



General Election

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2016 Voters Directory

A NONPARTISAN GUIDE
TO INFORMED VOTING

Vote Tuesday, November 8th



Citizens Union Endorsed Candidates – 2016 General Election

MANHATTAN

Senate District 27
Brad Hoylman (D, WF)

Assembly District 65
Yuh-Line Niou (D)

Assembly District 73
Dan Quart (D, WF)

QUEENS

Senate District 15
Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D)

Senate District 16
Toby Ann Stavisky (D)

CU PRIMARY PREFERRED CANDIDATES WHO ARE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

BRONX

Senate District 33
Gustavo Rivera (D)

Senate District 36
Jamaal Bailey (D)

Assembly District 87
Luis Sepúlveda (D)

BROOKLYN

Assembly District 44
Robert Carroll (D)

Assembly District 56
Tremaine Wright (D)

QUEENS

Senate District 10
James Sanders, Jr. (D)

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The Citizens Union Voter Directory Online has all this information and more. Browse the online directory, candidates' questionnaires, and CU position statements at **www.CitizensUnion.org**.

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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.

2016 YEAR in 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:

- City Elected Official Compensation Reform: CU pushed for and achieved an end to stipends or lulus; a limit on outside income (the Council went further with a complete ban); making the recommendations of the quadrennial commissions occur during the third, rather than second year of the Council's four-year term; and requiring public online access of the financial disclosure forms for the city's elected officials.
- Lump Sum Appropriations Report: CU released the fourth and fifth iteration of our watershed watchdog report on discretionary state spending, *Spending in the Shadows – FY 2017*. The latest report finds the enacted state budget contains \$19 billion in opaque "lump sum funds" that allow specific spending decisions to be made after budget bills are passed – behind closed doors, with no scrutiny – a formula ripe for corruption.

- Policy Recommendation on City Elected Official Nonprofits: CU has called for nonprofits formed and affiliated with city elected officials to be subject to the jurisdiction of the campaign finance laws with disclosure of activity and contribution limits for those who do business with the city
- Police Accountability: In August, CU released a policy position statement seeking to increase police accountability to the public by calling for: clarity and consistency in police oversight; heightened independent oversight of the NYPD by strengthening the CCRB; and enhancing the NYPD's internal oversight of officer misconduct.
- Governor's "Ethics" Law: CU has pushed back against the Governor and Legislature's enactment of a new state statute that aims to curtail the ease with which nonprofits that engage in political advocacy raise money, but which is written so broadly as to also impact other charities and nonprofits. CU believes this is a disingenuous distraction from the need to pursue real ethics reform and address corruption in Albany.
- Constitutional Convention: CU is gearing up for a state-wide campaign for a YES vote in November, 2017, on whether or not New Yorkers should hold a Constitutional Convention.

About the Voters Directory

PURPOSE

This Tuesday, November 8th, New Yorkers will vote in the state general election to select party candidates for state Senate and Assembly.

To help our Citizens Union members prepare to vote in the upcoming general election, we bring you our 2016 General Election Voters Directory. The Voters Directory provides:

- An overview of the 2016 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 November 8th, 2016.
- A roster of Citizens Union's endorsed 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

38 volunteer LCC members, 4 interns, and 6 staff members formed nonpartisan interview teams and evaluated 13 candidates in 7 races for NYS Senate and Assembly races.

We also secured the answers to our questionnaire from many more candidates. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, expertise and commitment this summer to interviewing and evaluating candidates.

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

General Election Snapshot

This section lists races in the general election that will take place on November 8th, and does not include elections where candidates running for state legislature are unopposed.

In the 2016 general elections for state legislature, a third of New York City's 91 state Senate and Assembly seats are held by incumbents who are running uncontested.

This section also list candidates running for NYS Supreme Court, Civil Court Judge, and candidates for City Council (in the Bronx and Staten Island). Not included in this section are state legislative districts where candidates are unopposed.

For information about the races in which incumbents face no general election opposition and the races where candidates faced no opposition in either the primary and general election, please turn to page X.

PARTY KEY

BL	Blue Lives Matter	‡ Incumbent legislator
C	Conservative	^ denotes that the candidate submitted the Citizens Union questionnaire, which can be found on page X.
D	Democrat	
G	Green	
I	Independence	Bold denotes that the candidate is endorsed by Citizens Union in the General Election.
L	Libertarian	
NI	New Ideas	<i>Italics</i> denotes that the candidate was preferred by Citizens Union in the Primary Election.
PC	People's Choice	
R	Republican	* District overlaps boroughs. Note: these races are repeated in each borough that they fall into.
RF	Reform	
SDB	Stop de Blasio	
SID	Stop the Iran Deal	
TG	Transparent Government	
WEP	Women's Equality	
WF	Working Families	

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

President/Vice President of the United States

Term of Office: 4 years (2-term limit)
Salary: \$400,000 (President)

Hillary Clinton / Tim Kaine (D, WF)
Gary Johnson / Bill Weld (I, L)
Jill Stein / Ajamu Baraka (G)
Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence (R, C)

United State Senator

Term of Office: 6 years
Salary: \$174,000 \$174,000

Wendy Long (R, C, RF)
Alex Merced (L)
Charles E. Schumer (D, WF, I, WEP) ‡
Robin Laverne Wilson (G)

United States House of Representatives

Term of Office: 2 years
Salary: \$174,000

BRONX

*District 13**
Adriano Espaillat (D)
Tony Evans (R, I)
Scott Lloyd Fenstermaker (TG)
Daniel Vila Rivera (G)

*District 14**
Joseph Crowley (D, WF, WEP) ‡
Frank J. Spotorno (R, C)

District 15
Eduardo Ramirez (C)
Jose E. Serrano (D) ‡
Alejandro Vega (R)

District 16
Eliot L. Engel (D, WF, WEP) ‡
Derickson K. Lawrence (PC)

BROOKLYN

*District 7**
Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
Nydia M. Velazquez (D, WEP) ‡

*District 8**
Daniel J. Cavanagh (C)
Hakeem S. Jeffries (D, WF) ‡

District 9
Alan Bellone (C)
Yvette D. Clarke (D, WF) ‡

*District 10**
Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF, WEP) ‡
Philip Rosenthal (R, C, I, SID)

*District 11**
Henry J. Bardel (G)
Dan Donovan (R, C, I, RF) ‡
Richard A. Reichard (D)

*District 12**
Robert Ardini (R)
Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF) ‡

MANHATTAN

*District 7**
Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
Nydia M. Velazquez (D, WEP) ‡

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Daniel Vila Rivera (G)

QUEENS

District 3
Jack M. Martins (R, C, RF)
Thomas R. Suozzi (D)

District 5
Frank Francois (G)
Gregory W. Meeks (D, WEP) ‡
Michael A. O'Reilly (R,C)

