

PRIMARY ELECTION **VOTE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

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CITIZENS UNION PREFERRED CANDIDATES - 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

BRONX

Senate District 33 J. Gustavo Rivera (D) Senate District 34 Jeffrey D. Klein (D)

Assembly District 79 Michael Blake (D)

BROOKLYN

Senate District 19 Dell Smitherman (D) Senate District 20 Rubain Dorancy (D)

Assembly District 42 L. Rickie Tulloch (D)
Assembly District 52 Jo Anne Simon (D)
Assembly District 54 Kim Council (D)

Assembly District 55 Latrice Monique Walker (D)

MANHATTAN

Senate District 31 Robert Jackson (D)

Assembly District 72 Guillermo Linares (D)
Assembly District 76 Gus Christensen (D)

QUEENS

Senate District 11 Tony Avella (D)
Senate District 14 Leroy Comrie, Jr. (D)
Senate District 16 S.J. Jung (D)

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★★★★ ABOUT CITIZENS UNION

MISSION

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.

We are New Yorkers from diverse backgrounds and political beliefs, connected to our communities and united in our commitment to put the city's long-term interest ahead of all special interests. Principled and pragmatic, Citizens Union is an independent force for constructive reform, driving policy and educating the public to achieve accountable government in the City and State of New York.

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.

2014 MID-YEAR REVIEW

Over the past year, Citizens Union has made notable progress in making our city and state government more open and accountable, our politics cleaner, and our elections fairer. Highlights of our successful efforts to "Make Democracy Work for All New Yorkers" include:

REFORMING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN NYS: Giving New Yorkers the opportunity to vote for a CU-supported ballot proposal this November, to end partisan gerrymandering by establishing a fair redistricting process with an independent redistricting commission and new criteria to draw legislative maps.

THE CORRUPTION TRACKER: CU's running tally monitoring ethical misconduct in Albany, which has shown that 30 legislators have engaged in serious ethical or criminal misconduct since 1999 – 26 legislators have left or were forced from office with 4 more on their way out due to indictments or a sexual harassment scandal (as of the printing of this directory – we can't promise that there haven't been more since then).

MORE READABLE ELECTION BALLOTS: After consistent prodding from CU and the passage of a city law, the City Board of Elections now records its public meetings, putting the video online, and is printing more readable ballots with larger type.

REFORMING THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY AND NJ: The legislature passed two bills which now await the Governor's signature and would ensure that the Port Authority is subject to the state's Freedom of Information Law, and that it has stronger governance, ethics, and conflicts of interest policies.

BETTER CITY COUNCIL RULES: The NYC Council enacted new rules this year at CU's recommendation that greatly equalized discretionary funding between members, and passed the first budget in years that ended the annual budget dance of cutting and restoring city services.

PURPOSE

On Tuesday, September 9th, New Yorkers registered as a member of a political party will vote in the state primary to select Democratic party nominees for governor and lieutenant governor, and both the Democratic and Republican party nominees for state senators, assembly members, and judicial candidates.

To help our supportive Citizens Union members prepare to vote in the upcoming primary election, we bring you our 2014 Primary Election Voters Directory, which provides:

- An overview of the 2014 party primary elections, including voting and registration information and listings of every contest for all races that will be on the ballot in New York City on September 9th, 2014.
- A roster of Citizens Unions' preferred candidates in several key districts, and information about the rigorous evaluation process and assessments of candidates.

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.

Please also note that this directory does not contain candidates for delegates to the judicial convention, party district leaders, or committee positions. To obtain this information, visit the NYC Board of Elections website at http://vote.nyc.ny.us or call (866) VOTE-NYC.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This Voters Directory would not be possible without the hard work of members of the Citizens Union Board of Directors, Local Candidates Committee, staff and our summer interns.

59 volunteer LCC members, 5 interns, and 4 staff members formed nonpartisan teams to interview and evaluate 31 candidates in 15 races for state senate and assembly. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, expertise and commitment over the summer.

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



Please note that this section lists races in which party primary elections will take place on September 9th, and does not include elections where candidates are unopposed for their party nomination.

In the 2014 primary elections for statewide office, while the Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor face challengers, several candidates are running unopposed and do not face a primary election. This is the case with all statewide Republican and third party candidates, as well as the Democratic comptroller and attorney general incumbents who are vying for re-election.

The borough sections similarly list districts in which candidates face primary elections for New York State senators and assembly members, and civil court judge (in Brooklyn only).

^ denotes that the candidate submitted the Citizens Union questionnaire, which can be found on page 16.

Bold denotes that the candidate is preferred by Citizens Union.

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STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

GOVERNOR Democratic Party Primary Candidates

Randy Credico Andrew Cuomo (Incumbent) Zephyr Teachout

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Democratic Party Primary Candidates

Kathy Hochul Timothy Wu



PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT THE BRONX BALLOT

Please turn to page 27 for Citizens Union's evaluations of primary candidates in the Bronx.

NEW YORK STATE SENATE Democratic Primaries

District 33 Fernando Cabrera

Gustavo Rivera^ (Incumbent)

District 34 Jeffrey D. Klein^ (Incumbent)

G. Oliver Koppell^

District 36 Crystal Collins^

Ruth Hassell-Thompson (Incumbent)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY Democratic Primaries

District 77 Carlton A. Curry[^]

Latoya Joyner^ Verdell Mack Sherisse Palomino

District 78 Jose Rivera (Incumbent)

Fernando Tirado

District 79 George Alvarez

Michael Blake^ Lanita Jones Marsha Michael^ Frederick Ricks Raul Rodriguez^

District 84 Carmen E. Arroyo (Incumbent)

Angel Molina

District 85 Marcos Crespo (Incumbent)

William R. Moore

District 86 Victor Pichardo (Incumbent)

Hector Ramirez



PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT THE BROOKLYN BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT THE BROOKLYN BALLOT (CONTINUED)

Please turn to page 31 for Citizens Union's evaluations of primary candidates in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK STATE SENATE Democratic Primaries

District 18 Martin Malave Dilan (Incumbent)

Debbie Medina

District 19 Sean K. Henry^

John L. Sampson[^] (Incumbent)

Dell Smitherman^ Elias J. Weir

District 20 Rubain Dorancy^

Jesse Hamilton^ Guillermo Philpotts

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY Democratic Primaries

District 42 Michele Adolphe

Rodneyse Bichotte^ Victor A. Jordan^ L. Rickie Tulloch^

District 45 Ben Akselrod

Steven Cymbrowitz (Incumbent)

District 51 Felix Ortiz^ (Incumbent)

Cesar Zuniga^

District 52 Doug Biviano[^]

Pete Sikora^
Jo Anne Simon^

District 54 Kim Council^

Erik Martin Dilan

District 55 Lori A. Boozer^

Anthony Herbert^ Anthony Jones Bilal Malik David Miller

Latrice Monique Walker^

Ineisha Williford

District 60 Charles Barron

Chris Banks^

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY Republican Primary

District 46 Stamatis Lilikakis

Lucretia Regina-Potter

CIVIL COURT JUDGE Democratic Primaries

2nd Municipal Cenceria P. Edwards

Court District Rupert V. Barry

6th Municipal Isiris Isela Isaac Court District Diana J. Szochet

Sharon Clarke





Please turn to page 39 for Citizens Union's evaluations of primary candidates in Manhattan.

NEW YORK STATE SENATE Democratic Primaries

District 28 Shota Nugzarovich Baghaturia

Liz Krueger^ (Incumbent)

District 31 Adriano Espaillat^ (Incumbent)

Robert Jackson^ Luis Tejada^

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
Democratic Primaries

District 71 Kelley S. Boyd

Herman D. Farrell Jr. (Incumbent)

District 72 Francesca Castellanos^

Melanie Hidalgo **Guillermo Linares**^ Manny De Los Santos Mayobanex Villalona

District 76 Gus Christensen^

Ed Hartzog^ David Menegon^ Rebecca Seawright^ Please turn to page 43 for Citizens Union's evaluations of primary candidates in Queens.

