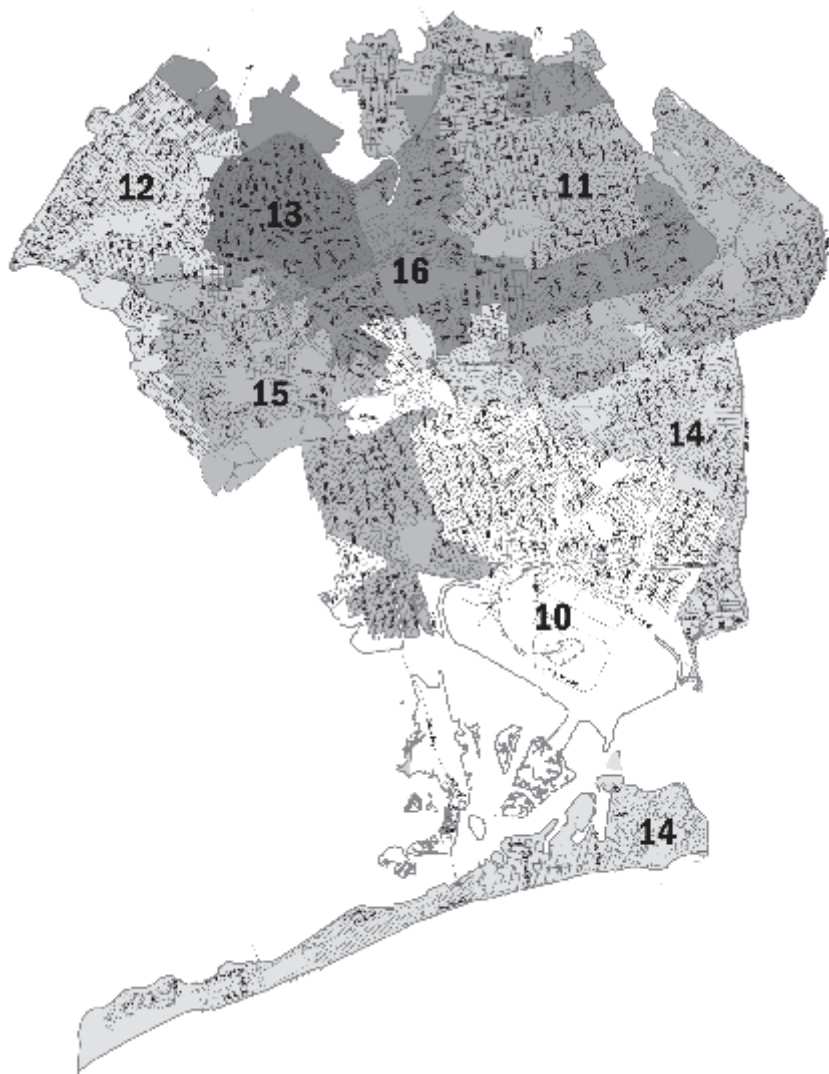




QUEENS STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP

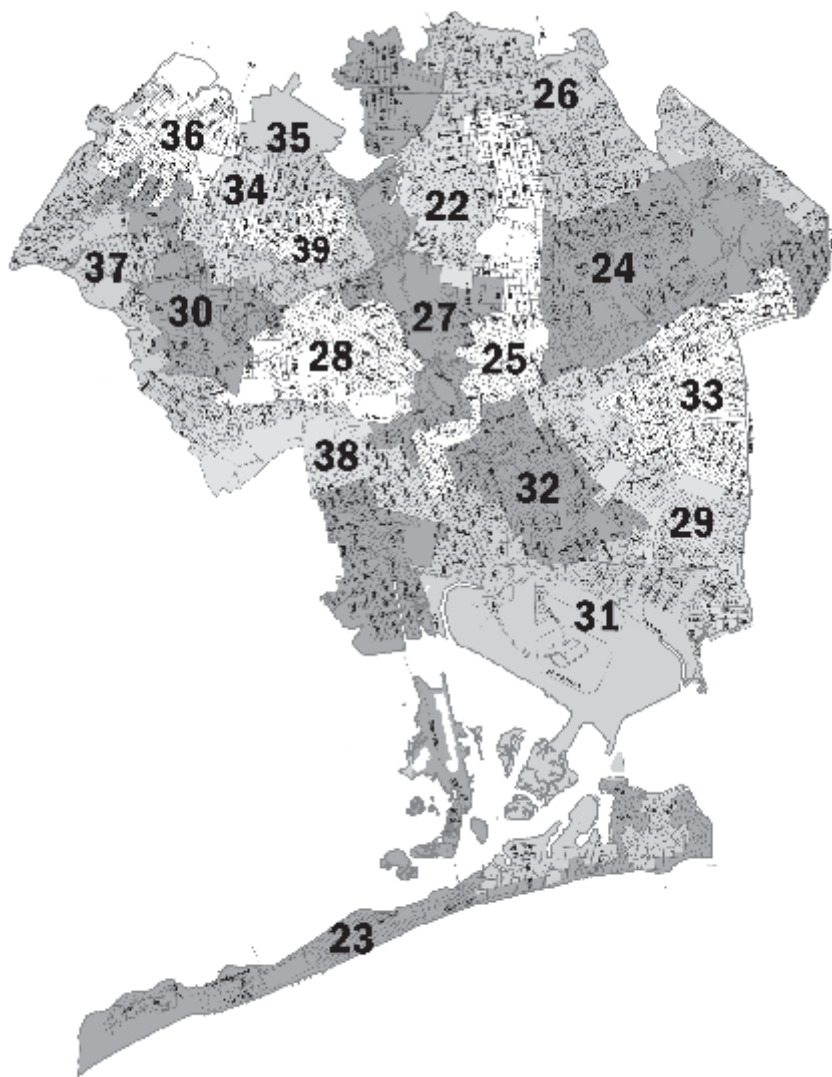


Sources: NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, April 22, 2002;  
US Census Bureau TIGER Line files, 2000





— QUEENS STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP —



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#### District 22

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#### ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – BARRY GRODENCHIK – WFP ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 44 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly Education: SUNY at Binghamton (BA)*

Barry Grodenchik, the current Assembly member for District 22, recently lost the Democratic Primary Election to challenger Jimmy Meng, but will appear on the Working Families party line on this November's ballot. Mr. Grodenchik has worked with Councilmember John Liu and State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky to establish a Business Improvement District in the area and secured money for early childhood development in the education budget. To ensure the creation of competitive and fair districts that would remove the process from partisan gerrymandering, Mr. Grodenchik advocates for a computerized system for redistricting. He also supports the elimination of proxy voting whereby legislators are automatically counted as a "yes" vote if they have clocked in for a work day in Albany, even if they are not present at the time of the vote. Mr. Grodenchik's willingness to challenge the leadership and the body politic in the Democratic-controlled house, earned him Citizens Union's "Preferred Candidate" rating in the Primary Election and we extend that support to him in the General Election as well.

#### EVERGREEN CHOU – GNTW

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Occupation: Diagnostic Medical Sonographer Education: Downstate Medical Center (BS)*

Evergreen Chou, an ultrasound technician at a New York City medical center, has been active in local politics and grassroots activism for over a decade. He has worked with the Chinese Progressive Association in Chinatown, and was a founding member of the Flushing Greens, a local Queens chapter of the New York State Greens. Mr. Chou believes that the biggest problems facing his district are air pollution, affordable housing and a lack of adequate job training programs. Mr. Chou supports the repeal of the Urstadt Law, which gives the State Legislature power over many New York City rent protection and affordable housing decisions. Mr. Chou argues that providing more affordable housing and better job training would be a better deterrent to crime than either the Rockefeller Drug laws or the death penalty, both of which he opposes. In order to resolve the budget gridlock that occurs each year, Mr. Chou suggests that legislators rank each item in a proposed budget in terms of importance. Items on the budget would then be voted on from the list, with the leg-



