

# -MANHATTAN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP-



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#### MANHATTAN STATE SENATE RACES

#### District 26

# 🛪 PREFERRED CANDIDATE – LIZ KRUEGER – DEM, WFP 🛪

• Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 46 Occupation: Senator, NYS

Education: Northwestern University (BA); University of Chicago (MA)

Liz Krueger was elected to the State Senate in a special election in February 2002, and is currently the ranking Democratic member of the Housing, Construction and Community Development committee. She is a former Associate Director of the Community Food Resource Center and has also served as Chair of the New York City Food Stamp Task Force. Ms. Krueger is proud of her efforts to help pass the Women's Health & Wellness Act, which expands coverage for contraceptives and screening for osteoporosis and breast and cervical cancer, and legislation banning predatory lending. Ms. Krueger has made the fight for reform in Albany a central part of her agenda and has introduced bills to establish regular conference committees when similar bills addressing the same issue are passed by each house, legislation to prohibit "empty seat" voting, and to establish public financing of campaigns. However, she plainly states that the best way to solve Albany's dysfunction is by gaining Democratic control of the Senate, a troubling proposition as the Democratically controlled Assembly is arguably as dysfunctional as the Republican controlled Senate. While Citizens Union supports Senator Krueger's re-election effort, we are concerned that her heavily partisan solution to solving Albany's crisis is also part of the problem. We encourage the Senator to use her leadership and campaign skills to build bridges across the aisle to remedy the partisan dysfunction and institutional gridlock that exists in the State Legislature.

#### PETER McCOY - CON

• Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14 • Candidate did not appear for a scheduled interview.

#### District 28

Please see District 28 in the Bronx on page 18 District encompasses portions of the Manhattan and the Bronx



#### District 29

# ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – THOMAS DUANE – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 49 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate Education: Lehigh University (BA)

Having served seven years in the New York City Council, Thomas Duane was first elected to the State Senate in 1998, and now serves as the Ranking Member of the Senate Codes and the Senate Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committees. Mr. Duane includes amongst his accomplishments securing the passage of a bill that increases penalties and requires statewide tracking of hate crimes, and his role in the passage of a work study internship bill, a bill that allows public assistance recipients to fulfill their workfare requirements through internships at their schools. His belief that the Rockefeller Drug laws are draconian and discriminatory has driven him to sponsor Senate hearings and convene a Senate task force to press for their repeal. Mr. Duane favors term limits for state legislators and submitted a bill that would limit legislators to a maximum of 20 years in office. Mr. Duane also supports the formation of an independent budget office to streamline the budgeting and revenue forecasting process. Mr. Duane has proven to be an effective legislator and an advocate for change and Citizens Union supports his effort for re-election.

#### TIM NEIMAN - IND

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 47 Occupation: Interior Architecture and Design Education: Bachelor of Architecture

Tim Neiman is the owner of an interior architecture and design firm. After being presented with the Anti-Corruption Award by the Independence Party, he was asked to run for Senate on their party line. Citing the manipulation of legislative districts by both houses of the legislature as an example, Mr. Neiman labels the current two-party political system as "institutionally corrupt." Mr. Neiman is passionate about the need for ballot access reform and believes that obstacles placed in front of potential challengers, coupled with gerrymandered districts, makes it nearly impossible for minor parties to gain political representation. Mr. Neiman advocates for a thorough investigation of the role and influence that political parties play in the political process.

#### EMILY CSENDES - REP

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14 

 Candidate declined to be interviewed.

 Age: 29 Occupation: Teacher, NYC Department of Education

 Education: Wellesley College (BA); New York University (MBA)



#### District 30

## ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – DAVID A. PATERSON – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 50 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate Education: Columbia University (BA);
 Hofstra Law School (JD)

Presently serving as Minority Leader in the Senate, David Paterson was first elected to the New York State Senate in 1985. Mr. Paterson, who is legally blind, also serves as a board member of the American Foundation for the Blind. Mr. Paterson is proud of his lead role in the securing passage of the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act, which became law in December 2002. A vocal critic of the state-of-affairs in the Albany, Mr. Paterson believes that power is concentrated in too few hands in the legislature and that both Democrats and Republicans alike are to blame for creating a "patronage machine", where partisan bickering serves as a smokescreen to mask the cooperation between those in power. He believes individual legislators' compliance is tied to the ability of party leaders to strip legislators of titles, resources and district funds at will. Mr. Paterson favors the ability of committees to report bills directly to the legislative calendar, instead of having to go through the Rules or Ways and Means Committee, which are chaired by the party leaders. Atop the list of reforms that Mr. Paterson supports is campaign finance reform as he believes this single reform would most dramatically reduce the role of special interests, lobbyists, unions and corporations from the political process and allow legislators more independence. Citizens Union supports Mr. Paterson's reelection efforts and stands beside him in calling for a decentralization of the power structure in Albany.

