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GENERAL ELECTION

A Non-Partisan Guide to Informed Voting



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LETTER FROM CITIZENS UNION

Dear Fellow New York Voter,

This November 8th voters will be asked several key questions. First and foremost, they will be asked whether or not they approve of the record of the incumbent Mayor over the past four years and the direction the city is heading or whether they believe that a change is in order.

Voters will also be asked to elect their next Borough President and citywide Public Advocate, two positions which while limited in their responsibilities continue to serve as a launching pad for candidates seeking higher office (e.g. Fernando Ferrer, Mark Green, C. Virginia Fields). Rounding out the list of seats up for election are City Comptroller, Civil, Supreme and Surrogate Court, District Attorney, and finally, City Council. On the following pages, we offer our considered views of many of these races and our candidate preferences as developed by our Local Candidates Committee and Board of Directors.

This year's election also offers the opportunity to participate in direct democracy via the referendum process. On this year's ballots, New York City voters will be presented with two proposed amendments to the New York City Charter. While Citizens Union has very strong reservations with the state law that allows a mayoral appointed Charter Revision Commission to take precedence, and in effect, knock off and deter any other municipal ballot proposals from appearing on the ballot, we feel it is incumbent upon our organization to advise voters on how to vote on Election Day on the proposals. We urge voters to vote YES on both. Our reasoning is contained in this Directory.

There also will be two statewide measures that appear on the ballot. On these we are split. We urge voters to vote NO on the budget reform proposal and YES on the transportation bond act. While Citizens Union has been an advocate for budget reform, this measure may actually do more harm than good. You'll find our reasoning within. We recommend that voters approve the bond act as it would authorize the state to issue \$2.9 billion in bonds to support much needed investments in transportation infrastructure projects, including such high priority projects as the Second Avenue subway.

Post-election, Citizens Union will continue efforts to make government more transparent, accountable and responsive by urging the City Council to take much-needed steps towards reforming how the Council functions. We'll be pushing to ensure that Council Members can suggest amendments to bills, that committees have the ability to schedule hearings and votes on bills without having to gain the Speaker's approval, and that the public receive better notification of upcoming hearings. We'll also be working to ensure that Council Members do not repeal or extend the voter approved term limit law without first consulting voters. We hope you'll join us in these efforts.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, remember to vote and vote smart on Tuesday, November 8th.

Sincerely,

Rich Davis
Chair, Board of
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John Horan
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Candidates Committee

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ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

This directory lists every contested race for public office that will be on the ballot in New York City on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. Voters should be aware that New York's tangled election laws often result in the last minute elimination (or reinstatement) of candidates. Likewise, ballot proposals often face legal challenges and may not appear on the ballot.

Ballot proposals are evaluated by our Municipal and State Affairs Committees, which forward their recommendations to the Citizens Union Board of Directors for final approval. Our recommendations for each proposal are presented in the directory.

Key contests for City Council, Manhattan and Queens Borough President, Brooklyn District Attorney, Public Advocate, Mayor and Comptroller have been evaluated by nonpartisan interview teams from Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee. Citizens Union did not evaluate candidates for Civil or Supreme Court. This directory limits itself to listing candidates, with biographical information they have submitted, for those offices.

Our candidate interview teams are charged with soliciting candidates' views on current good-government and general interest issues, and assessing the candidates' general experience, and their knowledge of the jurisdiction which they wish to serve and the office for which they are running. No single answer or position by a candidate ensures - or rules out - a preference.

Recommendations for a "Preferred Candidate" rating are made taking into account the following four factors: 1) the performance of the candidate at their interview, 2) the answers they have provided on our candidate questionnaire, 3) the accomplishments/experience of the candidate, and 4) the ability of a candidate to govern or lead.

These recommendations are reviewed by the Citizens Union Board of Directors, which makes the final decision. The "Preferred" rating reflects a candidate that Citizens Union deems not only qualified for the office being sought, but committed to honest and responsive government. Candidates not preferred may nevertheless be highly regarded by Citizens Union. These distinctions are generally reflected in the commentaries.

A "No Preference" rating may result when there is insufficient information available, when one or more of the candidates has not been interviewed, or when a determination has been made that the candidates are of equal merit.

Candidates who received a "Preferred Candidate" rating for the Primary Election did not automatically receive our preference for the General Election. We will re-evaluated the candidates and races after the Primary took place.

To view the candidates' specific responses to our questionnaire, go to www.citizensunion.org.

All maps were supplied by the Community Mapping Assistance Project (CMAP), a service of the New York Public Interest Research Group.



BALLOT PROPOSALS

QUESTION 1: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES IV AND VII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, IN RELATION TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET TO THE LEGISLATURE BY THE GOVERNOR

The proposed amendment to Articles IV and VII of the Constitution would change the process for enactment of the state budget by (a) providing for a contingency budget if the Legislature does not act on the Governor's appropriation bills before the start of the fiscal year; (b) placing limits on the amount of spending during such contingency period; (c) once such contingency period begins, eliminating the requirement that the Legislature act on the Governor's proposed appropriation bills, and instead authorizing the Legislature to end the contingency period by adopting a multiple appropriation bill making changes to the contingency budget, subject to line item veto by the Governor; and (d) authorizing the Legislature, subject to veto by the Governor, to modify the spending limits for future contingency budgets, except that such changes cannot take effect until three years after enactment. The proposed amendment also sets forth certain requirements for the operation of a fiscal stabilization reserve fund, from which money could be disbursed in a subsequent year. It would require estimates and information provided by state departments to the Governor for use in preparing the budget to be available to the public. It would provide a date certain by which the Governor must submit a budget and appropriation bills to the Legislature. It would reduce the time the Governor has to make changes to the budget and appropriation bills submitted to the Legislature without the Legislature's consent from thirty days to twenty-one days.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

CITIZENS UNION ANALYSIS

A citywide good government organization founded in 1897, Citizens Union is opposed to the proposed amendment to the State Constitution affecting the consideration and adoption of the state budget. While the state budget process is in need of significant reform to ensure that New York residents are not subjected to perennial late budgets that have plagued the state for 20 of the past 21 years, the amendment to the Constitution shifts too much power away from the Governor into the hands of the Legislature. Though Citizens Union is in favor of some of the amendment's provisions and believes that the Governor currently has too much power over the way in which budgets are developed and passed, this amendment goes too far in addressing the problem.

Under the proposal, a contingency budget is enacted should the Legislature



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fail to reach agreement with the Governor before the start of the fiscal year, which would be moved from the first of April to the first of May. After this point, the Legislature gains control of developing the budget through a provision that authorizes them to pass a multiple appropriation bill to which the Governor then has to respond, shifting budgetary authority to the Legislature. This proposed process could arguably provide little incentive for the State Legislature to negotiate with the Governor and pass a budget before the start of the fiscal year. While Citizens Union supports a contingency budget process to ensure that the State does not sit in limbo, the contingency budget proposed is also problematic, because it is based on last year's disbursements and not negotiated allocations. Additionally, the law implementing this amendment does not specify how the contingency budget would be developed, what form it would take, if it would be made public, and which allocations would qualify as recurring.

Citizens Union is an advocate for reforming the budget process and giving the legislature a greater role, but we are not convinced that the passage of this amendment would result in the kind of reform Citizens Union supports. To the contrary, this process could create delay and less accountability as budget authority is shifted from the Executive to the Legislature.

CITIZENS UNION RECOMMENDS: VOTE NO ON QUESTION 1

QUESTION 2: REBUILD AND RENEW NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION BOND ACT OF 2005

To promote and assure the preservation, renewal and improvement of the state's roads and bridges; subways, trains and buses; waterways and airports; and other vital transportation systems, facilities and equipment for the benefit of the people of the state, shall section one of part 1 of chapter 60 of the laws of two thousand five, enacting and constituting the "REBUILD AND RENEW NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION BOND ACT OF 2005" authorizing the creation of a state debt in the amount of two billion nine hundred million dollars (\$2,900,000,000) for the construction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of transportation systems and facilities, including the acquisition of equipment, be approved?



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The Rebuild and Renew New York New York Transportation Bond Act of 2005 would partially fund the State's five-year \$17.9 billion transportation capital plan for highway and bridge improvements throughout the state and \$17.9 billion for Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) repairs and upgrades. If passed, the state would issue \$2.9 billion in debt (long-term bonds which would be paid off with state revenues) to be split evenly between the MTA and State Department of Transportation for priority projects enumerated in the proposal. They include a variety of new construction projects and new equipment for the MTA, and several state highway and bridge improvement projects such as planned repairs to freight railroad lines and airport security improvements.

Though the borrowing proposed would add to New York's already large debt burden of \$46.7 billion, the proposed projects have received wide recognition as not only valuable but inevitable investments in the city and state's transportation infrastructure. Furthermore, while Citizens Union has voiced serious concerns in the past about the "back-door" borrowing that has been promulgated by our state's public authorities, the transparency and accountability that is built into this particular public referendum is commendable. The bond act specifies specific projects to be pursued and delineates a dedicated funding stream and asks the voters to make the ultimate decision about the worthiness of the proposal and the benefits of the incurred debt.

Through consultation with transportation advocates, environmental organizations, public officials and civic leaders, Citizens Union concludes that this proposal is an important investment in the state's transportation infrastructure that will undoubtedly benefit New Yorkers and those that visit and work in the state for generations to come.

CITIZENS UNION RECOMMENDS: VOTE YES ON QUESTION 2



BALLOT PROPOSALS

NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER

This year, the Mayor has once again appointed a Charter Revision Commission to recommend ballot proposal amendments to modify the New York City Charter. Citizens Union has taken the position over the past several years that the Charter Revision process is in need of reform. We have consistently pointed out that:

1. The Mayor's ability to appoint a Charter Revision Commission and submit proposals for the ballot and in effect supersede the ability of any other entity to advance a proposal to the ballot has been abused over time. Due to this practice, only those issues with the support of the Mayor are brought forth to the voters at election time. Citizens Union believes it is crucial that the protocol for this process be reformed so as to ensure that the power of the ballot to make charter changes is not monopolized by any one branch of government.
2. The excessive use of the charter revision process to address technical issues laden with administrative and regulatory details is in need of restraint. Too often over the past two decades, the Charter Revision Commission has suggested changes to the charter that are beyond the ability of voters with limited knowledge of the internal workings of government to adequately assess with the campaign-fed information that they receive. Many of the proposals advanced need not be addressed through the formation of a Charter Revision Commission and that in fact, many can and should be handled legislatively through the New York City Council. Previous Charter Revision Commissions have been appointed at a very late date and have proceeded without adequate public notification or input that has limited the ability of the public to evaluate properly the proposals. In many cases, proposals put forth by these Commissions are done to serve the duplicitous function of ensuring nothing else appears on the ballot.

Citizens Union will work to pass state legislation aimed at reforming these troubling aspects of the city charter reform process.

While we hold to these reasoned positions and principles, this year's Charter Review Commission was appointed in a timely fashion and operated in a transparent and inclusive manner. Furthermore, the proposals being deliberated, while not pressing issues that have been on the public consciousness, are important matters that affect the operation of the city's judicial system and its future financial stability.



