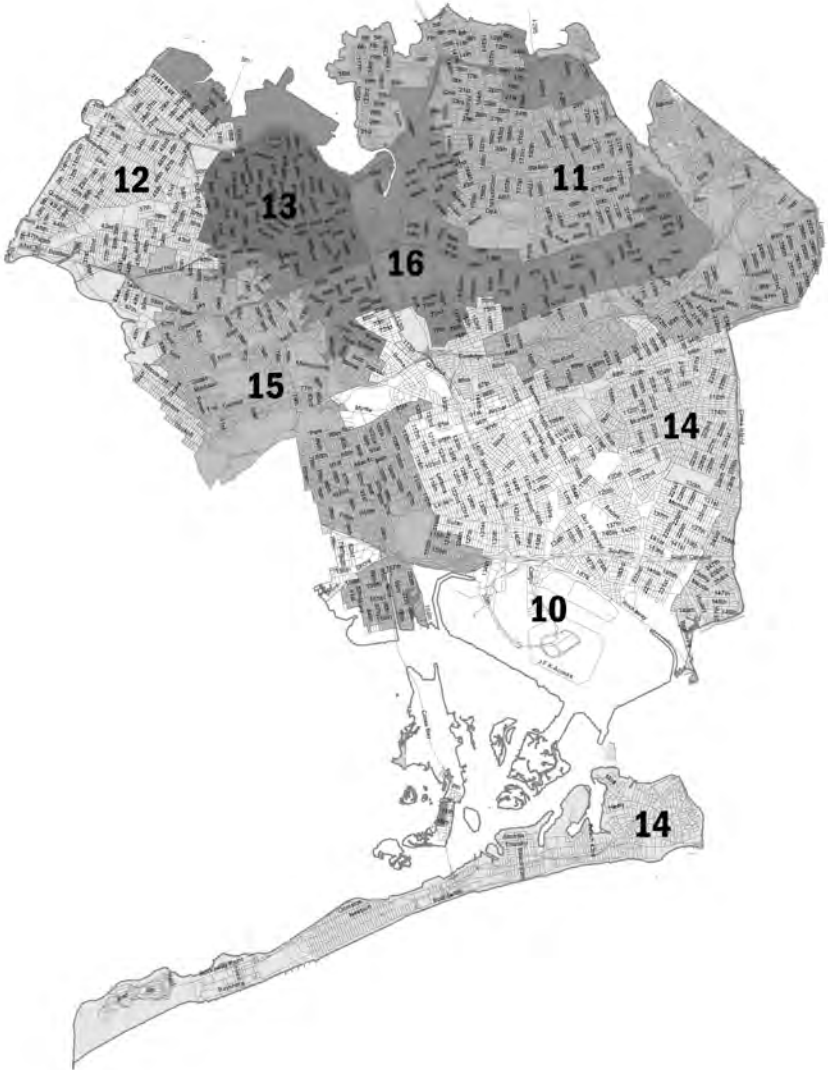




QUEENS STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP

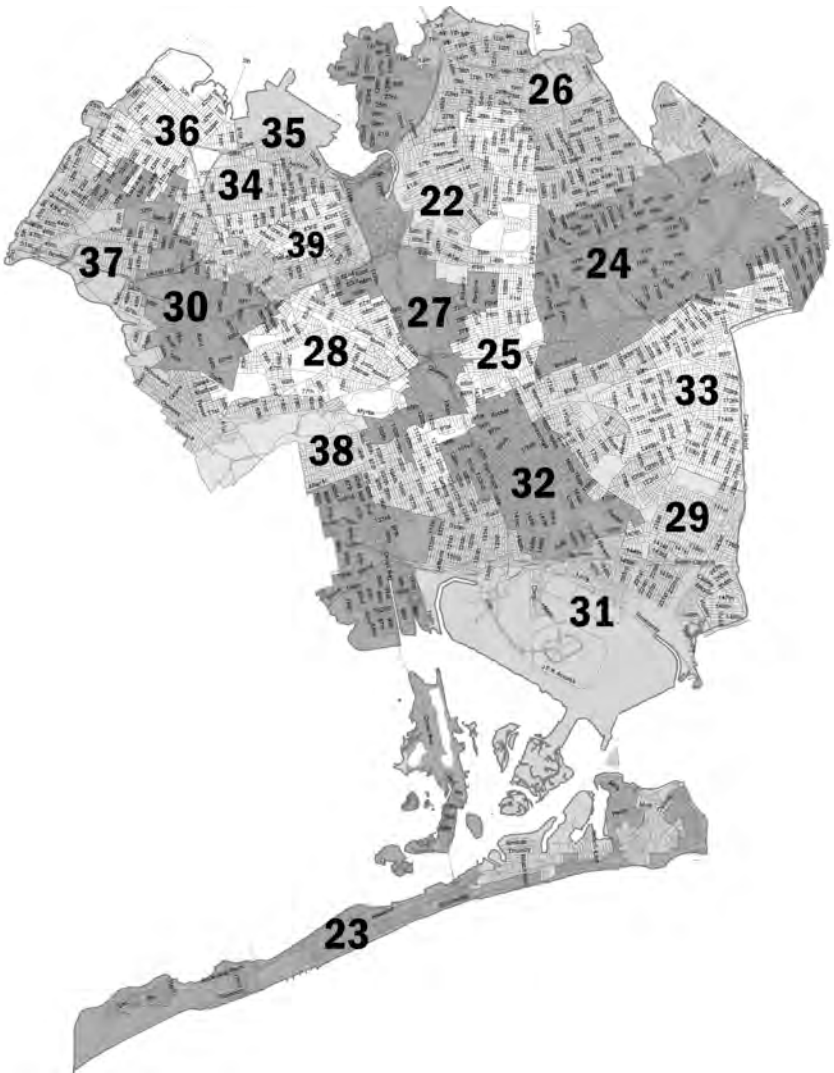


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QUEENS STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



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QUEENS STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

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DISTRICT 15

This was to be a primary race between City Councilmember Joseph Addabbo Jr. and Albert Baldeo, in a bid to unseat incumbent Serphin Maltese (R) in the general election in November. Citizens Union evaluated this race, and was prepared to issue a preference, but because Baldeo has since dropped out of the race and is putting his support behind Councilmember Addabbo, we will not be issuing a statement. We will evaluate this race in the General Election.

DISTRICT 25

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE — TOBY ANN STAVISKY — DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire, answers on page 18.

Age: NA Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate; former High School Teacher

Education: Syracuse University (BA), Hunter Graduate School; CUNY Queens

Toby Ann Stavisky has served in the State Senate since taking over the seat from her late husband in 1999. Through the creation of a senior center, Stavisky has worked to improve the lives of senior citizens in her district. In addition, Stavisky has tried to improve schools in her district through her participation with the Higher Education committee. Stavisky has often called for change in Albany and would like to reorder the Senate's priorities to focus on education. While Stavisky realizes that the days of a free SUNY or CUNY education are gone, she hopes to make college more affordable and increase the funding of colleges in Queens. She also will prioritize safety in her district. In particular, she has tried to improve conditions on the ominous Queens Boulevard by asking for red-light cameras and countdown signals over the crosswalks. Stavisky has also advocated for increased police staffing in her district precinct to incidences of robberies.

Stavisky supports Citizens Union's agenda on campaign finance and election reform. She co-sponsored bill S3108 that would regulate financing of elections by imposing expenditure limits and creating a campaign finance board. In addition, Stavisky would advocate for a restructuring of the state Board of Elections to create nonpartisan administration of elections. It is apparent that Stavisky has the experience and continued determination to bring change in Albany and aid her constituents. Given her desire to push forward a reform agenda, her experience, and her track record in Albany and the district, Citizens Union supports her candidacy and looks forward to reevaluating her progress on reform in the future.



