trial courts?
24. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state’s court system by consolidating the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system?

Ethics Reform

25. What is your position on empowering the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases involving public corruption, including serious election law malfeasance?
26. What is your position on amending the State Constitution to extend pension forfeiture, subject to due process safeguards, to all public officers and legislators who have been convicted of felonies, building on the 2011 ethics reforms which only apply to future state employees?

Budget Reform

27. What is your position on requiring the governor’s budget submission to present the full scope of the state’s financial obligations, including its public authorities?
28. What is your position on establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage in long term, multi-year budget planning?
29. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?
30. What is your position on distributing member item allocations equally among all legislators and requiring for greater accountability as expressed in S.1681A/A.855?
31. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?
32. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?
33. What is your position on limiting the ability of the governor to enact policy changes governing the use of resources in appropriation bills by requiring that such bills be consistent with existing law or proposed changes in separate legislation?

Additional Reform

34. What is your position on increasing public access to information by reforming the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Laws to enhance transparency, as well as the creation of tools such as open data portals to ease public access to information?
35. What is your position on enactment of legislative rules reform to strengthen rank-and-file members’ roles in the legislative process and create more equity between members?



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS AND QUESTIONNAIRE



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	Election Reform											Campaign					Finance Reform					Judicial Reform		Ethics Reform		Budget Reform							Additional Reform															
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CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS AND QUESTIONNAIRE



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DISTRICT 80- DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – MARK GJONAJ – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 43 Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education: St. John's University (BA)

Mark Gjonaj is running for State Assembly to improve the Bronx for his family and future generations. He believes the borough is headed in the wrong direction, citing the high unemployment and poverty rates. He believes that the borough's legislators are focused only on being visible in the community to ensure their reelection while ducking the difficult and controversial choices needed to move the borough forward. Gjonaj points to his work in real estate and his contributions to many local organizations as evidence of his support for the community. Gjonaj supports most of Citizens Union's reform agenda. He will vote for the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting, noting his own testimony before the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR) to keep all of Morris Park together in one district. Regarding campaign finance reform, he supports lowering campaign contribution limits but opposes a campaign finance system with public matching funds. Beyond reform, his top priorities are job growth, quality of life issues, and public education. Gjonaj also pledged to recuse himself from any possible conflicts of interest due to his business ties. Citizens Union believes that Gjonaj will be an independent voice in Albany while working hard to serve the district. We support his candidacy.

ADAM BERMUDEZ – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

NAOMI RIVERA – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate declined to be interviewed by Citizens Union

IRENE RUKAJ – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union



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DISTRICT 84- DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – MAXIMINO RIVERA – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 62 Occupation: Retired Postal Worker

Education: Bronx Community College (degree not reported)

Maximino Rivera is running for State Assembly because he would like to help his community but believes that the current Assemblymember has not done an effective job. Rivera has been active in his community as part of a tenant advocacy organization and as a school board member. He is a retired postal worker who served as shop steward for the union for 28 years. Rivera supports all of Citizens Union's reform issues and believes that establishing a campaign finance system with public matching funds at the state level will help in creating more competitive elections. Rivera also supports lowering contribution limits, especially for corporations because he believes corporations do not represent people's interests. Beyond reform, Rivera wants to create a district office of organizers that will advocate for change in the community. If elected, he will advocate against mayoral control and the privatization of schools. Rivera believes the waterfront can be utilized to spark economic development and wants to subsidize small businesses to pay a living wage rather than reward companies like Fresh Direct for not moving to New Jersey. Citizens Union believes that Rivera has a strong passion for working for the community and if elected to office, he will be more engaged in serving his constituents than the incumbent.

CARMEN E. ARROYO – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

CHARLES SERRANO – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

DISTRICT 87- DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – DANNY FIGUEROA – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 51 Occupation: Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Peter Rivera

Education: JD (name of degree granting institution not provided)

Danny Figueroa is running for State Assembly to continue serving the community where he has lived his entire life. Figueroa has a long history of community service, first as a criminal defense attorney and for the last twenty years, as the chief of staff for Assemblymember Peter Rivera. Figueroa supports most of Citizens Union's reform goals, including a state campaign



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finance system with public matching funds. He is also passionate about increasing voter turnout. He wants to examine further the issues of election-day registration and simplifying the court system into a two-tiered system. Figueroa's top priorities for the Bronx beyond reform are improving the quality of life and making the Bronx more business friendly. Figueroa believes that he will be an effective legislator because of his long experience in Albany and his many long-standing connections to the community. Citizens Union admires Figueroa's experience and commitment to the community. We believe his genuine and affable personality coupled with his knowledge of state government will make him an effective advocate for reform, and therefore prefer him.

LUIS SEPULVEDA – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 48 Occupation: Lawyer

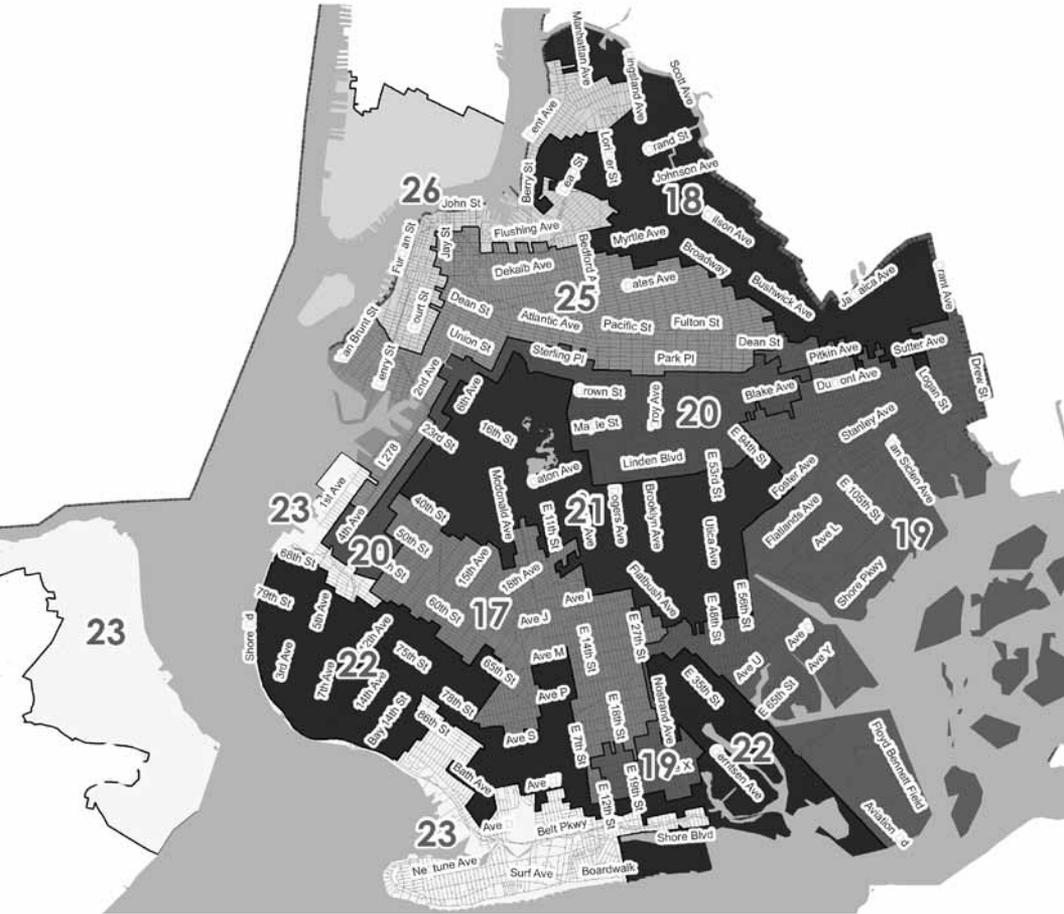
Education: Hofstra University (BS and JD)

