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The Citizens Union Voters Directory Online has all this information and more. Browse the online directory, candidates' questionnaires, and CU position statements at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).

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# Citizens Union Endorsed Candidates – 2018 General Election

## STATEWIDE

Governor	Andrew Cuomo (D)
Attorney General	Letitia James (D)
Comptroller	Thomas DiNapoli (D)

## BROOKLYN

Senate District 20	Zellnor Myrie (D)
Senate District 22	Andrew Gounardes (D)

## MANHATTAN

Senate District 28	Liz Krueger (D)
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# Citizens Union Positions on New York City Ballot Proposals

Proposal Number 1:

**Campaign Finance** Citizens Union does not take a position on this proposal.

Proposal Number 2:

**Civic Engagement Commission** NO

Proposal Number 3:

**Community Boards** YES

See page 5 for an explanation of Citizens Union's positions.

# About Citizens Union

## MISSION

Citizens Union (CU) is committed to reforming our New York City and State governments to foster accountability, accessibility, transparency, honesty, and the highest ethical standards. For the past 120 years, we at Citizens Union have devoted ourselves to holding our local governments accountable to do better in all of these areas, and we remain committed to enfranchising all New Yorkers. The many initiatives that we are currently advancing include ethics reform, increased voter participation and civic engagement, greater police accountability, and a truly accurate 2020 census. In all of these efforts, we have been — and will remain — nonpartisan.

# About the Voters Directory

## PURPOSE

On Tuesday, November 6th, New Yorkers will vote in the General Election for Governor, NYS Attorney General, NYS Comptroller, and the state legislature, as well as local judicial offices and federal positions.

To help our supportive Citizens Union members prepare to vote in the upcoming election, we bring you our 2018 General Election Voters Directory. The Voters Directory provides:

- A roster of Citizens Union's endorsed candidates in several key races, and information about the rigorous evaluation process and assessments of candidates.
- A list of Citizens Union's positions on the three proposals that have been placed on the ballot by the 2018 New York City Charter Revision Commission.
- An overview of the 2018 elections, including voting and registration information and listings of every contest for all races that will be on the ballot in New York City on November 6th, 2018.

We caution voters that 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 document was printed.

For more information, visit the NYC Board of Elections website at <http://vote.nyc.ny.us> or call (866) VOTE-NYC.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This Voters Directory would not be possible without the hard work of members of the Citizens Union Board, Local Candidates Committee (LCC), staff and interns.

27 volunteer LCC members, 5 interns, and staff members formed nonpartisan interview teams and evaluated 17 candidates in 6 races for Governor, NYS Attorney General, NYS Comptroller, and NYS Senate. We thank them for contributing their time, energy, and expertise this fall to interviewing and evaluating candidates.

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

# Ballot Proposals

## PROPOSAL NUMBER 1, A QUESTION: **CAMPAIGN FINANCE– CITYWIDE**

This proposal would amend the City Charter to lower the amount a candidate for City elected office may accept from a contributor. It would also increase the public funding used to match a portion of the contributions received by a candidate who participates in the City's public financing program. In addition, the proposal would make public matching funds available earlier in the election year to participating candidates who can demonstrate need for the funds. It would also ease a requirement that candidates for Mayor, Comptroller, or Public Advocate must meet to qualify for matching funds. The amendments would apply to participating candidates who choose to have the amendments apply to their campaigns beginning with the 2021 primary election, and would then apply to all candidates beginning in 2022. Shall this proposal be adopted?

### **CITIZENS UNION DOES NOT TAKE A POSITION ON THIS PROPOSAL.**

#### EXPLANATION OF DECISION

Citizens Union has carefully studied proposal 1 and is not able to take a position on the proposal. Citizens Union has long supported New York City's campaign finance system and holds it up as a national model, and we continue to do so. While we agree that an effort needs to be made to reduce the influence of money in elections, particularly in the election of citywide officials, the case has not been made for the full package of recommendations contained in proposal 1, notably the use of city funds for the expanded match for borough and City Council elections. Should proposal 1 be defeated, we urge appropriate changes be made to the campaign finance law to lower the contribution limits for all offices and increase the match for city-wide officials either by the City Council or through recommendations by the current Charter Revision Commission formed by the City Council, so that appropriate changes can be made to the 2021 citywide election.

## PROPOSAL NUMBER 2, A QUESTION: **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION – CITYWIDE**

This proposal would amend the City Charter to: Create a Civic Engagement Commission that would implement, no later than the City Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, a Citywide participatory budgeting program established by the Mayor to promote participation by City residents in making recommendations for projects in their communities; Require the Commission to partner with community based organizations and civic leaders, as well as other City agencies, to support and encourage civic engagement efforts; Require the Commission to establish a program to provide language interpreters at City poll sites, to be implemented for the general election in 2020; Permit the Mayor to assign relevant powers and duties of certain other City agencies to the Commission; Provide that the Civic Engagement Commission would have 15 members, with 8 members appointed by the Mayor, 2 members by the City Council Speaker and

## Ballot Proposals *continued*

1 member by each Borough President; and Provide for one of the Mayor's appointees to be Commission Chair and for the Chair to employ and direct Commission staff. Shall this proposal be adopted?

### **CITIZENS UNION OPPOSES THIS PROPOSAL.**

#### STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION

Citizens Union recommends a “no” vote on proposal 2. While we support many of the goals outlined for the proposed Civic Engagement Commission, including broader language access at polling sites throughout New York City and increased civic engagement programming citywide, we believe the Commission was insufficiently thought through and lacks independence. The Commission is designed to give the Mayor a majority of seats and in doing so does not provide the requisite independence from control by any single public official. A commission with leverage over a myriad of important issues such as assisting voters at polling sites and providing technical assistance to community boards should be completely independent from the Mayor, or any political office. We believe that civic engagement would best be promoted at this point through establishing individual or pilot initiatives through the legislative process.

### **PROPOSAL NUMBER 3, A QUESTION: COMMUNITY BOARDS – CITYWIDE**

This proposal would amend the City Charter to: Impose term limits of a maximum of four consecutive full two-year terms for community board members with certain exceptions for the initial transition to the new term limits system; Require Borough Presidents to seek out persons of diverse backgrounds in making appointments to community boards. The proposal would also add new application and reporting requirements related to these appointments; and If Question 2, “Civic Engagement Commission,” is approved, require the proposed Civic Engagement Commission to provide resources, assistance, and training related to land use and other matters to community boards. Shall this proposal be adopted?

### **CITIZENS UNION SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL.**

#### STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Citizens Union recommends a “yes” vote on proposal 3. This proposal would institute four two-year term limits for community board members, streamline the application process for community board appointments, and require all Borough Presidents to annually report on their outreach and recruitment methods, as well as evaluation criteria for community board appointments. Collectively these reforms ensure that representation on boards can keep pace with changing demographics of communities and benefit from new perspectives and energy. The proposal also would provide more standardization and transparency for the community and aspiring board members, and lead to a more rigorous selection process for board appointments. If proposal 2 is defeated, then a new mechanism will be necessary to provide the additional technical assistance that community boards need.