District 6
Haris Bhatti (unaffiliated)
Danniel S. Maio (R, C, BL)
Grace Meng (D, WEP) ‡

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Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
Nydia M. Velazquez (D, WEP) ‡

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Daniel J. Cavanagh (C)
Hakeem S. Jeffries (D, WF) ‡

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Robert Ardini (R)
Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF) ‡

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Joseph Crowley (D, WF, WEP) ‡
Frank J. Spotorno (R, C)

STATEN ISLAND

*District 11**
Henry J. Bardel (G)
Dan Donovan (R, C, I, RF) ‡
Richard A. Reichard (D)

STATE ELECTIONS

New York State Senate

Term of Office: 2 Years
Salary: \$79,500

BRONX

*District 29**
Jose Jose A. Colon (R)
Linda Ortiz (C)
M. Serrano (D) ‡

District 32
Oswald Denis (C)
Ruben Diaz, Sr. (D) ‡

District 33
Gustavo Rivera (D, WF) ^ ‡
Steven M. Stern (C)

District 34
Jeffrey D. Klein (D, I, WEP) ^ ‡
Carl Lundgren (G) ^
Aleksander Mici (C)

District 36
Jamaal T. Bailey (D, WF) ^
Robert Diamond (C)

BROOKLYN

District 20
Jesse E. Hamilton (D, WF, I) ‡
Menachem M. Raitport (R, C)

District 21
Brian W. Kelly (C) ^
Kevin S. Parker (D, WF) ^ ‡

District 25
Michael G. Cox (I)
Velmanette Montgomery (D, WF) ‡
Mamie Rose (R)

MANHATTAN

District 27

Brad M. Hoylman (D, WF) ^ ‡
Stephen Roberts (unaffiliated) ^

District 28

Liz Krueger (D, WF) ^ ‡
Michael Zumbuskas (R, I, WEP, L) ^

*District 29**

Jose Jose A. Colon (R)
Linda Ortiz (C)
M. Serrano (D) ‡

District 30

Jon Girodes (R)
Bill Perkins (D, WF) ^ ‡

District 31

Marisol Alcantara (D) ^
Melinda Crump (R)
John Toro (C)
Julia Willebrand (G)

QUEENS

District 10

Adrienne E. Adams (WEP) ^
James Sanders, Jr. (D, WF) ^ ‡

District 11

Tony Avella (D) ‡
Mark Cipolla (R, C, RF)

District 12

Michael N. Gianaris (D, WF) ‡
Marvin R. Jeffcoat (R, C)

District 13

Jesus Gonzalez (R, C, RF)
Jose R. Peralta (D, WF) ^ ‡

District 14

Leroy G. Comrie, Jr. (D, WF) ‡
Jarret N. Freeman (R) ^

District 15

Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D, WEP) ^ ‡
Michael Conigliaro (R, C, RF) ^

District 16

Carlos G. Giron (R, C, RF) ^
Toby Ann Stavisky (D, WF, WEP) ^ ‡

New York State Assembly

Term of Office: 2 Years

Salary: \$79,500

BRONX

District 77

Benjamin Eggleston (C)
Latoya Joyner (D, WF) ‡

District 78

Luana G. Malavolta (R)
Jose Rivera (D, WF) ‡
William J. Sullivan (C)

District 79

Michael A. Blake (D, WF) ‡
Selsia Evans (C) ^

District 80

Mark Gjonaj (D) ‡
Robert Goodman (C) ^
Nicholas Marricco (R)

District 81

Jeffrey Dinowitz (D, WF, WEP) ‡
Alan H. Reed (C) ^

District 82

Michael R. Benedetto (D) ‡
William E. Britt, Jr. (C)
Noel Lopez (R)

District 84

Carmen E. Arroyo (D) ‡
Rosaline Nieves (R) ^

District 85

Marcos A. Crespo (D) ‡
Janelle M. King (R)
Barbara Santander (C)
Daniel Zugar (G)

District 86

Jose Marte (C)
Victor M. Pichardo (D, WF) ^ ‡

District 87

Michael Dennis (C)
Luis R. Sepúlveda (D) ^ ‡

BROOKLYN

District 41

Ramona Johnson (R, C) ^
Helene E. Weinstein (D, WF) ‡

District 42

Rodneyse Bichotte (D) ^ ‡
Matthew Williams (R, C)

District 44

Robert C. Carroll (D, WF) ^
Glenn Nocera (R, C) ^

District 45

Steven Cymbrowitz (D, WF, I) ^ ‡
Boris Gintchanski (C)

District 46

Patrick Dwyer (G)
Pamela Harris (D) ^ ‡
Lucretia Regina-Potter (R, RF)
Mikhail Usher (C)

District 47

William Colton (D, WF) ^ ‡
Malka Shahar (C)

District 49

Peter J. Abbate, Jr. (D, WF, I) ‡
Rosemary A. Mangino (R, C)

District 51

Henry Lallave (R, C)
Felix W. Ortiz (D) ^ ‡

District 52

Daniel Ramos (R, C)
Jo Anne Simon (D, WF, WEP) ^ ‡

District 54

Khorshed Chowdhury (R)
Erik Martin Dilan (D, I) ‡

District 55

Berneda W. Jackson (R)
Latrice M. Walker (D, WF) ‡

District 59

Jeffrey J. Ferretti (R, C)
Jaime R. Williams (D, WF) ‡

District 60

Charles Barron (D) ‡
Ernest Johnson (C)

MANHATTAN

District 65

Alice Cancel (WEP) ^ ‡
Manny Cavaco (G)
Bryan Jung (R, RF) ^
Yuh-Line Niou (D, WF) ^

District 67

Hyman Drusin (R, RF)
Linda B. Rosenthal (D, WF) ‡

District 68

Daby Carreras (R, I, RF, SDB)
Robert J. Rodriguez (D, WEP) ^ ‡

District 69

Stephen Garrin (R)
Daniel J. O'Donnell (D) ‡

District 70

Inez E. Dickens (D) ^
Heather Tarrant (R, I, RF) ^

District 71

Herman D. Farrell, Jr. (D) ‡
Vanessa Stanback (R, RF)

District 73

Donal Butterfield (G) ^
Rebecca Harary (R, I, WEP, RF, L, SDB) ^
Dan Quart (D, WF) ^ ‡

District 74

Scott Hutchins (G) ^
Brian P. Kavanagh (D, WF) ‡
Frank Scala (R, RF)

District 75

Richard N. Gottfried (D, WF) ‡
Joseph A. Maffia (R, RF) ^

District 76

Jonathan Kostakopoulos (R, I, SDB)
Rebecca A. Seawright (D, WF) ‡

QUEENS

District 23

Stacey G. Pheffer Amato (D, WF, WEP)
Alan N. Zwirn (R, C, RF)

