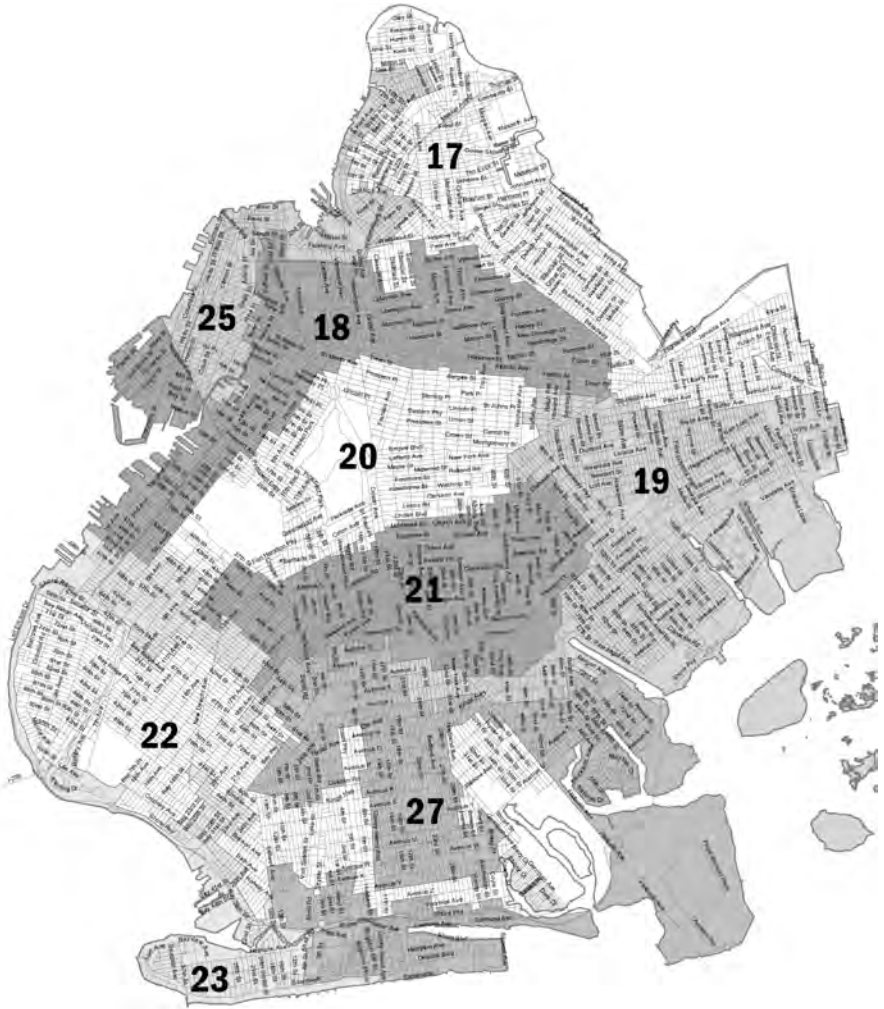




BROOKLYN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP

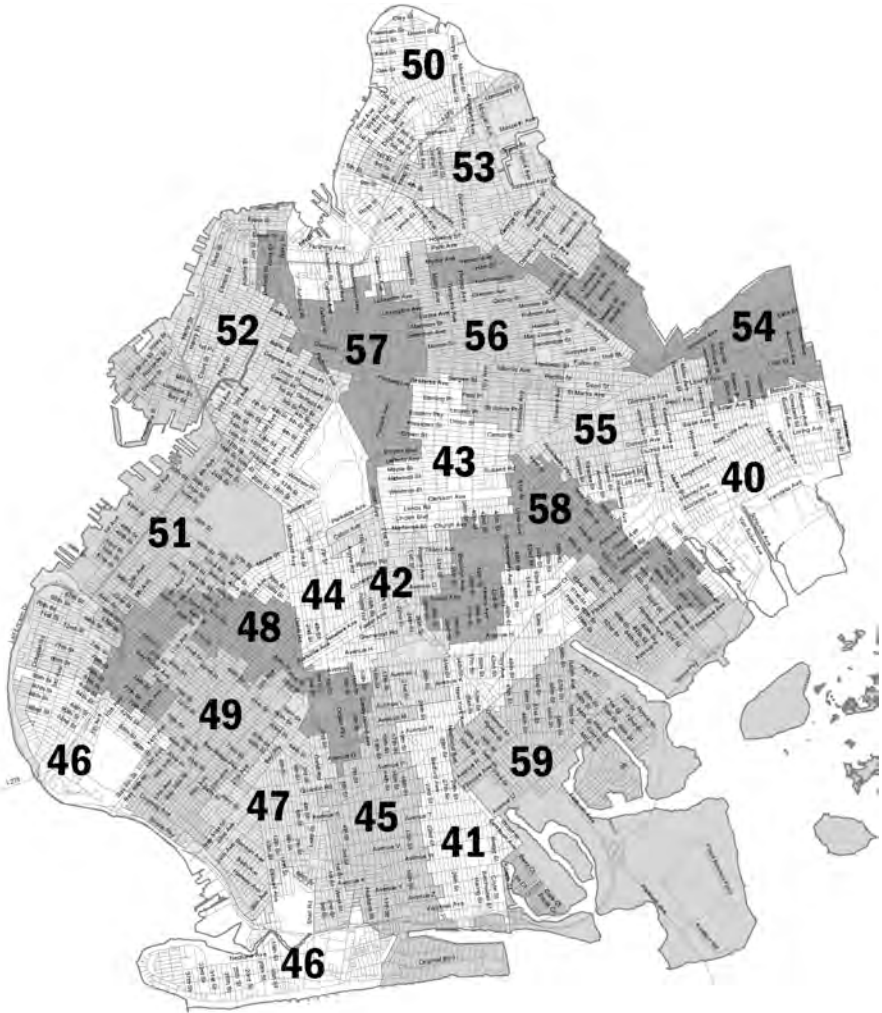


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BROOKLYN STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



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DISTRICT 21

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE — KEVIN PARKER — DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18.

Age: 41 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Pennsylvania State University (BS); The New School (MS)

Kevin Parker has served the 21st Senate District for the past six years. In that time, he has risen to the rank of Democratic Whip and is a ranking member of the Energy and Telecommunications Committee. He believes that Albany, though not perfect, is getting better, and looks forward to the possibility of the Democratic Party taking control of the senate to improve government openness and accountability. Parker, a supporter of most of Citizens Union's agenda, no longer advocates for the establishment of nonpartisan election administration. He argues that it would only serve to mask partisan affiliations. In response to the Governor's proposed budget cuts, Parker disagrees with the idea of a hiring freeze. Rather, he would like to reverse many of the irresponsible tax cuts introduced by Governor Pataki, such as the tax on fuel for private jets. A supporter of the millionaire's tax, he would like to shift the tax burden more towards the wealthy. In addition, Parker was a vocal advocate for providing driver's licenses to immigrants, and also believes one of his major accomplishments was his work to secure \$300,000, with the support of Senator Chuck Schumer, for a small business development center at Brooklyn College.