## CANDIDATE EVALUATION PRINCIPLES AND PROCESS

In this election cycle, Citizens Union has evaluated 17 candidates in 6 races for Governor, NYS Attorney General, NYS Comptroller, and NYS Senate to determine who strongly supports our issues, can advance a reform agenda, and can best fulfill the obligations of the position.

Interview teams made up of Local Candidates Committee members assess the candidates based on their responses to CU's questionnaire (a pre-requisite for interviews), research, first-hand knowledge of the candidates, and interviews with the candidates, which are approximately 30 minutes each. The interview teams then make advisory recommendations to the full Local Candidates Committee, which deliberates and makes recommendations to the Citizens Union Board, which makes the final decision.

An “Endorsed” rating reflects a candidate that Citizens Union deems not only qualified for the office with a viable candidacy, but also committed to an agenda of positive reform. Please note that candidates not endorsed may nevertheless be highly regarded, which is generally reflected in the commentary.

Citizens Union issues a “Preferred” rating in primary elections, and an “Endorsed” rating for General Election contests. A “No Endorsement” rating may result when there is insufficient information available, it is believed that the candidates are of equal merit, or if no candidate interviewed by Citizens Union is believed to be effective or capable of representing the district.

### **OUR CRITERIA**

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

- Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be the primary criteria used in deciding its support for a candidate.
- Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but shall not be determinative.
- Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but shall not be determinative. 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## QUESTIONNAIRE: STATE LEGISLATURE

Below each question, please find a tabulation of answers from all 43 Senate and Assembly candidates who responded to the questionnaire (not only from those candidates who Citizens Union interviewed). This tabulation does not include responses from gubernatorial candidates.

### ETHICS REFORM

1. Limit outside compensation earned by state legislators and statewide officials to 25% of their salaries, while enacting a salary increase and eliminating stipends.  
*Support: 38 Conditionally Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 4 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
2. Reform the Joint Commission on Public Ethics to eliminate the ability of one party to veto an investigation and to increase disclosure of its decision-making.  
*Support: 43 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 0 Conditionally Oppose: 0*

### ELECTIONS AND VOTING

3. Do you support or oppose the following changes to the state's current registration and voting system?
  - a. Early voting  
*Support: 40 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 2 Conditionally Oppose: 1*
  - b. No-excuse absentee voting  
*Support: 39 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 4 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
  - c. Election Day voter registration  
*Support: 37 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 3 Conditionally Oppose: 2*
  - d. Re-enfranchisement of people on parole automatically through legislation, without requiring a Certificate of Good Conduct or Relief  
*Support: 36 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 5 Conditionally Oppose: 1*
  - e. Automatic voter registration, unless the potential voter opts out  
*Support: 38 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 4 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
  - f. Consolidated state and federal primaries  
*Support: 42 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 1 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
  - g. Electronic poll books  
*Support: 42 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 1 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
4. Reform the special election process, utilizing a nonpartisan special election for state legislative seats and eliminate delays in filling vacancies.  
*Support: 42 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 0 Conditionally Oppose: 0*

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE

5. Establish public financing of campaigns for state legislative and statewide offices using a method similar to New York City's Campaign Finance Law.  
*Support: 39 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 4 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
6. Close the LLC loophole to ensure that limited liability companies have the same contribution limits as corporations, rather than the higher limit for individuals.  
*Support: 41 Conditionally Support: 1 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 1 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
7. Drastically reduce campaign contribution limits and reduce them even further from registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state.  
*Support: 41 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 1 Conditionally Oppose: 0*

### BUDGET PROCESS

8. Require full disclosure of grants and contracts issued by the state, including the budget lines from which the spending is made and reporting on the results of each grant or contract over a certain amount.  
*Support: 43 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 0 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
9. Provide for adequate online disclosure and itemization of spending from elected officials' lump sum appropriations, including reporting on potential conflicts of interest and how the funds are spent.  
*Support: 43 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 0 Conditionally Oppose: 0*

### POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

10. Repeal Civil Rights Law, Sec. 50-a, which shields from public view the disciplinary records of police officers, correction officers, and firefighters.  
*Support: 34 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 8 Conditionally Oppose: 0*

### ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

11. Restructure the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance and operation and putting in place professional, nonpartisan administration.  
*Support: 40 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 3 Conditionally Oppose: 0*
12. Empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute election law malfeasance and cases of public corruption.  
*Support: 41 Conditionally Support: 0 Undecided or No Answer: 1*  
*Oppose: 1 Conditionally Oppose: 0*

### HOME RULE

13. Make mayoral control of city schools permanent, with a governance system that provides for accountability, transparency, parent engagement, and democratic participation.  
*Support: 32 Conditionally Support: 2 Undecided or No Answer: 0*  
*Oppose: 7 Conditionally Oppose: 2*

# QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

District/Name	Party Affiliation	Q1	Q2	Q3a	Q3b	Q3c	Q3d	Q3e	Q3f	Q3g	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13
<b>Governor/Cuomo,†</b>	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S*	S	NA	S	S	NA
Governor/Hawkins	G	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O*	O*	O*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O*
Govern/Miner	SAM	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Governor/Molinaro	R	S	S	S	S	S	O*	O	S	S	O	S*	S	S	S	S	NA	O	S	S
Governor/Sharpe	L	O	S	S	S	S	S	O*	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Bronx</b>																				
SD32/Delices	R	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD33/Rivera,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD34/Biaggi	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD34/Klein,†	I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S
AD79/Blake,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O
AD84/Septimo	WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Brooklyn</b>																				
SD18/Salazar	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD20/Hamilton,†	I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O*
<b>SD20/Myrie</b>	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD21/Parker,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD22/Golden,†	R	O	S	O*	O	O*	O	O	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S
<b>SD22/Gounardes</b>	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD23/Robinson	WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD23/Savino,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	O	S	S	S	S	O	S	NA	O
SD26/Arias	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD42/Beckford	G	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD46/Frontus	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O*
AD46/Lustig-Elgrably	WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD59/Williams,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD64/Baumel	D	S*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S

## KEY

Citizens Union endorsed candidates in bold.