#### ALPHONZO MOSLEY – REP. IND

• Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14 Age: 68 Occupation: Self-Employed

A local real-estate entrepreneur, Alphonzo Mosley has previously run against his opponent three times. If elected, Mr. Mosley pledges to reduce developments in the district that drive up housing fees and work towards lowering interest loan rates so that more long-term residents could own their homes. Mr. Mosley also advocates for a 'district fee' to be levied on local businesses and landlords, with the revenues going towards district improvement. Mr. Mosley asserts that political demonstrations should be banned during times of war. While Mr. Mosley supported the direction of Citizens Union's reform proposals, he lacked a firm understanding of the legislative process.



#### District 31

Please see District 31 in the Bronx on page 18 District encompasses portions of Manhattan and the Bronx

### MANHATTAN ASSEMBLY RACES

#### District 65

## ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – PETE GRANNIS – DEM, WFP ★

• Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 62 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly Education: University of Virginia (BL)

Pete Grannis has served the 65th Assembly District since 1975 and is currently Chair of the Insurance Committee. The primary sponsor of New York's Clean Indoor Air Act, which places smoking restrictions in many public and work environments, Mr. Grannis has successfully championed numerous consumer protection and health care reform initiatives. During his tenure in office, Mr. Grannis has been an advocate for televising proceedings of the Assembly to allow for greater transparency, and for establishing routine conference committees which would allow lawmakers from both houses to work together to resolve discrepancies when similar bills addressing the same issue are passed in both houses. Mr. Grannis supports a more equitable distribution of staffing and resources, as he believes that legislators in the minority party are being short-changed. Mr. Grannis' solid legislative track-record and his commitment to reform throughout the years, has earned him Citizens Union's support in this election.

### PATRICIA LESLIE – REP

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

#### District 67

# ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – SCOTT STRINGER – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 44 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly
 Education: John Jay College of Criminal Justice (BA)

First elected to the Assembly in 1992, Scott Stringer previously served eight years under former Assemblymember Jerold Nadler in constituent services, as a housing coordinator and finally as Chief-of-Staff. As the current Chair of the Cities



Committee, Mr. Stringer recently introduced legislation to deliver more funds to urban areas struggling financially post 9/11. Mr. Stringer has been a champion of domestic violence prevention and victims' rights causes, and has successfully authored and passed legislation in both these areas. Mr. Stringer broke with party leadership in his opposition to the repeal of the commuter tax and is in favor of a greater legislative role for minority party legislators in both the Assembly and Senate. He is presently leading an effort in the Assembly to adopt a 13 point rules reform resolution that aims to increase the level of legislative debate and accountability in the State Assembly, allow for a more active role by individual legislators, and ensure a more equitable distribution of funds allocated to members for staffing and resources. Mr. Stringer has also advanced a joint resolution that would require conference committees to reconcile differences when similar bills are passed by both houses. Citizens Union supports the leadership and initiative that Mr. Stringer is displaying in the Assembly, and encourages him to continue to push for these reforms as well as tangible measures of reform that go beyond rules changes.

#### ADAM SHUN - REP, IND

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

District 68

#### NO PREFERENCE

#### ADAM CLAYTON POWELL IV – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 42 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Howard University (BA); Fordham University School of Law

Adam Clayton Powell IV is currently in his second term as Assembly member for District 68. Prior to his election, Mr. Powell served as a New York City Council member representing East Harlem and parts of the Upper West Side and the South Bronx. He cites education as the most important issue to his district, and attributes the legislative gridlock in Albany to deep divisions between upstate and downstate legislators. Mr. Powell claims to support Citizens Union's legislative reform agenda, yet has not displayed leadership in that direction during his tenure in Albany. While Citizens Union finds Mr. Powell to be an informed and engaging candidate, Citizens Union is troubled by his own admission that he provided alcohol to and had sexual relations with a 19-year-old intern. While Mr. Powell's actions have not been found to be criminal, the behavior and decision-making that Mr. Powell has displayed raises serious questions about his ability to uphold the ethical standards expected of our elected officials.



