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A Non-Partisan Guide to Informed Voting



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for the purpose of securing the honest and efficient
government of the City of New York.”*

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LETTER FROM CITIZENS UNION

DEAR FELLOW NEW YORKERS,

As we move closer to Election Day on November 4th, voters across the country will participate in an historic and important election this year. We have witnessed what energy, passion, lively debate, and bipartisan spirit can do to get people enthusiastic about and engaged in the political process and voting. We are expecting record voter turnout, and the prospect of bringing new voters into the process and motivating citizens to exercise this fundamental and important right is particularly exciting.

While voters will no doubt be motivated to go to the polls to cast their ballot for president, we would like to remind them that this is not the only race on the ballot this fall. Citizens Union encourages voters to be sure to look all the way down the ballot, and to cast their votes for state assembly, state senate, judicial seats, and the one ballot proposal New York will have this year. These lesser recognized elections are just as important, if not more, as the presidential race in shaping the local policies that affect New Yorkers' daily lives.

This year, we note the high number of uncompetitive races. This is not a new phenomenon in New York, and one we have certainly, but unfortunately, come to expect. Citizens Union has long advocated for greater election reform that allows more candidates to appear on the ballot, provides challengers with public funds to run a viable campaign against advantaged incumbents, more fairly drawn district lines, and rules that allow voters to participate without infringing on their ability to cast a ballot—all of which we believe would make elections more competitive.

After the publication of our primary voters directory, the public learned more about the alleged misdeeds of Assemblymember Anthony Seminerio. It is a disappointment to our notion of democracy to witness the arrest of Assemblymember Seminerio, who represented parts of Queens in the Legislature for thirty years, on charges that he concealed half a million dollars in corrupt payments from entities with business dealings with the State. While this news was definitely disheartening, we urge you not to be discouraged or disenchanted with the electoral process—it is important that New Yorkers continue to have faith in our democracy and those that we elect to represent us at all levels of government - and that begins by voting.

It is with great pride and commitment that we bring you our annual voters directory, which is not possible without the hard work of the Citizens Union Local Candidates Committee. They contributed their time, energy and expertise this fall to interview candidates, analyze races, and meet together to make these tough, important decisions. In making these evaluations, we rely on information from many sources, such as the candidates' responses to Citizens Union's questionnaire, previous track records on reform, and ability to represent their districts effectively. We thank everyone involved for their participation and commitment to Citizens Union.

Now, go vote.

Peter J.W. Sherwin
Chair,
Board of Directors

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Chair, Local Candidates
Committee

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ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

THIS DIRECTORY LISTS EVERY CONTEST FOR PUBLIC OFFICE THAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN NEW YORK CITY ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008.

Voters should be aware that New York's tangled election laws often result in the last minute elimination (or reinstatement) of candidates.

Many key contests for State Assembly and State Senate seats have been evaluated by nonpartisan interview teams from Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee. Citizens Union does not evaluate candidates for federal office or candidates for the judiciary, but for the surrogate court.

This year's interview teams were charged with soliciting candidates' views on key proposals aimed at reforming the legislative process in Albany, assessing the candidates' general experience, and their knowledge of district, city, and statewide issues. No single answer by a candidate ensures—or rules out—an endorsement.

Recommendations for an “Endorsed” rating are made by the Local Candidates Committee on the basis of the interview, research, an issues questionnaire, and first-hand knowledge of the candidate. These recommendations are reviewed by the Citizens Union Board, which makes the final decision. The “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 in Albany. Candidates not preferred may nevertheless be highly regarded by Citizens Union. These distinctions are generally reflected in the commentaries. The “Endorsed” rating applies only to General Election contests. Citizens Union issues “Preferences” during the Primary Election.

A “No Endorsement” rating may result when there is insufficient information available, when one or more of the candidates has not been interviewed, or when a determination has been made that the candidates are of equal merit.

Citizens Union expects to evaluate two additional races in Staten Island: Assembly Districts 60 and 62. Please check our website www.citizensunion.org or call (212) 227-0342 for further information.

All maps were supplied by the Community Mapping Assistance Project (CMAP), a service of the New York Public Interest Research Group.



CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

BRONX

Assembly District 76

Peter Rivera

Assembly District 81

Jeffrey Dinowitz

BROOKLYN

Assembly District 44

James Brennan

Senate District 20

Eric Adams

Senate District 23

Diane Savino

Senate District 25

No Endorsement

MANHATTAN

Assembly District 64

No Evaluation

Assembly District 72

Adriano Espaillat

Assembly District 73

Jonathan Bing

Assembly District 75

Richard Gottfried

Senate District 26

Liz Krueger

QUEENS

Senate District 11

Frank Padavan

Senate District 15

Joseph Addabbo

Senate District 16

Toby Ann Stavisky

STATEN ISLAND

Assembly District 63

Michael Cusick



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS SALARY: \$400,000

John McCain/Sarah Palin (Republican, Conservative, Independence)

Barack Obama/Joe Biden (Democratic, Working Families Party)

Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root (Libertarian)

Roger Calero/Alyson Kennedy (Socialist Workers)

Gloria La Riva/Eugene Puryear (Socialism & Liberation)

Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente (Green)

Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez (Populist)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS

SALARY: \$150,000

BRONX

District 7 William E. Britt Jr. (R, C)
Joseph Crowley (D, WF)

District 16 Ali Mohamed (R, C)
Jose E. Serrano (D, WF)

District 17 **Eliot L. Engel (D, I, WF)**
Robert Goodman (R, C)

BROOKLYN

District 8* Grace Lin (R, C)
Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF)

District 9 Alfred Donahue (C)
Anthony D. Weiner (D, WF)

District 10 Hugh C. Carr (R)
Yvette D. Clarke (D, WF)
Cartell Gore (C)

District 12* Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
Nydia Velazquez (D, WF)

District 13* Timothy J. Cochrane (C)
Carmine A. Morano (I)
Michael E. McMahon (D, WF)
Robert Stranieri (R)

Incumbent candidates in bold

* District overlaps boroughs

† Has returned candidate questionnaire; responses on page 16

^ Candidate was preferred during primary election



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

MANHATTAN

- District 8* Grace Lin (R, C)
Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF)
- District 12* Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
Nydia Velazquez (D, WF)
- District 14* Robert G. Heim (R, C)
Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF)
Isaiah Matos (Libertarian)
- District 15 Edward Daniels (R)
Martin Koppel (SW)
Charles B. Rangel (D, WF)
Craig Schley (VOTE People Chg)

QUEENS

- District 5 **Gary L. Ackerman (D, I, WF)**
Elizabeth Berney (R)
Jun Policarpio (C)
- District 7* William E. Britt, Jr. (R, C)
Joseph Crowley (D, WF)
- District 9* Alfred F. Donahue (C)
Anthony D. Weiner (D, WF)
- District 12* Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
Nydia M. Velazquez (D, WF)
- District 14* Robert G. Heim (R, C)
Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF)
Isaiah Matos (Libertarian)

STATEN ISLAND

- District 13* Timothy J. Cochrane (C)
Carmine A. Morano (I)
Michael E. McMahon (D, WF)
Robert Straniere (R)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS

SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

- District 76 **Peter M. Rivera (D, WF)[†]**
Charles Serrano (R, C)
- District 77 Anthony Curry (R, C)
Aurelia Greene (D, WF)
- District 78 Robert Lupo II (C)
Jose Rivera (D)
Jose A. Torres (R, I)
- District 79 **Michael Benjamin (D, WF)**
Sigfredo Gonzalez (C)
- District 80 Louise Delucia (R)
Patrick McManus (C)
Naomi Rivera (D)
- District 81 **Jeffrey Dinowitz (D, WF)[†]**
Jeffrey Klapper (C)
- District 82 **Michael R. Benedetto (D, WF)**
Raymond Capone (R, C)
- District 83 Michel Blot (R, C)[†]
Carl Heastie (D, WF)
Sherman Browne (D)
- District 84 **Carmen E. Arroyo (D)**
Frank Dellavalle (C)
- District 85 **Ruben Diaz Jr. (D, WF)**
Sandra Eligon (C)
Nelson Moran (R)
- District 86 Nelson Castro (D)
Lisa Marie Campbell (R, C)
(incumbent)

BROOKLYN

- District 40 Inez D. Barron (D, WF)^{^†}
Kenneth Waylun (R, C)
- District 41 Alan Bellone (R, C)[†]
Helene E. Weinstein (D, WF)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

District 42	Rhoda S. Jacobs (D) Alan Kesler (R) [†]
District 43	Stuart Balberg (R, C) Karim Camara (D, WF)[†]
District 44	James F. Brennan (D, WF)[†] Yvette Velazquez Bennett (R, C) [†]
District 46	Alec Brook-Krasney (D, WF) Robert P. Capano (R, C, I)
District 47	William Colton (D, WF)[†] Russell C. Gallo (R, C) [†]
District 48	Dov Hikind (D, R) Herbert F. Ryan (C)
District 49	Peter J. Abate Jr. (D, WF) Lucretia Regina-Potter (R, C, I) [†]
District 50	Joseph R. Lentol (D) Teresa Puccio (R, C)
District 51	Grace Coen (C) Luis A. Garcia (R) Felix Ortiz (D, WF)
District 52	Joan Millman (D, WF)[†] Pedro V. Monge (R, C)
District 53	Frances F. Cutrone (R) Vito J. Lopez (D)
District 54	Khorshed A. Chowdhury (R, C) Darryl C. Towns (D, WF)
District 55	Jonathan Anderson (R) William F. Boyland Jr. (D, WF)[†]
District 56	Annette M. Robinson (D) Henry C. Snead Sr. (R)
District 57	Charles Brickous (R) [†] Hakeem Jeffries (D, WF)[†]
District 59	Edward P. Bracken (C) Alan Maisel (D)[†]
District 60*	Joseph Cammarata (R, C) D. Janele Hyer-Spencer (D, I, WF)[†]

MANHATTAN

District 64	Daniel Maio (R) [†] Sheldon Silver (D, WF)
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CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

- District 65 **Micah Z. Kellner (D, WF)**
Georgiana Viest (R)
- District 67 Eleanor Friedman (R)
Linda B. Rosenthal (D, WF)
- District 68 George L. Espada Sr. (I)[†]
Adam Clayton Powell (D)
Norma Soriano (R)
- District 70 Rueben D. Riley Sr. (R)
Keith L. T. Wright (D, WF)
- District 71 Kenneth M. Britton (R)
Herman D. Farrell Jr. (D)
- District 72 William Buran (R)[†]
Adriano Espaillat (D, WF)[†]
- District 73 **Jonathan L. Bing (D, WF)[†]**
David B. Casavis (R)[†]
- District 74 Bryan A. Cooper (R)
Brian P. Kavanagh (D, WF)
- District 75 Saul J. Farber (R, I)
Richard N. Gottfried (D, WF)[†]