District 24

Ira I. Harris (R)
David I. Weprin (D) ‡

District 25

Usman Ali Chohan (R)
Nily D. Rozic (D, WF) ‡

District 30

Brian Barnwell (D) ^
Anthony P. Nunziato (R, C, RF)

District 33

Leroy Gadsden (NI)
Clyde Vanel (D) ^
Goldy-Francois Wellington (R, C)

District 38

Joseph Maldonado (R, RF)
Michael G. Miller (D, C) ‡

District 40

Ron Kim (D, WF) ‡
Miriam M. Rodriguez (R, RF)

SPECIAL AND JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

New York City Council Special Election

Term of Office: 4 years (2-term Limit)
Salary: \$148,500 (increased from \$112,500 this year)

BRONX

District 17

Rafael Salamanca (D)

STATEN ISLAND

District 51

Joseph C. Borelli (R, C, I)

Supreme Court Judgeships

Term of Office: 14 years
Salary: \$192,300

BRONX Vote for 3

District 12

Doris M. Gonzalez (D)
LaTia Martin (D)
Donald Miles (D)

BROOKLYN Vote for 6

District 2

Reginald A. Boddie (D, C)
Katherine A. Levine (D, C)
Mark I. Partnow (D, C)
Leon Ruchelsman (D, C)
Shawndya L. Simpson (D, C)
Philip J. Smallman (C)
Peter P. Sweeney (D)

MANHATTAN Vote for 9

District 1

Rolando T. Acosta (D)
James d'Auguste (D)
Erika E. Edwards (D)
Kelly O'Neill Levy (D)
Doris Ling-Cohan (D)
Andrea Masley (D)
Robert R. Reed (D)
Rosalyn Richter (D)
Troy K. Webber (D)

QUEENS Vote for 7

District 11

Cheree A. Buggs (D)
Joseph Esposito (D, R, C)
Marguerite A. Grays (D, R, C)
Ernest F. Hart (D)
Joseph F. Kasper (R, C)
Margaret A. McGowan (D, R)
William A. Viscovich (D, R, C)
Joseph A. Zayas (D, R, C)

Judge of the Civil Court – County

Term of Office: 10 years
Salary: \$179,500

BRONX Vote for 3

Marian C. Doherty (D)
Patsy Gouldborne (D)
Robert D. Siano (R)
Myrna Socorro (D)

BROOKLYN Vote for 3

Dena E. Douglas (D)
Odessa Kennedy (D, RF)
Vincent F. Martusciello (C)
John Meringolo (RF)
Jacqueline D. Williams (D)

MANHATTAN Vote for 2

Josh E. Hanshaft (D)
Emily Morales-Minerva (D)

STATEN ISLAND Vote for 2

Kim Dollard (D, R, C, I)
Barbara I. Panepinto (D, R, C)

Judge of the Civil Court – District

Term of Office: 10 years
Salary: \$179,500

BRONX

District 2

Bianka Perez (D)

BROOKLYN

District 3

Susan Quirk (D)

District 5

Morton M. Avigdor (C, I)
Rachel E. Freier (D)

MANHATTAN

District 2

Margaret Pui Yee Chan (D)

District 4 (Vote for 2)

Judy H. Kim (D)
Eileen Rakower (D)

Index of Uncontested Candidates

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

- 32 candidates are uncontested in the general election
- 2 of these 32 (Tremaine S. Wright in AD 56 and Carmen N. De La Rosa in AD 56) are first time candidates running for open seats in the state legislature.
- 35% of all NYC seats in the state legislature will be held by candidates who do not face any competition in the general election.
- Further, 24 of those 32 candidates – or 26% of all state legislative seats in NYC – faced no competition in either the primary or general election.
- In the state Senate, 7 of NYC’s 26 seats – or 27% – will be held by incumbents who are running for re-election without any general election challengers.
- In the Assembly, 25 of NYC’s 64 seats – or 39% – will be held by candidates who are running for election without any general election challengers.

The following candidates are running uncontested for NYC seats in the state Senate and Assembly:

BRONX	<i>Senate District 26</i> Daniel Squadron (D) *
<i>Assembly District 83</i> Carl E. Heastie (D)*	<i>Assembly District 43</i> Diana Richardson (D) *
BROOKLYN	<i>Assembly District 48</i> Dov Hikind (D) *
<i>Senate District 17</i> Simcha Felder (D) *	<i>Assembly District 50</i> Joseph R. Lentol (D)*
<i>Senate District 18</i> Martin Malave Dilan (D)	<i>Assembly District 53</i> Maritza Davila (D) *
<i>Senate District 19</i> Roxanne J. Persaud (D)	<i>Assembly District 56</i> Tremaine S. Wright (D)
Senate District 22 Martin J. Golden (R) *	<i>Assembly District 57</i> Walter T. Mosley III (D) *

Assembly District 58
N. Nick Perry (D) *

MANHATTAN

Assembly District 66
Deborah J. Glick (D)

Assembly District 72
Carmen N. De La Rosa (D)

QUEENS

Assembly District 26
Edward C. Braunstein (D) *

Assembly District 27
Michael Simanowitz (D) *

Assembly District 28
Andrew Hevesi (D) *

Assembly District 29
Alicia L. Hyndman (D)

Assembly District 31
Michele R. Titus (D) *

Assembly District 32
Vivian E. Cook (D)

Assembly District 34
Michael G. DenDekker (D) *

Assembly District 35
Jeffrion L. Aubry (D) *

Assembly District 36
Aravella Simotas (D) *

Assembly District 37
Catherine Nolan (D) *

Assembly District 39
Francisco P. Moya (D) *

STATEN ISLAND

Senate District 23
Diane J. Savino (D) *

Senate District 24
Andrew Lanza (R) *

Assembly District 61
Matthew Titone (D) *

Assembly District 62
Ronald Castorina Jr. (R)

Assembly District 63
Michael Cusick (D) *

Assembly District 64
Nicole Malliotakis (R) *

* Indicates those candidates who faced no opposition in either the primary or general elections.

Report on Special Elections and Open Seats

New York State suffers from having a high number of legislative seats filled through special election. A special election is an election that is held at an irregular time for that particular office, in order to fill a vacancy caused by the unexpected departure of the current office holder. Candidates for the vacant legislative seat are first chosen by the leadership of their respective political parties in a committee meeting, rather than by the voters registered in that political party during a primary election. The winners of almost all special election contests are determined prior to the special election because the legislative districts are drawn to favor one major political party over another.

Due to these partisan dynamics in the drawing of state legislative districts, this means that in almost all special elections, the candidate chosen by the leaders of the dominant party always wins, rendering useless the ballots of the voters since they are simply approving the predetermined candidate choices. The result is that voters do not have a meaningful say in who represents them in the state legislature until they stand for re-election as incumbents. Special elections are not really elections but coronations.