#### District 69

## ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – DANIEL O'DONNELL – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 43 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: George Washington University (BA); City University of New York (JD)

Daniel O'Donnell, the current Assembly member representing a portion of Manhattan's Upper West Side, was a founding member of the New York City Chapter of Citizen Action, an organization that fights for citizen rights and against the influence of big money in politics. He has his own public interest law firm in Manhattan and was the former Chair of the Housing and Land Use Committee of Community Board 9. An outspoken critic of the state's public authorities, Mr. O'Donnell voted against legislation to expand the Jacob Javits Center primarily because it created a new authority to finance construction, a responsibility that he believes requires greater oversight and accountability. Mr. O'Donnell is a co-sponsor of a current Assembly rules resolution being promoted that aims to reform the way in which the Assembly conducts committee hearings, votes on bills, and allocates resources, among other things. He has also co-sponsored a concurrent joint resolution to provide for routine conference committees when bills addressing similar issues are passed by both houses. Citizens Union is encouraged by Mr. O'Donnell's passion for reform and expects him to play an active leadership role on these issues.

#### CHRISTOPHER LANZILOTTI - REP

- Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
- · Citizens Union was unable to schedule an interview with this candidate

Age: 37 Occupation: Independent Film Producer

Education: Hofstra University (BA); Columbia University (MS)

#### District 70

# ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – KEITH WRIGHT – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 49 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Tufts University (BA); Rutgers University (JD)

Keith Wright, a former Assistant Director of Government and Corporate Operations for the New York City Transit Authority, was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1991. As Chair of the Election Law Committee, he is working to implement reforms to the New York State election process in order to comply with the federal-



ly-funded Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed in 2002. While passage of meaningful HAVA legislation has not been accomplished this year, Mr. Wright's efforts have been commendable. Mr. Wright has sponsored numerous pieces of legislation addressing electoral reform, such as the creation of the Election Administration Training Services Act, which provides annual training of election inspectors, poll clerks, and election coordinators; a bill banning party officials from serving as election inspectors; and legislation enfranchising ex-felons with the right to vote after they have served their time in prison. Additionally, Mr. Wright has also been an active supporter of public housing legislation that would grant tax exemptions to certain public housing projects, and a separate bill that prevents innocent tenants from being evicted from public and federal assisted housing when other family members are involved in illegal acts. While Mr. Wright does not support term limits for the Assembly and Senate committee chairs, as he believes the current system takes advantage of legislators' experience and knowledge, he would like to see a greater level of transparency and public involvement through the use of more public hearings and televised proceedings of the legislature. For the leadership Mr. Wright has shown on election reform, Citizens Union supports his candidacy.

#### **EDWARD DANIELS - REP**

- Has NOT responded to questionnaire
- · Citizens Union was unable to schedule an interview with this candidate

Age: 56 Occupation: Public Administration

#### District 72

# ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – ADRIANO ESPAILLAT – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 49 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly Education: Queens College (BA)

Adriano Espaillat was first elected to the Assembly in 1996, becoming the first Dominican-American elected to a state legislature in the United States. Prior to 1996 election, Mr. Espaillat served as the Director of Project Right Start, a national initiative to combat substance abuse through parent education. He also served as Director of the Washington Heights Victims Services Community Office, which offered bilingual support groups for battered women, and provided relief, compensation, counseling and therapeutic services for families of homicide victims and other crime victims. Mr. Espaillat sponsored legislation requiring hospitals to provide language assistance services to patients, and a bill that established a bilingual teacher recruitment and retention program. Mr. Espaillat supports measures that would require legislators to be physically present on the floor for their vote to be counted



and the establishment of routine conference committees when the Assembly and Senate pass similar bills addressing the same issue. Additionally, Mr. Espaillat would like to see the implementation of a special formula to assign budget and staff to Assembly members in an equitable fashion that takes into account specific community needs and concerns, providing greater resources in districts with high needs. Citizens Union supports Mr. Espaillat's re-election and encourages him to play a more active role in the movement towards legislative reform.

