



CITIZENS UNION
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK



2009 CITIZENS UNION VOTERS DIRECTORY

A NONPARTISAN GUIDE TO INFORMED VOTING

PRIMARY ELECTION

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*“A Union of Citizens, without regard to party,
for the purpose of securing the honest and efficient
government of the City of New York.”*

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**ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY AND
CITIZENS UNION'S EVALUATION PROCESS**

New Yorkers this September will be voting in primary elections to select party candidates for mayor, comptroller, and public advocate, borough presidents, district attorneys and city council representatives in the first citywide election since 2005. While the number of candidates seeking office this year may have been higher if term limits were not extended in 2008, Citizens Union still believes that regardless of whether voters cast their ballot on our old Shoup lever machines or on an Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK ballot marking device voters will have plenty of options on September 15th.

To help our supportive and loyal Citizens Union members prepare for the upcoming primary election, we bring you our annual voters directory, which is not possible without the hard work of Citizens Union's staff, members of the Citizens Union Local Candidates Committee, and Citizens Union Board. This directory lists every contest for all municipal public offices that will be on the ballot in New York City on September 15, 2009. We caution voters that New York's confusing election laws may result in the last minute elimination (or reinstatement) of some candidates to the ballot, so the list contained in this directory may have changed since this document was printed.

Members of Citizens Union's Board and nonpartisan member interview teams from Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee evaluated candidates for Manhattan District Attorney and many key City Council races. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, expertise and commitment this summer to interviewing candidates, analyzing races, evaluating candidates and assisting in making these important decisions.

In our candidate evaluation process, we rely on information from many sources, including the candidate's responses to our questionnaire, previous track record on reform, and ability to represent their district well. Citizens Union's interview teams were charged with soliciting candidates' views on key proposals aimed at reforming the legislative process in New York City, assessing the candidates' general experience,



their position on term limits, and their knowledge of district, city, and statewide issues. No single answer by a candidate ensures – or rules out – a preference. We will evaluate candidates with competitive general election contests in the coming months, so please look out for our November general election directory.

The preferences for the races we have evaluated thus far are contained within this directory, but since Citizens Union is co-sponsoring Campaign Finance Board debates for the 3 citywide offices (Mayor, Public Advocate and Comptroller) with its partners the Daily News, NY 1, NY 1 Noticias, Time Warner, and WNYC, Citizens Union cannot make its preference decisions for the citywide races until after these debates occur. Accordingly, please visit Citizens Union's website (www.citizensunion.org) in the coming weeks before the primary election to find out the organization's preferences for comptroller and public advocate.

Please note that Citizens Union does not evaluate candidates for federal office or candidates seeking judicial elective office, except for those to the surrogate's court.

Note that Citizens Union also has slightly changed our voters' directory format from previous years in that the summaries of specific races we evaluated will be found on Citizens Union's website at: www.citizensunion.org, along with candidates' responses to our questionnaire.

Recommendations for a "Preferred" rating are made by the Local Candidates Committee on the basis of the interview, research, an issues questionnaire, and first-hand knowledge of the candidate. These recommendations are reviewed by the Citizens Union Board, 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 an agenda of positive reform. Candidates not preferred may nevertheless be highly regarded by Citizens Union. These distinctions are generally reflected in the commentaries. Citizens Union issues "Preferences" during the Primary Election and an "Endorsed" rating applies only to General Election contests. 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.

CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE PREFERENCES

CITYWIDE

Mayor William C. Thompson Jr. (D)

BRONX

City Council District 11 Anthony Cassino (D)
 City Council District 12 Andy King (D)
 City Council District 14 No preference (D)

BROOKLYN

City Council District 33 Evan Thies (D)
 City Council District 34 Diana Reyna (D)
 City Council District 35 Letitia James (D)
 City Council District 36 Al Vann (D)
 City Council District 39 Brad Lander (D)
 City Council District 41 Tulani Kinard (D)
 City Council District 45 Jumaane Williams (D)

MANHATTAN

Manhattan District Attorney Leslie Crocker Snyder (D)
 City Council District 1 Jin (P.J.) Kim (D)
 City Council District 3 Christine Quinn (D)
 City Council District 4 Ashok Chandra (R)
 City Council District 7 Robert Jackson (D)
 City Council District 9 Inez Dickens (D)
 City Council District 10 Ydanis Rodriguez (D)

QUEENS

City Council District 19 Kevin Kim (D)
 City Council District 20 S.J. Jung (D)
 City Council District 23 Mark Weprin (D)
 City Council District 25 Daniel Dromm (D)
 City Council District 26 James Van Bramer (D)
 City Council District 27 Leroy Comrie (D)
 City Council District 29 Lynn Schulman (D)

CONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

NEW YORK CITY MAYOR

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS w SALARY: \$225,000

Dem: Tony Avella †
 Roland Rogers
William C. Thompson Jr. †

NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS w SALARY: \$185,000

Dem: Melinda Katz †
 John C. Liu †
 David I. Weprin †
 David Yassky †

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC ADVOCATE

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS w SALARY: \$165,000

Dem: Bill de Blasio †
 Eric N. Gioia †
 Mark Green †
 Norman Siegel †
 Imtiaz S. Syed

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS w SALARY: \$160,000

Dem: Marc C. Leavitt
 Helen M. Marshall ^
 Robert Schwartz

MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS w SALARY: \$190,000

Dem: Richard M. Aborn †
Leslie Crocker-Snyder †
 Cyrus Vance Jr. †

Citizens Union preferred candidate in bold

* District overlaps boroughs

† Has returned candidate questionnaire;
 selected responses on page 12

^ Incumbent candidate



CONTESTED ELECTIONS

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS w SALARY: \$112,500

BRONX

District 8 *

Dem: Gwen Goodwin
Melissa Mark-Viverito ^
Robert J. Rodriguez
Thomas D. Santiago
Calvin C. Solomon

District 11

Dem: G. Oliver Koppell ^†
Anthony Perez Cassino †

District 12

Dem: **Andy King †**
Jerome L. Rice †
Larry B. Seabrook ^
Sebastian Ulanga

District 14

Dem: Maria Baez ^ †
Fernando Cabrera †
Yudelka Tapia

District 16

Dem: Mark Escoffery-Bey
Helen Diane Foster ^†
Carlos Sierra

District 17

Dem: Maria Del Carmen Arroyo ^
Israel Martinez

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BROOKLYN

District 33

Dem: Isaac Abraham †
Kenneth J. Baer †
Doug Biviano †
Ken Diamondstone †
Stephen T. Levin
Jo Anne Simon †
Evan R. Thies †

District 34

Dem: Maritza Davila
Gerald A. Esposito †
Diana Reyna ^†

District 35

Dem: Medhanie Estiphanos †
Delia M. Hunley-Adossa †
Letitia James ^†

District 36

Dem: William Carrington
Robert E. Cornegy
Mark Winston Griffith
David Grinage
Saquan Jones
Adrian Straker
Albert Vann ^†
Tremaine Wright †

District 38

Dem: Sara Gonzalez ^
Robinson Iglesias

District 39

Dem: John L. Heyer II †
Bradford S. Lander †
Gary G. Reilly †
Josh P. Skaller †
Bob Zuckerman †
Rep: Joe Nardiello
George Smith

District 40

Dem: Mathieu Eugene ^
Rock H. Hackshaw
L. Rickie Tulloch

District 41

Dem: Tracy L. Boyland
Anthony L. Herbert
Tulani Kinard †
Darlene Mealy ^†

District 42

Dem: Charles Barron ^
Carlos A. Bristol
Donnezzetta Brown
Winchester Key
Prince L. Lewis
Regina Powell

District 45

Dem: Ernest Emmanuel
Erlene King †
Dexter A. McKenzie
Kendall Stewart ^
Samuel Taitt
Jumaane D. Williams †



CONTESTED ELECTIONS

MANHATTAN

District 1
Dem: Margaret S. Chin †
Alan J. Gerson ^
Peter Gleason †
Arthur Gregory †
Jin H. Kim †

District 2
Dem: Rosie Mendez ^†
Juan Pagan

District 3
Dem: Yetta G. Kurland †
Maria Passannante-Derr †
Christine C. Quinn ^†

District 4
Rep: **Ashok G. Chandra †**
Neal D'Alessio

District 7
Dem: Victor Armando Bernace
Robert Jackson ^†
Manuel Lantigua
Fred W. Masson †

District 8 *
Dem: Gwen Goodwin
Melissa Mark-Viverito ^
Robert J. Rodriguez
Thomas D. Santiago
Calvin C. Solomon

District 9
Dem: Carlton Berkley
Landon C. Dais
Inez Dickens ^†

District 10
Dem: Francesca M. Castellanos †
Luis Facundo
Richard Realmuto †
Ydanis A. Rodriguez †
Cleofis Sarete †
Francisco Spies
Ruben Dario Vargas
Manny C. Velasquez

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District 19
Dem: Steven Anthony Behar †
Thomas E. Cooke †
Jerry M. Iannece †
Kevin D. Kim †
Debra Markell †
Paul Vallone †

District 20
Dem: John Choe †
Yen S. Chou †
S.J. Jung †
Isaac M. Sasson †
James Wu †

