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Voters Directory General Election 2004

"A Union of Citizens, without regard to party, for the purpose of securing the honest and efficient government of the City of New York"

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Dear Citizen.

Across the country this fall, we are witnessing historic increases in voter registration and a heightened level of attention paid to the candidates running for public office. Likewise, the nation's election systems, campaign finance regulations and media coverage of the elections are being scrutinized to a degree not recalled in recent memory. As the country wrestles with the role the U.S. can play in importing democracy overseas, we are also looking introspectively at how our democracy functions at home.

New York is no exception. As New Yorkers have grown impatient with our state government's ineffectiveness in passing timely budgets and legislation that addresses the pressing issues of the state and its citizens, a process of examination of how our State Legislature functions and how we elect candidates has begun.

Likewise, citizens around the state have begun to show their dismay with the current system at the ballot box — an unheard of number of 3 incumbent legislators lost to challengers in September's Primary Elections — and reform of state government has suddenly become a fast moving brush-fire. Much to our surprise, many incumbents actively sought Citizens Union's preference even though we were evaluating their candidacies based on their commitment to reform and expected few takers.

This year's preferred candidates have all pledged to support a host of measures that if implemented would not only accomplish critical legislative rules reform, but also fundamentally change the way in which legislative districts are drawn, candidates run for office, and the state administers its elections. The call to Citizens Union's preferred candidates, and to all legislators, is to use this opportunity to help create a more democratic and representative process that places greater responsibility in the hands of individual legislators, and to restructure the most basic element of democracy — elections — to allow for more competitive races and independent candidates.

With your support, Citizens Union is prepared to hold our state legislators' feet to the fire to ensure that they play an active role in bringing about true reform. We hope that you — as voters and members of Citizens Union — will join us in this effort. Alert your legislators that you are keeping an eye on them and that you will hold them accountable to the promises they have made this election season. Let them know your vote in 2006 hinges on the actions they take these next two years. It is imperative that the movement for Albany reform becomes more than an election year brush-fire, it must grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Davis Chair, Board of

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This directory lists every contest for public office that will be on the ballot in the City of New York on Tuesday, November 02, 2004. Voters should be aware that New York's tangled election laws often result in the last minute elimination (or reinstatement) of candidates. Information as of October 6, 2004 is contained herein.

Many key contests for State Assembly and State Senate seats have been evaluated by nonpartisan interview teams from Citizens Union's Local Candidates Committee. Interviews are conducted in private with only the candidates and members of our Local Candidates Committee. No recording or taping is permitted. Citizens Union does not evaluate candidates for federal office or candidates for the judiciary, though in this directory we have listed simply the candidates who are running for those offices.

This year's interview teams were charged with soliciting candidates' views on key proposals aimed at reforming the legislative process and changing the governing rules 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 - a preference. The questions and the candidates' responses are summarized in the pages that follow.

Recommendations for a "Preferred" 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 "Preferred" 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. Only candidates who were interviewed were eligible for a preferred rating.

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.

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CONTESTED ELECTIONS 2004

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

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

George W. Bush (R,C) John F. Kerry (D, WF) Roger Calero (SW) Ralph Nader (I, PJ)

UNITED STATES SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: SIX YEARS • SALARY: \$158,100

Abraham Hirschfeld (B)
Marylin O'Grady (C)
Martin Koppell (SWP)
David McReynolds (G)
Howard Mills (R)

Marylin O'Grady (C)
Charles Schumer (D,I,WF)
Don Silberger (L)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$158,100

District 7	Joseph Cinquemain (R,C) Joseph Crowley (D,WF)	District 13	Frank Barbaro (D,I,WF) Vito J. Fosella (R,C)
District 8	Peter Hort (R,I,C)	District 14	Carolyn B. Maloney (D,I,WF)
	Jerrold L. Nadler (D,WF)		Anton Srdanovic (R)
District 9	Gerard J. Cronin (R,I,C)	District 15	Jessie A. Fields (I)
	Anthony Weiner (D,WF)		Kenneth P. Jefferson (R)
District 10	Mariana Blume (C)		Charles B. Rangel (D,WF)
	Harvey R. Clarke (R)	District 16	Ali Mohamed (R,C)
	Edolphus Towns (D,WF)		Jose E. Serrano (D,WF)
District 11	Sol Lieberman (C)	District 17	Kevin Brawley (C)
	Major R. Owens (D,WF)		Matthew I. Brennan (R)
	Lorraine Stevens (I)		Eliot L. Engel (D,WF)
District 12	Paul A. Rodriguez (R,C)	District 18	Richard A. Hoffman (R)
	Nydia Velazquez (D,WF)		Nita M. Lowey (D,I,WF)

