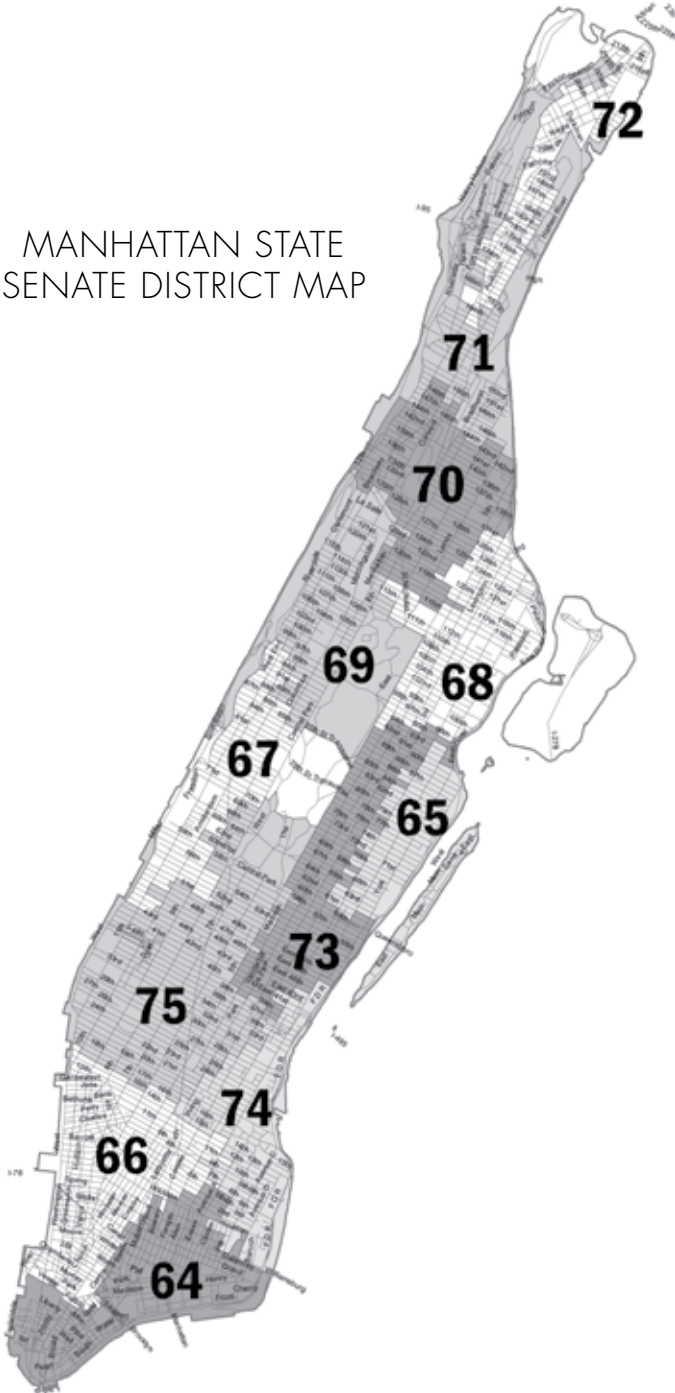




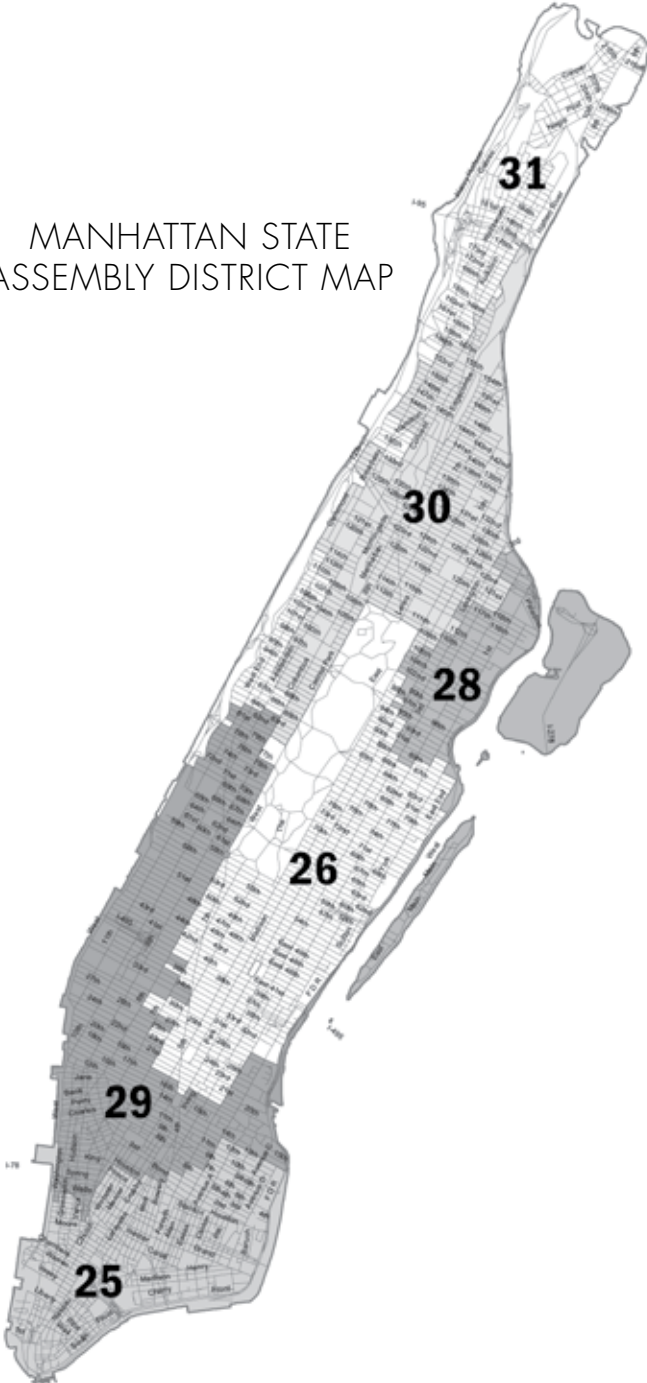
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MANHATTAN STATE
SENATE DISTRICT MAP





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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP





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DISTRICT 25

*District encompasses portions of Manhattan and Brooklyn.
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DISTRICT 26

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—LIZ KRUEGER—DEM, WF ★

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 50 Occupation: Member, NYS Senate
Education: Northwestern University (BS);
University of Chicago Graduate School of Public Policy (MA)*

Elected to the State Senate in a Special Election in February 2002, Liz Krueger currently chairs the Minority Program Development Committee and is the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Standing Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development. Ms. Krueger is very supportive of Citizens Union’s reform agenda. She has prioritized legislative reform, and co-sponsored legislation to create a full system of public financing and to institute a nonpartisan commission to oversee redistricting. She hopes that Democrats will take the majority in the Senate to facilitate the enactment of reform legislation, though Citizens Union has been apprehensive in the past about the efficacy of this level of partisanship. Ms. Krueger has proven to be an effective Senator in access to affordable housing, protections for low-income New Yorkers, and environmental measures. Recognizing the importance of protecting the many seniors in her district living in rent-controlled apartments, she has introduced legislation allowing the city to strengthen rent regulation laws. Ms. Krueger has joined Governor Paterson in an effort to make the federally funded Food Stamps Program more accessible, arguing that in New York State only 60% of those eligible are participating. She notes that every new dollar in Food Stamps is immediately spent in a neighborhood food store or green market, concurrently helping low-income families meet their nutritional needs, bringing down healthcare costs, and creating jobs in residential communities. The Senator is adamant about the necessity of increased transportation in her district to reflect its population growth. While she urges the city to continue the construction of the 2nd Avenue subway, she is realistic about the prospect of completing the project in a suffering economy and thus has taken innovative steps towards pushing for the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit. She advocates increasing bus service, adding GPS systems on buses to prevent clumping, and announcing at stations when the next bus will arrive. Ms. Krueger has also taken the initiative on green garbage-incineration research, noting that the technology exists to do so in clean and energy producing ways. For her commitment to reform, especially redistricting, and her willingness to stand up to her colleagues to protect the interests of low-income New Yorkers, seniors, and the environment, Ms. Krueger has earned Citizens Union’s support. We hope, however, that she will consider a more bi-partisan approach to government reform in the future.