NEW YORK STATE SENATE Democratic Primaries

District 10 Everly Brown^

Gian Jones

James Sanders, Jr. (Incumbent)

Herbert Binger

District 11 Tony Avella^ (Incumbent)

John Liu^

District 14 Munir Avery^

Leroy Comrie^

Malcolm A. Smith[^] (Incumbent)

District 16 S.J. Jung^

Toby Ann Stavisky[^] (Incumbent)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY Democratic Primaries

District 30 Dmytro Fedkowskyj

Margaret Markey (Incumbent)



PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT NO CONTEST: THE INCUMBENT INDEX

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Below is a list of incumbents who are uncontested in the 2014 Primary Election.

Of the 91 seats in the NYS legislature (the State Senate and Assembly combined) representing New York City residents:

- 62 incumbents are uncontested in the primaries. That means that 67% of all NYC's seats in the state legislature are held by incumbents who do not face any competition in their parties.
- In the State Senate, 14 of NYC's 26 seats or 54% are held by incumbents who are running for re-election without primary challengers.
- In the Assembly, 48 of NYC's 65 seats or 74% are held by incumbents who are running for re-election without primary challengers.
- In Queens, only 1 of 18 Assembly districts is competitive in the 2014 primaries the other 17 seats are filled with incumbents who are not being challenged in the primary.

BRONX – UNCONTESTED

Senate District 32	Ruben Diaz, Sr. (D)
Assembly District 80	Mark Gjonaj (D)
Assembly District 81	Jeffrey Dinowitz (D)
Assembly District 82	Michael Benedetto (D)
Assembly District 83	Carl Heastie (D)
Assembly District 84	Carmen Arroyo (D)
Assembly District 87	Luis Sepulveda (D)

BROOKLYN – UNCONTESTED

Senate District 17	Simcha Felder (D)
Senate District 21	Kevin Parker (D)
Senate District 22	Marty Golden (R)
Senate District 25	Velmanette Montgomery (D)
Senate District 26	Daniel Squadron (D)
Assembly District 41 Assembly District 43 Assembly District 44 Assembly District 46 Assembly District 47 Assembly District 48 Assembly District 49 Assembly District 50 Assembly District 53 Assembly District 56 Assembly District 57 Assembly District 57	Helene Weinstein (D) Karim Camara (D) James Brennan (D) Alec Brook-Krasny (D) William Colton (D) Dov Hikind (D) Peter Abbate (D) Joseph Lentol (D) Maritza Davila (D) Annette Robinson (D) Walter Mosley (D) N. Nick Perry (D)

MANHATTAN – UNCONTESTED

Senate District 27	Brad Hoylman (D)
Senate District 29	Jose Serrano (D)
Senate District 30	Bill Perkins (D)
Assembly District 65	Sheldon Silver (D)
Assembly District 66	Deborah Glick (D)
Assembly District 67	Linda Rosenthal (D)
Assembly District 68	Robert Jay Rodriguez (D)
Assembly District 69	Daniel O'Donnell (D)
Assembly District 70	Keith Wright (D)
Assembly District 73	Dan Quart (D)
Assembly District 74	Brian Kavanagh (D)
Assembly District 75	Richard Gottfried (D)



PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT NO CONTEST: THE INCUMBENT INDEX

★★★ PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT THE VACANCY REPORT

Below are the state legislative seats in New York City that have been vacant prior to the election, and will be filled for the next session. In addition to these 8 vacancies, another 5 seats are vacant throughout the state.

BRONX

New York State Assembly

District 77 Previously held by Vanessa Gibson
District 79 Previously held by Eric Stevenson

BROOKLYN

New York State Senate

District 20 Previously held by Eric Adams

New York State Assembly

District 54Previously held by Rafael Espinal, Jr.District 55Previously held by William BoylandDistrict 59Previously held by Alan MaiselDistrict 60Previously held by Inez Barron

MANHATTAN

New York State Assembly

District 72 Previously held by Gabriela Rosa

VACANCIES AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Citizens Union both laments that 13 districts have been without representation and advocates for reforming the process of filling vacancies. These vacancies are due to Governor Cuomo not calling special elections. Democratic and Republican party chairs currently pick the candidates who are on the ballot, rather than submitting candidates to the voters, as occurs in in primary elections during the regular election cycle.

In this way, the parties dramatically shape the future of the state legislature, without giving those represented a meaningful role in selecting their representatives.

Statewide, one-quarter (25%) of all 213 state legislators in both houses were first elected in special elections, nominated by parties rather than voters.

- 7 of 63 (11%) NYS Senators were first elected in special elections.
- 46 of 150 (31%) NYS Assembly Members were first elected in special elections.

Citizens Union calls upon government officials to reform the special election process to allow for nonpartisan special elections, special party primary elections, or instant runoff voting.

QUEENS - UNCONTESTED

Senate District 12	Michael Gianaris (D)
Senate District 13	Jose Peralta (D)
Senate District 15	Joseph Addabbo (D)
Assembly District 23	Philip Goldfeder (D)
Assembly District 24	David Weprin (D)
Assembly District 25	Niley Rozic (D)
Assembly District 26	Edward Braunstein (D)
Assembly District 27	Michael Simanowitz (D)
Assembly District 28	Andrew Hevesi (D)
Assembly District 29	William Scarborough (D)
Assembly District 31	Michele Titus (D)
Assembly District 32	Vivian Cook (D)
Assembly District 33	Barbara Clark (D)
Assembly District 34	Michael DenDekker (D)
Assembly District 35	Jeffrion Aubry (D)
Assembly District 36	Aravella Simotas (D)
Assembly District 37	Catherine Nolan (D)
Assembly District 38	Michael Miller (D)
Assembly District 39	Francisco Moya (D)

STATEN ISLAND - UNCONTESTED

Ron Kim (D)

Assembly District 40

Senate District 23	Diane Savino (D)
Senate District 24	Andrew Lanza (R)
Assembly District 61	Matthew Titone (D)
Assembly District 62	Joseph Borelli (R)
Assembly District 63	Michael Cusick (D)
Assembly District 64	Nicole Malliotakis (R)

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PRIMARY ELECTION SNAPSHOT SALARIES AND TERMS OF STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS EVALUATION PRINCIPLES AND PROCESS

GOVERNOR

Salary: \$179,000.

Term: 4 years, no term limit.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Salary: \$151,500.

Term: 4 years, no term limit.

COMPTROLLER

Salary: \$151,500.

Term: 4 years, no term limit.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Salary: \$143,575.

Term: 4 years, no term limit.

STATE SENATOR

Salary: \$79,500 + per diem + stipends ranging from \$0 to \$41,500.

Term: 2 years, no term limit.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER

Salary: \$79,500 + per diem + stipends ranging from \$0 to \$41,500.

Term: 2 years, no term limit.

SURROGATE COURT JUDGE

Salary: \$167,000-174,000.

Term: 14 years, no term limit, mandatory retirement age of 70.

CIVIL COURT JUDGE

Salary: \$159,900.

Term: 14 years, no term limit, mandatory retirement age of 70.

In this packed election cycle, Citizens Union has evaluated 15 races for state legislature and 31 candidates, to determine who strongly supports our issues, can advance a reform agenda, and can best represent the district.

Interview teams of the Local Candidates Committee volunteers assess the candidates based on their responses to the following: CU's questionnaire (a pre-requisite for interviews), research, first-hand knowledge of the candidates, and interviews with the candidates which are approximately 30 minutes each. The interview teams then make advisory recommendations to the full Local Candidates Committee, which deliberates and makes recommendations to 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 also 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 interviewed by Citizens Union is believed to be effective or capable of representing the district.

OUR CRITERIA

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

- Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be the primary criteria used in deciding its support for a candidate.
- Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but not be determinative.
- Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not
 determinative. 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.
- 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.
- 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.



