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Warmest congratulations to our fellow honorees on your well-deserved recognition.

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Welcome!

Thank you for helping us celebrate 125 years of Citizens Union’s work for reform of City and State government. This year’s Gotham Greats are an impressive group honored tonight for their significant contributions to the civic life of all New York.

They are Douglas and Wendy Eisenberg, Loretta Lynch, and Tali Farhadian Weinstein.

We are proud to also present our inaugural Searchlight Award for excellence in journalism to John Avlon and Margaret Hoover.

Like many organizations, Citizens Union and Citizens Union Foundation were significantly impacted by the COVID pandemic. Yet, through it all, the work of the organization never stopped, or even paused. As we emerge from COVID’s new normal and look forward to getting back into affordable office space, we continue to focus on the issues of importance to New Yorkers.

- We continue to focus on New York City Council redistricting. Citizens Union’s staff trained New Yorkers from every borough to testify before the NYC Districting Commission. We continue to watch the process of City redistricting and will offer recommendations at the conclusion of the process.

- We are in the midst of looking at the benefits of on-cycle elections that would align citywide elections with federal elections for increased voter turnout and cost savings.

- We are about to start a project looking at the effects of scaffolding throughout the city.

Gotham Gazette and its daily Eye-Opener continue to keep New Yorkers informed with quality reporting on a wide variety of issues that impact New Yorkers.

We could do none of this without your support. As we celebrate 125 years of making a positive impact on New York government, I thank you on behalf of Citizens Union and Citizens Union Foundation’s Boards of Directors and our hardworking staff.

Betsy Gotbaum
Executive Director
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John Avlon

Author; Senior Political Analyst & Anchor, CNN

John Avlon is receiving the inaugural Citizens Union Searchlight Award to recognize his promotion of democracy through civic discourse, public information and the study of history.

John Avlon is an author, columnist and commentator and a senior political analyst and anchor at CNN. He was the editor-in-chief and managing director of The Daily Beast from 2013-2018. He is the author of the books Lincoln and the Fight for Peace, Independent Nation, Wingnuts, and Washington’s Farewell as well as co-editor of the acclaimed Deadline Artists journalism anthologies.

Mr. Avlon served as chief speechwriter to the Mayor of New York and won the National Society of Newspaper Columnists award for best online column in 2012. He has appeared on The Daily Show, Late Show with Stephen Colbert, CNN, Real Time with Bill Maher, PBS, and C-Span and has spoken at the Kennedy School of Government, the Citadel, the State Department’s visiting journalist program, and civic organizations around the nation.

He serves on the board of Citizens Union, where he frequently hosts public programs, The Bronx Academy of Letters, and on the advisory board of the Theodore Roosevelt Association; he was appointed to the New York City Voter Assistance Advisory Committee in 2011. Mr. Avlon is a co-founder of No Labels – a group of Democrats, Republicans and Independents dedicated to the politics of problem-solving and making government work again. He earned a BA from Yale University and an MBA from Columbia University.

John Avlon lives in New York City with Margaret Hoover and their son and daughter.
Douglas & Wendy Eisenberg
Co-Founders, A&E Real Estate Holdings

Douglas and Wendy Eisenberg, co-founders of A&E Real Estate in 2011, are receiving the Citizens Union Gotham Greats award this evening for protecting quality neighborhood housing, their commitment to protecting families, and their philanthropic and civic leadership.

Douglas and Wendy Eisenberg have built A&E into a vertically integrated real estate management and investment firm with preeminent property management, asset management and construction capabilities.

Douglas Eisenberg, A&E Executive Chairman, has worked for the Mayor of the City of New York as well as the Borough President of The Bronx. Mr. Eisenberg currently is a member of the boards of Montefiore Hospital, New York Junior Tennis League, Randall’s Island Park Alliance, Citizens Committee for New York City, and the New York Urban League.

Mr. Eisenberg holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University and a JD from Brooklyn Law School.

Wendy Eisenberg, serving on the Executive, Management and Investment Committees of A&E, spearheads the property management arm, provides legal oversight, oversees A&E’s staffing functions, and sets the corporate culture. Ms. Eisenberg was a member of the 18b Panel for the Appellate Division of the First Department for eight years and an Associate at Rosin and Reiniger, a family law firm, representing foster care agencies in litigation. She worked for the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children where she represented abused and neglected children and matrimonial cases.

Ms. Eisenberg graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara and Brooklyn Law School as a Robert Sparer Public Interest Fellow.
Margaret Hoover
Host, PBS’ Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

Margaret Hoover is receiving the inaugural Citizens Union Searchlight Award to recognize her promotion of democracy through engaging civic discourse.

