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General Election



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# Citizens Union Endorsed Candidates

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## 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

### Statewide

#### New York State Governor

Kathy Hochul (D, WFP)

### Brooklyn

#### Senate District 17

Iwen Chu (D, WFP)

#### Assembly District 46

Mathylde Frontus (D, WFP)

### Queens

#### Senate District 11

Toby Ann Stavisky (D, WFP)

**The following candidates were preferred by Citizens Union in the Primary and are on the ballot in the general election:**

Bronx	Senate District 33	Gustavo Rivera (D, WFP)
Bronx	Senate District 34	Nathalia Fernandez (D)
Brooklyn	Senate District 21	Kevin Parker (D)
Brooklyn	Senate District 26	Andrew Gounardes (D, WFP)
Manhattan	Senate District 27	Brian Kavanaugh (D)
Manhattan	Senate District 30	Cordelle Cleare (D, WFP)
Manhattan	Assembly District 65	Grace Lee (D)
Staten Island/BK	Senate District 23	Jessica Scarcella-Spanton (D)

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# Citizens Union's Positions on New York City and State Ballot Proposals

BALLOT PROPOSAL 1:

Clean Water, Clean Air, and  
Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

**Vote Yes**

BALLOT PROPOSAL 2:

Add a Statement of Values to Guide Government

**Vote Yes**

BALLOT PROPOSAL 3:

Establish a Racial Equity Office, Plan, and Commission

**Vote Yes**

BALLOT PROPOSAL 4:

Measure the True Cost of Living

**Vote Yes**



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## CITIZENS UNION MISSION

Citizens Union (CU) is committed to reforming New York City and State government to foster accountability, accessibility, transparency, honesty, and the highest ethical standards. For the past 125 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. Some of our current initiatives include monitoring the City Council's redistricting process, improving New York's election administration, and increasing civic engagement. In all of our efforts, we have been — and will remain — nonpartisan.

Stay up to date with the latest happenings of the CU team and our work by liking our [Facebook page](#) and following us on [Twitter](#).

## THE VOTERS DIRECTORY

This fall, New Yorkers will vote in the general election for New York State Legislature, Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General as well as for federal and judicial positions. New Yorkers will also vote on four ballot initiatives.

To help our supportive Citizens Union members prepare to vote, Citizens Union has been publishing an annual Voters Directory for over a century. The current edition provides a roster of Citizens Union's endorsed candidates in several key races and the rigorous evaluation process of candidates. This edition also includes information about this year's ballot initiatives.

For more information on this year's election, visit the NYC Board of Elections website at [vote.nyc](http://vote.nyc) or call (866) VOTE-NYC.



# Ballot Proposals and Citizens Union's Recommendations

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## PROPOSAL NUMBER 1, AN AMENDMENT: CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND GREEN JOBS ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT OF 2022

**To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the Act authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?**

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

The 2022 Environmental Bond Act—the largest Bond Act measure ever on the ballot in New York —would fund the state's aggressive plans to mitigate and adapt to the growing impacts of climate change. If passed, the state would issue and sell up to \$4.2 billion of general obligation bonds to provide long-term, dedicated funding for specified categories of environmental capital projects. These include restoration and flood risk reduction, water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure, open space land conservation and recreation, and climate change mitigation. At least 35% of the total \$4.2 billion is required to be spent in "disadvantaged communities," with a goal of reaching 40%.

In recent years, New York State has enacted several measures meant to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fully transition to clean energy, including the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, one of the most ambitious climate laws in the country. The U.S. Congress has approved massive funding and incentives for production of electric power, construction of renewable energy projects, and development of advanced technologies for clean energy. The Environmental Bond Act before the voters would provide the funding needed to achieve the goals set by those laws.



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New York State's history with environmental bond acts goes back to 1910, and previous bond acts have obligated roughly \$30 billion (adjusted) towards environmental programs and projects. Citizens Union has supported such bond acts in the past, including the most recent one, The Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996. Citizens Union also supported other bond acts to fund large scale transportation projects, including in 2005, 2000, and 1983.

