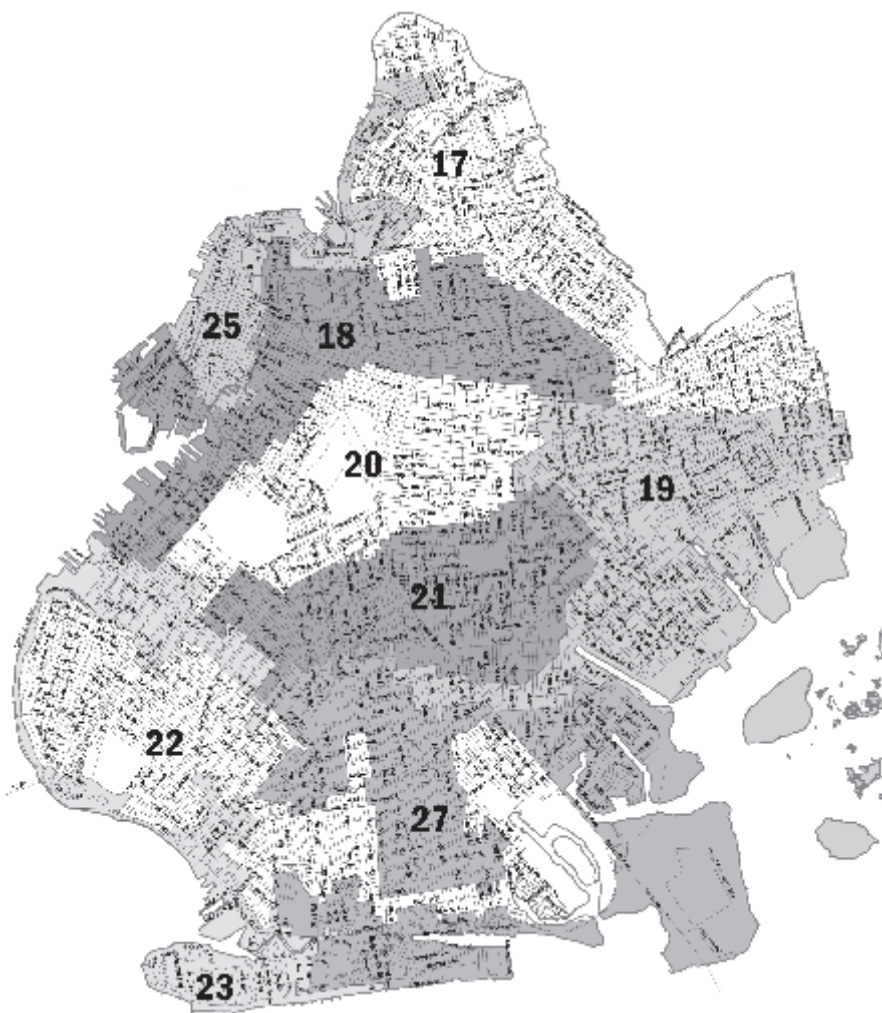
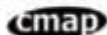




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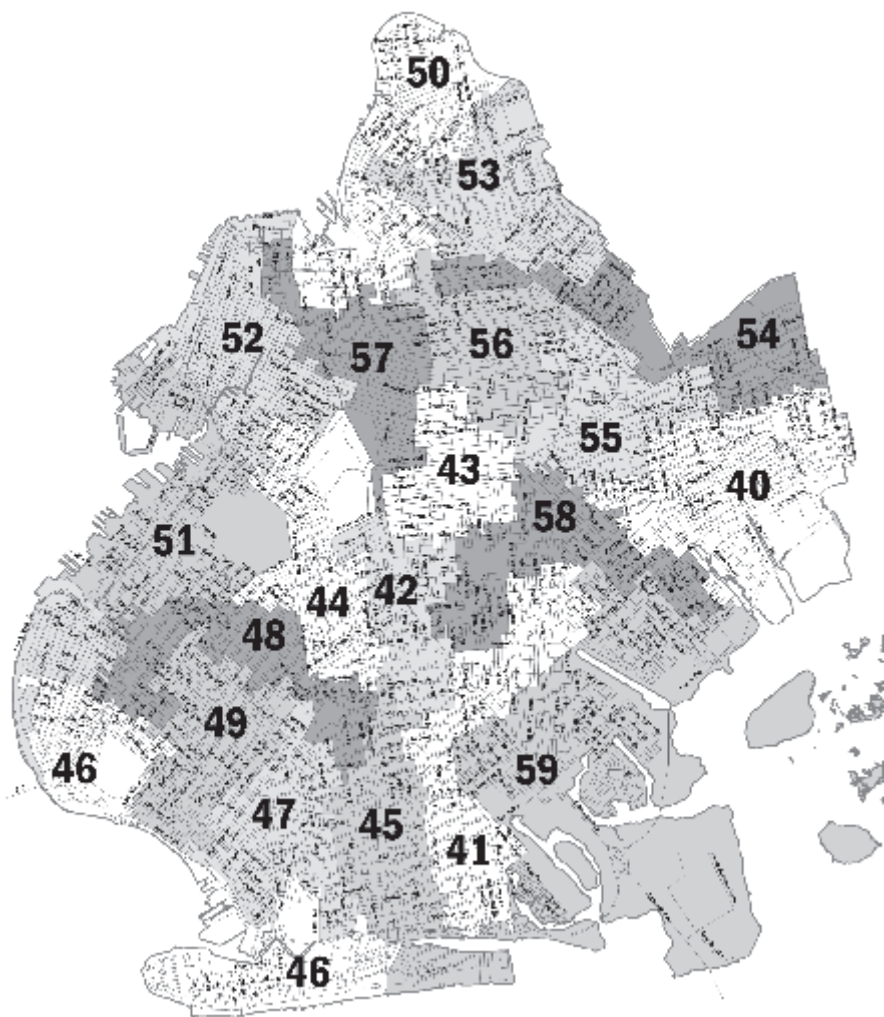