BALLOT PROPOSALS

QUESTION 3: ETHICS CODE FOR CITY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

These changes to the City Charter, as proposed by the New York City Charter Revision Commission, would require the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings to jointly issue rules establishing a code or codes of professional conduct for the administrative law judges and hearing officers in the City's administrative tribunals.

Shall the proposed changes be adopted?

CITIZENS UNION ANALYSIS

New York City's administrative tribunals and executive branch courts are the primary means of interaction between New Yorkers and the judicial system of the city. The tribunals and branch courts exist to resolve citizen complaints and disputes such as noise complaints, parking fines and other "quality of life" issues. Instituting a uniform and fair code of ethics and conduct is long overdue. It will help establish better management and efficiency and increase the level of public trust in these bodies. Though Citizens Union has concerns about the charter worthiness of this change since we believe that the change could have been affected through either executive order or City Council action, Citizens Union believes that the proposal itself is meritorious and needed. In the absence of legislative or executive action in the past in this respect, Citizens Union supports this effort to address this important issue.

CITIZENS UNION RECOMMENDS: VOTE YES ON QUESTION 3

QUESTION 4: BALANCED BUDGET AND OTHER CITY FISCAL REQUIREMENTS

These changes to the City Charter, as proposed by the New York City Charter Revision Commission, would establish as Charter requirements the following fiscal mandates that, in general, now apply to the City through a State law enacted in response to the City's 1975 fiscal crisis. The changes would add these mandates to the City Charter so that they would continue to apply after the State law expires. The changes would:



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- *Require that the City annually prepare a budget balanced in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and end each year not showing a deficit in accordance with those principles;*
- *Require that the Mayor annually prepare a four-year City financial plan, to be based on reasonable assumptions and modified on at least a quarterly basis, and that the plan provide for payment of the City's debts and a general reserve of at least \$100 million to cover shortfalls;*
- *Impose additional conditions on the Charter's current restrictions on short-term debt (which may be issued by the City to fund a projected deficit or in anticipation of the receipt of funds from taxes, revenues, and bonds). These conditions generally limit the duration and amount of the short-term debt; and*
- *Impose additional conditions on the annual audit of the City's accounts that is currently required by the Charter. These conditions relate to application of generally accepted auditing standards and access by auditors to records so that the audit may be issued within four months after the close of the City fiscal year.*

Shall the proposed changes be adopted?

CITIZENS UNION ANALYSIS

The Financial Emergency Act (FEA), which is scheduled to expire in 2008, was created in response to the fiscal crisis of the early 1970's when the city was spending much more than it took in and began issuing short-term debt to fill the budget gaps. The FEA was instituted to ensure a greater level of fiscal responsibility and to restore confidence in the city's finances, specifically in the city's ability to repay its debt. While critics point out that the proposal falls short by not renewing the mandate of the Financial Control Board or delineating a process for the creation of a "rainy day fund" to make sure the city has cash in times of need, the proposed elements are important pieces to help ensure the future fiscal health of the City of New York. Citizens Union believes many of the provisions of the FEA serve the city well and that it is prudent to institute permanently many of these controls into the City Charter.

CITIZENS UNION RECOMMENDS: VOTE YES ON QUESTION 4



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS 2005

NEW YORK CITY MAYOR

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$195,000

Michael R Bloomberg (R-I)

Seth A. Blum (E)

Fernando Ferrer (D)

Anthony Gronowicz (G)

Martin Koppel (SW)

Jimmy McMillan (RDH)

Thomas V. Ognibene (C)

Audrey Silk (LBT)

NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$160,000

Daniel B. Fein (SW)

Ron Moore (L)

Herbert F. Ryan (C)

William C. Thompson (D-WF)

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC ADVOCATE

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$150,000

Bernard Goetz (REB)

Betsy F. Gotbaum (D)

Jay Golub (C)

Jim Lesczynski (LBT)

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$135,000

Kevin Brawley (R-C)

Adolfo Carrion (D-WF)

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$135,000

Theodore Alatsas (R-C)

Gloria Mattera (G)

Marty Markowitz (D-WF)

Gary Popkin (REF)

MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$135,000

Joseph Dobrian (LBT)

Barry Popik (R-L)

Jessie A. Fields (I)

Scott M. Stringer (D-WF)

Arrin T. Hawkins (SW)

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$135,000

Helen Marshall (D-WF)

Philip T. Sica (R-C)

** District includes portion of more than one borough
Incumbent candidates in bold*

† Citizens Union did not evaluate this race



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS 2005

STATEN ISLAND BOROUGH PRESIDENT †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$135,000

John V. Luisi (D-I-WF)

James P. Molinaro (R-C)

BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$136,000

Charles Hynes (D)

Anthony Lamberti (R-Con)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - BRONX - 12, VOTE FOR 2 †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

Darcel D. Clark (D)

Wilma Guzman (D)

Stephen B. Kaufman (C-R)

Lucianna Locorotondo (C-R)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - MANHATTAN - 1, VOTE FOR 3 †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

Matthew V. Grieco (R)

Karla Moskowitz (D-R)

Martin Shulman (D-R)

Lottie E. Wilkins (D)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - QUEENS - 11, VOTE FOR 2 †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

Kerry John Katsorhis (R-C)

Stephen A. Knopf (D)

Charles J. Markey (D)

Michael F. Pisapia (R)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - STATEN ISLAND - 2, VOTE FOR 6 †

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

Carolyn E. Demarest (D-R)

David B. Vaughan (C-D-R)

Anthony J. Lamberti (C)

Richard Izzo (C)

Philip J. Smallman (C-R)

Esther M. Morgenstern (D-R)

John J. D'Emic (C)

Donald S. Kurtz (D-R)

Yvonne Lewis (D)

Reinaldo E. Rivera (C-D-R)

JUSTICE OF THE CIVIL COURT - COUNTY - BRONX, VOTE FOR 2 †

TERM OF OFFICE: UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY
BECOME 70 • SALARY: \$125,600

Ben R. Barbato (D)

Mithell J. Danzinger (D)

Marcos A. Pagan III (C-R)

Verena C. Powell (C-R)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS 2005

JUSTICE OF THE CIVIL COURT - COUNTY - KINGS, VOTE FOR 2 †

TERM OF OFFICE: UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY
BECOME 70 • SALARY: \$125,600

Sylvia Ash (D)
Philip Grant (REF)
James P. McCall (R-C)

Genine D. Edwards (D)
Vincent F. Martusciello (C)
Sandra Elena Roper (I)

JUSTICE OF THE CIVIL COURT - COUNTY - NY, VOTE FOR 2 †

TERM OF OFFICE: UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY
BECOME 70 • SALARY: \$125,600

Ira R. Globerman (D)

Tanya R. Kennedy (D)

JUSTICE OF THE CIVIL COURT - COUNTY - QUEENS, VOTE FOR 3 †

TERM OF OFFICE: UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY
BECOME 70 • SALARY: \$125,600

Maureen A. Healy (R-D-C)
Thomas D. Raffaele (D)

Steven W. Paytner (R-D-C)
Theodore A. Stamas (R)

JUSTICE OF THE CIVIL COURT - DISTRICT - 08 - BROOKLYN †

TERM OF OFFICE: UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY
BECOME 70 • SALARY: \$125,600

Michael Reinhardt (C)

Kenneth P. Sherman (D)

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$90,000

BRONX

District 11	Steve Bradian (R-C) Oliver Koppell (D)	District 15 †	Joel Rivera (D) Steven Stern (R-C)
District 12 †	George Rubin (R-C) Lawrence Seabrook (D)	District 16 †	Lisa Marie Campbell (C) Helen Foster (D-R-WF)
District 13	Philip F. Foglia (C-I-R) James Vacca (D)	District 17 †	Maria Arroyo (D-I) Ali Mohamed (C)
District 14 †	Maria Baez (D) Antonio Rosario (I) Agustin Alamo Estrada (C)	District 18 †	Fabian A. Feliciano (R) Annabel Palma (D-WF) Albert Lefebvre (C)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS 2005

BROOKLYN

District 33	Eric Hooks (R-Con) David Yassky (D-WF)	District 42 †	Charles Barron (D-WF) John Whitehead (R-C)
District 34*	Bryan Farmer (I) Diana Reyna (D-WF) Richard Trainer (R-C)	District 43	Vincent Gentile (D-WF-SCS) Pat Russo (R-I-C)
District 35	Charles Billups (I) Letitia James (D-WF) Anthony Herbert (R-C)	District 45 †	Salvatore Grupico (R-I-C) Erlene King (RTH) Kendall Stewart (D)
District 37 †	Erik Martin Dilan (D-I) Miguel Gonzalez (R-C)	District 46	Lewis A. Fidler (D) Mary E. Madden (R-C) Elias J. Weir (I)
District 38 †	Sara Gonzalez (D-WF) Vivian Vasquez Hernandez (R-I-C)	District 47 †	Russell Gallo (R-I-C) Domenic Recchia, Jr. (D-WF)
District 39	Bill de Blasio (D-WF) Yvette Velázquez Bennet (R-C)	District 48 †	Oleg Gutnik (R-C) Michael C. Nelson (D) Michael Roth (I)
District 41 †	A. Brinmore Britton (R) Darlene Mealy (D-WF) Naquan Muhammad (I)	District 50* †	David Ceder (D-I) James S. Oddo (R-C)

MANHATTAN

District 2	John Carlino (R-I) Claudia Flanagan (LBT) Rosie Mendez (D-WF)	District 6	Gale A. Brewer (D-WF) Joshua E. Yablon (R)
District 4	Daniel Garodnick (D-WF) Jak Jacob Karako (LBT) Patrick M. Murphy (R-I)	District 7	Allen Cox (I) Robert Jackson (D-WF) Michael Petelka (R)
District 5	Jessica S. Lappin (D-WF) Joel M. Zinberg (R-I)	District 9	Daryl G. Bloodsaw (I) Will Brown, Jr. (R) Inez E. Dickens (D) Woody Henderson (WV)

* District includes portion of more than one borough
Incumbent candidates in bold

† Citizens Union did not evaluate this race



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS 2005

QUEENS

District 19	Anthony Avella (D-WF) Peter Boudouvas (R-I-C)	District 25	Rodolfo Flores (I) Masud Rahman (R) Helen Sears (D-WF)
District 20 [†]	Raquel Lacomba Walker (C) John Liu (D-I-WF)	District 26	Eric Gioia (D) Nancy Hanks (I) Robyn Sklar (G)
District 22 [†]	Gerald Kahn (G) Thomas Ruks (LBT) Peter Vallone Jr. (R-D-C)	District 28 [†]	Charles A. Bilal (I) Jereline Hunter (R) Thomas White, Jr. (D)
District 24	James F Gennaro (D-WF) Renee Lobo (I) Stephen Lynch (R)	District 34*	Bryan Farmer (I) Diana Reyna (D-WF) Richard Trainer (R-C)

STATEN ISLAND

District 49 [†]	Jody Hall (R) Michael McMahon (D-WF-C)	District 51 [†]	Andrew J. Lanza (R-I-C) Craig E. Schlanger (D)
District 50* [†]	David Ceder (D-I) James S. Oddo (R-C)		

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

TERM OF OFFICE: 2 YEARS • SALARY: \$79,350

SPECIAL ELECTION: BROOKLYN

District 43 [†]	Kenneth Cook (R-LBT-C) Karim Camara (D)	Geoffrey A. Davis (I)
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Party Affiliations

C = Conservative
D = Democrat
E = Education
G = Green

I = Independence
LBT = Libertarian
R = Republican
REB = Rebuild
REF = Reform

RTH = Rent Too Damn High
SCS = Smaller Class Size
SWP = Socialist Workers
WF = Working Families Party
WV = War Veterans



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

VOTING ELECTIONS AND REFORMS

1. Do you support allowing independents to vote in party primaries?
2. Do you support allowing non-citizen immigrants the right to vote in municipal elections?
3. Do you support the passage of state legislation that would allow for other charter measures to appear on the ballot at the same time when there is a charter reform proposal initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor?
4. Do you support allowing non-emergency municipal workers to work at the polls on Election Day while receiving their pay plus a poll-worker bonus?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

5. Do you support stricter requirements on the dispersal of campaign finance matching funds to candidates who face non-competitive challengers?
6. Do you support limiting the influence of those doing business with the city by banning campaign contributions from these entities?
7. Do you support a “war chest” restriction for candidate campaigns that would prohibit the transfer of funds raised in a previous election cycle for a different political office into a candidate committee for another office?
8. Do you support allowing public campaign financing for charter proposals?
9. Do you support Intro 564-A that would create new guidelines for the evaluation of union contributions to determine if they have been directed or coordinated by a “single-source” parent union?