In New York City, 22 out of 65 NYS Assembly seats are held by incumbents who were first elected to office in special elections, amounting to 34%. Of the state Senate seats in New York City, 3 out of 26 seats, or about 12%, are held by incumbents first elected in special elections. Keeping in mind that incumbency is the strongest factor in a New York City elected official's election to office, this means that 28% of New York City's state lawmakers were first elected in a special election where they were chosen first by the party leaders and not by the party's primary voters.

OPEN AND VACANT SEATS IN NEW YORK CITY

In this general election cycle in New York City, there are 7 open seats in which incumbents are not seeking re-election, 5 of which are for state legislative seats. There are an additional 2 seats that are vacant with no official currently representing the district. Without incumbents running for re-election, these seats have the potential to be far more competitive in the primary. However, sometimes they are not, as in the case of Assembly District 70, where the Democratic incumbent who has represented the district for 24 years is not standing for re-election. In that race, there was only one candidate running from each of the major parties. Astonishingly, there was no Democratic party contest for a seat that

has been a Democratic stronghold, so the party nominee chosen by the party leaders will win facing only token opposition in the general election.

BRONX

Senate District 36
Vacant

BROOKLYN

Assembly District 44
Currently held by James Brennan (D)

Assembly District 56
Currently held by Annette Robinson (D)

MANHATTAN

Congressional District 13
Currently held by Charles Rangel (D)

Senate District 31
Currently held by Adriano Espaillat (D)

Assembly District 70
Currently held by Keith L.T. Wright (D)

QUEENS

Congressional District 3
Currently held by Steve Israel (D)

Assembly District 23
Currently held by Phillip Goldfeder (D)

Assembly District 33
Vacant

Candidate Evaluations

EVALUATION PRINCIPLES AND PROCESS

OVERVIEW

In this packed election cycle, Citizens Union has evaluated 7 races and 13 candidates for office in the state legislature, to determine who strongly supports our issues, can advance a reform agenda, and best represent their 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), our own research, first-hand knowledge of the candidates, and interviews with the candidates, which are approximately 30 minutes each. The volunteer CU member 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.

An "Endorsed" 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 endorsed may nevertheless be highly regarded, which is generally reflected in the commentary. Citizens Union issues an "Endorsed" rating during the general election, and a "Preferred" rating applies only to primary election contests. A "No Endorsement" 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.

QUESTIONNAIRE: LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

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

ETHICS

1. Limit outside income earned by state legislators up to 25 percent, while enacting a salary increase and eliminating stipends.
Support: 37 Conditional Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 12
2. Reform the Joint Commission on Public Ethics, giving it greater jurisdiction over investigations and hearings, reforming its voting procedures, and increasing disclosure of its decision-making.
Support: 55 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
3. Empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute cases involving public corruption, including serious election law malfeasance.
Support: 53 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 1
4. Amend the state constitution to extend pension forfeiture, subject to due process safeguards, to public officers and elected officials who have been convicted of felonies.
Support: 51 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 3

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

5. Amend the constitution to allow for same-day voter registration on Election Day.
Support: 42 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 12
6. Institute automatic, electronic voter registration, in which an individual's voter information is provided electronically to the Board of Elections unless they opt out, and address information is updated automatically.
Support: 47 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 3

7. Remove barriers to voter participation by allowing for no-excuse absentee voting and for voters to cast their votes at more convenient times over a period of several days, otherwise known as early voting
Support: 49 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 6
8. Grant New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote automatically, without the need to obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief.
Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 8
9. Consolidate the state and federal primary to the third week in June, while ensuring that the legislative session ends at least two weeks prior.
Support: 44 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 9
10. Institute Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for primary elections in citywide election in New York City, effectively eliminating the need for a separate runoff election.
Support: 42 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 7 Oppose: 6
11. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats, eliminating delays for filling vacancies, and increasing voter choice.
Support: 48 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 3
12. Allow primary winners to decline party nominations, ending use of judicial appointments to lure candidates off the ballot.
Support: 44 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 5 Oppose: 5
13. Restructure the state Board of Elections and change election administration by amending the constitution to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration.
Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 6

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

14. Establish matching public financing system for state legislative and statewide races similar to the New York City model, and lower campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office.
Support: 45 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 9
15. Close the LLC loophole to ensure that limited liability companies have the same contribution limits as other corporations, rather than the higher limit for individuals.
Support: 48 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 7
16. Close "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: 49 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 6

- 17. Restrict campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents, and those who do business with the state.
Support: 53 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 2
- 18. Improve disclosure of independent expenditures such as requiring disclosure of electioneering activities.
Support: 54 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 1
- 19. Require candidates to include the full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution and bundler.
Support: 51 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 3
- 20. Require that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session.
Support: 48 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 6

LEGISLATIVE RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 21. Reorganize the committee system to encourage greater and use conference committees, particularly during the budget process, and improve public disclosure of committee proceedings via webcasting all legislative proceedings for both houses of the legislature, including committee meetings, hearings and session proceedings.
Support: 54 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
- 22. Enact legislative rules reform to strengthen rank-and-file members' roles in the legislative process, create more equity between members, and establish equitable distribution of funds to legislators for staffing and resources regardless of party affiliation, and increase opportunities for public testimony at legislative committee proceedings.
Support: 54 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 0

BUDGET PROCESS

- 23. Require state use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles rather than cash accounting.
Support: 51 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 3 Oppose: 1
- 24. Provide for adequate disclosure and itemization of elected officials' lump sum appropriations and member items to eliminate vague placeholders in budget legislation, report on their usage, address conflicts of interest, and report all spending online.
Support: 54 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 0
- 25. Establish 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: 53 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 1

- 26. 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: 52 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 3 Oppose: 0
- 27. Limit governor's ability to change policy via appropriation bills, by requiring that such bills be consistent with existing law or proposed changes in separate legislation.
Support: 54 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
- 28. Establish a later start date for the fiscal year.
Support: 37 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 7 Oppose: 10
- 29. Incorporate performance budgeting with outcome measurement, to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds
Support: 53 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 0

JUDICIARY

- 30. Ensure that proposals to increase the retirement age of judges include all of the state's trial court judges.
Support: 47 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 4
- 31. Simplify the state's court system by consolidating the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system.
Support: 38 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 11 Oppose: 5
- 32. Create a merit appointment system for all state judges.
Support: 43 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 4 Oppose: 8

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

- 33. Make mayoral control of city schools permanent, with a governance system that provides for accountability, transparency, parent engagement, and democratic participation.
Support: 33 Conditional Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 6 Oppose: 14
- 34. Amend 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: 50 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 3 Oppose: 2

