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2010 CITIZENS UNION VOTERS DIRECTORY



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GENERAL ELECTION
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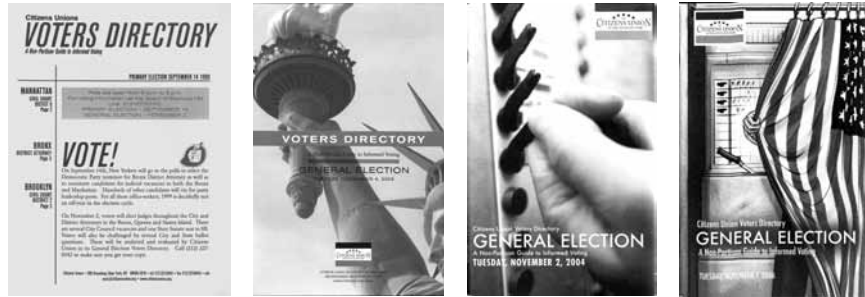
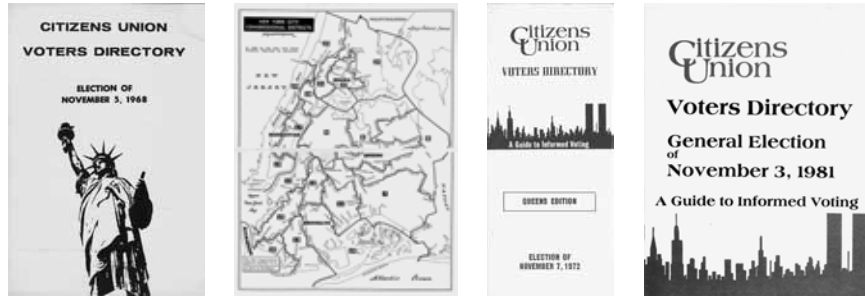
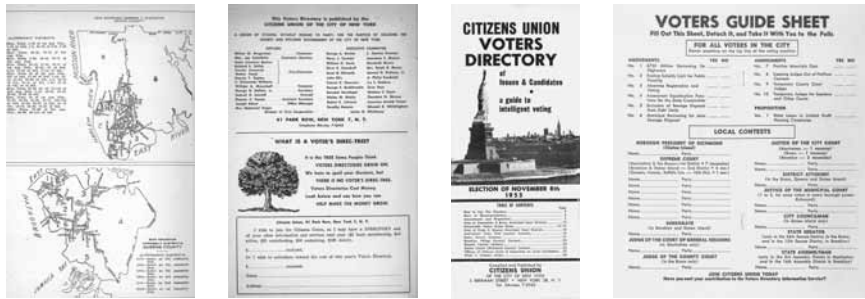
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for the purpose of securing the honest and efficient
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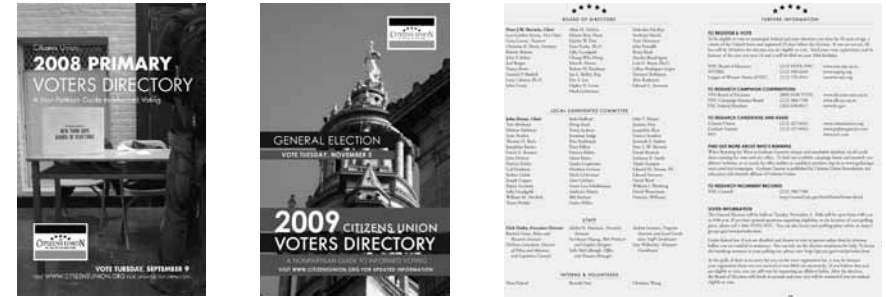
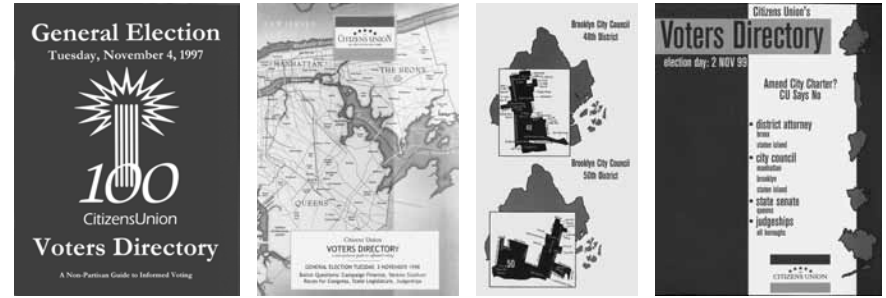
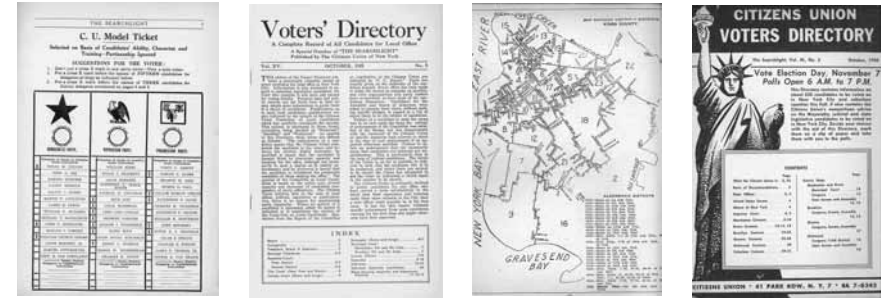
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CITIZENS UNION'S EVALUATION PROCESS

New Yorkers will be voting on November 2, 2010 in the general election to select officials for U.S. senate, the U.S. house of representatives, governor, state attorney general, state senate and state assembly in the first statewide election since 2006. While the number of viable challengers running against incumbents in state legislative races is disappointingly low, Citizens Union still believes that there will be important choices to be made to advance reform at this critical juncture for our State on November 2nd.

This year's general election directory is particularly special, as 2010 marks the 100th anniversary of Citizens Union evaluating candidates and publishing voters' directories. With voters understandably sour on state government performance, reform issues are front and center in this year's election. We are hopeful that Citizens Union's mission will be addressed by newly elected and otherwise reform-minded legislators in 2011. This year is also historic for New York in that all voters will be voting in a new way. The antiquated Shoup lever machines have finally been replaced with a new voting system in which voters will fill out paper ballots. Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) first introduced last fall will continue to be available at poll sites for those who need assistance filling out their ballots. For more information on the new voting process, see the final pages of this booklet. The Board of Elections is holding voting machine demonstrations throughout the City, one of which was co-hosted by Citizens Union in September. Please check their website for more information about when and where demonstrations are being held should you have missed our demonstration.

To help our supportive and loyal Citizens Union members prepare for the upcoming general election, we bring you our 2010 General Election Voters Directory, which would not be possible without the hard work of members of the Citizens Union Local Candidates Committee, Citizens Union Board, and Citizens Union's staff. This directory lists every contest for all federal and state offices that will be on the ballot in New York City on November 2nd. We caution voters that New York's confusing and cumbersome election laws may result in the last minute elimination or reinstatement of some candidates on the ballot, so the list contained in this directory may have changed since this document was printed.

Members of Citizens Union's Board of Directors and Citizens Union's Local



Candidates Committee members formed nonpartisan member interview teams and evaluated candidates for attorney general, and many state senate and assembly races. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, expertise and commitment this fall to interviewing candidates, analyzing races, evaluating candidates and assisting in making these important decisions. It should be noted that we only endorse candidates for state offices, so contested races for federal office are listed for your information in this directory, but have not been evaluated by Citizens Union.

In our candidate evaluation process, we rely on information from many sources, including candidates' responses to our questionnaire, previous track record on reform, and ability to represent their districts well. Citizens Union's interview teams were charged with soliciting candidates' views on key proposals aimed at reforming state government, with special emphasis on the process by which legislative districts are drawn, assessing the candidates' general experience, and their knowledge of district and statewide issues. No single answer by a candidate ensures – or rules out – an endorsement.

Recommendations for an endorsement are made by the Local Candidates Committee on the basis of the interview, research, questionnaire responses, and first-hand knowledge of the candidate. These recommendations are advisory and are reviewed by the Citizens Union Board, which makes the final decision. The "Endorsed" 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 endorsed may nevertheless be highly regarded by Citizens Union. These distinctions are generally reflected in the commentaries. An "Endorsed" rating applies only to General Election contests (Citizens Union issues "Preferences" during the Primary Election). A "No Preference" rating may result when there is insufficient information available, when one or more of the candidates have not been interviewed, or when a determination has been made that the candidates are of equal merit or neither are believed to sufficiently effective or capable to deserve the support of Citizens Union.

In closing, we'd like to thank John Horan for his commitment and dedication in leading the Local Candidates Committee since 2002.