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

- 10A. Do you support allowing Council committees to function more independently of the Speaker than is presently the case?
- 10B. Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs?
- 10C. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?
- 10D. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

11. Do you support strengthening the rule and the practice of allowing council members to propose amendments to bills during consideration by the council at its regularly stated meetings?
12. Do you support giving council committees a greater role in the budget process?
13. Do you support eliminating stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions and raising the base pay to a higher level that is equal among all city council members?
14. Do you favor removal of restrictions on discharge petitions (currently, nine City Council members are needed to request a vote to the floor)?
15. Do you support requiring earlier public notification of City Council meetings?
16. Do you support keeping council term limits in place for two consecutive four year terms? If not, why, and what do you propose?

POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

17. Do you support keeping in place the current property tax rate? If not, what do you propose?
18. Do you support establishing mandatory inclusionary zoning standards and requirements for all new residential development projects? If so, what should be the minimum percentage set aside for low income households?
19. Do you support the use of eminent domain to seize private property to allow for development of projects like the basketball arena in downtown Brooklyn?
20. Should New York City pay a portion of the amount required to comply with the Campaign for Fiscal Equity decision should the state fail to allocate the entire amount?
21. Do you favor amending the City's Human Rights Law to require that co-ops, at the time they reject an applicant, provide that applicant with a written statement of the reasons for rejection, as proposed by Intro 504?
22. Do you support increasing the limit on the number of charter schools permissible by law?
23. Do you support the use of all the Marine Transfer Stations included in the Mayor's proposed Solid Waste Management Plan? If not, which station do you oppose, why and what alternative site do you recommend that could handle an equal amount of waste?



CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

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13/Vacca	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
14/Rosario	I	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	
16/Campbell	C	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N/A	
16/Foster	RD-WF	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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34/Farmer	I	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	
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35/Billups	I	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	Y	Y	N/A	
35/James	D-WF	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
37/Gonzalez	R-C	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N/A	
38/Gonzalez	D-WF	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N/A	
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39/Bennett	R-C	N	N	N/A	N	Y	N	Y	N	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
41/ Mealy	D-WF	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y
43/Gentile	D-WF	N	N	Y	N	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N/A
43/Russo	R-C-I	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N/A	
45/Stewart	D	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N/A	N	Y	N/A	N	Y	Y	N/A	
48/Nelson	D	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	
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6/Yablon	R	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N/A	N	N/A	Y	N/A
7/Jackson	D-WF	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N/A	N	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
9/Bloodsaw	I	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
9/Brown	R	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N/A	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
9/Dickens	D	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A
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19/Boudouvas	R-I-C	N	N	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
20/Walker	C	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
24/Gennaro	D-WF	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
24/Lobo	D-I	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y
25/Sears	D-WF	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
26/Gioia	D-WF	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N
26/Sklar	G	N	Y	N/A	N	N/A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N/A
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Candidate Responses

Y = Yes
 N = No
 NA = No answer or qualified answer

Party Affiliations

C = Conservative
 D = Democrat
 G = Green
 I = Independence
 R = Republican
 WF = Working Families



2005 GENERAL ELECTION PREFERRED CANDIDATES

CITYWIDE

Mayor	Michael Bloomberg
Public Advocate	Betsy Gotbaum
City Comptroller	William C. Thompson, Jr

BRONX

City Council District 11	Oliver Koppell
City Council District 13	Jimmy Vacca

BROOKLYN

District Attorney	Charles Hynes
City Council District 33	David Yassky
City Council District 34*	Diana Reyna
City Council District 39	Bill de Blasio
City Council District 43	Pat Russo
City Council District 46	Lew Fidler

MANHATTAN

Borough President	Scott Stringer
City Council District 2	Rosie Mendez
City Council District 4	Dan Garodnick & Patrick Murphy
City Council District 5	Joel Zinberg
City Council District 6	Gale Brewer
City Council District 7	Robert Jackson
City Council District 9	No Preference

QUEENS RACES

Borough President	Helen Marshall
City Council District 19	Anthony Avella
City Council District 24	James Gennaro
City Council District 25	No Preference
City Council District 26	Eric Gioia
City Council District 34*	Diana Reyna

**District includes portions of Brooklyn and Queens*



CITYWIDE RACES

• MAYORAL CANDIDATES •

★PREFERRED CANDIDATE – MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG - REP, IND★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on www.citizensunion.org

Age: 63 Occupation: Mayor, New York City Education: Harvard University (MBA)

Elected as New York City Mayor in 2001, Michael Bloomberg was the CEO of Bloomberg LLP, an international finance company that he founded and eventually expanded into a successful international news conglomerate. When first elected, Bloomberg laid out an agenda of continuing the reduction in crime, gaining control of the school system to improve our children's education, and spurring greater economic development all across the city - all at a time when so much was unknown about the city's future in the aftermath of September 11th.

Bloomberg's first four years in office have shown him to be a very able and calm leader in times of crisis, and his managerial style has allowed for significant gains in effective governance and accountability. His leadership also has achieved the twin hallmarks of being free from scandal and void of divisiveness within the city. His independence from traditional party allegiances has largely been positive for the City of New York.

Bloomberg's two earliest and most significant accomplishments include gaining Mayoral control of the public education system and implementing a ban on smoking in the city's bars and restaurants, both attributable in part to the lack of political ties that bind many elected officials. Though there has been some improvement in test scores, more time is needed to see if his education initiatives will bring greater and sustained improvement to the educational system in New York. The smoking ban has gained wide acceptance and along with smoking cessation programs has doubtless been a factor in the recent decline of New York City smokers by 188,000. He has also launched a number of economic development projects throughout the city.

Bloomberg takes credit for cutting almost four billion dollars from the City's operating budget and reducing the City's workforce by 15,000 without noticeably cutting programs or services. He was able to accomplish this partially through the passage of an 18.5 percent increase in property taxes in 2002. This increase, along with greater than expected revenues, led the Mayor to issue rebate checks to homeowners in his name (though this year, his name was removed), a practice that has been called into question as the city faces a projected budget deficit of close to five billion dollars in the coming years. Supporters of the rebate argue that it is an appropriate way to mitigate the additional de facto real estate tax increase which would otherwise arise from escalating prop-



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erty values. Certainly, a second term will be judged by how well he addresses the impending and increasingly routine budget crises.

Critics argue that while the city may not have slipped into economic crisis and many have enjoyed prosperity, economic gains have not been felt by the cities' lower income residents and the shrinking middle class. Bloomberg's plan to address the lack of affordable housing that exists citywide calls for the creation of 65,000 units of affordable housing throughout the five boroughs over the next five years. Over 26,000 of these units are already in development. To his credit, Bloomberg crafted a proposal to use \$130 million of ongoing Battery Park City Authority revenues over the next four years to establish the New York Housing Trust Fund, which will fund the creation or preservation of 4,500 housing units in our neediest communities. This agreement, along with the rezoning that took place on Manhattan's Far West Side, was the saving grace of his failed attempt to bring the New York Jets to Manhattan, a plan that ultimately was rejected by legislative leaders in Albany.

Though we do not take issue with his decision to use his own money for the campaign, we remain concerned that he chose not to participate in the Campaign Finance Program as a limited participating candidate. Had he done so, he would have limited his campaign spending which would have allowed for a more level playing field against his competitors. In our view, \$5.7 million, which is what he would have been allowed to spend, is sufficient for getting a mayoral candidate's message out, particularly for an incumbent who has a well-known record on which to run. We also have urged him to participate in more than the two debates he has currently agreed to.

If reelected to a second term, Bloomberg will have an unprecedented opportunity to tackle the underlying structural issues that threaten to compromise the integrity of New York politics, hasten the decline of voter participation in our body politic, and continually bring us to the brink of fiscal crises every decade. Among the issues that Citizens Union believes can be addressed by a second Bloomberg administration are election reform that leads to more open and competitive races, fiscal reform that brings the size and long-term cost of the city budget under control, and economic reform that provides new opportunities for working and middle-class New Yorkers to remain living and working in the City.

Mayor Bloomberg has done a very good job while in office and initiatives already under way promise to have a greater impact over the next four years. He asked that he be held accountable for the promises he made during his 2001 campaign. While we have not always agreed with him, Mike Bloomberg has delivered on many of those promises and in doing so has earned the continued support of Citizens Union as its preferred candidate for Mayor.



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FERNANDO FERRER - DEM

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on www.citizensunion.org

Age: 55 Occupation: Former President, Drum Major Institute

Education: NYU (BA); Baruch College (MPA)

Raised in the South Bronx, Fernando Ferrer served in the New York City Council from 1982 to 1987 when he was elected Bronx Borough President, a post he held for 14 years. Ferrer previously ran for mayor in 2001, narrowly losing a run-off election to Mark Green. Since then, he has served as president of the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy, a non-profit organization that works on economic and social justice issues, a position he left to run for Mayor.

Ferrer points to his record of accomplishments in the Bronx-helping build 66,000 units of affordable housing and adding over 34,000 new jobs-as his unique qualifications for mayor. Ferrer believes a major shift in emphasis away from the current Mayor's on business development is warranted. He favors a comprehensive indexing of economic subsidies, and an eventual redistribution of subsidies provided to big business - which he claims amount to over \$500 million per year - to small business in the form of tax incentives for new business creation and incentives for small businesses that hire people that live in New York City. Ferrer favors a greater emphasis on job training and workplace development programs, and a decrease in the commercial property tax rate, which he believes will encourage small business growth.

Ferrer believes that the Mayor has not adequately addressed the needs of working class and middle class New Yorkers. As part of his own plan to address the affordable housing needs of city residents, Ferrer supports an inclusionary zoning formula that requires developers seeking residential zoning changes to provide a minimum of 30 percent affordable rate units, with a bonus incentive for developers willing to make an additional 20 percent available for low-income residents. Arguing that there has been little progress on education, he feels that the Mayor places too much emphasis on test scores and not enough on graduation rates and the quality of education. He also believes the city needs to focus greater attention and resources on reducing class size and has designed a school investment plan to improve education.

