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ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY AND CITIZENS UNION'S EVALUATION PROCESS

New Yorkers on Tuesday, November 6th will be voting in the General Election to select candidates for president and vice president, congress, state legislature, and judicial contests. While state legislative races are generally not competitive, particularly in the general election, newly drawn districts reflecting the 2010 U.S. Census and many incumbent legislators running for higher office mean there are several open seats and important choices to be made by the voters. There are also some high-profile state senate races in which there are strong candidates from each party vying for support from voters.

To help our Citizens Union members prepare for the upcoming general election, we bring you our 2012 General Election Voters Directory, which would not be possible without the hard work of members of the Citizens Union Board, Local Candidates Committee, staff and our interns. Members of Citizens Union's Board of Directors and Local Candidates Committee formed nonpartisan interview teams and evaluated candidates for state senate and assembly races. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, expertise and commitment this summer and fall to interviewing and evaluating candidates.

State government has been moving in the right direction over the last couple years with enactment of ethics reform laws and first passage of a redistricting reform constitutional amendment, but there is still much more to be done – including second passage of the redistricting constitutional amendment by the legislature and reform of the state's campaign finance laws. We are hopeful that Citizens Union's policy priorities will be addressed by newly-elected and returning reform-minded legislators in 2013.

Provided in this directory are Citizens Union's recommended candidates, descriptions of the positions and backgrounds of candidates we interviewed, and listings of every contest for all federal, state and judicial offices that will be on the ballot in New York City on November 6th. We also provide a list of uncontested races, which we note separately to draw attention to the lack of competition, and the need for the reforms that Citizens Union advocates for. There may be last minute elimination or reinstatement of candidates on the ballot, so the list contained in this directory may have changed since this directory was printed.

Recommendations are first made by the Local Candidates Committee on the basis of interviews, research, questionnaire responses, and first-hand knowledge of the candidates. These recommendations are advisory and then reviewed by the



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Citizens Union Board, which makes the final decision. Citizens Union issues an “Endorsed” rating for General Election contests and a “Preferred” rating during the Primary Election. A “No Endorsement” rating may result when there is insufficient information available, it is believed that the candidates are of equal merit, none of the candidates adequately support our reform agenda, or if no candidate in the race is believed to be capable of providing effective representation.

We thank you for your support as members of Citizens Union, and hope you enjoy the latest edition of the Voters Directory.

To view candidates’ complete questionnaires, please visit Citizens Union’s website at www.citizensunion.org.

CITIZENS UNION 2012 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Bronx

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assembly District 81 | Jeffrey Dinowitz (D, WF) |
| Councilmanic District 12* | No endorsement |

Brooklyn

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Senate District 20 | Eric Adams (D, WF) |
| Senate District 22 | Martin J. Golden (R, C, I) |

Manhattan

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Assembly District 65 | No endorsement |
| Assembly District 76 | No endorsement |

Queens

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Senate District 11 | Tony Avella (D, WF, I) |
| Senate District 15 | Joseph Addabbo, Jr. (D, WF) |
| Senate District 16 | No endorsement |
| Assembly District 25 | Nily D. Rozic (D, WF) |
| Assembly District 40 | Ron Kim (D, WF, I) |

Staten Island

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Senate District 23 | Diane J. Savino (D, WF, I) |
| Assembly District 62 | Joseph Borelli (R, C, I) |
| Assembly District 64 | Nicole Malliotakis (R, C, I) |

*Note that for City Council District 12, this is a Special Election to fill the remainder of the term, which will complete at the end of 2013.

Please note that the following race was mistakenly omitted from the October 2012 print version of Citizen Union's 2012 General Election Voters Directory.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

UNITED STATES SENATOR

TERM OF OFFICE: SIX YEARS ♦ SALARY: \$174,000

STATEWIDE

Colia Clark (G)

Chris Edes (LBT)

Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D, WF, I)^

Wendy Long (R, C)

John Mangelli (CSP)

^ Incumbent



2012 FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$400,000

- Barack Obama/Joe Biden (Democratic, Working Families Party)^
- Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan (Republican, Conservative)
- Jill Stein/Cheri Honkala (Green)
- Peta Lindsay/Yari Osorio (Socialism & Liberation)
- Gary Johnson/James P. Gray (Libertarian)
- Virgil Goode/Jim Clymer (Constitution)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$174,000

BRONX

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| <i>District 13*</i> | Deborah O. Liatos (SOC) Charles B. Rangel (D, WF)^ Craig Schley (R) | <i>District 15</i> | Frank L. Della Valle (R, C) Jose E. Serrano (D, WF)^ |
| <i>District 14*</i> | Joseph Crowley (D, WF)^ William F. Gibbons, Jr. (R, C) Anthony Gronowicz (G) | <i>District 16</i> | Eliot L. Engel (D, WF)^ Joseph Diaferia (G) Joseph McLaughlin (R) |

BROOKLYN

- | | | | |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| <i>District 8*</i> | Colin M. Beavan (G) Alan S. Bellone (R, C) Hakeem S. Jeffries (D, WF) | <i>District 10*</i> | Michael W. Chan (R, C) Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF)^ |
| <i>District 9</i> | Daniel J. Cavanagh (D, R, C) Yvette D. Clarke (D, WF)^ Vivia M. Morgan (G) | <i>District 11*</i> | Henry J. Bardel (G) Michael G. Grimm (R, C)^ Mark S. Murphy (D, WF) |
| | | <i>District 12*</i> | Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF)^ Christopher R. Wight (R, C, I) |

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^ Incumbent

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* District overlaps boroughs.



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MANHATTAN

*District 10** Michael W. Chan (R, C)
Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF)^

*District 13** Deborah O. Liatos (SOC)
Charles B. Rangel (D, WF)^
Craig Schley (R)

*District 12** Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF)^
Christopher R. Wight (R, C, I)

QUEENS

District 3 Steve J. Israel (D, WF, I)^
Stephen A. Labate (R, C, TRP)
Michael McDermott (LBT)
Anthony Tolda (CST)

*District 7** James Murray (C)
Nydia M. Velazquez (D, WF)^

District 5 Allan W. Jennings, Jr. (R)
Gregory Meeks (D)^
Catherine Wark (LBT)

*District 8** Colin M. Beavan (G)
Alan S. Bellone (R, C)
Hakeem S. Jeffries (WF)

District 6 Evergreen C. Chou (G)
Daniel J. Halloran (R, C, LBT)
Rory I. Lancman (WF)
Grace Meng (D)

*District 12** Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF)^
Christopher R. Wight (R, C, I)

STATEN ISLAND

*District 11** Henry J. Bardel (G)
Michael G. Grimm (R, C)^
Mark S. Murphy (D, WF)

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2012 STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS

STATE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

- District 29** Robert Goodman (C) *District 34* Jeffrey D. Klein (D, R, I, WF)†^
Jose M. Serrano (D, WF)†^ Carl Lundgren (G)
Thomas Siracuse (G) Elizabeth Perri (C)
- District 32* Ruben M. Diaz (D, R, C)^ *District 36* Robert L. Diamond (C)
David M. Johnson (I) Ruth H. Thompson (D)^
- District 33* J. Gustavo Rivera (D, WF)†^
Michael E. Walters (R, C)

BROOKLYN

- District 17* Simcha Felder (D, C, TCN) *District 21* Mindy Meyer (C)
David Storobin (R)^ Kevin Parker (D, WF)^
Abraham Tischler (SCP)
- District 18* Martin Malave Dilan (D)†^ *District 22* **Martin J. Golden** (R, C, I)†^
Michael E. Freeman- Andrew S. Gounardes (D, WF)†
Saulsberre (R, C)
- District 19* Jane Neal (R) *District 23** **Diane J. Savino** (D, WF, I)†^
John L. Sampson (D, WF)^ Lisa Grey (R, C, SC)
Elias J. Weir (C)
- District 20* **Eric Adams** (D, WF)†^ *District 25* John A. Jasilli (R, C)
Brian Kelly (C) Velmanette Montgomery (D, WF)^
Rose Laney (R)
- District 26** Jacqueline Haro (R)
Daniel Squadron (D, WF)^

MANHATTAN

- District 26** Jacqueline Haro (R) *District 29** Robert Goodman (C)
Daniel Squadron (D, WF)^ Jose M. Serrano (D, WF)†
Thomas Siracuse (G)
- District 28* David Paul Garland (R, I) *District 31* Martin Chicon (R)
Liz Krueger (D, WF)†^ Adriano Espaillat (D)†^



2012 STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS

QUEENS

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| <i>District 11</i> | Tony Avella (D, WF, I)†^ Joseph R. Concannon (R, C) | <i>District 15</i> | Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. (D, WF)†^ <i>Eric A. Ulrich</i> (R, C, I) † |
| <i>District 12</i> | Tony A. Arcabasio (R, C)† Michael N. Gianaris (D, WF)^ | <i>District 16</i> | J.D. Kim (R, C)† Toby Ann Stavisky (D, WF, I)†^ |

STATEN ISLAND

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| <i>District 23*</i> | Diane J. Savino (D, WF, I)†^ Lisa Grey (R, C, SC) | <i>District 24</i> | Andrew J. Lanza (R, C, I)^ Gary W. Carsel (D, WF)† |
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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

TERM OF OFFICE: TWO YEARS • SALARY: \$79,500

BRONX

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| <i>District 77</i> | Tanya Carmichael (R) Vanessa L. Gibson (D, WF)^ Devon Morrison (C) | <i>District 82</i> | Michael R. Benedetto (D, WF)^ William E. Britt, Jr. (R, C) |
| <i>District 78</i> | Luana G. Malavolta (R) Richard Retcho (C) Jose Rivera (D)^ | <i>District 83</i> | Trevor Archer (G) David S. Glover (R) Carl Heastie (D, WF)^ |
| <i>District 79</i> | Selsia Evans (C) Jose A. Padilla, Jr. (I) Eric Stevenson (D, R, WF)†^ | <i>District 84</i> | Carmen E. Arroyo (D)^ Franklin Chidi Oleh (C) |
| <i>District 80</i> | William Edstrom (G) <i>Mark Gjonaj</i> (D)† Patrick A. McManus (C) Naomi Rivera (WF)^ Nicole J. Torres (R) | <i>District 85</i> | Marcos A. Crespo (D, WF)^ Janelle King (R) Eduardo Ramirez (C) Daniel Zuger (G) |
| <i>District 81</i> | Jeffrey Dinowitz (D, WF)†^ Judith Kunz (C) | <i>District 86</i> | Nelson Castro (D, WF)†^ Vhidiwhatie Diamond (C) Ana Sanchez (R) |
| | | <i>District 87</i> | Michael Dennis (C) Walter G. Nestler (G) Luis R. Sepulveda (D, WF)† |