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

- 35. Vote "yes" on the 2017 ballot question: whether to hold a state constitutional convention.
Support: 28 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 6 Oppose: 20

- 36. Eliminate “double dipping” by requiring state legislators to vacate their seats if elected as delegates and limit accruing of pensions for all government officials.
Support: 39 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 7 Oppose: 9
- 37. Improve delegate elections by simplifying voting for delegates by allowing voters to cast one vote for district delegates and eliminating slate voting for at-large delegates, and by reducing barriers for delegate candidates by lowering petition signature requirements and provide public financing.
Support: 42 Conditional Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 7 Oppose: 5

ADDITIONAL STATE GOVERNMENT ISSUES

- 38. Reform the governance structure of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to have the Executive Director appointed directly by the Board of Commissioners, rotate the position of Chair of the Board between representatives of NY and NJ, place tighter rules on the Board, and extend the open meetings law to the Port Authority.
Support: 53 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1 Oppose: 1
- 39. Ensure continued posting of data on NYS open data portal, and improve transparency of lobbying, campaign finance, and budget.
Support: 55 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0 Oppose: 0
- 40. Enact legislation that expands upon the Governor’s Executive Order on faster appeals for Freedom of Information Law requests for all government bodies and allows for greater judicial consideration of payment of attorneys’ fees.
Support: 51 Conditional Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 2 Oppose: 2

CITIZENS UNION ENDORSED CANDIDATES

MANHATTAN

Senate District 27
Brad Hoylman (D, WF)

Assembly District 65
Yuh-Line Niou (D)

Assembly District 73
Dan Quart (D, WF)

QUEENS

Senate District 15
Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D)

Senate District 16
Toby Ann Stavisky (D)

CU PRIMARY PREFERRED CANDIDATES WHO WILL BE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

BRONX

Senate District 33
Gustavo Rivera (D)

Senate District 36
Jamaal Bailey (D)

Assembly District 87
Luis Sepúlveda (D)

BROOKLYN

Assembly District 44
Robert Carroll (D)

Assembly District 56
Tremaine Wright (D)

QUEENS

Senate District 10
James Sanders, Jr. (D)

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

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A45/Cymbrowitz	R, C	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	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	S	S	
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S30/Perkins	D, WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	O	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

KEY
 Citizens Union preferred candidates in bold.
 ^ Incumbent legislator
 S Support
 O Oppose
 N/A No answer or undecided
 . Nuanced answer



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A65/ B. Jung	R	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	N/A		
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S13/Peralta	D, WF	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	O	S	S	S	N/A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
S14/Freeman	R	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
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- Citizens Union preferred candidates in bold.
- ^ Incumbent legislator
- S Support
- O Oppose
- N/A No answer or undecided
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Legislative Candidate Evaluations

MANHATTAN

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 27

★ Endorsed Candidate – Brad Hoylman - Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire, response on p. 24

Occupation: NYS Senator Age: 50

Education: West Virginia University, B.A.; Oxford University, M.A.; Harvard Law School, J.D.

Senator Brad Hoylman is running for re-election in Senate District 27, covering neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan, Midtown, and the East Village. Hoylman has served in this position since 2012, prior to which he was a three-term Chair of Manhattan Community Board 2 and a Democratic District Leader. Hoylman is a strong supporter of democratic reform in government, elections and voting, and campaign finance. He hopes that a potential Democratic takeover of the Senate will allow real government and ethics reforms to succeed in Albany. Hoylman does not yet have a position on whether to hold a Constitutional Convention, but is less likely to support it if Democrats regain control of the Senate, believing that there will be a likelier chance for good government reforms to happen through the legislative process. Senator Hoylman is a strong supporter of limiting outside income for state legislators and was one of the first legislators to condemn the actions of Speaker Sheldon Silver after he was charged with corruption related to outside income. When it comes to campaign finance reform, Senator Hoylman supports banning stipends for legislators, closing the LLC loophole and lowering the limit of contributions allowed from corporations. He would like to see greater transparency and guidelines about how campaign funds can be spent, and would like to see the NYC campaign finance system implemented statewide. Citizens Union commends Senator Hoylman's deep commitment and knowledge of good government reforms and strongly endorses him for re-election.

Stephen Roberts – Roberts Party (unaffiliated)

Has returned questionnaire, response on p. 24

Occupation: Chaplain/Rabbi Age: 57

Education: University of Florida, B.S.; Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, M.B.A.; Hebrew Union College, M.H.L. and Rabbinic Ordination

Rabbi Stephen Roberts was President of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains and served on its Board for almost a decade. Roberts became interested in running for state Senate because of his passion for ethics reform. He is running as an independent because he believes that the best way to help his district is to circumnavigate partisan political associations, although he plans to caucus with Democrats. Roberts, if elected, will focus his energy on supporting middle-income housing, single-payer healthcare, racial justice reforms specifically within the NYPD, closing the LLC loophole, and ballot reform. In terms of election reform, he is an advocate of nonpartisan primaries, automatic voter registration, and early voting. He also strongly supports a Constitutional Convention, which he sees as a viable avenue to achieving ethics and election reform. Roberts was not opposed to any of the reform issues on our questionnaire, but did not respond to a small number of them. We appreciate Rabbi Roberts's dedication to his community and his approach to democratic reform though we believe the incumbent is in a better position to make change in Albany and Rabbi Roberts did not make an effective case as to why Hoylman should be replaced.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 65

★ Endorsed Candidate – Yuh-line Niou – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Ron Kim (AD 40) Age: 33

Education: Evergreen State College, B.A.; Baruch College, M.P.A.

Yuh-Line Niou is the former Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Ron Kim. She ran in the April 2016 special election and lost to Alice Cancel, but defeated her in the September primary. She feels compelled to seek office because she is disturbed by the corruption that her district has seen, and views it as an opportunity to change laws to prevent injustice. Her top priorities include preventing predatory lending and business practices, and targeting redlining practices. She spoke passionately about the need to restrict outside earned income, if not outright ban it, reform campaign finance laws, and close the LLC loophole. She plans to work with the Democratic Reform Caucus to achieve her goals. She is hesitant about a Constitutional

Convention because she is concerned about how delegates would be elected and because she fears that workers' rights would be endangered. Niou is also dedicated to a high level of constituent service and is sensitive to the diverse needs of her district, such as language access in navigating public service. She is concerned about the reduction in funds for constituent services that will be allocated to the district following the ouster of Sheldon Silver, and wants to change the system through which funds are allocated to prevent this in the future. Citizens Union endorses Niou's campaign because of her knowledge of constituent needs and her passionate support of key reform issues.

Bryan Jung – Rep

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: Chief of Operations BAHNYC, L.L.C. Age: 34

Education: Binghamton University, B.A.