ENDORSEMENTS

2010 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Statewide

Governor We were unable to schedule gubernatorial candidates by the time this directory was printed but expect to interview them before the election. Please see our website for an evaluation of this race at: www.citizensunion.org

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman (D, I, WF)
Comptroller Harry Wilson (R, I, C)

Bronx

Senate District 34 Jeffrey D. Klein (D, I, WF)
Assembly District 81 Jeffrey Dinowitz (D, WF)

Brooklyn

Assembly District 51 Felix W. Ortiz (D, WF)

Manhattan

Senate District 26 Liz Krueger (D, WF)

Assembly District 65 Micah Z. Kellner (D, WF)

Assembly District 73 Jonathan L. Bing (D, WF)

Queens

Senate District 11 Frank Padavan (R, I, C)

Senate District 12 Michael N. Gianaris (D, WF)

Senate District 13 Jose R. Peralta (D, WF)

Senate District 15 Joseph P. Addabbo (D, I)

Assembly District 26 Vincent J. Tabone (R, C)

Assembly District 38 Donna Marie Caltabiano (R)

Assembly District 39 Francisco P. Moya (D, WF)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: SIX YEARS • SALARY: \$174,000

Full Term

Charles Schumer^ (D, I, WF) Colia Clark (GRN)
Jay Townsend (R, C) Randy A. Credico (LBT, APP)

Special Election (2 Year Unexpired Term)

Joseph J. DioGuardi (R, C, TXP) Joseph Huff (RDH) Bruce Blakeman (TRP)
Kirsten Gillibrand^ (D, I, WF) John Clifton (LBT)
Cecile A. Lawrence (GRN) Vivia Morgan (APP)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$174,000

BRONX

District 7* Joseph Crowley^ (D, WF) District 16 Jose E. Serrano (D, WF)
Kenneth A. Reynolds (R, C) Frank Della Valle (R, C)
Anthony Gronowicz (GRN) District 17 Eliot Engel^ (D, WF)
District 15* Charles B. Rangel^ (D, WF) Anthony Mele (R)
Michel Faulkner (R, C, JNP) York Kleinhandler (C)
Craig Schley (I, VCP)
Roger Calero (SWP)

BROOKLYN

District 8* Jerrold L. Nadler^ (D, WF) District 11 Yvette D. Clarke^ (D, WF)
Susan L. Kone (R, C) Hugh Carr (R, C)
District 9* Anthony D. Weiner^ (D, I, WF) District 12* Nydia Velasquez^ (D, WF)
Robert L. Turner (R, C) Alice Gaffney (C)
District 10 Edolphus Towns^ (D) District 13* Michael McMahon^ (D, I)
Diana Muniz (R) Michael G. Grimm (R, C)
Ernest Johnson (C) Tom Vendittelli (LBT)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (CONTINUED)

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$174,000

MANHATTAN

District 8* Jerrold L. Nadler^ (D, WF)
Susan L. Kone (R, C)

District 12* Nydia Velasquez^ (D, WF)
Alice Gaffney (C)

District 14* Carolyn B. Maloney^ (D, WF)
David Ryan Brumberg (R)
Dino L. LaVerghetta (I)
Timothy J. Healy (C)

QUEENS

District 5 Gary Ackerman^ (D, I, WF)
James Milano (R, C)
Elizabeth Berney (TRP)

District 6 Gregory W. Meeks^ (D)
Ashley E. Taub (R, C)

District 7* Joseph Crowley^ (D, WF)
Kenneth A. Reynolds (R, C)
Anthony Gronowicz (GRN)

District 9* Anthony D. Weiner^ (D, I, WF)
Robert L. Turner (R, C)

STATEN ISLAND

District 13* Michael McMahon^ (D, I)
Michael G. Grimm (R, C)

District 15* Charles B. Rangel^ (D, WF)
Michel Faulkner (R, C, JNP)
Craig Schley (I, VCP)
Roger Calero (SWP)

District 12* Nydia Velasquez^ (D, WF)
Alice Gaffney (C)

District 14* Carolyn B. Maloney^ (D, WF)
David Ryan Brumberg (R)
Dino L. LaVerghetta (I)
Timothy J. Healy (C)

District 15* Charles B. Rangel^ (D, WF)
Michel Faulkner (R, C, JNP)
Craig Schley (I, VCP)
Roger Calero (SWP)

Tom Vendittelli (LBT)

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CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$179,500

Andrew Cuomo (D, I, WF)
Carl Paladino (R, C, TXP)
Howie Hawkins† (GRN)
Jimmie McMillan (RDH)

Warren Redlich (LBT)
Kristin M. Davis (APP)
Charles Barron (FDM)

NEW YORK STATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$151,500

Robert Duffy (D, I, WF)
Gregory J. Edwards (R, C, TXP)
Gloria Mattera (GRN)

Alden Link (LBT)
Tanya Gendelman (APP)
Eva M. Doyle (FDM)

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$151,500

Eric Schneiderman † (D, I, WF)
Dan Donovan † (R, C)

Carl E. Person (LBT)
Ramon J. Jimenez (FDM)

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$151,500

Thomas DiNapoli† (D, WF)
Harry Wilson† (R, I, C)

Julia A. Willebrand (GRN)
John Gaetani (LBT)

STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

District 28* Jose M. Serrano^† (D, WF)
Jon Girodes (R)
Keesha S. Weiner (C)

District 31* Adriano Espaillat^† (D, WF)
Stylo Sapaskis (R)
Raphael M. Klapper (C)
Ann J. Roos (GRN)

District 32 Ruben Diaz^ (D, R)
Michael E. Walters (C)

District 33 J. Gustavo Rivera† (D, WF)
John E. McCarthy (R)
John Reynold (GRN)

District 34 Jeffrey D. Klein^† (D, I, WF)
Frank V. Vernuccio, Jr.† (R, C)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE (CONTINUED)
TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BROOKLYN

- District 17 Martin Malave Dilan^ (D)
Michael E. Freeman-Saulsberre (R, C)
District 18 Velmanette Montgomery^† (D, WF)
Laquan O. Word (R, C)
District 19 John L. Sampson^ (D, I, WF)
Rose Laney (R, C)
District 20 Eric Adams ^ † (D, WF)
Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
District 21 Kevin S. Parker^ (D, WF)
Jeffrey Lodge (R)
Brian Kelly (C)
District 22 Michael DiSanto† (D, WF)
Martin J. Golden^† (R, I, C)
District 25* Daniel L. Squadron^ (D, WF)
Joseph A. Nardiello (R)
District 27 Carl Kruger^ (D)
Avraham Rosenberg (C)

MANHATTAN

- District 25* Daniel L. Squadron^ (D, WF)
Joseph A. Nardiello (R)
District 26 Liz Krueger^† (D, WF)
Saul Farber† (R, I)
District 28* Jose M. Serrano^† (D, WF)
Jon Girodes† (R)
Keesha S. Weiner (C)
District 29 Thomas K. Duane^ (D, WF)
Joseph A. Mendola (R)
District 30 Bill Perkins^† (D, WF)
Donald Yarbrough (R)
District 31* Adriano Espaillat^† (D, WF)
Stylo Sapaskis (R)
Raphael M. Klapper (C)
Ann J. Roos (GRN)

QUEENS

- District 11 Tony Avella† (D, WF)
Frank Padavan^† (R, I, C)
District 12 Michael N. Gianaris^† (D, WF)
Jerome Patrick Tina (R, C)
District 13 Jose R. Peralta^† (D, WF)
Richard LaSalle† (R, C, I)
District 14 Malcolm A. Smith^ (D, I, WF)
Samuel Benoit (R)
Everly Brown (C)
District 15 Joseph P. Addabbo^† (D, I)
Anthony Como (R, C)
District 16 Toby Ann Stavisky^† (D, I, WF)
Robert Schwartz (C)

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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

- District 76 Peter M. Rivera^† (D, WF)
Steven Stern (R, C)
Walter Nestler (GRN)
District 77 Vanessa L. Gibson^ (D, WF)
Tanya Carmichael (R)
Robert Marrero (C)
District 78 Jose Rivera^ (D, WF)
William L. Sullivan (R, C)
District 79 Eric Stevenson (D)
Deborah Benbow (R)
Henry Bonet, Jr. (C)
Eric Stevenson (WF)
District 80 Naomi Rivera^ (D, WF)
Joseph DeLuna (R)
Robert Goodman† (C)

BROOKLYN

- District 40 Inez D. Barron^ (D)
Kenneth Waluyn (R, C)
District 41 Helene Weinstein^ (D, WF)
Alan S. Bellone † (R, C)
District 42 Rhoda S. Jacobs^ (D)
Alan Kesler † (R)
District 43 Karim Camara^ (D, WF)
Menachem M. Raitport (R, C)
District 44 James F. Brennan^† (D)
Alfred Caccamo (R, C)
District 45 Steven Cymbrowitz^ (D, WF)
Joseph Hayon (R, C, SCP)
District 46 Alec Brook-Krasny^ (D, I, WF)
Jerry S. Amalfitano (C)
District 47 William Colton^ (D, WF)
Phyllis Carbo (R, C)
District 48 Dov Hikind^ (D)
Brian T. Doherty (R, C)
District 49 Peter J. Abbate, Jr.^ (D, I, WF)
Peter Cipriano † (R, C)
District 81 Jeffrey Dinowitz^† (D, WF)
Joseph McLaughlin† (R, C)
District 82 Michael Benedetto^ (D, WF)
Michael Rendino (R, I, C)
District 83 Carl E. Heastie^ (D, WF)
Patrick McManus† (C)
Trevor Archer (GRN)
District 84 Carmen E. Arroyo^ (D)
Roseline Nieves (R, I, C)
District 85 Marcus Crespo^ (D)
Leopold L. Paul (R)
Arturo Santiago, Jr. (C)
District 86 Nelson L. Castro^† (D)
Rene L. Santos (R)
Lisa Marie Campbell (C)
Hector Ramirez (WF)
District 50 Joseph R. Lentol^† (D)
Jacqueline Haro (R, C)
District 51 Felix W. Ortiz^† (D, WF)
Henry Lallave (R, C)
District 52 Joan L. Millman^† (D, WF)
John A. Jasilli, Jr. (R, C)
District 53 Vito J. Lopez^ (D)
Byron Orozco (R)
District 54 Darryl C. Towns^ (D, WF)
Khorshed Chowdhury (R, C)
District 55 William F. Boyland, Jr.^ (D, WF)
Robert A. Marshall (R, C)
District 56 Annette M. Robinson^ (D)
Garnsey Lee Alston (R)
District 57 Hakeem S. Jeffries^ † (D, WF)
Francis J. Voyticky (R)
District 59 Alan N. Maisel^ (D)
Robert Maresca (C)
District 60* D. Janelle Hyer-Spencer^ (D, I, WF)
Nicole Malliotakis (R, C, TXP)
Marietta A. Canning (RTL)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)
TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

