



—STATEN ISLAND STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP—

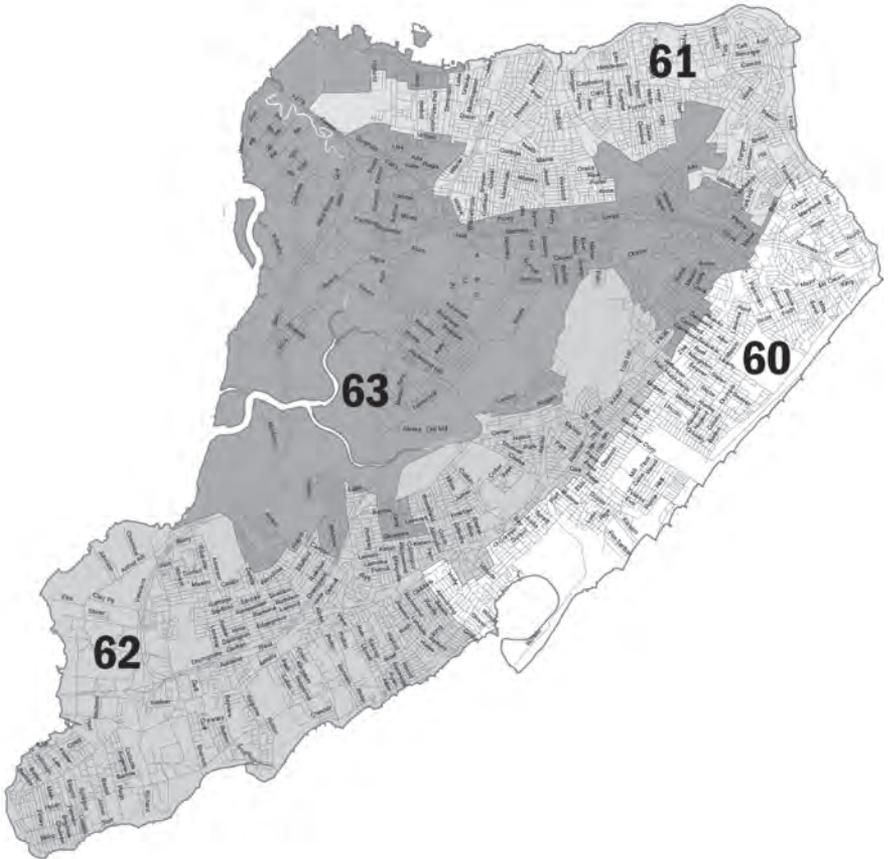


Sources: NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, April 22, 2002;
US Census Bureau TIGER Line files, 2000





— STATEN ISLAND STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP —



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STATEN ISLAND STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

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District 24-Republican Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – ROBERT HELBOCK – REP, CON, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15

Occupation: Attorney, Office of NYS Senator John Marchi

Education: SUNY Albany (BA); St. John's University Law School (JD)

Bob Helbock has served as counsel to retiring State Senator John Marchi for the past 17 years, and is also a former candidate for State Assembly. Until recently, Helbock was also chair of the Staten Island Republican Committee. However, since running for office he has resigned stating that his responsibility as a Senator would be to his constituents whose interests could potentially conflict with those of the party. Having worked with the current Senator for well over a decade, Helbock is familiar with the dysfunction that pervades Albany and pledges to be a part of the solution in cleaning it up. He supports the idea of an independent redistricting commission to draw district lines and believes that redistricting guidelines could be drafted that would both promote greater minority representation and ensure more sensible and less partisan districts. In order to improve the legislative process, Helbock supports conference committees for all legislation that is similar in intent and is passed by both houses, not just during the budget process. He would also push for full disclosure of the member items each Senator gets, but believes that it is currently impossible to have detailed information about member items by the time the budget is voted on and advocates for a later deadline. While working with the current Senator, Helbock helped draft a comprehensive transportation package, the Gridlock Reduction and Investment Program, modeled after Long Island's Suburban Highway Improvement Program (SHIP) of the 1990's, that would focus capital revenue on expanding both roads and mass transit on Staten Island to remedy traffic and overcrowding. The current proposal to build a NASCAR speedway on Staten Island is unacceptable, Helbock argues, because the area cannot handle the proposed influx of buses and cars. He is also very concerned with impact the project would have on wetlands in the area. Helbock's experience and expressed willingness to help reform the Senate and the legislative process have earned him Citizens Union's preferred candidate rating.

ANDREW LANZA – REP, IND

Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

Occupation: Member, New York City Council

Education: St. John's University (BS); Fordham University School of Law (JD)



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District 60 – Republican Primary

Citizens union did not officially evaluate this race.

ANTHONY XANTHAKIS – REP

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15

Occupation: Attorney, Galvano and Xanthakis

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

Looking to fill the shoes of departing Assemblymember Matthew Mirones is his pro bono counsel of five years, Anthony Xanthakis. Concerned with abuse of government resources, Xanthakis supports reforming “franking privileges” to limit the number of free mailings an incumbent can send to constituents during the year and moving the cutoff date before an election after which mailings are prohibited closer to the end of the legislative session. Xanthakis opposes a system of public financing for election campaigns, citing his belief that constituents would prefer to see their tax dollars go to services, as well as his worry that tax dollars would be used for increasingly negative campaigns. However, he does support lowering individual contribution limits, which are currently higher than those for candidates for federal office. Xanthakis sees overcrowding as one of Staten Island’s most pressing issues and proposes using tax incentives to encourage builders to build less dense housing. He is opposed to the current plan to build a NASCAR speedway on Staten Island, arguing that proponents have not clearly defined how Staten Islanders would benefit. Xanthakis points out that the current plan that calls for busing large numbers of spectators in will not bring revenue to local merchants as spectators arriving and departing via bus will not venture beyond the confines of the parking lot. He also is concerned that the neighborhood cannot handle the influx of bus and other traffic.

JOSEPH CAMMARATA – REP

Has NOT returned questionnaire. Candidate did not appear for scheduled for an interview.