The 2022 Environmental Bond Act offers a historic opportunity to provide essential funding for New York's ambitious efforts in combatting the adverse impacts of climate change, as well as to further environmental justice and simultaneously stimulate the economy. It is consistent with past efforts by the state to lead and implement programs to further environmental protection, natural resource conservation, and the related quality of life in the state. Citizens Union considers the Environmental Bond Act a prime example of good government and recommends supporting it.

## **PROPOSAL NUMBER 2, A QUESTION: ADD A STATEMENT OF VALUES TO GUIDE GOVERNMENT**

**This proposal would amend the New York City Charter to: Add a preamble, which would be an introductory statement of values and vision aspiring toward "a just and equitable city for all" New Yorkers; and Include in the preamble a statement that the City must strive to remedy "past and continuing harms and to reconstruct, revise, and reimagine our foundations, structures, institutions, and laws to promote justice and equity for all New Yorkers." The preamble is intended to guide City government in fulfilling its duties. Shall this proposal be adopted?**

## **PROPOSAL NUMBER 3, A QUESTION: ESTABLISH A RACIAL EQUITY OFFICE, PLAN, AND COMMISSION**

**This proposal would amend the City Charter to: Require citywide and agency-specific Racial Equity Plans every two years. The plans would include intended strategies and goals to improve racial equity and to reduce or eliminate racial disparities; Establish an Office of Racial Equity and appoint a Chief Equity Officer to advance racial equity and coordinate the City's racial equity planning process. The Office would support City agencies**



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in improving access to City services and programs for those people and communities who have been negatively affected by previous policies or actions, and collect and report data related to equity; and Establish a Commission on Racial Equity, appointed by City elected officials. In making appointments to this Commission, elected officials would be required to consider appointees who are representative of or have experience advocating for a diverse range of communities. The Commission would identify and propose priorities to inform the racial equity planning process and review agency and citywide Racial Equity Plans. Shall this proposal be adopted?

### PROPOSAL NUMBER 4, A QUESTION: MEASURE THE TRUE COST OF LIVING

This proposal would amend the City Charter to: Require the City to create a “true cost of living” measure to track the actual cost in New York City of meeting essential needs, including housing, food, childcare, transportation, and other necessary costs, and without considering public, private, or informal assistance, in order to inform programmatic and policy decisions; and Require the City government to report annually on the “true cost of living” measure. Shall this proposal be adopted?

### CITIZENS UNION SUPPORTS ALL THREE PROPOSALS

In March 2021, former Mayor de Blasio established a charter revision commission intended to focus on racial justice and reconciliation, with a two-year mandate to identify and root out structural racism, called The Racial Justice Commission. The Commission identified what it called “six patterns of inequity” that present systemic barriers to power, access, and opportunity for New Yorkers, and has put three proposals before the voters to address those issues.

**Proposal 2** would establish a Charter preamble focusing on equity for all New Yorkers, intended to guide policy-makers. The New York City Charter does not currently have a preamble.

This amendment would add a preamble to the charter that declares an intention and vision to create a more equitable future. The ballot proposal would also add Charter section 1151-a, which would require





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City agencies and officials to “to consider and be guided” by the values stated in the preamble, and to “examine” whether these values are being realized. However, it explicitly states the preamble does not create “direct or indirect right of action to enforce its terms.”

**Proposal 3** would require the city to establish a bi-annual racial equity plan, which would be managed by a new office and overseen by a new commission. The racial equity plan would outline short term and long-term racial equity goals and strategies, performance and outcome indicators, and guidance for agencies. The planning process for the racial equity plan would sync up with the citywide budget process to align NYC’s spending priorities with equity priorities. There is no requirement for spending to be allocated. Covered agencies would be required to complete individual agency racial equity plans, which would be incorporated into the mayor’s citywide racial equity plan. A new Office of Racial Equity, led by a mayoral appointee, would be tasked with developing the plan and supporting city agencies in the process. The Office would also establish an access design program to reduce barriers to City services. Finally, the proposed amendment would also create a commission on racial equity, which would act as an oversight body on the racial equity plan and enable community members with equity expertise and lived experience to influence city decision-making.