Parker has been an admirable representative for his district. Concern exists whether he effectively brings resources to all of his district needs, given how diverse the constituency is. Should he find himself in the majority next year, Citizens Union would expect him to put government reform at the top of his agenda, and use his leadership role to pass meaningful legislation in support of campaign finance, election reform, and legislative reform. Like many senators in the minority, he has taken supportive positions on reform without being in a position to bring them about. As it has in the past, Citizens Union prefers Kevin Parker in this race and sees no reason to reverse our prior support. CU look forward to reevaluating his future success in representing all of his district and fixing Albany, particularly if he finds himself in the majority.



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SIMCHA FELDER — DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 49 Occupation: Member, NYC Council (District 44)

Education: Touro College (BA); Baruch (MBA)

An accountant by trade, Simcha Felder has represented the 44th Council District in the New York City Council for almost the past seven years. Initially preparing to run for New York City Comptroller in 2009, Felder eventually decided against it, citing the strains a year-long campaign would put on his family and the Comptroller position's lack of active community interaction. Felder currently serves as the chair of the Government Operations Committee in the City Council, and touts the passage of the city's Campaign Finance Reform Bill of 2007 as one of his notable accomplishments. Some of his other legislative accomplishments include changing the hours the Sanitation Department can fine individuals for personal trash found on their premises and his voting record as an advocate for New York City parks.

