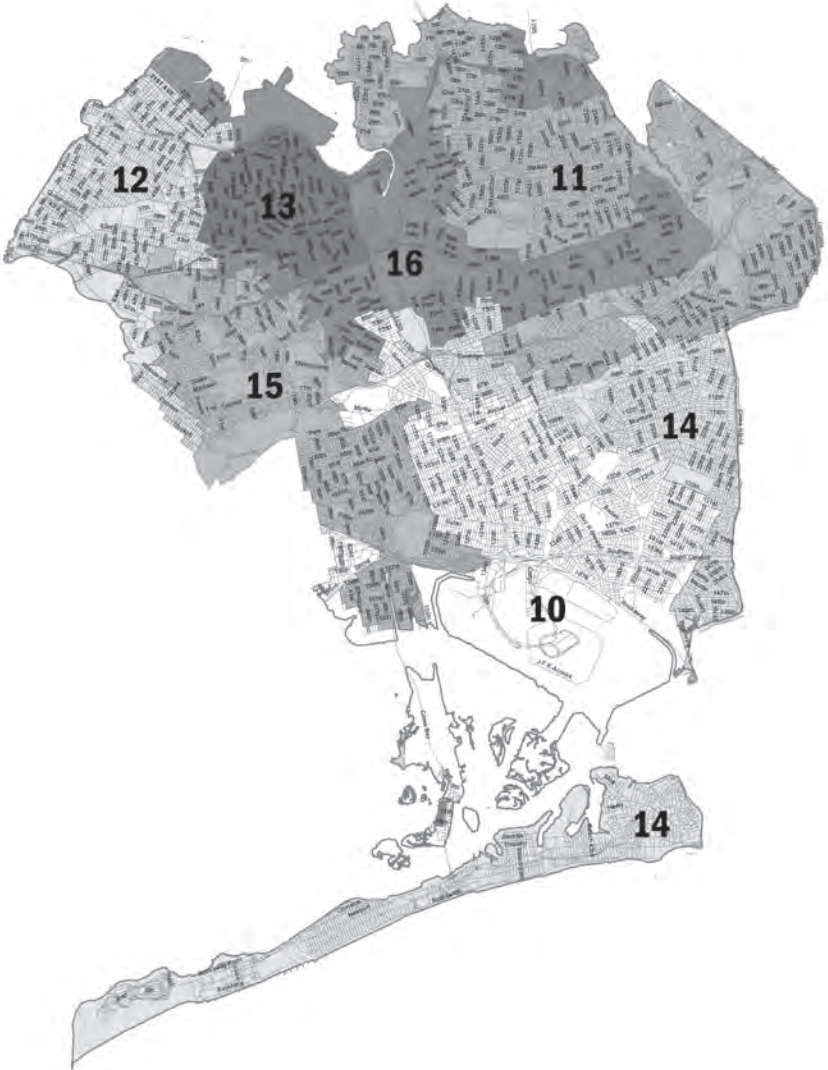




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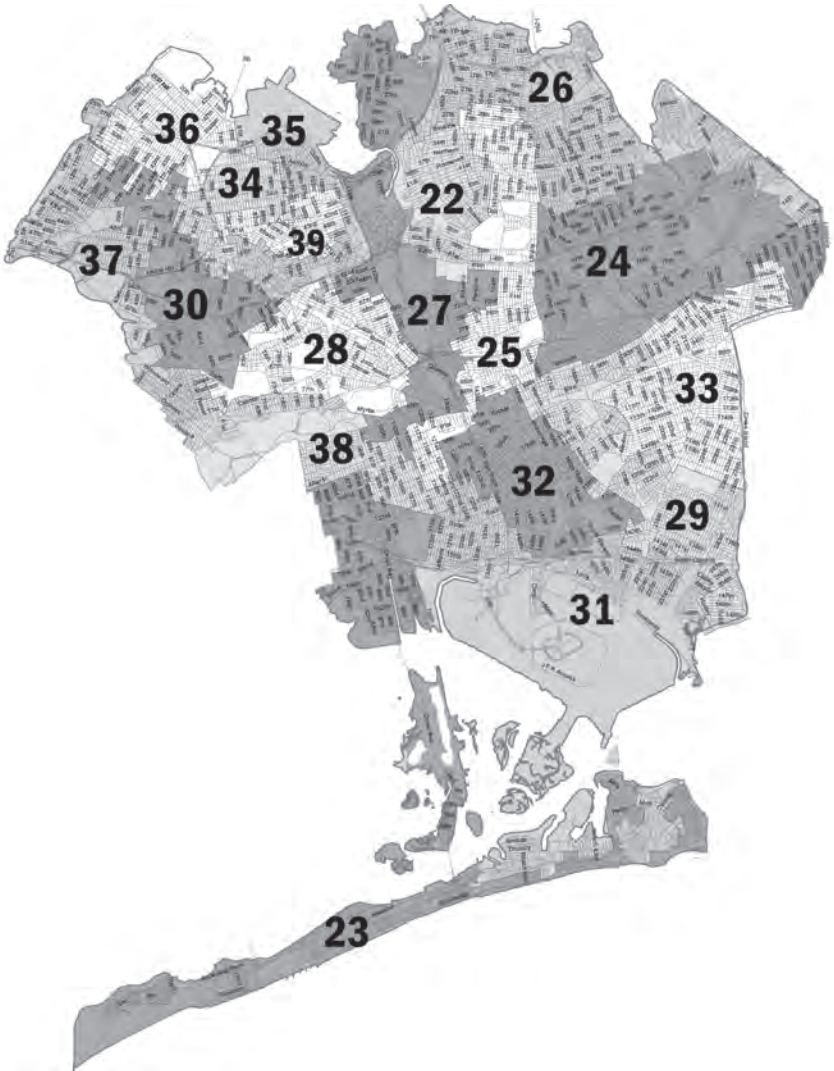