Bryan Jung is the Chief of Operations for a real estate company in New York City and the Campaign Treasurer of Michael Zumbluskas, who is running for NYS Senate in SD 28. Jung has also served as the Treasurer for David Garland's New York City Council campaign in 2013, and for David Casavis's NYS Assembly campaign in 2014. Jung is running for office because he feels it is his civic duty to bring reform to what he identified as "the most corrupt state." Jung supports a Constitutional Convention, and believes that it will serve the interests of his constituents, as opposed to special interests. If elected his top priorities include job creation, improving educational opportunities, and creating housing that meets the needs of everyday New Yorkers. Jung's top reform priorities are closing the LLC and "soft money" loopholes in the campaign finance system, and increasing salaries of legislators and punishing corrupt public officials. Citizens Union does not endorse Jung's campaign because of his lack of experience with legislative issues and in city and state politics, but felt that he had a positive attitude toward civic engagement and hopes that he continues to pursue this experience by staying active in political life.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 70

No Endorsement

Inez E. Dickens – Dem

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: NYC Councilmember (CD 9) Age: 66

Education: Howard University

Councilmember Inez Dickens has been serving Council District 9 since 2006, and is now running for the open seat of Assemblymember Keith Wright. Despite being an

open seat in a Democratic stronghold, Councilmember Dickens faced no opposition in the Democratic Primary. At the City Council, Dickens has sponsored legislation to improve poll worker recruitment and establish a city employee poll worker program; to improve police accountability and oversight; to improve compliance with the city's pro-voter law and further other election reforms. Dickens's top priority issues are housing, women and minority business enterprises (WMBE), and health education. Councilmember Dickens is opposed to a large number of CU's reform positions, including pension forfeiture for corrupt officials, same-day voter registration, and notably closing LLC and "soft money" loopholes in the campaign finance system. While Citizen Union acknowledges much of the good work she has done in the City Council, her lack of support for so much of our reform agenda prevents us from endorsing her candidacy.

Heather L. Tarrant – Rep

Occupation: EDGARD Compliance Specialist

Education: University of Rochester, B.A.

Heather Tarrant has worked as an Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) specialist with experience in financial reporting, training and sales. She is running for office because she wants to offer the district a choice in an otherwise noncompetitive race. If elected, Tarrant's main priority is improving arts and STEM education, which has gained momentum in recent years. She has also publically supported the Black Lives Matter movement and opposes Donald Trump's candidacy. She supports Citizens Union stance on eliminating stipends, but is oppose to limiting outside income of legislators because it would discourage everyday citizens like herself from seeking office. Tarrant is also opposed to granting permanent mayoral control of city schools, preferring a system that incorporated greater input from parents and educators. While lacking political experience, CU interviewers were impressed by Tarrant's thoughtfulness and willingness to consider opposing viewpoints. Citizen's Union values Tarrant's refreshing reform-minded positions on many issues, but believes she lacks the experience to be an effective legislator.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 73

★ Endorsed Candidate - Dan Quart - Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: NYS Assemblymember (AD 73) Age: 44

Education: Binghamton University, B.A.; St. John's Law School, J.D.

Assemblymember Dan Quart was elected in a special election in 2011 following the resignation of Jonathan Bing, and is currently seeking a fourth term. Quart's top democratic reform policies include creating a campaign finance system at the state level, supporting increased aid for school construction, supporting legislation to create a dedicated source of revenue for the MTA's Capital Plan, and placing term limits on leadership. While in office he has championed air quality issues, transportation infrastructure, education funding, and criminal justice reform. He expressed support for most of Citizens Union's reform goals. He is, however, opposed to limiting earned outside income, arguing that without such additional income, it would be difficult for him to live in the district he serves on the Upper East Side. Quart is in favor of a holding a Constitutional Convention, and feels issues like term-limits should be on the agenda. Citizens Union endorses Assemblymember Quart in this race because the values that he has fought for are consistent with Citizens Union's, including his support for achieving ethics reform through a Constitutional Convention.

Donal Butterfield – Gre

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: Architect and Engineer Age: 83

Education: Cooper Union, B.A.

Green Party candidate Donal Butterfield has practiced as an architect and engineer for over 45 years. Butterfield was active with NYC/CAN (New York City Coalition for Accountability Now) on the High Rise Safety Initiative, a ballot referendum which would have required the NYC Department of Buildings to investigate post 9/11 building collapses. Butterfield stated that monetary reform was his number one issue, and also wants to spend money on health and education. Butterfield opposed limiting outside income earned by state legislators because he felt many of them depend on the additional source of income. Citizens Union appreciates Butterfield's support of reform issues but has concerns about his lack of experience in city and state affairs.

Rebecca Harary – Rep

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 24

Occupation: Executive Director of The Propel Network, Inc.

Education: Columbia University, M.A.

Candidate declined an interview.

QUEENS

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 15

★ Endorsed Candidate – Joseph Addabbo, Jr. – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: NYS Senator (SD 15) Age: 48

Education: St. John's University, B.S.; Touro Law School, J.D.

Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr. was elected to NYS Senate in 2008 after serving as a New York City Councilmember since 2002. A longtime resident of Tudor Village located within Ozone Park, he served as the President for Ozone Tudor Civic Association from 1991-2001. If re-elected, Senator Addabbo will continue to focus his work on legislation that will improve temporary disability insurance, creating more job opportunities within his district, and supporting Veteran programs. His top reform priorities are campaign finance reform and ethics reform with emphasis on expanding pension forfeiture to all public officials who abuse public trust. Senator Addabbo supports much of Citizens Union's reform agenda but does not support holding a Constitutional Convention, believing that it should only take place as a last resort when legislative measures fail. He agrees that earned outside income for legislators is a huge problem in Albany, but stated concerns about the legality of limiting it. Citizens Union believes Addabbo understands the issues that plague state politics and supports the principles that guide Citizens Union's reform agenda. For his commitment to and actions in support of democratic reform, Citizen Union has endorsed the Senator's candidacy.

Michael Conigliaro – Rep

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: Managing Attorney at the Law Office of Peter P. Cardalena, Jr. Age: 47

Education: St. John's University, B.A.

Michael Conigliaro is an active member of his community, currently serving as the President of the Queensborough Community College Alumni Association, and a member to the Juniper Valley Civic Association, Knights of Columbus, and Glendale Kiwanis to name a few. Conigliaro has decided to re-challenge incumbent senator, Joseph Addabbo, Jr., because he feels the values of the constituents in his district are not being represented in Albany. If elected, Conigliaro's main focus will be making New York a resident-only state – meaning that only those who can prove residency in NY would be entitled to services for the homeless. He also wishes to do away with the Common Core. Conigliaro is opposed to holding a Constitutional Convention, believing that it would be like "opening Pandora's

box.” He also opposes limiting outside income for legislators, stating that with proper disclosure requirements and compliance limiting outside income would not be necessary to prevent corruption. Conigliaro supported granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote automatically, however opposed same-day voter registration on Election Day and opposed removing barriers to early voting. He is also opposed to closing “soft money” loopholes and stated that lobbyists should be allowed to make campaign contributions.