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 QUESTIONNAIRE: LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Below each question, please find a tabulation of answers from all 47 primary candidates who responded to the questionnaire – and not only from those candidates whom CU interviewed.

ELECTION REFORM

- 1. What is your position on the redistricting proposition amending the constitution on the November ballot that would create an independent commission with appointees split evenly between the majority and minority parties?
 - Support: 35 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 7
- What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation?
 Support: 39 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 6 Oppose: 2
- 3. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by lowering signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirements?
 - Support: 40 Conditional Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 4
- 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?

 Support: 44 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 1
- 5. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote? Currently those on parole may obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief to have their right to vote restored, but few of these are granted, and they cannot be applied for immediately upon release.

 Support: 42 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 4
- 6. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Voter Registration?
 - Support: 43 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 3
- 7. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?
 - Support: 42 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 4
- 8. What is your position on instituting early voting in New York State to allow voters to cast their votes at more convenient times over a period of several days?

 Support: 46 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 1



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 QUESTIONNAIRE: LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

- 9. What is your position on reforming the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative vacancies, as proposed by S.161/A.5290?
 - Support: 39 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 4
- 10. 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 updated automatically?
 - Support: 42 Conditional Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 2
- 11. What is your position on consolidating the state and federal primary to the third week in June, while ensuring that the legislative session ends at least two weeks prior?
 - Support: 39 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 3
- 12. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for primary elections in citywide election in New York City, effectively eliminating the need for a separate runoff election?
 - Support: 37 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 5 Oppose: 4

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

- 13. What is your position on establishing a matching public financing system for state legislative and statewide races similar to the New York City model?
 - Support: 46 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
- 14. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?
 - Support: 41 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 5
- 15. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents and those who do business with the state?
 - Support: 44 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 2
- 16. What is your position on limiting or banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs? (Note: such entities would have the constitutionally-protected right to form separate political action committees.)
 - Support: 42 Conditional Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 3



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 QUESTIONNAIRE: LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (CONTINUED)

- 17. 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?
 - Support: 47 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
- 18. What is your position on requiring candidates to include the full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution and bundler?

 Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 1
- 19. 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?
 - Support: 44 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 2
- 20. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use? Support: 46 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 0
- 21. What is your position on improving disclosure of independent expenditures such as requiring disclosure of electioneering activities?

 Support: 46 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 1
- 22. What is your position on limiting the ability of candidates to accumulate "war chests" and then transferring funds raised in one race to another in which they run?
 - Support: 40 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 3
- 23. What is your position on clarifying the definition of coordination between candidates and political committees to ensure candidate contribution limits are not exceeded, and expenditures and contributions are properly reported? Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 0

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?
 - Support: 36 Conditional Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 5
- 24. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state's court system by consolidating the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system?

 Support: 32 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 12 Oppose: 3

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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?
 - Support: 43 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 3 Oppose: 1
- 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?

 Support: 41 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 3 Oppose: 3

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?
 - Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 0
- 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?

 Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 0
- 29. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget? Support: 44 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 3 Oppose: 0
- 30. What is your position on ensuring adequate disclosure and itemization of discretionary funds, including member items and lump sum funds, as well as reporting on their usage?
 - Support: 47 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
- 31. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?
 - Support: 40 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 2
- 32. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year? Support: 33 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 5 Oppose: 9
- 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?

Support: 46 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 0



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CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 QUESTIONNAIRE QUICKSTATS

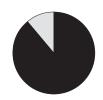
ADDITIONAL REFORM

- 34. 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?
 - Support: 41 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 5 Oppose: 1
- 35. What is your position on the webcasting of all legislative proceedings for both houses of the legislature, including committee meetings, hearings and session proceedings?
 - Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 0
- 36. What is your position on having the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey appointed directly by the Board of Commissioners, and having the position of Chair of the Board rotated between representatives of New York and New Jersey?
 - Support: 42 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 1

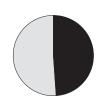
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15 out of 47 candidates support Citizens Union's entire state reform agenda.



The average candidate supports 89% of Citizen's Union reform agenda.



23 out of 47 candidates do not oppose any of our reforms.



ON ELECTION REFORM

- 22 candidates (47%) support or conditionally support all election reform measures
- The average candidate supports 88% of the 12 election reform measures
- 46 candidates supported early voting



ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

- The average candidate supports 95% of CU's 11 campaign finance reform measures
- 34 candidates (72%) support or conditionally support all campaign finance reform measures
- 100% of candidates support closing "soft money" loopholes AND establishing matching public financing system for state races



ON JUDICIAL REFORM

- 38 candidates (81%) support creating a commission to select judges in all of New York's trial courts
- 32 candidates (68%) support consolidating New York State's 9 trial courts into a 2-tiered system
- 28 candidates (60%) support or conditionally support both judicial reform measures



ON ETHICS REFORM

- 43 candidates (92%) supported empowering the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute public corruption
- 41 candidates (87%) support making public officers and legislators who are convicted of felonies forfeit their pensions
- 39 candidates (83%) support both ethics reform measures



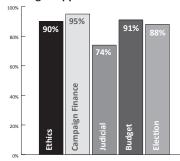
ON BUDGET REFORM

- 27 candidates (57%) support or conditionally support all budget reform measures
- The average candidate supports 91% of the 7 budget reform measures
- \bullet 100% of candidates support ensuring adequate disclosure and itemization of discretionary fund

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW SUPPORT FOR CITIZENS UNION'S AGENDA:

- 2 reforms received several responses of undecided or no answer, and therefore present CU with an opportunity to educate and expand support:
- 12 candidates were undecided about the judicial reform of consolidating NYS' 9 trial courts into a two-tiered system
- 6 candidates were undecided about the election reform of restructuring the NYS board of elections to abolish the two-party division of governance and operation

Average Support from Candidates



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CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES



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District/Name	Major Party Affilia- tion	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37
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S34/Koppell	D	S	S	S*	S	S	S	S	S	0	S*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S
S36/Collins	D	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	N/A
A77/Curry	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
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A84/Molina	D, R	0	S	0	0	S	0	0	S	s	S	0	S	s	S	s	s	S	s	S	s	s	0	s	S	s	S	s	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	0	S	0
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A55/Herbert	D	S	s	s	S	S	S	S	s	s	S	S	S	s	S	S	S*	S	s	S	s	s	S	S	s	s	S	s	s	s	s	s	s	S	N/A	S	S	S
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A72/Castellanos	D	S	S	S	S	S	0	N/A	0	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	N/A	S	N/A	0	S	S	S	N/A
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CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 CITIZENS UNION PREFERRED CANDIDATES

★★★★ CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 BRONX EVALUATIONS

BRONX

Senate District 33 J. Gustavo Rivera (D) Senate District 34 Jeffrey D. Klein (D)

Assembly District 79 Michael Blake (D)

BROOKLYN

Senate District 19 Dell Smitherman (D) Senate District 20 Rubain Dorancy (D)

Assembly District 42 L. Rickie Tulloch (D)
Assembly District 52 Jo Anne Simon (D)
Assembly District 54 Kim Council (D)

Assembly District 55 Latrice Monique Walker (D)

MANHATTAN

Senate District 31 Robert Jackson (D)

Assembly District 72 Guillermo Linares (D)
Assembly District 76 Gus Christensen (D)

QUEENS

Senate District 11 Tony Avella (D)
Senate District 14 Leroy Comrie, Jr. (D)
Senate District 16 S.J. Jung (D)

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 33 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - J. GUSTAVO RIVERA - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 38 Occupation: Member, NYS Senate

Education: University of Puerto Rico (BA); CUNY Graduate Center (MA, in progress)

Gustavo Rivera stated that he is running for re-election because he is not done with everything that he wants to accomplish in Albany. One of his main goals has been to re-establish the public's trust, especially in his own district given the history of corruption of its representatives. Rivera's top priorities include improving health policy, enacting budget reforms, and reforming aspects of the criminal justice system. Rivera expressed particular concern with healthcare spending, and stated that if Democrats regain the majority, he is slated to be chair of the Health Committee. Rivera is also passionate about reform issues: he stated that legislators' earned outside income should be limited and more transparent; that legislators should serve full time; and that campaign finance reform should be implemented to limit the influence of special interests. On redistricting, Rivera opposes the ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process – he would prefer a process that further removes the legislature from drawing district lines, such that legislators select nonpartisan organizations to appoint members to an independent commission to draw the lines. Citizens Union prefers Rivera because of his commitment to and support for good government values, and because of his interest in collaborating with CU on reform issues even though there are differences on the issue of the redistricting amendment.