Margaret Hoover hosts PBS' “Firing Line with Margaret Hoover,” a public affairs, multi-platform program with long-form interviews of prominent people for the rigorous exchange of ideas with the guiding principle that civil discourse is a civic responsibility.


Margaret Hoover lives in New York City with John Avlon and their son and daughter.
Loretta Lynch
Former U.S. Attorney General
Partner, Paul Weiss

Loretta Lynch is receiving Citizens Union’s Gotham Greats award this evening for her fight against corruption and her accomplished government service.

Loretta Lynch is currently a partner in the Litigation Department at Paul Weiss. She advises clients on complex government and internal investigations and high-stakes litigation matters.

Frequently retained for high-profile public advisory roles, she was a Special Advisor to the N.Y. Attorney General’s Office investigation into the conduct of New York City police officers during protests after the death of George Floyd; and by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in a dispute between the Federal Defenders of New York and the Federal Bureau of Prisons regarding attorney access to incarcerated clients during the COVID-19 suspension of in-person visits at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn.


Ms. Lynch received her J.D. and her B.A. in American Literature from Harvard University. She lives in New York with her husband, Stephen Hargrove.
Tali Farhadian Weinstein is receiving Citizens Union’s Gotham Greats award this evening for her dedication to equal justice, her government service, and her philanthropic contributions focused on assisting refugees.

Tali Farhadian Weinstein is a prosecutor, professor, and criminal justice reformer. Her family came to America in 1979 as refugees, fleeing the violence and antisemitism in revolutionary Iran, so she could grow up experiencing safety, fairness, and justice. She has dedicated her career to fighting for those principles.

She was a Law Clerk of Judge Merrick B. Garland at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. During the Obama administration Ms. Farhadian Weinstein worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, as Counsel to Attorney General Eric Holder and as a federal prosecutor. From 2018-2020, she served as the General Counsel of the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office, a national model of progressive prosecution. She was part of the leadership team charged with implementing the office’s criminal justice reform agenda and created the nation’s first Post-Conviction Justice Bureau.

Ms. Farhadian Weinstein is currently a Legal Analyst for NBC News and MSNBC and is an Adjunct Professor of Law at NYU Law School. She is a Trustee of the New York Public Library and serves on the Board of Directors of the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP).

Ms. Farhadian Weinstein holds degrees from Yale College, Oxford University where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and Yale Law School. She lives in New York City with her husband, Boaz Weinstein, and three daughters.
Proskauer is proud to support Citizens Union on its 2022 Gotham Greats Event and joins in congratulating all of this year’s honorees.
We are proud to support the Citizens Union
Gotham Greats Celebration

Congratulations to our friend and colleague
Loretta E. Lynch

and fellow honorees
Doug & Wendy Eisenberg
Tali Farhadian Weinstein
John Avlon
Margaret Hoover
Jenner & Block is proud to support Citizens Union and its mission to reform New York City and State government. Congratulations to this year’s esteemed honorees, Doug & Wendy Eisenberg, Loretta Lynch, Tali Farhadian Weinstein, John Avlon, and Margaret Hoover.
MY CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT TO

BETSY GOTBAUM

AND THE HONOREES

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DOUGLAS AND WENDY EISENBERG
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WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR NEW YORK

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE
AGNES GUND
FOR THE LOVE OF

celebrating 125 years of reform.
for the love of progress

Congratulations to the Citizens Union on its 125th anniversary of ensuring that New Yorkers have a system of government that is responsive to their needs. We’re pleased to honor the accomplishments of all the honorees at the Gotham Greats Celebration!
Happy Anniversary to Citizens Union!

We are proud to celebrate 125 years of Citizens Union standing up for Democracy in New York.

Congratulations to the Gotham Greats and Searchlight awardees for their service to our City, State and Country.

Gratitude to the Citizens Union Board of Directors, the talented staff and supporters who make it all possible.

Judi Rappoport Blitzer
The Durst Organization is pleased to join Citizens Union in honoring:

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congratulate
the Gotham Great honorees.

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We are pleased to support Citizens Union and celebrate the accomplishments of Doug and Wendy Eisenberg and all of tonight’s honorees in improving City and State civic life.
Happy 125th Anniversary to Citizens Union

I am proud to be part of Citizens Union’s 125th year of Democracy in New York and congratulations to this year’s Gotham Greats.

Thank you to the Citizens Union Board of Directors and staff.

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