The former Chair of the City Council Health Committee, Ferrer views extending access to affordable health care and insurance to all New York City residents and decreasing Medicaid fraud and waste as priorities for the City. He faults Mayor Bloomberg for poor management of New York City's hospitals and for not fighting for a greater State contribution to Medicaid costs.



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While Citizens Union has preferred his opponent, Ferrer's accomplishments in his home borough of the Bronx and his continued advocacy on behalf of under-represented New Yorkers make him a worthy candidate for the office of Mayor. If elected, Citizens Union hopes Ferrer is able to distinguish himself as an independent and effective Mayor.

SETH A. BLUM - EDU

Candidate added to ballot immediately prior to printing

Occupation: NYC High School Math Teacher

ANTHONY GRONOWICZ - GRE

Age: 60 Occupation: Historian

Education: Columbia College (Bachelor's); University of Pennsylvania (MA, PHD)

MARTIN KOPPEL - SWP

Candidate added to ballot immediately before printing; no information available

JIMMY McMILLAN - RDH

Candidate added to ballot immediately before printing; no information available

THOMAS V. OGNIBENE - CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Education: Brooklyn Law School (Juris Doctor Degree)

AUDREY SILK - LBT

Has returned questionnaire; Interview could not be scheduled.

Interview could not be scheduled

Age: 41 Occupation: Retired NYPD Officer Education: One year of college



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• PUBLIC ADVOCATE CANDIDATES •

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - BETSY GOTBAUM - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on www.citizensunion.org

Occupation: Public Advocate Education: Teacher's College of Columbia University (BA)

Betsy Gotbaum was elected as Public Advocate in 2001. In the past, she has worked as an advisor to three mayors, as head of the New York Police Foundation, as commissioner of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and as president of the New York Historical Society. Gotbaum approaches the office of Public Advocate differently than her predecessor, preferring to work behind-the-scenes in addressing the particular needs of individual citizens. Her low key approach has not landed her in the newspapers quite as often as Mark Green, and hence her record of accomplishments is not quite as evident. Among the accomplishments cited by Gotbaum are her efforts to restore Meals-on-Wheels food delivery to seniors in the Bronx, assist thousands in getting the food stamp benefits to which they are entitled, bring attention through the release of reports to the inadequacies of the city's foster care and shelter system for children, and oppose the mayor on his plan to build a football stadium on the West Side of Manhattan. While Gotbaum has not been the most visible of the city's elected officials, she is somewhat excusably restrained by the limits of an office that has yet to prove that its existence is justified. Citizens Union believes that she has done an admirable job, but hopes that her public visibility and advocacy increases in a second term and is more evident to New Yorkers.

BERNARD GOETZ - REB

Has returned questionnaire; interview could not be scheduled

Age: 57 Occupation: Self employed engineer Education: NYU (BS in Engineering)

JAY GOLUB - CON

Has returned questionnaire; interview could not be scheduled

Age: 36 Occupation: Dentist Education: Drew University (BA); NYU (DDS)

JIM LESZYNSKI - LBT

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Occupation: Marketing Communications Professional

Education: Bowling Green State University (BFA); New York University (MBA)



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• COMPTROLLER CANDIDATES •

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - WILLIAM C. THOMPSON, JR. - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on www.citizensunion.org

Age: 52 Occupation: NYC Comptroller Education: Tufts University (BA)

Prior to his election as New York City Comptroller in 2001, William C. Thompson, Jr. served as Deputy Borough President of Brooklyn, was a member of the Board of Education and President from 1996-2001. The first of the city's comptrollers to audit the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), Thompson prides himself on thinking outside the box. Since election, Thompson has worked to improve the efficiency by which the City settles claims made against the City by allowing parties to submit offers and demands to a secure website, Cybersettle, and has created a risk management division that works with departments and agencies to identify and reduce risk in their operations. Thompson leveraged his role as a public official to oppose the cessation of the City's recycling program and worked to diversify the City's pension fund investments. While Thompson is an intelligent and qualified candidate, critics claim he has not been as aggressive in his use of the power to audit city agencies as had his predecessors. Likewise, when pressed on the potential impact of the statewide budget reform measure on the City of New York and the ability of the Comptroller to use his office more effectively to help advance and press for the implementation of structural mechanisms to avoid future fiscal crises, Thompson was less than clear. Citizens Union supports Thompson's candidacy for reelection and urges the Comptroller to play a more prominent role in developing and implementing a more proactive and well-articulated agenda to ensure the fiscal health of the City of New York.

DANIEL B. FEIN - SWP

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

RON MOORE - LBT

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Occupation: President, Marketing Technologies Group

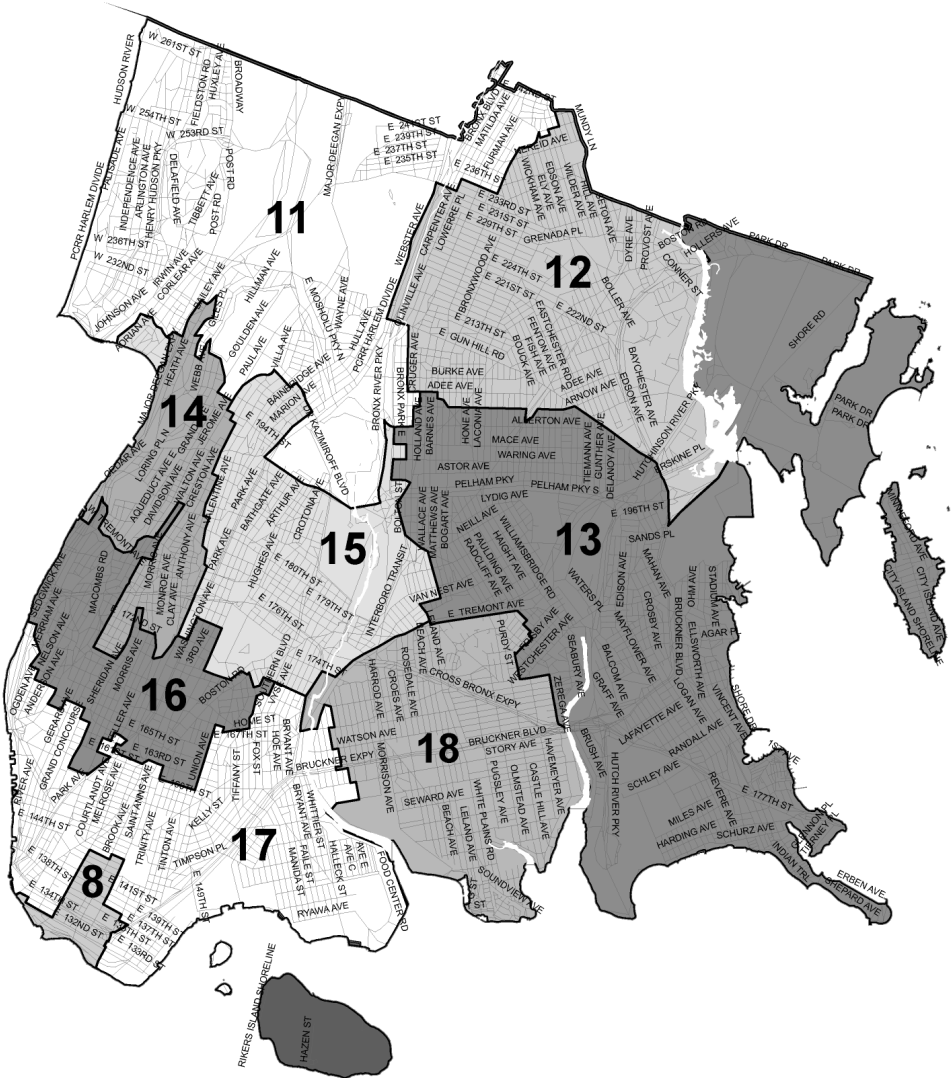
Education: Boston University (BA, MA)

HERBERT F. RYAN - CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire



BRONX CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP



Sources: NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, April 22, 2002;
 US Census Bureau TIGER Line files, 2000





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• CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES •

District 11

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – OLIVER KOPPELL ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 64 Occupation: Member, New York City Council

Education: Harvard University (BA); Harvard Law School (JD)

Prior to serving on the City Council, Oliver Koppell was a member of the New York State Assembly for 22 years, after which he became the State Attorney General in 1994. He is also the President of Community School Board 10. Koppell is proud of legislation he authored to address overdevelopment in Riverdale through “down-zoning” of the central area. The bill effectively prohibits developers from building over seven stories in central Riverdale. Koppell stood firm against the construction of a water filtration plant under Van Cortlandt Park, a plan that ultimately passed after the city offered significant dollars to improve the borough’s parks. Given his previous elected posts, the fact that Koppell has not championed any particular city-wide issue or authored any significant piece of legislation outside of his own district is a notable surprise. Koppell has proven that he can be an independent voice in government, as was evidenced by his opposition to Speaker Miller on several occasions. It is hoped that he will work harder at having a greater impact over the next four years if reelected.

STEVE BRADIAN - REP, CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

District 13

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JAMES VACCA ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 50 Occupation: District Manager, Community Board 10

Education: SUNY (BA); CUNY (MA)

Working tirelessly for his community for the past three decades, Jimmy Vacca is running for public office for the first time. An urban studies professor at Queens College and District Manager for Community Board 10 for the last 25 years, Vacca understands the needs of the Bronx communities he is seeking to represent and has had success addressing them. He has led the fight for everything from installing



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speed bumps to reduce traffic along residential streets such as Stadium Avenue, to overcrowding at P.S. 194, to addressing the perceived parking ticket blitz that has angered residents in his district. He has been an advocate for preserving the residential character of many of the district's neighborhoods, while arguing for tax incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing units where appropriate. Vacca's hands-on approach to public office and his commitment to the community make him the best qualified of the two strong candidates running to represent the district.