**Proposal 4** would require city government to develop and report, beginning in 2024, an annual “true cost of living” measurement of what it costs to live in New York City without consideration of public, private, or informal assistance. The new measure is meant to complement existing measures such as the federal poverty line, which is often seen as an outdated and inaccurate standard, or the NYCgov poverty measure, which misses many poor households because it calculates public assistance as income, putting many families above the poverty line.

The goals of all three proposals are worthy objectives in line with the values of Citizens Union. Racial equity is a critical goal for New York City, and the charter proposals reflect the lived experience of many in a City that is majority people of color, with a long history of racial inequity. The proposals would place a focus on inequality that



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currently is lacking in the Charter or the City's operational structure. Citizens Union does have concerns as to whether the proposals will lead to meaningful change. There is no assurance that the Racial Equity Plan will be implemented or that spending will be allocated based on it (although implementation is tied to the budget cycle). Citizens Union believes that for the proposals to be effective, City leaders must exercise strong, committed and ongoing leadership from the Mayor on down.



# Candidate Evaluation Process

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Citizens Union has evaluated 4 races for statewide, Senate, and Assembly offices 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 and Citizens Union Board members assessed the candidates based on their responses to Citizens Union's questionnaire (a prerequisite for interviews), research, first-hand knowledge of the candidates, and interviews with the candidates, which last approximately 30 minutes each. The interview teams then made advisory recommendations to the full Local Candidates Committee, which deliberated and made recommendations to the Citizens Union Board, which made the final decision. All interviews and meetings were held by video conference.

An endorsement reflects a candidate that Citizens Union deems not only qualified for the office, but also a viable candidate, who is committed to an agenda of positive reform. Please note that candidates not preferred or 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 Preference" 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. A "Dual Preference" designation may be offered to two qualified candidates, but not a "Dual Endorsement." A "Dual Preference" shall be used only as a last resort, and, in the case of such determination, CU shall explain its reasoning in its Voters Directory.



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## **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 not be determinative.
- Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not 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.



# Candidate Evaluations

All candidates questionnaires can be found online at [citizensunion.org](https://citizensunion.org).

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## NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR

### Kathy Hochul ★ *Endorsed Candidate*

*Democrat, Working Families*

*Age: 63 Occupation: New York State Governor*

*Education: Syracuse University (B.A.); Catholic University (J.D.)*

Governor Kathy Hochul assumed office under difficult circumstances that included a government in disarray and a resurgence of the covid pandemic. One of her first promises was to “change the culture of Albany,” and she indeed brought in a new style of governing that was sorely needed. Her collaborative and open approach allowed her to build good working relations with the Legislature and New York City Mayor, a rare sight in New York. She assembled an impressive team of dedicated public servants to assist her and has been open to receiving input from all stakeholders.

Hochul’s first plan also included a bold vision to replace the state’s failed ethics watchdog with a new independent body that would not be appointed by elected officials and would work under more effective and transparent rules, which she framed as “blowing up JCOPE.” The reform she passed, a compromise approved in the final stretch of budget negotiations, kept appointment power with elected officials but added a vetting process for appointees, managed by law school deans. While we view it as inadequate, we are hopeful that the new ethics watchdog provides the opportunity to “reset” expectations about state ethics oversight. In her interview with Citizens Union, Hochul was honest about the difficulties in getting reform policies to pass and spoke about the pushback she often receives. She said she believes in incremental progress to build support for the future. “It’s a game of yards,” she said on reform.