### MARTIN CHICON - REP, IND, CON

- Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
- Citizens Union was unable to schedule an interview with this candidate

Age: 38 Occupation: Information Technology Manager

Education: Fordham University (BA)

#### District 73

## ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JONATHAN BING – DEM, WFP ★

• Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 34 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: University of Pennsylvania (BA); New York University (JD)

Jonathan Bing was elected to the Assembly in 2002. Prior to being elected to office, Mr. Bing worked as a labor and employment practice attorney and was chair of the Human Services Committee of Manhattan Community Board 6. Mr. Bing is sponsoring legislation to reformulate the library funding formula, which if passed would increase New York City library funding by \$1.6 million and he voted against the Speaker of the Assembly on approval for a water filtration plant under Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Mr. Bing introduced legislation in 2004 that would require the convening of conference committees between both legislative houses when each house has passed a separate bill addressing the same issue. He is now a sponsor of a similar joint resolution advanced by Assemblymember Scott Stringer, as well as a rules resolution that aims to accomplish much-needed reform to the legislative process in the Assembly. Mr. Bing presents himself as a new generation of legislators not under the thumb of the Speaker and has shown a willingness to break from party leadership, perhaps due to his origin from a district with the highest Republican Party registration outside of Staten Island. His efforts in the area of reform are commendable and he shows promise of developing into a sensible, effective and independent legislator.



#### **DOUGLAS WINSTON - REP**

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 59 Occupation: Management Analyst
 Education: New York University (BA, MA)

Douglas Winston, a Management Analyst for the City of New York, is member of the 17th Precinct Community Council and the Turtle Bay Association. He believes that the city needs to repeal the century-old Wicks law, which requires municipal and school construction projects to award multiple contracts for construction projects greater than \$50,000. Mr. Winston supports the formation of more public/private partnerships for affordable housing and stronger protections for tenants living on modest incomes. Mr. Winston questions his opponent's reliance on corporate contributions and highlights his ardent support of legislative reform.

### District 74

# ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – STEVEN SANDERS – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 53 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly
 Education: City College of New York (BA)

First elected to the Assembly in 1978, Steve Sanders has been Chair of the Committee on Education since 1995. Among his accomplishments, Mr. Sanders lists his efforts in negotiating the agreement that led to the fundamental restructuring of New York City's Board of Education and gave the Mayor of New York City control of public schools. Mr. Sanders was the prime Assembly sponsor of the recently passed Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act, which protects persons from discrimination in employment, credit, public accommodations and education based on sexual orientation. According to Mr. Sanders, the general lack of cooperation and congeniality across political aisles in Albany is at an all-time high. To help ease the partisan gridlock, he supports more routine conference committees to reconcile differences in language when similar legislation is passed by both houses. He also favors an independent budget commission, much like the city model, to more accurately and efficiently forecast revenue projections. Citizens Union supports Mr. Sanders for re-election, and hopes that he, along with other senior members of the Assembly, will rise to the challenge this year and ensure the reforms that they support become reality.



#### DAVID BERKOWITZ - REP. SC

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14
 Age: 59 Occupation: Business Owner Education: Long Island University (BS)

David Berkowitz is the owner of a sporting goods company and former Nasdaq stock trader. Mr. Berkowitz supports greater drug treatment services for addicts, proposes building co-operative housing with the teacher's union to create affordable units for teachers, and is in favor of a tax or levy on all state contracts. Mr. Berkowitz believes that Albany legislators spend too much energy and effort figuring out how to spend taxpayer dollars and not enough on how to generate new money beyond sales and property taxes. Mr. Berkowitz faults Governor Pataki for the state's being close to \$10 billion over budget on school building contracts. Mr. Berkowitz embraces the call for reform and laments the failure of the state to pass a budget on time for the past 20 years.

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

#### **SENATE**

District 25 Martin Connor (D,WF)

#### ASSEMBLY

District 64 Carrie Sackett (I)\* District 71 Allen Cox (I)\*

Sheldon Silver (D,WF) Herman D. Farrell Jr. (D)

Faron Henry (R)

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<sup>\*</sup> Candidate has responded to questionnaire, responses on page 14. Incumbent candidates in bold.