† Incumbent legislator  
 S Support  
 O Oppose  
 N/A No answer or undecided  
 . Nuanced answer

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES - *continued*

District/Name	Party Affiliation	Q1	Q2	Q3a	Q3b	Q3c	Q3d	Q3e	Q3f	Q3g	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13
<b>Manhattan</b>																				
SD26/Arias	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD27/Hoylman,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD28/Holmberg	R	O	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	O
<b>SD28/Krueger,†</b>	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD31/Alcántara,†	I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD31/Jackson	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O
AD65/Niou,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD66/Nixon	WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD68/Rodriguez,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD71/Taylor,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD74/Epstein,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O
<b>Queens</b>																				
SD11/Avella,†	I	S	S	S	S	NA	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S*
SD11/Liu	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD11/Minching	C	O	S	S	S	O*	O*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S
SD11/Paladino	R	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S
SD13/Peralta,†	I	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S*
SD13/Ramos	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD30/Barnwell,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD39/Cruz	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD39/Espinal,†	WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Staten Island</b>																				
SD23/Robinson	WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S
SD23/Savino,†	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	O	S	S	S	S	O	S	NA	O
AD61/Fall	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD62/Reilly	R	S	S	S	O	S	O	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	O
AD62/Yost	REF	O	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	S	O
AD63/Dennie	G	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AD64/Baumel	D	S*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S

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 O Oppose  
 N/A No answer or undecided  
 . Nuanced answer

# Candidate Evaluations

## NEW YORK STATE

### GOVERNOR

#### ★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE ★

#### Andrew Cuomo – Democrat

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 60 Occupation: Governor of New York*

*Education: Fordham University, B.A.; Albany Law School, J.D.*

*Lieutenant Governor: Kathy Hochul*

Andrew Cuomo has served as governor of New York State for two terms and, prior to that, was the state Attorney General for one term. Before seeking elected office, he was the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for four years in the Clinton administration. As governor, he championed the passage of the Marriage Equality Act, enacted stronger gun control laws, established paid family leave, and raised the state minimum wage to among the highest in the country. Recently, he championed free college tuition for qualified applicants and signed an executive order enfranchising people on parole through conditional pardons. He also worked closely with Citizens Union to enact legislative redistricting reform.

On the other hand, Citizens Union has criticized Cuomo over prematurely closing the Moreland Commission in the midst of its investigation of public corruption, not doing enough to advance ethics reform, and permitting a lack of transparency around billions of dollars in each year's state budget.

However, in his interview with Citizens Union, Cuomo committed to supporting a "database of deals," which would list all taxpayer subsidies to corporations, and track the state's return on investment. He also committed to support changing the state law that shields police disciplinary records from the public and said that he would push voting reform in his third term. While acknowledging concerns, Citizens Union endorses Andrew Cuomo in this race because of his extensive experience in New York State government, his administration's many accomplishments, and with the expectation that he will honor his commitment to advance these reforms.

#### Howie Hawkins – Green

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 65 Occupation: Retired UPS Worker*

*Education: Dartmouth College*

*Lieutenant Governor: Jia Lee*

Howie Hawkins is a politician and activist who has run for various offices in New York, including, most recently, for Governor in 2014, where he earned almost five percent of the statewide vote. His priorities are to move New York State to 100 percent clean energy by 2030, ensure that there is adequate housing throughout the state, and improve access to quality education by ending high-stakes testing and creating tuition-free public colleges. He would also push for the passage of the New York Health Act, which would establish a universal single payer health plan. In an interview with Citizens Union, Hawkins emphasized the importance of CU's election reform issues like consolidating state and federal primary days, and establishing Election Day voter registration. He also supports restructuring both the BOE and JCOPE to be nonpartisan, and giving them more resources. In the area of ethics, he supports limiting legislators' outside compensation and enacting campaign finance reform. Hawkins deviates from Citizens Union's agenda in his opposition to reforming the state special election process to be nonpartisan, and making mayoral control of New York City schools permanent. Citizens Union believes Howie Hawkins is very knowledgeable of and has good ideas for improving state government, and commends him on his years of civic advocacy in New York.

#### Stephanie Miner – Serve America Movement

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 48 Occupation: Former Mayor of Syracuse*

*Education: Syracuse University, B.A.; SUNY Buffalo, J.D.*

*Lieutenant Governor: Michael Volpe*

Stephanie Miner is an attorney and the former Mayor of Syracuse, having served from 2010 to 2018 before reaching her term limit. Her priorities are to institute nonpartisan redistricting of political boundaries, reform the electoral process to improve access to the polls, eliminate economic development programs and invest resources in traditional infrastructure, and establish truly independent ethics oversight of state government. Miner also believes that the state should take over all Medicaid costs from counties and will seek to do that over five years. Miner supports all of Citizens Union's questionnaire items and emphasized the importance of voting reform because she views voter turnout and civic engagement as essential anti-corruption tools. In addition to exploring ethics reform, Miner would empower the attorney general to investigate public corruption. Stephanie Miner has extensive government experience and deep knowledge on a broad range of issues. While endorsing her opponent, Citizens Union was taken by Miner's interest in finding novel solutions to problems in government and willingness to work across the aisle, and believes she has much to offer the state.

## Marc Molinaro – Republican

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 42 Occupation: Dutchess County Executive*

*Education: Dutchess Community College, A.A.*

*Lieutenant Governor: Julie Killian*

Marc Molinaro is the Dutchess County Executive, having served previously in the state Assembly and as Mayor of Tivoli. His priorities include reducing taxes to stimulate job growth, combating public corruption through statutory changes and a Moreland Commission, and advocating for those with special needs. He is also focused on revitalizing the Metropolitan Transit Authority by modernizing the subway system, expanding bus services, and protecting MTA revenue sources. In an interview with Citizens Union, Molinaro emphasized the importance of preventing corruption in the legislative and executive branches and, when asked, said he would support empowering the Attorney General to investigate such corruption. He has also proposed legislation to enhance oversight of government procurement and economic development projects, and expand open government mechanisms like FOIL. Molinaro supports most of Citizens Union's questionnaire items, but opposes reforming the state's partisan special election process and restructuring the state Board of Elections to abolish the strict two-party division of governance. Molinaro also opposes automatically re-enfranchising people on parole and automatic voter registration. Citizens Union was impressed by Marc Molinaro's conviction and his interest in collaborating with a broad range of stakeholders, but does not support him in this race due to his opposition to a number of key reforms.

## Larry Sharpe – Libertarian

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 50 Occupation: Business Consultant/Owner, Neo-Sage Group*

*Education: University of Maryland, B.A.*

*Lieutenant Governor: Andrew Hollister*

Larry Sharpe is a business consultant and entrepreneur who narrowly lost the bid to become the Libertarian vice presidential candidate in 2016. His priorities are to encourage settlement in New York State by reducing taxes, repeal the New York SAFE Act, which regulates firearms, enhance municipal home rule, and reform the family court system. Sharpe also discusses finding revenue sources for infrastructure projects, including MTA improvement, in novel ways like selling the naming rights of bridges and tunnels. In an interview with Citizens Union, Sharpe stated the importance of transparency in government spending and procurement, and reforming the way economic development grants are awarded. Sharpe supports most of Citizens Union's questionnaire items, but said that voting reform was not a priority of his. He also opposes enacting a salary raise for state legislators and limiting their outside compensation, as well as the public financing of state campaigns. Citizens Union does not support Larry Sharpe in this race because his positions on several reform issues did not appear to be clearly defined, or were at odds with Citizens Union's.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### ★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE ★