Felder characterized the three most pressing issues facing his district as affordable housing, safe streets, and constituent services. He offered renovation and retrofitting of city properties, and organizing civilian patrols as possible solutions. As the current city councilmember for some of these neighborhoods, Felder fears that in poor economic times, these problems may increase. He has pledged to do a better job of attending to the constituent and funding needs of his entire district unlike the current incumbent, to ensure that the district sees resolutions to these issues through increased services, legislation, and resources.

Felder has often stood with Citizens Union on a number of important issues, including campaign finance, election reform, and increased transparency in government. He has been an effective member of the Council and one of that body's stand out legislators. The district would be well served were he to be elected to the Senate, because Felder is a responsible and responsive public servant, but he did not make a convincing case as to why Citizens Union should turn its support from Parker to him.

KENDALL STEWART — DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 58 Occupation: Member, NYC Council (District 45); podiatrist

Education: City College (BA); New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Kendall Stewart was first elected to the City Council in 2002. Stewart represents a high proportion of new immigrants in his council district, and has dedicated much of his attention and resource to assist them. As chair of the City Council's immigration



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committee, he has lobbied for common-sense immigration reform both within the City Council and the State Legislature like allowing qualified non-citizens to obtain a teaching license. He supports youth empowerment activities and creating trade school programs for non-college bound youths.

Stewart would like to see further checks and balances in the judicial appointment process, because he believes that the current system is flawed, as well as an appointment process. To increase transparency in Albany, he would advocate that more state and city proceedings be open to the public for participation and scrutiny. While Stewart supports a number of Citizens Union issues, he opposes the implementation of Election Day voter registration, because he thinks it would be difficult to implement and ensure accuracy. He believes that it also would be subject to manipulation by larger candidates that can turn out the vote and create the added problem of processing additional affidavit ballots. Stewart also opposes banning union contributions because it would take local union members out of the political process since the larger unions, as a whole, may not make contributions to the small campaigns. Stewart feels the current Senator is not representing the entire district and that certain organizations deserving of state support, are not receiving it.

Members of Stewart's staff were recently indicted in the City Council member item scandal this spring, with no outcome yet made. Stewart maintained that he was not aware of his staffers' involvement with the community organizations that received city funding. He says it is his policy not to know the board members of the groups he recommends to receive funding from the city, because he would not want to be seen as favoring one group over another because of relationships with people connected to the organization. He sees it as a conflict of interest for council members to do so, and would instead place the burden of identifying impropriety on the City Comptroller and city agencies. It is clear that Stewart has been effective at providing his district with much needed services and advocacy on behalf of immigrants, but given the unresolved issues involving the member item scandal and the experience of the incumbent, Citizens Union cannot support his election to the Senate.

DISTRICT 25

Citizens Union will issue a preference in this race for State Senate district 25, the day after our debate between the two candidates on September 3rd. You can check our decision at www.citizensunion.org.

MARTIN CONNOR — DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 63 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate



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Education: The Catholic University of America (BA; JD)

Martin Connor has been a member of the New York State Senate since 1978. Connor, a supporter of almost all of Citizens Union's agenda, carries with him years of experience and a strong grasp of the issues affecting the state as well as those of his local community. On the statewide level, he is a supporter of campaign finance reform to diminish the perception of impropriety, but also believes making state senate terms four years in length would allow candidates to spend more time focused on governing as opposed to fundraising. He believes that absent of real campaign finance reform there are other ways to curb the influence of special interests by holding more public hearings on issues and legislation. Though an election lawyer who earns money kicking challengers off the ballot, Connor is a supporter of easier ballot access and also open to election administration reform. He emphasized the need for professional personnel with little investment in election outcomes as one way to improve election administration. In his district, his primary concern is for the state of public housing, which historically received federal rather than state subsidies but recently has seen federal subsidies cut without new funding sources. In addition, he is supportive of increasing home rule for the city, but in the case of mayoral control of city schools, sees the need to make many modifications before continuing it, particularly focused on involving parents to a greater degree and creating a line of communication between parents and the central administration.