Luis Sepulveda is motivated to run for State Assembly because he wants to improve his community. Sepulveda has done pro-bono legal work in the community for over twenty years. In recent years, he has hosted town hall meetings on policing issues and created the Cross Bronx Initiative to present to the federal government a plan to reduce traffic and improve air quality. Sepulveda is knowledgeable about and generally supports Citizens Union's reform agenda, favoring campaign finance reform and changes to the ballot petitioning process. He will vote for second passage of the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting. His primary concerns related to the Bronx are public safety and education. He believes stop and frisk should be reformed and that the auxiliary police should be used to build bridges between the youth in the community and the police. Citizens Union believes that Sepulveda has a good understanding of his community's needs and local and statewide issues. Citizens Union believes he is a qualified and able candidate and would be a good elected representative, but lacks the appealing experience of his opponent.



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BROOKLYN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP

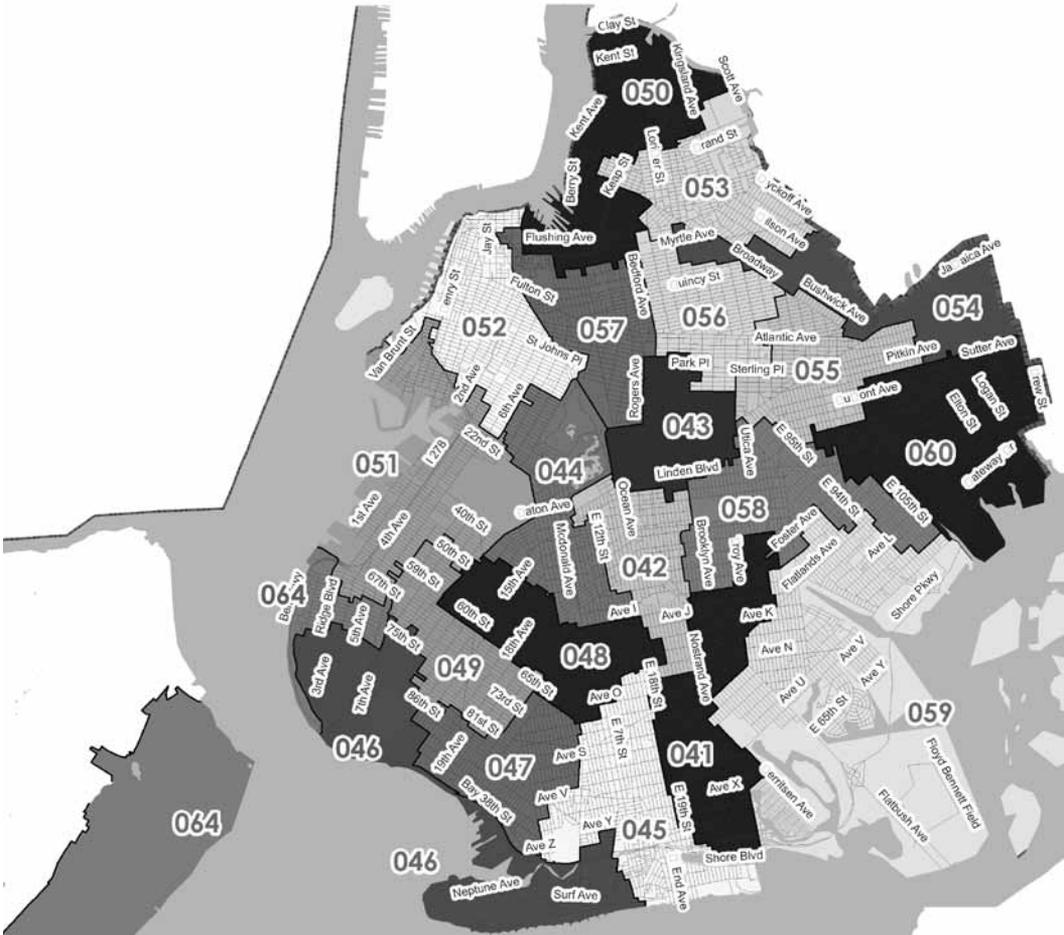


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BROOKLYN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



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DISTRICT 18 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JASON A. OTAÑO ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 33 Occupation: Former General Counsel, Brooklyn Borough President

Education: Fordham College at Rose Hill (degree not reported);

Fordham University Law School (JD)

Jason Otaño is running for election because he believes he will provide the district needed representation. He previously served as the General Counsel for Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, working on constituent matters and other legal issues. In this capacity, he served as the Borough President’s representative on various pension boards. Otaño supports Citizens Union’s reform agenda, believing that state campaign finance reform and redistricting reform are top priorities. As a former pension board member, he does not support extending pension forfeiture to current public officials, because it would create a contractual problem and a possible erosion of public pensions. Having worked in New York City government, Otaño in particular thought that legislation to prevent mayoral charter revision commissions from “bumping” citizen initiated referenda was an important reform the state should enact. The other issues he would address if elected include creating more affordable housing and ensuring that there is sufficient education about tenants’ rights. He additionally supports increased economic development and addressing issues such as co-location of charter schools. Citizens Union believes that Otaño would be an energetic and capable representative for the district, and would be an independent voice for reform issues in Albany. Due to his strong commitment to and in-depth understanding of reform issues, Citizens Union prefers Otaño.