MANHATTAN

- District 65 Micah Z. Kellner (D, WF)
Michael Zumbuskas (R, I)
District 66 Deborah J. Glick (D, WF)
William Buran (R)
District 68 Robert J. Rodriguez (D)
John Ruiz (WF)
Carlton Berkeley (PFC)
District 70 Keith L.T. Wright (D, WF)
Dexter Davis (R)
District 71 Herman D. Farrell, Jr. (D)
Glenda Allen (R)

QUEENS

- District 23 Audrey Pheffer (D, I, WF)
Harold Paez (R, C)
District 24 David I. Weprin (D, WF)
Timothy S. Furey (R)
Bob Friedrich (C)
District 26 Edward Braunstein (D, I)
Vincent J. Tabone (R, C)
Arthur Cheliotis (WF)
District 28 Andrew D. Hevesi (D, WF)
Aleksander P. Powietrzynski (R, C)
Joseph E. Tiraco (I)

STATEN ISLAND

- District 60* D. Janelle Hyer-Spencer (D, I, WF)
Nicole Malliotakis (R, C, TXP)
Marietta A. Canning (RTL)
District 61 Matthew J. Tittone (D, I, WF)
Dave Narby (LBT)
District 62 Albert J. Albanese (D)
Lou Tobacco (R, I, C)
District 63 Matthew J. Cusick (D, I, C, WF)
Danny Panzella (LBT)

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CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS AND QUESTIONNAIRE

LOCAL CANDIDATES COMMITTEE EVALUATION AND SUPPORT PRINCIPLES

OUR VALUES AND AIMS

Citizens Union (CU) is an independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting good government and advancing political reform in the City and State of New York.

In keeping with this tradition, CU aims to promote a competitive and diverse political culture, a fair and open political process, and accountable and responsible governance.

- a) State-wide—Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller
b) Legislative—State Senate and State Assembly

OUR CRITERIA

The following guidelines are used by the Local Candidates Committee and Citizens Union Board of Directors in the evaluation of candidates:

- 1. Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be the primary criteria used in deciding its support for a candidate.
2. Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but not be determinative.
3. Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not determinative.
4. Incumbents will be held accountable for their record of reform in office and shall be judged accordingly on the basis of their demonstrated support for CU's issues.
5. State, local, or community issues specific to the race's jurisdiction shall be considered as will candidates' ability to grasp these issues and propose thoughtful solutions to represent their constituents' interests.
6. Evaluation of the candidates and the decision to support a particular candidate shall be made without regard to political party and in a non partisan manner.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

ELECTION REFORM

- 1. What is your position on establishing by statute an Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission charged with drawing congressional and state legislative lines and removing the responsibility from the Legislature, through the passage of S.1614B/A.5279B?
2. What is your position on a process where the legislature directly appoints the members of a districting commission, as in S.7881-A or S.7882-A, as an alternative to the independent commission referred to in Question 1?



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- 3. What is your position on maintaining the current redistricting process...
4. What is your position on the adoption of stricter redistricting rules...
5. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections...
6. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot...
7. What is your position on amending the Municipal Home Rule law...
8. What is your position on removing prisoner populations from the census counts...
9. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?
10. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

- 11. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?
12. What is your position on establishing a system of public financing for state legislative and statewide races?
13. If you support public financing, what is your position on a system where public funds are awarded on a matching basis...
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?
15. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs...
16. What is your position on limiting transfers from party committees to candidates...
17. What is your position on increasing disclosure and reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures...
18. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session...
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity...
20. What is your position on requiring disclosure of independent expenditure campaigns?



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ETHICS REFORM

- 21. What is your position on changing the representation of the Commission on Public Integrity so no one elected official makes a majority of the appointments?
22. What is your position on expanding the jurisdiction of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity to include legislative ethics violations, lobbying and campaign finance enforcement?

BUDGET REFORM

- 23. What is your position on requiring all budget documents, including budget bills and legislative additions, to be presented in a format that is organized into programmatic categories and facilitates public and legislative review?
24. What is your position on requiring the governor's budget submission to present the full scope of the state's financial obligations, including its public authorities?
25. What is your position on establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage in long term, multi-year budget planning?
26. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?
27. What is your position on requiring regular reporting of lump-sum appropriations and member items that includes detailed information on funds distributed, recipients, and remaining funds and bans on member item appropriations to organizations of which a close relative of the Member is on the staff or board?
28. What is your position on distributing member item allocations equally amongst all legislators and requiring for greater accountability as expressed in S.7007/A.10116?
29. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?
30. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?
31. What is your position on mandating the use of conference committees in the legislative budget process?

ADDITIONAL REFORM

- 32. Do you support a system of selecting New York trial court judges through an appointment process in which candidates are recommended by citizens committees on the basis of merit?
33. Do you support further reform of the Wicks Law, which requires New York State government entities to award separate prime contracts for the major components of a construction project?

Key for Questionnaire Response Grid on Pages 16-19

Citizens Union endorsed candidate in bold. Italicized candidates preferred in primary.

^ Incumbent legislator

S = Support

O = Oppose

N/A = No answer or undecided

* = Nuanced answer



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ATTORNEY GENERAL

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – ERIC SCHNEIDERMAN – DEM, IND, WFP ★

Age: 55 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Amherst College (BA); Harvard Law School (JD)

A long-time advocate on reform issues, Eric Schneiderman hopes to utilize his legal expertise obtained as a public interest lawyer and state senator to leverage the attorney general’s office to restore public confidence in both government and the state’s large public and private institutions. Schneiderman, a state senator representing parts of Washington Heights and Riverdale since 1998, believes the state is at a critical juncture where a window of opportunity exists to achieve significant reform. Having been at the center of the peaks and valleys of the reform movement over the last two decades, Schneiderman casts himself as best suited to take advantage of that opportunity to meaningfully reshape Albany through the attorney general’s office.

More than any other candidate in the race for attorney general, Schneiderman has experienced firsthand the dysfunction of Albany. Mired in the Democratic minority in the senate for a decade, Schneiderman conveyed how “collegiality at the expense of the public interest” relegated his service to introducing bills that went nowhere. Schneiderman indicated how he took action against the status quo arrangement between parties in the legislature that put preservation of incumbents above all else, launching a coup against the Democratic minority leader. Schneiderman’s willingness to push for reform ultimately led to his district’s boundaries being redrawn to increase the likelihood of his electoral defeat. It failed, and instead Schneiderman and the Democrats took the majority in the senate in 2008.

According to Schneiderman, this legislative experience has shaped his understanding of the imperative for an independent redistricting process along with a host of other reforms. He counts as among his most significant accomplishments the rules reform in 2009 that allowed for rank and file members of the senate to more easily put bills on the floor and on committee agendas, something they previously had virtually no ability to do in a system that continues to be largely dominated by a strong leader. Schneiderman also cites his leadership of the bipartisan committee that expelled Senator Hiram Monserrate following his misdemeanor conviction for domestic violence as indicative of his commitment to changing behavior in Albany.

As attorney general, Schneiderman believes he can apply the authority of the office to more effectively continue the ongoing struggle for reform. His ideas include aggressively expanding use of the False Claims Act, which Schneiderman strengthened in the legislature this past session, to engage whistleblowers to hold those accountable who defraud the state or local governments. If elected, Schneiderman will also place a public integrity officer in each regional office of the attorney general to root out local wrongdoing. Schneiderman is also a forceful advocate for pushing the governor to grant original jurisdiction to the attorney general to investigate and prosecute political corruption cases, showing zeal on the issue that was matched by few of his competitors. He also intends to push the many reforms



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he advocated for in the legislature through the attorney general’s bully pulpit and ability to introduce program bills, including public financing of campaigns and giving the attorney general the ability to permanently enforce election and campaign finance law.

Beyond government reform issues, Schneiderman plans to closely monitor dramatic changes at the federal level related to health care and finance laws, and to weigh in on federal rules as they develop while keeping a close eye on the industry to ensure they play by the rules during a time of transition. He also stated that he would build on his experience related to criminal issues, establishing an Innocence Unit in the Criminal Division of the attorney general’s office. Schneiderman also drew on his own legal experience in proposing new efforts to extend the capacity of the office, utilizing more pro bono lawyers and decentralizing offices to less expensive localities throughout the state.

Citizens Union feels that Schneiderman has been a consistent and independent force for change in state government, regardless of whether he was in the minority or majority party in the State Senate. A champion for a more transparent and accountable government that treats all New Yorkers with dignity and respect, Senator Schneiderman has not just talked about reform these past few years, but forcefully - and at times successfully - challenged the status quo, even when there were political risks. As such, his experience in state government is not a liability, but a valuable source of knowledge to better navigate in an office with expanded powers to more greatly advance the reform agenda. Citizens Union believes that Eric Schneiderman would be dynamic and assertive as Attorney General, using the office as it has been by its recent predecessors in creative and innovative ways, not only to address public corruption but to shape sweeping changes in the finance and health care industries, as well as in state government. It is for these reasons, Citizens Union supports Schneiderman for attorney general.

DAN DONOVAN – REP, CON

Age: 53 Occupation: Staten Island District Attorney

Education: St. John’s University (BA); Fordham University School of Law (JD)

Dan Donovan is the District Attorney for Staten Island and is running his first statewide election. He believes that he is the right person for the Office of Attorney General, as he has no higher aspirations for political office and thus can continue to act independently.