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— BROOKLYN STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP —



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District 17

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – MARTIN MALAVE-DILAN – DEM, WFP ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

Age: 53 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate Education: Brooklyn College

Martin Malave-Dilan, a freshman Senator, served 10 years in the New York City Council and 14 years as a member of Community School Board 32, seven of those as Chair. As a minority member in the Senate, Mr. Dilan was able to pass a bill that supports disability claims filed under the social security program. Mr. Dilan believes that power needs to be reapportioned to provide rank-and-file legislators a more active role in the legislative process, and he supports limits on terms for Speaker, Majority Leader and Committee Chair positions to accomplish that. In spite of Mr. Dilan's ties to party politics, Citizens Union supports Mr. Dilan in his bid for re-election and encourages the Senator to continue to advocate with greater intensity for a more inclusive legislative process.

VICTOR GUARINO – REP, CON

• *Has NOT responded to questionnaire • Candidate could not be reached for an interview*

REBECCA WHITE – GRN

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

District 21

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – KEVIN PARKER – DEM, WFP ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

Age: 37 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Penn State University (BS); New School for Social Research (MS)

Kevin Parker, a first-term Senator and former Special Assistant to Comptroller H. Carl McCall, has served under former Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger and several prominent local elected officials. Mr. Parker helped start a local development corporation in Brooklyn to increase housing stock throughout the district, as well as to encourage improvements in commercial areas. Mr. Parker has not only chosen to speak out against the dysfunction in Albany, he has also found



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ways to be an effective legislator. He co-sponsored a Republican energy bill that would allow parochial schools to buy energy at the same discounted rate that public schools do. Additionally, Mr. Parker's small but significant stand as a freshman Democrat at a committee nomination hearing in 2003, where he questioned a political appointee to the Public Service Commission, was an act worthy of praise by good government groups and the New York Times. Citizens Union supports Mr. Parker's candidacy and expects him to carry the torch of reform in Albany.

SAL GRUPICO – REP, IND, CON

• *Has NOT responded to questionnaire* • *Candidate could not be reached for an interview*

District 23

NO PREFERENCE

AL CURTIS – REP, IND, CON, SC

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

*Age: 46 Occupation: Former President and CEO, United Nations Development Corporation
Education: College of Staten Island (BA); Medgar Evers College of the City of New York (PhD)*

A former Assistant Vice President and Operation Manager at Chemical Bank, Al Curtis also served as Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Development Corporation. In that position, he presided over the largest privatization sale of public property in the history of the city, netting over \$84 million for New York City. Mr. Curtis was also the former Commissioner of the NYC Department of Youth Services under former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. If elected to office, Mr. Curtis would seek to make permanent the sales tax relief on clothing and footwear for purchases less than \$110, as he believes New York is losing critical dollars to neighboring states. He also vows to push for the repeal of the Rockefeller drug laws, a position that has attracted widespread support, but has been stalled for years in the State Legislature. Mr. Curtis believes that money has too much influence in state politics and he supports a more reasonable cap on both public and corporate contributions to political campaigns. However, he does not favor public financing of campaigns until a system can be developed that prevents the misuse of public funds by candidates that are not serious about winning the election. Mr. Curtis has mounted a positive and energetic campaign for this open seat in the Senate and will be a thoughtful and vocal legislator if elected to office.