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BROOKLYN

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| <i>District 41</i> | Joseph Hayon (R, C, I, SCP)† Helene E. Weinstein (D, WF)^ | <i>District 52</i> | Joan Millman (D, WF)†^ John R. Nijhawan (R, C) |
| <i>District 43</i> | Stuart Balberg (R, C) Karim Camara (D, WF)^ | <i>District 53</i> | Richy Garcia (R) Vito J. Lopez (D)^ |
| <i>District 44</i> | James F. Brennan (D, WF)^ Catherine Fox (R, C) | <i>District 54</i> | Khorshed A. Chowdhury (R) Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. (D, C) †^ |
| <i>District 45</i> | Ben Akselrod (I) Steven Cymbrowitz (D, WF)^ Russell C. Gallo (R, C)† | <i>District 55</i> | Jonathan Anderson (R) William F. Boyland Jr. (D, WF)†^ Bilal Malik (I) |
| <i>District 46</i> | Alec Brook-Krasney (D, WF)^ Thomas McCarthy (R, C) Patrick Dwyer (G) | <i>District 56</i> | Annette M. Robinson (D)^ Francenia Sims-Hall (R) |
| <i>District 47</i> | William Colton (D, WF)†^ James Rippa (R, C) | <i>District 57</i> | Walter T. Mosley, III (D)† Francis J. Voyticky (R) |
| <i>District 48</i> | Dov Hikind (D, C, TCN, CFP)^ Mitchell Tischler (SC) | <i>District 59</i> | Robert Maresca (C) Alan Maisel (D)^ |
| <i>District 49</i> | Peter J. Abbate Jr. (D, WF, I)^ Vincent Katinas (C) | <i>District 60</i> | Inez D. Barron (D, WF)†^ Kenneth Waluyn (R, C) |
| <i>District 50</i> | Victor V. Best (R, C) Joseph R. Lentol (D)^ | <i>District 64*</i> | Nicole Malliotakis (R, C, I)†^ John Mancuso (D, WF) † |
| <i>District 51</i> | Henry Lallave (R, C) Felix Ortiz (D)^ | | |

MANHATTAN

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| <i>District 65</i> | Wave Chan (R)† Sheldon Silver (D, WF)^ | <i>District 73</i> | David B. Casavis (R, I, LBT) Dan Quart (D, WF)^ |
| <i>District 67</i> | Linda B. Rosenthal (D, WF)^ Julia Willebrand (G) | <i>District 76</i> | Micah Z. Kellner (D, WF)†^ Michael Zumbuskas (R, I)† |
| <i>District 72</i> | Ronnie Cabrera (R) Gabriela Rosa (D)† | | |



2012 STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS

QUEENS

District 25 Abraham M. Fuchs (R)†
William N. Garifal, Jr. (C)
Jerry M. Iannece (I)†
Nily D. Rozic (D, WF)†

District 30 Margaret M. Markey (D)^
Anthony P. Nunziato (R, C)

District 33 Barbara M. Clark (D, WF) †^
Clyde Vanel (MJP)†

District 36 Julia Haich (R)
Aravella Simotas (D, WF)†^

District 37 Catherine T. Nolan (D, WF)^
John Kevin Wilson (R)

District 40 Philip Gim (R)†
Ron Kim (D, WF, I)†
John N. Scandalios (CTP) †

STATEN ISLAND

District 61 Paul D. Saryian (R)
Matthew J. Titone (D, WF, I)^

District 62 Anthony A. Mascolo (D)†
Joseph Borelli (R, C, I)†

District 63 Michael J. Cusick (D, C, I)^
Samuel T. Pirozzolo (R)

*District 64** **Nicole Malliotakis** (R, C, I)†^
John M. Mancuso (D, WF)†

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2012 SPECIAL & JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$ 112,500

BRONX

District 12 Pamela Johnson (Unity In The Comm)
Andy King[†] (People First)
Garth Marchant (Children First)
Neville Mitchell (United Neighbors)
Joseph Nwachukwu[†] (Together We Can)
Cheryl S. Oliver[†] (Solidarity)
Michael Welch[†] (Write In)

SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIPS

TERM OF OFFICE: 14 YEARS • SALARY: \$167,000

MANHATTAN

District 1 Shlomo Hagler (D)
Manuel J. Mendez (D)
Saliann Scarpulla (D)
George Silver (D)

BROOKLYN

District 2 Cheryl E. Chambers (D, R, C)
William A. Gerard (WF)
Barry M. Kamins (D, R, C)
Arshad Majid (WF)
William Miller (D, R, C)



2012 UNCONTESTED STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

MANHATTAN

District 27 Brad M. Hoylman (D, WF) †

District 30 Bill Perkins (D, WF) ^

QUEENS

District 10 James Sanders, Jr. (D) †

District 13 Jose R. Peralta (D, WF) ^

District 14 Malcolm A. Smith (D, WF) † ^

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

BROOKLYN

District 42 Rhoda S. Jacobs (D, WF) † ^

District 58 N. Nick Perry (D, WF) ^

MANHATTAN

District 66 Deborah Glick (D) ^

District 68 Robert J. Rodriguez (D, WF) ^

District 69 Daniel J. O'Donnell ^

District 70 Keith L. T. Wright (D, WF) ^

District 71 Herman D. Farrell Jr. (D) ^

District 74 Brian P. Kavanagh (D, WF) † ^

District 75 Richard N. Gottfried (D, WF) ^

QUEENS

District 23 Phillip Goldfeder (D, WF, I) ^

District 24 David Weprin (D, WF, I) † ^

District 26 Edward C. Braunstein (D, WF, I) ^

District 27 Michael A. Simanowitz (D, C) ^

District 28 Andrew Hevesi (D, WF) † ^

District 29 William Scarborough (D, WF) † ^

District 31 Michele R. Titus (D, WF) ^

District 32 Vivian E. Cook (D) ^

District 34 Michael G. DenDekker (D, WF) ^

District 35 Jeffrion L. Aubry (D, WF) ^

District 38 Michael G. Miller (D, WF) ^

District 39 Francisco Moya (D, WF) ^

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LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

CANDIDATE EVALUATION PRINCIPLES AND AIMS

Citizens Union (CU) is a nonpartisan good government group dedicated to making democracy work for all New Yorkers. We serve as a civic watchdog, combating corruption and fighting for political reform. We work to ensure fair and open elections, honest and efficient government, and a civically-engaged public.

In keeping with our mission, CU aims to promote a competitive and diverse political culture, a fair and open political process, and accountable and responsible governance. To that end, CU evaluates candidates for elected office and backs those who strongly support and can advance our stated agenda for reform.

CU's terminology for expressing its support for a candidate shall be to "prefer" a supported candidate in a party primary election and to "endorse" a supported candidate in a general election. It is recognized that not all races will provide a clear-cut example of one candidate more closely aligned with CU's agenda. In such instances, a finding of "No Preference" or "No Endorsement" may be issued.

OUR CRITERIA

The following guidelines are used by the Local Candidates Committee and Citizens Union Board of Directors in the evaluation of candidates:

1. Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be the primary criteria used in deciding its support for a candidate. Evaluation of state legislative candidates in 2012 will weigh significantly their position regarding second passage of a constitutional amendment to reform redistricting and the enactment of comprehensive campaign finance reform modeled on the New York City system.
2. Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but not be determinative.
3. Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not determinative.
4. Incumbents will be held accountable for their record of reform in office and shall be judged accordingly on the basis of their demonstrated support for CU's issues.
5. State, local, or community issues specific to the race's jurisdiction shall be considered as will candidates' ability to grasp these issues and propose thoughtful solutions to represent their constituents' interests.
6. Evaluation of the candidates and the decision to support a particular candidate shall be made without regard to political party and in a nonpartisan manner.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Election Reform

1. What is your position on second passage of the constitutional amendment (S.6698/A.9526 of 2012) creating an independent redistricting commission with appointees split evenly between the majority and minority parties?



LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

2. What is your position on restructuring the state Board of Elections and changing the administration of elections by amending the constitution to abolish the two-party system of governance and operation?
3. What is your position on making it easier for candidates to appear on the ballot by, for example, lowering signature requirements and utilizing less burdensome witness signature requirements?
4. What is your position on amending the Municipal Home Rule law to limit the ability of a mayor-appointed charter revision commission to “bump” other local charter amendments from appearing on the ballot?
5. What is your position on automatically granting New Yorkers on parole the ability to vote?
6. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for Election Day Registration?
7. What is your position on amending the constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting?
8. What is your position on instituting early voting in New York State to allow voters to cast their votes at more convenient times?
9. What is your position on redesigning the ballot to ensure that voters are able to clearly read candidates’ names, titles of offices, designations and ballot questions; that instructions are clear and accurate; that bilingual ballots are required; and that the ballot is able to split races between multiple pages?
10. What is your position on reforming the special election process, creating a nonpartisan special election for state legislative vacancies, as proposed by A.1369/S.26?
11. What is your position regarding automatic voter registration in which voter registration information of individuals who consent to be registered is provided electronically to the Board of Elections, and address information is automatically updated?

Campaign Finance Reform

12. What is your position on establishing a matching public financing system for state legislative and statewide races similar to the New York City model?
13. What is your position on lowering campaign contribution limits for legislative and statewide candidates for public office?
14. What is your position on restricting campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, placement agents and those who do business with the state?
15. What is your position on limiting or banning campaign contributions from corporations, LLCs, and LLPs? (Note: such entities would be able to form separate political action committees due to constitutional issues regarding freedom of speech.)
16. What is your position on closing “soft money” loopholes such as limiting transfers from party committees to candidates or other committees to twice the limit set on individual contributors and limiting contributions to party committees, including housekeeping accounts, to the same ceiling placed on candidates?
17. What is your position on requiring candidates to include full name, home address, and employer/business name for each contribution and bundler?
18. What is your position on requiring that two periodic campaign finance reports be filed during the legislative session to reflect contributions given during the session?
19. What is your position on stricter requirements on the use of campaign contributions for non-campaign related activity, such as personal use?



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20. What is your position on improving disclosure of independent expenditures such as requiring disclosure of electioneering activities and linking expenditures to candidates targeted?
21. What is your position on limiting the ability of candidates to accumulate “war chests” and then transferring funds raised in one race to another?
22. What is your position on creating an enforcement entity independent of the State Board of Elections to oversee campaign finance laws?