## Letitia James – Democrat

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 59 Occupation: New York City Public Advocate*

*Education: City University of New York, Lehman College, B.A.; Howard University, J.D.; Columbia University, M.P.A.*

Letitia James is the New York City Public Advocate, and the first woman of color to hold citywide office. Her tenure as Public Advocate has been characterized by frequent litigation, having initiated more lawsuits than any of her predecessors. James has used the office to bring attention to issues of criminal justice, affordable housing and tenants' rights, and to provide greater resources to underserved children and families. James has also served as a New York City Council Member, headed the Brooklyn Regional Office and Civil Rights Bureau of the Attorney General's office under Eliot Spitzer, and worked as a public defender for The Legal Aid Society. James's platform for the Attorney General's office includes challenging federal policies that harm New Yorkers – especially in the area of civil rights and the environment, ensuring robust consumer protections, and enforcing pay equity. James is also committed to utilizing a joint task force between the Attorney General and Comptroller to root out abuses in state government, closing the LLC loophole to end pay-to-play schemes, and civilly prosecuting businesses that use bribes and kickbacks to win political favors. In the realm of campaign finance reform, James favors the creation of a statewide public financing system, eliminating housekeeping accounts, and overturning *Citizens United v. FEC* with the help of other state AGs. James is a seasoned candidate with extensive government experience, and knowledge of the Attorney General's office. While, Citizens Union is concerned about her ability to remain independent from the Governor and party leaders when a major focus of the office should be on corruption in Albany, CU believes that Letitia James's experience, energy, knowledge of the office and demonstrated record of public service merit her receiving our endorsement in this race.

## Nancy Sliwa – Reform

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 40 Occupation: Attorney/Real Estate Broker*

*Education: SUNY, Stonybrook, B.A.; Brooklyn Law School, J.D.*

Nancy Sliwa is an attorney with a background in real estate and tax law. She currently serves as the director of the Animal Protection Division of the Guardian Angels and is running for Attorney General on an animal rights platform. Sliwa's priorities include establishing a statewide "no-kill" animal shelter system, creating an animal abuse registry, and prosecuting sex offenders. She has also stated her support for limiting corporate campaign contributions. Sliwa is critical of many of the lawsuits recently brought by the state Attorney General against federal policy. Nancy Sliwa's vision for the office is largely limited to promoting animal rights, and does not capture its potential to protect democratic rights and fight corruption and fraud.

## Michael Sussman – Green

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 64 Occupation: Attorney*

*Education: University of Chicago; Amherst College, B.A.; Harvard Law School, J.D.*

Michael Sussman is a civil rights lawyer and political activist with extensive legal experience. Sussman has served in the US Department of Justice and was the legal representative of the Yonkers branch of the NAACP, where he took on school desegregation cases and discriminatory housing practices. Presently, he represents advocates attempting to halt the construction of a power plant in Wawayanda, New York. Sussman's priorities for the office center on protecting immigrants, regulating NGO and charitable donations, supporting the ability of New Yorkers to propose initiatives and referenda, and rooting out public corruption. As part of this latter aim, Sussman proposes campaign finance reforms, such as public financing and banning LLC contributions, to end the tradition of pay-to-play in New York. Further, he believes the Attorney General should be empowered to investigate and prosecute state public officials, rather than relying on District Attorneys or federal law enforcement. Michael Sussman has a top-down vision for the office, in which he would review every action brought against a state agency. Citizens Union questions whether this approach is feasible and appropriate, given the possibility of differences between his and an agency's view of the merits of a case. While Citizens Union believes Sussman to be a highly experienced litigator with a nuanced understanding of the Attorney General's role and a laudable career in defense of civil rights, the organization is concerned with his approach to certain aspects of the office's management.

## Christopher Garvey – Libertarian

*Candidate has not returned a questionnaire.*

## Keith Wofford – Republican

*Candidate declined to participate in Citizens Union's evaluation.*

### STATE COMPTROLLER

#### ★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE ★

## Thomas DiNapoli – Democrat

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 64 Occupation: New York State Comptroller*

*Education: Hofstra University, B.A.; The New School, M.A.*

Thomas DiNapoli became the 54th Comptroller of the State of New York in 2007 and previously represented District 16 in the state Assembly for two decades. His priorities are to continue the effective management of the state pension fund, curtail fraud, waste and abuse of taxpayer resources, advance procurement reform, and provide robust oversight of local governments and school districts. DiNapoli views the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) audit power as a key oversight tool to combat obscure state

spending, including spending by public authorities. He is responsible for introducing the Procurement Integrity Act – state legislation that would restore the Comptroller's authority to review state contracts and act as an independent watchdog to ensure that rules, including WMBE rules, are followed. On pension fund investment, while he views his fiduciary responsibility as the bottom line, he also considers environmental and social issues when investing. Citizens Union believes that DiNapoli has stabilized and professionalized the OSC during his tenure and hopes he will use his audit authority more aggressively to root out waste and impropriety, and advance a culture of transparency in Albany. For these reasons, Citizens Union endorses Thomas DiNapoli.

## Mark Dunlea – Green

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 64 Occupation: Political Organizer/Attorney*

*Education: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.S.; Albany Law School, J.D.*

Mark Dunlea is a climate change and anti-poverty activist, as well as an attorney, author, academic, and news correspondent. He is the chair of the Green Education and Legal Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting green principles, and was a founding member of the New York Public Interest Research Group. Dunlea's priorities are to divest the state pension fund from fossil fuels, advocate for fair taxes, expand efforts to address corruption at the state and local level, increase audits of state and local government, and advocate for campaign finance and ethics reform. Dunlea is committed to limiting the influence of money on politics and believes that the OSC must be completely independent of the executive branch and special interests. To this end, he has avoided corporate campaign donations. He makes a case for redefining the role of the OSC to be a more vigorous watchdog and to use its audit authority to advance an agenda of environmental sustainability, income equality, and ethics reform. Citizens Union is impressed by Mark Dunlea's knowledge of the issues and ideas for improving the OSC, but is concerned that he is not waging a particularly viable campaign.

## Jonathan Trichter – Republican

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, available at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).*

*Age: 47 Occupation: Investment Banker/Public Finance Expert*

*Education: Emory University, B.A.*

Jonathan Trichter is an investment banker and public finance expert who served as the policy director for Harry Wilson's 2010 campaign for state Comptroller. His priorities are to institute a ban on investing pension funds in alternative asset funds; passively invest the fund's equity holdings in low-cost index funds; refuse to certify budgets that contain what he calls "gimmicks" and "fiscal chicanery" that renders them unbalanced or non-transparent; and run a politically neutral pension fund that reduces fees and maximizes returns for retirees. Trichter wants to index the portfolio, which would provide investment returns that match the market performance and would result in very low investment management fees. DiNapoli has indicated that 75 percent of the equity portfolio is already indexed using in-house staff and Citizens Union's analysis of the financial statements indicates that the overall fees are consistent with DiNapoli's statement. Trichter also

wants to eliminate private equity, hedge funds, and other alternative asset classes from the portfolio. Citizens Union understands that diversified portfolios hold some of these investments for risk management purposes, and DiNapoli has already started scaling back some of the hedge fund investments. While interested in some of Jonathan Trichter's ideas for improving the OSC, Citizens Union believes that the incumbent has already demonstrated his ability to manage the office effectively.