Another critical area of reform where she wants to see change is election administration. Hochul said she supports meaningful reforms to the Board of Elections, including reducing the party-based



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hiring in election boards, implementing open and competitive hiring processes, and amending the constitution to remove the control of parties over election boards. Acknowledging the political challenges around this issue, Hochul said she wants to start with “low-hanging fruit” and work from there. Her commitment to election reforms is evident from the increased funding she provided to the new public campaign finance system, as well as the support she lent for important policies like ten-day voter registration deadline, poll sites on college campuses, and the New York Voting Rights Act.

Although Governor Hochul is more amenable to a reform agenda than some of her predecessors, as an office holder, she has faced a series of questions regarding ethics issues since entering the governor’s mansion. She has raised great sums of money at a record breaking pace from donors with clear financial interests before the state. The latest example is a \$637 million contract for Covid tests, which the state awarded to a company owned by a family who donated over \$300,000 to the Hochul campaign. California paid about half as much money per test from the same company. Earlier this year she faced criticism for the rushed approval of the Buffalo Bills stadium deal and the appointment of a Lieutenant Governor who was later indicted for corruption. Our primary preference called for the Governor to do more to ensure New Yorkers that she conducts the political affairs of this office in an ethical manner, yet more issues have surfaced since.

The Governor also had a role in approving the gerrymandered redistricting plan that was struck down by the courts. She must now ensure that the redrawing of State Assembly districts, slated to happen next year, remains independent. Moreover, as the state considers the next steps in redistricting reform, the Governor should show the leadership needed to prevent parties from using the process for their advantage, as we saw this year.

New Yorkers are facing a critical moment in American politics. Attacks against basic democratic principles and the rule of law are putting our democracy at risk. Citizens Union believes that Kathy Hochul is best positioned to tackle those problems, and effectuate critically needed changes in how Albany operates. She has shown a willingness and interest to pursue important reforms and demonstrated a better way of governing the state. Citizens Union

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endorses her for Governor and looks forward to continuing working with her to improve New York's democracy

## Lee Zeldin

*Republican, Conservative*

*Age: 42 Occupation: Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, NY-01*

*Education: University at Albany, SUNY (BA), Albany Law School (JD)*

Lee Zeldin has represented Long Island in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2011. Before that, he served two terms in the New York State Senate, where he chaired the Consumer Protection Committee. Zeldin chose not to participate in Citizens Union's evaluation of gubernatorial candidates, so we cannot assess his stances on reform issues or otherwise. His platform calls to strengthen New York's Freedom of Information Law and end the "3 persons in a room approach to governance", both positive proposals. However, he also suggests the state's ethics watchdog could be overhauled by maintaining the power of elected officials to appoint ethics commissioners but evenly distribute appointments between the two major parties. This would only hinder independence and effectiveness at the agency.

More important is Zeldin's role in the growing election disinformation campaign that is threatening American democracy over the past two years. In the aftermath of the 2020 elections, as more unsubstantiated claims about election fraud were being spread, Zeldin offered strategic advice to Trump's chief of staff Mark Meadows on how to promote reports of voting irregularities and use them to fundraise. Hours after the U.S. Capitol was attacked on January 6, 2021, Zeldin voted against certifying the 2020 election results in two battleground states. He has repeatedly avoided admitting that there was no widespread fraud in that election, going as far as saying that we "will never know" the consequences of policies meant to facilitate voting during the Covid-19 pandemic. During the only debate in this race, he refused to say if he would vote for election certification, if given another chance and considering everything he now knows.

Based on the above, we have decided to endorse Zeldin's opponent, Kathy Hochul, for New York governor.





