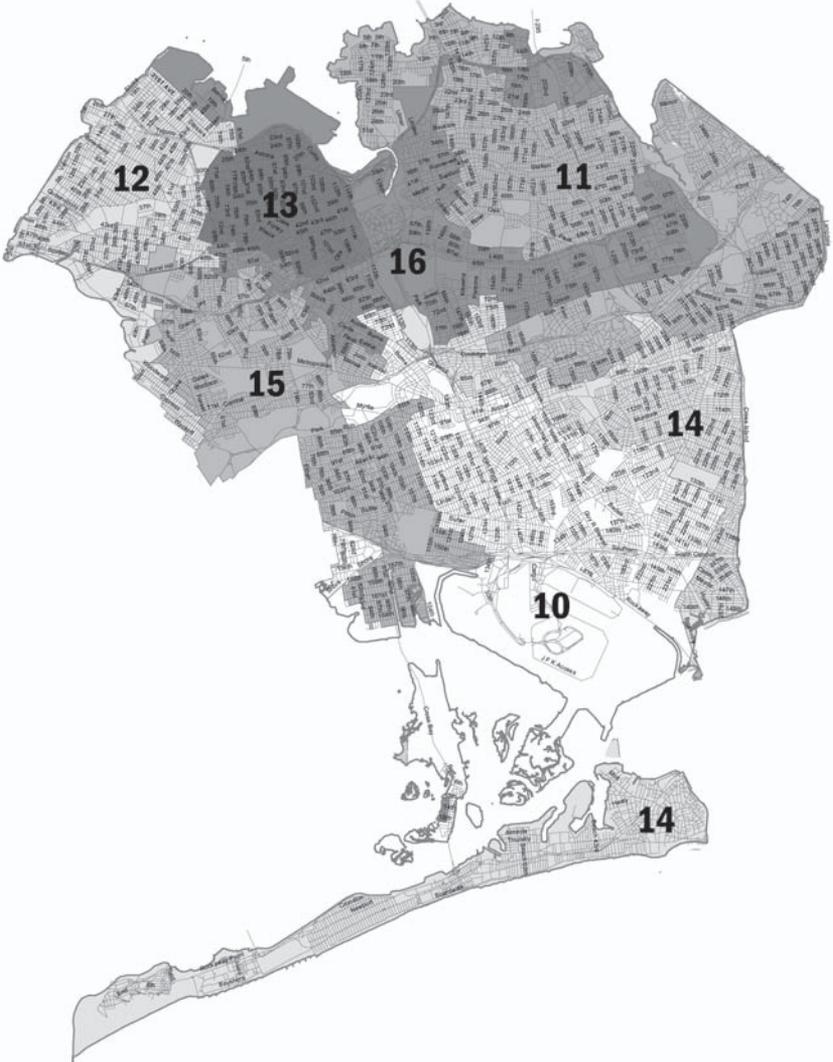
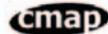