Sources: NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, April 22, 2002;
US Census Bureau TIGER Line files, 2000





— QUEENS STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP —



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District 13-Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JOHN SABINI – DEM, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15

Occupation: Member, NYS Senate Education: Stern School of New York University (BS)

John Sabini served as a City Council member for ten years before being elected to the State Senate in 2002. As a council member, Sabini sponsored a bill that passed in 1996 which banned threatening panhandling, and has recently proposed a bill in the Senate that would establish a statewide gang database to combat violent crimes more effectively. As a member of the Senate Rules Committee, Sabini is displeased that legislative rules changes that guide the operations of the Senate are deliberated in private, and recently proposed a bill that would promote greater transparency by requiring rules to be amended on the floor.. Sabini also supports pushing the voter registration deadline closer to election day, allowing individuals to register up to 15 days before an election. Sabini supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission to draw state legislative district lines, and has signed on to legislation in the Senate that would propose a constitutional amendment to do so. He is also a sponsor of legislation that would enact a voluntary program for public financing of statewide elections, and elections for state senator, assembly person and district attorney; as well as institute a ban on “soft money” political advertising. Sabini lists priorities in the district as working to alleviate overcrowding while assuring the district has the affordable housing that it needs, as well as working to ensure that low income residents have better access to health care. Sabini is a thoughtful candidate that has played a positive role in helping make our government in Albany more transparent and accountable and is deserving of Citizens Union’s preferred candidate rating.

HIRAM MONSERRATE – DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15

Occupation: Member, New York City Council Education: Queensborough Community College

A first-time candidate for state office, Hiram Monserrate is currently a New York City council member and former police officer. Monserrate brings a high degree of name recognition and familiarity to this race as his council district falls entirely within the Senate district. As a council member, Monserrate sponsored a bill creating confidentiality laws for New Yorkers seeking city services in order to encourage residents to seek out services available to them without giving up their right to



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privacy. He also was a leader in the effort to repeal Sunday parking meter rules put in place by the Mayor. Monseratte advocates restructuring the MTA in addition to giving the city greater control over its operations and budgeting. Having run as a candidate under New York City's stricter campaign finance guidelines, Monserrate supports campaign finance reform at the state level, including measures to ban corporate donations, lower individual contribution limits, and the adoption of a public financing system similar to the model New York City program. Monserrate's efforts to ensure greater transparency in the budget process by pushing for greater disclosure of funds that are allocated as "member items" is commendable but will need to enjoy greater support amongst his colleagues in the council before it will move. Monserrate brings many positive qualities and qualifications to this race, and if elected, will serve his district ably.

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District 22 – Democratic Primary

★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – TERENCE PARK - DEM ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Age: 47 Occupation: President/CEO of TrueCom Communications, Inc

Education: Nyack University (BA); SUNY Binghamton (MA)

President of a small communications firm, Terence Park served in both the Dinkins and Giuliani administrations in the area of community relations, and is a current district leader in Flushing. While Park has been an active member of the Queens Democratic party he is now running without their support or their blessing. Back on the ballot after surviving a vigorous challenge mounted by the party establishment to have his petition signatures invalidated, Park lost weeks on the campaign trail, including the ability to fundraise, and found his name omitted from absentee ballots that the Board of Elections sent to voters. For good reason, Park argues for a less partisan administration of elections to ensure that other legitimate candidates do not have similar experiences. Park expresses support for a host of reform issues, including lowering of campaign contribution limits, the creation of an independent redistricting commission to draw district lines, and greater disclosure of "member item" funds during the legislative budget process. Park sees the lack of adequate parking and uncleanly streets as two major issues for the Flushing community. He recognizes these do not fall under state jurisdiction, but if elected, would use his office to work to improve these conditions. Park also sees education as a top pri-



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ority, and proposes that to deal with a lack of adequate classroom space the city should consider building additional levels to existing school buildings, if feasible. Park is a thoughtful and engaged candidate that has displayed a commitment to his community through years of service. His experience and ability to be an independent and effective leader in Albany has earned him Citizens Union candidate preference.