# Brooklyn

## NY ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 46

*Bay Ridge, Fort Hamilton, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, Gravesend, Coney Island, and Brighton Beach*

### **Mathylde Frontus** ★ *Endorsed Candidate*

*Democratic, Working Families*

*Age: 44 Occupation: New York Assembly Member, 46th District*

*Education: Columbia University (PhD)*

Mathylde Frontus has served in the state Assembly since 2018 and currently chairs the subcommittee on minority mental health. Frontus has introduced several bills on reform issues, including creating a public database of government projects, extending early voting and requiring local government meetings to be live-streamed for public access. Before assuming office, she founded several Coney Island based social service and advocacy organizations, the most notable of which was the Urban Neighborhood Services, an umbrella social services organization offering a wide range of support for community members. In this campaign, her priorities are improving NYCHA, expanding mental health access, and bolstering the small business economy. Frontus supported all of Citizens Union’s policy goals on the candidate questionnaire. Citizens Union endorses Frontus in this race because of her reform-minded approach in Albany and her relationship-building capacity with her colleagues in the legislature.

### **Alec Brook-Krasny**

*Republican, Conservative*

*Age: 64 Occupation: Full time candidate*

*Education: Moscow Technical Institute (BA)*

Alec Brook-Krasny represented this Assembly District from 2007-2015, before abruptly resigning. During his time in office, Brook-Krasny cosponsored bills relating to language access, youth voting, voter suppression, early voting, voter registration and ranked-choice voting in

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NYC. Prior to his time in the Assembly, he founded the Council of Jewish Émigré Community Organizations, an organization that provided programs aimed at connecting the Jewish-American and the Russian-Jewish communities. In 2017, Brook-Krasny was arrested on charges of conspiracy and health care fraud for allegedly helping run a pill mill that put millions of dollars of narcotics on the streets. In 2019, Brook-Krasny, who has maintained his innocence all along, was acquitted of all felony charges. In 2022, Brook-Krasny announced that he would be joining the Republican party because the Democrats had become “too soft on crime” and “too progressive” for him. His top priority is neighborhood safety, which he hopes to achieve by reversing bail reform and restoring one billion dollars to the NYPD. He supported all of the questionnaire items except same day voter registration because he believes it “would create chaos at the BOE.” Citizens Union appreciates Brook-Krasny’s dedication to the south Brooklyn community, and encourages him to continue his civic engagement.

**NY SENATE DISTRICT 17**

*Bensonhurst, New Utrecht, Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, and Greenwood heights.*

**Iwen Chu** ★ *Endorsed Candidate*

*Democratic, Working Families*

*Age: 44 Occupation: Chief of staff for Assembly Member Peter Abbate*

*Education: Brooklyn College (MA)*

For the last ten years, Iwen Chu has served as chief of staff for Peter Abbate, who represents this area in the State Assembly. She has been a member of Community Board 11, Community Education Council District 20, and the board of Healthcare Choices. Earlier in her career, Chu worked as a TV journalist in Taiwan, where she was born and raised, and for Chinese newspapers that focused on south Brooklyn’s Asian community. The district she seeks to represent is brand-new, created in the last redistricting cycle to allow the growing Asian-American community in south Brooklyn an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice, as required by the federal Voting Rights



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Act (a second brand-new district was created in western Queens). Chu's top priorities are increasing language access, improving public safety, and fully funding public education. She wants to make voting more accessible by providing interpreters in additional languages at polling sites. Chu supported all of Citizens Union's policy goals on the candidate questionnaire. Citizens Union endorses Iwen Chu in this race because of her deep ties to the district and her experience navigating the state legislature. We believe she will be an excellent first senator for a new senate district.