As District Attorney, Donovan has been a respected advocate for the public, and cites his high conviction rate as evidence of this success, noting that the office went from last in the City to first when he entered office in 2004. He also notes his record of improving the administrative operations of the office, such as evaluating the effectiveness of satellite offices and hiring lawyers and staff who were fluent in Spanish and other languages.

He had previously served as the Deputy Borough President of Staten Island from 2002-03, the Chief of Staff for Borough President Guy Molinari from 1996-2002, and began his career as a prosecutor under Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau where he prosecuted major narcotics cases throughout the city and served as senior trial counsel. Donovan believes that his over twenty years of executive management experience demonstrates his leadership



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abilities and distinguishes him from his competitor, Eric Schneiderman.

Donovan plans to make public corruption his number one priority for the office, and believes his independence best positions him to effectively root out corruption. He notes his recusal from a case involving the relatives of his former boss, James Molinaro, and his refusal to accept the Independence Party line in this race while his office was investigating the party as examples of putting the integrity of the office over political advancement. He is critical of how the Office of Attorney General has been used in the past to advance political careers, and has vowed not to run for higher office within two years of ending his service as attorney general.

In order to effectively prosecute public corruption, like Schneiderman, Donovan will seek original jurisdiction for the office to investigate and prosecute political corruption. Donovan would centralize the investigation of public corruption cases, believing local district attorneys are under-resourced and too often have ties to the local party leaders that limit their ability to prosecute corruption. Donovan also believes investigations are too often fragmented across state entities, as was the case in the Troopergate scandal, and should be consolidated under the attorney general. Donovan believes he can use the charities bureau's regulation of non-profits to require legislators to sign affidavits regarding their relationships with those non-profits that they fund with member items. He also states that he would utilize the "Tweed Law" to pursue recouping public funds which are misspent by elected officials.

On other reform issues, Donovan believes state legislators should more fully disclose their outside income, citing the City's conflict of interest laws and rules as a model, and adds that there should be generally no exclusions for lawyers' clients. . Donovan also supports expanding the SEC's rules on donations for state comptrollers to the Office of Attorney General, and expanding the window where a company cannot do business with the offices when contributions are made from two to five years. Donovan has also stated that he would issue legal opinions to determine that public authorities rife with corruption and patronage have the "attributes of an agency" and would be subject to having its contracts approved by the State Comptroller. On campaign finance reform, Donovan is opposed to public financing of campaigns at this time because of the economic recession, but supports reforms to lower contribution limits and require disclosure of contributors' employers and occupations, as well as any third-party intermediaries. Donovan has, for his own campaign, set up a committee resembling a blind trust so he does not know who is contributing to his candidacy. However, the committee has accepted contributions that were over the limit, and Donovan has pledged that they will be returned.

Citizens Union believes that Donovan has demonstrated a great deal of independence through his actions as district attorney and would bring to the position an admirable integrity. We further believe Donovan has good ideas and that coupled with his management experience, he would serve capably as Attorney General should he be elected.



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STATE COMPTROLLER

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – HARRY WILSON – REP, IND, CON ★

Age: 38 Occupation: Currently campaigning full-time

Education: Harvard University (BA); Harvard Business School (MBA)

Harry Wilson is making his first run for political office, seeking to replace incumbent Tom DiNapoli as state comptroller. Wilson recently entered public service, having served as the only Republican on President Obama's Auto Task Force in 2009 that was charged with overhauling auto industry titans General Motors and Chrysler in the wake of the economic crisis. While his first foray in the public arena, Wilson's sees his service on the Auto Task Force as being an extension of his private sector work for a number of private equity firms including Goldman Sachs, The Blackstone Group and Silver Point Capital. For these firms, Wilson was responsible for turning around distressed companies, something that became an interest to him as a youth growing up in Johnstown, New York when he sought to better understand why his mother was laid off from her job.

Wilson sees many parallels between his previous work on the federal Auto Task Force, his private sector work turning around failing companies, and New York's distressed fiscal state. Noting the similar size in budgets, he believes he can apply the skills and lessons learned from turning around General Motors to right another entity in fiscal disarray, New York State. He contrasts sharply his experience in finance and turning around failing businesses with the incumbent, Tom DiNapoli, who came to office through appointment of the legislature following the resignation of the disgraced former comptroller, Alan Hevesi. ,

Wilson promises to use the Office of the State Comptroller more aggressively than the incumbent to investigate waste and fraud. He notes that DiNapoli has only saved \$2.9 billion out of \$400 billion spent by the state while DiNapoli was in office. Wilson promises to do a line-by-line audit of all government agencies and entities as part of a systemic review of state government. This review, Wilson states, is necessary to reduce spending so ultimately taxes can also be lowered which will generate economic growth and prevent the emigration of the state's population to more affordable parts of the country. Wilson believes he could dramatically shrink the Office of the State Comptroller from its current staff of 2,500, noting that with just about 50 staff and 50 consultants, the federal government was able to restructure General Motors. Part of this downsizing would involve diminishing the number of money managers for the state's pension funds by shifting portions of the domestic equity portfolio to index funds, which Wilson believes would also save nearly \$100 million in fees in addition to reducing the headcount.

Wilson believes the state's pension funds are woefully underfunded by \$30-\$80 billion and calls for the creation of sixth pension tier. He takes issue with a Pew Charitable Trusts Center on the States' report and Governing Magazine assessment that showed New York State had one of the better funded pension funds in the country, noting the study simply used the current comptroller's overly positive assumptions for the rate of return on investments. This unrealistic prognostication, Wilson believes, is rooted in the state's use of discount rate standards established by the lax Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), instead of those set by its private sector equivalent, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), which is stricter, and Wilson



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believes, more accurate. Wilson also notes that applying the stricter accounting standards used in the private sector to all of state government reveals an enormous \$300 billion total in debt.

With regard to reform, Wilson would continue the incumbent’s ban on placement agents and expand the ban to trial lawyers doing business with the state pension fund. He, like the incumbent, does not believe the sole trustee model should be changed but notes that he would create a committee of world class investors to act as a screen for choosing managers of the pension fund. Wilson would also expand the scope of the office and its impact on the state’s fiscal affairs. For example, he would present the state budget after the conclusion of its fiscal year in a GAAP format so New Yorkers would know exactly how income was received and what was spent on an accrual basis. Additionally, he would create a state balance sheet showing all of the state’s assets and liabilities, including those of the public authorities and all state agencies. Wilson supports the filling of a vacancy in the Office of State Comptroller through a special election rather than via appointment.

Citizens Union feels that with his financial experience Harry Wilson is well-suited for the position of state comptroller. His background in turning around failing companies and his work for Obama’s Auto Task Force where, as a Republican, he pushed the government’s takeover of the company through a majority ownership of its stock, demonstrates his ability to pragmatically solve problems rather than allowing ideology to trump objectivity. Citizens Union believes Wilson shows a deep understanding of the problems facing government, and can recite particulars on issues and programs that compensate for his newness to public service in New York State. Albany is in great need of reformers who can bring a new perspective and fresh ideas to the issues facing the state. Citizens Union is convinced that Wilson can bring a new and innovative approach to the position of comptroller and has the knowledge and demeanor to be a very effective and needed force for change.

TOM DINAPOLI – DEM, WFP

Age: 56 Occupation: NYS Comptroller

Education: Hofstra University (BA); NewSchool (MA- HR Management)

Tom DiNapoli is running for election for state comptroller for the first time following his appointment by the legislature in February 2007 after his predecessor, Alan Hevesi, pled guilty to a felony for using state resources to chauffeur his ailing wife. DiNapoli is a former state assemblymember who represented northwestern Nassau County for over 20 years, who served as chair of the Governmental Operations and Local Governments committees and as a member of the powerful Ways and Means committee. He is seeking election to continue the work he began in providing a roadmap for the state to structurally align its revenues and expenditures to put the state on better fiscal footing.

DiNapoli points to his accomplishments during a time of great tumult for the Office of the State Comptroller and the state as reasons for why he should be elected. He notes that he entered the office at a time when its ethical integrity was deeply compromised, and believes he has made great strides in restoring the dignity of the office through nation-leading reforms. He voluntarily banned placement agents and other intermediaries who had created a pay-to-play culture that led to former Comptroller’s Hevesi’s recent guilty plea to accepting \$1 million in



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perks in exchange for steering pension investment business to Markstone Capital Partners. He offset any potential loss in diversity for pension fund managers stemming from the placement agent ban by establishing an emerging managers program and credits his work for diversifying the office much more so than when he first took office. DiNapoli also prohibited campaign contributions from those doing business with the Fund, and for the first year and a half of his service in the office, did not fundraise at all. DiNapoli supports a public system of campaign financing for the office, as a first step for establishing a wider system for state legislative and other statewide offices, and has testified at hearings to that effect. DiNapoli also made great efforts to increase government transparency, expanding Open Book NY so that New Yorkers could see how local governments were spending taxpayer dollars and the federal fiscal stimulus was spent. Should he be reelected, DiNapoli seeks to enhance transparency further by comparing appropriations to spending, and posting public authority contracts.

Beyond restoring public confidence in the Comptroller’s office, DiNapoli also notes that he was ahead of the curve in pointing out the growing state fiscal imbalance, and believes that he has used his office to release reports critical of the budget, illustrating the short-term view of legislators who see the importance of a set of programs but overlook the need to ensure the long-term fiscal health of the state. DiNapoli has also called for budget reforms that would help to realign state revenue and expenditures including an independent budget office, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) accounting, multi-year budgeting, restrictions on the use of one-shots, enhanced transparency in budget documents, and required negotiation of the budget through conference committees. While making these efforts, DiNapoli recognizes that ultimately legislators make the budgetary decisions. He feels, however, that he has used his office to show where savings can be found through its audit function. Among the accomplishments he touts are audits that have resulted in the state issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new claims processing function for the state’s Medicaid program and audits that have shown the MTA how to maximize real estate revenues and uncover abuse in overtime practices.