MARTIN MALAVÉ DILAN – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 62 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: BS (name of degree-granting institution not provided)

Martin Malavé Dilan is the current incumbent for Senate District 18, having served in the senate since 2003. He previously served in the City Council from 1992 to 2001. He is running for reelection because he believes he can further the Senate Democratic Conference’s agenda, particularly if they regain the majority, completing work they started when in the majority. Dilan supports state campaign finance reform and would vote in favor of second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment. He did not vote, however, in favor of legislation to create an independent redistricting commission as sponsored by Senators Valesky and Gianaris when he was in the majority. He also supports further legislative oversight of the state budget. Beyond reform, Dilan’s main issues if reelected include a new millionaire’s tax, transportation issues including high-speed rail, and reworking the 421-a tax abatement for developers to require thirty percent affordable housing in new developments. While Dilan speaks in support of many of Citizens Union’s reform issues, we question his



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commitment to advancing reform given his past lack of support for redistricting reform and whether he will stand up to leadership as an independent voice in favor of reform.

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DISTRICT 42 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – RODNEYSE BICHOTTE – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 39 Occupation: Democratic District Leader

Education: SUNY Buffalo (BA); Illinois Institute of Technology (MA); Northwestern University (MBA)

Rodneyse Bichotte, the Democratic Leader in Brooklyn's 42nd Assembly District, was born and raised in the Flatbush community of Brooklyn. A product of Brooklyn public schools, she has worked as a public school math teacher, an engineer, and an investment banker. She supports the city public matching model for campaign finance reform at the state level, and second passage of the redistricting reform constitutional amendment. Bichotte stated that she could work with Citizens Union to reverse the low voter participation in her district. If elected, she promises to help the immigrant community by dealing with the pressing issues of housing, high unemployment, equal services, and to advocate for the DREAM Act. She plans to lower the high unemployment rate by giving tax benefits and incentives to small business owners, especially for job training programs and youth hiring. Bichotte believes that she fully understands the needs of her district and thus can bring about necessary change. She also says she wants to write legislation to benefit all New Yorkers, not just those in her district. Citizens Union prefers her, believing that the district needs new leadership and that she will bring fresh, new energy to the legislature and new ideas for addressing the pressing needs in her district.

RHODA JACOBS – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 75 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: N/A

Rhoda Jacobs, a 34-year incumbent Assemblymember, currently serves as the Assistant Speaker of the New York State Assembly. She believes that her experience within the assembly enables her to serve her constituents better, through both legislation and constituent services. Jacobs cited increased transparency in government as a priority reform issue. She supports state campaign finance reform, stating that she profusely dislikes fundraising and wants to see a system in which money has less of a corrupting power in politics. She also supports a constitutional amendment creating an independent redistricting commission for New York State. On non-reform issues, she is extremely focused on health care, especially women's health, and is concerned about job losses due to hospital consolidation in her district. However, Jacobs takes little initiative as a legislator, tending mostly to recycle old bills that don't get passed. While she voices support for Citizens Union's agenda and she clearly advocates for her constituents in Albany, her long service does not translate into being as pro-active a leader



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on reform or other legislation or in representing her constituents in a way that New Yorkers should expect given her experience.

DISTRICT 55 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – ANTHONY HERBERT – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 48 Occupation: Vocational education specialist, Brooklyn Community Services

Education: George Westinghouse Vocational and Technical High School (Diploma)

Anthony Herbert is an educational specialist and former nightlife promoter with experience working on Wall Street who has been active in his community as an organizer, founding the Save Our Community Initiative and The Advocates Without Borders Network. He has also served as a special assistant to a NYC Councilmember and Congressman Ed Towns and as Chair of The NYCHA/NAACP City-Wide Civic Engagement Committee. Herbert supports almost all of CU's reform agenda including a state campaign finance system with public matching funds. His top priorities in the district are providing constituents with greater access to data about government services and programs that can help them; getting guns off the street; providing youth with more job and program opportunities; and spurring economic development and job growth in the district. Citizens Union preferred Herbert because he presented concrete proposals for tackling the challenges facing his district.

WILLIAM BOYLAND, JR. – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 41 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: B.S. Business Administration (name of degree-granting institution not provided)

William Boyland is running for reelection, and will have completed his ninth year in office. As of the time of this writing, Boyland is currently under federal indictment for a second time for bribery charges (he was acquitted of the first indictment). He is also being investigated for allegedly claiming taxpayer-funded reimbursement of bogus expenses, and has 41 unpaid judgments totaling more than \$22,000 for failure to file campaign contributions and expenditures. According to NYPIRG, Boyland has missed 280 legislative votes this past session. He did not sponsor any bills in 2011 and only three in 2012 that were never brought to a vote. Boyland says his top priorities as a legislator are strengthening school curricula in science, technology, math and engineering; improving neighborhood infrastructure; finding solutions to gang violence; and providing resources to small businesses to encourage them to hire district residents. Boyland supports most of Citizens Union's reform issues, including a state campaign finance system with public matching funds modeled on New York City's, but disagrees with CU on several issues, such as revoking pension for members who have been convicted of felonies and easing access to the ballot for state legislative candidates. Boyland voted against first passage of the constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting committee, as well as the accompanying statute, but pledged to vote for the second legislative passage required to bring the issue to the voters. Because of his legal and ethical issues and lack of legislative activity, Citizens Union does not support Boyland in the primary race.



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NATHAN BRADLEY – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 46 Occupation: Chief of Staff in the district office,

Senator John Sampson; Chair, Brooklyn Community Board 5

Education: N/A

Nathan Bradley is chief of staff in the district office of Senator John Sampson and has been chair of Brooklyn Community Board 5 for the past five years. Born and raised in the district, he has work experience in the military and in information technology. He says he would be CU's partner on reform and is especially passionate about election reforms such as election day registration, no-excuse absentee voting and allowing parolees to vote because they will directly impact his district which he says has extremely low voter turnout. His top issues for the district are providing more health care in a district with hardly any primary care facilities; economic development and job creation; and reducing gun violence. Bradley had a strong grasp of the needs of his district and a commitment to election reform, but Citizens Union did not prefer him because he did not present concrete strategies for carrying out his agenda.

DISTRICT 57 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – OLANIKE ALABI – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: N/A Occupation: Former employee, U.S. House of Representatives

Education: Temple University (degree not reported); University of London (degree not reported); School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University (degree not reported)

Olanike Alabi is running for State Assembly because she is committed to public service, would like to increase representation of women in the legislature, and believes she could utilize government to make a difference in people's lives. As a district leader, Alabi has interviewed poll workers to help ensure the efficiency of poll sites on Election Day. She has also used her position as district leader to stock food pantries and raise funds for local public schools. Alabi would like to see more accountability for government agencies and would look at how these agencies are performing to ensure their efficiency. She has stated that she embraces CU's reform issues and would like to see public financing of campaigns instituted and would vote in favor of the redistricting reform constitutional amendment. Seeing its operations first-hand, she is also in favor of reforming the boards of election so that employees are appointed based on merit. Alabi believes that she could work together with Citizens Union to achieve many of her and our reform goals. Other pressing issues for Alabi are healthcare, education, and housing—she sees foreclosures as a major problem and would like to create a counseling program for those who have been forced out of their homes. Due to her specificity about how to bring about government reform and her legislative interests, Citizens Union prefers her in the Democratic Primary.