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DIANE SAVINO – DEM, WFP

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

*Age: 40 Occupation: Vice President for Political Action and Legislature Affairs, SSEU Local 371
Education: St. John's University (BA); Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations*

Diane Savino is the Political Director for Local 371 of the Social Service Employees Union. Ms. Savino displays a vast knowledge of her district's geography, communities, and key issues. Her priorities include: controlling overdevelopment and improving sanitation and infrastructure on Staten Island; providing affordable housing for the rapidly-growing Russian population and expanding youth programs to combat teen crime and gang violence in Coney Island; lowering asthma rates in Sunset Park; working with the local Jewish community to fund education and security measures, especially for Yeshivas, in Borough Park; and improving quality of life and keeping streets safe and clean in Bensonhurst/Dyker Heights/Bath Beach. Ms. Savino is critical of Albany's current political system and cites entrenched leadership and lack of voter participation as the main impediments to a healthy legislature. While she opposes several reform measures championed by Citizens Union, such as term limits and Election Day voter registration, her positions are well-reasoned and reflect a genuine concern for improving the political process. Citizens Union believes Ms. Savino's experience and desire to become an effective legislator make her a sound choice to replace the departing Senator.

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District 43

NO PREFERENCE

CLARENCE NORMAN, JR. – DEM, WFP

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

*Age: 52 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly
Education: Howard University (BA); St. John's University School of Law (JD)*

Clarence Norman has served the 43rd Assembly District in Brooklyn since 1982. Mr. Norman is the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Kings County Democratic County Committee and is the current District Leader of the 43rd Assembly District. His ties to the political establishment in Brooklyn and Albany have brought him great benefits. Despite four criminal indictments currently pending against him,



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Mr. Norman enjoys solid political support from party apparatus and constituents. In addition to being investigated for improper accounting of campaign expenditures, Mr. Norman has been accused of conspiracy and coercion for his role in selecting judges for the Brooklyn bench. Mr. Norman has taken the position that much of what the public and investigators are claiming are corruption and coercion, is actually politics as usual. In Brooklyn, that appears to be the case. In his interview with Citizens Union, Mr. Norman stated that the State Legislature is not in need of reform, further evidence of his desire to keep in place a dysfunctional legislature and party apparatus. While the current challenger has signaled that he is not running an active campaign for the seat, Citizens Union believes it is time for new leadership in the 43rd Assembly District.

CLARENCE JOHN – REP, CON

• *Has NOT responded to questionnaire* • *Candidate declined to be interviewed*

District 44

★ **PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JAMES BRENNAN - DEM, WFP** ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

Age: 52 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

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

James Brennan was first elected to the Assembly in 1985 and appointed Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Developmental Disabilities in 1995. This position was taken away by Speaker Sheldon Silver due to Mr. Brennan's role in the 2000 effort to unseat Mr. Silver from his leadership role. Mr. Brennan is the author of a long-list of bills, one of which he touts as a major piece of budget reform legislation, the Tax Expenditure Report. Passed in 1991, this law requires the Governor to submit an itemized list of every special tax break that exists within the State Tax code as part of the budget, a measure that provides greater transparency and accountability in state government. Mr. Brennan is a supporter of term limits for the legislative and executive branch and supports election of committee chairs and leadership positions. Although he sponsored a current joint resolution requiring conference committees when both houses pass similar legislation addressing the same issue, he has reservations about Assemblymember Scott Stringer's rules reform resolution, in that it does not go far enough. Mr. Brennan has shown himself to be a thoughtful and insightful legislator, and his critiques in this area are noteworthy. Citizens Union supports Mr. Brennan in his re-election effort and encourages him to work with Mr. Stringer and other Assembly members to create a package of reforms that will create meaningful legislative change in Albany.



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LAWRENCE LITTLEFIELD – IND

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

Age: 43 Occupation: Former Budget Analyst, NYC Transit

Education: Colgate University (BA); Rutgers University (MCRP)

Having served in the public sector for New York City as both a budget analyst and city planner, Mr. Littlefield feels that the legislature in Albany is not adequately addressing New Yorkers' concerns. Specifically, he feels that the distribution of tax benefits disproportionately benefits the wealthy. Mr. Littlefield believes too few of our public dollars are making their way to public schools in disadvantaged communities and in areas with high unemployment. Mr. Littlefield also argues that this is exacerbated by a lack of 'real' elections in the state, where incumbent legislators operate with little fear of being defeated. He points to institutional barriers that prevent credible challengers from mounting successful campaigns, namely a requirement that third party candidates need three times as many signatures as party nominees to get on the ballot. Mr. Littlefield is passionate in his support for reforming these procedural obstacles and Citizens Union supports his spirited reform agenda and encourages him to continue in his advocacy.