PHILIP F. FOGLIA - REP, IND, CON

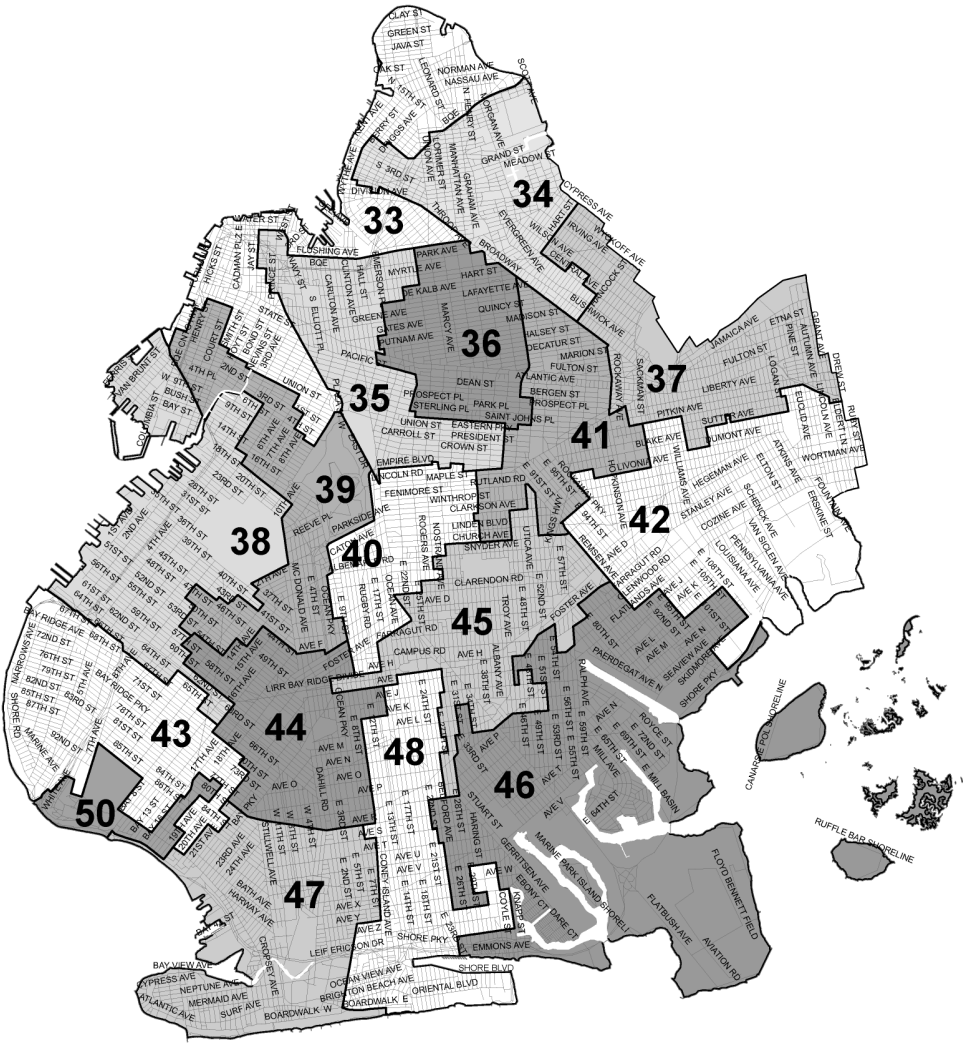
Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 54 Occupation: Attorney, Exec V.P. SEBCO Development Education: JD

First time candidate for public office, Philip Foglia has an extensive background in both law and the social services. As a Bronx Assistant District Attorney he prosecuted numerous public officials in a joint program with then U.S. Attorney Rudy Giuliani. He has also worked in the Queens DA's office and served as Special Counsel to the Yonkers City Council. Foglia is a Director of the Child Reach Foundation, Executive Vice President of SEBCO, a not-for-profit providing services to senior citizens, and was recently appointed by Mayor Bloomberg to NYC's Neighborhood Investment Advisory Board. While he supports maintaining the current property tax rate, Foglia supports an assessment rebate to homeowners who improve their property in excess of \$5,000 and discounts for homeowners who pay their property taxes early. He supports City Council reforms aimed at increasing City Council Committee independence and giving the Council a greater role in the budget process. Foglia supports the current time frame for term limits for City Council as he believes the voters have already spoken on this issue. A thoughtful candidate, Philip Foglia would be a welcome new voice on the City Council.



BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP



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District 33

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - DAVID YASSKY - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 41 Occupation: Member, NYC Council

Education: Princeton University (AB); Yale Law School (JD)

First elected in 2001, David Yassky has displayed an active legislative and neighborhood presence since joining the City Council. Having previously served as an aide to Senator Chuck Schumer, Yassky has impressive legislative experience. His legislative proposals in City Council include the “Clean Air Cabs Act” that would require the city’s taxis to phase in clean-burning fuel vehicles and the “Gun Responsibility Act” that would penalize irresponsible manufacturers by exposing them to civil liability suits. Yassky has been a central figure in the movement to rezone and reclaim the city’s waterfront, specifically his district which almost entirely abuts the East River. To facilitate healthy waterfront development, Yassky has actively championed the inclusion of less-than-market-rate affordable housing options in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg development plan and has sponsored the “Film Industry Job Creation Act” that he credits with having created close to 1000 jobs in Steiner Studios in the Brooklyn navy yard. Critics argue that the waterfront development at Greenpoint/Williamsburg will hasten the gentrification that is taking place in an area that has primarily been both historically Latino and dominated by manufacturing. Yassky deserves commendation for his efforts, along with Councilmember Gale Brewer, to institute Council rules reform that eventually could lead to stronger council committees and greater independence of City Council members. For his tireless efforts in his district and his ability to address issues of greater citywide importance, including the movement for reform, Citizens Union supports Yassky’s efforts for reelection.

ERIC HOOKS - REP, CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire



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District 34

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - DIANA REYNA - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 31 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council Education: BA

The former chief of staff for Assemblyman Vito Lopez and a member of Community Board 4, Diana Reyna was first elected to the City Council in 2001. Reyna's leadership in her community and on the council has been impressive in her first four years in office. Reyna has been a champion of issues important to low- and middle-income families, such as affordable housing, and senior and youth services. Reyna's leadership in efforts to ensure that the Greenpoint/Williamsburg development plan incorporated a significant portion of affordable units resulted in a final plan that provides incentives for up to 33 percent of the units being available to families with a median income of less than \$50,000 and one-third of those being created for families earning \$18,000 or less. Critics argue that the plan will hasten the gentrification that is taking place in an area that has primarily been both Latino and dominated by manufacturing. Reyna supports a ban on campaign contributions from those doing business with the city as well as a "war chest" restriction that would prohibit candidates from transferring funds raised from one race into their campaign for another seat, a component to ensuring more competitive elections. Reyna has been an effective voice for her community and deserves another four years in office.

BRYAN FARMER - IND

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Did not appear for a scheduled interview

Age: 60 Occupation: Retired- Maintenance worker for NYC Housing Authority

Education: One year of college

RICHARD TRAINER - REP, CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

District 35

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - LETITIA JAMES - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Occupation: Member, NYC City Council Education: Howard University (JD)



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Elected to the City Council in 2004, James worked as an aide to Assemblyman Roger Green and in the office of the State Attorney General prior to running for elected office herself. James has become one of the most visible figures in the fight to preserve the character of Brooklyn's historic neighborhoods. James has actively opposed the plan to use eminent domain to seize private property in the surrounding communities where the Nets would like to build a sports arena. Against the support of many elected officials and party officials, James has led a tireless effort to ensure that the concerns of all of the citizens who will be impacted by the project are represented in the planning process. She continues to push the city to require that the project not circumvent the city's land use review procedure. James also has committed her time to improving education in the district by meeting with all the district's principals to assess the needs and build working relationships. She pledges to commit more time to child-care and environmental concerns if elected to a second term. For her leadership on these and other issues, James is Citizens Union's preferred candidate for the 35th district.

CHARLES B. BILLUPS - IND

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 45 Occupation: Retired- Correction Officer Education: Queensborough College

A 23 year veteran of the New York City Department of Corrections, Charles Billups has extensive experience working to reduce crime and has established a community program to keep young people out of trouble. He has worked with the New York Civil Liberties Union and was a member of the Advisory Task Force Board to reduce police brutality and increase community policing. Billups believes his rapidly gentrifying district, and the city as a whole, needs to be more active in preserving the Mitchell-Lama affordable housing units, and that the city needs to work more actively with developers to create new affordable units. Billups calls on our elected officials to restore cuts to precinct community councils, and faults the current City Council member for allowing them to be made in the 35th district. Billups is a positive voice for his community and is encouraged to continue to work to address his community's needs.

ANTHONY HERBERT - REP, CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire



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District 39

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - BILL de BLASIO - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 44 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council

Education: NYU (BA), Columbia University (MA)

Chair of the General Welfare Committee and co-chair to the Brooklyn Democratic delegation to the City Council, Bill de Blasio has a wealth of public service experience including service as the New York Regional Director of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and President of Community School Board 15. de Blasio supports the plan for Atlantic Yards development arguing that it will provide much needed affordable housing and that the large scale of the proposal can be accommodated by the existing public transportation infrastructure. He also supports the use of mandatory inclusionary zoning standards that would require developers to set aside a set amount of affordable units in exchange for rezoning assurances. de Blasio co-sponsored legislation that holds the administration accountable for cost overruns on school construction so that more money can be spent in the classroom; and he fought to pass the Access to Training and Education bill that helps families move off welfare by combining education and skills training with work. One of a handful of council members thought to be vying for the position of council speaker, de Blasio pledges support for strengthening the power of the council committee chairs to hire their own staff and schedule votes on legislation. He also believes that within certain limits, council members should be able to propose amendments to legislation, a practice that is presently culturally unacceptable in the council, although not forbidden. While de Blasio supports term limits, he is in favor of extending the limits to three full four-year terms to allow council members greater long-term planning and to maintain the balance of power between the council and the Mayor. Bill de Blasio has been an active, effective, and broad thinking leader of the City Council and is worthy of reelection.

YVETTE VELAZQUEZ BENNETT - REP, CON

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 49 Occupation: Retired- Information Systems Engineer Education: CCNY (BA)

A product of Windsor Terrace housing projects, Yvette Velazquez Bennett left a career as a systems analyst to raise and home school her children. She is now running for office on a platform of limited government and greater educational oppor-



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tunities for school children. Bennett believes that the city fosters too many ineffective and failing city programs at the taxpayers' expense. She would like to see better parent education regarding educational opportunities for children and a school voucher program to provide more choices. Bennett is opposed to the current plan for the Atlantic Yards on the grounds that it is out of scale with the neighborhood and will ensnare the area in traffic.

District 43

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - PAT RUSSO - REP, IND, CON ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 37 Occupation: Formerly, Deputy Inspector General, NYS Office of the Welfare Inspector General Education: Brooklyn College (BA), Brooklyn Law School (JD)

Having lost in his initial run for the council seat in 2003 while garnering 46 percent of the vote, Pat Russo makes a strong case as to why he should unseat the incumbent council member. A lawyer and a former prosecutor, Russo has been serving as Counsel and Prosecutor to the Office of the New York State Welfare Inspector General since 1997 and recently served on the Board of Directors of the Bay Ridge Community Council. Believing his district has been overtaxed and underserved, Russo is running on a platform that places emphasis on quality-of-life issues in the district, such as cleanliness of streets, public safety, and more reliable public transportation options, all of which he says have declined in recent years. With a large elderly population in the district, Russo is adamantly opposed to substituting the delivery of frozen Meals-on-Wheels for daily hot meals, as has been implemented in parts of the Bronx. A fiscal conservative, Russo believes the City needs to be more stringent in what programs receive city funding, advocating for greater accountability and more direct oversight and reporting requirements. Russo opposed the property tax increase in 2004 and believes the city should return to the 2001 tax rate. He supports keeping the voter approved term limits for municipal office in place and believes that City Council hearings need to be more accessible to the public to encourage greater accountability and transparency. Russo's focus on accountability and his voice for greater fiscal oversight have helped gain him Citizens Union support to be the district's next City Council member. Citizens Union hopes Russo will strive to serve all residents of his district in an inclusive and respectful way.