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,350

BRONX

District 28	Agustin Alamo Estrada (C)	District 33	Efrain Gonzalez Jr. (D)
	Olga A. Mendez (R,I)		Jeff Steinberg (R,C)
	Jose Serrano (D,WF)	District 34*	John Fleming (R)
District 31*	Jose Goris (R)		Stephen Kaufman (I, C)
	Eric Schneiderman (D,WF)		Jeffrey Klein (D)
District 32	Ruben Diaz Sr. (D)	District 36*	R. HThompson (D,I,WF)
	Michael Walters (C)		Andrew P. Osterczy (C)



CONTESTED ELECTIONS 2004-

BROOKLYN

District 17	Victor Guarino (R,C)	District 20	Carl Andrews (D,WF)
	Martin MDilan (D,WF)		Anthony Herbert (C)
	Rebecca White (G)	District 21	Sal Grupico (R,I,C)
District 18	Patricia Hunter (C)		Kevin Parker (D,WF)
	V. Montgomery (D,WF)	District 23*	Al Curtis (R,I,C,SC)
District 19	A. Brinmore Britton (R)		Diane Savino (D,WF)
	Ernest Johnson (C)	District 27	Carl Kruger (D,R)
	John L. Sampson (D,WF)		Stephen Walters (C)

MANHATTAN

District 26	Liz Krueger (D,WF)	District 30	Alphonzo Mosley (R,I,)
	Peter McCoy (R)		David A. Paterson (D,WF)
District 29	Emily Csendes (R)	District 31*	Jose Goris (R)
	Thomas Duane (D,WF)		Eric Schneiderman (D,WF)
	Tim Neiman (I)		

STATEN ISLAND

District 23* Al Curtis (R,I,C,SC) Diane Savino (D,WF)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,350

BRONX

District 76	Denis Fidler (R,C)	District 81	Stephen Bradian (R,C)
	Peter M. Rivera (D,WF)		Jeffrey Dinowitz (D,WF)
District 77*	Anthony Curry (R,I,C)	District 82	Michael Benedetto (D)
	Aurelia Greene (D,WF)		Raymond Capone (R,C)
District 78	Richard Retcho (C)	District 84	Agustin Alamo (C)
	Jose Rivera (D)		Carmen E. Arroyo (D)
District 79	Michael Benjamin (D,WF)	District 85	Ruben Diaz Jr. (D,WF)
	William Britt Jr. (C)		William Newark (R,C)
	Gina Demalitaj (R)	District 86	Luis M. Diaz (D)
	Eric Stevenson (I)		Aaron Justice (R)
District 80	Anthony Chiofalo (R,C)		Sham Ninah (C)
	Naomi Rivera (D)		

^{*} District includes portion of more than one borough. Incumbent candidates in bold.



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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,350

BROOKLYN

District 40	Diane Gordon (D)	District 51	Felix Ortiz (D)
	Mohammad Qureshi (R,C)		Allan Romaguera (R,C)
District 41	Mary Madden (R,C)	District 52	Anne Marie Coffey (C)
	Helen Weinstein (D,WF)		Joan L. Millman (D,WF)
District 42	Rhoda Jacobs (D)		Scott Santandrea (R)
	Harriet Katz (R)	District 53	Mark Borino (G)
District 43	Clarence John (R,C)		Vito J. Lopez (D,WF)
	C. Norman Jr. (D,WF)		Anthony Miranda (I)
District 44	James Brennan (D,WF)		Theresa Prevete (R,C)
	Susan Cleary (C)	District 54	Khorshed Chowdhury (R,C)
	Lawrence Littlefield (I)		Darryl C. Towns (D,WF)
District 45	Steven Cymbrowitz (D)	District 55	W. F. Boyland Jr. (D,I)
	Arthur Gershfeld (R,C)		Rose Laney (R)
	Paul Gouldin (I)	District 56	Mayra Radden (R)
District 46	Adele Cohen (D,WF)		Annette Robinson (D,WF)
	Alexander Kaplan (R,C)	District 57	Roger Green (D)
District 47	Glenn Bell (C)		Richard Ocasio (R)
	William Colton (D,WF)	District 58	N. Nick Perry (D,WF)
District 48	Dov Hikind (D,R)		Dora Robertson (R,C)
	Herbert Ryan (C)	District 59	Robert Mahoney (C)
District 49	P. Abbate Jr. (D,I,WF)		Frank R. Seddio (D,R,I)
	Fred Martorell (R,C)	District 60*	D. Hyer-Spencer (D,WF)
District 50	Joseph R. Lentol (D) Richard Trainer (R,C)		Matthew Mirones (R,C,I)