# QUEENS STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP

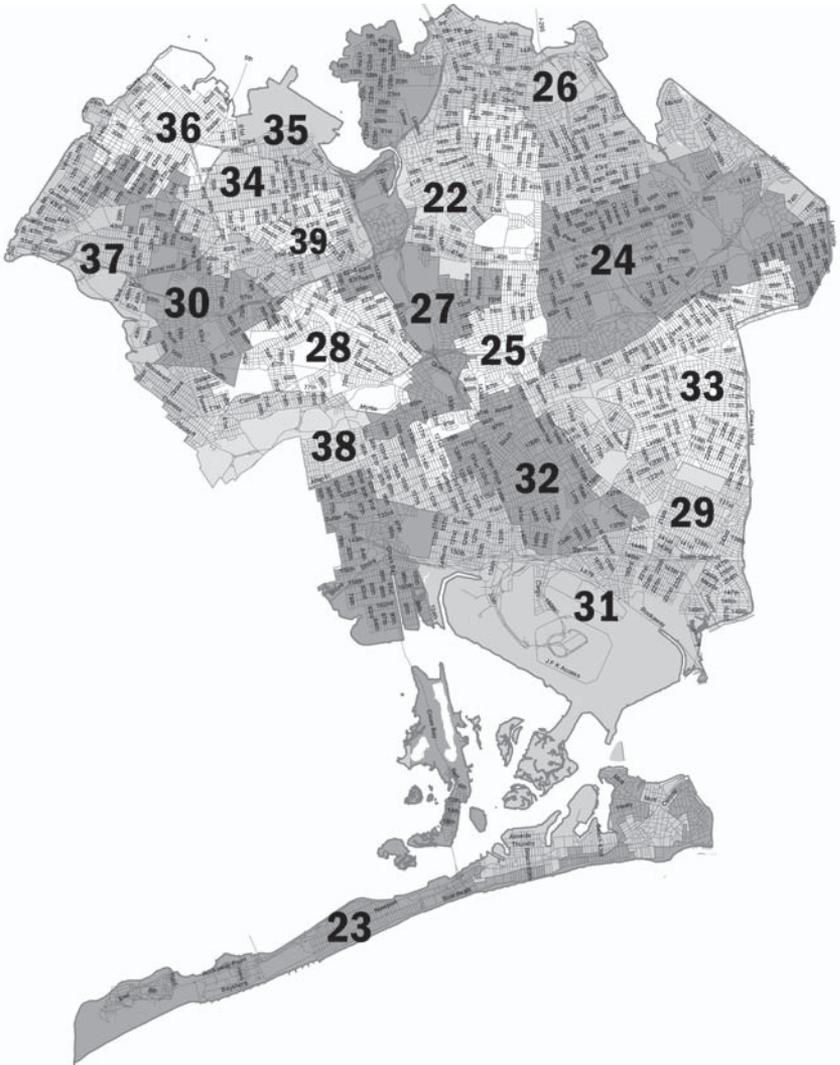


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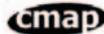




— QUEENS STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP —



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#### District 11

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#### H ENDORSED CANDIDATE - FRANK PADAVAN - REP, IND, CON H

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16*

*Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate*

*Education: Polytechnic University (BA); New York University (MBA)*

Serving the New York Senate since 1972, Frank Padavan was appointed Vice President Pro Tempore in 2003 and is the current Co-Chairman of the Senate Task Force on Government Reform. Padavan's work on the reform committee resulted in Senate rule changes prohibiting Senators from accepting gifts of any kind from lobbyists and requiring public authorities to disclose annual financial statements. Padavan supports the creation of an independent redistricting commission to draw state district lines after each census, but raises concerns about how to define and create a truly "independent" commission. Padavan has participated in a number of recommendations for reform but has failed to personally sign onto much of the legislation created on independent redistricting, public authorities, and campaign finance law, nor has he offered any alternative legislation in its place. While he did not state opposition to certain pieces of proposed reform legislation, he expressed that they have not generated enough support to raise his attention. On more local issues, he opposed the repeal of the state commuter tax which reportedly costs the city \$500 million in lost revenues. Padavan is a vocal opponent of the growing gambling industry in New York State, and produced a report in 2004 highlighting its negative effects and the role that the state government has played in sanctioning big gambling, including the state lottery. He has authored a number of bills aimed at curtailing the industry's growth, none of which have yet passed. As one of the more open and available members of the senate majority on issues of reforming the state legislature and state government, Padavan has earned Citizens Union's endorsement.

#### NORA MARINO - DEM, WFP

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16*

*Occupation: Attorney*

*Education: University of California at Berkeley (BA); CUNY Queens College (JD)*

Nora Marino, a first time candidate for State Senate, has been a negligence and personal injury attorney for ten years and served as counsel to the Jefferson Democratic Club in Queens for four. She has also served in the U.S. Army Reserves and continues to assist military personnel with legal issues. Marino lists reform of state government as her top



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priority, as well as women's, education and energy/environmental issues. To reform state government, she advocates for more transparency and openness in Albany, specifically calling for full and timely disclosure of all funding items to constituent groups that are provided by both houses. Marino also believes there need to be more opportunities for minority party members to have their bills discussed and eventually voted on. Marino supports a bill sponsored by departing Minority Leader David Paterson that would provide incentives for solar and wind power, and the promotion of green buildings in New York State. She advocates for the passage of a women's health and wellness bill which would enable women to obtain preventative health treatment and mandate insurance companies to cover doctor-prescribed contraceptives.