TIMOTHY L. BROWN—REP

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 46 Occupation: FDNY Firefighter (Retired); Small Business Owner
Education: University of New Haven, CT*

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]



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DISTRICT 64—DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ NO EVALUATION ★

DANNIEL MAIO—REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 46 Occupation: Map Maker, Identity Map Company Education: MS

Daniel Maio, a local business owner, decided to run for State Assembly because he believes there is a need for new representation for his district which includes Lower Manhattan. As a Republican, he believes he can work across the aisle, having voted in previous elections for Democratic candidates like Eliot Spitzer, with the belief that they could bring the change Albany needs. He is running to provide voters in his district with an alternative to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. Mr. Maio is an opponent of public funding for campaigns. He believes that money is not an appropriate equalizer since the final decision lies with the voters and their enthusiasm and faith in the ability of the candidate for whom they vote. He is, however, supportive of a ban on union contributions. Mr. Maio is particularly interested in finding ways to increase voter participation within the district by increasing the number of poll sites. A mapmaker by trade, Mr. Maio studied maps of polling locations within the 64th AD and found that parts of Battery Park have only one polling location for some 4,000 voters, while other parts may have one machine for each co-op building. Mr. Maio is also an enthusiastic advocate for his community, and he has found that as a Chinese-American, his bilingual skills have been useful in talking with voters and engaging them in the political process. Having run for elective office before, Mr. Maio noted that all of his campaigns have been centered on reform and finding ways to improve government. While Mr. Maio is energetic about increasing community participation and voter turnout, he remains limited in his ability to present himself as a viable alternative to Speaker Silver, who has a strong record of constituent service and has been a solid supporter of a good deal of Citizens Union's proposed reforms.

SHELDON SILVER—DEM, WF

Has not returned questionnaire.

Age: 64 Occupation: Speaker, NYS Assembly

Education: Yeshiva University; Brooklyn Law

Sheldon Silver has been a member in the Assembly for thirty-two years and has served as speaker for the last fifteen. Mr. Silver did not complete his candidate questionnaire, because of his position as Speaker, though he did indicate his support for, and leadership on, a number of Citizens Union's proposed reforms. Mr. Silver handily won his competitive primary election, in which CU did not issue a candidate preference. CU interviewed his general election challenger and ultimately did not seek to evaluate the general election contest.

During his long tenure as Speaker, Mr. Silver has been a strong and directed leader of the New York State Assembly. He has been attentive and responsible in representing not only the interests of his district, but also of the entire city. On issues like campaign finance reform, Mr. Silver has been a leader. Mr. Silver is open to changing the make-up of the appointed representatives on the Commission on Public Integrity so that no one elected officer can make a majority of the appointments. Mr. Silver is also open to increasing the disclosure of legislators' outside income and possible conflicts of interest, but is not willing to voluntarily disclose



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such information or champion such a reform. On redistricting reform, the Speaker did express support for enacting legislation that would strengthen criteria and create stricter guidelines in drawing state legislative district lines, but opposes the creation of a non-partisan independent redistricting commission. He feels that no commission is truly independent.

On the looming state budget crisis, Mr. Silver believes that budget cuts may be necessary, but enacting the so-called millionaire's tax can raise much needed revenues. The Speaker supports a more transparent budget process and would like to see conference committees used more to publicly resolve differences. At the local level, Mr. Silver stated that he actively listens and responds to the concerns of his constituents. He is proud of how he has helped protect and increase state funding for public education and provided more resources for affordable housing in his district.

But much remains undone in the area of state government and political reform and the Speaker is responsible in part for that record. Citizens Union hopes that if Mr. Silver is re-elected, he will continue to work with the Governor and his partners in the Senate, in seeking a more open, transparent, and accountable state government and enacting long overdue political reform.

DISTRICT 72

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—ADRIANO ESPAILLAT—DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 53 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Queens College (BS); Post Graduate Courses at NYU

For twelve years, Adriano Espaillat has been an active member of the New York State Assembly. He currently serves as chair of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. As chair of the Veterans' Committee, Mr. Espaillat has succeeded in providing free college tuition for Iraqi war veterans in the CUNY and SUNY schools. Mr. Espaillat is a supporter of campaign finance reform and is in favor of a public matching system for campaign financing. However, he opposes a ban on contributions from corporations and unions, arguing that it would hurt less wealthy candidates. He cites that many small business owners in his district prefer to donate money from their company rather than their personal bank accounts. In addition, he believes that the only way for working class union members to have a say in the government is through voicing their opinions when their unions decide to which candidate they will donate. Mr. Espaillat opposes the selection of New York trial court judges through an appointment process, because he believes it will negatively affect diversity on the bench. On the issue of the looming budget problem in the state, Mr. Espaillat supports the millionaire's tax but also recognizes the need for cuts in government spending. He maintains that while some savings can be made in education and healthcare, it is important that these services are not cut. Mr. Espaillat feels that his leadership on public safety has been important in helping to reduce homicides in Washington Heights in the past twelve years. In addition, through the creation of seventeen new schools, Mr. Espaillat has worked to improve education and to create a better teacher-to-student ratio. Mr. Espaillat is seeking re-election because he believes he has more to accomplish in Albany, specifically obtaining stronger tenant's rights. He has already begun to fight for more affordable housing in his district through the rezoning of Sherman Creek that has the potential to offer much needed affordable housing units. Citizens Union preferred Mr. Espaillat in the 2008 primary, which he won against challenger Council Member Miguel Martinez. Despite