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MARTINE GUERRIER – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 41 Occupation: Consultant

Education: N/A

Martine Guerrier has over twelve years of public service experience and is a self-described policy nerd. She has worked with non-profits and has significant executive and administrative experience working as the Chief Family Engagement Officer for the Department of Education and on the Panel for Educational Policy. In terms of government reform, Guerrier is in favor of a better alignment between campaign finance and lobbying oversight, as well as greater ethics reform. She sees the need for more transparency around the budget, and would like the governor to relinquish some of his budget power back to the legislature. She supports a state campaign finance system with public matching funds, as well as second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment. Guerrier would also advocate for increased unemployment benefits, and supports improving the New York City food supply by working with farmers in New York State, which she believes in turn would provide an incentive against land being utilized for hydrofracking. While Citizens Union was very impressed by her policy knowledge and political insight, CU questions the viability of her campaign because of her lack of financial, institutional and community support.

WALTER MOSLEY – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 43 Occupation: Attorney

Education: Pennsylvania State University (BA); Howard University (JD)

Walter Mosley has been an active district leader for close to five years. Since he was raised in Crown Heights and now lives in Clinton Hill, Mosley believe that he is very familiar with the district's needs. He has worked many levels of government, as a policy analyst for the City Council, and a legislative aid in Albany. He is running for office because he wants to continue the work he has done as district leader and improve public safety. In his questionnaire, Mosley indicated support for every reform issue. He committed to vote for a second passage of the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting, and supports legislation to establish a state campaign finance system with public matching funds modeled on New York City's. Mosley sees affordable housing, job creation, and education as the key issues in the district. His most specific proposal was to create a local development corporation in the area to promote economic growth. Mosley claims he sees the "bigger picture," and would work to create change that lasts over the next several years. Mosley is an intelligent and skilled candidate with experience and potentially useful political connections. Citizens Union, however, found him to be too vague about the reform issues for which he indicated support.



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DISTRICT 60 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

NO PREFERENCE

CHRISTOPHER BANKS – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 28 Occupation: Executive Director, East New York United Concerned Citizens, Inc.

Education: John Jay College (BA)

Christopher Banks is running for office because he believes that he can be a leader for the East New York Community. He is active in his community as the Executive Director of East New York United Concerned Citizens, through service on his local community board, and through block associations. Banks supports a state campaign finance system with public matching funds for small donations and would vote to pass the constitutional amendment on redistricting reform, believing that taking the politics out of drawing district lines would provide for a better democracy. Regarding other reform issues, he supports much of Citizens Union's issues in his candidate questionnaire, but he does not see campaign finance reform as a major issue that the state should address. The other issues he would address if elected include addressing high unemployment, a disproportionate number of homeless shelters in his district, and funding for local social service entities. He supports bringing Walmart to the community, but would seek a Community Benefits Agreement to ensure the company hires locally and provides a living wage with benefits. Banks would also seek to use state legal authority to enforce fair share laws regarding the amount of homeless shelters in East New York. While Banks has clearly been a dedicated servant of his community, his commitment to reform issues is unclear, making it difficult for Citizens Union to support his candidacy for office.

INEZ BARRON – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 61 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Hunter College (BA); Bank St. College of Education (MA)

Inez Barron is the current incumbent in Assembly District 60, having first been elected in 2008. Barron separates herself from Banks by experience, and sees her role as an Assemblymember as an important means to work toward greater social justice. Prior to being elected to the Assembly, she served for 36 years with the Department of Education, ultimately retiring as a principal. Regarding reform issues, Barron supports replicating the city's campaign finance system at the state level, but opposes creation of an independent redistricting commission, believing that an appointive system removes the voice of the people in the redistricting process. Her main issues she would focus on if re-elected include education, housing and economic development. Barron is a vocal opponent of mayoral control of the school system, and would like to see greater parental involvement. Unlike Banks, she opposes Walmart coming to East New York, believing that "big box" stores will not provide sufficient support for workers and the increased traffic would add to pollution in the area. While Barron is a strong voice for her community, Citizens Union cannot support her candidacy because her weak support of major Citizens Union reform goals and her change in position from 2008 when she supported the creation of a redistricting commission that would diminish the legislature's role in the redistricting process.



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MANHATTAN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP



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MANHATTAN SURROGATE JUDGE'S RACE

SURROGATE – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – BARBARA JAFFE - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, available at citizensunion.org

Age: 60 Occupation: Acting Justice, New York State Supreme Court

Education: Syracuse University (BA); Syracuse University (MA); Brooklyn Law School (JD)

Judge Barbara Jaffe has been an acting New York State Supreme Court Justice in the 1st Judicial District since 2010. In that time she has been specially assigned to matrimonial bench trials, which she believes provides her with relevant experience regarding the division of assets since the Surrogate handles the estates of decedents without wills or legal counsel.

Prior to her current position, she spent eight years as an elected judge of the Civil Court of New York, having first run unopposed in 2001. During her ten years as a judge, and before that, nine years as principal law clerk, and seven as principal court attorney in New York she has worked and gained experience in many different divisions of the law. Judge Jaffe is a reform-minded individual, pledging to push the state legislature to update procedures to improve the function of the Surrogate's Court and to improve public access to the courts. She also supports the development of a unified reporting system for the administration of the court, and mandatory electronic filing throughout the court system.

Regarding judicial reforms supported by Citizens Union, Judge Jaffe supports a merit-based appointment system for judges, and believes that the independence and broad representation of judicial screeners is particularly important to ensure that there are qualified, impartial individuals serving as judges. Judge Jaffe is prepared to administer the Manhattan Surrogate's Court with an eye towards increasing efficiency and accessibility. She would seek funding for additional personnel for the court. Even with the current level of resources, she says she has the management experience necessary to alleviate the problems faced by families by reducing delays in resolving and deciding cases. Acknowledging the potential for conflicts of interest in the process of appointing public administrators and their counsel, Judge Jaffe pledges to create an intermediary committee to vet appointments which would mitigate the potential for abuse or patronage in the handling of estates. She also pledged to strictly adhere to the court-approved list of guardians in guardianship proceedings. Judge Jaffe's reform sensibilities, experience and commitment to improve the operations of the Surrogate's Court have led Citizens Union to prefer her candidacy for office.