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VINCENT J. GENTILE - DEM, WFP, SCS

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 19

Age: 46 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council

Education: Cornell University, Fordham University School of Law

Elected to the City Council in a special election in February of 2003, Vincent Gentile previously served three terms as a State Senator and 10 years as a prosecutor. He is a former president of the Bay Ridge Community Council and a member of the Neighborhood Improvement Association of St. Rosalia-Regina Pacis. Gentile believes that overdevelopment is one of the most pressing issues affecting the district. He has worked effectively to see much of the Bay Ridge portion of the district down-zoned and has proposed the same for Dyker Heights. He supports council reform as he believes that the Speaker of the City Council is afforded too much power. He believes individual council members should be allowed to introduce legislation and committee chairs should be allowed to schedule public hearings without the permission of the Speaker. While a public servant that is knowledgeable about the issues confronting his district, Gentile has often been an evasive elected official not known for his consistency on certain issues and a less than impressive manager of his legislative staff. Citizens Union believes the Council would be best served by a change in leadership in the 43rd district.

District 46

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - LEWIS A. FIDLER - DEM ★

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Age: 49 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council Education: NYU (JD)

First elected to the City Council in 2002, Lew Fidler currently chairs the Youth Services Committee and is a candidate to be the next Speaker of the City Council. Fidler's priorities, if re-elected, include improving the public parks and green spaces in his district, and helping tackle the city's homelessness and runaway youth problem. Fidler would like to bring greater resources to improve his district's two main parks, Marine Park, and more importantly, Canarsie Park, which he claims has been under funded for years. Fidler pledges to work more closely with the city's not-for-profit organizations to do more targeted outreach to Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender individuals who are on the streets and are largely not being served by the shelters in the city. To help the City close the projected budget deficit, Fidler supports an absentee landlord surcharge fee which he states would raise up to \$80 million in revenue. While opposed to term limits in theo-



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ry, Fidler vows to vote against any measure to repeal the voter approved regulation without the direct consent of the voters via a public referendum. Fidler continues to be a thoughtful and attentive council member who has served his constituency well while in office.

ELIAS J. WEIR - IND

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Occupation: Accounts Payable Supervisor

Education: NY Institute of Technology (BA)

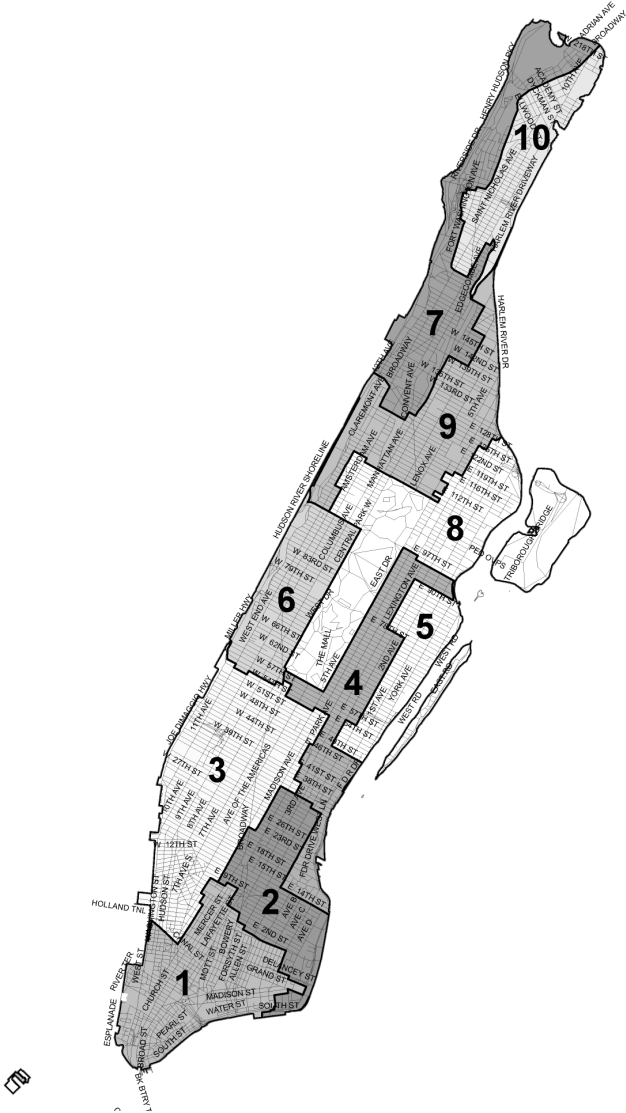
Elias Weir is an accounts payable supervisor and a former auxiliary police officer in the 69th Precinct. Weir lists quality-of-life, education, and the well-being of senior citizens as his priority issues if elected to office. Weir also highlights the need to bring innovative technology into city classrooms and expand after-school programs in public schools. While Weir has a long list of concerns with conditions in the district he has not developed a set of clear proposals to address them.

MARY E. MADDEN - REP, CON

Has NOT responded to questionnaire



MANHATTAN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP



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★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - SCOTT STRINGER ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on www.citizensunion.org

Age: 45 Occupation: Member, New York State Assembly

Education: John Jay (BA; MA)

Scott Stringer is in his sixth term representing Manhattan's Upper West Side and the Clinton neighborhood in the New York State Assembly. Prior to his election to the Assembly, he served as chief of staff to then Assembly member Jerry Nadler for eight years. Stringer positioned himself as a leader on reform in Albany, introducing the "Stringer Resolution" that served as a catalyst for the reform of several legislative operating rules for the Assembly, such as the end of the practice of empty-seat voting in which a legislator would not have to be present on the floor to vote. Stringer has been a champion of election reform in the Assembly helping ensure that the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) addressed the unique needs of New York City voters and by authoring legislation to initiate Election Day voter registration in New York State.

In his bid for Borough President, Stringer released a controversial report on the operation of community boards which highlighted areas that negatively impact their functioning (i.e. the high numbers of vacancies; conflicts of interest) and offered suggestions to make them more functional (i.e. higher standards of review and accountability; more equitable distribution of funds; disclosure of lobbying efforts). Stringer believes the Borough President's office can play an important public service by providing staff and resources to a parent center which would field complaints about the borough's schools and provide training, resources and materials for parents to more effectively work with their children and the schools to improve education. While he is a supporter of the proposed 2nd Avenue subway line, Stringer believes the city needs to invest in a rapid bus system to relieve congestion and get people to work more efficiently.

Stringer's record as a leader in the effort to reform Albany, his long standing focus on strengthening accountability in government and his efforts at identifying ways to improve government services makes him Citizens Union's choice to replace the departing Manhattan Borough President.



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BARRY POPIK - REP, LIB

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on www.citizensunion.org

Age: 43 Occupation: Administrative Law Judge, Department of Finance, New York City Parking Violations

Education: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (BS); Touro Law School (JD)

The founder of Big Apple - a website of New York City cultural and historical trivia - and an administrative law judge, Barry Popik has a passion for preserving the cultural history and artifacts of New York City. Popik identifies lowering business taxes as a key to creating greater economic development and believes that diversifying the party composition of the community boards will help bring about more sensible development. While his passion for honoring and preserving the borough's cultural treasures cannot be overstated, Popik lacks the relevant experience and focus to adequately serve the borough.

JOSEPH DOBRIAN - LBT

Candidate added to ballot immediately prior to printing; no information available

JESSIE FIELDS - IND

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

ARRIN T. HAWKINS - SWP

Candidate added to ballot immediately prior to printing; no information available

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District 2

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - ROSIE MENDEZ - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 42 Occupation: Public Interest Lawyer

Education: NYU (BA); Rutgers Law School - Newark (JD)

Former chief of staff for City Councilmember Margarita Lopez, Rosie Mendez worked as a tenant organizer and has served as a Democratic district leader for the 74th Assembly District since 1997. Mendez pledges to fight to close loopholes that allow developers to build without respect to the character of existing neighborhoods. She points specifically to a community facility bonus that developers have exploited



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to overdevelop residential side streets. If elected, Mendez would build on existing student mentoring programs in the district to help students having trouble with basic language and math skills, and work to expand the asthma-free school zone program that prevents vehicles from idling outside of schools, and staffs each school with trained nurses to address asthma concerns. While holding the position of District Leader while in elected office has always been a concern of Citizens Union for its potential impact of the independence of the elected official, Mendez has shown herself to be well-qualified to serve the district and no doubt will be a very thoughtful and effective council member.

JOHN CARLINO - REP, IND

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

CLAUDIA FLANAGAN - LBT

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Occupation: Public Finance Analyst, Investment Management Advisory Group

Education: Hunter College (BA)

A longtime resident of District 2, Claudia Flanagan has an excellent understanding of the issues facing her district. Her priorities include addressing over development within the district, curbing unemployment and improving the district's schools. Flanagan proposes clarifying and redefining inclusionary zoning standards to more accurately reflect the needs of the neighborhood where a project is proposed. She advocates for greater citizen involvement in the planning process and is a strong proponent of maintaining and expanding green spaces and community gardens in the district. Flanagan lacks formal experience in city government, but her knowledge about the functioning of the City Council was solid for a first time candidate. Flanagan brings a common sense approach to her run for office and is greatly encouraged to continue to advocate for issues that concern her and the district.

District 4

Note to our members and readers of this Voters Directory: It is rare for Citizens Union to issue a joint preference in a single race, but we felt compelled to do so in the race for District 4 because of the strong qualifications of each of the two candidates that we preferred and the needed perspective each would bring. This Council district and the City of New York would be well served with either of them being elected.



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★ JOINTLY PREFERRED CANDIDATE - DANIEL R. GARODNICK - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 33 Occupation: Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Education: Dartmouth College (BA); University of Pennsylvania (JD)

A litigator by trade, Dan Garodnick spent two years working for the New York Civil Rights Council and served as a law clerk to a judge of the United States District Court for the southern district of New York. A supporter of a 2nd Avenue subway as a way to decrease the strains on the Lexington Avenue line, he recommends the more immediate transportation alternatives such as a rapid bus transit system that would utilize a satellite tracking system to reserve lanes and inform passengers of waiting times. Garodnick advocates for greater citizen participation in the planning process and projects his own enthusiasm, energy and commitment to voter issues while advocating greater citizen participation in the planning process. He pledges to continue to fight as hard as the departing council member to ensure the district's school needs are met. Garodnick has advanced a platform of reform of the City Council that includes limiting the number of standing committees to streamline their operations, setting parameters for salaries of committee counsels and committee staff to remove favoritism on behalf of the Speaker who determines salaries and disallowing the Speaker to send out mailings to individual members districts, a practice that was abused this primary election season, costing taxpayers \$1.6 million. Garodnick's strong stance on these critical reform issues and his overall preparedness and qualifications for the job make him an excellent choice to become the next representative for the 4th council district.