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### District 15

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#### **NO ENDORSEMENT**

##### **ALBERTO BALDEO - DEM**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16*

*Occupation: Attorney*

*Education: University of the West Indies (BA); Sir Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad (JD)*

Born in Guyana, Albert Baldeo practiced as a Prosecutor, Senior State Counsel and ultimately Magistrate in his home country before immigrating to the United States and starting his own law practice in New York City. Baldeo supports term limits for all state legislative and statewide offices, but he believes that judges should not be restricted by term limits as judicial experience is invaluable. To reform how the state selects Supreme Court justices, Baldeo believes that bar associations and practicing lawyers be part of a screening panel that nominates candidates, and he supports the merit selection of judges. Baldeo is in favor of full disclosure of member items to ensure complete transparency by allowing the public to see which legislators are supporting which projects and organizations. Baldeo proposes decreasing property taxes to help lower and middle income family homeowners, while increasing estate taxes to make up for the lost revenue.

##### **SERPHEIN R. MALTESE - REP, CON, IND**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16*

*Occupation: Member, NYS Senate*

*Education: Manhattan College (BA); Fordham University Law School (LLB & JD)*

One of the most senior members of the New York State Senate, Serphin Maltese was



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elected to office in 1988 after working as the Queens Assistant District Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau. In 1962, Maltese co-founded the New York State Conservative Party. He currently serves as chairman of the Standing Committee on Cities. Maltese opposes term limits for committee chairs, citing that they would reduce the institutional knowledge integral to dealing with specialized fields, but he does support term limits for Senate and Assembly leadership to ensure greater independence of rank and file members and to better enable new ideas and voices to make their way through the legislative process. He opposes the public funding of campaigns believing taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for candidates running for office. Maltese was also one of the original plaintiffs in the Supreme Court decision *Buckley v. Valeo*, which ruled that limits on how much a candidate can spend to get elected violate freedom of speech rights guaranteed in the constitution. As such, he is against lower contribution limits for state office. Maltese supports full disclosure of member items by the Senate to increase transparency. Maltese has proposed an amendment to the constitution providing voters with the power of initiative and referendum. He lists education among his top priorities and is proud of securing a grant of fifty-five million dollars for LaGuardia Community College. He has also secured over two million dollars for community organizations in his district this year state budget including increased funding for Police, Fire and Emergency Services as well as programs and services for senior citizens and veterans.

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#### District 22

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#### NO ENDORSEMENT

#### ELLEN YOUNG - DEM

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 15*

*Occupation: District Administrator, Office of NY City Council Member John Liu*

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

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 the 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 residen-



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tial 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 \$5,400. 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.

### **CHRISTOPHER MIGLIACCIO- REP**

*Has NOT returned questionnaire*

*Occupation: Former Communications Director, NY State Senator Maltese; Amateur Debater*

*Education: Haverford College (BA)*

### **District 23**

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### **H ENDORSED CANDIDATE - AUDREY I. PHEFFER - DEM, WFP H**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 15*

*Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly*

*Education: Brooklyn College (BA)*

Audrey Pheffer was elected to the State Assembly in a 1987 special election. In 1995 she was named chair of the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee and is currently a member of the committees on Aging, Governmental Employees, Higher Education, Rules, and Veterans' Affairs. Pheffer is a co-sponsor for the Campaign Financing Reform Act of 2006 which clarifies election law definitions and limitations related to maximum annual aggregate contributions. She has also sponsored a bill to establish an independent apportionment commission to draw congressional and state legislative districts lines, but wants to be sure that the commission is appointed by an authority outside of the political process in order to ensure independence and integrity of the redistricting process. A supporter of judicial election reform, Pheffer believes an independent, non-partisan committee should screen candidates in order for them to qualify to run for elected office. She does not support term limits for committee chairs as they have valuable experience and have cultivated a degree of expertise in their respective fields. In her district, Pheffer highlights education as a major issue and she believes her experience on the subcommittee that provided the Mayor with direct control over education prepared her to work on further changes to the educational system, like her sponsorship of the "Development of Model for Articulation and Career Mobility Act," which authorizes a study of nurs-



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ing education programs and develops a model for improved career mobility within the nursing field. Healthcare is another top priority for Pheffer and she proposes consolidating the two hospitals in her district to use resources more effectively. For her support of key reform issues, Pheffer receives the endorsement of Citizens Union.