Judicial Reform

23. What is your position on a merit-based appointment system through creation of a commission for the selection of judges in all of New York’s trial courts?
24. What is your position simplifying and modernizing the state’s court system by consolidating the nine trial courts into a two-tiered system?

Ethics Reform

25. What is your position on empowering the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases involving public corruption, including serious election law malfeasance?
26. What is your position on amending the State Constitution to extend pension forfeiture, subject to due process safeguards, to all public officers and legislators who have been convicted of felonies, building on the 2011 ethics reforms which only apply to future state employees?

Budget Reform

27. What is your position on requiring the governor’s budget submission to present the full scope of the state’s financial obligations, including its public authorities?
28. What is your position on establishing an independent, nonpartisan budget office to provide revenue projections, display economic and policy analysis and require that the state engage in long term, multi-year budget planning?
29. What is your position on the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) rather than cash accounting for the state budget?
30. What is your position on distributing member item allocations equally among all legislators and requiring for greater accountability as expressed in S.1681A/A.855?
31. What is your position on incorporating the use of performance budgeting and outcome measurement to promote the more rational appropriation of state funds?
32. What is your position on instituting a later start date for the state fiscal year?
33. What is your position on limiting the ability of the governor to enact policy changes governing the use of resources in appropriation bills by requiring that such bills be consistent with existing law or proposed changes in separate legislation?

Additional Reform

34. What is your position on increasing public access to information by reforming the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Laws to enhance transparency, as well as the creation of tools such as open data portals to ease public access to information?
35. What is your position on enactment of legislative rules reform to strengthen rank-and-file members’ roles in the legislative process and create more equity between members?



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| BRONX | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S29/Seranno^ | D, WF | S | N/A | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| S33/Rivera^ | D, WF | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| S34/Klein | D, R, WF, I | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| A79/Stevenson^ | D, R, WF | S | O | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| A80/Gjonaj | D | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | |
| A81/Dinowitz^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S* | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | | |
| A86/Castro^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| A87/Sepulveda | D, WF | S | O | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| BROOKLYN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S18/Dilan^ | D | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| S20/Adams^ | D, WF | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| S22/Golden^ | R, C, I | S | O | S | S | O | N/A | O | S | O | O | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| S22/Gounardes | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| A41/Hayon | R, C, I, SCP | S* | S | N/A* | N/A | N/A | O | S | O | S* | S* | S* | N/A | O | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A* | N/A | N/A | S | S | S | O | S | N/A | N/A | S | N/A | S | S | S | |
| A42/Jacobs^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | N/A | S | S | S | |
| A45/Gallo | R, C | S | S | S | S | O | O | O | O | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | |
| A47/Colton^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | O* | S | S* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| A52/Millman^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | O* | S | O* | S | S | S | S | O* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| A54/Espinal^ | D, C | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | |
| A55/Boylant^ | D, WF | S | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| A57/Mosley | D | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| A60/Barron^ | D, WF | O | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S |
| MANHATTAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S27/Hoylman | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| S28/Krueger^ | D, WF | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| S31/Espailat^ | D | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
| A65/Chan | R | S | S | O | O | O | O | O | S | S | S | S | O | O | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | |
| A72/Rosa | D | S | S | S | S | S | K | O | O | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| A74/Kavanagh^ | D, WF | S* | N/A* | S* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S* | S* | N/A* | N/A* | S | S | S | S | S | N/A* | S | N/A | S | N/A* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |

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| A76/Kellner^ | D, WF | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | |
| A76/Zumbluskas | R, I | S* | S | S* | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | | |
| QUEENS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S10/Sanders | D | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | | |
| S11/Avella^ | D, WF, I | S | N/A | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| S12/Arcabascio | R, C | S | O | S | O | O | O | S | S | S | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | O | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| S14/Smith^ | D, WF | N/A | S | S | N/A | S | S | N/A | N/A | S | N/A | S | S | S | N/A | N/A | S | S | S | S | N/A | N/A | N/A | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| S15/Addabbo^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | |
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| S16/Stavisky^ | D, WF, I | O* | N/A* | S | S | O | S | S* | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S* | S | O* | S | S | S* | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | |
| A24/Weprin^ | D, WF, I | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | N/A | N/A | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | |
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| A29/Scarborough^ | D, WF | S | N/A* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A* | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | N/A* | N/A* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | |
| A33/Clark^ | D, WF | S | O | S | S | O | S | S | S | S* | O | S | S | S* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S* | O* | N/A | N/A | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | | | |
| A33/Vanel | MJP | S | N/A | O* | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | N/A | S | N/A | S | N/A | S | N/A | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | |
| A36/Simotas^ | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | |
| A40/Gim | R | S | S | O* | S | S* | O* | S | S | S | S | S | S* | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | O* | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O* | S | S* | S | | |
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| A40/Scandalios | CTP | S | S | S | S | O | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | N/A | S | S | S | | |
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| S23/Savino^ | D, WF, I | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | | |
| S24/Carsel | D, WF | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | |
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| A62/Mascolo | D | S | S | S | S | S | O | O | S | O | O | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | O | S | S | S | |
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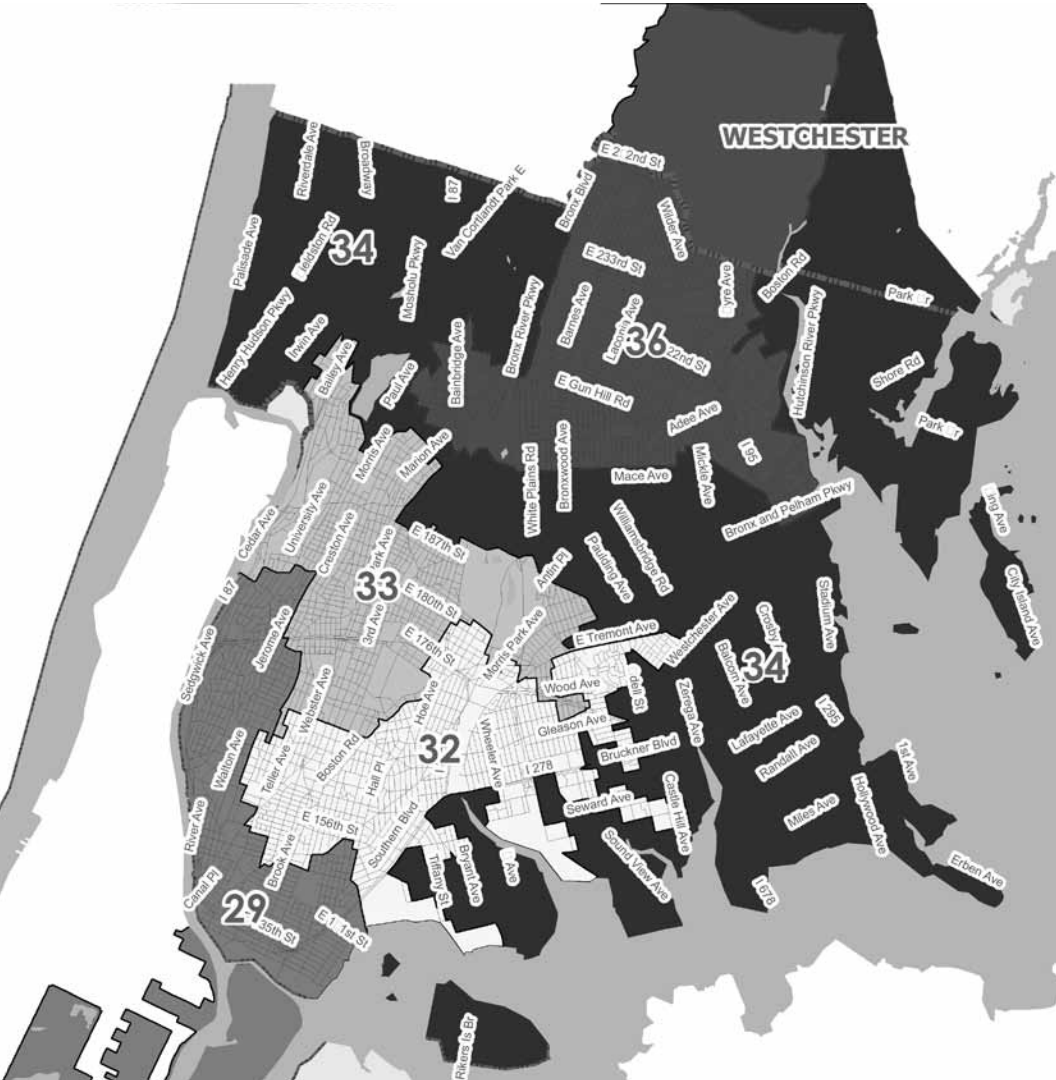
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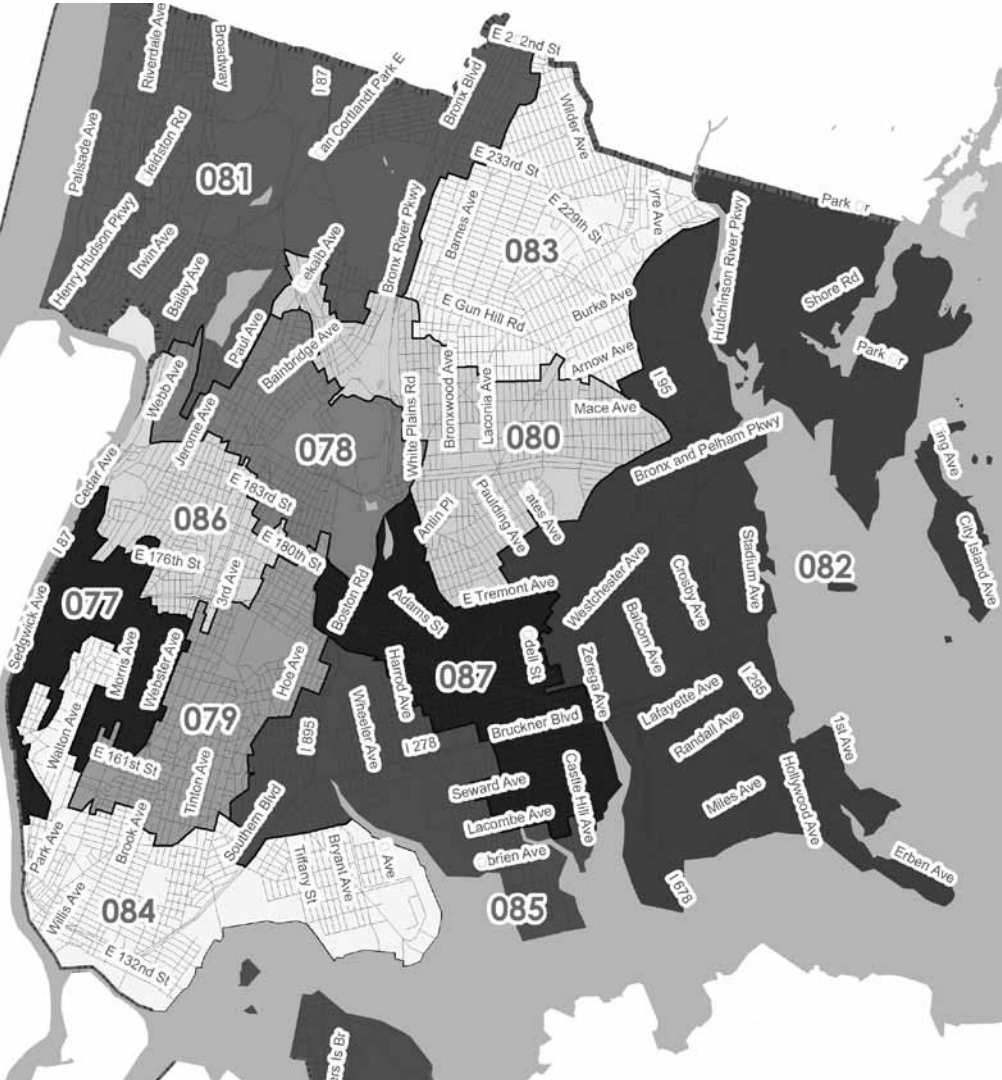
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BRONX COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP





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BRONX STATE ASSEMBLY RACE

DISTRICT 81

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JEFFREY DINOWITZ – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 57 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: Herbert H. Lehman College (degree not reported);

Brooklyn Law School (degree not reported)

Jeffrey Dinowitz has represented New York's 81st district in the state assembly since 1994, when he won a special election. Dinowitz is seeking re-election because he loves his job, and thinks he does a good job of helping his community. If re-elected, Dinowitz would focus on improving schools and increasing access to and quality of affordable housing. Dinowitz supports the majority of Citizens Union's reform agenda, and has sponsored legislation in the assembly to increase voter registration services at the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY). He is particularly enthusiastic about campaign finance reform, and supports a campaign finance system with public matching funds for state elections. Citizens Union believes that Dinowitz is knowledgeable on reform issues, and that his legislative record matches his vocal support of reform. Citizens Union therefore supports his candidacy.

JUDITH KUNZ – CON

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

BRONX CITY COUNCIL RACE

NO ENDORSEMENT

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 12 – SPECIAL ELECTION

ANDY KING – PEOPLE FIRST/COMMUNITY FIRST

Has returned questionnaire; available online at citizensunion.org

Age: 49 Occupation: Advocate, SEIU 1199

Education: William Paterson University (BA)

Andy King is running for City Council because he believes that his district is in dire need of a strong leader who will foster greater community engagement. King ran for this council seat in 2009, but lost in the primary to Larry Seabrook whose departure resulted from a corruption conviction created this vacant seat. Since then, King returned to running his Bronx-based youth program, and was an advocate for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 1199. He agrees with many of Citizens Union's reform agenda, but doesn't have a position on a number of issues. If elected, King's first priority would be to encourage youth



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involvement in the community by increasing the number of youth programs, and spending more on education. He also would aim to improve the relationship between police officers and youth by encouraging clearer channels of communication between them. King also vows to create partnerships between businesses and government, protect senior programs, establish healthcare education, and implement public safety neighborhood initiatives. He believes that his lifelong commitment to serving his community sets him apart from his opponents. Citizens Union believes that as a councilmember, King would connect with his constituents, and represent them well in city government. His current lack of knowledge on many reform issues, however, prevents him from earning our endorsement.

JOSEPH NWACHUKWU – TOGETHER WE CAN

Has returned questionnaire; available online at citizensunion.org

Age: 55 Occupation: Supervisor of Caseworkers and Ordained Pastor/Reverend

Education: Touro College (BS);

Master of Divinity (name of degree-granting institution not provided)

Joseph Nwachukwu is running for City Council to restore his community. Nwachukwu would emphasize youth programs to provide more and better after-school activity. He states that many of the district's tensions can be traced to an above average crime rate, a problem he would ease through greater police presence, more surveillance, and increased civilian awareness. Mr. Nwachukwu says he supports Citizens Union's reform agenda in its entirety, with particular emphasis on war chest restrictions, for he feels such fund balances give an unfair advantage to incumbents. Nwachukwu however did not display an in depth knowledge of the other reform issues he says he supports. For that reason, although Citizens Union feels Nwachukwu understands well issues facing the community he seeks to represent, he did not earn our endorsement.

CHERYL S. OLIVER – SOLIDARITY

Has returned questionnaire; available online at citizensunion.org

Age: N/A Occupation: Senior Policy Advisor for Congressman Jose Serrano

Education: JD and MS (degree-granting institutions not provided)

Cheryl Simmons-Oliver is running for City Council because she believes that she is uniquely capable of building strong coalitions to tackle the economic, safety and housing problems that her district faces. She has worked as an economic advisor to Congressman Jose Serrano since 1993, and has considered running for public office before, but this is her first race. She supports most of Citizens Union's reform agenda, but is opposed to a few important proposals. Simmons-Oliver is against non-partisan elections, believing they would negatively impact minority representation. She also defends the use of war chests, because it takes much time and effort for candidates to raise money. She supports establishing a municipal poll worker recruitment program, measures to make voter registration easier, and restricting the influence of lobbyists. Beyond reform issues, Simmons-Oliver's priorities are economic development, public safety and affordable housing. She wants to create jobs by tapping into the expertise of universities to form a plan of action and opposes the police procedure of stop,



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question and frisk. Citizens Union found that Simmons-Oliver lacked in-depth knowledge on reform issues and specific plans to tackle issues facing the district.

MICHAEL WELCH – WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

Has returned questionnaire; available online at citizensunion.org

Age: N/A Occupation: Unemployed; Formerly an Art Teacher

Education: F.L.A.G.S. High School

Michael Welch is running as a write-in candidate for City Council because he is troubled by businesses and residents leaving the community. He believes the rent for both is too high, and that the district lacks bookstores and jobs. He is also concerned about crime, and thinks the community could benefit from a greater police presence although he opposes the police procedure of stop, question and frisk. Welch knows little about reform issues but is opposed to candidates having the ability to build campaign war chests. Citizens Union believes Welch is largely unfamiliar with reform and other issues facing the district, and does not have a viable campaign to win office.

PAMELA A. JOHNSON – UNITY IN THE COMM

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be schedule for an interview by Citizens Union

GARTH MARCHANT – CHILDREN FIRST

Has not returned questionnaire

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NEVILLE MITCHELL – UNITED NEIGHBORS

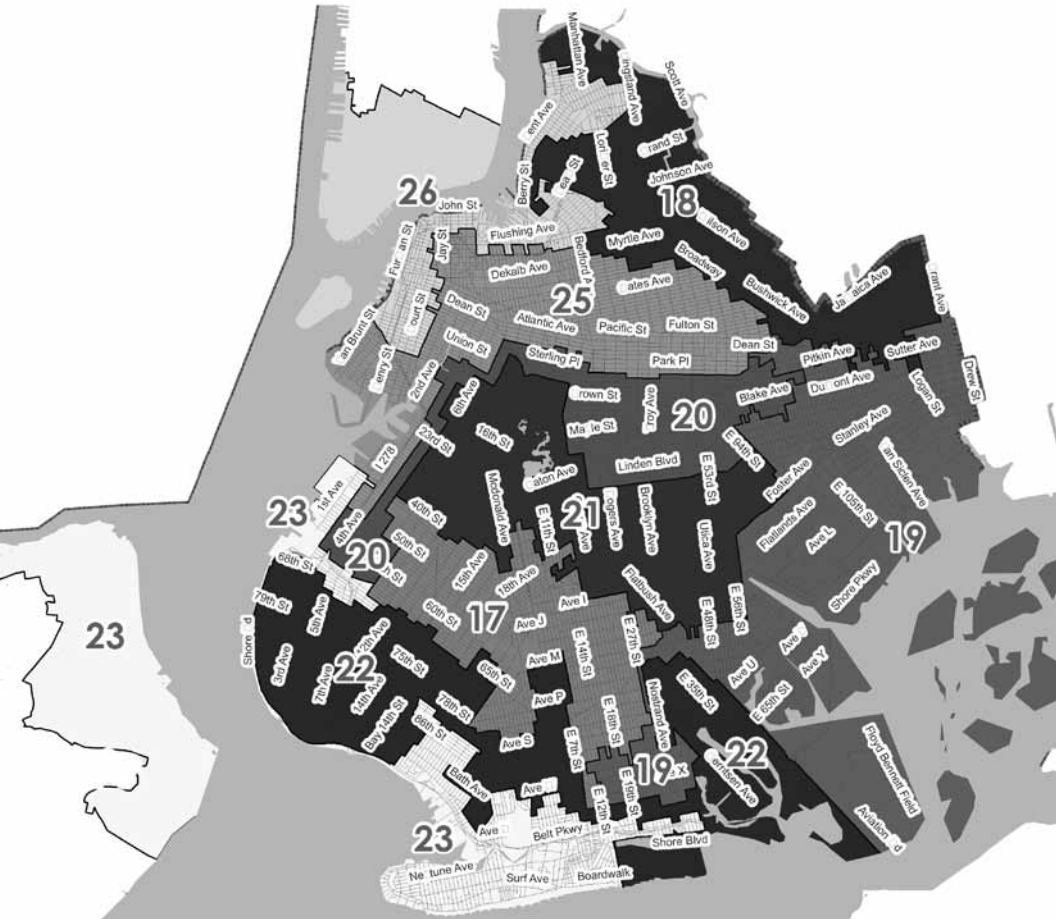
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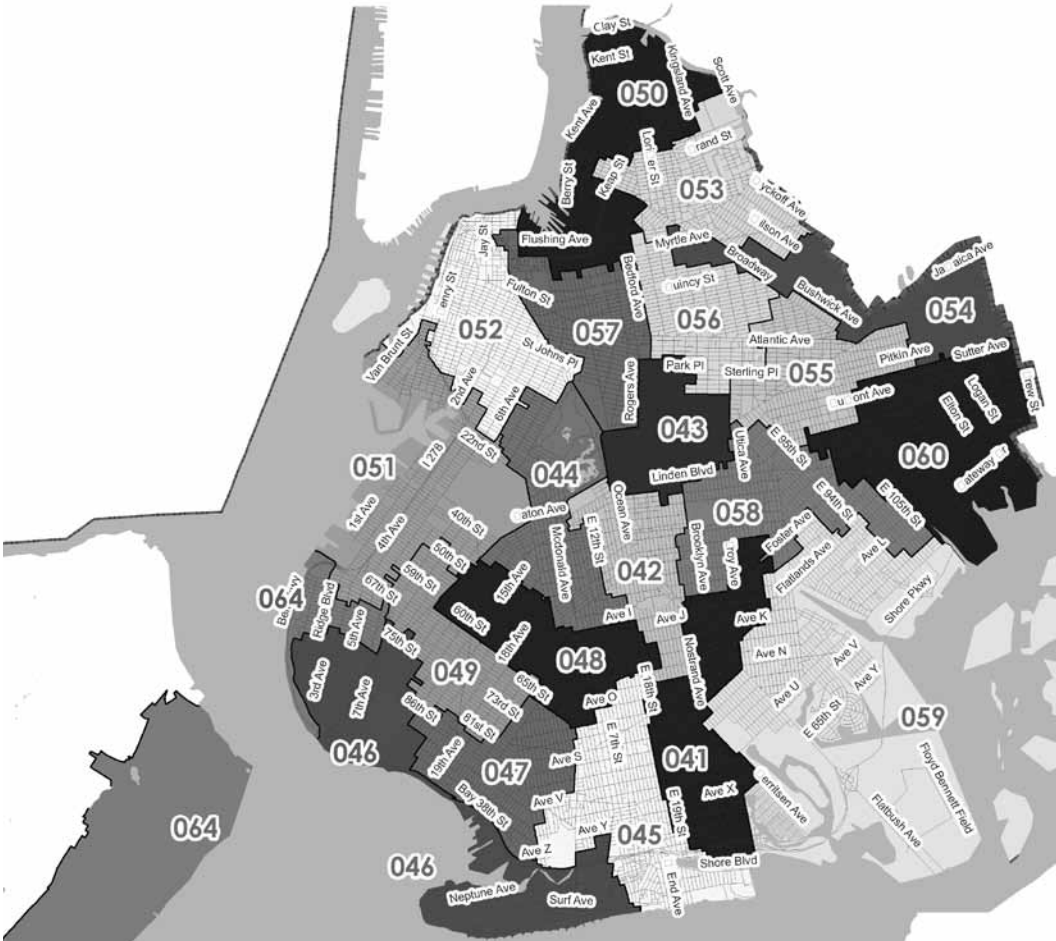