QUEENS

- District 22 Grace Meng (D)[†]
Ellen Young (I, WF)[†]
- District 23 **Audrey I. Pheffer (D, WF)[†]**
Gerald Sullivan (R, C, I)
- District 26 **Ann Margaret E. Carrozza (D, WF)**
Robert J. Speranza (R, C, I)
- District 28 **Andrew D. Hevesi (D, WF)**
Walter E. Schmidt (R)
- District 30 **Margaret M. Markey (D)**
Anthony P. Nunziato (R, C, I)[†]

STATEN ISLAND

- District 60* Joseph Cammarata (R, C)
D. Janele Hyer-Spencer (D, I, WF)
- District 61 Rose Margarella (I)
Thomas W. McGinley (R)
Matthew J. Titone (D, WF)
- District 62 Albert J. Albanese (D)[†]
Lou Tobacco (R, C, I)[†]



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

District 63 **Michael J. Cusick (D, C, I, WF)[†]**
David A. Pascarella (R)

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS

SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

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

District 31* Stephen Bradian (C)
Martin Chicon (R)
Eric Schneiderman (D, WF)

District 32 **Ruben Diaz Sr. (D, R)**
William J. McDonagh (C)

District 33 Pedro Espada Jr. (D)^{^†}
William Sullivan (C)

District 34 Daniel Fasolino (R, C)
Jeffrey D. Klein (D, I, WF)

District 36 Curtis Brooks (R, C)[†]
Ruth H. Thompson (D, WF)

BROOKLYN

District 17 Victor C. Guarino (R, C)
Martin Malave-Dilan (D)

District 18 **Velmanette Montgomery (D, WF)**
Sandra A. Palacios-Serrano (R, C)[†]

District 19 Godfrey Jelks (R, C)
John L. Sampson (D)

District 20 **Eric Adams (D, WF)[†]**
Stephen A. Christopher (R, C)

District 21 Glenn P. Nocera (R, C)[†]
Kevin Parker (D, WF)^{^†}

District 23* **Diane J. Savino (D, WF)[†]**
Richard Thomas (R, I)

District 25* John G. Chromczak (R)[†]
Daniel L. Squadron (D, WF)[†]

District 27 **Carl Kruger (D)**
Vyacheslav Patrín (C)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

MANHATTAN

- District 25* John G. Chromczak (R)[†]
Daniel L. Squadron (D, WF)[†]
- District 26 Timothy L. Brown (R)[†]
Liz Krueger (D, WF)[†]
- District 28* **Jose M. Serrano (D, WF)**
Keesha S. Weiner (R, C)
- District 29 **Thomas K. Duane (D, WF)[†]**
Debra Leible (R)
- District 31* Stephen Bradian (C)
Martin Chicon (R)
Eric Schneiderman (D, WF)

QUEENS

- District 11 James F. Gennaro (D, WF)[†]
Frank Padavan (R, C, I)[†]
- District 12 Thomas Dooley (R, C, I)[†]
George Onorato (D)
- District 15 Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. (D, WF)[†]
Serphin R. Maltese (R, C, I)[†]
- District 16 Peter A. Koo (R, C, I)[†]
Toby Ann Stavisky (D, WF)[†]

STATEN ISLAND

- District 23* **Diane J. Savino (D, WF)[†]**
Richard Thomas (R, I)
- District 24 **Andrew J. Lanza (R, C, I)**
Joseph J. Pancila (D)

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS

SALARY: \$ 112,500

QUEENS

- District 30 Elizabeth S. Crowley (D, WF)
Anthony Como (R, I, C)



CONTESTED GENERAL ELECTIONS

CIVIL COURT JUDGESHIPS

TERM OF OFFICE: TEN YEARS

ELECTED COUNTYWIDE OR BY DISTRICT

SALARY: \$125,600

BRONX--COUNTYWIDE

Marcos Pagan (R, C)

Elizabeth Taylor (D)

BROOKLYN--COUNTYWIDE (VOTE FOR 3)

Theodore Alatsas (R, C)

Alice Fisher (D)

Ingrid Joseph (D)

Vincent F. Martusciello (R, C)

Loren Schiffman (D)

Philip J. Smallman (R, C)

QUEENS--COUNTYWIDE (VOTE FOR 2)

Terrence C. O'Connor (D)

Carmen R. Velasquez (D)



LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE EVALUATION AND SUPPORT PRINCIPLES

OUR VALUES AND AIMS

As an independent, non-partisan organization, Citizens Union works to promote good government and political reform in the City and State of New York. For more 111 years, CU has worked to combat the corrupting influence of Tammany Hall and its inheritors.

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. Through public education, issue advocacy, and civic engagement, CU seeks to inform the citizens of New York, affect the issues in which it is involved, and advance the cause for which it was founded. To that end, CU evaluates candidates for elected office and backs those candidates who strongly support and can advance our stated agenda for reform.

When CU evaluates and supports candidates, it focuses on significant, competitive races; on races in which an incumbent has earned our support by his or her diligence in pursuing our agenda; and on races in which an incumbent has earned our opposition by either being an obstacle to reform in office or through inappropriate personal behavior. Races considered for evaluation and support shall be limited to the following:

- a) **City-wide**—Mayor, Public Advocate, and Comptroller
- b) **Borough-wide**—Borough President, District Attorney, Surrogate
- c) **Legislative**—State Senate, State Assembly, City Council
- d) **State-wide**—Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HELP THE LOCAL CANDIDATES' COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FULFILL CU'S MISSION:

1. Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be a primary criterion 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.
4. State, local, or community issues specific to the race's jurisdiction shall be considered (as determined annually by the Board and LCC) as will candidates' ability to grasp these issues and propose thoughtful solutions and represent the interests of their constituents, but these factors shall be given less weight than are CU agenda issues.
6. The practice of ethical conduct and adherence to high ethical standards shall also be seriously considered.
7. For citywide or statewide races, CU not only will evaluate candidates against the above criteria, but also gauge their knowledge and command of other issues as defined by the Board and their proposed approach in addressing them.
8. 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.



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

1. Where do you stand on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?
2. What is your position on establishing a system of public financing for state legislative and statewide races?
3. If you support public financing, what is your position on a system where public funds are awarded on a matching basis (similar in design and function to the New York City system) rather than a system of full public funding of campaigns?
4. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?
5. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs, while still allowing such entities to form separate PACs?
6. What is your position on banning campaign contributions from unions, while still allowing them to form separate PACs?
7. What is your position on limiting transfers from party committees to candidates, or other committees, to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees to the same ceiling placed on candidates?
8. What is your position on increasing disclosure and reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures by requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution?
9. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session?

ELECTION REFORM

10. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the two-party system of governance and operation?
11. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot (i.e. lower signature requirements, less burdensome witness signature requirements, etc.)?
12. Where do you stand on amending the state constitution to allow adoption of statewide Election Day voter registration?
13. What is your position on amending the Municipal Home Rule law to limit the ability of a mayor-appointed charter revision commission to “bump” other local charter amendments from appearing on the ballot?
14. Where do you stand on establishing by statute an Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission charged with drawing congressional and state legislative lines, thus removing the responsibility from the Legislature?



CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS & QUESTIONNAIRE

15. Where do you stand on the adoption of stricter redistricting rules that would ensure that every district is: more equal in population (within 1% deviation from the mean), contiguous and compact, formed without regard for protecting an incumbent or political party, mindful of the need to keep neighborhoods intact; and not drawn to undermine racial, linguistic, and ethnic representation?

ETHICS REFORM

16. What is your position on changing the representation of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity so no one elected official makes a majority of the appointments?
17. What is your position on expanding the jurisdiction of the newly formed Commission on Public Integrity to include legislative ethics violations?
18. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use

BUDGET REFORM

19. 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 allows for comparison between past year and expected spending in order to facilitate public and legislative review?
20. What is your position on requiring the governor's budget submission to present the full scope of the state's financial condition, including its public authorities, and to provide a clear, comprehensive, and consolidated picture of the state's budget operations and fiscal obligations?
21. Do you support 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?
22. What is your position on creating an independent Public Authorities Budget Office and requiring disclosure of detailed budgetary operations of all public authorities?
23. What is your position on requiring regular reporting of lump-sum appropriations and member items that includes detailed information on MoUs, funds distributed, recipients, and remaining funds?

ADDITIONAL REFORM

24. 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?
25. Do you support reform of the Wicks Law that requires New York State government entities to award separate prime contracts for the major components of a construction project?
26. What was your position on holding a public vote on the floor on the issue of congestion pricing?



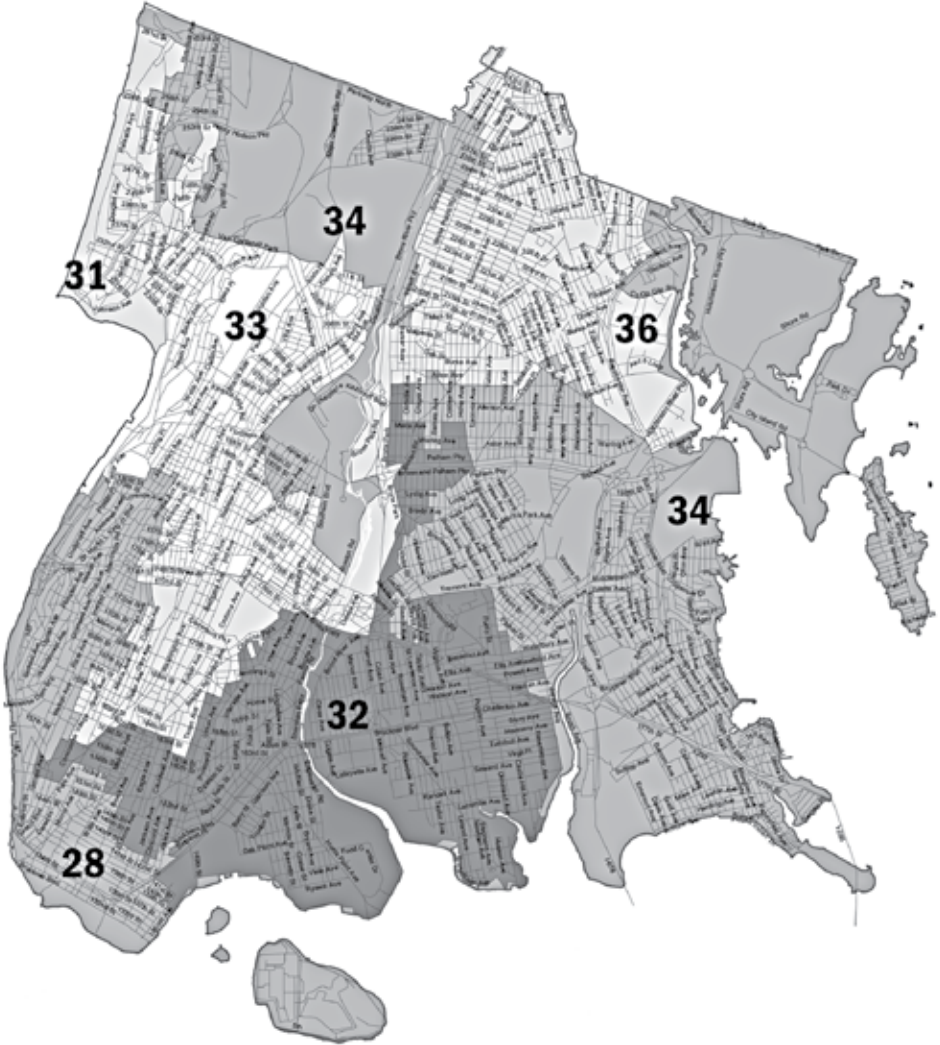
CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS & QUESTIONNAIRE