FERNANDO CABRERA - DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 BRONX EVALUATIONS (CONTINUED)

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 34 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - JEFFREY KLEIN - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 54 Occupation: Member, NYS Senate

Education: Queens College (BA); Columbia University (MPA); CUNY School of Law (JD)

Jeffrey Klein is running for re-election, having served in the state senate for ten years and previously in the state assembly. He is the co-leader of the state senate, serving as the leader of the Independent Democratic Caucus, which he presented as having been a step he took in order to get things done in the senate. His legislative priorities for the next session include passage of the DREAM Act, the Paid Family Leave Act, and the Women's Equality Agenda. Regarding the record of the Independent Democratic Caucus (IDC), Klein defended its effectiveness, noting passage of several reforms, including the SAFE Act and marriage equality, as well as the passage of four on-time state budgets. On other issues, Klein spoke to the need to preserve funding for affordable housing through an expanded Mitchell Lama program for middle-income residents, and his support for reducing the tax burden to stimulate investment and job creation. On reform issues, Klein spoke at length about the failure to pass campaign finance reform, and legislation he introduced that would create a public matching system while also eliminating housekeeping accounts and lowering contributions for all candidates, regardless of whether they participate in the public matching system. He committed to ensuring passage in the next session of campaign finance reform that would include the elements of his legislation to ensure a comprehensive approach to reform. He also expressed willingness to further reform the state ethics rules and, in particular, to look into the issue of outside income to curb corruption. Other strategies he cited were to increase the term of office to four years, with term limits, and making the position full time. Though Citizens Union has questions over the motivations connected to the formation of the IDC since some observers see it as having thwarted the political leanings of those who voted for Democrats, CU also understands the intent of the caucus is to be focused on achieving effective bipartisan outcomes. During this election, it will be clear to voters what Senator Klein's intentions are, since he has pledged to continue the existence of the IDC. CU believes that Klein is an effective and energetic representative, who has nonetheless proven to be committed advocate for and leaders on many of Citizens Union's priority reform items. Citizens Union prefers Klein for his effectiveness and energy, as well as for his unwavering support for the redistricting reform constitutional amendment and commitment to enacting comprehensive campaign finance reform in the next legislation session.

G. OLIVER KOPPELL - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22 Age: 73 Occupation: Former Member, NYC Council

Education: Harvard College; Harvard Law School (Degrees not reported)

Oliver Koppell is running for the state senate, having stated that Democratic ideals have not been kept, and that he was urged to run in order to restore power to the Democratic Party. Specifically regarding the power sharing agreement in the senate, he stated that he does not think that the five members of the Independent Democratic Caucus should have the same amount of power that the other Democrats in the chamber possess. His main legislative priorities, if he is elected, include passing the DREAM Act, all ten points of the Women's Equality Agenda, and campaign finance reform. Koppell's top reform priority was campaign finance reform, and he described the pilot program enacted in the state budget this for the state comptroller's race as "phony" reform. On other reform issues, Koppell is opposed to term limits, having been the sponsor of legislation to overturn term limits at the city level, and on ethics reform he stated that there should be an independent prosecutorial body solely focused on prosecuting public corruption. He responded that the proposal to empower the attorney general to investigate legislators would present a conflict of interest, as the attorney general currently represents the legislative branch in lawsuits involving state government. On the strategies that he would use if elected to pass reform measures, Koppell stated that any senator who was serious about getting another term should be willing to make tough choices against their own interests. Citizens Union believes that Koppell would be an experienced and capable legislator given his experience, but still differs with him on a few key issues such as term limits and the redistricting constitutional amendment.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 79 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - MICHAEL BLAKE - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 31 Occupation: Senior Consultant, Green for All

Education: Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University (BS)

Michael Blake has previously worked for Barack Obama's presidential campaign, and as a White House aide for outreach. His current organization, Green for All, supports green jobs for those in minority communities. Blake stated that he is running to improve his community, as it is one of the poorest in the nation. His top priorities include creating jobs in the district, and strengthening the community through financial empowerment. On reform issues, Blake stated that he will focus on campaign finance reform, modernizing elections to make it easier to vote, and increasing transparency by having legislators report more regularly to constituents on their activities in the legislature. Though Blake did not oppose earned outside income, he



advocated for faster reporting and making the reporting more detailed. He stated that, especially in light of the former representative's corruption conviction, his district and Albany need real leadership, and that is what he will bring to Albany. Citizens Union prefers Blake because of his experienced knowledge of the political process and his appealing persuasiveness.

RAUL RODRIGUEZ - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 35 Occupation: Parent Coordinator, NYC Department of Education

Education: High School

Raul Rodriguez is running for office because as a parent coordinator at the Department of Education, he has firsthand knowledge of the problems of the district, and experience in addressing them. His top priorities are securing more resources for the district, addressing public safety and health problems in the community, improving the public education system, and preventing corruption. He is concerned about the rate at which elected officials, especially in his district, have been removed due to ethical lapses. Rodriguez stated that convicted elected officials should not receive their pensions, and that he supports term limits to help ensure that communities are able to have representation that better reflects their current priorities. On campaign finance reform, Rodriguez stated that that while the New York City public matching model is not perfect, it would serve as a step in the right direction. Citizens Union believes that he is an asset to his community because of his focus on and passion for local issues and hopes to see him in elected office one day.

GEORGE ALVAREZ – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22
Age: 40 Occupation: CEO, Apple Consultants
Education: MA (Name of degree-granting institution not provided)
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

LANITA JONES – DEM

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

MARSHA D. MICHAEL - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 39 Occupation: Attorney

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

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

FREDERICK RICKS - DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

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NYS SENATE DISTRICT 19 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - DELL SMITHERMAN - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 42 Occupation: Political Coordinator, 1199 SEIU

Education: High School

A labor organizer and a lifelong resident of Senate District 19, Dell Smitherman stated that he is running to unseat indicted incumbent John Sampson and to bring to his district the resources and the dedicated representation which the community currently lacks. His top legislative priorities include passage of the DREAM Act and the Women's Equality Agenda, allowing localities to set their own minimum wage, and preservation and creation of affordable housing. Smitherman's reform agenda aligns closely with CU's: he supported the ballot proposal to create an independent redistricting commission, creation of a campaign finance system with public matching funds, and increased enforcement of current campaign finance rules. Smitherman voiced his disdain for policies made with "three men in a room," suggesting that representatives should have more power to represent their district. He favored discretionary funds at the state level as a means to engage community groups with limited funds, provided that there are proper controls in place. Smitherman spoke of achieving change in Albany by utilizing his experience building coalitions and progressive partnerships, while still upholding his core values, whether or not they are the same as those who support his campaign. Citizens Union prefers Smitherman because of his impressive knowledge of his district and the legislative process, as well as his stated passion to work to achieve reform in Albany.

SEAN HENRY - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22 Age: 36 Occupation: Consultant, Hudson Guild

Education: Southern Illinois University (BA); New York University (MPA)

Sean Henry is a civically engaged member of the community within his district. He is currently a consultant for the non-profit Hudson Guild, and has previously worked for NYC's Department of Homeless Services. Henry stated that he is running for state senate to address the significantly low high school graduation rates and lack of resources for students who reside in East New York and Brownsville, and that he would like to champion such issues as: economic development, homelessness prevention, affordable housing, transportation accessibility, and Hurricane Sandy restoration. Henry also spoke to the lack of effective representation for his district, and that he would represent his constituents as a full-time legislator. He expressed support for campaign finance reform and the ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process. As a former city employee, Henry spoke to the necessity of transparency within government agencies, and the importance of performance measurement through data collection. Although Henry demonstrated his knowledge of and passion for addressing the needs of his district, he was not able to clearly address his legislative priorities.



