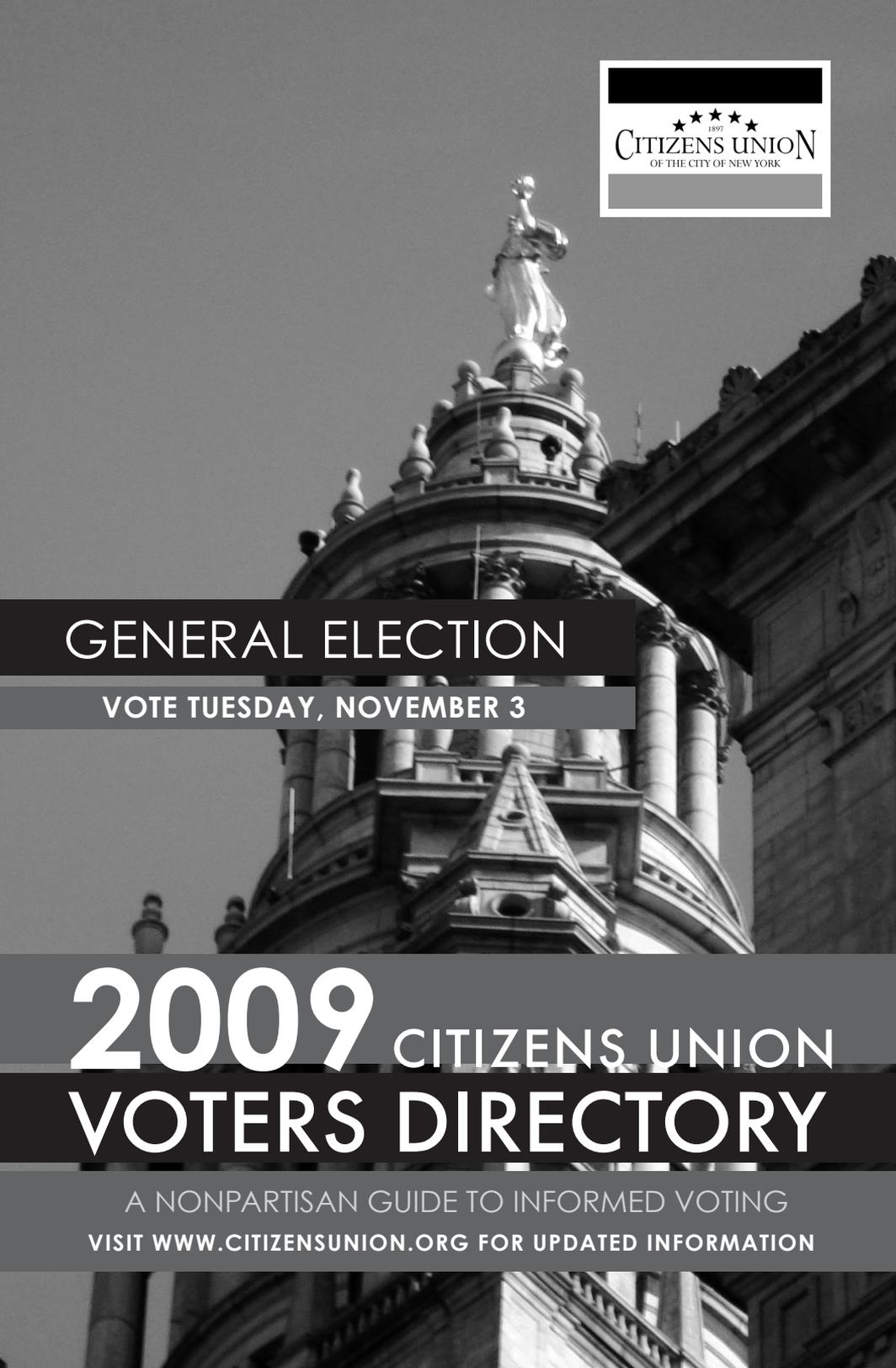




CITIZENS UNION
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK



GENERAL ELECTION

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

2009 CITIZENS UNION VOTERS DIRECTORY

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NYC Board of Elections	(212) VOTE-NYC	www.vote.nyc.ny.us
NYPIRG	(212) 349-6460	www.nypirg.org
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NYS Board of Elections	(800) FOR-VOTE	www.elections.state.ny.us
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Citizens Union	(212) 227-0342	www.citizensunion.org
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TO RESEARCH INCUMBENT RECORDS

NYC Council	(212) 788-7100	http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml
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VOTER INFORMATION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. 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 at: <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

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. To locate the handicap entrance to your polling site, please visit: <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>.