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QUEENS																												
A22/ Meng	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A22/ Young	WF, I	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A23/ Pheffer	D, WF	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S
A30/ Nunziato	R, C, I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S11/ Gennaro	D, WF	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	
S11/ Padavan	R, C, I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	0	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	
S12/Dooley	R, C, I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	0	0	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
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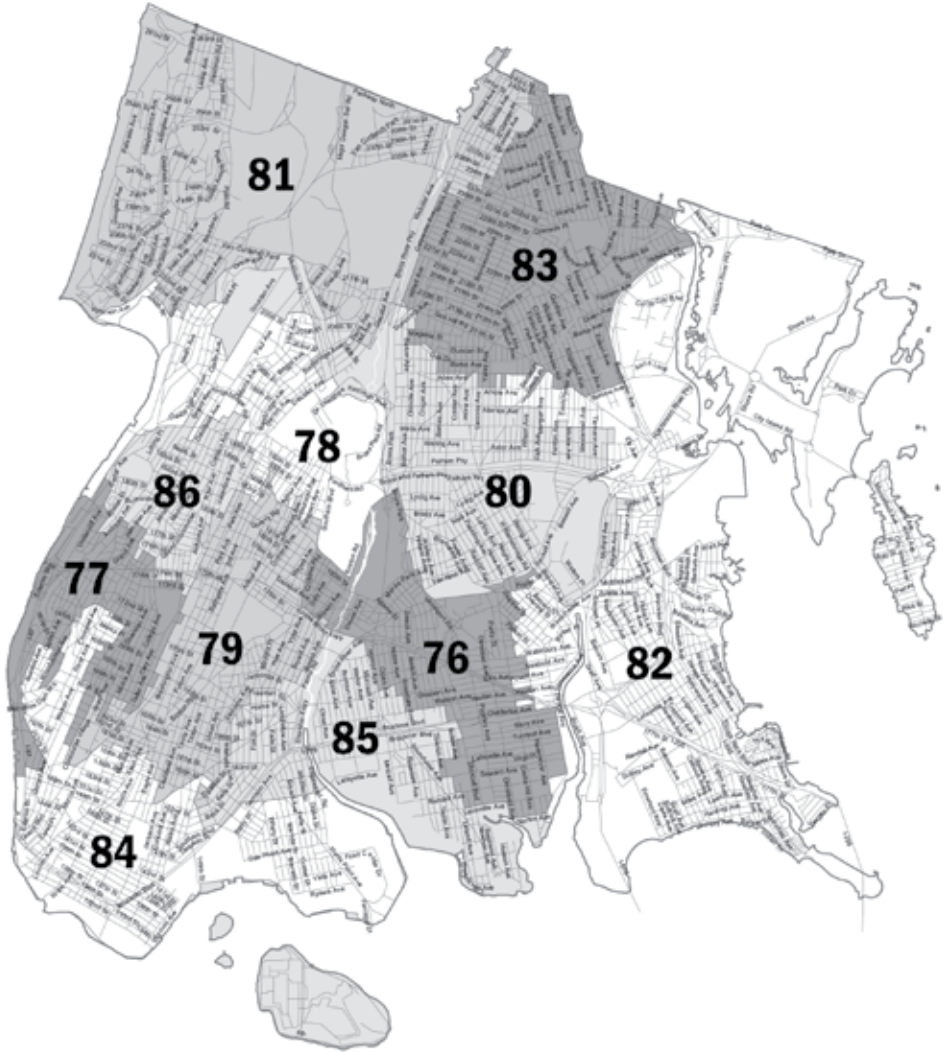


CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS & QUESTIONNAIRE

BRONX STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP



BRONX STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



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DISTRICT 76

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—PETER RIVERA—DEM, WF** ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 61 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Pace University (BA); St. John's University (JD)

Peter Rivera has represented the 76th Assembly District since 1992. He believes the most important issues facing the city are higher education, reform of the New York State Minority/ Women Business Owned Enterprise (MWBE) program, and diversification of the state workforce. Although he is a supporter of much of Citizens Union's agenda, Mr. Rivera opposes a citizens' committee for trial judge appointment on the basis of merit. He cited the potential lack of diversity in an appointing committee as a major concern, and would support government appointments to the selection committee if it included input from minority organizations, in particular those who represent the Latino community. Overall, he is not overly opposed to the election of judges, but believes that it is most important that quality judges are recruited to serve not only on the Supreme Court, but also on housing and arbitration courts. Mr. Rivera supports mayoral control of city schools and believes the current grading system is a positive step towards providing parents with important and useful information. However, he does recognize that many parents in his district feel left out of the process. He believes that the creation of the Parent Coordinator position increases communication between the Department of Education and parents. In addition, Mr. Rivera would like to find ways to increase the number of students who are completing higher education successfully and cited abysmal high school graduation rates, the lack of academic and emotional support available to college students, and the lack of role models in the lives of students as causes of this problem. One of his top priorities is to reform the MWBE program, which is responsible for certifying minority and women owned businesses to allow them to do business with state agencies. He proposed increasing the number of certified programs so that the bidding and award process would be more competitive and fair. If re-elected his legislative priorities would be to diversify the state workforce, increase voter turnout in the Bronx, begin planning for the 2010 reapportionment and redistricting, and pass health parity for post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries. Mr. Rivera has proved to be an effective legislator and representative for his district, earning him Citizens Union's endorsement. We hope that if he is re-elected he will work with us to push forward meaningful campaign finance, ethics, and election reform and continue to be an advocate for educational reform and the MWBE program.

CHARLES SERRANO—REP, CON

Has not returned questionnaire.

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]

DISTRICT 81

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JEFFREY DINOWITZ—DEM, WF** ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 53 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

*Education: Bronx HS of Science; Herbert H. Lehman College, CUNY (BA);
Brooklyn Law School (JD)*

First elected in 1994, Jeffrey Dinowitz represents the 81st Assembly District in the Bronx. He is a supporter of most of CU's reform agenda, particularly campaign finance reform. Mr. Dinowitz prefers a full public financing system for candidates' campaigns; however he would support a public matching system. He is also unsure about placing a ban on union contributions while allowing them to form PACs. He would also be supportive of an independent redistricting commission, but has concerns with the ability to make it truly independent. Mr. Dinowitz said he has always supported election reform, and noted that he recently introduced a bill to award New York's electoral college votes based on the national popular vote as a way to bring the state back in to play during presidential elections. He said he has also introduced a number of bills to create easier ballot access. As the chair of the Aging Committee, Mr. Dinowitz said he is currently fighting to resist the city's effort to consolidate and close senior centers. On education, he would support renewing mayoral control of city schools, but believes there needs to be meaningful adjustments to its current implementation to include an avenue for communication between the Department of Education and the community. He noted that the last time School Board elections were held in his district, more than 10,000 people voted and they also held forums to allow the public to provide input, something that does not happen now. Mr. Dinowitz also made a point to mention that his positions and priorities are rooted in the wishes of his constituents and that he would not be afraid to resist outside pressure on an issue if his opposition was in the best interest of his district. He disagrees with CU's support for congestion pricing and feels that a public vote on a bill with little chance of passing would not have been beneficial to the process. His reasoning on these issues, however, was thoughtful and presented in terms of the impact it might have on his constituents. During his tenure he has proved to be a responsive, effective, and active representative with well articulated positions and for these reasons has earned CU's endorsement.