Though supportive of state government reform, Connor has been hampered by his party serving as the minority in the state senate. Nevertheless, he has not been as public a supporter of reform as others. Citizens Union has both supported Connor and not in the past, and is concerned that he has occupied the same seat for thirty-two years. If re-elected, we hope that he will be a more aggressive representative for reform and bring new energy and commitment to serving his district.

DANIEL SQUADRON — DEM, WF

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 28 Occupation: N/A

Education: Yale University (BA)

Daniel Squadron, in his first campaign for elected office, has worked with Senator Charles Schumer both as an aide and co-author of *Winning Back the Middle-Class Majority One Family at a Time*, worked at the Department of Education, and lobbied on behalf of education and transportation issues as a representative of KnickerbockerSKD. He believes that Albany needs to be reformed and supports a nonpartisan commission to draw state legislative district lines and stronger efforts to hold public officials accountable. He has admirably released an eleven-point plan laying out his state government reform priorities that includes campaign finance



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reform. His other top priorities are increasing education aid and affordable housing in his district. Squadron believes improved public education can help keep residents, who are at risk of leaving the city, to stay in NYC. He is also supportive of rezoning in Chinatown to increase affordable housing, as was done in through the Lower East Side with the help of community boards. Squadron is an appealing and energetic candidate, with a passion for public service. He moved to Carroll Gardens two years ago, a neighborhood in the district he seeks to represent. Voters would benefit from more details of how he will implement some of his agenda for better education and more affordable housing as he did not provide specifics for how he plans to address these issues. When questioned, he cited his first action as a legislator would be to begin a listening tour of the district to formulate his priorities, something CU hopes he is currently doing during the campaign so that he knows the district and its issues well enough so if elected he can enter with a specific and clear agenda for his district.

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DISTRICT 40

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE — INEZ BARRON — DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 62 Occupation: Elementary School Principal (Retired)

Education: Hunter College (B.A.); Bank Street College of Education (MS)

Inez Barron is running in her first campaign for elected office. Encouraged by community members and her husband, City Councilmember Charles Barron, she is seeking to fill this seat in Brooklyn vacated as a result of the conviction of former Assemblymember Diane Gordon, who was found guilty of corruption charges. Barron has worked as a school principal and believes strongly in the need for better education in her district. An opponent of mayoral control of city schools, Barron instead is advocating for a board of parents, teachers, and other major players to take control of education. She also believes that more funding for school programming like the arts should also be allocated. Barron strongly supports the millionaire's tax and believes the tax should apply to those earning more than \$500,000. A supporter of many of Citizens Union's reform positions, she supports the right of unions—but not corporations—to create interest groups. In addition, budget reform would be one of her top priorities when arriving in Albany, pushing for a more transparent budget process and an equal distribution of member items by district. Barron is a well respected figure in



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her district and has a long history of community service. Barron's desire to engage her community in the political process and make it accessible to them is admirable, and with her connections and support within the community, Citizens Union believes that of the candidates with whom it has met, she has the potential to be a needed reformer in Albany and serve her district well and in a way that has been sorely lacking.

NATHAN BRADLEY — DEM

Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

KENNETH EVANS — DEM

Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Candidate DID NOT APPEAR for scheduled interview.

WINCHESTER KEY — DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

Age: 63 Occupation: President/CEO, East New York Urban Youth Corp., Inc.

Education: High School Diploma

EARL WILLIAMS — DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: NA Occupation: Director of Community Event, Starrett City Associates

Education: College of San Mateo, CA (AA); NYU School of Continuing Education

Earl Williams has been involved within his district through local organizations and community outreach for over 30 years. His energy has been largely focused on his community board and he was the founder of the East New York Redevelopment Plan to help improve housing in the district. Williams says he is running to help bring the American dream to East New York. He notes that approximately 67% of students in his district do not graduate on time, making education his number one priority. He is also a strong supporter of PlaNYC 2030. On campaign finance, Williams supports instituting public financing for campaigns and lowering contribution limits, but would still like to see a program that allows everyone to contribute and opposes banning contributions from unions and corporations. Though a sincere presence, Williams lacked specifics as to how he would like to address the problems of his districts. While he opposed a number of our issues, Citizens Union found his candor admirable.



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DISTRICT 55

Citizens Union will issue a decision on this race for State Senate district 55 after a scheduled meeting with Leonard Hatter Jr. in early September. Check www.citizensunion.org.