QUEENS STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

ROBERT SCHWARTZ — DEM

Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

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DISTRICT 22

No Preference

GRACE MENG — DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 32 Occupation: Partner, Yoon and Kim, LLP; Founder of Friends of the Community Unite & Serve (FOCUS)

Education: University of Michigan (BA); Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law (JD)

Grace Meng, running a second time for the 22nd Assembly district, is the founder and president of the non-profit organization Friends of the Community Serve and Unite (FOCUS). FOCUS has worked to improve daily life in Flushing by helping the community address local problems such as the potential hazard of having a broken fire hydrant in front of a building. She is the President of the Queens Chinese Women's Association and served as District Office Administrator for her father, Jimmy Meng, when he was an Assemblymember, before leaving office two years ago. If elected, Meng plans to expand upon FOCUS's accomplishments serving the community and improve the quality of life in Flushing by increasing public safety, and creating a transportation hub that would connect the LIRR, subway, and buses that run through downtown Queens. In addition, she hopes to build pedestrian bridges in Queens to allow pedestrians to walk more easily around traffic, increase the safety of citizens, and increase funding for after-school programs. In Albany, Meng says she will focus on increasing the accessibility of elected officials and making state budget discussions more transparent. As a possible solution for the state's current fiscal problems, Meng hopes to build public and private partnerships that can be used to fund community organizations. She also supports requiring additional disclosure of campaign contributions during the legislative session. While Meng is a compelling candidate who carries with her varied experience and it conceivably make an easy transition from community organizer to elected official, her ability to represent the diverse population in Flushing or to work as an effective legislator has not yet been demonstrated.



QUEENS STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

ELLEN YOUNG — DEM, IND, WF

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 18.