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 16

★ Endorsed Candidate – Toby Ann Stavisky – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: NYS Senator (SD 16)

Education: Syracuse University, A.B.; Hunter and Queens Colleges, M.A.

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky was first elected to the NYS Senate in 1999, and currently serves as Assistant Democratic Leader and Ranking Minority Member on the Senate’s Committee on Higher Education. If re-elected, her main priorities include gun control, securing funding to implement the DREAM Act, and raising the minimum wage. Her top reform priority is limiting outside income for legislators. She also highlighted the need to close the LLC loophole and consolidate state and federal primaries. Stavisky does not support holding a Constitutional Convention due to potential risks to Adirondack protections and aid to non-public schools, but she does support changing the State Constitution through the legislative process. In spite of our continued concerns over her representation of a district that is the only senate district created to assist in making it more likely that an Asian-American candidate could be elected and her increasingly long tenure as an incumbent, Citizens Union endorses Senator Stavisky’s candidacy in this particular election because of her demonstrated commitment to the needs of her district, effectiveness as a legislator, and support for reform.

Carlos Giron – Rep

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: Self-employed public relations consultant Age: 50

Education: SUNY New Paltz, B.A.

Carlos Giron is a public relations and marketing consultant running for office because he feels that the only way to end corruption in Albany is for everyday citizens like himself to run for office. He is the former Director of Hispanic Communications for Major League Soccer, press officer for CONCACAF (an international soccer association), and sports journalist for The Jersey Journal. His top legislative priorities include imposing legislative term limits, promoting the charter school movement, and supporting entrepreneurship and small

businesses development. His top priority, Giron believes introducing an eight year term limit for state legislators would help to ensure a more fair and transparent system of government. Giron supports several CU policy positions, including holding a state Constitutional Convention. He expresses support for most of Citizens Union’s electoral reform agenda, but does not support same-day registration on voter day or granting New York’s on parole the ability to vote automatically. CU was impressed with his professionalism, drive, dedication to his community, and thoughtfulness on the issues, but has concerns about his lack of political experience and deviation from a number of CU positions on key issues.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 30

No Endorsement

Brian Barnwell – Dem

Has returned questionnaire - responses on page p. 26

Occupation: Candidate for NYS Senate Age: 30

Education: Arizona State University, B.A.; Albany Law School, J.D.

Brian Barnwell has served as the Director of Special Events for City Councilmember Costa Constantinides, and served as the former president of a Democratic club in Woodside. Barnwell is running for office because he feels that, as a lawyer, he is the candidate best suited to serve the public. Like for many candidates running in Queens, a key issue is the placement of homeless shelters, which Barnwell has been a strong opponent of. Barnwell’s legislative priorities include reassessing AMI requirements in the city’s affordable housing program, providing more services to seniors, and modernizing the criminal code, property tax, and pension reform. His top reform priorities include pension forfeiture for officials convicted of corruption, closing the LLC loophole and eliminating earned outside income for legislators. He even went further, stating that he opposed to raising the salaries of state legislators. Barnwell is opposed to a Constitutional Convention, indicating concerns that the process would be manipulated by the state’s most powerful politicians, and that pensions for state employees would be jeopardized. He supported election reform measures such as same-day voter registration on Election Day, but had concerns about online registration being vulnerable to fraud. Barnwell did not take a position on several issues including permanent mayoral control of city schools, and automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote. Citizens Union feels that Barnwell lacks a detailed understanding of legislative and reform issues and has concerns over his approach to dealing with sensitive matters like homeless individuals in his district. Because his opponent declined to be interviewed, CU issues no endorsement in this race.

Anthony Nunziato – Rep

Has not returned a questionnaire.

PRIMARY PREFERRED CANDIDATES

Bronx

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 33

Democratic Primary

★ Preferred Candidate – Gustavo Rivera – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Occupation: NYS Senator (SD 33) Age: 40

Education: University of Puerto Rico, B.A.; CUNY Graduate Center, Ph.D. in Political Science (in progress)

Gustavo Rivera was elected to the state Senate in 2010, and is currently seeking a fourth term. His top democratic reform priorities include creating a state-level system of public financing for elections, closing the LLC loophole, and codifying the Attorney General's power to investigate and prosecute police misconduct. His other legislative reform priorities are to pass the DREAM Act and GENDA. Rivera expressed support for most of Citizens Union's reform goals, however, he opposes holding a Constitutional Convention because of the impact it could have on labor unions. He also opposes a non-partisan primary election system, but admits that he dislikes the current system as well. In his tenure in the State Senate, Rivera has demonstrated his commitment to reform when he co-sponsored legislation to make elections publicly financed. He has also worked to raise the minimum wage and for workforce and economic development. Citizens Union appreciates Rivera's commitment to key reform issues and his demonstrated ability to be an effective legislator, and therefore preferred him in the primary as we have previously been proud to do so.

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 36

Democratic Primary

★ Preferred Candidate – Jamaal Bailey – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Occupation: Community Relations Director for Assembly Speaker Heastie Age: 33

Education: SUNY Albany, B.A.; CUNY School of Law, J.D.

Jamaal Bailey is the current Democratic District Leader for AD 87, and serves as Community Relations Director to Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie. He is running for office because he has a vested interest in his community and because he believes his legislative experience will allow him to be an effective legislator. His top priorities are criminal justice reform, youth services, senior services, and supporting working co-operatives in the district. On reform issues, Bailey supports pension forfeiture for elected public officials, closing the LLC loophole and limiting outside income, though he does not necessarily support implementing a blanket cap at 25%. He does not support holding a Constitutional Convention because he fears that it might jeopardize labor protections. Bailey is endorsed by a number of state and city leaders, unions, and Democratic clubs. Citizens Union preferred Bailey in the primary because of his government experience, knowledge of legislative process and a keen understanding of state government issues, and support for Citizens Union's platform.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 87

Democratic Primary

★ Preferred Candidate – Luis Sepúlveda – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 24

Occupation: NYS Assemblymember (AD 87) & Attorney Age: 52

Education: Hofstra University, B.A.; Hofstra's Maurice A. Deane School of Law, J.D.