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS 2014 BROOKLYN EVALUATIONS (CONTINUED)

JOHN SAMPSON - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22
Age: N/A Occupation: Member, NYS Senate
Education: CUNY; SUNY (Degrees not reported)
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

ELIAS WEIR - DEM

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

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 20 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - RUBAIN DORANCY - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: N/A Occupation: Principal and Owner, Triad Consulting Strategies

Education: City College (BA); Baruch College School of Public Affairs (MPA); Baruch College (MS);

Brooklyn Law School (JD)

Rubain Dorancy stated that he is running to increase opportunities for his constituents and all New Yorkers, and to address systematic barriers to equality and social justice. A former Deputy Executive Director at the NYC Department of Education, Dorancy spoke with passion and knowledge about his ideas for comprehensive education reform. He demonstrated a deep understanding of the many aspects of the responsibilities of a legislator, from policy and legislation to budgeting and programmatic work. He also expressed commitment to the passage of an increased minimum wage, the Women's Equality Agenda, increasing affordable housing, and improving community safety and relations with the New York Police Department. Dorancy supports the creation of a campaign finance system with public matching funds, viewing it as an equalizer so that candidates can focus on campaigning in their district rather than fundraising and accepting money from large donors. Dorancy spoke to the need for greater transparency, and supported changing the position of legislator to be full time. On Citizens Union's issues, a few of which Dorancy opposed, he provided thoughtful answers that demonstrated his knowledge of reform issues. For example, Dorancy supported the ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process, but also advocated for proportional representation by party to most accurately reflect demographics. Dorancy also opposed empowering the attorney general to investigate and prosecute cases involving public corruption – because the attorney general is elected, this reform could politicize investigatory powers. Instead, he suggested appointing special prosecutors to ensure fairness and democracy. Dorancy conveyed his ability to find common interests and enhance relationships while still upholding his own principles. Ultimately, Dorancy appeared fluent on Citizens Union's issues and impressed CU as a committed champion to advance reform-minded policies through research, "high-level thinking," listening, and collaboration. For these reasons, Citizens Union prefers Dorancy.

JESSE HAMILTON - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 51 Occupation: District Director, Senate District 20

Education: Ithaca College (BA); Long Island University (MBA);

Seton Hall Law School (JD)

Jesse Hamilton, a former staffer for now Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, stated that he is running for office to serve as a proactive leader and role model for young black men in his district. His top priorities include the creation of affordable housing, the elimination of subsidies on luxury housing, and increasing employment through construction. Hamilton supports the creation of a campaign finance system with public matching funds. To address corruption, Hamilton suggested creating an independent commission to investigate corruption that is not comprised of elected officials who need to raise money to fund campaigns. He also spoke to the need for more transparency, especially regarding budget items. Hamilton expressed a depth of knowledge regarding his district and spoke with passion about the programmatic aspect of legislative oversight, but lacked a strong enough understanding of Citizens Union's reform issues.

GUILLERMO PHILPOTTS - DEM

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

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 42 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - L. RICKIE TULLOCH - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 52 Occupation: Deputy CFO, Harlem Hospital Center Education: Brooklyn College (BS); Brooklyn College (MA)

L. Rickie Tulloch is a longtime resident and community activist in Assembly District 42. Tulloch, who currently holds the position as Deputy Chief Financial Officer at Harlem Hospital Center, has previously worked as a community representative for long-standing incumbent, Rhoda Jacobs, who has endorsed his candidacy. Tulloch's priorities include addressing issues such as affordable housing, economic development, and immigration reform. On reform issues, Tulloch supported the vast majority of Citizens Union's reform agenda. If elected, Tulloch stated he will work as a full-time legislator and be a solid presence within his district. Tulloch advocated for holding government officials accountable, and supported amending the state constitution to extend pension forfeiture to elected officials who have been convicted of felonies related to abusing the public trust. Tulloch supports the ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process. He opposed requiring legislators to file two campaign finance reports during the legislative session, because, as an auditor, he stated that



oversight and accuracy are higher priorities in reporting. Citizens Union prefers Tulloch because of his strong community ties, impressive professional experience, and good grasp of reform issues.

RODNEYSE BICHOTTE - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 41 Occupation: District Leader, 42nd Assembly District

Education: Buffalo State College (BS); SUNY Buffalo (BS);

Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern (MBA); Illinois Institute of Technology (MS)

Rodneyse Bichotte has served as the Democratic district leader of Assembly District 42 since 2010. Bichotte stated that she is running to ensure that all communities in the district are represented, and to bring new leadership. Bichotte expressed knowledge of and experience working within the district, citing both her efforts to mobilize her constituents and the support she has received during her campaign. As a former teacher. Bichotte advocated for education reform that would ensure equitable allocation of funds and resources and the passage of the DREAM Act so that all students have equal opportunities. On Citizens Union's reform issues, Bichotte prioritized election reform, citing her past voter education workshops. She also has advocated for the City Board of Elections to ensure that ballots and other election materials are provided at the polls in additional languages, including in Haitian Creole which is spoken in the district. While Bichotte supported all of Citizens Union's reforms during her 2012 campaign, she has since changed her positions on numerous reforms. Bichotte now opposes the ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process; she stated that she wanted the committee to be more proportional in terms of representation, but acknowledged that the reform would create and enforce a more equal playing field. Bichotte opposed lowering campaign contribution limits, but followed up by stating that the current limit is appropriate for the Assembly, but should change according to the seat. While Bichotte's work within the community and advocacy for accessibility of elections is admirable, Citizens Union was concerned regarding her change in positions on reform issues without a clear rationale for those changes.

VICTOR JORDAN - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22 Age: N/A Occupation: Economist, Self-employed

Education: University of Guyana; University of the West Indies; Albany Law School; New School for Social Research; Pace University (Degrees not reported)

Victor Jordan is a member of Community Board 17, a former teacher, an economist, and lawyer. Jordan stated that he is running to ensure that important issues are raised during the campaign, in particular increasing affordable housing for low-income and elderly individuals, as well as veterans. He advocated for zoning changes in his neighborhood, both to meet the increasing housing demand and to boost tourism. Jordan supported the creation of a campaign finance system with public matching funds, as he stated that government funding would provide important support to new



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candidates. Jordan opposed Citizens Union's proposal to amend the state constitution to extend pension forfeiture to all public officers and legislators who have been convicted of felonies, remarking that he worked hard for his pension and if it was revoked, it would put him in a bad financial position. Although Jordan came across as a passionate candidate, he lacked specificity in regards to policy issues and seemed unclear about how to reform Albany.

MICHELE ADOLPHE - DEM

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

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 52 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - JO ANNE SIMON - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 61 Occupation: Attorney

Education: Iona College (BA); Gallaudet University (MA); Long Island University (credits toward PH.D. in Clinical Psychology); Fordham University Law School (JD)

Jo Anne Simon, an attorney who has a practice focused on disability rights, is the district leader in Assembly District 52. Simon stated that she is running to bring her depth of neighborhood and organizing experience to Albany, and would like to continue the legacy of strong independent female democrats in the district. As evidence of her ability to seek reform, Simon cited her previous work to reform the Brooklyn Democratic Party to oust its former leader, Vito Lopez. She demonstrated deep knowledge and thoughtfulness regarding CU's reform agenda, which she supports in its entirety. As district leader, she has observed poll site operations, and has testified at state legislative and city council hearings on election reform. Simon's top election reform priorities include addressing the 18-hour workday for poll workers and the lack of accessibility for those with disabilities at poll sites. She also supports overhauling the administration of elections, including moving to a system of nonpartisan administration. On campaign finance reform, Simon stated that she would like to work on closing "soft money" loopholes, and made a commitment not to conduct fundraisers in Albany in order to not perpetuate the "pay-to-play" culture. Simon, who has taught judicial externship seminars at Fordham University, supports a more integrated and streamlined court system. Citizens Union prefers Simon because of her commitment to her district and her thorough knowledge of and commitment to advancing reform in Albany.