District 21
Dem: Julissa Ferreras ^
Jose Eduardo Giraldo

District 23
Dem: Bob Friedrich †
Swaranjit Singh
Mark S. Weprin †

District 25
Dem: **Daniel Dromm †**
Stanley Joseph Kalathara †
Helen Sears ^†

District 26
Dem: Deirdre A. Feerick †
Brent M. O'Leary †
James G. Van Bramer †

District 27
Dem: **Leroy G. Comrie Jr. ^**
Clyde Vanel

District 28
Dem: Robert A. Hogan
Allan W. Jennings Jr.
Stephen S. Jones
Lynn Nunes
Thomas White Jr. ^
Ruben Wills

District 29
Dem: Albert Cohen
Michael Cohen †
Heidi Harrison Chain †
Melquiades Gagarin †
Karen Koslowitz †
Lynn C. Shulman †

District 31
Dem: Marquez Claxton
Michael R. Duncan
Lou Grays
Jacques M. Leandre †
Frederick A. Lewis II
James Sanders Jr. ^

STATEN ISLAND

District 49
Dem: Rajiv S. Gowda †
Kenneth C. Mitchell ^†
Deborah L. Rose

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

VOTING AND ELECTION REFORM

1. What is your position with respect to allowing voters who are registered as independents to vote in party primaries?
2. What is your position on passage of state legislation that would allow referenda initiated by the City Council and/or the public to appear on the ballot at the same time as a referendum initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor?
3. What is your position on increasing the pay of Election Day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event?
4. What is your position on restructuring New York's current board of elections model to eliminate political party responsibility for overall election administration and replace it with a system that narrows political party involvement to certification of candidate petitions and the actual counting of votes?
5. What is your position on having an election administration system where there is a local elections executive director appointed by the mayor upon recommendation by a new board that is chosen by the mayor and the city council?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

6. What is your position on implementing "war chest" restrictions that would prohibit a candidate from transferring funds raised in a previous election cycle into a current campaign committee for a different office?
7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot proposals?

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

8. What is your position on allowing Council committees to function more independently of the speaker than is presently the case?
 - a. Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs?
 - b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?
 - c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?
9. What is your position on:
 - a. limiting councilmembers' ability to earn outside income?
 - b. making the job of councilmember a full-time position?
 - c. eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions?

10. What is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation not affect those serving in the current term of the council and only be applied prospectively to the following term?
11. What is your position on consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees?
12. What is your position on term limits for elected officials?
13. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that changes to term limits may only be approved by the voters?
14. What is your position on the recent extension of term limits for the city's elected officials to three consecutive four-year terms?

POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

15. Knowing that the police department and commissioner retain ultimate authority for determining whether an officer is guilty and penalty, what is your position on transferring power to the Civilian Complaint Review Board to prosecute cases of police misconduct, such as force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and offensive language?
16. What is your position on changing the current land use process under ULURP to increase the role of community-based planning?
17. What is your position regarding the creation of a Charter Revision Commission to review specifically the roles of the various offices of government and how well government has functioned since the 1988 and 1989 charter review commissions?
18. What is your position on reforming the current pension funding structure to create multiple tiers for future city government employees?
19. What is your position with respect to the City Council passing a resolution calling upon the State Legislature to establish a State Constitutional Convention?

KEY FOR QUESTIONNAIRE ON PAGES 12-15:

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| S = SUPPORT | O = OPPOSE |
| NA = NO ANSWER | * = NUANCED ANSWER |

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BRONX																								
11/Cassino	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
11/Koppell	D	0	S	0	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	S	S	0	NA	NA	0
12/King	D	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	0	0
12/Rice	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	*	*
14/Baez	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	0	0	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S
14/Cabrera	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	0	0	S	0	S	NA	S	NA	0
14/Santana	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S
15/Zorrilla	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	0	S	0	0	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0
16/Foster	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
BROOKLYN																								
33/Abraham	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
33/Baer	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0
33/Biviano	D	S	S	0	S	*	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	*	S	S	0	0	S
33/Diamondstone	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
33/Simon	D	0	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	0	NA	NA	NA	S	NA	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	0
33/Thies	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
34/Esposito	D	S	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	0	S
34/Reyna	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*
35/Estiphanos	D	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	0	S	0	S	0	S	NA	S
35/Hunley-Adossa	D	0	S	0	S	0	NA	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S
35/James	D	0	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	*	NA
36/Vann	D	0	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	*	0
36/Wright	D	0	S	*	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	NA	0	S	S	S	*	S
37/Rosado	D	S	S	S	S	0	S	NA	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	0	S	0
39/Heyer	D	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	*	S	0	S	S	S	S	*	*	0	S	S	0	0
39/Lander	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	*	S	S
39/Reilly	D	S	*	S	S	*	0	0	S	S	S	*	*	*	S	S	*	0	S	S	S	S	*	S
39/Skaller	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
39/Zuckerman	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
40/Hackshaw	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	*	S	S	S	0	0	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
41/Kinard	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	0	*	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
45/King	D	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	*
45/Williams	D	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S
MANHATTAN																								
1/Chin	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
1/Gleason	D	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S
1/Gregory	D	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1/Kim	D	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
2/Mendez	D	0	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	*	*	*	*	S	S	S	*
3/Kurland	D	*	*	S	S	*	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	*	S	*	*	*	S	*	S