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islature not being able to move on to the next item until the previous one is finalized. Mr. Chou is a sincere and well informed candidate, but as a third party candidate in a two party system he has not been given the attention by the media and voters that he deserves. Likewise, reforming the way New York State administers its elections is central to giving candidates like Mr. Chou an adequate platform to share their views, as well as a reasonable chance of getting elected.

### **JIMMY MENG – DEM, IND, CON**

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 61 Occupation: Owner/Operator, Queens Lumber Company Education: BA, MS*

Jimmy Meng, the owner and operator of the Queens Lumber Company, was the former President of the Flushing Chinese Business Association and a board member of Queens Public Library. Mr. Meng believes the biggest issue in his district is a lack of parking and advocates converting underutilized properties into municipal parking lots. He also points to a lack of opportunities for young people and would like to see a new recreation center in the district as well as increased after-school programs. Though Mr. Meng was recently certified as the winner of the Democratic primary by the Board of Elections, the results have been tarnished by a current investigation into voter fraud. While Mr. Meng's role in the activities has not yet been established, what is known is that hundreds of people were illegally registered at commercial and industrial addresses in the district, including a commercial building that houses Mr. Meng's campaign headquarters and a bookstore that he owns. There are further reports that multiple voter registration forms were written in identical hand-writing. While legal recourse and investigation will most likely not resolve the issue before the General Election, the evidence available to date is of concern.

### **MEILIN TAN – REP**

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15* • *Candidate could not be reached for interview*

**District 26**

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### ★ **PREFERRED CANDIDATE - ANN MARGARET CARROZZA – DEM, IND, WFP** ★

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 37 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly Education: Hofstra University (JD)*

Ann Margaret Carrozza currently serves as Chair of the Committee on State and Federal Relations and has been a member of the Assembly since 1996. As a practicing attorney and an active member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Ms. Carrozza feels that maintaining her law practice while serving in the Assembly



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keeps her grounded in the needs of her constituents. She has sponsored numerous bills that would provide tax exemptions and abatements for senior citizens, first-time home buyers and disabled persons. Ms. Carrozza supports allowing bills to be reported directly from the jurisdictional committee to the legislative calendar without having to pass through the Rules Committee, which is Chaired by the Speaker. Ms. Carrozza has pledged her support to the majority of reforms that Citizens Union advocates, including the public financing of state legislative campaigns, provided that this is not supported by the state's general fund. She has earned Citizens Union's preference in the 26th District.