MANHATTAN

District 64	Carrie Sackett (I)	District 71	Allen Cox (I)
	Sheldon Silver (D,WF)		Herman D. Farrell Jr. (D)
District 65	Pete Grannis (D,WF)		Faron Henry (R)
	Patricia Leslie (R)	District 72	Martin Chicon (R,I,C)
District 67	Adam Shun (R,I)		Adriano Espaillat (D,WF)
	Scott Stringer (D,WF)	District 73	Jonathan Bing (D,WF)
District 69	Daniel O'Donnell (D,WF)		Douglas Winston (R)
	Christopher Lanzilotti (R)	District 74	David Berkowitz (R, SC)
District 70	Edward Daniels (R)		Steven Sanders (D,WF)
	Keith L. T. Wright (D,WF)		

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District 22	Evergreen Chou (GNTW)	District 31	Michael Duvalle (I)
	Barry Grodenchik (WF)		Michele R. Titus (D,WF)
	Jimmy Meng (D,C,I)	District 32	Vivian E. Cook (D,WF)
	Meilin Tan (R)		Jereline Hunter (R,C)
District 26	A. M. Carrozza (D,I,WF)	District 39	Giash Ahmed (R)
	Peter Boudouvas (R,C)		Jose R. Peralta (D,WF)
District 28	Michael Cohen (D,I)		
	Michael Weiss (R)		

STATEN ISLAND

District 60*	D. Hyer-Spencer (D,WF)	District 62	Mario Bruno Jr. (C)
	Matthew Mirones (R,C,I)		Vincent Ignizio (R)
District 61	John W. Lavelle (D,WF)		Emanuele Innamorato (D)
	Charles McLean (I)		Robert Straniere (I,WF)
	John Russell (R,C)	District 63	Michael Cusick (D,I,WF,C)
			Victor Grossman (R)

SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIPS

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

BRONX: Vote for Three

Mary Brigantti-Hughes (R/D)	Fernando Tapia (C)
Christopher Garvey (C)	Robert Torres (R/D)
Barry Salman (R/D/C)	

BROOKLYN/STATEN ISLAND: Vote for Three

Slyvia Hinds-Radix (R/D)	Eric Prus (R/D)
Louis Marrero (R/D)	Matthew Sciarrino (R/C)
Michelle Weston Patter (R/D)	Thomas Stadnik (C)

MANHATTAN: Vote For Five

Emily Jane Goodman (D)	Peter Tom (D/R)
David Saxe (R/D)	Louis B. York (D)
Jacqueline W. Silberman (D/R)	

QUEENS: Vote For Five

Augustus Agate (R/D/C)	James Golia (R/D/C)
Randall Eng (R/D/C)	James McGuire (R/D/C)
William Erlbaum (R/D)	Brathwai Nelson Vale (R/D/C)



CONTESTED ELECTIONS 2004

CIVIL COURT JUDGESHIPS

TERM OF OFFICE: TEN YEARS • SALARY: \$125,600 ELECTED COUNTYWIDE OR BY DISTRICT

BRONX

COUNTYWIDE: Vote For Two

Nelida Malave (D)

Lucianna Locorotondo (R/C)

John Wilson (R/D/C)

DISTRICT 2: Vote For One

Elizabeth Gonzalez (D) James Walsh (R/C)

BROOKLYN

COUNTYWIDE: Vote For Three

Johnny Baynes (D) Gerald Dunbar (D)

Richard Izzo (R/C)

Evelyn Laporte (D)

Vincent Martusciello (R/C) Joanne Minsky Cohen (R/C)

April Newbauer (WF)

DISTRICT 1: Vote For One

Sarah Krauss (D)

DISTRICT 2: Vote For One

Geraldine Pickett (D)

Robin Kelly Sheares (WF)

DISTRICT 6: Vote For Two

Pamela Elisofon (R) Bernard Graham (D/WF)

Lizabeth Gonzalez (D)

James Walsh (R/C)

MANHATTAN

COUNTYWIDE: Vote For Four

Alrene Bluth (D)

Shirley Kornreich (D)

Milagros Matos (D) George Silver (D)

DISTRICT 2: Vote For One

Martin Shulman (D)

DISTRICT 8: Vote For One

Jose Padilla, Jr. (D)

DISTRICT 10: Vote For One

Debra James (D)

SURROGATE COURT: Vote For One

Eve Premnger (D)

QUEENS

COUNTYWIDE: Vote For One

Peter Lane (R)

Lee Mayersohn (D)

DISTRICT 1: Vote For One

Joseph Esposito (D)

Cassandra Mullen (R/I/C)