★ JOINTLY PREFERRED CANDIDATE - PATRICK M. MURPHY - REP, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 38 Occupation: Formerly, VP/ Director of Digitas NY

Education: College of Holy Cross (BS)

Patrick Murphy brings years of experience as a business executive and issues advocate to this race for this open council district seat. He spent 15 years in the marketing services industry, advising companies such as AT&T, American Express, and Quaker Oats and was a Vice President and Director at Digitas, a large direct marketing services company. Having interned for Senator John Chafee from Rhode Island and serving on the marketing committee of Jazz at Lincoln Center and as a member of the Carnegie Hill Neighbors, Civitas, and



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the Dignity Coalition, a group that works to protect at-risk youth, Murphy also has a fair amount of community experience that has propelled him into one of the more competitive races in this November's elections. Murphy lists education as one of his top priorities, and advocates for greater accountability in our schools, favoring the increased use of measurable standards to gauge the progress of students. Murphy also pledges to team up with local precincts and civic groups to crack down on noise-violators and bicyclists on sidewalks. To address the latter concern, he proposes legislation to issue permits for commercial bikes to encourage and enforce more responsible and pedestrian-friendly bike deliveries. Murphy is a self-proclaimed social liberal, favoring same-sex marriage and a hands-off approach to social issues, and a fiscal conservative, believing the council has not been held accountable enough on spending and that the city has been negligent of its duty to plan ahead for the projected future fiscal downturn. Murphy supports a ban on all political contributions from city contractors to end the "pay to play" quid pro quo that threaten the integrity of our political system. Murphy's independent, reasoned and responsible approach to city governance would be a welcome addition to the City Council.

JAK JACOB KARAKO - LBT

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 38 Occupation: Financial Analyst, AXA Financial

Education: BA, MBA

Jak Jacob Karako is a financial analyst and a member of Turtle Bay Association and the Assembly of American Turkish Associations. Though he ran as a Democrat in the Democratic primary this past September, Jak Karako is aligned more closely with the Libertarian principles of limited government. Karako advocates for a free market approach towards education: he would give parents vouchers for public school and allow them to enroll their children in any City school. He believes that would result in closing bad schools and shifting resources to good schools. Karako also believes marijuana arrests should be deprioritized and that the City Council could use its budgetary powers to encourage the police to adopt that policy. Karako argues for a greater level of citizen participation in key city decisions, such as tax increases and deficit spending, and supports the use of referenda to do so.



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District 5

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - JOEL M. ZINBERG - REP, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire, view responses on page 20

Age: 49 Occupation: Surgeon, Law and Ethics Professor

Education: Swarthmore College (BA); Yale Law School (JD); Columbia University of Physicians and Surgeons (MD)

A first time candidate for public office, Joel Zinberg does not fit the mold of the typical candidate for local office. Having completed a surgical residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital on the Upper East Side Zinberg has practiced medicine for the past 25 years. He also holds a law degree from Yale and has taught at Columbia Law School. His top priorities if elected to office include cutting waste and fraud in the city budget, improving education and health care services and shifting medicaid costs to state government. Zinberg pledges to maintain and expand programs for adolescent health, including an expansion of programs aimed at combatting childhood obesity, and improve breast cancer screening, treatment, and support services. He supports a Second Avenue subway line but believes that in the interim improvements in the signaling system can be made to increase the number of trains running on the Lexington Avenue line thereby decreasing crowding during peak hours. He also supports a more rapid conversion of the city's fleet of trucks, cars, and busses to cleaner burning fuels. Zinberg favors limiting the dispersal of campaign matching funds to candidates that do not face serious challengers, a reform that could save the city hundreds of thousand of dollars each municipal election cycle. While lacking as strong a level of community involvement as his opponent, Zinberg would nonetheless bring a unique, independent voice and a welcomed fresh perspective to the City Council, which is why he is Citizens Union's preferred candidate.

JESSICA LAPPIN - DEM, WFP

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 30 Occupation: District Chief of Staff to Gifford Miller

Education: Stuyvesant H.S.; Georgetown University (BA)

Jessica Lappin left her post last April as a senior advisor to the City Council Speaker to run for this open seat being vacated by the current term-limited incumbent. Lappin has served on the boards of the Sutton Area Community group, the Advocacy Committee of Sanctuary for Families, and the Lenox Hill Democratic Club. Lappin opposes the Mayor's plan to process Manhattan commercial and



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residential waste at the 91st Street marine transfer station as she supports an alternative which would open the 91st Street Station for paper recycling, the 59th Street station for residential waste, Pier 76 for commercial waste, and the Gansevoort site for other recycling uses. She favors the use of inclusionary zoning incentives to create new affordable housing units with the percentage of affordable units in a new development based on a number of economic and geographic factors that vary by neighborhoods. Lappin supports reform of the ballot proposal process that allows the Mayor to bump off any other attempt to put a proposal to the voters in the year's that a Mayoral appointed Charter Revision Commission is proposing amendments to the Charter. A bright, conscientious and very able candidate, Lappin has the ability to deliver for her constituents and the city.

District 6

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - GALE BREWER - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 54 Occupation: City Council Member

Education: Columbia University (BA); Harvard University, Kennedy School (MPA)

Elected to the City Council in 2001, Gale Brewer began her career in the city government working as former-council member Ruth Messinger's chief of staff for 11 years. She has worked under the Public Advocate office on intergovernmental affairs and under Mayor David Dinkins between 1990 and 1994. As chair of Technology Committee, she has worked for greater transparency in government and has passed important legislation requiring that all official city publications be posted online within 10 days of issue. Brewer has also been instrumental in passing legislation protecting domestic workers and in the recent passage of a city human rights bill. Brewer is a leader on the council for reform advocating for strengthening council committees, requiring greater public notification of council hearings, and allowing greater discussion and debate on legislation and potential amendments to proposed bills. For her leadership on this and other important issues of interest not only to her district, but to the city at large, Citizens Union supports Gale Brewer for reelection.

JOSHUA YABLON - REP

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 30 Occupation: Agent, Greater Talent Network

Education: SUNY - Albany (BA)



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A repeat challenger for the district's council seat, Joshua Yablon is running for office to help keep young, middle class families from leaving the city. Yablon previously served as an Auxiliary Police Officer in the 24th precinct and worked on Governor George Pataki's re-election campaign. Yablon supports an easing restrictions for moving rent control and rent stabilized apartments to market rate arguing that too many of these apartments are occupied by those that should not qualify based on income. Yablon is a supporter of the creation of more charter schools and suggests that the city should begin a pilot voucher programs to afford parents greater educational choices for their children. Decrying a bloated budget and inefficient spending, Yablon would cut expenses by reducing the number of city employees and increasing the health care insurance contributions of many.

District 7

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - ROBERT JACKSON - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 55 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council Education: SUNY- New Paltz (BA)

The current chair of the Committee on Contracts, Jackson has served in the City Council since 2002. Prior to joining the council, Jackson served as the president of Community School Board 6 where he was the lead plaintiff in the city's Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit to provide the city's school children with the same level of education given those in the rest of the state. Jackson is a prime sponsor of legislation recently passed by the council over a mayoral veto that would require that the City to do business only with those companies that provide the same employment benefits to employees with domestic partners as they provide to their married employees. He is working with Councilmember Brewer on legislation to require the use of electronic bidding in the city's procurement process, an efficiency that can save the city hundreds of millions of dollars. Jackson has served his district well since first being elected to office and is Citizens Union's preferred candidate for District 7.

ALLEN COX - IND

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

MICHAEL PETELKA - REP

Candidate added to ballot immediately prior to printing; no information available



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District 9

NO PREFERENCE

WILL BROWN, JR. - REP

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 55 Occupation: Real Estate Broker and Insurance Broker

Education: Pace University (BBA), LIU (Graduate Coursework)

A former union shop organizer and tax accountant, Will Brown, Jr. now works in real estate and is the Republican district leader in the 70th Assembly district. Believing his district, and Harlem in general, has not experienced the level of economic revitalization that many believed was coming, Brown faults the cadre of Democratic leaders that claim Harlem as home for failing to responsibly deliver for area residents. Brown believes a change is over due. He points to an ineffective and non-inclusive community board as culprits in the district's failure to adequately plan its growth and address a greater range of community needs in the development that has taken place. He believes individual members need to be more independent and need to be appointed for their expertise and not their political connections. Brown would like to see the New York City Housing Authority take more responsibility for creating new affordable housing units. A supporter of enfranchising more city voters and reversing the trend of voter apathy, Brown supports allowing independents to vote in party primaries.

INEZ E. DICKENS - DEM

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 56 Occupation: Self-employed, Real Estate

Education: Howard University, University of Atlanta, University of Chicago

Inez Dickens is the Democratic district leader for the 70th Assembly District, the first vice chair of the New York State Democratic Committee, and daughter of the late Assemblyman Lloyd E. Dickens. Dickens believes that health care, housing, and education are the most pressing issues in her district. Ms Dickens would like to see City Council pass a health security bill that would oblige small businesses to provide health coverage for their employees or pay the city a small fee so the city can provide health care itself. Dickens does not believe that the 80/20 incentives that the city offers to encourage developers to set aside 20% of their units for low-income households with 80% being made available at market value goes far enough. She advocates for a 60/40 approach, especially in light of the trend towards privatization



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of former public housing projects. Dickens favors greater City Council oversight of development projects. Dickens' role as a district leader gives Citizens Union pause; however, if elected, she would bring to the Council a strong base of knowledge about her community and city issues.

DARYL G. BLOODSAW - IND

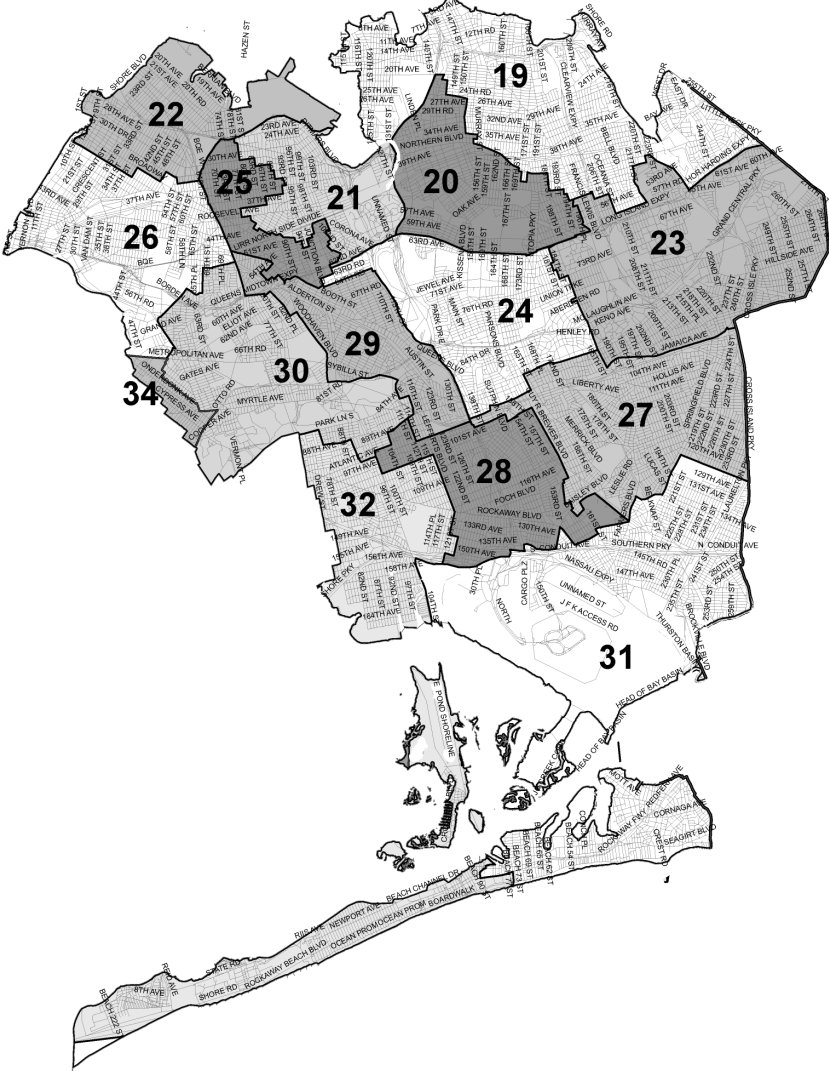
Has responded questionnaire; view responses on page 20