### **PETER BOUDOUVAS – REP, CON**

*\* Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 40 Occupation: Engineer Education: Brooklyn Polytechnic University*

Peter Boudouvas, a consulting engineer and former legislative aide to State Senator Frank Padavan, is currently serving on the Board of Governors at the Northeast Queens Republican Club. Mr. Boudouvas lists security and education as top priorities for his district. If elected, Mr. Boudouvas promises to be a vocal advocate for an increase in state funding for homeland security measures and more resources for the National Guard. Mr. Boudouvas also favors a school voucher program to give parents greater flexibility in choosing an education path for their children. To achieve greater accountability in Albany, Mr. Boudouvas believes that the current system of proxy voting, whereby a legislator does not have to be present on the floor to register a vote, has to be abolished. He also favors term limits for the legislature and the Governor to usher new ideas and energy to the State Capitol. A first-time candidate for elected office, Mr. Boudouvas has a promising future in the public service sphere.

### **District 28**

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### **NO PREFERENCE**

### **MICHAEL COHEN – DEM, IND**

*\* Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 55 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly Education: Some College*

Michael Cohen has represented the 28th Assembly District since 2000, and was a member of Community Board 6 for 16 years. A former Safety Examiner for the NYC Transit Authority, Mr. Cohen has taken the lead in advancing legislation to decrease the number of traffic accidents and fatalities that occur on Queens



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Boulevard through the use of speed cameras and photo radar. While Mr. Cohen recognized some degree of dysfunction in Albany, his commitment to enacting measures aimed at reform was less than encouraging. Specifically, Mr. Cohen believes in maintaining the current system of voting by proxy, whereby a legislator does not have to be present on the floor to register a vote. He feels this gives legislators an opportunity to manage their time more effectively and allow them more time to work on constituent issues. While proxy voting undoubtedly affords legislators an opportunity to use their time for other means, Citizens Union believes that the legislative process, specifically the act of voting, requires an engaged and attentive legislature. The lack of rigorous debate and discussion that pervades Albany is an embarrassment to our representative democracy and is reinforced by legislators that do not think the process is worthy of their time.

### MICHAEL D. WEISS – REP

*\* Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 24 Occupation: Legal Assistant Education: Dartmouth University (BA)*

Michael Weiss, a recent graduate of Dartmouth University, currently works as a writer. If elected, Mr. Weiss promises to work to implement emergency relief planning in relation to terrorism in his district. Mr. Weiss supports the repeal of the Rockefeller Drug laws, and is in favor of reinstating the commuter tax to increase city revenue. Mr. Weiss feels that a better state government is facilitated by a close working relationship between the legislature and the Governor, whom he feels gets very little support from the Assembly. In addition, Mr. Weiss is passionate about forging greater coordination between the state and the city in monitoring threats of terrorism.



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

### SENATE

District 10	<b>Ada L. Smith</b> (D,I,WF)*	District 13	<b>John Sabini</b> (D)*
District 11	<b>Frank Padavan</b> (R,I,C)	District 14	<b>M. Smith</b> (D,R,C,WF)
District 12	Daniel Maio (R)	District 15	<b>Serphin Maltese</b> (R,I,C)
	<b>George Onorato</b> (D)*	District 16	<b>Toby Stavisky</b> (D, WF)*



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### ASSEMBLY

District 23	<b>Audrey Pheffer</b> (D,WF)*	District 33	<b>Barbara Clark</b> (D,WF)
District 24	<b>Mark Weprin</b> (D, WF)*	District 34	<b>Ivan Lafayette</b> (D,WF)*
District 25	<b>B. McLaughlin</b> (D,WF)*	District 35	<b>Jeffrion Aubry</b> (D,WF)
District 27	<b>Nettie Mayersohn</b> (D)*	District 36	<b>M. Gianaris</b> (D,WF)*
District 29	<b>W. Scarborough</b> (D,WF)*	District 37	<b>C. T. Nolan</b> (D,WF)
District 30	<b>Margaret Markey</b> (D)	District 38	<b>A. Seminerio</b> (R,D,I,C)
District 31	Michael Duvalle (I)	District 39	Giash Ahmed (R)
	<b>Michele Titus</b> (D,WF)		<b>Jose Peralta</b> (D,WF)*
District 32	<b>Vivian Cook</b> (D,WF)		
	Jereline Hunter (R,C)		

*\* Candidate has responded to questionnaire, responses on page 15.  
Incumbent candidates in bold.*