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PETE SIKORA - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22

Age: 39 Occupation: Legislative and Political Director, Communications Worker of America District I

Education: Cornell University (BA); NYU Stern School of Business (MBA)

Pete Sikora stated that he is running for the open seat to bring labor advocacy and the progressive platform to Albany. Sikora previously served as Organizing Director for NYPIRG and as the State Legislative and Political Director for the Communications Workers of America (CWA). His legislative priorities include addressing climate change by establishing building requirements to reduce energy consumption, which will simultaneously create construction and retrofitting jobs. Sikora also spoke of increasing affordable housing by preserving rent-regulated apartments and building mixed-income housing. On good government issues, Sikora strongly supports public financing of elections and advocates for tougher penalties, more scrutiny and an increase in legislative pay. On ethics reform, Sikora pointed to the cultural problem in Albany that he hopes to reform if elected. Sikora opposed the ballot proposal to reform redistricting, on the basis that another organization suggested he oppose it – he seemed unclear on the details of this reform, eventually asserting that minor reform to fundamentally rigged systems do not help. Sikora spoke of creating a progressive caucus in the Assembly over the next decade, which would operate similarly to the City Council's caucus, and which would ensure that the Assembly is not run by "political machines." Sikora has extensive advocacy and lobbying experience, supports a number of key reform issues like campaign finance reform and makes for an appealing candidate.

DOUG BIVIANO - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 22
Age: 45 Occupation: Superintendent
Education: Cornell University (BA and MA)
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 54 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – KIMBERLY COUNCIL – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 42 Occupation: Reference Librarian, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

Education: North Carolina Central University (BA); Pratt Institute (MS)

Kim Council is running for Assembly, after running for City Council in 2013 against former incumbent Rafael Espinal. Council's top priorities included preserving affordable housing and jobs, and ensuring community safety. Council stated that the current definition of affordable does not take into consideration the average income in her community, and therefore must be redefined. She also spoke passionately about tying the minimum wage to changes in the cost of living, and more closely examining

funding for public education. Council also expressed praise for Senator Montgomery's efforts aiming to transform the juvenile justice system from punitive to rehabilitative, noting that she would collaborate on this work in Albany. On CU's reforms, Council stated that she would push to pass a matching public campaign finance system, as that system enabled her to mount a strong city council campaign. She spoke of the need to independently investigate ethics charges, stating that corruption is a serious deterrent to progress and that legislators should serve full time with an increased salary to decrease corruption. She expressed concern that a merit-based appointment system within New York's trial courts could exacerbate the prevalence of patronage, nepotism and cronyism in Albany. Council expressed openness towards non partisan primaries. Council acknowledged that she needs to further research certain CU reform priorities at the state level, but demonstrated that she is reform-minded, principled, and receptive to further discussions about the reform agenda. Citizens Union prefers Council because of her good government values, deep intelligence, and commitment to who would be her future constituents.

ERIK MARTIN DILAN - DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 55 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - LATRICE MONIQUE WALKER - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 34 Occupation: Counsel, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke
Education: SUNY Purchase (BA); Pace University (JD)

Latrice Monique Walker, an attorney, currently works for the Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, has been a lifelong resident of District 55, and is currently raising her child in the district. Walker stated that her place in life is in public service, and spoke with passion and principle about representing and educating her constituents. Her top priorities include: increasing affordable housing, job creation, raising the minimum wage, community safety, and education reform within her district. Walker strongly supports campaign finance reform, and would like to level the playing field while working towards eliminating the influence of special interests in state politics. Walker described herself as a voting rights activist, and advocated for lowering the voting age and the number of signatures needed to get on the ballot. She also stated that she would like to build community engagement and participation within the election process. Walker spoke of her plans to form coalitions while in office, and her general distaste for pay-to-play politics. She firmly stated that she will not undermine the needs of her community in order to make deals with lobbyists and special interests. Citizens Union prefers Walker because she is a principled, sharp, and articulate advocate for her community, and because of her fluency in and passion for good government reforms.

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ANTHONY TONY HERBERT – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 50 Occupation: Unemployed

Education: High School

Anthony Tony Herbert described himself as a civil rights activist with deep roots in the community. Herbert's top priorities are ending gun and gang violence, establishing more affordable housing, and helping to build a robust economy within his district. Regarding public safety, Herbert mentioned the importance of forging better relationships between the police and community members, as well as increasing minimum sentences for carrying illegal guns. Herbert supports campaign finance reform and would like to see a campaign finance system with public matching funds at the state level. He also stated that a two-party system limits choices, and would like to encourage non-partisan elections. He also cited his support for the ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process. Herbert expressed commitment to higher ethical standards, and stated that he does not want to be indebted to unions or entrenched interests in Albany. Citizens Union appreciates Herbert's strong community ties and commitment to working on a broad array of reform issues.

LORI BOOZER - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 34 Occupation: Housing Advocate with Housing Court Answers

Education: Vassar College (BA); Boston College Law School (JD)

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

ANTHONY JONES - DEM

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

BILAL MALIK - DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

DAVID MILLER - DEM

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

INEISHA S. WILLIFORD - DEM

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



NYS SENATE DISTRICT 31 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - ROBERT JACKSON - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24
Age: 63 Occupation: Former Member, NYC Council
Education: SUNY New Paltz (degree not reported)

Robert Jackson previously served as the representative for City Council District 7 for twelve years. Jackson stated that he is running for the state senate because he believes that the district needs a constant presence from its elected officials. He promises to be a full-time legislator, recognizing that his constituents need a committed and available representative. Jackson cares deeply about the issue of education, and highlighted his lifelong advocacy – he served as New York City Council Education Committee chair and as lead plaintiff in the landmark Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit, which brought needed additional funding to New York City's public schools. Jackson hopes to continue his efforts to improve education and be a leader for the fight for education reform in the state legislature. Jackson's other top goals include creating greater economic opportunities for his district and protecting affordable housing, starting with giving New York City home rule over rent regulations. He expressed support for all of Citizens Union's reform positions. Jackson supports a campaign finance system with public matching funds and hopes to reduce the influence of money in elections when elected. He also stated that he believes ensuring the ethical behavior and integrity of elected officials are important means of building public confidence in government. Citizens Union prefers Jackson, because of his strong passion, commitment to both his community and larger scale reforms, including campaign finance reform, and experience which has proven him to be a consistent and effective advocate.

ADRIANO ESPAILLAT - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24 Age: 62 Occupation: Member, NYS Senator Education: Hunter College (BA)

Adriano Espaillat was first elected to the state assembly in 1996, and then to the state senate in 2012. In 2012 and 2014, he ran unsuccessfully for US Congress against long-time incumbent Charles Rangel. Espaillat stated that he is running for re-election to the state senate because he would like to continue to champion such causes as affordable housing, campaign finance reform, the DREAM Act, and the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act. Espaillat supports all of Citizens Union's reform measures and specifically highlighted the need to reform the NYS Board of Elections, citing its mismanagement of previous elections. He also expressed a commitment to reform other aspects of the campaign finance system in the state, such as limiting or eliminating transfers from party committees to candidates. Espaillat stated that because of his 18 years of experience in politics, he is most prepared to put forth the reforms that are necessary in New York State. While his knowledge of the political process and reform issues is apparent, we question his ability to advance reform in the state senate due to his high absentee rate in Albany and too many missed votes on important state issues, which has deprived his constituents of a solid presence in Albany during his two congressional runs.



