



—STATEN ISLAND STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP—

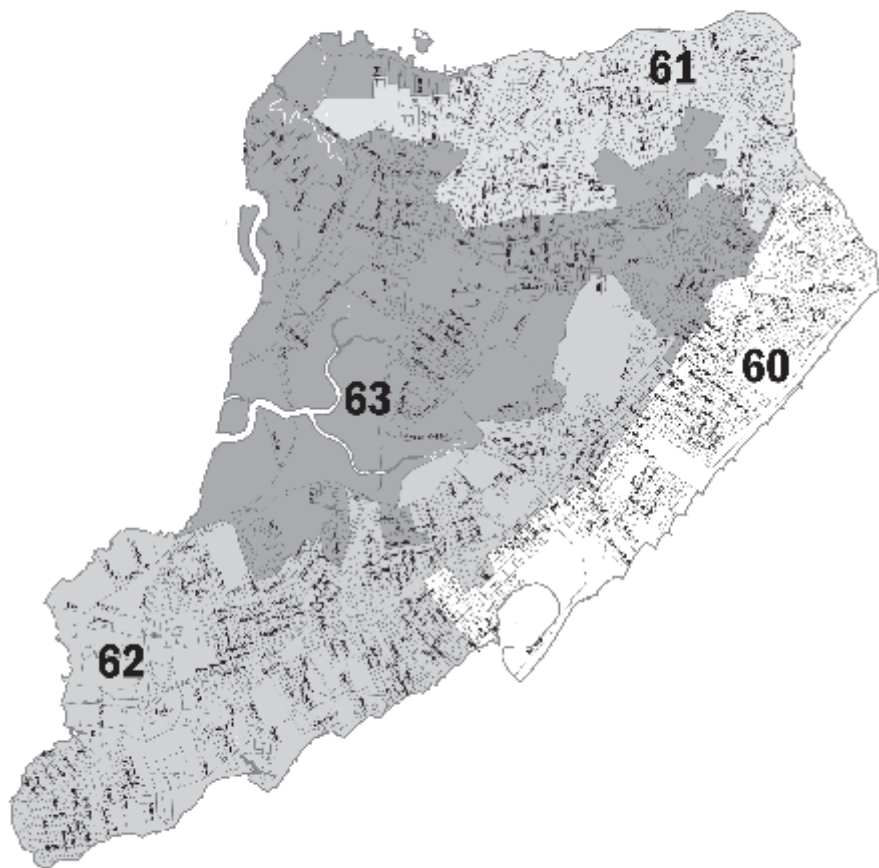


Sources: NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, April 22, 2002;  
US Census Bureau TIGER Line files, 2000





— STATEN ISLAND STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP —



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## STATEN ISLAND STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

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### • STATEN ISLAND STATE SENATE RACES •

#### District 23

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*Please see evaluation of District 23 in Brooklyn on page 27. District encompasses portions of Staten Island and Brooklyn.*

### • STATEN ISLAND STATE ASSEMBLY RACES •

#### District 61

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#### ★ PREFERRED CANDIDATE – JOHN RUSSELL – REP, CON ★

- *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*
- *Age: 67 Occupation: Retired Education: Master of Science*

John Russell has served in the public sector for over 35 years in the fields of health care, substance abuse and criminal justice and has recently held the position of Assistant Chief Operating Officer of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation Correctional Health Services. Mr. Russell cites the influence by big money and interest groups as sources of our State Legislature's dysfunction. Specifically, he believes these forces ensure incumbency and a lack of independence on the part of legislators. He advocates for public campaign financing to reduce the role of these influences over the legislative and electoral process. Appalled that the state has not passed a budget on time in 20 years, Mr. Russell calls for individual legislators to take more responsibility, potentially by agreeing to forego paychecks until a budget agreement is passed. Mr. Russell has voiced his support for a rules reform resolution proposed in the Assembly and has called on his district's incumbent Assembly member to do so as well. Mr. Russell's long career in management and public service, and his support of a host of key reform issues make him Citizens Union's preferred candidate for the Assembly seat.

#### JOHN W. LAVELLE – DEM, WFP

- *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*
- *Citizens Union was unable to schedule an interview with this candidate*
- *Age: 55 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly Education: St. Francis College (BA)*

#### CHARLES F. McLEAN JR. – IND

- *Has NOT responded to questionnaire*
- *Citizens Union was unable to schedule an interview with this candidate*
- *Occupation: Fire Dispatcher*



## STATEN ISLAND STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

### District 62

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#### NO PREFERENCE

##### VINCENT IGNIZIO – REP

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 29 Occupation: Chief of Staff, NYC Councilmember Andrew Lanza*

*Education: Rider University (BA)*

Vincent Ignizio won the Republican party nomination in this year's primary in a political grudge match waged by Republican party leadership against the incumbent. Mr. Ignizio has served as the Chief-of-Staff for Councilmember Andrew Lanza and former Councilmember Stephen Fiala for the past seven years and also held the council seat for five months after the Mr. Fiala's resignation. Mr. Ignizio is passionate and well-versed on development issues facing Staten Island. He advocates for a more stringent review process to acquire permits to develop wetlands as he believes too many permits are issued in sensitive areas. Mr. Ignizio proposes that state funds allocated for district use should not be left to the discretion of legislative leaders but instead should be distributed equally to all members. Citizens Union believes Mr. Ignizio can be an effective public servant and encourages him to establish his independence from party bosses if elected to office.

##### ROBERT STRANIERE – IND, WFP

• *Has returned questionnaire, responses on page 15*

*Age: 63 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly*

*Education: Wagner College (BA); New York University School of Law (JD, LLM)*

Robert Stranieri, the Assembly's senior Republican member, has represented Staten Island in the State Legislature for the past 24 years, but lost the Republican nomination this year to a challenger with strong ties to the Republican party machine on Staten Island. Mr. Stranieri's independent voice in the Assembly and his commitment to his constituents, as well as the ideals of good government, have been his greatest assets while in office. Mr. Stranieri's success in helping secure funding for the purchase of Mt. Loretto and the St. Francis Friary - both now protected as parkland—are two of Mr. Stranieri's proudest accomplishments. Mr. Stranieri believes the leadership of both houses has too much power and that individual legislators need to take responsibility for ceding them this power. Citizens Union hopes that in this year's climate of reform, this message resonates with members of both the majority and minority members of both houses of the legislature.



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**MARIO BRUNO, JR – CON**

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

**EMANUELE INNAMORATO – DEM**

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



*The following races in the Staten Island have not been evaluated by Citizens Union:*

**SENATE**

District 24      **John J. Marchi** (R,D,I,C)

**ASSEMBLY**

District 60	D. H.-Spencer (D,WF)	District 63	<b>M. Cusick</b> (D,I,WF,C)
	<b>Matthew Mirones</b> (R,C,I)		Victor Grossman (R)

*Incumbent candidates in bold.*