JULIA HARRISON - DEM

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Candidate declined to be interviewed.

Occupation: Retired Education: Queens College (BA)

Julia Harrison was elected to NYS Assembly in 1983 and then to the City Council in 1986 where she was forced to step down in 2001 due to term limits. Harrison favors a repeal of the Urstadt Law to give the city control over rent regulation and does not believe that eminent domain should be used to seize property for use by private developers. Harrison is opposed to lowering the contribution limit that contributors can give to candidates running for public office as well as a public finance system for candidates running for statewide and state legislative office. Harrison inability to grasp the changing dynamics of a very active district, and her insensitivity to the needs of many of the districts constituents are of concern to Citizens Union.

ELLEN YOUNG – DEM, IND

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Occupation: District Administrator, Office of City Councilmember John Liu

Education: Takmin College of Administration, Taipei Taiwan (AD).

A former District Administrator for Councilmember John Liu and founder of the Chinese-American Voters Association of Queens, Ellen Young is running for statewide office for the first time. She is also co-founder of the Chinese-American Parents Association, a group that encourages parents to get involved in their children's education. Young's top legislative priorities are education and building more affordable housing to ease the burden caused by recent commercial development in residential areas. To reduce the role that money plays in elections, Young proposes lowering the limit on individual campaign contributions for campaigns for State Legislature to \$600, decreasing it from the current Assembly primary limit of \$3400 and Senate primary limit of \$5400. Young believes that a lower limit combined with a system of public financing will encourage a wider range of people to run for statewide office. Additionally, she supports stricter regulations on gifts to legislators.



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District 25 – Democratic Primary

NO PREFERENCE

MORSHED ALAM – DEM, REP

Has NOT returned questionnaire.

Occupation: Quality Assurance Specialist, Department of Environmental Protection

Former treasurer of Community School Board 29 and founder of New Americans Democratic Club, an organization that helps integrate new citizens into the civic and political community of Queens, Morshed Alam currently works as an environmental scientist at the Department of Environmental Protection. Alam lists as his top priorities improving public education and helping new citizens assimilate into their communities. If elected, he would push to help finance small businesses that would strengthen the local economy and to provide means for non-English speaking parents to get involved in the school system. Alam believes that qualified individuals, not only the wealthy, should have the opportunity to run for office and supports an easier signature requirement for appearing on the ballot as well as limits on campaign contributions and increased public financing to help them do so. Recent reports that Alam used funds from a contract received from the city to provide youth and immigration services as the head of a not-for-profit, that appeared to be all but out of service, to pay his rent, are troubling.

RORY LANCMAN – DEM, WFP

Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 14

Occupation: Attorney Education: Queens College (BA); Columbia University (JD)

Rory Lancman is a practicing attorney and member of Community Board 8, where he currently chairs the Board's Youth and Education Committee. He is the Vice President of Flushing Heights Civic Association and was chosen as Democratic District Leader in 2002. While Lancman believes that minor technical errors should not block a legitimate candidate from running for office, he does not favor lowering ballot access requirements because he is concerned that excessively open ballot laws may yield unqualified candidates. He believes the current system for selecting Supreme Court nominees is deeply flawed and favors an appointment process that utilizes a screening committee to make nominations. Lancman regards education as a top priority in his district, and would seek to reduce class size and recruit more qualified teachers to improve the quality of local schools. He also believes that every school in the district should have after school programs for students, and pledges to direct his member item funds in that direc-



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tion. Lancman is in favor of the plan to build a new baseball stadium for the Mets, but believes that real economic development is more than stadiums and arenas, and will require improved infrastructure in the borough. If elected, Citizens Union holds out the hope that his close ties to the Queens Democratic organization and the former holder of this seat, who resigned before he was implicated in an FBI probe of an alleged bid-rigging scam, do not hinder his ability to establish himself as an independent elected official willing to push for much-needed change in how our government in Albany operates.



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

SENATE

District 10-Dem **Ada L. Smith**
Shirley Huntley

ASSEMBLY

District 28-Rep Dolores Maddis
Walter Schmidt

District 39-Dem **Jose R. Peralta**
Carmen F. Enriquez

Incumbent candidates in bold.