WOODY HENDERSON - WV

Has NOT responded to questionnaire



QUEENS CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP



Sources: NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, April 22, 2002;
US Census Bureau TIGER Line files, 2000





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• QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT CANDIDATES •

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - HELEN M. MARSHALL - DEM, WF ★

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

Occupation: Queens Borough President Education: Queens College (BA)

Helen Marshall was elected Queens Borough President in 2001 following 10 years in the City Council. While on the Council, Marshall chaired the Higher Education Committee and fought against the privatization of CUNY. Marshall sees education and affordable housing as the top priorities for the borough and as the areas she can have the most impact. She has prioritized school construction in the borough and holds monthly meetings with the borough's school construction committee to identify potential sites for new schools and to ensure in progress construction remains on schedule. Since Marshall has been in office 25 new schools have opened. During the Olympic bidding process, Marshall was an outspoken proponent to ensure that any future Olympic Village conversion would include significant affordable and senior housing units. Citizens Union support Marshall's bid for reelection.

PHILIP T. SICA - REP, CON

Has returned questionnaire; view responses at www.citizensunion.org

Age: 71 Occupation: Real Estate Broker and President, Wise Choice Realty Inc.

Education: Pace College; New York Law School; Atlantic Union College

A former minister of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Philip Sica has worked for the Department of Finance as an Investigator, for the Queens County District Attorney's Office, and has served as New York City Marshal. He currently runs a real estate brokerage company in Queens. Sica is supportive of creating a more business-friendly environment in Queens and identifies illegal occupancy of residential buildings and a lack of affordable housing as major issues facing the borough. While Sica advocates for an alternative to the long-standing control of the Queens Borough Presidency by the Democratic Party, he lacks specific policy proposals and a convincing vision to set himself apart from the incumbent.



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District 19

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - ANTHONY AVELLA - DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 53 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council

Education: Hunter College; CUNY (BA)

Chair of the Zoning and Franchises Committee, Tony Avella was first elected to the City Council in 2001 following a significant career in public service. He has worked as an aide to former Councilmember Peter Vallone, Sr. and for the Koch and Dinkins and as Chief of Staff to the late State Senator Leonard Stavisky and State Senator Toby Stavisky. Since taking office, he has authored legislation to help end a private bus strike, encourage boating safety and has played a key role in initiating down-zoning efforts in his district and across the city to prevent the construction of the so-called “McMansions” that threaten to destroy the residential character of neighborhoods historically comprised of one and two-family homes. Avella has showed his independence as an elected official by bucking council leadership on issues of importance to his district, evidenced by his lone democratic vote against the 2004 property tax increase and against the recent repeal of Sunday parking meter fees. Avella also supports legislation to allow charter measures to appear on ballots at the same time as charter reform proposal proposed by the Mayor and supports Council reforms to allow committees to function more independently of the Speaker. For his good service on behalf of the city and his constituents, Tony Avella is Citizens Union’s preferred candidate.

PETER T BOUDOUVAS - REP, IND, CON

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 41 Occupation: Electrical Engineer Education: BS

A community legislative liaison for State Senator Frank Padavan since 2000, Peter Boudouvas, is a small business owner and professional engineer. Boudouvas vows to reduce taxes and cut unnecessary city council spending if elected to office. He supports the Mayor in his effort to end social promotions in public schools and is in favor of exploring alternative educational and vocational training programs outside the classroom for students who have no desire



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to be in the classroom setting and compromise the learning environment for others. Boudouvas opposes busing public school students out of their districts as he believes it has had the effect of shutting children out of their neighborhood public school. He further says he will fight to provide tax credits for parents who send their children to private schools. Boudouvas pledges to provide health care tax credits for small business owners to provide health insurance for their employees. On one of the more visible issues affecting the district, Boudouvas stands opposed to the approach the incumbent has taken on down-zoning as he argues instead for removing loopholes in zoning regulations that allow for large out-of-scale “McMansions” instead of the city taking away private citizens’ property rights without compensation.

District 24

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - JAMES F. GENNARO - DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 48 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council

Education: Queens College (BA); Cardozo Law School JD

The current chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection, Gennaro played a key leadership role in the passage of a package of five air quality bills that will allow the City to purchase cleaner vehicles, use ultra-low sulfur diesel, and reduce emissions of pollutants from vehicles that handle waste materials. These measures are hailed by environmentalists as a major victory for the health of New York City residents. Gennaro has also been active in the effort to restore Jamaica Bay and was a co-sponsor of a building construction fire safety bill that was authored and passed at the request of the Mayor. Gennaro’s priorities for the next term, should he be re-elected, include working to ensure greater environmental protection for the Catskill/Delaware watershed which provides 90% of the city’s drinking water, and efforts to encourage New York City to become the “silicon valley” of environmentally-friendly green industry technology. For his leadership on these and other issues, Gennaro is Citizens Union preferred candidate for the 24th district.

RENEE LOBO - IND

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 39 Occupation: Broadcast Journalist Education: BA



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An investigative journalist by trade, Renee Lobo is attempting for the second time to unseat the incumbent City Council member. While Lobo laments a lack of affordable housing in Queens, she believes that her district needs to be “down-zoned” to avoid the demolition of one and two family homes to make way for units with greater density. Lobo faults the incumbent council member for spending \$23,000 to remodel his legislative office when the district has more pressing needs, such as extended library hours and better health care services. Lobo’s passion and knowledge, and her run for office, can help draw needed attention to critical issues in the district.

STEPHEN LYNCH - REP

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

District 25

NO PREFERENCE

HELEN SEARS

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 75 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council Education: Queens College (BA)

First elected to the City Council in 2001, Helen Sears was formerly a senior specialist with the New York City Department of Aging and is the founder of the 82nd Street Business Improvement District. Sears currently provides legal services in her office for three hours every Wednesday for all of the district’s residents. She co-sponsored legislation to create day laborer centers to create a more hospitable environment for the city’s laborers that often huddle on street corners waiting for work. Sears voted against the parking meter repeal on Sundays and does not believe the city should require developers to set aside a minimum amount of units of affordable housing for projects in which they seek zoning changes. Sears’ record of achievements on the council is limited and Citizens Union encourages her to play a more active and independent legislative role should she be re-elected to office.

RODOLFO FLORES - IND

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

MASUD M. RAHMAN - REP

Has NOT responded to questionnaire



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District 26

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE - ERIC GIOIA - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 32 Occupation: Member, NYC City Council

Education: NYU (BA), Georgetown Law (JD)

Elected to City Council in 2002, Eric Gioia is a licensed attorney and former staff member for President Bill Clinton. As Chair of the City Council's Committee on Oversight and Investigations, Gioia has exposed inefficiency, waste and mismanagement in government programs, focusing attention on the city's food stamp programs, conditions for homeless New Yorkers with AIDS and the limited availability of emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault in an effort to improve those services. Gioia has been an advocate of greater use of technology and reporting requirements to ensure a more responsive and accountable City government and he has sponsored important whistleblower legislation that could help expose even more inefficiency and fraud in government. Gioia is particularly proud of his role in establishing a youth baseball league in the Queensbridge housing projects. He believes the project has kept kids out of trouble and has fostered better community relations and contact with parents and kids and advocates for expanding the program to housing projects in all five boroughs. Gioia also authored and secured passage of the Young Adult Voter Registration Act which provides each graduating high school senior in New York City with a voter registration card. Gioia is not a participant in the City's voluntary campaign finance program but has agreed to abide by all the requirements to the program. He has raised over \$500,000 in his bid for reelection, most of which will be stockpiled for a race for higher office when he is term limited out. Gioia supports the idea behind legislation aimed at reducing "pay to play" abuses by prohibiting contractors who do business with the city from donating to municipal campaigns for office, but remains cautious about the impact it will have on citizens' ability to give to their preferred candidates and the burden it will place on candidates. While Gioia hedges his bet on this issue and several other important reform measures, Citizens Union supports his reelection, and encourages him to be an even more vocal leader in the effort to ensure greater integrity, transparency and accountability not just in city government, but in the City Council as well.



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ROBYN SKLAR - GRE

Has returned questionnaire; view responses on page 20

Age: 28 Occupation: Literacy Specialist, Everybody Wins Foundation

Education: Hunter College (BA)

First time candidate for office, Robyn Sklar coordinates literacy programs in elementary schools for the Everybody Wins Foundation and founded Fight the Hike, an organization dedicated to keeping transit fares low. A supporter of “green roof” legislation, a measure that would encourage landlords to cultivate vegetation on their roofs to improve energy efficiency and reduce air pollution, Sklar presents a comprehensive and progressive green agenda in her first attempt for public office. She believes the city needs to move quicker in transitioning its bus fleet to cleaner burning fuels and supports a “Tax the Sack” tax on plastic and paper bags to reduce the city’s trash flow and encourage greater reuse and recycling. If elected, Sklar would work to expand the “Power Lunch” program where volunteers from the business community mentor students in reading and she calls for a change in the Senior Citizen Rent Income Exemption (SCRIE) to allow anyone who receives supplemental social security income to be eligible for exemption. Sklar is a promising activist and could become a key player in ensuring a healthier living environment for all New Yorkers.

NANCY HANKS - IND

Has NOT responded to questionnaire

District 34

District encompasses portions of Brooklyn and Queens; please see page 20 for evaluation



FURTHER RESOURCES

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NYC Board of Elections	(212) VOTE-NYC	www.vote.nyc.ny.us
NYPIRG	(212) 349-6460	www.nypirg.org
League of Women Voters of NYC	(212) 725-3541	www.lwvnyc.org

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FEC Federal Database	(202) 628-0617	www.tray.com/fecinfo

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Citizens Union	(212) 227-0342	www.citizensunion.org
Gotham Gazette	(212) 227-0342	www.gothamgazette.com
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New York Wired		www.newyorkwired.com
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NYC Council	(212) 778-7100	www.nycouncil.info
NYS Assembly	(518) 445-4100	www.assembly.state.ny.us
NYS Senate	(518) 455-2800	www.senate.state.ny.us

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At the polls, if there is no entry for you on the voter registration list, it may be because your registration form was not received or 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 to vote.

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- Create support for enacting additional campaign finance law reform with restrictions on those who do business with the city.
- Push for groundbreaking election law reform and better administration of city elections.
- Press for greater state reform in legislative redistricting, campaign finance, lobbying, ethics and the state’s public authorities as we prepare for a state government reform campaign in 2006.
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