RITA MELLA - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, available at citizensunion.org

Age: 50 Occupation: Judge, New York County Civil Court

Education: Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Ureña (BA); CUNY Law School (JD)

Judge Rita Mella is currently a New York County Civil Court Judge, having won a contested primary and contested general election in 2006. Prior to this position, she acted for one year as Court Attorney and Law Clerk to Surrogate Margarita Lopez Torres in Brooklyn. Mella seeks election to the Surrogate Court because she wants to expand her public service, stating that she attended law school in order to serve the broader public. Her proudest accomplishment in



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the Civil Court has been her presiding over the Manhattan Misdemeanor Treatment Court, an alternative-to-incarceration program. In the Manhattan Surrogate's Court, Judge Mella would strive to tackle the issue of delays by reforming the processes and procedures of the court in order to expedite review of cases to better serve the public. She also promises to be proactive in public outreach, education, and training to inform communities of the services of the court and of the need to plan for the future with regard to wills and guardianship. Judge Mella is a reform-minded individual, supporting merit-based appointment of judges and efforts to reduce conflicts of interest in the Surrogate Court, particularly those regarding the appointment of the public administrator and counsel. Judge Mella's prior experience with both the legal and administrative workings of the Surrogate's Court is noteworthy, along with her enthusiasm and passion for the position. Citizens Union believes that Judge Mella would be a capable and reform-minded Surrogate, though has decided to support her opponent because her opponent has greater needed administrative experience as a judge.

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SENATE DISTRICT 27 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – BRAD HOYLMAN - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 46 Occupation: Former General Counsel, Partnership for New York City

Education: West Virginia University (BA); Harvard Law School (JD); Oxford University (MA, Philosophy)

Brad Hoylman is running for senate because he would like to continue his public service and likes solving local problems. He is the former General Counsel for the Partnership for New York City, and has served as chair of Community Board 2 in Manhattan. Hoylman supports all of Citizens Union's reform agenda, in particular a campaign finance system with public matching funds at the state level, having qualified for public matching funds when he prepared to run for City Council. He would vote in favor of second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment. Regarding budget reform, he supports a decentralized process that allows rank-and-file members of the legislature a more meaningful role. The main district issues he would address if elected include affordable housing, including preservation of existing affordable housing such as Peter Cooper Village and Stuyvesant Town, and providing for more community involvement in public education. Hoylman considers himself an independent voice, having opposed the NYU expansion and the Chelsea Market addition in his role as Chair of Community Board 2. Hoylman demonstrates a deep and thorough knowledge of public policy and reform issues and has extensive experience in working with many parts of the community. Citizens Union therefore prefers his candidacy.



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TOM GRECO - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 36 Occupation: Owner & Operator of the Ritz Lounge, Hell's Kitchen

Education: University of Hartford (BA)

Tom Greco is running for state senate because as a small business owner operating in the community, he feels he understands local issues and wants to effectively address them. As a business owner, Greco believes he can bring a unique perspective to Albany. Concerning reform issues, Greco supports a state campaign finance system with public matching funds based on the city's model, which he believes would make it considerably easier for first time candidates to run. Greco also voiced support for second passage of the constitutional amendment on redistricting. Beyond these two reform issues however, Greco admits he needs to learn more before forming opinions. Other issues that Greco is passionate about include education reform, affordable housing and health care. Greco firmly believes that teachers must be invested in the community for education reform to succeed. He backs the Mitchell-Lama program as a model for affordable housing. Citizens Union commends Greco's dedication to the community and is encouraged by his potential and enthusiasm for public office, but found him lacking in-depth knowledge on certain public policy and reform issues.

TANIKA INLAW - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 38 Occupation: Teacher, NYC Dept. of Education

Education: MA, Education (Name of degree-granting institution not provided)

Tanika Inlaw is a current public schools teacher in New York City who is running for election because she would like to be the voice of ordinary New Yorkers who feel shut out of the political process. She previously served as the President of the Yonkers NAACP. She supports Citizens Union's reform issues, in particular a campaign finance system with public matching funds at the state level, believing that it is important for more voters to get involved in elections and to give more individuals the opportunity to run for office. The main issues she would address if elected include public education, campaign finance reform and affordable housing. Given her experience as a teacher, she believes she has insight on reforming education to ensure that high quality teachers are retained and that student performance is measured accurately. While Inlaw is passionate about reform issues and genuine in her commitment to serve the district, she lacks substantive knowledge of policy issues beyond education.

SENATE DISTRICT 31 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – ADRIANO ESPAILLAT – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 57 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Queens College (BA)

State Senator Espailat is running for reelection, having first been elected to the State Assembly in 1996, and then to the state senate in 2010. He is running again because he would like to continue to champion causes, such as increased minimum wage, affordable



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housing and the DREAM Act. Espaillat has been a consistent supporter of Citizens Union's reform agenda, in particular independent redistricting. He would vote in favor of second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment, and supports a state campaign finance system with public matching funds modeled on the city's program. Having personally experienced problems in election administration, he has put forth proposals to reform the boards of election. Regarding issues of importance to his district, he supports the DREAM Act that would allow immigrants to be eligible for financial aid, but also supports creating a fund for tuition assistance for immigrants that gives private sector contributors tax credits. Espaillat also supports increasing the minimum wage, believing that New York State workers do not earn enough money. He believes that he is an independent voice, having supported unpopular issues in the past, such as congestion pricing, and having opposed the West Side Stadium. Citizens Union believes that Senator Espaillat has been an effective and thoughtful representative, and is an important voice for reform. Given Espaillat's continued vocal commitment to reform issues that resulted in our support for his election two years ago, Citizens Union prefers his candidacy.

GUILLERMO LINARES – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 60 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: City College (BA); City College (MS); Teachers College, Columbia University (PhD)

Assemblymember Linares is running for state senate after being elected to Assembly District 72 in 2010. He has a long history of public service, having previously served as Commissioner of Immigrant Affairs in New York City, and as a New York City Councilmember from 1991 to 2003. Linares is running for state senate believing that he has the bridge-building skills to advocate effectively for issues of importance to his community. Linares believes that the successful passage of his livery cab legislation demonstrates his ability to work across the aisle. He supports Citizens Union's reform agenda, including campaign finance reform and redistricting reform. As a member of the City Council, he worked to strengthen the city's campaign finance system with increased public matching funds. Linares also supports making the position of state legislator full time. Regarding other issues of importance to his district, he supports passage of the DREAM Act in New York, and is the prime sponsor of the legislation in the Assembly. While Citizens Union believes that Guillermo Linares is an effective representative for his community in his current capacity as an Assemblymember and has supported his earlier runs for elected office, we believe that Espaillat's vocal commitment to reform issues, including having introduced his own reform legislation, is solid and continues to merit our continued support.