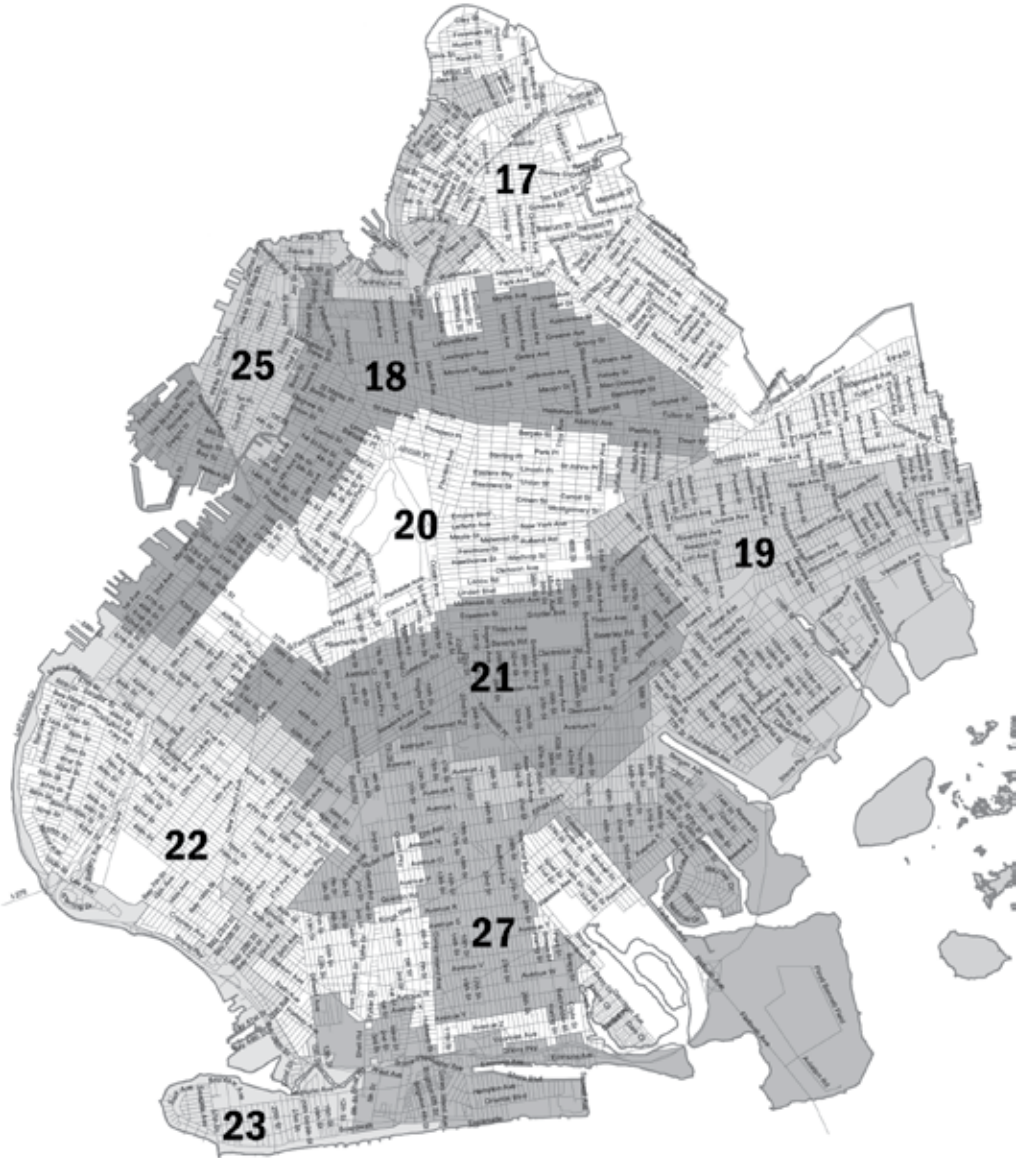
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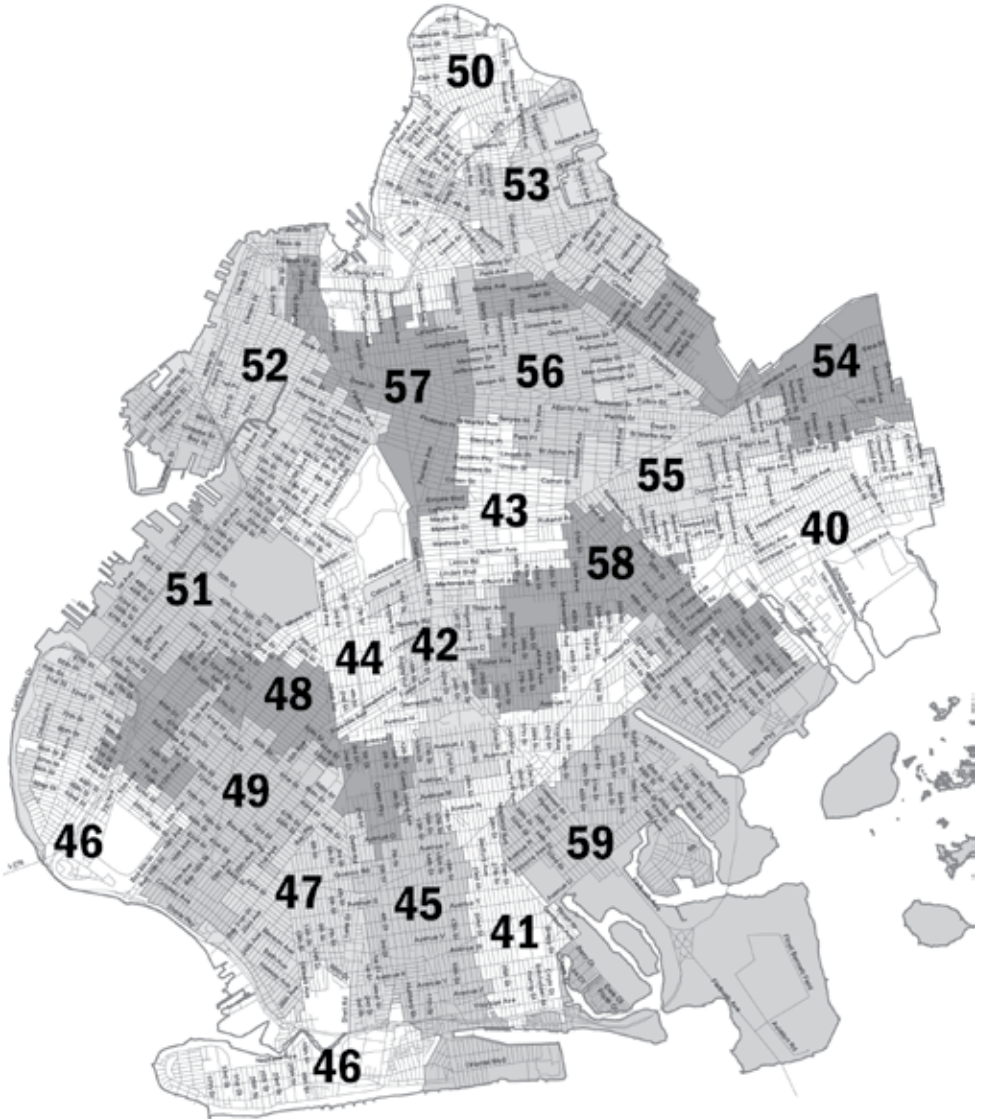
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BROOKLYN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP



BROOKLYN STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



BROOKLYN STATE SENATE RACES

DISTRICT 20

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—ERIC ADAMS—DEM, WF** ★

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 47 Occupation: Member, NYS Senate
Education: Masters Degree in Public Administration*

Elected in 2006, Eric Adams is a 22-year veteran of the New York City Police Department. The freshman senator is the Ranking Minority Member on the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee, and the Veterans, Homeland Security & Minority Affairs Committee. Mr. Adams, a supporter of easier ballot access, is concerned that if the requirements to appear on the ballot are eased, a reformed campaign finance system at the state level might be subject to abuse. He argues that if it is made easier for candidates to appear on the ballot, then candidates should be required to meet certain thresholds to receive public campaign financing. He advocates making service in the legislature a full time job, and is supportive of legislative pay raises, but perhaps not while the economy is still doing poorly. He indicated that the issue of legislative pay raises should be considered by a bipartisan panel of non-legislators. When interviewed by CU two years ago, Mr. Adams supported merit appointment of judges; however he has since changed his position. He said the only reason he is not in favor of the reform is because of its impact on minority representation on the bench, but if there is a way to ensure diversity he would be supportive of taking control of judgeships out of the hands of county leaders. With the economic downturn, Mr. Adams noted that the budget this year was passed much too hastily, despite the fact that he voted in favor of it. Mr. Adams believes that not enough was done to cut spending or recoup government losses from items, such as Medicaid fraud. He did say, however, that any state budget cuts implemented should not affect education and healthcare delivery. In addition to reform issues, Mr. Adams said he would be an active advocate for the environment. He helped bring young adults to Albany to meet with the Senate Energy Committee and other legislators, organized a task force to discuss making environmental improvements, and communicated with his district about ways to reduce their carbon footprint. He would also like to see more bike stands installed to encourage people to ride to work. Mr. Adams was, however, against the mayor's congestion pricing plan —though supportive of a floor vote — because he would have first liked to have seen a larger charge for bridge access and a way to make public transportation free. After one term in Albany, Mr. Adams has proven to be a thoughtful and engaged legislator with the potential to be a strong leader, earning him CU's endorsement. We look forward to working with him on campaign finance reform, independent redistricting, and meaningful budget reform in the future.

STEVEN A. CHRISTOPHER—REP, CON

Has not returned questionnaire.

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]

DISTRICT 23

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—DIANE SAVINO—DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: N/A Occupation: Member, NYS Senate

Education: St. Johns University (BA);

Cornell Industrial School of Labor Relations (Labor Studies)

Diane Savino was elected to represent the 23rd Senate District in 2004 at the encouragement of then minority leader David Paterson. Ms. Savino said she decided to run as a way to counter the Republican hold in Washington at the time. Since she entered office she has noticed that the Senate Republicans have begun to embrace small reform, but that much still remains to be done, like allowing committees to negotiate the budget. A strong supporter of the Citizens Union reform agenda, Ms. Savino said that the senate implements policies similar to the those in the Assembly that allow minority bills to be introduced in committee, and that there should be rigorous debate with mark-ups that go back to the sponsor. She said the state missed the opportunity early on to tackle the looming budget crisis because the state passed a budget this past year in a rush and based it on predictions before the April 15 financial numbers came in, out of fear that negotiations would break down. Ms. Savino said top issues at the state level include Medicaid reform and education funding. She believes that the formula for education funding needs to be changed, since currently the state spends more money in high tax areas at the expense of high need districts. With respect to the Medicaid program, the arrangement between Blue Cross/Empire State and hospitals has only led to an increase in cost without and increase in healthcare quality. To add to the problem, nursing homes are forced to accommodate prematurely discharged patients at a growing cost. She said that approximately \$40 million in revenue could possibly be found in unused member items and rolled back into the general fund to help alleviate the cost of education and other important items. In addition, the state will need to examine reform of the public authorities to curtail their spending and allowing representatives of the legislature to sit on their boards. As the state considers ways to decrease spending, Ms. Savino also proposes that nonessential projects be postponed until the economy of the state is in better shape. A strong and dedicated representative for her district with intimate knowledge both of local and state government issues, Ms. Savino has proven to be an effective legislator. Citizens Union endorses Ms. Savino and looks forward to working with her in the future on the reform issues she supports.

RICHARD THOMAS—REP, IND

Has not returned questionnaire.

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]



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DISTRICT 25

★ NO ENDORSEMENT ★

JOHN G. CHROMCZAK—REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 37 Occupation: NYU Langone Medical Center
Education: BA, Biology and Music Performance

Running in his first campaign, John Chromczak is hoping to provide a voice to the middle class and to increase voters' choices beyond the primary election. Mr. Chromczak stated that the number one reform item that needs to be addressed in Albany is the implementation of term limits. He would advocate for different terms for the assembly and senate, which he believes would provide the opportunity for new ideas and representation. In addition, he strongly supports facilitating easier ballot access. As a challenger from a party not highly represented in the district, he found the petition process oppressive and expensive. If elected, he would advocate for lengthening the time period for collecting signatures and lowering the signature requirement. With respect to campaign finance reform, he would support partial public financing along the lines of the New York City model, but has serious concerns with putting strained public resources into campaigns at this moment. In regard to Election Day voter registration, Mr. Chromczak said he would have to do further research into implementation that would safeguard against voter fraud. He is also supportive of an independent redistricting commission, hoping it would incorporate people from each region in the state and require a strict up or down vote from the legislature. He would support increasing contribution reporting, but would want assurance that the information could not be used over the internet for identity theft. His top issue is advancing progress on the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site, and believes that as a freshman senator he can be a strong advocate for this. He said no one is taking responsibility for its mismanagement, and as a result the project continues to be plagued with problems, similar to the MTA. Mr. Chromczak said he knocked on more than 10,000 doors this election and has been encouraging people to get involved in his campaign through volunteering. He believes that the many small contributions he has received and the money the Republican party has provided his campaign are a reflection of an awakening within the party to increase its diversity and solicit new energy. While Mr. Chromczak is an energetic and promising candidate with the potential to grow into an effective representative of his community, his limited knowledge of state government and untested experience gives CU pause. We encourage Mr. Chromczak to remain involved and build a track record for himself, as he is likely to emerge as a stronger candidate in the future.