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LUIS TEJADA - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 55 Occupation: Electrical Engineer; Math Professor

Education: Not provided

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 72 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - GUILLERMO LINARES - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 63 Occupation: Former Member, NYS Assembly

Education: City College (BA, MS); Fordham University (Professional Diploma in Administration and Supervision); Teachers College, Columbia University (PhD)

Guillermo Linares is a former councilmember, commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, and state assemblymember. He is running for the assembly seat that he previously held from 2010 to 2012, which he vacated in order to run for Senate District 31, the seat ultimately retained by Adriano Espaillat. Linares' top priorities are passing the DREAM Act, protecting affordable housing, addressing displacement of communities due to high rents, and education reform. Linares supports all of Citizens Union's reform agenda. Linares supports a campaign finance system with public matching funds, and stated that these funds would empower voters and increase participation. He spoke in great detail about the need for greater voter education and participation, as higher voter turnout is crucial to ensuring greater accountability in Albany. Citizens Union appreciates Linares' fluency with issues affecting voter registration and participation, and the passion with which he spoke about the need for greater civic engagement. Citizens Union prefers Linares because of his reform-minded positions and wealth of experience in government at various levels.

FRANCESA M. CASTELLANOS - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p24

Age: N/A Occupation: Independent Contractor, Spanish Interpreter

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

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

MELANIE HIDALGO - DEM

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

MANNY DE LOS SANTOS - DEM

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

MAYOBANEX VILLALONA – DEM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 76 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - GUS CHRISTENSEN - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 42 Occupation: Former Managing Director, Evercore Partners

Education: Yale University (BA); Wharton (MBA)

Gus Christensen is a former investment banker who is running to bring private sector experience to Albany, which he stated is something that none of the representatives of the neighborhood at any level of government currently have. He stated that despite his former job, he is concerned about the concentrations of wealth in society, and presented detailed ideas regarding tax reform, such as radically lowering corporate income taxes at the state and federal levels while radically increasing capital income taxes. His other priorities for the district include advancing school construction in his district to address overcrowding, passing the Women's Equality Agenda, and addressing the issue of the 91st street marine waste transfer station. He stated support for all of Citizens Union's issues, and indicated that a priority of his is enacting comprehensive campaign finance reform to address our broken electoral system. Christensen claimed that given his background, he would be able to work with centrist and Republican legislators in a way that many of his Democratic colleagues cannot, and stated that he would be a team player in Albany. Citizens Union is troubled by the manner in which Christensen built support for his candidacy through his political club, but knows that it is often how political clubs operate and survive. Citizens Union nevertheless prefers Christensen because of his intelligent, knowledgeable, and nonpartisan approach to reform and his detailed grasp of many state issues.

ED HARTZOG - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 51 Occupation: Attorney

Education: Randolph Macon College (BA); Syracuse University (MPA); Indiana University (JD)

Ed Hartzog is running for state assembly, after having previously run for a city council seat in 2013. A community board member, Hartzog stated that he is the right candidate for this position given his experience in the private sector, and his political experience working and growing up in Washington D.C. Hartzog's top issues for the community are creating more affordable housing and repealing the Urstadt Law, involving the community in land use decision making, increasing green space, ensuring steady funding for afterschool programs and pre-K, and stopping construction of the 91st street marine waste transfer station. Hartzog's top reform



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issues include campaign finance reform, requiring legislators to serve full time and not earn outside income, and enacting reforms that ease the process of voting and voter registration. On campaign finance reform, Hartzog supports a publicly funded system with fully-funded grants rather than matching funds. While Hartzog supports almost all of CU's issues, he is unsure about instant runoff voting. Citizens Union appreciates Hartzog's ideological alignment on reform issues and his past work on voter protection, but felt he needed to provide greater details regarding how he would work effectively toward implementing reforms.

DAVID MENEGON - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 51 Occupation: Marketing Executive, Xerox Corporation

Education: Central Connecticut State University (BA)

David Menegon is a Xerox executive who has military experience with four overseas tours, two of them in Iraq. He pointed to his time as a civil affairs officer as an example of his ability to manage a large team, as well as his expertise in infrastructure management. Menegon's priorities for the district include sustainability and resiliency planning, increasing use of renewable energy, working with developers to build more schools in the district, stopping the 91st street marine waste transfer station, and working to increase affordable housing. On Citizens Union's reform issue, Menegon supported institution of a public matching system to reform the state's campaign finance system, establishing a full-time legislature, and instituting term limits of between 15 and 20 years. Citizens Union appreciates Menegon's pragmatic approach on issues, particularly his understanding of the limits of state legislators' authority, and believes he would be an effective legislator if elected.

REBECCA SEAWRIGHT - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p.24

Age: 52 Occupation: Attorney

Education: CUNY School of Law (JD)

Rebecca Seawright is an attorney with political experience, working as a fundraiser for Texas' former Governor Ann Richards. Seawright is running for to bring female representation to the district, and to bring her perspective as a PTA mom to reforming education. Seawright is a dedicated feminist, who touted endorsements from many local elected officials, advocacy groups and unions, as well as prominent female leaders. Her top priorities include passage of the Women's Equality Agenda, education reform, and school construction to address overcrowding. Seawright stated that if elected, she would seek appointment to the education committee. On reform issues, she supported all of Citizens Union's reform agenda, and spoke to the need for increased disclosure of outside income and passage of campaign finance reform as priorities. Citizens Union was impressed with Seawright's political support but wanted to hear greater detail regarding how she would work to accomplish her priorities.



NYS SENATE DISTRICT 11 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - TONY AVELLA - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p.24

Age: 62 Occupation: State Senator

Education: Hunter College (BA)

Tony Avella has been a state senator since 2010. He previously served as a member of the New York City Council from 2002 to 2009, and ran as a mayoral candidate in the 2009 Democratic primary. He describes himself as a proponent of good government who puts his principles ahead of politics. Beyond his support for reform issues, he has sought increased state funding for parks, schools, and libraries in his district. Avella stated that he is a lawmaker who can work across party lines in order to get bills passed, which is why he joined the Independent Democratic Caucus (IDC) this past year. He states that he was able to get several of his bills passed only after joining the IDC and its coalition with the Senate Republicans. Concerning reform issues, Avella is in support of the vast majority of Citizens Union's reform priorities, and cited bills that he has passed as evidence that he fights to implement reform. When asked about his biggest regret, Avella points to the failure of campaign finance reform legislation in the previous session. Citizens Union prefers Avella in this race due to his longstanding commitment to reform issues and reforming government, and his independent-spirited record.

JOHN LIU - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p.24

Age: 47 Occupation: Former NYC Comptroller

Education: SUNY Binghamton (BS)

John Liu is running for state senate to better implement progressive policies in his district. He has been involved in city politics for many years, as a former city councilmember, former city comptroller, and mayoral candidate in the 2013 election. Liu's top priorities are to ensure funding for public schools, such as for pre-K and after school programs, and ensure the continuation of laws such as the Scaffold Law and rent stabilization. Liu stated that he will be an effective state senator as part of the Democratic majority. He also stated that he believes reform issues such as campaign finance reform will be more likely to be enacted with a Democratic majority. When asked about the scandal concerning his campaign staff and contributions, Liu stated that he has not been charged and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has targeted him specifically, and his situation could be applied to any other New York high-profile politician. Liu is thoughtful on issues and has been a dedicated public servant, who Citizens Union has supported for election in the past. We would have welcomed more clarity on how he would reform Albany beyond the strategy of forming a new Democratic majority since reform has been stalled in the senate no matter which party has controlled the senate. Citizens Union appreciates Liu's efforts and effectiveness in bringing more voices into the political process, and believes that he will be an effective legislator should he be elected.