WILLIAM BOYLAND — DEM, WF

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 37 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Virginia State University, Metropolitan College

William Boyland has represented Brooklyn in the State Assembly since 2003. His top priorities in the community are increasing infrastructure and funding for community services. He is proud of his efforts to create 18,000 units of affordable housing in his district and believes strongly in homeownership. He believes that appropriate space and time have not been allocated for businesses and services in these new areas. For instance, he says his district needs more grocery stores. His district was hit particularly hard by financial fraud in relation to housing loans, and he is proud to have helped organize an effort to offer legal services to these constituents. His primary reform concern is the budget, where he supports all of Citizens Union's suggested reforms. At odds with CU's view, he does not believe too many signatures are currently required to get on the ballot, but would like to see it become more difficult to file frivolous law suits that cause candidates to unnecessarily spend thousands of dollars in legal fees. Boyland seemed to understand both sides of many issues, specifically those on Citizens Union's agenda, but when pressed seemed noncommittal on his opinions of where he stood on these issues. Citizens Union has supported Boyland in the past, but is concerned that we have not seen enough commitment and progress to our reform agenda to issue a preference in his favor in this election. We would be encouraged to see him make a focused effort to push for meaningful government reform in the next two years, should be re-elected, and reevaluate him in the future.

RAYSTON ANTOINE — DEM

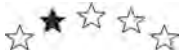
Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

LEONARD HATTER JR. — DEM

Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Citizens Union is scheduled to meet with the candidate and will issue a decision on September 4, 2008. Check www.citizensunion.org.



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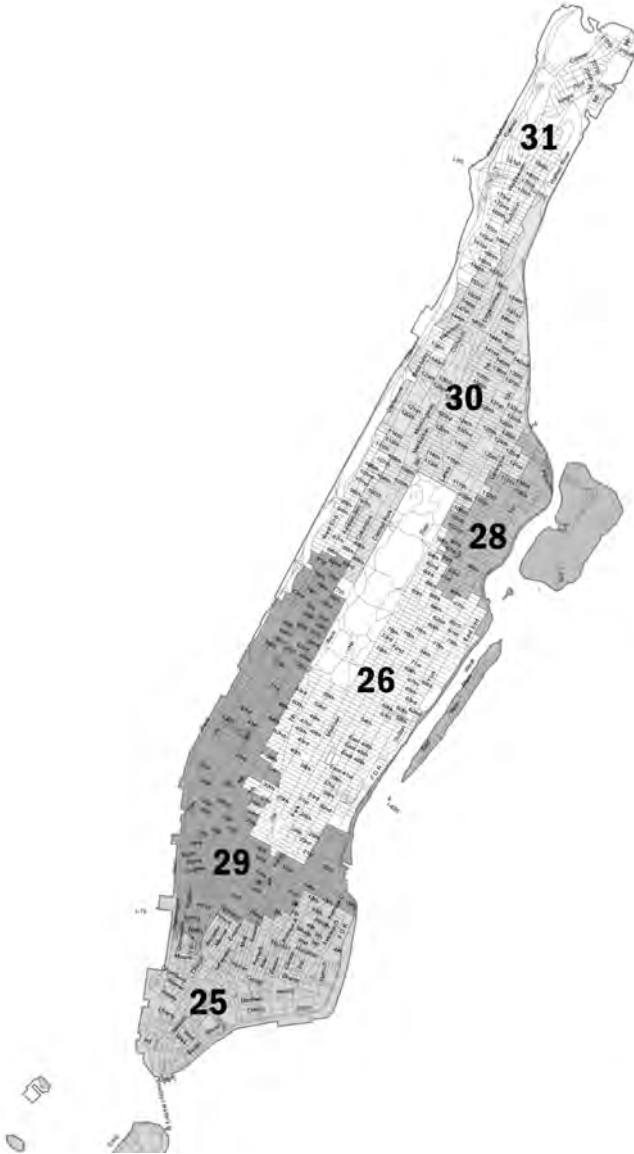
District 42 Michele Adolphe (D)
Rhoda Jacobs (D, WF)
Jose Padilla (D)

District 85 H.R. Clarke (D)
Alan Maisel (D)

Incumbent candidates in bold.



MANHATTAN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP



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