Luis Sepúlveda was elected to the state Assembly in 2012, and is currently seeking a third term. Sepúlveda's top priorities are to increase supportive and affordable housing, criminal justice reform, to bring back the New York State Lottery Scholarship, and inequality in city-wide infrastructural assessments. Sepúlveda expressed support for many of Citizens Union good government positions. However, he opposes income caps for state legislators, believing that they are part-time legislators and should be allowed to continue to earn outside income. He strongly stated his desire to move money out of politics and thinks that legislation has not gone far enough to counter the issue. He would also like to see term limits for the Assembly Speaker and community chair. Sepúlveda is supportive of a Constitutional Convention, but believes it is unlikely to occur as there is not enough financial

support or support from political leaders. If there is a Constitutional Convention, he believes legislators shouldn't run as delegates, but if they are already elected they should be allowed to remain in this position. Sepúlveda does not support non-partisan primaries, but does believe they should be heavily simplified. He is a member of the Assembly reform caucus and was an instrumental figure in pushing the issue when former Assembly Speaker Sheldon was indicted and pushed for Silver's removal from his post. He nevertheless demonstrated his willingness and ability to push for reform, even when it necessitates challenging the party establishment. Citizens Union preferred Sepúlveda in the primary because of his demonstrated effectiveness as an independent voice and legislator and his support for much of Citizens Union's reform agenda.

Brooklyn

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 44

Democratic Primary

★ Preferred Candidate – Robert Carroll – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire, response p. 24

Occupation: Attorney Age: 29

Education: Binghamton University, B.A.; New York Law School, J.D.

Robert Carroll is the former president of the Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats and currently works as an attorney at Wolfson & Carroll in Manhattan and as the development director of an NYC theater company. He had been campaigning for the District Leader position until James Brennan announced his retirement, at which point he began to campaign for the available NYS Assembly seat. He is running for office in the Assembly because he views it as an avenue to enact political reform. His top reform priorities include limiting outside income of legislators, requiring legislators to serve full-time, establishing a conflicts of interest board, closing the LLC and "housekeeping" loopholes, and independent redistricting reform. His other goals include stronger and better funding for the MTA, strengthening rent laws, and increasing taxes on super-luxury real estate in order to fund public housing. He expressed support for most of Citizens Union's reform goals, but opposed holding a Constitutional Convention because he believes that the legislative mechanism to change the State Constitution is safer and he worries about the risks that a Convention may pose to environmental regulations and workers' protections. Citizens Union preferred Carroll in the primary because of his detailed understanding of city

and state issues his strong alignment with Citizens Union's reform agenda, and his promise as an effective state legislator.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 56

Democratic Primary

★ Preferred Candidate – Tremaine Wright – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire – responses on p. 24

Occupation: N/A Age: 43

Education: Duke University, B.A.; University of Chicago Law School, J.D.

Tremaine Wright is the chairperson of Community Board 3, having served on the Board for the past 12 years. Wright's top legislative priorities are education reform, healthcare reform and ethics reform, with an emphasis on elected officials being more accessible and transparent to their constituents. Wright is opposed to same-day voter registration, citing concerns about false registrations and potential corruption. When asked about limiting outside income and pension forfeiture for convicted elected officials, Wright answered that by limiting outside income, allowing pension forfeiture and closing the LCC loophole, it would put pressure on elected officials to think twice before attempting to commit a crime. Although Wright is not totally aligned with Citizens Union's reform agenda, her willingness to listen and to see an argument from both sides in relation to how the constituents in her district will be affected led us to prefer her in the primary.

Queens

NYS SENATE DISTRICT 10

Democratic Primary

★ Preferred Candidate – James Sanders, Jr. – Dem ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on p. 26

Occupation: NYS Senator (SD 10) Age: 59

Education: Brooklyn College

James Sanders, Jr. is the incumbent running for re-election in Senate District 10. Sanders has served in the state Senate for nearly four years, and previously served in the New York City Council for twelve years. Sanders legislative priorities for the coming session include increasing affordable housing; creating more jobs by supporting Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises and establishing a WPA-styled work program;

and promoting programs for future generations such as the DREAM Act, the NY Promise, and free community college. Sanders spoke of the need to stop corporate welfare and reallocating government funding in order to facilitate his priorities. He also expressed the need to rebuild the infrastructure in his district and throughout NYC. Sanders does not support a Constitutional Convention because of concerns that union pensions and other labor statutes could be endangered. Sanders believes that although it might be difficult, all changes that need to be done can be accomplished through legislation. Regarding corruption Sanders takes a clear stance that everyone who is involved, including those who give money, should be punished. He views donors as the common factor in most corruption cases and thinks if donors can be limited it will be possible to decrease and prevent corruption in Albany. In the vein of ending corruption, Sanders supports a 25% cap on outside income and making state legislative positions full-time. Though Citizens Union has concerns over an investigation involving a nonprofit's use of discretionary funds provided by Sanders, there has not been significant proof of his involvement. Despite these allegations, Sanders has proven himself to be a person of his word, taking positions even when they go against the party establishment. Citizens Union preferred Sanders in the primary because of his ability to stick to his principles regardless of outside pressure, which makes him a reliable and strong voice in Albany.

Voting and Registration Information

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);
- United States citizen; AND
- Registered to vote 25 days before the election.

APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL 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, November 1st.
- Apply for an Absentee Ballot in Person at your local county board of elections office by Monday, November 7th.
- Mail in your Absentee Ballot with a postmark by Monday, November 7th – it also must be received by the local board of elections no later than November 15th. Military Voter Ballots must be received no later than November 21st.
- Drop off your Absentee Ballot by Tuesday, November 8th to your local board of elections office (by someone other than the voter).

TO OBTAIN A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM OR ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- Go in person to your local county Board of Elections office;
- Call the Board of Elections at 1.866.VOTE-NYC; OR
- Visit the Board of Elections website at <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/voters.shtml>

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have general questions regarding eligibility or the location of your polling place, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC. You can also locate your polling place online, including handicap entrances, at <https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search>

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

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

CASTING YOUR BALLOT

Paper ballots will be used for casting votes, which can be marked using either a pen or a ballot marking device (BMD) as described below. Ballots are counted after they are inserted into an electronic scanner. The scanner will then be used to count the votes after the polling place has closed at the end of Election Day. A bin attached to the scanner will capture and keep the paper ballots as a record of all votes. This new process began in 2010 with New York's adoption of a new voting system to meet federal accessibility requirements.

The new process works as follows:

- Enter the poll site, sign in, and receive your paper ballot from the poll worker.
- Mark your ballot through one of two means:
 - Go to a privacy booth and fill out your ballot with a pen by marking the appropriate ovals; or
 - Use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD), which is available for those who are in need of assistance (see below for more information).
- Once done, place your ballot in the privacy sleeve, proceed to the scanner area, and insert the marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. Your ballot can be inserted in any direction.

- If you make a mistake you can request a new ballot. If you mark your ballot incorrectly by marking more choices for one contest than you are supposed to, the scanner will notify you of an "overvote." To have your vote count, you must obtain a new ballot and mark your choices correctly before submitting your ballot.

BALLOT MARKING DEVICE

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



RESOURCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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