At the polls, if there is no entry for you on the voter registration list, it may be because your registration form was not received 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 to vote.



VOTERS DIRECTORY GENERAL ELECTIONS

*“A Union of Citizens, without regard to party,
for the purpose of securing the honest and efficient
government of the City of New York.”*

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ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY AND CITIZENS UNION'S EVALUATION PROCESS

New Yorkers this November will be voting in the general election to select candidates for mayor, comptroller, and public advocate, borough presidents, district attorneys and city council representatives in the first citywide election since 2005. While the number of candidates seeking office this year may have been higher if term limits were not extended in 2008, Citizens Union still believes that voters will have plenty of options on Election Day. Please remember that voters can utilize either the old Shoup lever machines or an Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK ballot marking device.

To help our supportive and loyal Citizens Union members prepare for the upcoming election, we bring you our annual general election voters directory, which is not possible without the hard work of Citizens Union's staff, members of the Citizens Union Local Candidates Committee, and Citizens Union Board.

During our candidate evaluation process, we rely on information from many sources, including the candidate's responses to our questionnaire (which are available on our website), previous track record on reform, and ability to be a strong representative for his or her district. Citizens Union's interview teams were charged with soliciting each candidate's views on key proposals aimed at reforming the legislative process in New York City, assessing each candidate's general experience, his or her position on term limits, and his or her knowledge of district, city, and statewide issues. It should be noted that no single answer by a candidate ensures – or rules out – an endorsement.

The endorsements for the races we have evaluated thus far are contained within this directory. But since Citizens Union is co-sponsoring Campaign Finance Board debates for the three citywide offices (Mayor, Public Advocate and Comptroller) with its partners the Daily News, NY 1, NY 1 Noticias, Time Warner, and WNYC, and the Public Advocate and Comptroller debates have yet to occur, Citizens Union cannot make its endorsement decision for those two citywide races until after those debates occur. Accordingly, please visit Citizens Union's website (www.citizensunion.org) just before the general election to find out the organization's endorsements for comptroller and public advocate.

Note that Citizens Union also has slightly changed our voters' directory format from previous years in that the directory contains a short summary of each candidate's priorities, position on reform and why Citizens Union did or did not endorse the candidate, but the full summaries of specific races we evaluated can be found on Citizens Union's website at: www.citizensunion.org, along with candidates' responses to our questionnaire.



The following is the organization's Aims & Values which outlines our process for evaluating candidates:

LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE EVALUATION AND SUPPORT PRINCIPLES - OUR AIMS AND VALUES

Citizens Union is an independent, nonpartisan organization that has worked for over 112 years, since the corruption of Tammany Hall, to promote good government and political reform in the City and State of New York. In keeping with this tradition, CU aims to promote a competitive and diverse political culture, a fair and open political process, and accountable and responsible government. Through public education, issue advocacy, and civic engagement, CU seeks to inform citizens of New York, affect the issues in which it is involved, and advance the cause for which it was founded. To that end, CU evaluates candidates for elected office and backs those candidates who strongly support and can advance our stated agenda for reform and good government.

When CU evaluates and supports candidates, it focuses on significant, competitive races; on races in which an incumbent has earned our support by his or her diligence in pursuing our agenda; and on races in which an incumbent has earned our opposition by either being an obstacle to reform in office or through inappropriate personal behavior.

The Following Guidelines Help the Local Candidates Committee and the Board of Directors Fulfill CU's Mission:

1. Support for Citizens Union's reform agenda shall be a primary criterion used in deciding its support for a candidate.
2. Evidence of ability to wage an effective and competitive campaign shall be considered, but not be determinative.
3. Ability to advance CU's goals, if elected, shall be considered, but not determinative.
4. Incumbents will be held accountable for their record of reform in office and shall be judged accordingly on the basis of their demonstrated support for CU's issues.
4. State, local, or community issues specific to the race's jurisdiction shall be considered (as determined annually by the Board and LCC) as will candidates' ability to grasp these issues and propose thoughtful solutions and represent the interests of their constituents, but these factors shall be given less weight than are CU agenda issues.
6. The practice of ethical conduct and adherence to high ethical standards shall also be seriously considered.
7. For citywide or statewide races, CU not only will evaluate candidates against the above criteria, but also gauge their knowledge and command of other issues as defined by the Board and their proposed approach in addressing them.
8. Evaluation of the candidates and the decision to support a particular candidate shall be made without regard to political party and in a non partisan manner.