## **Cruger Gallaudet – Libertarian**

*Candidate could not be reached for this evaluation.*

## **BROOKLYN**

### **SENATE DISTRICT 20**

#### **★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE ★**

### **Zellnor Myrie – Democrat**

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, response on p. 10*

*Age: 31 Occupation: Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP*

*Education: Fordham University, B.A.; Fordham University, M.A.; Cornell Law School, J.D.*

Zellnor Myrie is a former legislative director for New York City Council Member Fernando Cabrera, and was chair of his Neighborhood Advisory Board. He has graduated law school and passed the New York State Bar Examination, but has not been admitted to practice law in New York. His priorities are to expand affordable housing, protect immigrant rights by passing the Liberty and DREAM Acts, fully fund public education, advance criminal justice reform including ending cash bail and reforming speedy trial statutes, and increase election transparency and turnout. Myrie supports Citizens Union's entire reform agenda. He has pledged to strongly support the passage of a legislative package on voting rights, which would include a seven-day early voting period, no-excuse absentee voting, and the establishment of an online, streamlined voter registration process. In an interview with Citizens Union, Myrie spoke knowledgeably about a host of ethics reforms to prevent corruption and remove opportunities for misconduct, including those supported by Citizens Union. In line with this priority, he seeks to ban outside compensation for legislators, thoroughly reform JCOPE, and change campaign finance laws. Citizens Union endorses Myrie because of his clarity and conviction on reform issues, and the belief that he would be a productive and collaborative legislator.

## **Jesse Hamilton – Independence**

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, response on p. 10*

*Age: 54 Occupation: New York State Senator, District 20*

*Education: Ithaca College, B.S.; Long Island University, M.B.A.; Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D.*

After losing the Democratic nomination in the primary, incumbent Senator Jesse Hamilton, has stopped campaigning for office, but his name will still appear on the ballot on the Independence Party and Women's Equality Party lines. Citizens Union has applauded Hamilton's many contributions to the district, but did not prefer him in the primary race due to the strength of his competitor, Zellnor Myrie. In the General Election, Citizens Union is once again backing Myrie.

### **SENATE DISTRICT 22**

#### **★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE ★**

### **Andrew Gounardes – Democrat**

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, response on p. 10*

*Age: 33 Occupation: General Counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams*

*Education: Hunter College, B.A.; George Washington University Law School, J.D.*

Andrew Gounardes is counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, and has previously served as an aide to former New York City Council Member Vincent Gentile. His priorities are to secure funding to reduce class sizes in overcrowded schools, introduce an amendment to the state Constitution to guarantee free public education from Pre-K through college, install speed cameras in every school zone, improve the MTA by restoring dedicated revenue, and enact public financing of state elections. Gounardes supports all of Citizens Union's questionnaire items, and in an interview emphasized how important campaign finance and voting reforms were to him. Specifically, he told Citizens Union that reforming the special election process, through which many legislators are first brought into office, and instituting better campaign finance regulations are both especially crucial. Citizens Union endorses Andrew Gounardes because of his strong support for key reforms and his fresh perspective on issues important to CU.

## **Martin Golden – Republican**

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, response on p. 10*

*Age: 67 Occupation: New York State Senator, District 22*

*Education: St. John's University, A.A.*

Martin Golden has represented District 22 in the state Senate since 2003. His priorities are to continue to support residents and businesses still recovering from Superstorm Sandy, improve mass transit performance and accessibility, ensure public safety, reduce taxes for middle class New Yorkers, and support seniors by advocating for increases in the SCRIE income limit and lower prescription drug prices. Golden is supportive of some of Citizens Union's questionnaire items but opposes CU's campaign finance reform

agenda, most of Citizens Union's election and voting reform agenda, and limiting outside compensation for state legislators. He also opposes repealing Civil Rights Law, Sec. 50-a, which prevents the public disclosure of police disciplinary records. In an interview with Citizens Union, he expressed the belief that the state already has a good system in place to deal with corruption – as evidenced by the number of convictions of state officials – and does not need ethics reform. Golden is opposed to closing the LLC loophole, but is open to limiting the size of contributions LLCs can contribute to campaigns. Despite his long record in the New York State Senate, Citizens Union believes that Martin Golden does not greatly support the organization's positions in the area of ethics, campaign finance, and police accountability. For these reasons, Citizens Union does not back Golden's candidacy.

## MANHATTAN

### SENATE DISTRICT 28

#### ★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE ★

#### Liz Krueger – Democrat

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, response on p. 12*

*Age: 60 Occupation: New York State Senator, District 28*

*Education: Northwestern University, B.A.; University of Chicago, M.A.*

Liz Krueger has represented District 28 in the New York State Senate since 2002, and was the founding director of the New York City Food Bank. She is currently the Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee. Her priorities are to fight against federal policies that threaten vulnerable populations in New York or deny basic human rights, expand access to affordable housing, reform the electoral process, improve environmental protections and clean energy, and ensure the economic security of low income and unemployed New Yorkers. Krueger supports all of Citizens Union's questionnaire items, especially election reforms to make it easier to vote, register, and change party registration, and expanding municipal home rule. Citizens Union endorses Liz Krueger because of her experience, detailed knowledge of policy, and nuanced approach to dealing with the power dynamics of Albany.

#### Peter Holmberg – Republican

*Candidate has returned a questionnaire, response on p. 12*

*Age: 52 Occupation: Licensed Real Estate Agent, Public Relations Consultant*

*Education: Drake University*

Peter Holmberg has worked in the fields of corporate communications, luxury hotel management, and real estate for the past 25 years. His priorities for office are first and foremost to be a candid elected official as a model for others, admitting when he has made a mistake and acknowledging when he is unsure. In terms of policy, his priorities are to deregulate and reduce taxes on taxis, elevate a dialogue on tort reform, prevent New York from becoming a sanctuary state, and maintaining the Specialized High School Admissions

Test. Holmberg supports most of Citizens Union's questionnaire items, but opposes limiting outside compensation for state legislators, a number of voting reforms and making mayoral control of city schools permanent. He also opposes repealing Civil Rights Law, Sec. 50-a, out of consideration for correction officers, but supports making police disciplinary records public. While Citizens Union found Holmberg to be a very candid and enthusiastic candidate, the organization does not endorse him due to his lack of experience in government and his opposition to a number of reforms important to CU.

# General Election Snapshot

This section lists General Election races that will take place in New York City on Tuesday, November 6th, including candidates who are unopposed in their races.