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NYS SENATE DISTRICT 14 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - LEROY COMRIE, JR. - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 55 Occupation: Deputy Queens Borough President
Education: University of Bridgeport (degree not reported)

Leroy Comrie, Jr. is currently the Deputy Queens Borough President and has long been active in New York politics, having previously served in the city council representing the 27th district for 12 years. Comrie states that he is running because he can bring experience and results for his district. His legislative agenda highlighted reforming education through the following: local control over school funding, collecting funds for the city that have not been delivered from the Campaign for Fiscal Equity decision, and providing funding to high-needs schools. Other priorities include maintaining affordable housing and improving access to public transportation in the district. Comrie supports all of Citizens Union's reform agenda, and stated he would champion campaign finance reform, changing the rules of the state senate to ensure all legislation has an equal and fair opportunity to come to the floor for a vote, redistricting reform, and instant runoff voting. Comrie also highlighted that after his election, he would begin to explain the reform agenda via town halls to his constituents. Citizens Union prefers Comrie because of his firm grasp of reform issues and his proven effectiveness as a seasoned legislator.

MUNIR AVERY - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 36 Occupation: Attorney

Education: SUNY Albany (BA); Fordham Law (JD)

Munir Avery is a lawyer and former Assistant District Attorney who is entering Queens politics in order to improve constituent services. Avery's top priorities are ensuring funding for subsidized legal services for low-income individuals and summer youth employment programs. To accomplish these priorities, he stated that he would work with organizations he has partnered with in the past to push for legislation. While well informed regarding local issues, particularly those facing the elderly, he was less fluent in reform issues. Avery opposed several reform issues such as instant runoff voting, consolidating primaries, and nonpartisan elections. His reasons for opposition seemed to indicate that he was not as familiar with reform issues compared to his peers. Citizens Union, however, was impressed with Avery's passion for improving his community, and hopes he stays active in Queens civic life and continues to seek elected office.

MALCOLM SMITH - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24
Age: 58 Occupation: Member, NYS Senate
Education: Fordham University (BA)

Malcolm Smith is seeking re-election for his state senate seat, having been active in Queens civic life for many years, 13 of which were spent in the state senate. Smith's top priorities include job creation, including expansion of terminals at JFK airport, passing the DREAM Act, and protecting affordable housing. Smith cited campaign finance reform as a priority, which he indicated should include petition grants in addition to matching funds. Smith's main focus on reform issues included transparency and giving rank-and-file legislators more of a voice in the budget process. He stated that he would serve as a full-time legislator, and that the Moreland Commission was not necessary. Smith states that due to his experience, he knows the inner workings of the Senate. Smith states that he joined the Independent Democratic Caucus to improve constituent services, pointing to the need for funding after Hurricane Sandy. If re-elected, Smith stated he would rejoin the Senate Democrats to get legislation passed. Citizens Union is deeply troubled by the indictments levied against Smith related to corruption, and therefore cannot support his re-election.

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 16 Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - S.J. JUNG - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Age: 50 Occupation: Small business owner

Education: Korean University (BA)

S.J. Jung is a longtime community activist, former city council candidate from 2009, part of the 13% and Growing coalition, and former leader of the MinKwon Center, an Asian American community advocacy group focusing on voting rights and civic engagement. Jung is running to represent underrepresented New Yorkers, such as the Asian-plurality residents in the district. He cited his work as an imports and exports business owner believing his experience that will help him forge public-private partnerships. His priorities include ensuring a fair budget for underrepresented New Yorkers, passage of the DREAM Act, increasing the minimum wage, and addressing quality of life issues in his district, such as pollution. He supports all of Citizens Union's reform issues, in particular campaign finance reform and changing the culture in Albany. Having experienced both the city and state level campaign finance systems as a candidate, Jung stated that he would advocate for reducing the individual contribution limit at the state level. On ethics, he stated that he was very disappointed that the Moreland Commission was disbanded and he would demand a reopening of



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the commission. Citizens Union was impressed with Jung's commitment and passion for reform issues, as well as his depth of community experience. We believe that he will bring a fresh and important advocacy perspective to Albany given his experience and background which is why we prefer him in this race.

TOBY STAVISKY - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24 Age: N/A Occupation: State Senator

Education: Syracuse University (BA); Hunter & Queens College (MA)

Toby Stavisky is running for re-election as a senior Democratic member of the state senate. Stavisky is an assistant leader of the Senate Democratic Conference and is currently chair of the Higher Education Committee and member of the Finance Committee. Stavisky's main focus if re-elected would include passing the DREAM Act and the Women's Equality Agenda. Her top priorities for reform issues include: achieving campaign finance reform, reforming legislative ethics by enforcing better disclosures, reforming pension rules, and implementing more safeguards on outside income. She supports banning outside employment in conjunction with a raise for the legislature, and making the position full time, with hearings on this issue. On redistricting reform, Stavisky opposes the ballot proposal, and stated that it did not go far enough – she would rather have a nonpartisan redistricting commission with no vested interest in the outcome that is appointed by a panel or commission rather than directly by the legislative leaders. Stavisky stated that she is a strong advocate for the Asian-American community which constitutes a plurality in the district, and pointed to her constituent services and to her success in bringing a bill regarding the Lunar New Year to the governor's agenda. Stavisky opposes automatic voter registration, citing concerns about a flood of applicants that the Board of Elections could not handle. Stavisky also opposes automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote; she stated that she agrees it should be made easier, but not automatic. In spite of our differences on redistricting, Citizens Union appreciates Stavisky's commitment to reform issues and her effectiveness as a long-serving legislator, but feels that given the appeal of her opponent as a well-regarded community leader, a change in representation is needed.

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VOTING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION REGISTERING TO VOTE

REGISTERING TO VOTE

You are eligible to vote in municipal, federal and state elections if you are:

- 18 years of age (on the date of the election. You can register at 17 if you will be 18 before the election; send your voter registration card in the year you turn 18 and it will be filed on your 18th birthday);
- A United States citizen; AND
- Registered to vote at least 25 days before the election.

To vote in a party primary:

- You must be a registered member of that party.
- 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.

APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

You may vote by absentee ballot if you are:

- absent from New York City (or your county, if you live outside of New York City) on Election Day;
- ill or disabled, or serve as primary caregiver for an ill or disabled individual;
- a patient or inmate in a Veterans' Administration Hospital; OR
- detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or are confined in prison for an offense other than a felony.

Deadlines for absentee ballot applications and submissions are as follows:

- Mail your Absentee Ballot Application or Letter of Application by Tuesday, September 2nd.
- Apply for an Absentee Ballot in Person at your local county board of elections office by Monday, September 8th.
- Mail in your Absentee Ballot with a postmark by Monday, September 8th it also must be received by the local board of elections no later than September 16th.
- Drop off your Absentee Ballot by Tuesday, September 9th to your local board of elections office – a friend or relative can drop it off.

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VOTING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION REGISTERING TO VOTE (CONTINUED)

VOTING ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Getting to the polls:

- The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 9th.
- Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- To find your polling site, visit nyc.pollsitelocator.com or call the Board of Elections at 1-866-VOTE-NYC.

Signing in at the polls:

- Once you enter the poll site, sign in with the poll worker who will give you your paper ballot.
- 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.
- 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:

- Mark your ballot through one of two means:
 - Pen: Go to a privacy booth and fill out your ballot with a pen by marking the appropriate ovals; or
 - Ballot Marking Device (BMD): BMDs are mandated to be available at each polling location for those who are in need of assistance. 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.
- 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. You can choose to insert the ballot yourself rather than by a poll worker,
 if preferred.
- Your ballot will be counted after it is inserted into the electronic scanner. The
 scanner will then be used to count the votes after the polling place has closed at
 the end of Election Day. You should notice the tally of the number of ballots receive
 increase after your ballot has been scanned. A bin attached to the scanner will
 capture and keep the paper ballots as a record of all votes.
- 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.



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To Obtain a Voter Registration Form or Absentee Ballot

NYC Board of Elections (866) VOTE-NYC

www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/voters.shtml

*Or go in person to your local county Board of Elections office

To Learn More about the New Voting Process and Ballot Marking Devices

NYC Board of Elections (866) VOTE-NYC www.votethenewwayny.com/

To find your polling site

NYC Board of Elections (866) VOTE-NYC nyc.pollsitelocator.com

To Research Campaign Contributions

NYS Board of Elections (800) 458-3453 www.elections.ny.gov

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