DiNapoli pushes his ability to effectively manage the pension fund during difficult fiscal times, something his challenger Harry Wilson has disputed, but that DiNapoli states is “adequately funded” and is one of the best-funded in the country as echoed by the Pew Center and Governing Magazine. DiNapoli acknowledges that while the pension fund lost tens of billions off its peak, it also had one of its best years in 2009 under his watch when it gained 26 percent. DiNapoli also lowered growth projections to 7.5% and required local governments to increase their contributions to ensure obligations to the Fund are met.

Citizens Union believes DiNapoli is a capable public official who deserves credit for taking a troubled office under investigation and bringing about commendable reforms in relation to placement agents, fundraising and transparency, though the total ban on those placement agents who are licensed professionals employed directly by the financial firms went too far. DiNapoli has also attempted to point out the many shortcomings in the state’s budget process. Citizens Union feels, however, that while DiNapoli has done a good job in managing and reforming the comptroller’s office, the office is in need of much bigger transformational change than someone who has been a part of state government for the past twenty years can provide.



BRONX STATE SENATE RACE

DISTRICT 34

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JEFFREY KLEIN – DEM, IND, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17

Age: N/A Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Queens College (BA); Columbia University (MPA); CUNY Law School (JD)

Incumbent State Senator Jeffrey Klein is running for his fourth term in the State Senate after one term in the State Assembly. He has been extremely active in providing constituent services in his district and states that he is running because he believes a lawmaker can still make a positive difference in people’s lives. Klein has sponsored legislation protecting homeowners from foreclosure; capping property taxes and providing tax credits to property owners who pay a disproportionate percentage of their income in taxes; and increasing public availability of information regarding sexual predators living in public housing. Should he be re-elected, Klein is promising to increase government transparency and accountability. He signed on as a co-sponsor of legislation to create an independent redistricting commission and eliminate legislative influence in the process. Although he also supported in committee a competing bill allowing legislators to have a say in how district lines are drawn, he told Citizens Union that he would oppose that effort, saying it is not a suitable alternative, and that he would champion an independent commission because it would provide better representation. Klein introduced legislation to create an independent ethics commission to oversee state government, though it did not come to the floor of the Senate for a vote. He supports a full public matching system for candidates for state office. Klein also chaired a bipartisan taskforce on government efficiency that investigated five state agencies and recommended, among other things to freeze overtime and pension spiking. If re-elected, he pledges to reduce wasteful government spending. Citizens Union believes Klein has been an aggressive and effective legislator in moving legislation and has displayed a strong commitment to reform. For these reasons, Citizens Union supports Jeff Klein’s candidacy for re-election to the State Senate.



FRANK VERNUCCIO – REP, CON

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17

Age: 58 Occupation: Attorney

Education: Fordham University (BA); Hofstra (JD)

State Senate challenger Frank Vernuccio, an attorney, is running on a platform of bringing jobs to New York, slashing taxes, cutting spending, bringing ethics to Albany and reforming public authorities. Although running with the endorsement of the Bronx and Westchester Republican and Conservative parties, Frank Vernuccio says he is a “post-partisan” candidate who can bring an independent voice to Albany. He is not funded by the state GOP and says that he is not registered in either major party. He highlights his nonpartisan service as Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs under Bronx Borough President Freddy Ferrer, a Democrat, and as the Bronx-Manhattan district administrator of the New York State Workers Compensation Board (WCB), appointed by Republican Governor George Pataki in the wake of 9/11. Vernuccio stated that seeing millions of dollars that went to the WCB after 9/11 being spent on consultants and not on staff or equipment inspires him to work to cut waste and political patronage in state agencies. He says that New York State had been “drastically injured” by public authorities and believes the MTA should be rebuilt from scratch. Vernuccio stated that Senate District 34 is shaped like a “creature from outer space” and he pledged to fight for an independent redistricting commission. He opposes public financing for state election candidates due to what he calls an uneven application of regulations by the New York City Campaign Finance Board that favors established candidates and penalizes insurgents. He also supports reform of the ballot process in which arduous regulations knock people off for trivial mistakes and serve as “incumbent protection tools.” Frank Vernuccio seems to be a thoughtful candidate who displays a genuine commitment to non-partisan political reform, but does not rise above the record and experience of the incumbent, Jeffrey Klein, and thus does not receive Citizens Union’s support.

BRONX STATE ASSEMBLY RACE

DISTRICT 81

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JEFFREY DINOWITZ – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17

Age: 55 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Lehman College (BA); Brooklyn Law School (JD)

Dinowitz is running for re-election, having first been elected in 1994. He started out as a District leader in 1986, running against the Democratic county machine. He is active with the Benjamin Franklin Reform Club, and is the Chair of the Bronx County Democratic



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Committee and states that he has continually worked for reform in local politics. Dinowitz is a multi-sponsor of Assemblymember Michael Gianaris’s bill to establish an independent redistricting commission, and opposes legislation that would allow legislators to directly appoint members to a redistricting commission. He also supported ethics legislation that was passed by the legislature and vetoed by the Governor. Dinowitz supports the majority of Citizens Union’s reform agenda, though he opposes fully equalizing member items and reducing ballot signatures. On ballot signatures, he believes that progress has been made to make the process less burdensome, and has introduced alternate reform proposals such as instituting a fee to be on the ballot in lieu of signatures. Dinowitz’s top goals for the district are to continue the fight against the Croton Water Treatment Plant, stop the closing of senior centers, give the community a greater voice in education, and enact campaign finance and redistricting reforms. Citizens Union endorses Jeffrey Dinowitz, as he has been an effective legislator for his district while standing up to leadership, and has demonstrated his independence through his work in local politics in the Bronx.

JOE MCLAUGHLIN – REP, CON

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17
Age: 42 Occupation: Real Estate Development
Education: The College of the Holy Cross (BA)*

Joe McLaughlin is seeking election to the Assembly, having been born and raised in Assembly District 81 and believing that there is a need for the people to stand against the corruption in Albany. He is currently involved with low-income real estate development for TMG Housing, LLC, though he noted that he does not have any projects in New York State. McLaughlin believes that legislation should be presented in plain language so that average citizens can understand issues being addressed in Albany and be able to comment to their legislators. He also supports reforms to lessen the power of leadership, such as equalizing member items while also reducing the amounts of funds spent, as well as creation of an independent redistricting commission. McLaughlin supports a spending freeze in conjunction with a freeze on taxes, while also looking at ways to cut waste. He also supports increasing the number of charter schools, tort reform, and using tax incentives to attract new businesses to the state. Though a sincere candidate, Citizens Union believes that Joe McLaughlin does not have a clear grasp of state government and reform issues, and therefore does not support his election.



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DISTRICT 51

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – FELIX ORTIZ – DEM, WFP ★

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17
Age: N/A Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly
Education: New York University (MPA)*

Felix Ortiz was first elected to the Assembly in 1994, and is currently the President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators. In his tenure in the Assembly, he was instrumental in instituting the nation’s first ban on hand-held cell phone use while driving. Ortiz has also focused on public health issues as the author of New York’s Childhood Obesity Program and the first legislator to tackle the issues of menu labeling and the ban of trans fats in food preparation. His priorities for the district include affordable and quality health care, improved educational standards, job creation, enhanced senior programs, and public safety. On reform issues, he supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission and states that he is not afraid to challenge leadership of the state assembly. Ortiz is a sponsor of legislation for full public funding of campaigns, but also supports a public matching system for campaigns. He also supports other strong campaign finance reform measures in addition to a public funding system such as lower contribution limits. Citizens Union believes that Ortiz has been a strong advocate for reform in the legislature, and has been able to think ahead of the curve in instituting change. Given Felix Ortiz’s commitment to the needs of his constituents, his ability to think creatively, as well as his support for reform, Citizens Union supports his re-election to the State Assembly.

HENRY LALLAVE, JR. – REP, CON

*Has not returned questionnaire
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview*



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DISTRICT 26

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – LIZ KRUEGER – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17

Age: 52 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Northwestern University (BS); University of Chicago (MA)

Liz Krueger is running for re-election to Senate District 26, having served in office since 2002 and having previously run for the seat in 2000. She stated that before she was in the Senate majority, she sought to learn the legislative process in a way that few legislators do so that she would be able to mount real change if later in the majority. She believes that there is much more to do with the Senate to ensure that reforms are enacted, and is running to continue her work in this regard. As Vice Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Krueger sees the New York State budget as one of her main priorities, believing that needed social services should be protected while addressing the inevitable budget shortfalls. Regarding education, she supported the “Race to the Top” reforms to charter schools that create greater accountability. Krueger believes that greater investment is needed in infrastructure to address quality of life issues, including transportation to encourage smart growth. She also introduced legislation to provide tax relief to businesses affected by the Second Avenue subway construction, which was vetoed by the Governor. Krueger supports the creation of affordable housing, and believes that a 21st Century model of Mitchell Lama should be developed. On reform issues, Krueger supports Citizens Union’s reform agenda, and has introduced bills for many of these initiatives, in addition to co-sponsoring other reform legislation. As the Chair of the Select Committee on Budget and Tax Reform, she has introduced a package of bills to improve the budget process, including the institution of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), implementing performance-based budgeting and moving the fiscal year start date to June 1, among other items. Citizens Union believes that Liz Krueger is a strong advocate for reform, and has shown commitment to these issues through her thoughtful study of the budget process and introduction of reform legislation. Citizens Union supports her re-election, as she is a reform-minded legislator and an effective representative of her community.

