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## LETTER FROM CITIZENS UNION

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Dear Fellow New York Voter,

Four years ago, New York City prepared for its municipal elections unaware of the turn of events that would transpire on the morning of the scheduled primary. Originally set for September 11th, 2001, the City's Primary Election was postponed due to the tragic events that unfolded in our City that morning.

Leading up to that fateful day, candidates for Mayor, Borough President and City Council, among other municipal offices, campaigned unaware of the unique challenges that the city would face in the coming years. Providing citizens with a sense of security and safety, reviving the City's spirits, and restarting the City's economic engines would be the call to duty of our newly elected officials.

While the events of September 11th overshadowed much of anything else that went on that Autumn, many believe those events, and the postponement of the election, changed the political landscape in that year's election and led the City to put its faith in a self-made corporate executive who self-financed his first run for elected office and pledged to provide a steady hand as CEO of the City of New York.

The City Council elections of 2001 were also marked by a slate of hopefuls running to be the inaugural class of beneficiaries who would owe their political futures to voter approved term limits for City Council. A 51 seat legislature would welcome 38 new faces who immediately needed to begin work as a cohesive body amidst the challenges of September 11th.

This Primary Election is the first of two that will take place this fall that will be in large part a referendum on how well those who we first elected in 2001 have performed and how convinced we are of their visions for the future. This voters directory and the preferred candidates Citizens Union has chosen takes into account both the promises made in 2001 and the plans put forward in 2005.

We have tried to engage as many candidates in sharing their platforms with us, but were not able to get such information from all. As always, we hope that the information contained herein will be helpful to you as you determine who to vote for in the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

Sincerely,

**Rich Davis**  
Chair, Board of  
Directors

**John Horan**  
Chair, Local  
Candidates Committee

**Dick Dadey**  
Executive Director

**Doug Israel**  
Local Candidates  
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## ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

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This directory lists every contest for public office that will be on the ballot in New York City on September 13, 2005. Voters should be aware that New York's tangled election laws often result in the last minute elimination (or reinstatement) of candidates.

Key contests for City Council, Manhattan Borough President, Manhattan and Brooklyn District Attorney and Surrogate's Court Judge, Public Advocate and Mayor have been evaluated by nonpartisan interview teams from Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee. Citizens Union did not evaluate candidates for Civil Court. This directory limits itself to listing Civil Court candidates with biographical information they have submitted.

Our candidate interview teams are charged with soliciting candidates' views on current good-government and general interest issues, and assessing the candidates' general experience, and their knowledge of the jurisdiction which they wish to serve and the office for which they are running. No single answer or position by a candidate ensures – or rules out – a preference.

Recommendations for a "Preferred Candidate" rating are made taking into account the following factors: 1) the performance of the candidates at their interviews, 2) the answers they have provided to our candidate questionnaire, 3) the accomplishments and experience of the candidates, and 4) the ability of the candidates to govern or lead.

These recommendations are reviewed by the Citizens Union Board which makes the final decision. The "Preferred Candidate" rating reflects a candidate that Citizens Union deems not only qualified for the office being sought, but committed to honest and responsive government. Candidates not preferred may nevertheless be highly regarded by Citizens Union. These distinctions are generally reflected in the commentaries.

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

Candidates that receive a "Preferred Candidate" rating for the primary election do not automatically receive our preference for the General Election. We will re-evaluate the candidates and races after the Primary Election takes place.

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

### NEW YORK CITY MAYOR

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$195,000

Dem:	Christopher Brodeur	A. Gifford Miller
	Fernando Ferrer	Arthur Piccolo
	C. Virginia Fields	Anthony Weiner

### NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC ADVOCATE

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$150,000

Dem:	Michael Brown	<b>Betsy Gotbaum</b>
	Damon Cabbagestalk Jr.	Andrew Rasiej
	Jay Golub	Norman Siegel

### MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$135,000

Dem:	Brian Ellner	Eva Moskowitz
	Adriano Espaillat	Bill Perkins
	Margarita Lopez	Scott Stringer
	Carlos Manzano	Keith L.T. Wright
	Stanley Michels	

### BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$136,000

Dem:	<b>Charles Hynes</b>	Mark Peters
	Arnold Kriss	John Sampson

### MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$136,000

Dem:	<b>Robert Morgenthau</b>	Leslie Crocker Snyder
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### BROOKLYN CIVIL COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: TEN YEARS • SALARY: \$125,600

District 3 <sup>†</sup> Dem:	Martin Needelman	District 6 <sup>†</sup> Dem:	Cynthia L. Boyce
	Richard Velasquez		Michael Gerstein
			Ingrid Joseph

### ELECTED COUNTYWIDE<sup>†</sup>

Dem:	Sylvia Ash	Norma Jennings	Sandra Roper
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## CONTESTED PRIMARIES

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### BROOKLYN SURROGATE

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

Dem: Diana Johnson  
Lawrence Knipel

Margarita Lopez Torres

### MANHATTAN SURROGATE

TERM OF OFFICE: FOURTEEN YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

Dem: Kristen Booth Glen

Eve Rachel Markewich

### NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$90,000

#### BRONX

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District 8\* - Dem: Nelson Denis  
Joyce S. Johnson  
Felipe Luciano  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
John Ruiz

District 13 -Dem: Ismael Betancourt Jr.  
Stephen Kaufman  
Joseph McManus  
Egidio Sementilli  
James Vacca

District 11 - Dem: Ari Hoffnung  
**Oliver Koppell**

#### BROOKLYN

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District 34\* - Dem: **Diana Reyna**  
George Rivera  
District 35 - Dem: Samuel Eric Blackwell  
**Letitia James**

District 36<sup>†</sup> - Dem: Richard Taylor  
**Albert Vann**

District 38<sup>†</sup> - Dem: David Galarza  
**Sara Gonzalez**  
Eddie Rodriguez

District 40<sup>†</sup> - Dem: **Yvette Clarke**  
Zenobia McNally

District 41 - Dem: Alicka Ampry-Samuel  
Royston Antoine  
William Boyland Sr.  
Essie Duggan  
Pamela Junior  
Stanley Kinard  
Danny King  
Darlene Mealy  
David Miller  
Maryann Samad

District 42<sup>†</sup> - Dem: **Charles Barron**  
John Whitehead

District 45 - Dem: **Kendall Stewart**  
Samuel Taitt

District 46 - Dem: **Lewis Fidler**  
Takara Grandoit  
Elias Weir

\* District includes portion of more than one borough  
† Citizens Union did not evaluate this race  
Incumbent candidates in bold



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## CONTESTED PRIMARIES

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### MANHATTAN

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District 2 - Dem:	Michael Beys Darren Bloch Joan Brightharp Brian Kavanagh Rosie Mendez Christopher Papajohn Gur Tsabar	District 8* - Dem:	Nelson Denis Joyce S. Johnson Felipe Luciano Melissa Mark-Viverito John Ruiz
District 4 - Dem:	Meryl Brodsky Dan Garodnick Jak Jacob Karako Jack Lester	District 9 - Dem:	William Allen Rodney Carroll Yasmin Cornelius Inez Dickens Cynthia Doty Woody Henderson Ronnie Holly Virginia Montague
District 5 - Dem:	Eric Cesnik Jessica Lappin Dan Quart George Spitz	District 10 <sup>†</sup> - Dem:	<b>Miguel Martinez</b> Ruben Dario Vargas
District 7 - Dem:	<b>Robert Jackson</b> Victor Bernace		

### QUEENS

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District 21 <sup>†</sup> - Dem:	Luis Jimenez <b>Hiram Monserrate</b> Marlene Tapper	District 28 - Dem:	Albert Baldeo <b>Allan Jennings</b> Robby Mahadeo Thomas White
District 24 - Dem:	<b>James Gennaro</b> Renee Lobo Dilip Nath	District 29 <sup>†</sup> - Dem:	<b>Melinda Katz</b> Joseph Nocerino
District 25 - Dem:	Rodolfo Flores Bryan Pu-Folkes <b>Helen Sears</b>	District 31 <sup>†</sup> - Dem:	David Hooks Jr. <b>James Sanders</b>
		District 34* - Dem:	<b>Diana Reyna</b> George Rivera

\* District includes portion of more than one borough

† Citizens Union did not evaluate this race

Incumbent candidates in bold