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BROOKLYN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAP



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DISTRICT 20

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – ERIC ADAMS – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 51 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: Marist College (MA)

Eric Adams was first elected to the state senate in 2006. Prior to running for office, Adams served for 22 years with the New York Police Department. Adams supports nearly all of Citizens Union's reform agenda, in particular campaign finance reform, believing that it is the single most important item that can change how state government operates. Adams supports greater oversight of local police agencies, including the NYPD, in particular with regard to stop and frisk. He supports modifying mayoral control of schools and believes charter schools should have some percentage of special needs students to level the playing field in terms of measuring schools' successes. He also wants to better track Department of Education spending and eliminate waste. Around constituent services, Adams identifies parenting, housing, education and law enforcement as his top priorities. Citizens Union believes that Adams has been a capable legislator who has served his constituents well. We endorse Eric Adams because of his demonstrated commitment to reform issues and his effectiveness in Albany.

ROSE LANEY – REP, CON

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

DISTRICT 22

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – MARTIN J. GOLDEN – REP, IND, CON ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: N/A Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

Education: St. Johns University (AA)

Martin Golden is running for re-election because he is proud of his achievements in the senate, and plans to continue to advance legislation to improve public safety, and other important city issues. While Golden does not support a state campaign financing system with public matching funds, he supports increasing the amount of money allotted to the State Board of Elections to audit campaigns, because he believes this action would deter improper use of campaign funds. Golden supports the second passage of the constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission. Earlier this year, Golden sought to address election administration problems by introducing legislation to implement an electronic vote counting procedure in advance of the 2012 primary elections. Additionally, he sees the need for modifications to the Board of Elections, and supports changing it to a nonpartisan, merit-based agency. Regarding other issues, if re-elected, Golden aims to increase the number of



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classroom seats in his district and to pursue public private partnerships and tax credits to encourage economic growth. He supports economic development that benefits the city as a whole rather than just narrowly in his district, recognizing that regional economic growth will positively benefit his constituents. Golden believes that he is uniquely capable, as the current senior majority senator from New York City, of advancing important policy issues affecting New York City. Due to his broad thinking in terms of policy goals for New York City rather than only in his district, his thoughtful understanding of reform issues and his effectiveness in the legislature, Citizens Union endorses Marty Golden.

ANDREW GOUNARDES – DEM, WFP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 27 Occupation: Director of External Affairs, Citizens Committee for New York City

Education: Hunter College (BA); George Washington University (JD)

Andrew Gounardes is running for election because he sees the lack of competitive elections as an impediment to having effective government in New York State. Gounardes supports all of Citizens Union's reform agenda. He is a strong supporter of redistricting reform, having worked at the Citizens Committee for New York City to advance independent redistricting legislation in 2011. Gounardes also supports a state campaign financing system with public matching funds, and other campaign finance reform such as decreasing individual campaign contribution limits. If elected, Gounardes would focus on education, transportation and helping small businesses in his district. He finds the current mayoral control system for New York City schools lacking accountability, and suggests more oversight from the state legislature. Gounardes is troubled by the decline in the number of local small businesses in his district, and is examining a proposal to decrease the sales tax levied to consumers who shop at small businesses, while increasing the sales tax at large chain stores. Gounardes also aims to improve public transportation in his district, proposing a reallocation of funds from Long Island Rail Road and Metro North to subway and bus lines in the city. Citizens Union was impressed by Gounardes' enthusiasm for reform issues and his demonstrated commitment to independent redistricting.



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MANHATTAN STATE SENATE DISTRICT MAP

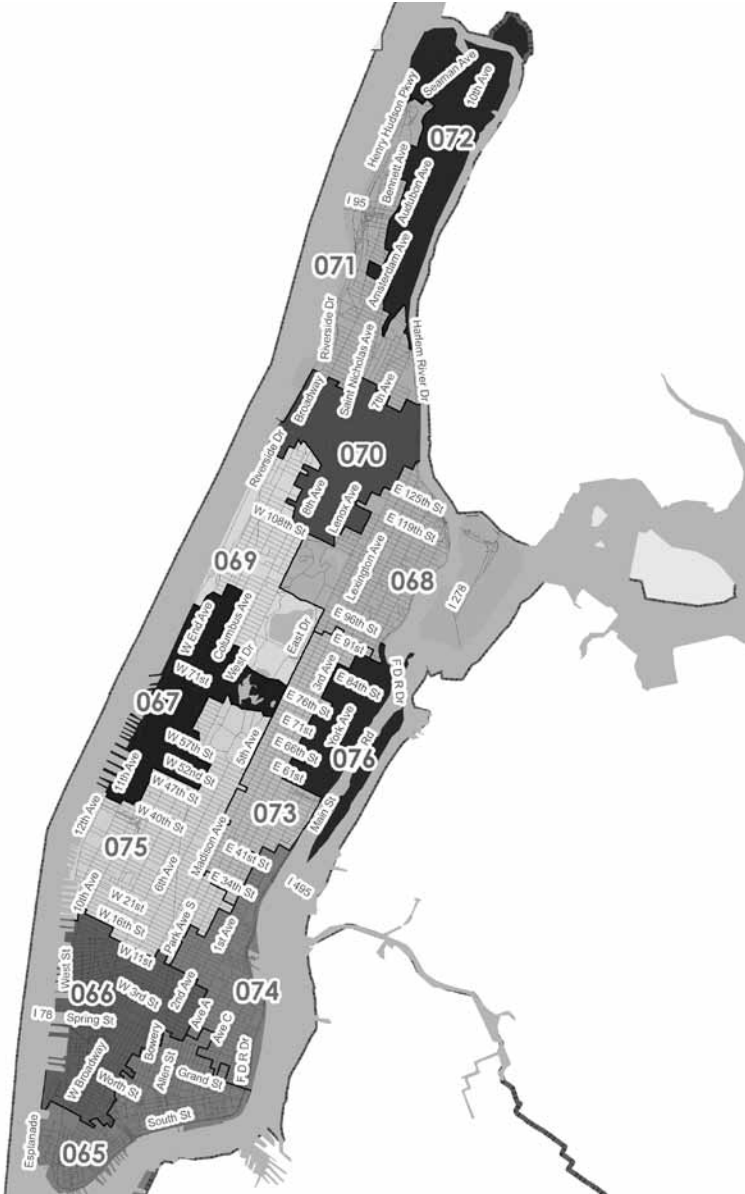


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DISTRICT 65

NO ENDORSEMENT

WAVE CHAN – REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 45 Occupation: Real Estate Agent

Education: Fashion Institute of Technology (Associate Degree)

Wave Chan is an active Tea Party member who was inspired to run for office due to his opposition to the Affordable Health Care Act and NAFTA. He is running this year because he believes that the incumbent, Sheldon Silver, should not remain unopposed. But for creating greater efficiency in government, Chan opposes many of Citizens Union's reform proposals, including campaign finance reform, and believes that many election reforms should not be enacted due to concerns of voter fraud. He supports enactment of a Voter ID requirement for the state to address fraud. The main issues he would address if elected include immigration reform, bringing back manufacturing jobs, and ensuring fiscal responsibility. Chan has provided detailed proposals regarding immigration reform, supporting the ability for illegal immigrants to pay a fine and then be provided working papers, and, if elected, would use his position to elevate his proposals to federal level officials. While Citizens Union found Chan to be an energetic candidate who is sincere in his desire to serve the community, because of his lack of support within the district and opposition to many reform proposals, Citizens Union does not support Wave Chan.