All statewide offices – Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller – will be on the ballot this year. There are also elections for all New York State Senate and Assembly seats, as well as for judicial positions and federal offices. Three proposals from the New York City Charter Revision Commission will also be on the ballot (see page 5 for Citizens Union's positions on the referenda).

† Incumbent

^ Denotes that the candidate submitted the Citizens Union questionnaire. Responses from Gubernatorial candidates and state Senate and Assembly candidates can be found on pages 10-13. Questionnaire responses for Attorney General and Comptroller candidates can be found at [www.CitizensUnion.org](http://www.CitizensUnion.org).

**Bold** denotes the candidate is endorsed by Citizens Union in the general election.

\* Denotes that the district overlaps boroughs. Note: These races are repeated in each borough that they fall into.

## Party Key:

C: Conservative

D: Democrat

G: Green

I: Independence

IDP: Independent Democrat Party

L: Libertarian

MWT: In Maio We Trust

R: Republican

REF: Reform

SAM: Serve America Movement

SB: Stop de Blasio

WE: Women's Equality

WF: Working Families

## STATEWIDE OFFICES

### Governor

*Term of Office: 4 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$179,000*

### Lieutenant Governor

*Term of Office: 4 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$151,500*

**Andrew M. Cuomo** & Kathy C. Hochul  
(D, I, WE, WF) † ^

Howie Hawkins & Jia Lee (G)^

Stephanie A. Miner & Michael J. Volpe  
(SAM)^

Marc Molinaro & Julie Killian (R, C, REF)^

Larry Sharpe & Andrew C. Hollister (L)^

### New York State Attorney General

*Term of Office: 4 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$151,500*

Christopher B. Garvey (L)

**Letitia A. James** (D, WF, I)^

Nancy B. Sliwa (REF)^

Michael Sussman (G)^

Keith Wofford (R, C)

### New York State Comptroller

*Term of Office: 4 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$153,000*

**Thomas P. DiNapoli** (D, WF, I, WE, REF)  
† ^

Mark Dunlea (G)^

Cruger E. Gallaudet (L)

Jonathan Trichter (R, C)^

### U.S. Senator

*Term of Office: 6 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$174,000*

Chele Chiavacci Farley (R, C, REF)

Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D, WF, I, WE) †

## CIVIL COURT JUDGES

*Term of Office: 10 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$193,500*

### County – New York

Vote for 2

Shahabuddeen A. Ally (D)

Ariel D. Chesler (D)

### District – 1st Municipal Court – New York

Frank P. Nervo (D)

### District - 2nd Municipal Court – New York

Wendy C. Li (D)

### District – 3rd Municipal Court – New York

Hilary Gingold (D)

### District – 5th Municipal Court – New York

Ilana J. Marcus (D)

### District – 6th Municipal Court – New York

Nicholas W. Moyne (D)

### District – 9th Municipal Court – New York

Kathleen C. Waterman (D)

### District – 10th Municipal Court – New York

Jeanine R. Johnson (D)

### County – Bronx

Marissa Soto (D)

### District – 1st Municipal Court – Bronx Vote for 2

Connie Morales (D)

Naita A. Semaj (D)

## County – Kings

*Vote for 2*

Loren Bailly (D)  
Rupert V. Barry (D)  
Vincent F. Martusciello (C)

## District – 1st Municipal Court – Kings

Anne J. Swern (D)

## District – 4th Municipal Court – Kings

Jill R. Epstein (D)

## District – 8th Municipal Court – Kings

Gina Levy (D)

## County – Queens

*Vote for 3*

Karina E. Alomar (D)  
Ira R. Greenberg (C)  
Lourdes M. Ventura (D)

## District – 4th Municipal Court – Queens

Lance P. Evans (D)

## SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

*Term of Office: 14 YEARS*

*Salary: \$208,000*

## District – 1st Supreme Court – New York

*Vote for 3*

Lynn R. Kotler (D) †  
Mary V. Rosado (D)  
Alexander M. Tisch (D) †

## District – 2nd Supreme Court – Kings

*Vote for 7*

Debra Brown (WF)  
Anthony R. Caccamo (R, C)  
Devin P. Cohen (D, R, C) †  
Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix (D, R, C)  
Ingrid Joseph (D, R, C)

Lisa S. Ottley (D, R, C)  
Eric. I. Prus (D, R, C)  
Wayne Saitta (D)  
Douglass Seidman (WF)  
Angharad Vaughan (WF)  
Michelle G. Weston (D, R, C)

## District – 11th Supreme Court – Queens

*Vote for 5*

David A. Bellon (REF)  
Valerie Brathwaite Nelson (D, R)  
Robert I. Caloras (D)  
Maureen A. Healy (D)  
Joseph F. Kasper (R, C)  
Laurence L. Love (D)  
Ushir Pandit-Durant (D) †

## District – 12th Supreme Court – Bronx

*Vote for 8*

Benjamin R. Barbato (D) †  
Mary Ann Brigantti (D)  
Bob Cohen (WF)  
Benison DeFunis (R)  
James B. Gisondi (R)  
Ronald J. Kim (WF)  
Patricia Latzman (WF)  
Michael Lausell (WF)  
Gino A. Marmorato (R)  
Eddie J. McShan (D) †  
Marsha D. Michael (D)  
Julio Rodriguez (D)  
Llinet Rosado (D) †  
Kenneth D. Schaeffer (WF)  
Mark Schneider (WF)  
Elizabeth A. Taylor (D) †  
Robert E. Torres (D)

## District – 13th Supreme Court – Richmond

*Vote for 2*

Anthony Catalano (D)  
Marina Cora Mundy (R, C, REF)  
Orlando Marrazzo Jr. (D, REF) †  
Ralph J. Porzio (R, C)

## Bronx

## Representative in U.S. Congress

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$174,000*

## District 13\*

Jineea Butler (R, REF)  
Adriano Espaillat (D, WF) †

## District 14 \*

Joseph Crowley (WF, WE) †  
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D)  
Anthony Pappas (R)  
Elizabeth Perri (C)

## District 15

Jason D. González (R, C)  
José E. Serrano (D, WF) †

## District 16

Eliot L. Engel (D, WF, WE) †

## New York State Senator

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

## District 29 \*

José A. Colon (R)  
José M. Serrano (D) †

## District 32

Patrick Delices (R) ^  
Migdalia Denis (C)  
Luis Sepúlveda (D, WF) †  
Pamela Stewart-Martinez (REF)

## District 33

J. Gustavo Rivera (D, WF) † ^  
Steven M. Stern (C)  
Nicole J. Torres (R)

## District 34

Alessandra Biaggi (D, WF) ^  
Jeffrey D. Klein (I) † ^  
Richard A. Ribustello (R)  
Antonio Vitiello (C)

## District 36

Jamaal T. Bailey (D, WF) †  
Robert L. Diamond (C)

## New York State Assembly Member

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

## District 77

Tanya Carmichael (R)  
Benjamin Eggleston (C)  
Latoya Joyner (D) †

## District 78

José Rivera (D) †  
Michael E. Walters (R, C)