DANIEL L. SQUADRON—DEM, WF

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 28 Occupation: N/A
Education: Yale University (BA)

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



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ties which include campaign finance reform. His other top priorities are increasing education aid and affordable housing in his district. Mr. Squadron believes improved public education can help retain residents who are at risk of leaving the city. He is also supportive of rezoning in Chinatown to increase affordable housing, as was done in the Lower East Side with the help of community boards. Squadron is an appealing and energetic candidate, with a passion for public service. He moved to Carroll Gardens two years ago, a neighborhood in the district he seeks to represent. Voters would benefit from more detail about how he will implement some of his agenda for better education and more affordable housing because he did not provide specifics for how he plans to address these issues. When asked, he stated his first action as a legislator would be to begin a listening tour of the district to formulate his priorities, something CU hopes he is currently doing so that he knows the district and its issues well enough to enter with a specific and clear agenda for his district if elected. CU did not prefer him in his primary election contest against the incumbent Senator Martin Connor, but nonetheless sees a lot of promise in Mr. Squadron. If elected, CU has high hopes that he will be a strong representative for his district and a leader on the reform issues that both CU and he support.

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DISTRICT 44

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JAMES BRENNAN—DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 56 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Yale University (BA); Brooklyn Law School (JD)

A member of the State Assembly since 1984, James Brennan served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Developmental Disabilities for five years before he lost the position due to his involvement in the 2000 effort to unseat Speaker Sheldon Silver. He now chairs the Committee on Cities and is a member of the Codes, Corporations, and Authorities and Commissions, Education, and Real Property Taxation Committees. He supports many of Citizens Union's reforms, including same day voter registration, which he notes could be accomplished without incidence of fraud by verifying the Election Day Registration before the ballot was counted. During his time in the Assembly, Mr. Brennan has sponsored legislation requiring the State Board of Elections to conduct a study on the feasibility of voting by mail, telephone, or internet and to publicize the results of the survey. Though Citizens Union prefers a public matching system, Mr. Brennan supports full public financing of elections, which he believes would create a level playing field and allow candidates to stop fundraising once the threshold had been met. He urged Albany to adopt some of the city's more stringent campaign finance restrictions, particularly with respect to conflicts of interest. When pressed on his efficacy in Albany, Mr. Brennan blamed a politically and regionally divided legislature marked more by disagreement than dysfunction, and argued that the Governor holds too much power over the budget-making process. Mr. Brennan said he is open to the creation of a legislative ethics commission, but was concerned with its constitutionality. He also was concerned with the ability of the Governor to appoint members, and would advocate that the current legislative ethics committee include non-legislators. Serving the interests of his district, Mr. Brennan has made homeowner protection a priority, having introduced a bill to enact a one-year moratorium on foreclosures and encourage settlements rather than litigation. He has fought for a reduction in the size of the Atlantic Yards project, noting that even a slight decline in the real estate market could hurt condominium profits and



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the project as a whole. This renders the development a risky endeavor which holds little actual promise of affordable housing. His commitment to the environment is evidenced in two bills he worked on to promote greener sources of energy, and his bill to prevent the immediate drilling of oil and gas wells in upstate New York. The combination of Brennan's community involvement, dedication to reform, and successful track record of passing 58 laws which he sponsored, have earned him Citizens Union's support again this year.

YVETTE VELAZQUEZ-BENNETT—REP, CON

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 52 Occupation: Information Systems Engineer (Retired)

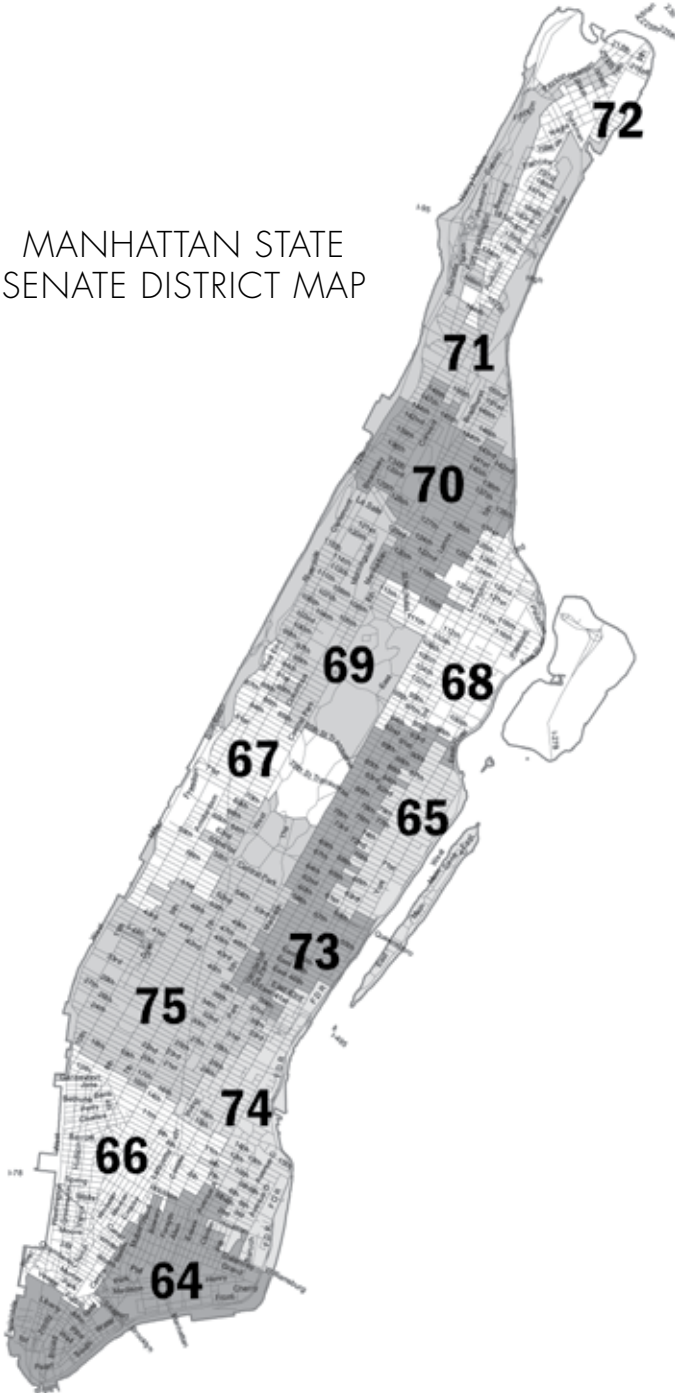
Education: City College of New York (BA)

A mother of two who home schools both her children, Yvette Velazquez-Bennett is running in her third campaign for public office. She ran once for the City Council against Bill de Blasio, and ran against James Brennan in 2006. While Ms. Velazquez-Bennett supports some of Citizens Union's reform issues, she disagrees largely on campaign finance reform. She was not whole-heartedly supportive on lowering campaign contribution limits, and said she would like to raise more money if she could. She is supportive of a public matching system, but said she has concerns with the New York City program, though she remained unspecific. She said that transparency and reporting are the keys to successful campaign finance reform. While she has concerns with the potential for large contributions to influence legislators, she believes that transparency would remedy this because voters would be able to see from where their legislators were receiving funds. Ms. Velazquez-Bennett said that while she is pro-development, the Atlantic Yards project as it currently stands is far too large, and has serious concerns with tax payer dollars being used to acquire the property. She views it as violation of property rights that people are being pushed out of the neighborhood as a result of this project. Education is also a top priority for Ms. Velazquez-Bennett. She would like to see a voucher system in place, and claimed it would promote competition among schools. She specifically took issue with the Blaine Amendment and its prohibition of parochial schools. In addition, she would work to improve public schools by encouraging an emphasis on phonics at an early age, as she believes that educational success is dependent upon the ability to read. Other issues important to Ms. Velazquez-Bennett are increasing community interaction with contractors developing condominiums in the district and increasing jobs by revitalizing the industrial buildings in the area and taking care of the senior citizens who are being priced out of their homes. Ms. Velazquez-Bennett was also extremely passionate about the need to prevent sexual assault. She advocates having sexual predators classified as possessing a mental deficiency, so as to extend their incarceration. While Citizens Union believes Ms. Velazquez-Bennett is an energetic, likeable, and impassioned candidate with much to offer her community, she did not make a strong enough case as to why she would make a better legislator in Albany than her opponent, particularly since she takes issue with some of Citizens Union's core reform issues.