SHELDON SILVER – DEM, WFP

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

DISTRICT 76

NO ENDORSEMENT

MICAH KELLNER – DEM, WFP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 33 Occupation: Member, NYS Assembly

Education: New York University (BA)

Micah Kellner is the incumbent, having been first elected in a special election in 2007. Kellner is running for re-election because he would like to see further progress on reforming state government in Albany. He supports the vast majority of CU's reform proposals, and has worked on many of these issues in Albany, including rules reform, transparency and open data



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for state government, and ethics reform, having introduced his own reform proposals. Among his reform proposals are requiring all bill memos from lobbying organizations to be posted online, creation of an online portal for state agency data, and further reforms to the state's ethics laws. Kellner, however, voted against the redistricting constitutional amendment earlier this year, believing that it is not an ideal reform proposal. He additionally only committed to vote in favor of its second passage if it would fail without his support. Other issues that Kellner has focused on include animal welfare and ensuring the rights for individuals with disabilities, in particular requiring that all taxi cabs are fully accessible. While Citizens Union believes Kellner is sincere in his desire to reform state government, we are disappointed by his conditional support for second passage of the constitutional amendment creating an independent redistricting commission. For this reason, Citizens Union chose not to endorse Micah Kellner.

MICHAEL ZUMBLUSKAS – REP, IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: N/A Occupation: Wireless Support Specialist, NYC Dept. of Transportation

Education: University of Scranton (BA)

Michael Zumbluskas is an active Independence Party member who currently works for city government for the Department of Transportation. He is running for office because he believes that state government should be more responsive to small businesses and can operate more efficiently. While Zumbluskas supports many of Citizens Union's reform agenda items, he opposes public financing of elections and creation of an Independent Budget Office, believing that the office would add another layer of government bureaucracy. With regard to other issues, Zumbluskas supports reducing tax burdens on small businesses and believes that his experience working for the city provides him with relevant experience regarding creating efficiencies in government. While Citizens Union found Zumbluskas to have many ideas that were worthy of discussion, his lack of in-depth policy knowledge and limited support in the district, prevent us from supporting his candidacy.



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DISTRICT 11

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – TONY AVELLA – DEM, WFP, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 60 Occupation: State Senator since 2010

Education: N/A

Incumbent Tony Avella was elected in 2010 and was previously a city councilmember from 2001 to 2008. Avella states that he has a reputation of fighting for reform in Albany but acknowledges that a lot more needs to be done, which is why he is running for re-election. Avella is a strong supporter of reform, citing issues like term limits, a full-time legislature and strengthening ethics laws as his top priorities. Avella supports establishing at the state level a campaign finance system with public matching funds based on New York City's model but believes that compliance needs to be made simpler for candidates. He is also in favor of lowering contribution limits. Avella supports independent redistricting reform and would vote for the second passage of the constitutional amendment. In addition, Avella believes that stronger ethics laws are integral to restoring faith in government and has introduced legislation to strengthen JCOPE, the state ethics body. Overall, Avella recognizes that reform issues cannot be tackled alone and he welcomes steps in the right direction while fighting for more comprehensive reforms. He is reliably outspoken on reform issues and presents ideal solutions but is also pragmatic in welcoming incremental steps toward reform. Citizens Union recognizes Avella's dedication and thoughtful approach to reform issues which is why he earns our endorsement.

JOSEPH CONCANNON – REP, CON

Has not returned questionnaire

Has declined to be interviewed

DISTRICT 15

★ JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire, responses on pages 16-19

Age: 48 Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate since 2008

Education: St. Johns University (BS Accounting; Touro Law School (JD)

Incumbent Joseph Addabbo, Jr. was elected to the state senate in 2008 following previous service as a New York City Councilmember. A long-time resident of Tudor Village, Addabbo is a former chair of the senate elections committee, during which time he helped move forward many of Citizens Union's initiatives on election reforms including easing access to absentee ballots. Addabbo is a strong supporter of campaign finance reform, supporting a public matching system on the state level. He supported Citizens Union's efforts resulting in the passage of ethics reform but believes even more can be done to increase public confidence in government. Addabbo believes that regardless of which party is in the majority, more must be



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done to give the minority party a more meaningful role in governing, and he feels that both parties should be able to advance bills to a floor vote. Addabbo was critical of the redistricting reform legislation passed in 2012, calling the constitutional amendment “kicking the can down the road” and a product of a flawed process. He will, however, support second passage of the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting. Beyond reform issues, Addabbo cares deeply about job creation in his district. Citizens Union believes Addabbo understands the problems that plague governance in Albany, and has been a consistent advocate for fairer redistricting and election reform. For his consistent commitment and actions in support of reform, Addabbo earns our endorsement though Citizens Union finds his opponent appealing on many levels.

ERIC ULRICH – REP, CON, IND

Has returned questionnaire, responses on pages 16-19

Age: 27 Occupation: Member, NYC Council since 2009

Education: St. Francis College (BA)

Eric Ulrich is a rising star in the Republican Party in New York City who became involved at a young age in politics in Ozone Park. Ulrich has served in the City Council for three and half years following his election in a 2009 special election, when he became the second youngest member ever elected to the City Council. He is running for the state senate because he feels that he can better serve his community in the state legislature and bring a strong focus to sustaining and creating jobs. Ulrich supports many of Citizens Union’s campaign finance reform proposals, most notably a state campaign finance system with public matching funds based on his positive experience with the New York City system. He, however, opposes closing some loopholes that would further take large sums of money out of our politics yet believes he could work with his republican colleagues to write a campaign finance reform bill acceptable to many. He supports second passage of a constitutional amendment creating an independent redistricting commission. Having worked at the New York City Board of Elections, he questions the integrity of absentee ballots and believes that the City Board is ineffective and partisan and should be abolished. Beyond reform issues, Ulrich argues that state education funding should be more fairly allocated to New York City schools and that the economy can be stimulated through public works projects. Ulrich believes he can be a strong voice in a republican majority on behalf of New York City, referencing former Senator Frank Padavan as a model. He says he will be an independent senator voting his conscience rather than the party line, pointing to his support for paid sick leave and participatory budgeting at the city level as evidence of his independence and ability to work across the aisle. Ulrich acknowledges receiving a sizable portion of his campaign funds from republican senate majority accounts. Citizens Union believes, however, that Ulrich can be an independent and effective state legislator. His record of pragmatism and bipartisanship positions him to be an important voice for reform within the senate republican conference should he be elected.



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DISTRICT 16

NO ENDORSEMENT

TOBY ANN STAVISKY – DEM, WFP, IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: N/A Occupation: Senator since 2000

Education: Syracuse University (BA); Hunter and Queens College (degree not reported)

Toby Ann Stavisky has been a state senator since 1999. She is proud of her record of accomplishment and is running in a newly created district that comprises 60 percent of her former district. She cites her experience and knowledge of the issues as distinguishing her from her competitors. On reform issues, Stavisky is a reluctant supporter of second passage of the constitutional amendment to implement redistricting reform after having stated initially she opposes it. Stavisky also supports Citizens Union's positions on campaign finance reform and wants to create a more ethical climate in Albany by strengthening penalties for misconduct. Stavisky generally supports making it easier to cast a ballot but has concerns about fraudulently submitted voter registration forms. Beyond reform issues, Stavisky will focus on increasing the minimum wage, passing the DREAM Act, reversing cuts to higher education and creating jobs for the community. She supports Mayor Bloomberg's proposal related to Willets Point and is still forming a position on a Major League Soccer stadium in Flushing Meadows. She believes she is best suited to serve the diverse district, noting her support from elected Asian-American officials including her former opponent. Although a capable legislator who has earned CU's support in the past, Stavisky's equivocal support for the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting prevents us from supporting her candidacy.

J.D. KIM – REP, CON

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age:39 Occupation: Attorney

Education: BA (name of degree-granting institution not provided);

JD (name of degree-granting institution not provided)

J.D. Kim is currently an attorney. He believes his background working with a diversity of ethnic groups will allow him to build bridges between the diverse populations in the district and tap into the economic engine that is Flushing. Kim acknowledges that he needs to examine reform issues more closely but identified the petitioning process as a major obstacle for newcomers to running for political office. Kim believes that petitioning does not accurately reflect support in the community noting the reluctance of some ethnic groups to sign petitions because of their unfamiliarity with the process. Kim agrees that there needs to be independent redistricting and would vote for the constitutional amendment to create it. He also supports in principle a state campaign finance system with public matching funds based on the New York City model but believes it can be implemented more effectively. Kim is primarily focused on creating jobs and growing the economy but did not articulate a plan to achieve those goals. Citizens Union believes Kim brings a thoughtful approach to issues but lacks depth of knowledge or a vision for accomplishing reform.



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DISTRICT 25

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – NILY ROZIC – DEM, WFP ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 26 Occupation: Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Kavanagh

Education: N/A

Nily Rozic is a first generation immigrant from Israel, who believes she can identify with the diversity of the district and its large immigrant population. She is a member of Community Board 8 and of the Hillcrest Jewish Center. Rozic has significant political experience, advancing from being a scheduler to chief of staff in Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh's office. She demonstrates a strong commitment to reform issues in that capacity. If elected, her top priority is establishing a state campaign finance system with public matching funds modeled on New York City's. She additionally supports banning the building of campaign war chests enabling candidates to transfer funds from one campaign to another for a different office. While disappointed that an independent redistricting commission was not created for drawing 2012 lines, she would vote for second passage of a constitutional amendment to create one for future redistricting. Rozic also emphasized the importance of making voter registration more open and accessible through government agencies. Other issues that she will focus on include improving voter access for non-English speakers and increasing the minimum wage. Rozic believes she is best qualified to serve given her experience working on legislation in Albany and that her independence will enable her to vote her conscience. Citizens Union believes Rozic will be a passionate voice for good government given her knowledge and experience working on those issues for a reform legislator. We therefore endorse her candidacy.

ABRAHAM FUCHS – REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 56 Occupation: Attorney

Education: N/A

Abe Fuchs is a retired postal worker who decided to run for office because he feels that more emphasis needs to be placed on character and vocational training in schools. Reforming the educational system by including character development is his top priority but other issues of importance to Fuchs include taxing the wealthy to provide a tax break to the middle class to enhance the latter's purchasing power. He also favors allowing hydrofracking with rigorous controls. Concerning government reform issues, Fuchs believes that the arcane state ballot petitioning process needs to be addressed, suggesting that signatories should be able to sign multiple candidates' petitions. Fuchs opposes the city's model of a campaign finance system with public matching funds believing that campaign spending is often wasteful and should not be supported by taxpayer funds. Fuchs would not vote for second passage of the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting because he thinks that with the entire legislature voting on all district lines, the self-interest of individual legislators is eliminated. Furthermore, Fuchs thinks that commissions should be reserved for technical topics worthy of in-depth and



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lengthy consideration by experts, and does not consider drawing district lines such a technical topic. Citizens Union holds different views than Fuchs on critical reform issues and therefore does not endorse him.