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his opposition to our position on judicial selection and limiting campaign contributions from corporations and unions, we are endorsing him in the General Election due to his growing track record of serving his district, and demonstrating that he is a thoughtful, attentive, and effective legislator.

WILLIAM BURAN—REP, IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 35 Occupation: VP Finance and Marketing, Innersplendor Media

Education: Manhattan College (BS in Finance)

Motivated by his work with the Ron Paul presidential campaign, Bill Buran is running his first race for public office. He supports all of Citizens Union's election reforms and has experienced first hand the difficulty of ballot access through the petition process. He opposes public financing for elections, however, believing that taxpayers should not have to fund campaigns. Mr. Buran aims to lower personal and corporate income taxes, eliminate the estate tax, and does not support a traffic congestion tax plan. A small government conservative, he advocates greater freedom in education, healthcare, and housing. Believing education to be the single most important force for upward mobility and economic prosperity, Mr. Buran would increase the number of charter schools and provide tax credits and vouchers both to create competition and to provide choice for students. He notes that there are currently no charter schools in the 72nd district, but sees evidence of their demand in parents who are seeking better education for their children than the district has to offer. He is working on a healthcare plan which removes the burden from taxpayers and allows consumers to choose their own plan, though he has not offered much in the way of specific actions he would propose as a legislator. Mr. Buran would create more stringent eligibility requirements for welfare recipients, including citizenship status, and emphasize a welfare to work approach. He would also phase out rent regulation to foster the construction of new units, which he believes would ease the shortage of affordable housing in New York City. He promises to ensure that tenants in rent-controlled units are sent to Emergency Relocation Apartments rather than simply evicted. Consistent with his dedication to greater citizen choice and control, Mr. Buran advocates severing the New York City subway system from the MTA and creating a city agency to allow the mayor and city residents to vote on subway policy. When questioned on the viability of his election in a district largely populated by immigrants, Mr. Buran admitted that he did not speak Spanish but that in his five years in the district this inability has not been a problem for him, and pointed out that for better or worse, the area was gentrifying. Citizens Union admires Mr. Buran's earnest commitment to change, but questions his ability to represent his district ably and appropriately.

DISTRICT 73

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JONATHAN L. BING—DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 38 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Horace Mann School; University of Pennsylvania (BA); NYU (JD)

Jonathan Bing was first elected to represent the 73rd Assembly District in 2002. He supports Citizen Union's entire reform platform, with the exception of changing the requirements to make appearing on the ballot easier for challengers. Mr. Bing believes that with an Assembly



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District population of 130,000, neither a 500-signature requirement nor a restriction that witnesses be registered voters of the candidate's party are onerous. With regard to congestion pricing, Mr. Bing opposed the current proposal and has worked with the Mayor and other groups on this subject. He listened to arguments from over 75 of his colleagues in the Assembly Democratic conference who spoke on congestion pricing; however, he said that he understands politically why the bill did not make it to the floor. Mr. Bing acknowledged the legitimacy of the criticism that New York State's legislature is dysfunctional and said that while much progress has been made, there is still a lot of room for improvement. Mr. Bing favors term limits for subcommittee Chairs, as having a new Chair presents an opportunity for new issues to be considered and discussed and a diversity of bills to progress to the floor. Mr. Bing noted that his top priorities are public safety, ground zero health concerns, protecting a woman's right to choose, education, and affordable housing. Other important items to Mr. Bing include redistricting reform and a number of environmental issues. Mr. Bing is also concerned with reforming the State's legislative process, including reforming a state law from the 1800's that a bill, once-written, must "age" for three days before it can be voted on. Mr. Bing said this process is not only antiquated, but also bad for the environment because it wastes large amounts of paper. Instead, he proposed a paperless, computerized system which would be more environmentally friendly and would allow the legislature to take the lead on environmental responsibility. As Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Mitchell-Lama Housing, Mr. Bing has authored seven housing bills that passed the Assembly. One became a law to preserve a significant amount of Mitchell-Lama Housing, putting \$54 million into rehabilitative funding in the 2008-09 fiscal year. Mr. Bing stated that funding repairs to Mitchell-Lama ensures that developers can continue to afford to build and maintain affordable housing in New York City. Citizens Union endorses Mr. Bing because he is a conscientious and hard working Assemblymember who has served his constituents well and is committed to many of CU's reform issues.