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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 72 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – MAYRA LINARES – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: N/A Occupation: Former Citizen Services Representative, NY Department of State

Education: N/A

Mayra Linares is running for the open seat for Assembly being vacated by her father, Guillermo Linares. Mayra Linares is a former small business owner and has served as a district leader, and was involved in the selection of civil court judges. She used her position to ensure the merit of the individuals selected. In her position at the New York Department of State, she served as a liaison for the Latino community. Linares supports the entirety of Citizens Union's reform agenda, including state campaign finance and redistricting reform. Regarding judicial reform, having selected judges as a district leader, she supports merit-based appointment of judges. She also strongly supports election day registration, having seen many voters turned away at the polls. Regarding other issues of importance to her district, she supports lessening burdens on small businesses, increasing parental involvement in education, more arts programs in the schools and increasing public safety. Citizens Union believes that Mayra Linares will be an advocate for reform in the Assembly, is committed to serving her community, and has the potential to be an effective legislator. We therefore support her candidacy.

MELANIE HIDALGO – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

GABRIELA ROSA – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 45 Occupation: Senior Policy Advisory, NYS Assembly

Education: BA (name of degree-granting institution not provided)

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

RUBEN VARGAS – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union



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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 74 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – BRIAN KAVANAGH – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 45 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Princeton University (BA), NYU Law School (JD)

Brian Kavanagh is the current incumbent in District 74, having first been elected in 2006. Kavanagh is running for reelection because he would like to continue his work to improve democracy and stand up for progressive values. He is a leader who works to advance a reform agenda supported by Citizens Union, having drafted legislation on issues such as campaign finance reform, voter registration, and election day operations. He is Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Election Day Operations and Voter Disenfranchisement and will use that leadership position to aggressively push for passage of the Voter Empowerment Act, including a form of automatic registration, and of an act redesigning the ballot to be more voter-friendly. He supports a campaign finance system with public matching funds at the state level, and would vote for second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment. Regarding other issues of concern to his district, he supports strengthening rent regulations to create more affordable housing, and is an advocate for environmental issues. Due to his record of strong independent leadership, advocacy for his district, and proven ability to move reform legislation, Citizens Union prefers his candidacy.

JUAN PAGAN - DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview



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QUEENS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



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DISTRICT 10 – DEMOCRATIC PARTY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JAMES SANDERS – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 27 Occupation: City Councilmember since 2009

Education: St. Francis College (BA)

James Sanders currently serves as a Councilmember and wants to run for state senate because of the state's broad authority over city affairs. Sanders feels he has made a difference in the City Council and believes he can help reform Albany. If elected, Sanders would focus on economic development by linking the development of JFK Airport to the surrounding community. Sanders advocates for establishing a vocational school focusing on the hotel and hospitality trade in the Rockaways so graduates can work in the area's many hotels and at JFK Airport. Concerning reform issues, Sanders is in support of a professional body that can address redistricting, and will vote in favor of second passage of the constitutional amendment. Sanders also supports replicating at the state level the city's campaign finance system with public matching funds, but believes the city's appeals process needs to be improved. Sanders presents himself as a lawmaker who votes his conscience and can work across party lines. Sanders is more knowledgeable about community issues than reform of Albany but Citizens Union believes he will be a stronger proponent for reform than the incumbent. We prefer his candidacy.

GIAN JONES - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 34 Occupation: Self-Employed

Education: New York University (BS)

Gian Jones, raised in the Rockaways, is running to bring his youthful vision for the community to the State Senate. He has been involved in the community for many years as a real estate broker and in various community and campaign positions for Greg Meeks, Chuck Schumer, Hillary Clinton, and the Reverend Floyd Flake. He wants to revitalize economic development in the Rockaways through the establishment of a community credit union. He also wants to improve the district's health care services. Jones thinks the quality of education should be strengthened in New York City, stating that he will sit with experts to explore possible solutions to the many different issues in education. Regarding good government, he supports election reform issues, believing there should be fewer obstacles to running for office. While Mr. Jones is thoughtful on the issues, Citizens Union found that he is still formulating his positions on many policy issues and lacked clarity on how to reform Albany.

SHIRLEY HUNTLEY – DEM

Has Not returned questionnaire

Age: 75 Occupation: State Senator Since 2006

Education: St. Francis College (BA)



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DISTRICT 15 – REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – ERIC ULRICH – REP, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 27 Occupation: City Councilmember since 2009

Education: St. Francis College (BA)

Eric Ulrich is a rising star in the Republican Party in New York City who became involved at a young age in politics in Ozone Park. Ulrich has served in the City Council for three and a half years following his election in a 2009 special election, when he became the second youngest member ever elected to the City Council. He wants to become a state senator because he feels that he can better serve his community in the state legislature. Ulrich supports many of Citizens Union's campaign finance reform proposals, most notably public matching funds at the state level, based on his positive experience with the city's system. He believes he could work with his Republican colleagues to write a campaign finance reform bill. He supports second passage of a constitutional amendment creating an independent redistricting commission. Having worked at the Board of Elections in the City of New York, he questions the integrity of absentee ballots and believes that the Board is ineffective, partisan and should be abolished. Beyond reform issues, Ulrich argues that state education funding should be more fairly allocated to New York City schools and that the economy can be stimulated through public works projects. Ulrich believes he can be a strong voice in a Republican majority on behalf of New York City, referencing former Senator Frank Padavan as a model. He says he will be an independent senator voting his conscience rather than the party line, pointing to his support for paid sick leave and participatory budgeting as evidence of his independence and ability to work across the aisle. Ulrich acknowledges receiving a sizable portion of his campaign funds from Senate Republican campaign accounts. Citizens Union believes, however, that Ulrich can be an independent and effective state legislator. His record of pragmatism and bipartisanship position him to be an important voice for reform within the Senate Republican conference. For that reason, Citizens Union prefers Ulrich in the Republican primary.