JERRY IANNECE – IND

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 52 Occupation: Attorney

Education: New York University (BA); St. John's University (JD)

Jerry Iannece currently serves as Chair of Community Board 11 in Queens and maintains his own law practice as a trial attorney. Iannece believes running for assembly is a natural progression stemming from his local activism aimed at fixing his community's problems. Iannece supports many good government measures and highlights campaign finance reform as one of his top priorities. He thinks the astronomical amount of money in state politics has caused communities to become mistrustful of government and believes that the New York City's campaign finance laws are significantly better than the state's. Iannece also supports the second passage of a constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission. On budget reform issues, he wants to increase transparency and provide more power to rank-and-file lawmakers. He supports reestablishing the office of Special Prosecutor in New York to combat corruption in Albany. Beyond reform, Iannece if elected would work to increase the minimum wage and pass the DREAM Act. He feels he can effectively build coalitions in Albany, pointing to his experience in getting a new sewer system in Bayside while on the community board. Iannece has extensive experience in the community and is knowledgeable about policy. He is a well-rounded candidate who only falls short of earning our support because of his opponent's deep demonstrated commitment to reform.

WILLIAM N. GARIFAL, JR. – CON

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

DISTRICT 40

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – RON KIM – DEM, WFP, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 33 Occupation: Consultant, Parkside Group

Education: BA (name of degree-granting institution not provided);

MPA (name of degree granting institution not provided)

A third-generation Flushing native, Ron Kim is running to represent the community where he first served as a staffer to then-Councilmember John Liu and later in working for Assemblymembers and two different gubernatorial administrations. He is running now to represent the working-class, immigrant communities of Flushing in which he grew up. On reform issues, Kim strongly supports redistricting reform, and while lamenting the incremental progress in last year's redistricting deal, he would vote for the constitutional amendment implementing an independent redistricting commission as a needed first step. He also supports



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campaign finance reform as a means to both increase voter engagement and create a more level playing field for candidates. He is focused on using technology to make government more performance-driven, thereby increasing the government's efficiency and responsiveness to its constituents. He strongly backs the DREAM Act and raising the minimum wage. He also wants to bring resources back to his community, stating that economic development will happen, but that it must be shaped to benefit the community being developed. Kim sees no perceived or actual conflict of interest if lobbied by clients of the Parkside Group, his former employer. He expressed pride in representing non-profit clients which he believes lack access to government decision-makers. Citizens Union is impressed with Kim's political and community experience, and his clear vision for how he will achieve his goals if elected, though he needs to be more sensitive to a possible perception of conflict given his ties to a lobbying group. He is supportive of reform issues and recognizes the need to serve all constituencies in this diverse district. Citizens Union endorses Ron Kim in this race.

PHILIP GIM – REP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 60 Occupation: Small Business Owner, Small Business Consultant

Education: Pratt Institute (degree not reported)

Phil Gim has been a resident in the Flushing community for 26 years. He is seeking office because he believes he can best represent the community in the newly drawn district in Albany. As a small business owner, Gim feels as though he can no longer sit on the sidelines while people in the community, specifically college graduates, struggle to find jobs. Concerning reform issues, Gim believes that although Governor Cuomo has started to address endemic corruption through the new state ethics body (JCOPE), it can be made more independent. Gim also strongly believes that there needs to be independent redistricting reform as well as a campaign finance system with public matching funds based on New York City's system. He is opposed to candidates accumulating campaign war chests and believes contributions should be curtailed when a candidate has an opponent. Other issues that Gim is passionate about include helping small businesses and changing the way the state allocates funding for schools. Gim highlighted that to accommodate the diverse constituency in this new district he would hire staff that spoke multiple languages. Gim also emphasized that he is not beholden to any lobbying group or political party because he has done everything concerning the campaign on his own with the help of volunteers and small contributions. Citizens Union is impressed by his knowledge of the issues and political landscape considering this is his first campaign. Citizens Union believes Gim is an admirable candidate but his opponent's experience outweighs his many fine attributes.

JOHN N. SCANDALIOS – CTP

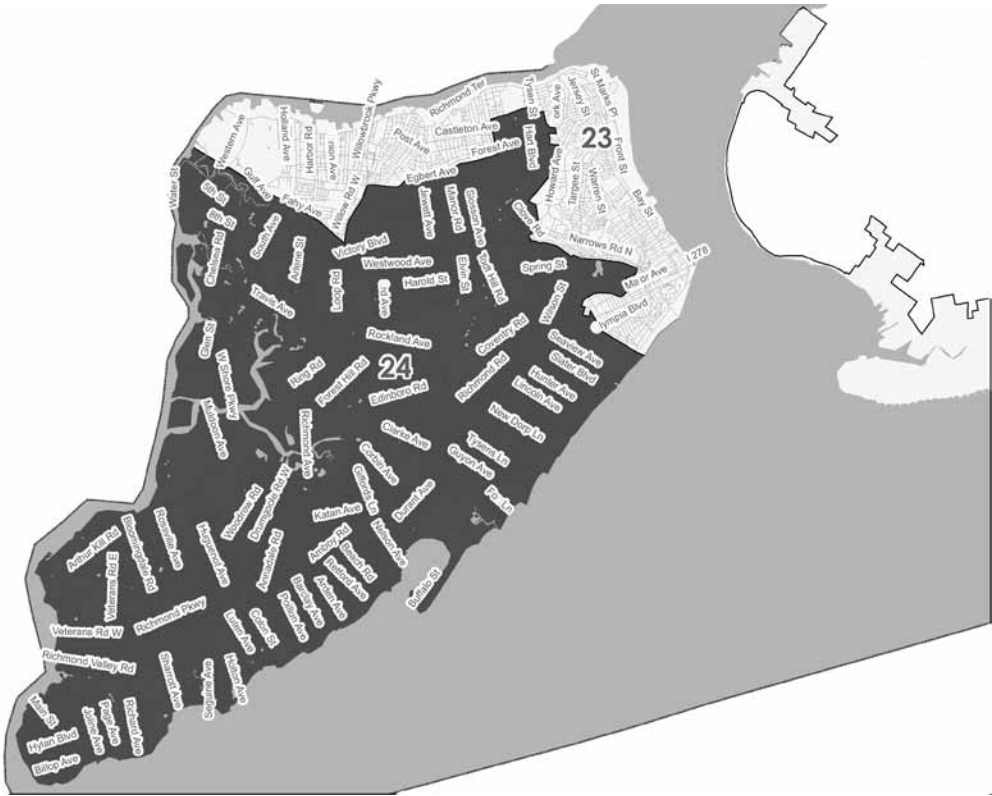
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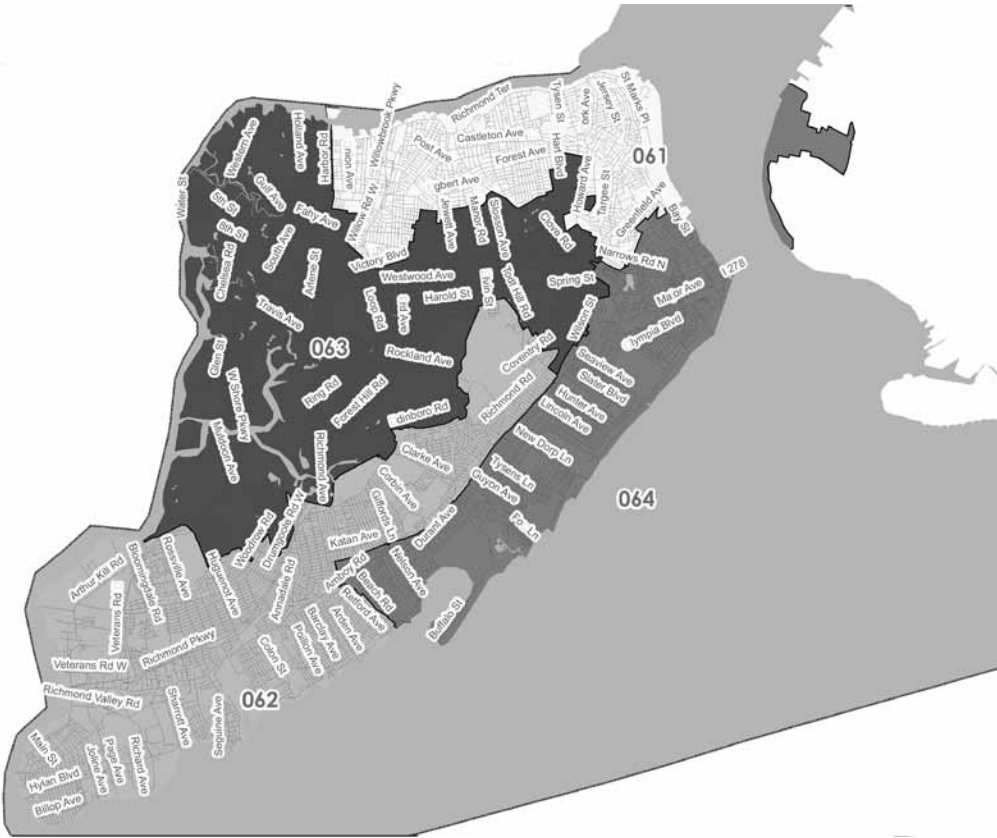
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SENATE DISTRICT 23

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – DIANE SAVINO – DEM, WFP, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: N/A Occupation: Senator, NYS Senate

*Education: St. John's University (BA); Cornell Industrial School of Labor Relations
(degree not reported)*

Diane Savino is the current incumbent for Senate District 23, having served in the Senate since 2004. She was previously vice president of DC 37, the municipal employee union. If re-elected, Savino believes that her experience and bipartisan approach will enable her to continue to advance issues impacting children and families, such as reform of the juvenile justice system and addressing the backlog of foster care cases. Savino strongly supports Citizens Union's reform agenda; she supports second passage of the constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission, and voted for first passage. She is a passionate supporter of campaign finance reform including a public matching system. She worked closely on campaign finance reform in 2007 as part of a legislative working group collaborating with former Governor Eliot Spitzer. Citizens Union finds Savino to energetic and thoughtful on policy issues, and is impressed by her accomplishments in the senate.