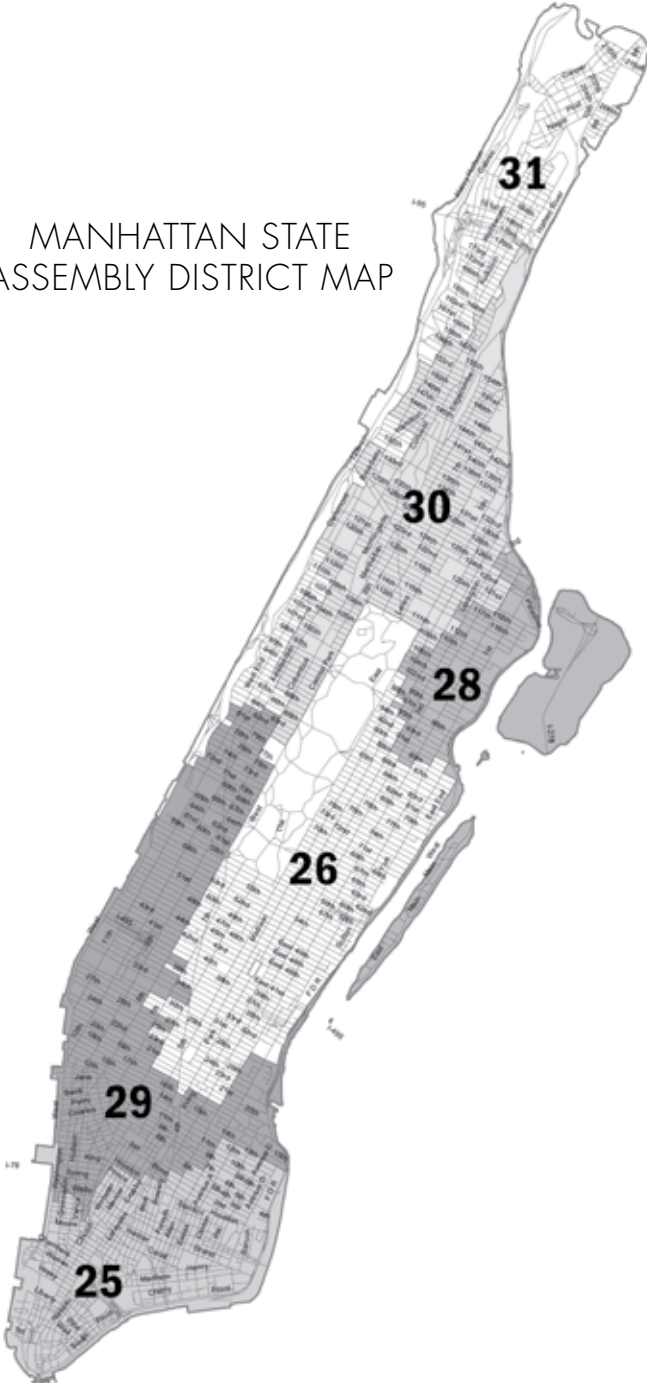
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DISTRICT 25

*District encompasses portions of Manhattan and Brooklyn.
Please see District 25 evaluation in Brooklyn section on page 31.*

DISTRICT 26

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—LIZ KRUEGER—DEM, WF ★

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

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

TIMOTHY L. BROWN—REP

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

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]



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DISTRICT 64—DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

★ NO EVALUATION ★

DANNIEL MAIO—REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

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

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

SHELDON SILVER—DEM, WF

Has not returned questionnaire.

Age: 64 Occupation: Speaker, NYS Assembly

Education: Yeshiva University; Brooklyn Law

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

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



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

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

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

DISTRICT 72

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—ADRIANO ESPAILLAT—DEM, WF ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 53 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

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

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



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

WILLIAM BURAN—REP, IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

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

Education: Manhattan College (BS in Finance)

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

DISTRICT 73

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

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 38 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

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

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



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

DAVID B. CASAVIS—REP

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

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



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

DISTRICT 75

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

Age: 61 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

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

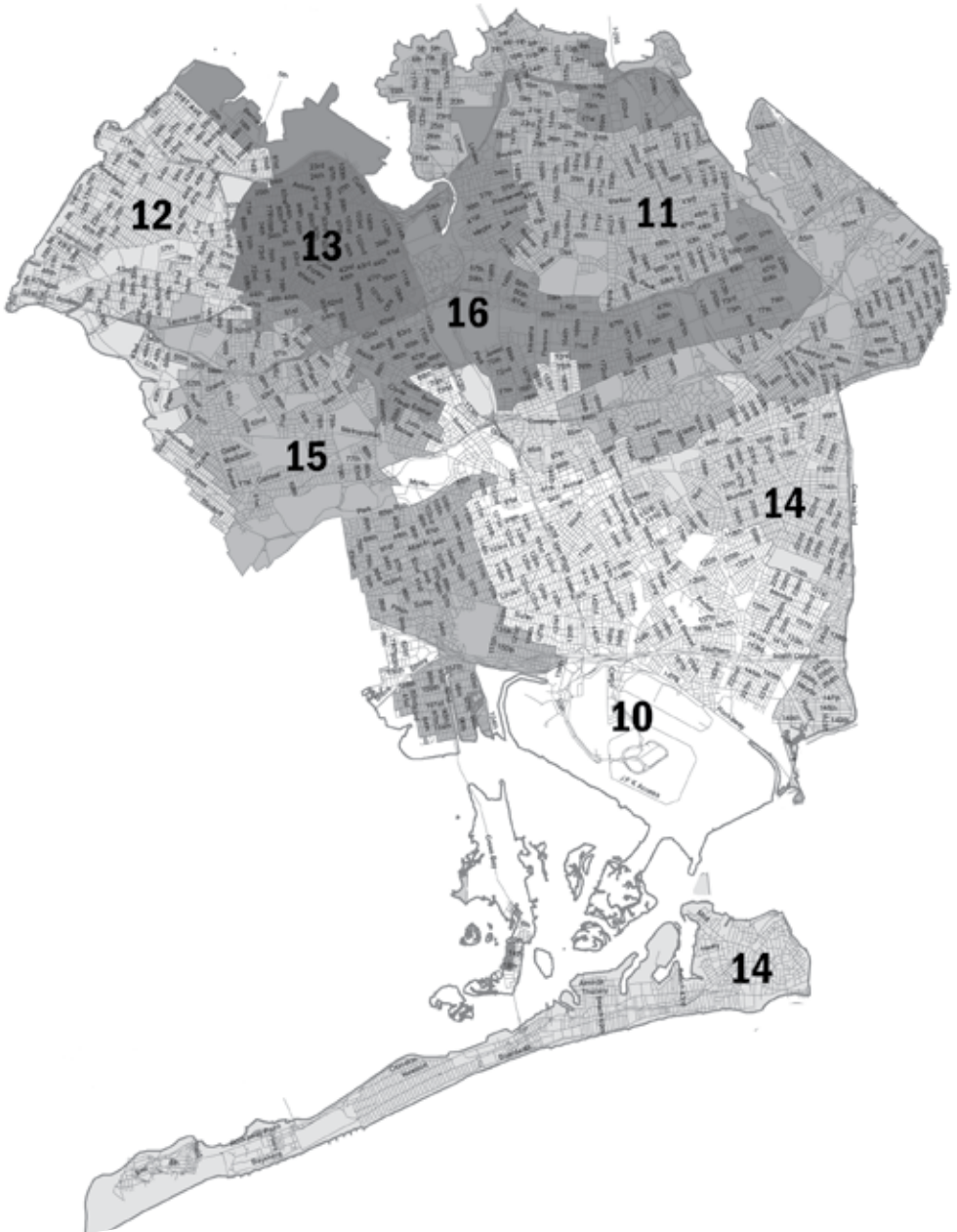
Mr. Gottfried, chair of the Assembly’s Health Committee, has represented the 75th Assembly District in the Bronx for 38 years. He supports most of CU’s policy agenda, particularly budget reform. He believes the correct approach to reforming government need to be issue-driven. With respect to the issue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

SAUL J FARBER—REP, IND

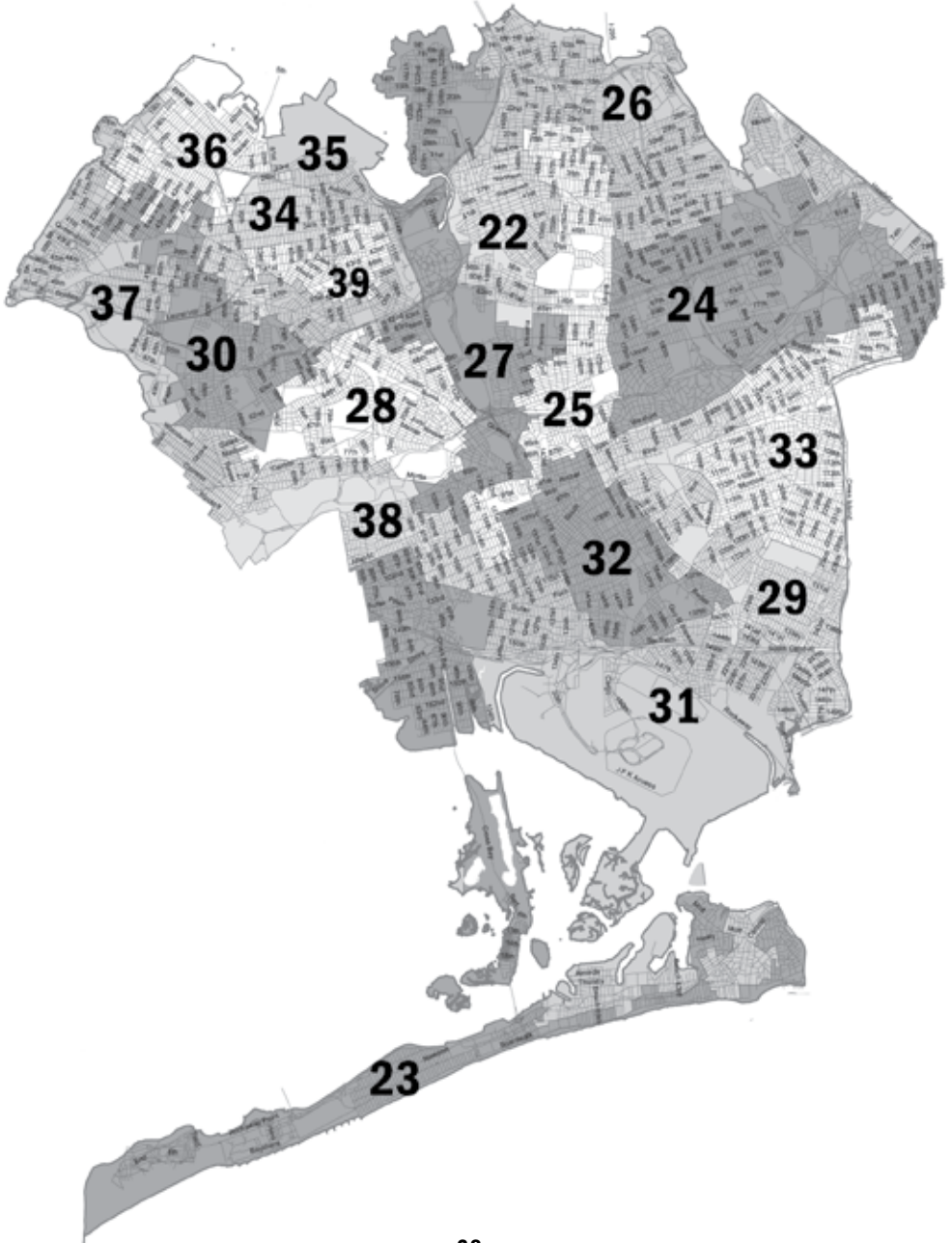
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DISTRICT 11

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—FRANK PADAVAN—REP, CON, IND** ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: N/A Occupation: Member, NYS Senate; Education: N/A