JUAN REYES - REP

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 44 Occupation: Lawyer

Education: Emory College (degree not reported)

Juan Reyes, raised in Forest Hills, believes that the people need someone who can effectively advocate for them in the legislature. He has worked in politics in many different capacities over the years. He has served as a general counsel under Mayor Giuliani, and as a staffer to United States Senator Bob Dole vetting Supreme Court Justices. He believes that his experience working in the United States Senate can help him become a truly effective New York State legislator. He believes that the system is broken and that he can help clean it up. Reyes strongly supports term limits. He argues that the "three men in the room" structure is ineffective and that power needs to be decentralized to rank-and-file legislators. He opposes public financing of elections, believing taxpayer money should not be used on elections. He is a



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strong supporter of redistricting reform, and would vote for second passage of the constitutional amendment creating a more independent process. He opposes certain important election reforms backed by Citizens Union, including election day voter registration, stating residents should treat voting more seriously than a daily trip to the subway. He does, however, support online voter registration. Reyes wants to make New York City more competitive with other large cities globally. He believes government spending should be done more wisely through intensive auditing and reserved for things like education and infrastructure rather than pork. Reyes states that he is his own man and points to his many small dollar campaign contributions as evidence of his ability to be an independent senator. While Reyes rightly recognizes many of the problems that ail Albany, he doesn't grasp as well as his opponent changes needed to reform our state government.

DISTRICT 16 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

NO PREFERENCE

JOHN MESSER – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 42 Occupation: Attorney

Education: BA (name of degree-granting institution not provided);

MA (name of degree-granting institution not provided)

Candidate declined to be interviewed by Citizens Union

TOBY ANN STAVISKY – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: N/A Occupation: Member, NYS Senate

Education: Syracuse University (BA); CUNY (degree not reported)

Toby Ann Stavisky has been a senator since 1999. She is proud of her record of accomplishment and is running in a newly created district that comprises 60 percent of her former district to continue serving the public though she does not currently reside in the district. She cites her experience and knowledge of the issues as distinguishing her from her competitors. On reform issues, Stavisky expressed written opposition to second passage of a constitutional amendment to implement redistricting reform because she believes the amendment is inadequate. When pressed during the candidate interview, she reluctantly said she would likely vote for second passage. Stavisky also supports Citizens Union's positions on campaign finance reform and wants to create a more ethical climate in Albany by strengthening penalties for misconduct. Stavisky generally supports making it easier to vote but has concerns about fraudulently submitted voter registration forms. Beyond reform issues, Stavisky will focus on increasing the minimum wage, passing the DREAM Act, reversing cuts to higher education and creating jobs for the community. She supports Mayor Bloomberg's proposal related to Willets Point and is still forming a position on a Major League Soccer stadium in Flushing Meadows. She believes she is best suited to serve the diverse district, noting her support from elected Asian American officials including her former opponent. Although a



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capable legislator who has earned CU's support in the past, Stavisky's equivocal support for the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting prevents us from supporting her candidacy.

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DISTRICT 25 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – NILY ROZIC – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 26 Occupation: Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Kavanagh

Education: N/A

Nily Rozic is a first generation immigrant from Israel, who believes she can identify with the diversity of the district and its large immigrant population. She is a member of Community Board 8 and of the Hillcrest Jewish Center. Rozic has significant political experience, advancing from being a scheduler to chief of staff in Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh's office. She demonstrates a strong commitment to reform issues in that capacity. If elected, her top priority is establishing a state campaign finance system with public matching funds modeled on New York City's. She additionally supports banning the building of campaign war chests enabling candidates to transfer funds from one campaign to another for a different office. While disappointed an independent redistricting commission was not created for drawing 2012 lines, she would vote for second passage of a constitutional amendment to create one for future redistricting. Rozic also emphasized the importance of making voter registration more open and accessible through government agencies. Other issues that she has been focused on include improving voter access for non-English speakers and increasing the minimum wage. Rozic believes she is best qualified to serve given her experience working on legislation in Albany and that her independence will enable her to vote her conscience. Citizens Union believes Rozic will be a passionate voice for good government given her knowledge and experience working on those issues for a reform legislator. Rozic's commitment to our agenda gives her the edge in earning our preference in this race with two strong candidates.

JERRY IANNECE – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 52 Occupation: Attorney

Education: New York University (BA) St. John's University (JD)

Jerry Iannece currently serves as Chair of Community Board 11 in Queens and maintains his own law practice as a trial attorney. Iannece believes running for assembly is a natural progression stemming from his local activism aimed at fixing his community's problems. Iannece supports many good government measures and highlights campaign finance reform as one of his top priorities. He thinks the astronomical amount of money in state politics has caused communities to become mistrustful of government and believes that the city's campaign finance laws are significantly better than the state's. Iannece also supports the second passage of a constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission. On budget reform issues, he wants to increase transparency and provide more power to rank-and-file lawmakers. He supports



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reestablishing the office of Special Prosecutor in New York to combat corruption in Albany. Beyond reform, Iannece if elected would work to increase the minimum wage and pass the DREAM Act. He feels he can effectively build coalitions in Albany, pointing to his experience in getting a new sewer system in Bayside while on the community board. Iannece has extensive experience in the community and is knowledgeable about policy even while his background is largely community-based. He is a well-rounded candidate who only falls short of earning our preference because of his opponent's deep demonstrated commitment to reform.

DISTRICT 40 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – RON KIM – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 33 Occupation: Consultant, Parkside Group

Education: BA (name of degree-granting institution not provided);

MPA (name of degree granting institution not provided)

A third-generation Flushing native, Ron Kim is running to represent the community he first served as a staffer to then-Councilmember John Liu and later in working for Assemblymembers and two different gubernatorial administrations. He is running now to represent the working-class, immigrant communities of Flushing in which he grew up. On reform issues, Kim strongly supports redistricting reform, and while lamenting the incremental progress in last year's redistricting deal, he would vote for the constitutional amendment implementing an independent redistricting commission as a needed first step. He also supports campaign finance reform as a means to both increase voter engagement and create a more level playing field for candidates. He is focused on using technology to make government more performance-driven, thereby increasing the government's efficiency and responsiveness to its constituents. He strongly backs the DREAM Act and raising the minimum wage. He also wants to bring resources back to his community, stating that economic development will happen, but that it must be shaped to benefit the community being developed. Kim sees no perceived or actual conflict of interest if lobbied by clients of the Parkside Group, his former employer. He expressed pride in representing non-profit clients which he believes lack access to government decision-makers. Citizens Union is impressed with Kim's political and community experience, and his clear vision for how he will achieve his goals if elected, though he needs to be more sensitive to a possible perception of conflict given his ties to a lobbying group. He is supportive of reform issues and recognizes the need to serve all constituencies in this diverse district. Citizens Union prefers Ron Kim in this race.