DAVID B. CASAVIS—REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: N/A Occupation: University Professor, CUNY
Education: MBA, MSRE, CFRM

David Casavis, a first time candidate, is a professor at CUNY York College where he teaches the History of Technology. Mr. Casavis, asked to run by the Republican Party once their first candidate withdrew from the race, believes that the voting public deserves a choice of candidates and has been disappointed with the lack of competition on the ballot when he has voted in the past. Mr. Casavis supports banning campaign contributions for unions, corporations, LLCs, and LLPs, while still allowing such entities to form separate PACs, postulating that campaign financing is a dirty business. With respect to redistricting, he favors having districts drawn according to the needs of the district. Mr. Casavis is open to congesting pricing, but his support of any plan is dependent upon the details of how the fees would be calculated and what the gas price is at the time. While many of the issues that affect the 73rd Assembly District fall under the jurisdiction of the city, Mr. Casavis believes that many of these problems exist due to laws passed on the state level. If elected, Mr. Casavis vowed to pay particular attention to the 2010 reapportionment process, and advocating for election reform that would deemphasize party affiliation and increase competition. Development within the district is also a major concern to Mr. Casavis. He noted that families are increasingly moving out, and many older residents are concerned about how they will fit in with the rapidly growing development projects. Mr. Casavis believes that people need places to go in order to be around



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others and believes an intergenerational program in Harlem where students are partnered with seniors to socialize might benefit constituents in the 73rd AD. While Mr. Casavis appears to be a thoughtful candidate with strong roots in the district, and an optimistic view of how to improve it, his passion to work in the Assembly and ability to represent the district better than the current Assemblymember were less clear.

DISTRICT 75

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—RICHARD N. GOTTFRIED—DEM, WF ★

Age: 61 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Cornell University (BA); Columbia University (JD)

Mr. Gottfried, chair of the Assembly’s Health Committee, has represented the 75th Assembly District in the Bronx for 38 years. He supports most of CU’s policy agenda, particularly budget reform. He believes the correct approach to reforming government need to be issue-driven. With respect to the issue of redistricting, Mr. Gottfried stated that Iowa’s legislative service bureau should be consulted as a model and believes that New York should adopt an open, independent process in which there are public hearings, but ultimately the legislature retains the final say on the plan. He acknowledges the need for campaign finance reform and supports the implementation of either campaign finance matching system similar to the system in New York City or preferably a full financing system. Mr. Gottfried believes public financing will encourage more candidates to enter the race against incumbents like him, but understands that competition is important. He does not, however, support banning contributions from unions because he believes unions are collections of individuals who should not be treated like corporate structures in which shareholders and controlling interests are usually more affluent. He stated that a better campaign finance system would create more competition which is ultimately good for the democratic process. While he acknowledged the need for reforming the current Board of Elections structure, he does not know what the perfect solution would be, except that the new structure must ensure that the Board of Elections and its staff are not controlled solely by state or local executives. He also stated that the Senate needs to adopt the process reforms that the Assembly recently adopted, including requiring that every bill introduced must be referred to a committee and cannot be acted upon on the floor unless the committee reports favorably on the bill, and abolishing proxy voting. Were he reelected, Mr. Gottfried’s legislative priorities would include universal healthcare, which he believes to be the most important public policy issue facing New York, continuing to work on LGBT issues, protecting and strengthening rent laws and tenants’ rights, fighting against excessive development, and working hard to continue to provide the best possible constituent services to his assembly district. Mr. Gottfried has been a strong and effective representative for his constituents, in addition to a thoughtful advocate for reform. Citizens Union endorses him and hopes to work together in the future to bring about sweeping change on some of our top issues.

SAUL J FARBER—REP, IND

Has not returned questionnaire.

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]