LISA GREY – REP, CON, SC

Has not returned questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview by Citizens Union

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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 62

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – JOSEPH BORELLI – REP, CON, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 29 Occupation: Chief of Staff, Councilmember Vincent Ignizio

Education: BA and MA (names of degree-granting institutions not provided)

Joseph Borelli is running for State Assembly due to his experience in politics and his desire to complete projects that he started as the chief of staff for a city councilmember. Borelli has spent his career working in politics, and has also been teaching political science at a local college. While Borelli generally supports Citizens Union's reform agenda, he does not support creating a campaign finance system with public matching funds at the state level due to concerns about the abuses at the city level of public tax dollars. He also does not believe in substantially lowering campaign contributions, though he supports limiting contributions for those who do business with or lobby state government. Borelli is a strong supporter of redistricting reform, and pledges to vote in favor of the constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission. His top priorities for his district include addressing



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the amount of traffic and lack of transportation infrastructure in Staten Island and working to increase disclosure of state and legislative financial information. Citizens Union believes that Borelli has a strong grasp of government reform issues and that he will be able to effectively address what he sees as the main problems of Staten Island. Though Borelli does not support all of Citizens Union's reform agenda, Citizens Union believes that he will be an effective legislator who allows for increased dialogue on reform issues, and therefore supports his candidacy.

ANTHONY MASCOLO – DEM

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 56 Occupation: Attorney

*Education: Binghamton University (BA); Fordham Law School (JD);
CUNY School of Professional Studies*

Anthony Mascolo is running for State Assembly out of his dedication to public service. He has been active in his community as a member of the Richmondtown Civic Association, Binghamton Alumni Board, and various other boards on Staten Island. Mascolo generally supports campaign finance reform, but does not believe that New York State should adopt the city's public matching system for campaign funds because he believes it will increase the burden on taxpayers. Although he is uncertain regarding his stance on the constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission, he states that he would support it if it creates a more nonpartisan and fair method of redistricting. Mascolo's greatest concerns are about the constituents of his district, citing prescription drug abuse and traffic as the main issues he would address. He also believes that as a member of the majority party in the Assembly, he would be a more effective legislator than his opponent. While Mascolo's dedication to public service is refreshing, he lacks substantive knowledge of legislative and policy issues. Additionally, though he has been active in his community, it is unclear how much support he has from the Democratic Party in Staten Island. Due to these issues, Citizens Union supports his opponent.

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★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS– REP, CON, IND ★

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 31 Occupation: Assembly member, NYS Assembly

Education: Seton Hall University (BA); Wagner College (MBA)

Nicole Malliotakis is running for re-election on her accomplishments as a freshman Assemblymember and her bipartisan approach. Before becoming an Assemblymember, she worked for Governor Pataki and the late Senator John Marchi. Elected in 2010, Malliotakis counts among her achievements repeal of the MTA payroll tax for small businesses and sales tax on clothing under \$110, and passage of independent redistricting, ethics and pension reform. If re-elected, she will focus on lowering the cost of MTA fares and tolls and improving bus service for her district. She will vote for second passage of the constitutional amendment to reform redistricting, noting that she bucked her conference's position to vote for the



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first passage. She has worked across the aisle in the Assembly to pass a good government bill requiring votes of lawmakers to be posted online, and has taken the MTA to court over violations of the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Malliotakis does, however, oppose some CU reforms like public funding of elections, since she believes taxpayers' money should not be used for campaigning. She does support limiting campaign contributions and contributions to housekeeping accounts. She shows flexibility on election reform issues provided increasing participation doesn't compromise secure voting. Even though Malliotakis differs with Citizens Union on some issues, Citizens Union was impressed with her knowledge and ability to move forward reform issues even while in the assembly minority. We therefore endorse her candidacy.

JOHN MANCUSO – DEM, WFP

Has returned questionnaire; responses on pages 16-19

Age: 31 Occupation: Community Education Centers

Education: Wagner College (degree not reported)

John Mancuso is running for assembly because he believes he can more effectively deliver for Staten Island than the incumbent. Previously the chief of staff for City Councilmember Vincent Gentile, Mancuso supports most of Citizens Union's reform agenda. He supports establishing a campaign finance system with public matching funds for state elections. He believes candidate spending should be capped under such a system, and that union and corporate contributions should also be banned. He additionally backs second passage of a constitutional amendment to reform redistricting. If elected, Mancuso's top priorities will be assisting small businesses, and reforming education and transportation. Mancuso supports ending mayoral control of New York City Public Schools and returning to a community school board model. Mancuso also proposes directing more money from the state lottery to schools by providing delayed lump sum payments to lottery vendors, and giving the interest earned on the withheld money to local schools. Mancuso aims to distribute toll costs more evenly across the city by charging New York City drivers only one toll a day, and establishing a toll for East River crossings. Mancuso vows to interact regularly with his district, and to convene a council of local civic leaders to create greater connections with the district. Citizens Union believes Mancuso is very energetic, and lauds him for developing creative and original proposals. He is an able challenger but an impressive incumbent prevents us from endorsing a change for the district.



VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To be eligible to vote in municipal, federal and state elections you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a New York City resident for at least 30 days and registered 25 days before the election. The last day to register to vote for the November 2012 General Election was October 12th. If you are not yet 18, but will be 18 before the election you are eligible to vote. Send your voter registration card in the year you turn 18 and it will be filed on your 18th birthday. To obtain a registration form, you can go in person to your local board of elections office, call 1.866.VOTE-NYC or visit the Board of Elections website at <http://vote.nyc.ny.us>. If you have valid ID from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, you can also register to vote online at <http://www.dmv.ny.gov>.

APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

If you are unable to appear at the polls due to: (1) being absent from the county (outside of New York City) or New York City on Election Day; (2) illness or disability; or (3) are detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or are confined in prison for an offense other than a felony, you may vote by absentee ballot. To obtain an application call 1.866.VOTE-NYC or visit the Board of Elections website at <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us>.

There are two options for New York City voters wishing to cast absentee ballots:

- dropping it off in person at a Board of Elections office; or
- sending it by mail.

The deadlines for submitting the application are below, as well as the deadlines for mailing back your ballot.

- **Mailing your Absentee Ballot Application:** The last day to postmark an application or letter of application by mail for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, October 30th.
- **Applying for an Absentee Ballot in Person:** The last day to apply in person at your local county board of elections office for an absentee ballot is Monday, November 5th.
- **Mailing in your Absentee Ballot:** The last day to postmark your absentee ballot is Monday, November 5th. It must be received by the local board of elections no later than November 13th.
- **Dropping off your Absentee Ballot:** If you have a friend or relative who can drop off your absentee ballot for you, it must be delivered on Tuesday, November 6th to your local board of elections office.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have general questions regarding eligibility or the location of your polling place, please call 1-866-VOTE-NYC. You can also locate your polling place online, including handicap entrances, at <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

If you have voted in a previous election you will not have to show any identification or proof of citizenship to vote. But if you are voting for the first time, you may be asked to show ID at the poll in order to submit your ballot. If you are asked, drivers licenses, student ID's, government documents, bank statements or utility bills with your name and address are all acceptable means of identification.



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Under federal law, if you are disabled and choose to vote in person rather than by absentee ballot, you are entitled to assistance. You can rely on the election employees for help.

At the polls, if you are not on the voter registration list, it may be because your registration form was not received in time or was filled out incorrectly. If you believe that you are eligible to vote, you can still vote by requesting an affidavit ballot. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records and your vote will be counted if you are indeed eligible.

CASTING YOUR BALLOT

Paper ballots will be used for casting votes, which can be marked using either a pen or a ballot marking device (BMD) as described below. Ballots are counted after they are inserted into an electronic scanner. The scanner will then be used to count the votes after the polling place has closed at the end of Election Day. A bin attached to the scanner will capture and keep the paper ballots as a record of all votes. This new process began in 2010 with New York's adoption of a new voting system to meet federal accessibility requirements.

The new process works as follows:

- Enter the poll site, sign in, and receive your paper ballot from the poll worker.
- Mark your ballot through one of two means:
- Go to a privacy booth and fill out your ballot with a pen by marking the appropriate ovals; or Use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD), which is available for those who are in need of assistance (see below for more information).
- Once done, place your ballot in the privacy sleeve, proceed to the scanner area, and insert the marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. Your ballot can be inserted in any direction.

If you make a mistake you can request a new ballot. If you mark your ballot incorrectly by marking more choices for one contest than you are supposed to, the scanner will notify you of an "overvote." To have your vote count, you must obtain a new ballot and mark your choices correctly before submitting your ballot. There will be an additional information notice in your privacy booth regarding the "overvote" and what should you do when it appears on the scanner. You can also ask a poll worker for additional information.

BALLOT MARKING DEVICE

Voters will be able to use the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK ballot marking device (BMD), which is mandated to be available at each polling location. Any voter, including voters with disabilities, may use the BMD to view or listen to the ballot in any of the required languages for that poll site (English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean or Bengali). Voters may use the BMD to complete a paper ballot independently and privately on Election Day by using its ATM-style touch screen, Braille-enhanced keypad, sip and puff device or its rocker paddle. More information on the new process is available at the New York City Board of Elections website, <http://www.votethenewwayny.com/>.



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YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

You have the right to vote if:

- You are US citizen and registered to vote in New York City by the deadline. If you are currently on parole, you are still eligible to register if you have obtained a Certificate of Relief or Certificate of Good Conduct.
- You are 18 years of age.
- You are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on Election Day.

In any election, you have a right to:

- Ask assistance if you need help voting. Assistance can be provided by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker. If you need an interpreter, BOE interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites.
- Ask election workers how to vote.
- Vote even if the scanner is broken.
- Vote by “affidavit ballot” if your name is missing from the voter registration list at your polling site.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To Report Election Day Problems

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| Board of Elections Hotline | (866) VOTE-NYC | vote.nyc.ny.us |
| Election Protection Hotline | (866) OUR-VOTE | www.866ourvote.org |

To Research Campaign Contributions

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| NYS Board of Elections | (800) 458-3453 | www.elections.ny.gov |
| Federal Election Commission | (202) 628-0617 | www.fec.gov |
| NYC Campaign Finance Board | (212) 306-7100 | www.nycfb.info |

To Research Candidates and Issues

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| Citizens Union | (212) 227-0342 | www.citizensunion.org |
| Gotham Gazette | (212) 227-0342 | www.gothamgazette.com |
| NYPIRG | (212) 349-6460 | www.nypirg.org |
| League of Women Voters of NYS | (518) 465-4162 | www.lwvny.org |
| Project Vote Smart | (888) VOTE-SMART | www.votesmart.org |

To Research Incumbent Records

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| New York State Assembly | (518) 455-4218 | assembly.state.ny.us |
| New York State Senate | (518) 455-2800 | www.nysenate.gov/legislation |

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