ETHEL CHEN - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16

Age: 73 Occupation: Librarian, Community Activist

Education: University of Pittsburgh (MLS);

National Taiwan University School of Law (LLB)

Retired librarian Ethel Chen has served Flushing as a proud community activist for decades. She has promoted racial harmony, helped seniors pass citizenship tests, taught immigrants



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English, and has helped hundreds of people attain civil service jobs. Ethel Chen feels that this experience prepares her to be an effective leader for the community. On reform issues, Chen strongly supports distributing member items more equitably to State Assemblymembers. She feels the entire budget process needs to be more transparent. She supports creating a simplified version of the city's campaign finance system with public matching funds on the state level, stating that enforcement in the city is overly burdensome. She also wants to see campaign contribution limits decreased to more reasonable levels. On non-reform issues, she strongly believes that Flushing deserves more government services for the amount of taxes that residents contribute. She backs the DREAM Act which will help the immigrant community in her district, and believes that education monies to Flushing should increase. Chen's work as an activist is inspiring, but Citizens Union feels that she lacks the broader vision and current needed experience to bring about systemic change impacting the entire state.

YEN CHOU – DEM

*Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview*

MYUNGSUK LEE – DEM

*Has not returned questionnaire
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview*

MARTHA FLORES-VAZQUEZ – DEM

*Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview*

DISTRICT 40 – REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

NO PREFERENCE

SUNNY HAHN – REP

*Has returned questionnaire, response on page 16
Age: 60 Occupation: Self Employed
Education: Master of Music (name of degree-granting institution not provided)*

Sunny Hahn has served the Flushing community for the past 20 years and is seeking office to continue her family tradition of public service. She seeks to transform Flushing into a "shining city on a hill," making Flushing not only an economic center of New York but a cultural and spiritual one. Hahn acknowledges a lack of familiarity with or prioritization of reform issues but believes budget reform needs to be addressed. Hahn also intends to change Albany's pay-to-play culture but lacked concrete solutions to address the problem. If elected, she says she will vote favorably on reform issues should they arise. Hahn's primary passion is connecting Flushing with its historical role in the Flushing Remonstrance by building a monument to religious tolerance. She believes celebrating Flushing's role as the birthplace of religious freedom in America stemming from its 1657 petition demonstrating tolerance for the



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Quaker faith will spark tourism and complement Flushing's economic growth. Hahn is also concerned with modernizing public transportation around Flushing and restoring the RKO Theater to further Asian culture in New York City. Hahn believes that she has the integrity necessary for the job and highlights that if elected she will not owe anything to anyone. Citizens Union believes Hahn is passionate about creating a more spiritual Flushing steeped in the arts but lacks deep knowledge of other issues impacting the state.

PHIL GIM – REP

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview



VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To be eligible to vote in municipal, federal and state elections you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and registered 25 days before the election. If you are not yet 18, but will be 18 before the election you are eligible to vote. Send your voter registration card in the year you turn 18 and it will be filed on your 18th birthday. Please note that for primary elections, you cannot change your party registration to vote in a primary during that same year. Party registration changes must be filed 25 days before the previous year's General Election. To obtain a registration form, you can go in person to your local board of elections office, call 1.866.VOTE-NYC or visit the Board of Elections website at <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/register.html>.

APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

If you are unable to appear at the polls due to: (1) being absent from the county (outside of New York City) or New York City on Election Day; (2) illness or disability; or (3) are detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or are confined in prison for an offense other than a felony, you may vote by absentee ballot. To obtain an application call 1.866.VOTE-NYC or visit the Board of Elections website at <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/absentee.html>. The deadlines for submitting the application are below, as well as the deadlines for mailing back your ballot.

- **Mailing your Absentee Ballot Application:** The last day to postmark an application or letter of application by mail for an absentee ballot is Thursday, September 6th.
- **Applying for an Absentee Ballot in Person:** The last day to apply in person at your local county board of elections office for an absentee ballot is Wednesday, September 12th.
- **Mailing in your Absentee Ballot:** The last day to postmark your absentee ballot is Wednesday, September 12th. It must be received by the local board of elections no later than September 18th.
- **Dropping off your Absentee Ballot:** If you have a friend or relative who can drop off your absentee ballot for you, it must be delivered on Thursday, September 13th to your local board of elections office.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

The Primary Election will be held on Thursday, September 13th. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have general questions regarding eligibility or the location of your polling place, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC. You can also locate your polling place online, including handicap entrances, at <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

Under federal law, if you are disabled and choose to vote in person rather than by absentee ballot, you are entitled to assistance. You can rely on the election employees for help.

At the polls, if you are not on the voter registration list, it may be because your registration form was not received in time or was filled out incorrectly. If you believe that you are eligible to vote, you can still vote by requesting an affidavit ballot. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records and your vote will be counted if you are indeed eligible.

CASTING YOUR BALLOT

Paper ballots will be used for casting votes, which can be marked using either a pen or a ballot marking device (BMD) as described below. Ballots are counted after they are inserted into an



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electronic scanner. The scanner will then be used to count the votes after the polling place has closed at the end of Election Day. A bin attached to the scanner will capture and keep the paper ballots as a record of all votes. This new process began in 2010 with New York's adoption of a new voting system to meet federal accessibility requirements.

The new process works as follows:

- Enter the poll site, sign in, and receive your paper ballot from the poll worker.
- Mark your ballot through one of two means:
 - Go to a privacy booth and fill out your ballot with a pen by marking the appropriate ovals; or
 - Use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD), which is available for those who are in need of assistance (see below for more information).
- Once done, place your ballot in the privacy sleeve, proceed to the scanner area, and insert the marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. Your ballot can be inserted in any direction.
- If you make a mistake you can request a new ballot. If you mark your ballot incorrectly by marking more choices for one contest than you are supposed to, the scanner will notify you of an "overvote." To have your vote count, you must obtain a new ballot and mark your choices correctly before submitting your ballot.

BALLOT MARKING DEVICE

Voters will be able to use the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK ballot marking device (BMD), which is mandated to be available at each polling location. Any voter, including voters with disabilities, may use the BMD to view or listen to the ballot in any of the required languages for that poll site (English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean or Bengali). Voters may use the BMD to complete a paper ballot independently and privately on Election Day by using its ATM-style touch screen, Braille-enhanced keypad, sip and puff device or its rocker paddle. More information on the new process is available at the New York City Board of Elections website: <http://www.votethenewwayny.com/>

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To Research Campaign Contributions

NYS Board of Elections	(800) 458-3453	www.elections.state.ny.us
FEC Federal Database	(202) 628-0617	www.fec.gov

To Research Candidates and Issues

Citizens Union	(212) 227-0342	www.citizensunion.org
Gotham Gazette	(212) 227-0342	www.gothamgazette.com
NYPIRG	(212) 349-6460	www.nypirg.org
League of Women Voters of NYS	(518) 465-4162	www.lwvny.org
Project Vote Smart	(888) VOTE-SMART	www.votesmart.org

To Research Incumbent Records

New York State Assembly	(518) 455-4218	assembly.state.ny.us
New York State Senate	(518) 455-2800	www.nysenate.gov/legislation

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