SAUL FARBER – REP, IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16-17

Age: 25 Occupation: Currently campaigning full-time

Education: New York University (BA)

Saul Farber is running his second campaign for public office, having previously run against Assemblymember Richard Gottfried in Assembly District 75. He describes himself as an unusual Republican, as he is pro-choice, supports gay marriage and is socially liberal, but fiscally conservative. Farber’s goals, if elected, are to provide for New York City’s fair share



MANHATTAN STATE ASSEMBLY RACE

DISTRICT 65

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – MICAH KELLNER – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 31 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: New York University (BFA)

Micah Kellner was first elected in a special election in 2007 and won re-election in 2008. Kellner is supportive of the large majority of CU’s reform agenda, supporting an independent redistricting commission, greater transparency in government, ethics reform, and other items. In his three years in office, he has been disturbed by the lack of transparency in legislative operations and the state budget, and has introduced a number of reform bills that seek to bring greater transparency to the committee process. Kellner is the prime sponsor of other initiatives such as the Open NY Act to require all documents subject to the freedom of information law to be provided for free online. He is also the prime sponsor of the Public Corruption and Enforcement Act in the Assembly that would make ethical behavior legally mandatory by creating a duty of “faithful public service,” require greater disclosure of outside income, ban gifts, and strengthen the power to prosecute bribery. Kellner states that he is independent of Assembly leadership, having introduced legislation to only enact pay increases for judges, not legislators. He is also a co-sponsor of legislation sponsored by Assemblymember Gianaris to create an independent redistricting commission. On issues of importance to his district, he has introduced legislation to reform the Roosevelt Island Operation Corporation, which he believes has operated in a corrupt manner. Kellner has also introduced legislation to provide incentives for rent reductions for stores on Second Avenue by giving real estate tax abatements for building owners. Citizens Union is impressed by Micah Kellner’s record of introducing



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reform initiatives in the State Assembly given his short tenure, and believes that he is a strong advocate for reform, thus supporting his re-election to the Assembly.

MIKE ZUMBLUSKAS – REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 50 Occupation: Wireless Support Specialist, NYC Department of Transportation

Education: University of Scranton (BA)

Mike Zumbluskas has been an active Independence Party member, having attempted runs at Public Advocate, State Senate and Congress over the last ten years. He supports returning fiscal responsibility to Albany through pension reform and requiring that overtime for state employees be approved by deputy commissioners or commissioners to ensure accountability. Zumbluskas also supports energy policy reform, believing that New York City should not pay to remove its garbage, but rather use it to generate energy in the five boroughs. On reform issues, he supports lessening the power of the Speaker by allowing bills to be discharged out of committee and requiring three days of debate by all legislators. He also supports requiring all legislation to be drafted in common language, cutting funding for member items by 25% and equalizing them across districts. Zumbluskas supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission, but opposes the creation of an Independent Budget Office and public financing for campaigns. On issues important to his district, he supports modified tax relief for businesses on Second Avenue, supporting a credit for businesses which can prove lost income. Zumbluskas also supports the infusion of resources to rebuild infrastructure. Citizens Union believes that Mike Zumbluskas has some interesting ideas for new policies in New York and is a well-intentioned candidate, but lacks the experience and legislative knowledge to be a more effective advocate than the incumbent, Micah Kellner.

DISTRICT 73

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JONATHAN BING – DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 40 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: University of Pennsylvania (BA); New York University School of Law (JD)

Jonathan Bing, the incumbent state assemblymember, is running for re-election. One of his top priorities, if re-elected, would be to improve education within his district. Although he has helped to bring three new schools to the east side of Manhattan, Bing believes that the schools in his district remain overcrowded. He has also proposed a bill that would end the longtime practice of “last in, first out” when teachers are laid off, which drew the ire of the local teachers’ union and resulted in one of their executives running against Bing in the primary. Other top priorities for Bing include increasing access to healthcare and affordable housing, supporting the arts, and supporting the business community within the district. He



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cites his ability to work across the aisle in addition to building coalitions, which has resulted in the passage of 70 bills that he authored during his service in the Assembly, 30 of which became law. Among his legislative accomplishments is the recently approved no-fault divorce bill. With regard to specific reform issues, Bing is a co-sponsor of Assemblymember Gianaris’s bill establishing an independent redistricting commission, which he believes will result in elected officials who are more responsive to their constituents. Bing also supports term limits for committee chairs. He backs campaign finance reform including public financing because he feels it will lead to more competitive elections. Bing has been an able legislator for his constituents and has shown an impressive ability to move legislation. For these reasons, Citizens Union endorses Jonathan Bing.

PAUL NIEHAUS – REP, IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 38 Occupation: Attorney

Education: Princeton University (AB); University of Chicago Law School (JD)

Paul Niehaus, an attorney, is running because he is concerned with the fiscal state of New York. He stated that he mainly agrees with the incumbent, Assemblyman Bing, on social issues but disagrees with him on fiscal issues, particularly taxes and spending. He stated that he intends to be an independent voice in the Assembly for the people of New York City and specifically for citizens of Manhattan, who lack any elected representation in the Republican Party. If elected, public pension reform would be Niehaus’s top priority. He believes that the current public pension system is putting the state on a path to bankruptcy. With regard to reform issues, Niehaus supports eliminating member items because he believes that they turn into unspoken returns for favors and, in the worst cases, outright bribery. According to Niehaus, if a specific project or non-profit truly should receive funding, it can go through the normal allocation process within the legislature. He also backs making the ballot more accessible because he believes the current system is designed to favor incumbents and make it difficult for challengers to get on the ballot. Niehaus supports redistricting reform and the creation of an independent redistricting commission which he recognizes is not the most popular position among other Republicans. Paul Niehaus is a compelling and thoughtful candidate who has a clear understanding of the issues facing his district and a concrete commitment to reform. In what is an all too common trend this election season, capable and compelling challengers are taking on reform-minded incumbents rather than those who are entrenched opponents of reform. Niehaus is one of those challengers that we would like to see challenge a different incumbent.



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DISTRICT 11

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – FRANK PADAVAN – REP, CON, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 75 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute (BS); New York University (MBA)

Frank Padavan is running for re-election to the State Senate, having first been elected to the Senate in 1972. During his career in the Senate, he served as Chair of the Mental Hygiene and Addiction Control Committee and Chair of the Senate Committee on Cities, among other roles. In these positions, he has been an advocate for mental health, creating the State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled, and also played a key role in reforms to New York City school governance that gave the mayor increased control. Padavan was an architect of New York City’s “Safe Streets/ Safe City” program in the state legislature. He credits his experience and ability to deliver to his constituents as why he should be re-elected, stating that his goals are to continue his public service on behalf of his constituents. He cited job creation as his top priority, if re-elected, favoring giving small businesses tax abatements for hiring unemployed workers. Regarding reform issues, he supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission, and is a co-sponsor of the reform legislation sponsored by Senator Valesky. Padavan also supports ethics and budget reform, and cited his record on budget reform with the enactment of reforms in 2007 such as the requirement that conference committees be formed to resolve differences and find common ground. Regarding campaign finance reform, he supports the concept of public financing for campaigns, but does not believe that it would be fiscally prudent at this time. He has also introduced legislation to require regulation of campaign consultants. He does not support implementation of Election Day Registration or no-excuse absentee ballot voting, believing that it would result in increased fraud. He supports allowing voting on weekends, however, as a way to increase access to voting. Citizens Union believes that Frank Padavan has been an effective advocate for his district, has successfully built coalitions to achieve change and has demonstrated a commitment to reform issues, and as it has before, endorses his re-election.

TONY AVELLA – DEM, WFP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 58 Occupation: Former Member, NYC Council

Education: Hunter College, CUNY (BA)

Tony Avella, a former New York City Councilmember who most recently ran for the Democratic Primary for Mayor, is seeking election to the Senate, as he believes that Albany is in need of reform-minded legislators. In his career in the City Council, he sponsored numerous reform bills, and led by example by not taking a stipend or “lulu.” He cites his



independence and actions as the reason why he would better represent the district, stating that pledging to enact reforms in not enough. Avella believes that his independence will be an asset in the Senate, as there is a slim Democratic majority that allows individual members to have a large role in shaping policy. His top reform issues, if elected, would be requiring the enactment of a balanced budget, ending “pay-to-play” and requiring reporting of bundlers, enacting term limits, and bringing reforms to the discretionary funding process. Avella believes that his experience with the public matching campaign finance system in New York City would allow him to craft a better proposal for the state, as he completed the filings himself and is aware of the reporting requirements. Regarding other issues of importance to his district, he supports reforming education governance in New York City to create greater parental input, the banning of hydro-fracking, and rebuilding infrastructure as a way to create jobs. Another proposal that he supports to create jobs is to legalize sports betting, which he states would bring in needed revenue to the state and remove the operations from organized crime. While Citizens Union admires Avella’s commitment to reform, we do not believe that he would be a more effective legislator than the incumbent, whom Citizens Union has supported before.

DISTRICT 12

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – MICHAEL GIANARIS – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 40 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

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

Michael Gianaris, the current Assemblymember for District 36, is running for State Senate, believing that he will add a sober voice to deliberations in the Senate, which is in need of leadership. Gianaris has run on a platform of reform, stating that his top goals are reform of the redistricting process, campaign finance and ethics. As the lead sponsor of a bill to create an independent redistricting commission in the Assembly that was developed with Citizens Union, he has been a champion for the issue and believes that it is one of the most important policy areas the Senate will confront in 2011. He also worked with Citizens Union in 2009 to create a solution to the deadlock in the State Senate, recommending that the Governor appoint a lieutenant governor. Gianaris supports Citizens Union’s reform agenda, and has advocated for the formation of budget conference committees, merit selection of judges and greater transparency of legislative operations, among other items. He has been a leader in several other areas such as consumer protection, having authored the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights and Energy Consumers Bill of Rights. Given his strong support for Citizens Union’s reform agenda and partnership in making reform initiatives a reality, Citizens Union strongly supports Michael Gianaris, endorsing his election to the State Senate.