## Vito LaBella

*This candidate did not respond to Citizens Union's questionnaire.*



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## NY SENATE DISTRICT 11

*Glen Oaks, Douglaston, Terrace Heights, Hollis, Hillside, Windsor Oak, Little Neck, Whitestone, College Point, Steinway, Rikers Island*

### Toby Ann Stavisky ★ *Endorsed Candidate*

*Democratic, Working Families*

*Age: 83 Occupation: New York Senator, 16th District*

*Education: Hunter and Queens College (MA)*

Toby Ann Stavisky has represented Queens in the State Senate since 1999 when she won a special election to replace her late husband. From 2003 to 2008, Stavisky served as Assistant Minority Whip. Currently, she serves as Vice Chairwoman of the Democratic Majority Conference and chairs the Committee on Higher Education. Stavisky has introduced a handful of CU adjacent bills in her 22 years in the Senate, including legislation to allow 16 year-olds to serve on community boards, requiring Braille for all who need it on absentee ballots, and improving language assistance at the Queens Board of Elections. After the redistricting process significantly redrew several senate districts in Queens, Stavisky decided to run in a new district. She currently represents Senate District 16, an oddly shaped district that is centered in Flushing and Murray Hill. Now, she seeks to represent District 11, which runs through the Queens northern shorefront from Glen Oaks to Astoria. In her interview, Stavisky argued voters' primary concern is that they are served well by their representative, and that her track record proves she provides for her constituents. Her priorities are reducing gun violence, protecting women's reproductive rights, and reducing tuition costs at CUNY and SUNY. Stavisky supported all of the candidate questionnaire items, and said she would like to see patronage limited in boards of elections. She also stated her strong support for an independent redistricting process. Citizens Union appreciates her thoughtful and honest answers, and believes her to be an effective and experienced lawmaker. We endorse her in this race.

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## Stefano Forte

*Republican, Conservative*

*Age: 24 Occupation: Full time candidate*

*Education: St. Francis College (BA)*

Stefano Forte is a local activist from Queens. He became involved in local environmental issues, and is now the president of the Queens branch of the American Conservation Coalition, a group dedicated to cleaning up parks. Forte served as the campaign manager in two local races and has held leadership positions in the Queens Young Republican club. His campaign priorities are to repeal cashless bail, restore merit based education, and temporarily suspend the gas tax. Forte supported most of CU's reform agenda but opposed same day voter registration and no-excuse absentee ballots, saying that these measures would lead to corruption. He opposes reducing the voter registration deadline to anything less than the current 25 days before an election. On BOE reform, Forte wants to see merit-based hiring and curb patronage, but seemed reluctant to separate it from parties out of fear of "one party control". Instead, he wants to add election commissioners from third parties to county BOEs. On campaign finance reform, Forte believes corporations should be banned from giving contributions and supports matching funds programs, although he believes they could "open the door to corruption and greed". Although he took a reform-minded approach to certain issues, CU does not endorse him in this race due to his opposition to important voting reforms.



# Questionnaire

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Candidates for office are asked to complete a questionnaire on a variety of topics related to Citizens Union’s reform agenda and their plans for office. Below you can find these questions, and candidates responses (not only from those candidates interviewed).

The Questionnaire also included open-ended questions, but only yes/no questions are presented below. Responses to the full questionnaire from all candidates can be found on Citizens Union’s website.

## ETHICS

- 1 Do you support the new independent ethics oversight agency to also replace the Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC), a change that would require a constitutional amendment?
- 2 Do you support significantly limiting outside compensation earned by state legislators and eliminate stipends, while increasing their pay?

## VOTING AND ELECTIONS

### **Election administration**

- 3 Do you support removing the constitutional requirement in election administration that empowers the two major political parties to nominate and effectively control election boards?
- 4 Do you support reducing the party-based hiring in boards of elections to the minimum currently required by the constitution?
- 5 Do you support implementing an open, competitive, merit-based hiring process for all election administration staff and certain functions at polls?

### **Voting rights**

- 6 Do you support re-passing the constitutional amendment to enact same-day voter registration, and putting it on the ballot in 2024?



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- 7 Do you support re-passing the constitutional amendment to enact no-excuse absentee voting, and putting it on the ballot in 2024?

### **Open and Competitive Elections**

- 8 Do you support easing access to the ballot for parties and independent candidates, by returning to the pre-2020 voting and signature thresholds?
- 9 Do you support reforming the process of filling vacancies in the state legislature by implementing nonpartisan special elections or holding a primary election at least thirty days in advance of the special election?

### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

- 10 Do you support further reducing campaign contribution limits?
- 11 Do you support setting even lower contribution limits for registered lobbyists and those who do business with the state?
- 12 Starting from the next election cycle, New York will have a public campaign finance program, offering matching funds on small donations for candidates who opt in. If you decide to run again in the next election, do you intend to participate in the program?
- 13 Do you support moving the campaign finance matching program to be administered by an independent, nonpartisan body outside of the State Board of Election?

### **COURT REFORM**

- 14 Do you support simplifying and consolidating New York State's court system - which includes 11 trial courts - by passing the Chief Judge's proposed constitutional amendment to modernize the courts?

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District	SD11	SD11	SD17	AD46	AD46	AD45	AD47
Party	Rep/Con/ Ind	Dem/WFP	Dem/WFP	Rep/Con	Dem/WFP	Dem/Ind	Dem
Q1	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q2	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q3	S	S	S	S	S	C S	S
Q4	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q5	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q6	O	S	S	O	S	O	S
Q7	O	S	S	S	S	O	S
Q8	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q9	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q11	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q12	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Q13	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

## KEY

- S Support
- O Oppose
- CS Conditional Support



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Following this year's redistricting process, two new Senate districts were created in New York City. The City is now represented by 28 State Senate and 65 State Assembly seats. Of the 93 seats in the New York State Legislature representing New York City residents:

- 37 incumbents are running uncontested in the general election. That means that 40% of all of NYC's seats in the state legislature are held by incumbents who do not face any competition.
- 2 candidates are running for open seats that are uncontested. They won their primary, but do not face competition in the general election.
- In the state Senate, 13 of NYC's 28 seats – or 46% – are held by incumbents who are running for re-election without challengers.
- In the Assembly, 24 of NYC's 65 seats – or 37% – are held by incumbents who are running for re-election without challengers.

***The following district numbers represent new districts, post-redistricting***

## Brooklyn

Senate District 18	Julia Salazar (D, WFP)
Senate District 19	Roxanne J. Persaud (D)
Senate District 20	Zellnor Myrie (D, WFP)
Senate District 25	Jabari Brisport (D, WFP)
Assembly District 42	Rodneyse Bichotte (D)
Assembly District 43	Brian Cunningham (D, WFP)
Assembly District 50	Emily E. Gallagher (D)
Assembly District 53	Maritza Davila (D)
Assembly District 56	Stefani L. Zinerman (D)
Assembly District 57	Phara Forrest (D, WFP)
Assembly District 59	Jaime R. Williams (D)





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Senate District 34  
Senate District 36

Jose Serrano (D, WFP)  
Gustavo Rivera (D, WFP)  
Jamaal Bailey (D)

## Manhattan

Senate District 30  
Assembly District 66  
Assembly District 67  
Assembly District 71  
Assembly District 72  
Assembly District 76

Cordelle Cleare (D, WFP)  
Deborah Glick (D, WFP)  
Linda Rosenthal (D, WFP)  
Alfred E. Taylor (D)  
Manny De Los Santos (D)  
R. Seawright (D, WFP)

## Queens

Senate District 10  
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James Sanders (D)  
Michael Gianaris (D, WFP)  
Jessica Ramos (D, WFP)  
Leroy Comrie (D)  
Kristen Gonzalez (D, WFP)  
David Weprin (D)  
Alicia Hyndman (D, WFP)  
Khaleel Anderson (D, WFP)  
Clyde Vanel (D)  
Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas (D, WFP)  
Jeffrion Aubry (D)  
Zohran Mamdani (D, WFP)  
Juan Ardila (D, WFP)  
Jennifer Rajkumar (D)  
Catalina Cruz (D, WFP)

## Staten Island

Senate District 24  
Assembly District 61  
Assembly District 62  
Assembly District 64

Andrew Lanza (R, C)  
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