## District 79

Michael A. Blake (D, WF) † ^  
Margaret Fasano (C)  
Gregory M. Torres (R)

## District 80

Nathalia Fernández (D) †  
Louis Perri (R, C)

## District 81

Jeffrey Dinowitz (D, WF, WE) †  
Alan H. Reed (R, C)

## District 82

Michael R. Benedetto (D) †  
William E. Britt Jr. (C)  
Elizabeth A. English (R)

## District 83

Regina Cartagena (C)  
Carl E. Heastie (D) †  
Aston G. Lee (R)

#### District 84

Carmen E. Arroyo (D) †  
Oswald Denis (C)  
Rosaline Nieves (R)  
Amanda Septimo (WF) ^

#### District 85

Joseph Bogdany (C)  
Marcos A. Crespo (D) †  
Shonde M. Lennon (R)

#### District 86

José Marte (C)  
Victor M. Pichardo (D, WF) †  
Ariel A. Rivera-Díaz (R)

#### District 87

Michael Dennis (C)  
Alpheaus E. Marcus (R)  
Karinés Reyes (D, WF)

## Brooklyn

### Representative in U.S. Congress

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*  
*Salary: \$174,000*

#### District 7 \*

Jeffrey M. Kurzon (REF)  
Joseph Lieberman (C)  
Nydia M. Velázquez (D, WF) †

#### District 8 \*

Hakeem S. Jeffries (D, WF) †  
Ernest C. Johnson (C)  
Jessica L. White (REF)

#### District 9

Joel Anabilah-Azumah  
Yvette D. Clarke †  
Lutchi Gayot

#### District 10 \*

Naomi Levin (R, C, REF)  
Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF) †

#### District 11 \*

Henry J. Bardel (G)  
Dan Donovan (R, C, I, REF) †  
Max N. Rose (D, WF, WE)

#### District 12 \*

Scott Hutchins (G)  
Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF, REF) †  
Eliot Rabin (R)

### New York State Senator

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*  
*Salary: \$79,500*

#### District 17

Simcha Felder (D, R, C, I) †  
Luis Rivera (REF)  
Jumaane D. Williams (WF)

#### District 18

Julia Salazar (D) ^

#### District 19

Jeffrey J. Ferretti (R, C)  
Roxanne J. Persaud (D, WF) †

#### District 20

Jesse E. Hamilton (I, WE) † ^  
**Zellnor Y. Myrie** (D, WF) ^

#### District 21

Brian W. Kelly (C)  
Kevin S. Parker (D, WF) † ^

#### District 22

Martin J. Golden (R, C, I) † ^  
**Andrew S. Gounardes** (D, WF, REF) ^

#### District 23 \*

David Krainert (R, C)  
Jasmine L. Robinson (WF) ^  
Diane J. Savino (D, I, WE, REF) † ^

#### District 25

Velmanette Montgomery (D, WF) †

#### District 26 \*

Anthony Arias (R, REF) ^  
Stuart J. Avrck (C)  
Brian Kavanagh (D, WF) †

### New York State Assembly Member

*Term of Office: 10 YEARS (no term limit)*  
*Salary: \$79,500*

#### District 41

Helene E. Weinstein (D, WF) †

#### District 42

Anthony Beckford (G) ^  
Rodneyse Bichotte (D, WF) †  
Matthew Williams (R, C)

#### District 43

Diana Richardson (D, WF) †

#### District 44

Robert C. Carroll (D, WF) †  
Yevgeny G. Goldberg (R, C, REF)

#### District 45

Steven Cymbrowitz (D, WF, I, WE) †

#### District 46

Patrick Dwyer (G)  
Mathylde Frontus (D, WE) ^  
Ethan Lustig-Elgrably (WF) ^  
Steven Saperstein (R, C, I, REF)

#### District 47

William Colton (D, WF) †  
Florence A. LaSalle (R, C)

#### District 48

Simcha Eichenstein (D, C)

#### District 49

Peter J. Abbate Jr. (D, WF, I) †  
Rosemary Mangino (C)

#### District 50

Joseph R. Lentol (D) †

#### District 51

Félix W. Ortiz (D) †

#### District 52

Gary Popkin (L)  
Daniel Ramos (C)  
Jo Anne Simon (D, WF) †

#### District 53

Maritza Davila (D, WF) †

#### District 54

Khorsheed A. Chowdhury (R, C)  
Erik Martin Dilan (D) †

#### District 55

Berneda W. Jackson (R)  
Latrice M. Walker (D, WF) †

#### District 56

Tremaine S. Wright (D, WF) †

#### District 57

Walter T. Mosley III (D, WF) †

#### District 58

N. Nick Perry (D, WF) †

#### District 59

Brandon S. Washington (R, C)  
Jaime R. Williams (D, WF) † ^

#### District 60

Charles Barron (D) †  
Leroy R. Bates (R)  
Horrie J. Johnson (C)

#### District 64\*

Adam Baumel (D) ^  
Nicole Malliotakis (R, C, I, REF) †

## Manhattan

### Representative in U.S. Congress

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$174,000*

#### District 7 \*

Jeffrey M. Kurzon (REF)

Joseph Lieberman (C)

Nydia M. Velázquez (D, WF) †

#### District 10 \*

Naomi Levin (R, C, REF)

Jerrold L. Nadler (D, WF) †

#### District 12 \*

Scott Hutchins (G)

Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF, REF) †

Eliot Rabin (R)

#### District 13 \*

Jineea Butler (R, REF)

Adriano Espaillat (D, WF) †

### New York State Senator

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

#### District 26 \*

Anthony Arias (R, REF)^

Stuart J. Avrick (C)

Brian Kavanaugh (D, WF) †

#### District 27

Brad M. Hoylman (D, WF) † ^

#### District 28

Peter Holmberg (R, I, REF, SB)^

**Liz Krueger** (D, WF) † ^

#### District 29 \*

José A. Colon (R)

José M. Serrano (D) †

#### District 30

Brian A. Benjamin (D, WF) †

#### District 31

Marisol Alcántara (I) † ^

Melinda Crump (R, REF)

Robert Jackson (D, WF)^

### New York State Assembly Member

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

#### District 65

Yuh-Line Niou (D, WF) † ^

#### District 66

Deborah J. Glick (D) †

Cynthia E. Nixon (WF)^

#### District 67

Linda B. Rosenthal (D, WF) †

#### District 68

Daby Carreras (R, REF)

Robert J. Rodriguez (D) † ^

#### District 69

Corina Cotenescu (R)

Daniel J. O'Donnell (D) †

#### District 70

Inez E. Dickens (D) †

#### District 71

Alfred E. Taylor (D, WF) † ^

#### District 72

Carmen N. De La Rosa (D, WF) †

Ronny Goodman (R)

#### District 73

Dr. Jeff Ascherman (R, I, REF)

Dan Quart (D, WF) †

#### District 74

Bryan Cooper (R)