In his thirty-six years serving in the New York State Senate, Frank Padavan has earned a wealth of support from organizations ranging from environmental groups to healthcare unions. He has made a reputation for himself as having a strong commitment to social services, including education and health care. On reform issues, he supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission and the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Commission on Public Integrity to include legislative ethics violations, however he noted that no one elected official should make a majority of the appointments. While he did not support a public vote on congestion pricing, Mr. Padavan did vote in support of legislation to mitigate traffic congestion in all five boroughs. During the last session, he introduced two bills to ensure transparency and accountability in elections and campaigns. He also advanced a plan to reduce government waste and increase public awareness and input in state spending decisions because he believes that this will allow the legislature to avoid cutting important safety nets, such as education and healthcare. As one of the original sponsors of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), he has stood up against members of his own party to fight for increases in its funding, and has successfully acquired 32 acres from the state to build two new elementary schools in his district. He believes that every child under 18 should have comprehensive health insurance, including access to mental health coverage. Mr. Padavan has fought against Medicaid fraud, stating that thousands of recipients have moved out of the state yet continue to collect benefits. When asked during the candidate interview, he confirmed that he introduced legislation to prevent undocumented immigrants from receiving publicly funded healthcare services beyond emergency care, and would require providers to notify the bureau of immigration and customs of the patient's suspected illegal immigration status. Another priority for Mr. Padavan is to curtail gambling because he believes that the money the state earns in gambling revenues comes out of the pockets of lower and middle-class New Yorkers who ultimately may seek social services. Addressing Queens' high rate of recent home foreclosures, Mr. Padavan sponsored a bill—now state law—which which brings lenders and borrowers together and puts a ninety-day freeze on foreclosures. Mr. Padavan's continued commitment to reform issues and his strong record as an effective representative of to his district have earned him Citizens Union's endorsement. Should he be reelected, we look to work closely with Mr. Padavan to make further progress on our reform agenda.

JAMES F. GENNARO—DEM, WF

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 51 Occupation: Member, NYC Council
Education: SUNY Stonybrook (BA in Geology); MS Policy Analysis and Public Management

First elected to the City Council in 2001, James Gennaro serves as Chair of the Council's Environmental Protection Committee. He is a dedicated and effective environmentalist who supported a public vote on congestion pricing. Citing the reformist record of the City Council in contrast to the failure of reform measures in Albany, Gennaro stated that state government reform is among his top five campaign promises. He stated that new leadership is needed

in Albany, and that he will work to eliminate waste, corruption, and increase transparency. He also supports campaign finance reform to “get the money out of politics” starting with public financing and nonpartisan redistricting. Through his leadership position at the Council, he sponsored two wetland protection laws, and stated that his Jamaica Bay watershed protection commission serves as a national model. Gennaro, who studied geology and environmental science before becoming a policy analyst for the Council, worked to renew the City’s waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency’s water filtration requirements in order to maintain New York City’s rate of 90% unfiltered water. He continues to fight against upstate drilling, which may affect the City’s water quality. He has advocated for these issues, often in opposition to Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Paterson, and successfully pushed the federal government to adopt stricter requirements. As a testament to his ability to tackle tough issues, he has fought to balance the interests of his constituents with the needs of his community. On the one hand, Mr. Gennaro has fought to preserve low-density residential communities; however, also recognizing the growing demand for high-density housing, he supported up-zoning despite its unpopularity among his constituents. He also supports rent-regulation and additional housing and services for seniors. Mr. Gennaro has often stood with Citizens Union on a number of important issues, including campaign finance reform. He has been an effective member of the Council and one of the body’s stand-out legislators, especially on environmental issues. The district would be well served were he to be elected to the Senate. He did not, however, make a convincing case as to why Citizens Union should turn its support from Senator Padavan, who has served his constituents well and is a supporter of Albany reform.

DISTRICT 15

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR.—DEM, WF** ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 44 Occupation: Member, NYC Council

Education: St. Johns University (BS in Accounting); Touro College School of Law (JD)

Joseph Addabbo has represented the 32nd City Council District since 2002. Mr. Addabbo is largely supportive of the CU reform agenda. Mr. Addabbo recognized that while he benefited from the practice of using tax payer dollars to send out congratulatory greetings and salutations to his constituents, he praised CU’s role in the Council banning such practices. He is still unsure about changing the current election administration structure in the state, but would like to see more transparency with the Boards of Elections. He also said he believes that more public input is needed at the Board of Elections, specifically with the selection of new voting machines. Mr. Addabbo has focused his campaign and service in the City Council on constituent services. He noted that he currently has two district offices running full time and has said he will continue this practice if elected to the senate. He also runs a 24-hour operator service for his constituents to call with problems, and if elected, he said it would be the first time his district would have such easy access to its state senator. At the local level, Mr. Addabbo helped amass \$1.8 million for the Rockaway Ferry, of which \$1.5 million was used to subsidize the fare. He noted that the ferry is an important mode of transportation because that area of the district is far away and disconnected from the subway system. The ferry provides an alternative mode of transportation to those constituents. Mr. Addabbo said the most prominent issue that distinguishes him from his opponent is his commitment to tenants’ rights. Citizens Union has worked with Mr. Addabbo in the Council for the past several years, and he has proved himself to be an effective, hardworking and responsive representative for his constituents. Given his Council experience and our view that he will be more of a reformer in the state senate than the current incumbent, Addabbo earns CU’s endorsement.

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SERPHIN R. MALTESE—REP, IND, CON

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 75 Occupation: Member, NYS Senate

Education: Stuyvesant H.S.; Manhattan College (BA); Fordham Law School (LLB, JD)

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]

DISTRICT 16

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—TOBY ANN STAVISKY—DEM, WF** ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: N/A Occupation: Member, NYS Senate; former High School Teacher

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

Toby Ann Stavisky has served in the State Senate since taking over the seat from her late husband in 1999. Ms. Stavisky supports Citizens Union's agenda on campaign finance and election reform. She co-sponsored bill S3108 that would regulate financing of elections by imposing expenditure limits and creating a campaign finance board. In addition, Ms. Stavisky would advocate for a restructuring of the state Board of Elections to create nonpartisan administration of elections. Through the creation of a senior center, Ms. Stavisky has worked to improve the lives of senior citizens in her district. In addition, Ms. Stavisky has tried to improve schools in her district through her participation with the Higher Education committee. Ms. Stavisky has often called for change in Albany and would like to reorder the Senate's priorities to focus on education. While Ms. Stavisky realizes that the days of a free SUNY or CUNY education are gone, she hopes to make college more affordable and increase the funding of colleges in Queens. She will also prioritize safety in her district and has tried to improve conditions on the ominous Queens Boulevard by asking for red-light cameras and countdown signals over the crosswalks. Ms. Stavisky has also advocated for increased police staffing in her district precinct to reduce incidences of robberies. It is apparent that Ms. Stavisky has the experience and continued determination to bring change in Albany and aid her constituents. Given her desire to push forward a reform agenda, her experience, and her track record in Albany and the district, Citizens Union supports her re-election and looks forward to reevaluating her progress on reform in the future.

PETER A. KOO—REP, IND, CON

Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16

Age: 56 Occupation: Pharmacist, Owner of Retail Pharmacy

Education: University of Hawaii (BS in Chemistry); University of New Mexico (BS in Pharmacy)

Peter Koo, the owner of a growing pharmacy business in Flushing, is running his first race for public office. Mr. Koo emigrated from Hong Kong at nineteen, put himself through college, started working at Queens Hospital, and eventually bought his own pharmacy in Flushing. He now owns five pharmacies and is the president of the Flushing Chinese Business Association. He is vocal about his desire to create change in Albany as a citizen legislator without ties to the current political establishment. He would advocate for transparency, a truly independent Commission on Public Integrity, and a ban on contributions from corporations. However, Mr. Koo raised much of his \$275,486 from corporations, and does not appear to have a thorough knowledge of many of the issues to which he lends his support. While he promises to abolish legislative member items to ensure transparency in state spending, he affirms that he would continue to accept them as long as they existed, and has no specific plan regarding how

to reform this issue. Given that Mr. Koo's expertise lies in the business realm, he would, if elected, aim to create more opportunities for immigrants by facilitating the process of opening a corporation, and increasing the availability of small loans. He also would like to cut down on Medicaid fraud, alleging that many recipients are not eligible, but does not believe that health-care funds should be diminished. To protect home owners and renters in a shifting economy, he would impose a cap on property tax while maintaining rent regulations. Mr. Koo is on the Board of LaGuardia Community College, where he created a scholarship fund. He said he would like to see more schools in his district, claiming that he walks the streets daily and is in touch with the needs of the community. He was unaware, however, that a new elementary school had already opened and was in full attendance. Though Mr. Koo is passionate about giving back to the community in which he is living out his "American Dream," Citizens Union feels that he lacks a thorough enough understanding of state government necessary to represent his district effectively and implement the reforms he seeks.

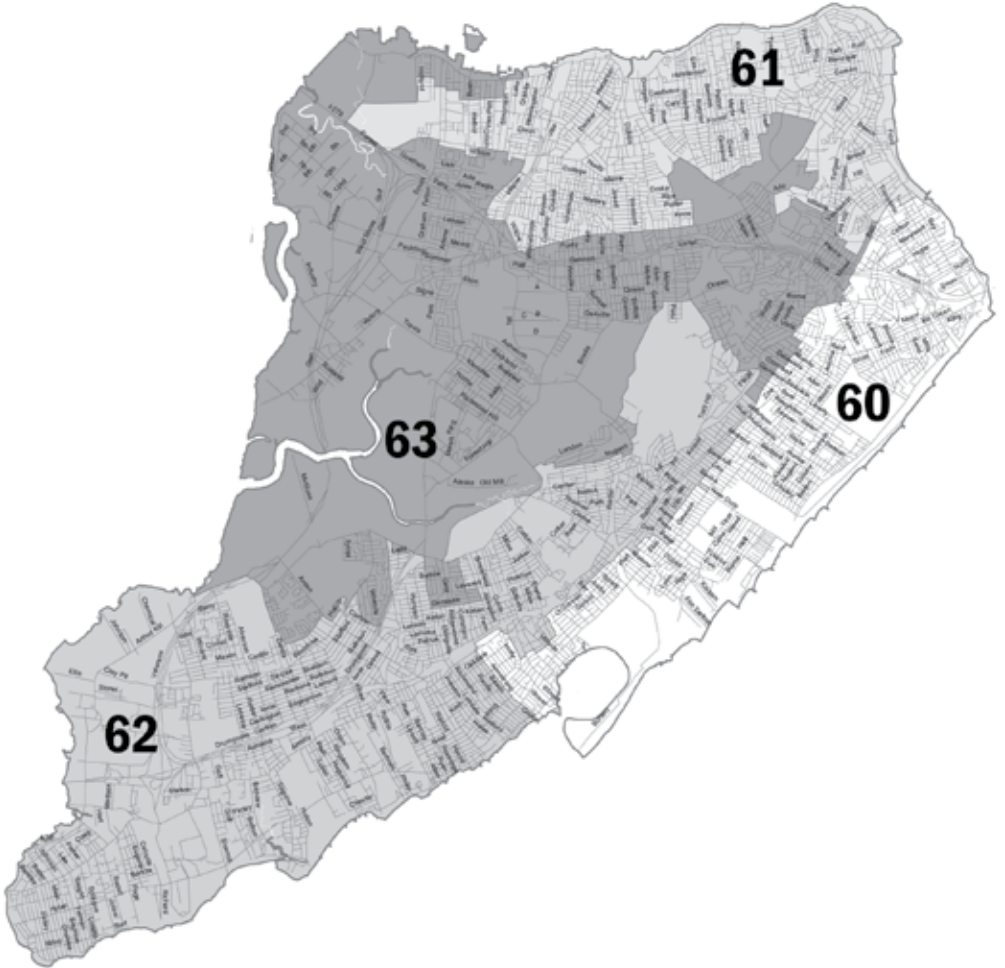


STATEN ISLAND STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP





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DISTRICT 23

*District encompasses portions of Staten Island and Brooklyn.
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DISTRICT 63