SUSAN CLEARY – CON

• *Has NOT responded to questionnaire* • *Candidate could not be reached for an interview*

District 47

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – WILLIAM COLTON – DEM, WFP ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

Age: 58 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Brooklyn College (MS); St. John's School of Law (JD)

William Colton was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1996 after working as an attorney and as a public school teacher for 11 years, serving six of those as the United Federation of Teacher's Chapter Chair. As an attorney, Mr. Colton filed a successful lawsuit to halt the re-opening of the Southwest Brooklyn Incinerator. He is also the co-founder of the Bensonhurst Tenants Council and the Bensonhurst Straphangers Committee. Mr. Colton was appointed Chair of the Legislative Commission on Solid Waste Management and is an ardent supporter of revamping the legislative redistricting process, which he believes prevents challengers from having a real shot at unseating an incumbent. Most importantly, he favors establishing



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an independent redistricting commission that exists outside of partisan politics, specifically one in which the parties do not appoint commission members or have authority over drawing district lines. He cites the gerrymandering that occurred after the 2002 election in the Coney Island portion of Brooklyn, where the Russian vote was effectively divided into two separate districts, as a good example of why the current system is flawed. Mr. Colton also supports a more vigorous committee system, as he believes in most cases they simply serve as rubber stamps to party leadership. Citizens Union supports Mr. Colton's bid for re-election and hopes that he actively engages with other legislators on the critical reform issues that he pledges to support.

GLENN BELL – CON

• *Has NOT responded to questionnaire* • *Candidate could not be reached for an interview*

District 52

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JOAN MILLMAN – DEM, WFP ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 13*

Age: 64 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Brooklyn College (BA); Pratt Institute (MLS)

Recently appointed as Chair of the Commission on Government Administration, Joan Millman was first elected to the Assembly in a special election in February of 1997. Before her election to the Assembly, Ms. Millman served as an educational consultant to New York City Council President Carol Bellamy and Senator Martin Connor, and as an elementary school teacher and librarian for 20 years. During her tenure in the Assembly, Ms. Millman sponsored legislation to reform the Rockefeller Drug Laws and voted against the repeal of the commuter tax. Ms. Millman conceded that during the first two months of the legislative session nothing is accomplished, and that the corruption that is present in Albany tarnishes the role of all legislators. Believing that individual legislators need to have more control over staff hirings, she has pledged to advocate for reducing the absolute control of the Speaker over this process. Ms. Millman has signed on to an Assembly rules reform resolution to increase the role of individual members in the legislative process and supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission, outside of the State Legislature and party system, to oversee legislative redistricting. As a relative new-comer to the State Legislature, Ms. Millman possesses a level of independence that could help her be a positive force in the reform of the legislative and electoral process.



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ANNE MARIE COFFEY – CON

• Has NOT responded to questionnaire • Candidate could not be reached for an interview

SCOTT SANTANDREA – REP

• Has NOT responded to questionnaire • Candidate could not be reached for an interview



The following races in Brooklyn have not been evaluated by Citizens Union:

SENATE

District 18	Patricia Hunter (C) V. Montgomery (D,WF)*	District 20	Carl Andrews (D,WF) Anthony Herbert (R,C)
District 19	A. Brinmore Britton (R) Ernest Johnson (C) John L. Sampson (D,WF)	District 22	Martin Golden (R,I,C)
		District 25	Martin Connor (D, WF)*
		District 27	Carl Kruger (D,R) Stephen Walters (C)

ASSEMBLY

District 40	Diane Gordon (D) M. Qureshi (R,C)	District 53	Mark Borino (G)* Vito J. Lopez (D,WF)
District 41	Mary Madden (R,C) H. E. Weinstein (D,WF)		Anthony Miranda (D,I) Theresa Prevete (R,C)
District 42	Rhoda Jacobs (D) Harriet Katz (R)	District 54	K. Chowdhury (R,C) Darryl C. Towns (D,WF)
District 45	Steven Cymbrowitz (D) Arthur Gershfeld (R,C) Paul Gouldin (I)	District 55	W. F. Boyland Jr. (D,I) Rose Laney (R)
District 46	Adele Cohen (D,WF) A. M. Kaplan (R,C)	District 56	Mayra Radden (R) A. Robinson (D,WF)
District 48	Dov Hikind (D,R) Herbert Ryan (C)	District 57	Roger Green (D) Richard Ocasio (R)
District 49	P. Abbate Jr. (D,I,WF) Fred Martorell (R,C)	District 58	N. Nick Perry (D,WF) Dora Robertson (R,C)*
District 50	Stella Harmatiuk (R,C) Joseph R. Lentol (D)*	District 59	Robert Mahoney (C) Frank R. Seddio (D,R,I)*
District 51	Felix Ortiz (D) Allan Romaguera (R,C)	District 60	D. H.-Spencer (D,WF) Matthew Mirones (R,C,I)

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Incumbent candidates in bold.