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JEROME PATRICK TINA, JR. – REP, CON

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview

DISTRICT 13

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JOSE PERALTA – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 38 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Queens College (BA)

Jose Peralta is running for re-election, having served in the Senate since March 2010 after winning a special election after the ouster of Hiram Monserrate from the State Senate. He stated that he began his work to reform the State Senate through his decisive defeat of Hiram Monserrate in the special election. Peralta previously served in the New York State Assembly after being first elected in 2002. Prior to public office, he served as the Director of the Commission on the Dignity for Immigrants at the New York City Labor Council, representing over 1.5 million union members. His primary areas of concern for his district are quality of life, education and affordable health care. Peralta believes he has worked toward these goals through bringing in the DOE Fund to clean up Roosevelt Avenue, securing capital funds for the building of two new schools, and the funding of an affordable health care clinic. Regarding charter schools, Peralta supports the creation of non-profit charter schools over for-profit entities. Peralta supports the majority of Citizens Union’s reform agenda, and has stated that he has stood up to leadership in the Assembly and will continue to actively support reform in the Senate, even if it is opposed by the leadership. On specific reform issues, he supports lower contribution limits and the creation of a public matching campaign finance system, the creation of an independent redistricting commission, and the equalization of member items along with greater vetting of organizations receiving funds. Peralta explained his funding of a now-defunct non-profit organization, the Corona-Elmhurst Center for Economic Development, stating that all funds were frozen after the Executive Director fell ill, and the organization had properly accounted for previously awarded funds. Peralta noted his support of the recently passed public authorities reform bills, which he believe will bring greater accountability to authorities such as the MTA. Citizens Union believes that Jose Peralta will be an active advocate for reform in the Senate, has been effective on behalf of his constituents, and has a realistic sense of the legislative process, therefore supporting his candidacy.



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RICHARD LA SALLE – REP, IND, CON

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 47 Occupation: Immigration Attorney

Education: JD (Name of degree-granting institution not provided)

Richard La Salle is an immigration attorney who is running for office for the first time. He credits his work in Jackson Heights as the basis of his support, as he believes his law practice provides a valuable service to the community. La Salle believes his experience with immigration law also provides him insight into reforms in that area. His top priorities, if elected, are to improve education through the creation of more charter schools, to boost small businesses through cutting taxes, and to improve sanitation in the district by cleaning up the streets. He believes that improving the business climate and sanitation together will make Jackson Heights a destination, as the neighborhood’s diversity has created a melting pot of restaurants and other cultural draws. Regarding reform issues, La Salle supports the abolishment of the two-party system for running elections in the State and City, believing that third parties deserve representation. He also supports increasing transparency in Albany and believes that member items should be eliminated. La Salle believes that his opponent, Jose Peralta, is compromised given his funding of a non-existent non-profit with member item allocations. La Salle is self-financing his campaign, which he states make him beholden to no special interests. La Salle supports the majority of Citizens Union’s reform agenda, and has a clear understanding of the connection of money in politics. Citizens Union believes, however, that La Salle does not have a realistic sense of the legislative process, and is therefore not better suited to represent the 13th Senate District.

DISTRICT 15

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JOSEPH ADDABBO – DEM, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 46 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: St. John’s University (BS); Touro School of Law (JD)

Joseph Addabbo is running for re-election to Senate District 15 because he believes that there is more work to do in the Senate, and he would like to improve upon efforts in the areas of ethics and campaign finance reform. Prior to serving in the State Senate, Addabbo was a member of the New York City Council from 2002 to 2008. His top three priorities for his district are job creation, transportation and education. He has also opened a 24-hour hotline for his constituents. With regard to job creation, he supported the Aqueduct Racino project, though he recognized that the process for awarding the contract was questionable, and he hosts yearly job fairs in his district. With regard to reform issues, Addabbo supports the majority of Citizens Union’s reform agenda. On redistricting reform, he supports creation of an independent redistricting commission, but believes that a public process should take place in 2011 in order to decide what form it will take. He believes that in his own district, the fact



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that one zip code contains four state senators has contributed to confusion among the public regarding who their representative is. Addabbo has also promised to continue efforts as Chair of the Elections committee in the areas of campaign finance reform and easing the voting process, building off of efforts in 2010 to simplify the absentee ballot process. Citizens Union believes that Joseph Addabbo has served his constituents well as a Senator, and supports his re-election to the Senate.

ANTHONY COMO – REP, CON

*Has not returned questionnaire
Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview*

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DISTRICT 26

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – VINCENT TABONE – REP, CON ★

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19
Age: 44 Occupation: Attorney
Education: BBA (name of degree-granting institution not provided);
JD (name of degree-granting institution not provided)*

Vincent Tabone is making his fourth run for public office, having previously run for Assembly District 36 in 1994, 1996 and 2000. Tabone points to his work for the New York City Economic Development Corporation and as general counsel for a private firm for providing him with the experience to be an effective assemblymember. He is focused on job creation and development, which he believes is of critical importance to his district, especially in the current economic climate. Tabone also indicated that education and quality of life issues were areas of importance to his district. Tabone believes local schools do not receive their fair share of resources because there are a prevalence of high performing public schools in the area. He is mostly in agreement with Citizens Union’s reform agenda with the exception of electoral reforms and takes a centrist, pragmatic bipartisan approach to passing legislation in recognition that, if he is to win, he will join a Republican minority far outnumbered by their Democratic colleagues. While he supports many of Citizens Union’s proposals, he would rather see moderate reform pass than nothing at all, applying this philosophy to the current debate over redistricting reform. Citizens Union is impressed by Vincent Tabone’s knowledge of issues, ability to articulate how to bring about change in Albany, and his commitment to his district, thus endorsing his candidacy.



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ED BRAUNSTEIN – DEM, IND

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19
Age: 29 Occupation: Legislative Assistant, NYS Assembly
Education: SUNY Albany (BA); New York Law School (JD)*

Ed Braunstein is a first-year member of Community Board 11 and a lifelong resident of Bayside, Queens. Braunstein has the support of the Queens Democratic Party and much of the Democratic legislative establishment. He has spent the last seven years in Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver’s district office covering legislative affairs. Braunstein wants to curb state spending but notes the importance of maintaining certain programs such as those for seniors. On reform issues, he supports independent redistricting, increased transparency related to the role of business and special interests in politics, publicly financed elections, and the consolidation of New York State’s 700 public authorities as a cost-saving measure. Braunstein also believes that the need of a district ought to be considered in allocating member-item appropriations and supports a robust vetting process for community groups seeking funding from members. While Ed Braunstein showed knowledge of some issues and expressed a genuine commitment to be independent, he lacks the depth of experience that his opponent possesses.

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★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – DONNA MARIE CALTABIANO – REP, CON ★

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19
Age: 56 Occupation: Executive Director of Forest Park Senior Center
Education: Queens College (BA)*

Donna Marie Caltabiano, Executive Director of Forest Park Senior Center, is running her second campaign for the Assembly, having lost to Michael Miller in a special election that filled the seat in 2009. Caltabiano believes her experience as a member of the community school board has made her an effective consensus builder, a skill she can transfer to the State Assembly. Caltabiano stated that she can provide better representation than the incumbent, and is motivated to run because she is troubled by the level of the corruption in Albany. Consequently, she has prioritized reform in her campaign. Caltabiano supports term limits, and believes that the term of office should be longer than the current two years. She supports the equal distribution of member items and ethics reforms, but is apprehensive about the idea of election day registration, believing it will boost voter participation but must be done with the appropriate safeguards given the potential for fraud. Due to her concern over the power of unions, Caltabiano is hesitant to back lower contribution limits for campaigns, stating that it may create an unequal playing field. She believes the state should draw on the best practices and research from the New York City public funding model to create a system that levels the playing field between challengers and incumbents. Beyond reform issues, Caltabiano supports



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reforming state taxes in order to save jobs and encourage people to remain in New York, rather than moving to states with lower taxes. Caltabiano is supportive of many of Citizens Union's positions, and our organization was impressed by her understanding of reform issues even when she was not in complete agreement with them. Her emphasis on reform and ability to address issues impacting the state as well as the community earns her our endorsement over the incumbent, Michael Miller.

MICHAEL MILLER – DEM, IND, WFP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 49 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: University of Georgia,

Credit Union National Association Management School (degree not reported)

Michael Miller, the incumbent in Assembly District 38, has been in office for one year, having been elected in a special election in September 2009. Before entering office, Miller was a manager at Tiger Federal Credit Union and a board member of the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council. On reform issues, Miller supports independent redistricting. He believes that being a legislator should be a full-time job, as it is for him, and if legislators maintain outside employment, they should be forced to disclose all their clients. He differs from Citizens Union on many reform issues, including lowering campaign contribution limits, lowering signatures required to get on the ballot, implementing election day registration, creating a public financing system, and limiting transfers from party committees to candidates. He feels that when he first ran it would not have been possible for him to win as a working person and relative unknown candidate without the level of campaign contributions he was allowed to receive. In his time in office, Miller has emphasized community outreach, adding weekend office hours and making himself available 24 hours a day by giving constituents access to his cell phone number. His top three priorities with regard to local issues are increasing the accessibility of his office, quality of life issues, and unemployment. Since his election, he has not had much time to make a mark within the legislature. Citizens Union admires his community work and accessibility within the district and his overall collegial approach, but has concerns with his disapproval of many reform issues.