★ **ENDORSED CANDIDATE—MICHAEL J. CUSICK—DEM, CON, IND, WF** ★

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16
Age: 39 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly
Education: Villanova University (BA)*

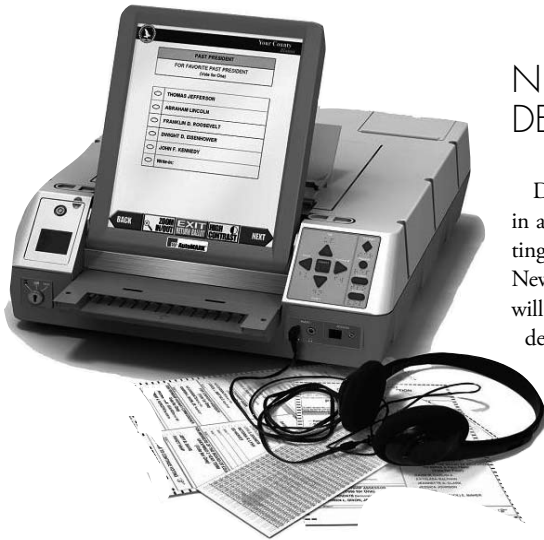
Since his election to the State Assembly in 2002, Michael Cusick has been a strong advocate for healthcare, education, and transportation on Staten Island. Though his priorities remain local issues, he recognizes the need for state government reform. A supporter of most of Citizens Union’s proposals, he believes all reforms should be on the table for discussion with the end-goal being to level the electoral playing field. He has co-sponsored legislation in support of an independent redistricting commission. While he had no specific agenda for the proposed inclusion of legislative ethics oversight into the Commission on Public Integrity, he suggested increasing transparency and remains open to new solutions if the current approach with the Legislative Ethics Committee proves insufficient. Mr. Cusick would support a pay raise for legislators, but in turn believes they should serve full time. Furthermore, he believes it is not appropriate for judicial salary increase to be tied to those of the legislature, and would be open to separating the two. One of his top priorities is healthcare and he noted that Staten Island is the only borough without a public hospital. Its two private hospitals are straining under growing populations and making it difficult for lower-income residents to receive care. During his time in the Assembly, he has authored legislation mandating that the city’s Health and Hospital Corporation earmark 10% of its budget for emergency facilities in Richmond County. Mr. Cusick has successfully fought for increased funding for education, and helped pass a budget providing unprecedented increases in school aid, which he hopes will be used to decrease class size in all New York City schools. He chairs the Higher Education Subcommittee on the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), which has oversight on tuition tax credit for families, establishes a student loan debt relief program, and provides college tuition assistance for veterans. In the environmental realm, Mr. Cusick supported a public vote on congestion pricing, although he would like to see a bill which would guarantee funding for Staten Island projects and would decrease the authority of the MTA. He has introduced legislation to expand bus service to and around Staten Island, and supports the creation of a West Shore light rail. While he has yet to prove himself as a leader on Citizens Union’s reform agenda, his thoughtful support of these issues and his commitment to Staten Island’s quality of life have earned him Citizens Union’s endorsement.

DAVID ANTHONY PASCARELLA—REP
Has not returned questionnaire.

[CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW.]



BALLOT MARKING DEVICE INFORMATION



NEW BALLOT MARKING DEVICES

During this November presidential election, in addition to using a lever machine or submitting an absentee ballot, all registered voters in New York City, including voters with disabilities, will be able to cast a ballot using a ballot marking device (BMD). There will be one BMD available at each polling site in the city.

The new BMDs are part of New York's plan to comply with the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed in 2002. One of the requirements of HAVA is to ensure that voters with disabilities may cast a ballot privately in the same place and manner as all other voters. The BMD selected by the Commissioners of the NYC Board of Elections for use in the fall 2008 election is the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK.

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

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

Citizens Union encourages voters to use the BMDs on November 4th and provide us with your thoughts and experiences. Please send your comments to asenteno@citizensunion.org with your name, email, and poll site information.

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HOW TO VOTE ON THE BMD

First, insert your paper ballot into the machine. When ballots have been programmed with languages other than English, you will be given a choice of language to select from. You will be provided with instruction in both audio and visual display: carefully review the instructions and select "next" to proceed to your ballot. The AutoMARK can provide you with audio instruction through the use of headphones. It also provides access through sip-n-puff devices, tactile controls and paddle devices. Let a poll worker know if you would like to use one of these options.



BALLOT MARKING DEVICE INFORMATION

The AutoMARK includes an audio control keypad that enables you to adjust volume, pause & repeat audio message, and even adjust the audio tempo.

Once your ballot is loaded, you will begin to make selections for each candidate or issue for which you intend to cast a vote. At the end of the process, the BMD will print your marked ballot and may provide audio replay for your review if the audio headphones are being used. After you mark your ballot using the BMD, you will have an opportunity to review your selections. You may choose to void the ballot and start the process over. Voters have three opportunities to mark their ballot as they wish. Poll Workers are always available to provide you with any assistance you may need. They will be stationed in various areas in your poll site.

Using the BMD can take anywhere from 3 minutes if using the display and touch screen to 45 minutes if using the audio, depending on the length of the ballot. There is no time limit for voters when using the BMD.

For more information on how to use the Braille-enhanced keypad, sip & puff device or rocker paddle please visit the NYC Board of Elections website at: <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/bmdenglish.html>.

You can also visit the NYS State Board of Election information site for information about the AutoMARK and other voting systems being used around the state visit: www.vote-ny.com.

OTHER INFORMATION

The last day to file in person for an absentee ballot at the BOE office is November 3, 2008.

If you have trouble voting on the BMD at your poll site, we encourage you to call the Board of Elections at 1-866-VOTE-NYC and make them aware of the problem. In addition there are a number of voter hotlines that will be operating on Election Day:

Election Protection Hotline:	1-866-OUR-VOTE
NYPIRG and Common Cause/NY:	212-822-0282
National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO):	1-866-Ve-Y-Yota

Please note that the BOE is expected to replace the lever machines currently used in New York City beginning with the fall 2009 elections and that these machines may be different from the BMDs used in this election.

This information was obtained from the New York State and New York City Boards of Elections' websites.



FURTHER INFORMATION

TO LEARN ABOUT THE POLITICAL PARTIES

Conservative	(718) 921-2158	www.cpnys.org
Democratic	(212) 725-8825	www.nydems.org
Green	(518) 463-8653	www.gpnys.org
Independence	(212) 962-1699	www.ipny.org
Liberal	(212) 213-1400	www.liberalparty.org
Libertarian	(518) 767-4688	www.ny.lp.org
Republican	(518) 462-2601	www.nygop.org
Right to Life	(518) 434-1293	www.nysrighttolifeparty.org
Working Families	(718) 222-3796	www.workingfamiliesparty.org

TO REGISTER & VOTE

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.lwvnyc.org

To Research Campaign Contributions

NYS Board of Elections	(800) FOR-VOTE	www.elections.state.ny.us
NYC Campaign Finance Board	(212) 306-7100	www.cfb.nyc.ny.us
FEC Federal Database	(202) 628-0617	www.fec.gov

TO RESEARCH CANDIDATES AND ISSUES

Citizens Union	(212) 227-0342	www.citizensunion.org
Gotham Gazette	(212) 227-0342	www.gothamgazette.com
Project Vote Smart	(888) VOTE-SMART	www.vote-smart.org
New York Wired		www.newyorkwired.com
NY1		www.ny1.com

TO RESEARCH INCUMBENT RECORDS

NYC Council	(212) 778-7100	www.nycouncil.info
NYS Assembly	(518) 445-4218	www.assembly.state.ny.us
NYS Senate	(518) 455-2800	www.senate.state.ny.us

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHO'S RUNNING

Who's Running for What is Gotham Gazette's unique and searchable database on all the candidates running for state and city office. To find out available campaign funds and research candidates' websites, or to search by office holder or candidate position, log on to www.gothamgazette.com/city/campaigns. Gotham Gazette is published by Citizens Union Foundation, the education and research affiliate of Citizens Union.



VOTER INFORMATION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have general questions regarding eligibility, or the location of your polling place, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC. You can also locate your polling place online at: <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

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

At the polls, if there is no entry for you on the voter registration list, it may be because your registration form was not received or was filled out incorrectly. If you believe that you are eligible to vote, you can still vote by requesting an affidavit ballot. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records and your vote will be counted if you are indeed eligible to vote.

BECOME A POLL WORKER

The New York City Board of Elections is looking for good citizens to join its Election Day poll worker teams. Poll workers receive \$200 for a rewarding day of work, plus a \$35 bonus if you work both the primary and general election. Hours are from 5:30 AM to 9:30 PM each Election Day. All poll workers are assigned as close to their home as possible. All poll workers must attend a three-hour training session. Contingent upon working on Election Day, trainees will receive a \$25 stipend for attending the class and passing an exam. Sign up today by going online to www.citizensunionfoundation.org/pollworker or by calling the Board of Elections at 1-866-VOTE-NYC and asking for the Poll Worker Department.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS (212) 487- 5300

Bronx (718) 299-9017

Manhattan (212) 886-2100

Staten Island (718) 876-0079

Brooklyn (718) 797-8800

Queens (718) 730-6730

REGISTER TO VOTE

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

To request a voter registration form, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC or visit www.vote.nyc.ny.us/register.html.

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