Age: 56 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Takmin College of Administration, Taipei Taiwan (AD)

Emigrating from Taiwan thirty-one years ago, Ellen Young just completed her first term as an assemblymember and is proud to be the first Asian-American woman to serve in the New York State Legislature. Young was also honored to become the first Asian Speaker Pro Tempore. As a freshman member of the Assembly, Young introduced forty-four bills, five of which were signed into law. One provides services for nonresidents in adult homes, while another adds a representative from the State Office for the Aging to the State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Young pledged to prioritize increased funding for New York City public schools as mandated by the Campaign for Fiscal Equity and to provide clean streets in Flushing. She also will work to increase economic opportunities for people in her neighborhood by reducing the price of health care, improving education, and creating affordable housing. If re-elected, Young promises to raise the ethical standards of elected officials in Albany. She would like to increase transparency regarding the funding of projects in member items. In her summer newsletter, Young disclosed the names of organizations and projects that she has funded. A supporter of lower campaign contributions and a public matching system to fund campaigns, Young opposes the banning of campaign contributions from corporations and unions. She has not been a visible presence for reform in Albany, though she is eager and equipped with the skills to work toward becoming a more effective and outspoken legislator. Citizens Union hopes that if sent back to Albany she will use her time to make a stronger mark in Albany and achieve some significant headway in the issues affecting her district and be a more forceful supporter and leader for government reform.

DISTRICT 34

This district was formerly represented by Assemblymember Ivan C. Lafayette. Lafayette circulated and submitted petitions to appear on the ballot for reelection. The day after, Assemblymember Lafayette announced would not run again in 2008, leaving the party to name his replacement on the ballot. A five member committee of district leaders met and voted to place Michael Den Dekker on the primary election ballot to run against challenger Marlene Tapper. Citizens Union was prepared to evaluate this race, but Tapper was eventually kicked off the ballot, leaving the district with no primary. Citizens Union is disappointed with this process that has taken away the choice of an entire district. The way in which vacancies on the ballot represents the kind of reform we need, in addition to the petition challenges filed to remove Tapper, as they deprive voters of their voice.



QUEENS STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

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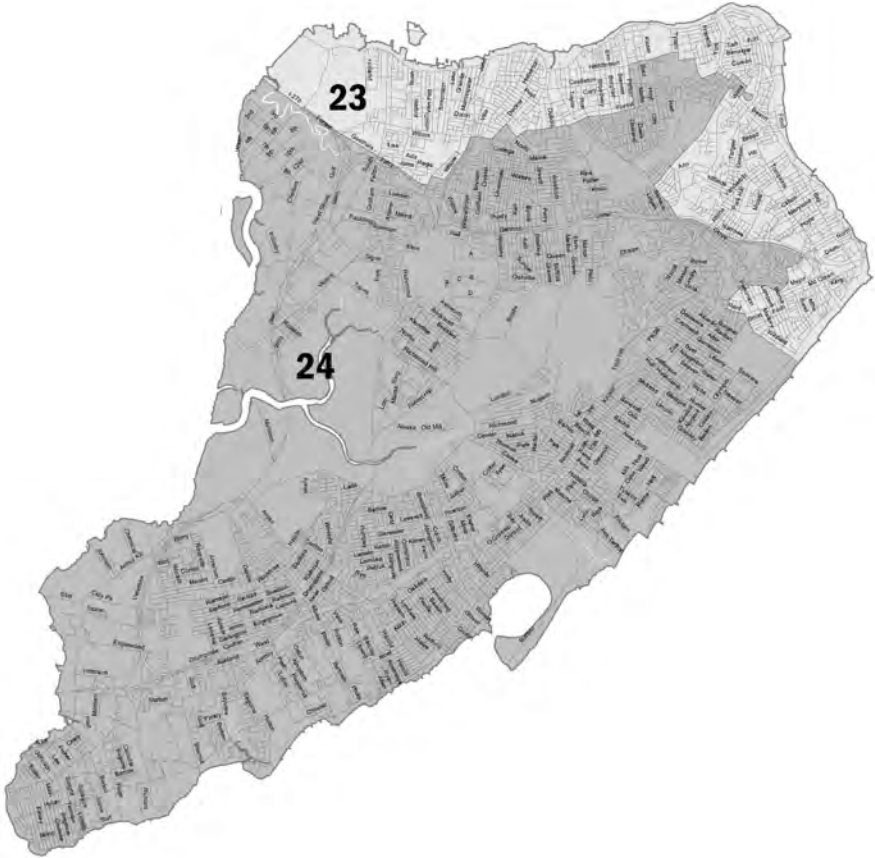
ASSEMBLY

District 10 **Shirley Huntley (D, WF)**
Allen Jennings Jr. (D)

Incumbent candidates in bold.



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