### **STUART MIRSKY - REP, IND, CON**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 16*

*Candidate did not appear for scheduled interview*

*Occupation: Retired Assistant Commissioner for Operations at the Department of Health; Author*

*Education: Brooklyn College (BA)*

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### **District 25**

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### **H ENDORSED CANDIDATE - RORY LANCMAN - DEM, WFP H**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 15*

*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 the Flushing Heights Civic Association and was chosen as a 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 direction. 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 as well. 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 Lancman's ability to establish himself as an independent elected official willing to push for much-needed change in how our



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government in Albany operates. Citizens Union endorses Lancman for his knowledge and potential to be a solid representative for his district.

### **MORSHED ALAM - REP**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 15*

*Occupation: Quality Assurance Specialist, Department of Environmental Protection*

*Education: Graduate degree*

Former treasurer of Community School Board 29 and founder of the New Americans Democratic Club, Morshed Alam currently works as an environmental scientist at the Department of Environmental Protection. Alam's top priorities are 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 lower 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 city contract received to provide youth and immigration services as the head of a non-profit that appeared to be all but out of service to pay his rent are troubling. As a self-described Democrat, Alam ran and ultimately lost in this year's Democratic Primary, and is appearing as a Republican for the General Election.

### **District 28**

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### **H ENDORSED CANDIDATE - ANDREW D. HEVESI - DEM, WFP H**

*Has returned questionnaire; responses on page 15*

*Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly*

*Education: Queens College*

Prior to his win in a special election in May of 2005, Andrew Hevesi served as Chief of Staff to former New York State Assemblyman Jeff Klein and Director of Community Affairs for New York City Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum. Hevesi serves on the committee on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Consumer Affairs and Protection, Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Energy, Labor, and Racing & Wagering. Hevesi has co-sponsored Assemblymember Gianaris' bill to establish an independent redistricting commission to draw state and congressional district lines. Hevesi does not support direct election for judges and believes that a panel of



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qualified experts should present a list of screened candidates in each county from which the Governor can make appointments. Hevesi instituted a program offering free health identification cards for seniors in case of emergency and identification cards for children that can be used to help authorities find lost or kidnapped children. If reelected, Hevesi looks forward to his involvement in the committee on renewable energy which could help New Yorkers decrease their dependence on expensive foreign oil. Hevesi believes the state needs to do more to combat domestic violence and he supported a bill which extended the five year statute of limitation for prosecuting violent sexual offenders. In his brief time in office, Andrew Hevesi has demonstrated a commitment to reforming how state government operates, which has earned him Citizens Union's endorsement.

### **DOLORES MADDIS - REP, CON**

*Has NOT returned questionnaire.*

*Candidate could not be reached for an interview.*



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

### SENATE

<b>District 10</b>	Shirley L. Huntley (D) Jereline Hunter (R,C)	<b>District 13</b>	<b>John Sabini</b> (D,I)*
<b>District 12</b>	<b>George Onorato</b> (D)	<b>District 14</b>	<b>Malcolm A. Smith</b> (D,WF)
		<b>District 16</b>	<b>Toby Ann Stavisky</b> (D,WF)

### ASSEMBLY

<b>District 24</b>	<b>Mark S. Weprin</b> (D,WF)	<b>District 32</b>	<b>Vivian E. Cook</b> (D)
<b>District 26</b>	<b>AnnMargaret Canoza</b> (D,WF)	<b>District 33</b>	<b>Barbara M. Clark</b> (D,WF)
<b>District 27</b>	Walter A. Lamp (C)* <b>Nettie Mayersohn</b> (D,I)	<b>District 34</b>	<b>Ivan C. Lafayette</b> (D,WF)
<b>District 29</b>	<b>William Scarborough</b> (D,WF)	<b>District 35</b>	<b>Jeffrion L. Aubry</b> (D)
<b>District 30</b>	<b>Margaret Markey</b> (D)	<b>District 36</b>	<b>Michael Giannaris</b> (D,WF)*
<b>District 31</b>	Michael Duvalle (I) <b>Michele R. Titus</b> (D,WF)	<b>District 37</b>	<b>Catherine T. Nolan</b> (D)
		<b>District 38</b>	<b>Anthony Seminio</b> (D,R,C,I)
		<b>District 39</b>	<b>Jose R. Peralta</b> (D,WF)*

*\* Candidate has responded to questionnaire; responses on page 15 and 16  
Incumbent candidates in bold.*