Harvey D. Epstein (D, WF) † ^

Juan Pagan (REF)

#### District 75

Richard N. Gottfried (D, WF, WE) †

#### District 76

Lou Puliafito (REF)

Rebecca A. Seawright (D, WF) †

## Queens

### Representative in U.S. Congress

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$174,000*

#### District 3

Dan P. DeBono (R, C)

Thomas R. Suozzi (D, WF, I, WE, REF) †

#### District 5

Gregory W. Meeks (D) †

#### District 6

Thomas J. Hillgardner (G)

Grace Meng (D, WF, REF) †

#### District 7 \*

Jeffrey M. Kurzon (REF)

Joseph Lieberman (C)

Nydia M. Velázquez (D, WF) †

#### District 8 \*

Hakeem S. Jeffries (D, WF) †

Ernest C. Johnson (C)

Jessica L. White (REF)

#### District 12 \*

Scott Hutchins (G)

Carolyn B. Maloney (D, WF, REF) †

Eliot Rabin (R)

#### District 14 \*

Joseph Crowley (WF, WE) †

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D)

Anthony Pappas (R)

Elizabeth Perri (C)

### New York State Senator

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

#### District 10

James Sanders Jr. (D, WF, REF) †

#### District 11

Tony Avella (I, WE) † ^

John Liu (D)^

Simon H. Minching (C)^

Vickie Paladino (R)^

#### District 12

Michael N. Gianaris (D, WF) †

#### District 13

José R. Peralta (I, WE, REF) † ^

Jessica Ramos (D, WF)^

#### District 14

Leroy G. Comrie Jr. (D, WF, REF) †

#### District 15

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. (D, WF) †

Thomas P. Sullivan (R, C, I, REF)

Mary Tadeshe (IDP)

#### District 16

Vincent J. Paziienza (REF)

Toby Ann Stavisky (D, WF, WE) †

### New York State Assembly Member

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

#### District 23

Stacey G. Pheffer Amato (D, WF, I) †

Matthew G. Pecorino (R)

District 24

David I. Weprin (D) †

District 25

Nily D. Rozic (D, WF, WE) †

District 26

Edward C. Braunstein (D, WF, I, WE) †

David L. Bressler (R, C, REF)

District 27

Daniel A. Rosenthal (D, WF) †

District 28

Andrew D. Hevesi (D, WF) †

Danniel S. Maio (R, REF, MWT)

District 29

Alicia L. Hyndman (D, WF) †

District 30

Brian T. Barnwell (D) † ^

Eric J. Butkiewicz (R, C, REF)

District 31

Michele R. Titus (D, WF) †

District 32

Vivian E. Cook (D) †

District 33

Lalita L. Etwaroo (R, C, REF)

Clyde Vanel (D, WF) †

District 34

Michael G. DenDekker (D) †

District 35

Jeffrion L. Aubry (D) †

District 36

Aravella Simotas (D, WF) †

District 37

Catherine T. Nolan (D, WF) †

District 38

Michael G. Miller (D, C) †

District 39

Catalina Cruz (D)^

Ari Espinal (WF, WE) † ^

Bobby K. Kalotee (REF)

District 40

Ron Kim (D, WF) †

John N. Scandalios (REF)

## Staten Island

### Representative in U.S. Congress

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$174,500*

District 11 \*

Henry J. Bardel (G)

Dan Donovan (R, C, I, REF) †

Max N. Rose (D, WF, WE)

### New York State Senator

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

District 23 \*

David Krainert (R, C)

Jasmine L. Robinson (WF)^

Diane J. Savino (D, I, WE, REF) † ^

District 24

Andrew J. Lanza (R, C, I, REF) †

### New York State Assembly Member

*Term of Office: 2 YEARS (no term limit)*

*Salary: \$79,500*

District 61

Daniel Falcone (G)

Charles D. Fall (D, REF)^

Patricia Kane (WF)

District 62

Michael W. Reilly Jr. (R, C)^

Glenn A. Yost (REF)^

District 63

Michael J. Cusick (D, C, I, REF) †

John Dennie (G)^

District 64\*

Adam Baumel (D)^

Nicole Malliotakis (R, C, I, REF) †

# Voting and Registration Information

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

You are eligible to vote in municipal, federal and state elections if you are: :

- 18 years of age (on the date of the election. You can register at 17 if you will be 18 before the election – Send your voter registration card in the year you turn 18 and it will be filed on your 18th birthday);
- United States citizen; AND
- Registered to vote 25 days before the election.

### To vote in a party primary:

- You must be a registered member of that party.
- You cannot change your party registration to vote in a primary during that same year.
- Party registration changes must be filed 25 days before the previous year's General Election.

## APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

You may vote by absentee ballot if you are:

- absent from New York City (or your county, if you live outside of New York City) on Election Day;
- ill or disabled, or serve as primary caregiver for an ill or disabled individual;
- a patient or inmate in a Veterans' Administration Hospital; OR
- detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or are confined in prison for an offense other than a felony..

Deadlines for absentee ballot applications and submissions are as follows:

- Mail your Absentee Ballot Application or Letter of Application by Tuesday, October 30th.
- Apply for an Absentee Ballot in Person at your local county board of elections office by Monday, November 5th.
- Mail in your Absentee Ballot with a postmark by Monday, November 5th – it also must be received by the local board of elections no later than November 19th.
- Drop off your Absentee Ballot in person by Tuesday, November 6th to your local board of elections office – a friend or relative can drop it off..

## TO OBTAIN A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM OR ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- Go in person to your local county Board of Elections office;
- Call the Board of Elections at 1-866-VOTE-NYC
- Visit the Board of Elections website at <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/register.shtml>
  - Absentee Voting: <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/absentee.shtml>

## 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 <https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search>

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 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.

## **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 (which may include English, Spanish, Chinese - Mandarin, Chinese – Cantonese or Korean). 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://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/newway\\_en/using\\_bmd.shtml](http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/newway_en/using_bmd.shtml)

## **RESOURCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **To Research Campaign Contributions**

NYS Board of Elections (800) 458-3453 [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov)

### **To Research Candidates and Issues**

Citizens Union	(212) 227-0342	<a href="http://www.citizensunion.org">www.citizensunion.org</a>
Gotham Gazette	(212) 227-0342	<a href="http://www.gothamgazette.com">www.gothamgazette.com</a>
NYPIRG	(212) 349-6460	<a href="http://www.nypirg.org">www.nypirg.org</a>
League of Women Voters of NYS	(518) 465-4162	<a href="http://www.lwvny.org">www.lwvny.org</a>
Project Vote Smart	(888) VOTE-SMART	<a href="http://www.votesmart.org">www.votesmart.org</a>

### **To Research Incumbent Records**

New York State Assembly	(518) 455-4218	<a href="http://www.assembly.state.ny.us">www.assembly.state.ny.us</a>
New York State Senate		<a href="http://www.nysenate.gov">www.nysenate.gov</a>