DISTRICT 39

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – FRANCISCO MOYA – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 36 Occupation: Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Cablevision

Education: St John's University (BA); National Urban Fellows Program (MPA)

Francisco Moya, running for office for the third time, is a former Director of Strategic Planning and Development at Elmhurst Hospital, was a staffer for former Democratic Senate



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Minority Leader David Paterson, and is a current Democratic District Leader. Moya is an activist in his community with deep awareness and knowledge about the different needs of the district. He has demonstrated his dedication to the community by helping start the after-school sports program at St. Leo's School and organizing residents to go to Washington, D.C. to protest against anti-immigrant policies. Given his experience in the public sector, Moya seeks office in order to bring dignity and integrity to the office, as well as resources to the community. Moya supports Citizens Union's agenda on reform, particularly with regard to independent redistricting and campaign finance. He believes that redistricting reform is a priority because the current method of legislators drawing district lines results in divided communities that make it difficult for certain populations to receive services, as is currently the case in Corona. Moya backs a public financing system for state elections modeled on the system in New York City. Regarding local issues, Moya emphasizes the importance of health care services, public safety, and education in his district. Moya is concerned that the closing of hospitals in the area have caused increased volume at Elmhurst Hospital while causing layoffs of numerous employees. Gang-related violence is also troubling, and so Moya will prioritize adequate funding for police officers in addition to advocating for after-school programs and a community center. Citizens Union endorses Francisco Moya given his support for key reform issues and significant engagement in district matters.

HUMBERTO SUAREZMOTTA – REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 18-19

Age: 54 Occupation: Insurance Broker and Business Consultant

Education: CUNY (BA); Dowling University (MBA)

Humberto Suarezmotta is seeking election to the Assembly, as he believes that it is a natural extension of his work in the community through his church, teaching English as a second language, and other volunteer work. Suarezmotta has a background in economics and finance, and believes that his knowledge of these areas would allow him to analyze complex policy issues. His top issues, if elected, would be to create jobs, aid small businesses in receiving credit, and expanding educational opportunities to the immigrant community. Suarezmotta specifically supports allowing immigrants to have access to programs that allow them to obtain a G.E.D. On reform issues, Suarezmotta supports reform of the redistricting process, but did not have a clear understanding of how he would want it to be accomplished. He opposes requiring the state to abide by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as he believes the current budget process is already too complicated. In general, Suarezmotta did not have a clear grasp of reform issues, but stated that he would evaluate reform issues in a systematic way. While Humberto Suarezmotta's commitment to improving his community is clear, Citizens Union does not believe he has a firm enough grasp of reform issues or the legislative process in order to be an effective advocate for change and thus does not endorse his candidacy.



CITY CHARTER REVISION BALLOT QUESTIONS

On March 3, 2010, Mayor Bloomberg announced the appointment of a City Charter Revision Commission consisting of fifteen members charged with reviewing the entire Charter of the City of New York. The Commission held hearings in all five boroughs to solicit public input, issued a report outlining findings and recommendations, and voted on questions to be put before the voters to amend or revise the Charter. More information about the City Charter Revision Commission, including its members, its final report, and transcripts from its hearings, can be found here: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/charter/html/home/home.shtml>

Citizens Union was named by Mayor Bloomberg as a resource to the Commission, and issued its own report and testified before the Commission as to its recommendations. A press release related to the report, the Executive Summary, and the report issued by Citizens Union is accessible at: http://www.citizensunion.org/www/cu/site/hosting/news_release/062910_CU_Charter_Recommendations_news_release.htm

The questions the Commission decided to put before the voters are provided below as they will appear on the ballot. Beneath each question is Citizens Union’s recommended vote on the question.

CITY QUESTION 1.

Term Limits: The proposal would amend the City Charter to:

- Reduce from three to two the maximum number of consecutive full terms that can be served by elected city officials; and
- Make this change in term limits applicable only to those city officials who were first elected at or after the 2010 general election; and
- Prohibit the City Council from altering the term limits of elected city officials then serving in office.

SHALL THIS PROPOSAL BE ADOPTED?

In releasing its report *Increasing Avenues for Participation in Governing and Elections* on charter revision, Citizens Union recommended that a limit of three four-year consecutive terms be established for the city council and a limit of two four-year consecutive terms be established for the mayor, comptroller, public advocate, and borough presidents. Citizens Union believes that this is the best approach for effective governance of the city, striking the appropriate balance of power between the mayor and council. Consequently, on ballot question #1 we recommend a “no” vote, which would maintain the status quo of three terms for all city elected officials. Citizens Union believes that the negative effects of limiting council members to two terms outweigh any benefits from limiting executives to two terms.

Council members limited to two terms will not have adequate time to develop needed expertise in complex budgetary processes or in the issue areas they oversee in their committees. The imposed limit on experience will also ensure the Council Speaker is less seasoned and undermine the Speaker’s ability to lead the legislative body. A two-term limit also creates more turnover among members and diminishes stability, continuity and institutional memory in the council. Two-term council members will also be more inclined to focus on their political futures rather than concentrate on their current positions.

While Citizens Union was troubled by the manner in which term limits were extended from two to three consecutive terms in 2009, it does not believe that the City should revert back to a policy that is worse simply because the manner in which it was changed was inappropriate. It is more important to establish term limits that allow for effective governance of the council and



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other city offices than to reactively re-impose a two-term limit because of the troubling manner in which term limits were extended. It is important to emphasize that this proposal does not impact current politicians who voted to extend term limits, as it allows all sitting members to serve up to three consecutive four-year terms even if the proposal is enacted.

CITY QUESTION 2.

Elections and Government Administration: The proposal would amend the City Charter to:

- **Disclosure of Independent Campaign Spending:** Require public disclosure of expenditures made by entities and individuals independent from candidates to influence the outcome of a city election or referendum;
- **Ballot Access:** Generally reduce the number of petition signatures needed by candidates for city elective office to appear on a ballot;
- **Voter Assistance and Campaign Finance Board:** Merge voter assistance functions, including a reconstituted Voter Assistance Advisory Committee, into the Campaign Finance Board, and change when Campaign Finance Board member terms begin;
- **Conflicts of Interest Law:** Require all public servants to receive conflicts of interest training, raise the maximum fine for a public servant who violates the City’s conflicts of interest law, and allow the City to recover any benefits obtained from such violations;
- **City Administrative Tribunals:** Authorize the Mayor to direct the merger of administrative tribunals and adjudications into the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings and permit the Department of Consumer Affairs to adjudicate all violations issued by that department;
- **City Reporting Requirements and Advisory Bodies:** Create a commission to review requirements for reports and advisory bodies and waive the requirements, subject to City Council review, where the commission finds they are not of continuing value; and
- **Map for Facility Siting:** Include in the City’s facilities siting map those transportation and waste management facilities operated by or for governmental entities, or by private entities that provide comparable services.

SHALL THIS PROPOSAL BE ADOPTED?

Citizens Union in issuing its report *Increasing Avenues for Participation in Governing and Elections* on charter revision, put forth several similar proposals to those that make up ballot question #2. Therefore, Citizens Union recommends a “yes” vote on ballot question #2. Citizens Union’s proposals included the disclosure of independent campaign spending, enhancing ballot access by reducing the number of petition signatures needed by candidates to appear on the ballot, merging the Voter Assistance Commission into the Campaign Finance Board, and including all polluting/ infrastructure facilities in the Atlas of City-Owned Property, not just those properties owned by the City. Citizens Union believes those proposals in question #2 that it did not weigh in on (related to conflicts of interest law, city administrative tribunals, and city reporting requirements and advisory bodies) are aligned with our principles of efficient and honest government. While we encourage a “yes” vote on question #2, Citizens Union believes the question should have been divided into separate ones to allow voters to make more distinct choices on the many proposals presented.



— VOTING AND BALLOT MARKING DEVICE INFORMATION —

All New Yorkers will be using a new voting system beginning during this fall's elections. Voters will now mark their choices on a paper ballot using either a pen or a ballot marking device (BMD) as described below, and will then insert their ballot into a scanner. The scanner will then be used to count the votes after the polling place has closed at the end of Election Day. A bin attached to the scanner will capture and keep the paper ballots as a record of all votes.

The new process works as follows:

- Enter the poll site, sign in, and receive your paper ballot from the poll worker.
- Go to a booth with a privacy sleeve and fill out your ballot by marking the appropriate ovals.
 - BMDs will be available for those who are in need of assistance.
 - If you make a mistake you can request a new ballot. If you mark your ballot incorrectly by marking more choices for one contest than you are supposed to, the scanner will notify you of an "overvote." To have your vote count, you must obtain a new ballot and mark your choices correctly.
- Once done, proceed to the scanner area, and insert the marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote.

Ballot Marking Device

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.

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 and puff device or its rocker paddle. More information on the new process is available at the New York City Board of Elections website: <http://www.votethenewwayny.com/>

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 and poll site information to rfauss@citizensunion.org.



FURTHER INFORMATION

To Register to Vote or Apply for an Absentee Ballot

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. The last day to postmark an application for an absentee ballot is October 26, 2010 and the last day to file in person for an absentee ballot at the City Board of Elections is November 1, 2010.

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

Voting on Election Day

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd. 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>

Acquiring Assistance at your Poll Site

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

Use an Affidavit ballot if your Registration is Questioned

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.

To Research Campaign Contributions

NYS Board of Elections (800) FOR-VOTE www.elections.state.ny.us

FEC Federal Database (202) 628-0617 www.fec.gov

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Citizens Union (212) 227-0342 www.citizensunion.org

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