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3/Passanante-Derr	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	0	S	S	S	S	NA	
3/Quinn	D	0	S	S	0	0	NA	S	*	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	*	S	NA	0	
4/Chandra	R	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	
7/Jackson	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
7/Masson	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	*	S	S	S	S	
9/Dickens	D	0	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	0	0	S	
10/Castellanos	D	NA	S	S	NA	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	NA	
10/Realmuto	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	NA	0	
10/Rodriguez	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
10/Sarete	D	S	S	S	S	0	0	NA	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	NA	
QUEENS																										
19/Behar	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	
19/Cooke	D	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
19/Jannece	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	
19/Kim	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	*	S	S	*	S	
19/Markell	D	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	
19/Vallone	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	0	S	
20/Choe	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	
20/Chou	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
20/Jung	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	
20/Sasson	D	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
20/Wu	D	S	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
23/Friedrich	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	*	S	S	S	NA	
23/Weprin	D	NA	S	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	S	S	0	NA	S	S	NA	NA	
25/Dromm	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	0	
25/Kalathara	D	0	S	S	S	0	NA	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
25/Sears	D	0	S	S	0	*	S	NA	0	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	NA	0	S	S	0	NA	
26/Feerick	D	0	S	S	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	0	S	0	0	S	S	0	S	
26/O'Leary	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
26/Van Bramer	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
27/Comrie	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	0	NA	
29/Chain	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	*	S	S	S	S	
29/Cohen, M.	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
29/Gagarin	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	S	S	S	S	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
29/Koslowitz	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	
29/Schulman	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	*	S	
31/Leandre	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	
STATEN ISLAND																										
49/Gowda	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
49/Mitchell	D	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	



AUTOMARK BALLOT MARKING DEVICE

During this September Primary and November General Election, all registered voters in New York City, including voters with disabilities, will have another way to cast a ballot; in addition to using a lever machine or submitting an absentee ballot. Voters will be able to use the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK ballot marking device (BMDs) that is mandated to be available at each polling location in the city. This change, which was fully implemented during the 2008 election season, was to ensure New York's compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed in 2002 and that voters with disabilities may cast a ballot privately in the same place and manner as all other voters.



Any voter, including voters with disabilities, may use the BMD to view, and or listen to, the ballot in any of the required languages for that poll site (English, Spanish, Chinese or Korean). Voters may use the BMD to complete a paper ballot independently and privately on Election Day by using its ATM-style touch screen, Braille-enhanced keypad, sip & puff device or its rocker paddle.

The BMD does not count votes; instead it simply marks the voter's selections on a paper ballot. The voter then deposits the completed ballot in the ballot box to be counted by hand at the close of the election.

For more information on how to use the BMD, please visit the Board of Elections in the City of New York's website at: <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/bmdenglish.html>

You can also visit the New York State Board of Elections' website for information about the AutoMARK and other voting systems being used throughout the state: www.vote_ny.com.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The last day to postmark and application for an absentee ballot is September 8, 2009 and the last day to file in person for an absentee ballot at the City Board of Elections is September 14, 2009.

If you have trouble voting on the BMD at your poll site, we encourage you to call the City Board of Elections at 1-866-VOTE-NYC and make them aware of the problem.

Finally, Citizens Union encourages voters to use the new machines this election and provide us with your thoughts and experiences by emailing your name, email and poll site information to asenteno@citizensunion.org.



TO REGISTER & VOTE

To be eligible to vote in municipal, federal and state elections you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and registered 25 days before the election. If you are not yet 18, but will be 18 before the election you are eligible to vote. Send your voter registration card in January of the year you turn 18 and it will be filed on your 18th birthday.

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.lwvny.org

TO RESEARCH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

NYS Board of Elections	(800) FOR-VOTE	www.elections.state.ny.us
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FEC Federal Database	(202) 628-0617	www.fec.gov

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NYC Council	(212) 788-7100	http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml
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VOTER INFORMATION

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 15. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have general questions regarding eligibility, or the location of your polling place, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC. You can also locate your polling place online at: <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

Under federal law, if you are disabled and choose to vote in person rather than by absentee ballot, you are entitled to assistance. You can rely on the election employees for help. To locate the handicap entrance to your polling site, please visit: <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

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 was filled out incorrectly. If you believe that you are eligible to vote, you can still vote by requesting an affidavit ballot. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records and your vote will be counted if you are indeed eligible to vote.

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