CITIZENS UNION'S CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

CITYWIDE

Mayor	Michael R. Bloomberg
Public Advocate	Please visit Citizens Union's website after 10/29/09 for decision
Comptroller	Please visit Citizens Union's website after 10/29/09 for decision

BROOKLYN

City Council District 34	Diana Reyna
City Council District 43	Vincent Gentile

MANHATTAN

City Council District 4	Daniel Garodnick
City Council District 5	Jessica Lappin

QUEENS

City Council District 19	Kevin Kim
City Council District 20	No Endorsement
City Council District 22	Peter Vallone Jr.
City Council District 23	Mark Weprin
City Council District 30	Elizabeth Crowley
City Council District 32	Eric Ulrich

STATEN ISLAND

Borough President	John Luisi
City Council District 49	Deborah Rose
City Council District 50	James Oddo
City Council District 51	Vincent Ignizio

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Please be aware voters will find the following two proposals on the ballot. Citizens Union did not evaluate these proposals.

PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT

Official Abstract *(description of proposal)*

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the construction of a 46 kV power line on forest preserve lands along State Route 56 in St. Lawrence County.

The State Constitution generally forbids the lease, sale, exchange, or taking of any forest preserve land. The proposed amendment would allow the State to convey up to six acres of forest preserve land to National Grid to construct a 46 kV power line along State Route 56. In exchange, the State would receive at least ten acres of forest land in St. Lawrence County from National Grid to be incorporated into the forest preserve. The land conveyed by National Grid to the State must be at least equal in value to the land conveyed by the State to National Grid.

Form of Submission of Proposal Number One, An Amendment

(what you will see on the ballot on Election Day)

Amendment to section 1 article 14 of the constitution, in relation to the use of certain forest lands by National Grid to construct a 46kV power line along State Route 56 in St. Lawrence County.

The New York State Constitution generally forbids the lease, sale, exchange, or taking of any forest preserve land. The proposed amendment would allow the State to convey up to six acres of forest preserve land to National Grid to construct a 46 kV power line along State Route 56. In exchange, the State would receive at least ten acres of forest land in St. Lawrence County from National Grid to be incorporated into the forest preserve. The land conveyed by National Grid to the State must be at least equal in value to the land conveyed by the State to National Grid. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO, AN AMENDMENT

Official Abstract *(description of proposal)*

The purpose of this amendment is to authorize the Legislature to allow inmates in state and local correctional facilities to voluntarily perform work for nonprofit organizations.

Section 24 of article 3 of the State Constitution currently prohibits the farming out, contracting, giving away or selling of convict labor to any person, firm, association, or corporation. Inmates may, however, perform work for the State and its political divisions and their public institutions.

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to pass legislation allowing inmates to perform work for nonprofit organizations. A "nonprofit organization" is defined to mean an organization operated exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which benefits any private shareholder or individual.

Form of Submission of Proposal Number Two, An Amendment

(what you will see on the ballot on Election Day)

Amendment to article 3 of the Constitution, in relation to authorizing the Legislature to allow prisoners to voluntarily perform work for non-profit organizations.

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to pass legislation to permit inmates in state and local correctional facilities to perform work for nonprofit organizations. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?



GENERAL CONTESTED ELECTIONS

MAYOR

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$225,000

Michael R. Bloomberg (R, Independence/Jobs & Education) ^†
Stephen Christopher (C) Joseph Dobrian (L)
Dan Fein (Socialist Worker) Jimmy McMillan (Rent Is Too High)
Billy Talen (G) William C. Thompson Jr. (D, WF) †
Francisca Villar (Socialist & Lib)

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$165,000

Bill de Blasio (D, WF) † Maura Deluca (Socialist Worker)
William J. Lee (C) Jim Lesczynski (L)
Alex T. Zablocki (R) †

COMPTROLLER

TERM OF OFFICE: FOUR YEARS • SALARY: \$185,000

Stuart Avrick (C) John Clifton (L)
Salim Ejaz (Rent Is Too High) John C. Liu (D, WF) †
Joseph A. Mendola (R) †

BRONX

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$160,000

Ruben Diaz Jr. (D, C) ^ Allison M. Oldak (R)

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$112,500

District 11 Stephen Bradian (C)
G. Oliver Koppell (D, WF) ^†
Stylo A. Sapaskis (R)
District 12 Larry B. Seabrook (D) ^
Martin D. Badonsky (R)
District 13 James Vacca (D, R) ^
Frank Della Valle (C)
Yessenia A. Duran (R)
District 14 Fernando Cabrera (D, WF) †
Lisa Marie Campbell (C)
District 15 Joel Rivera (D, WF) ^
Steven M. Stern (C)
District 16 Tanya Carmichael (R)
Helen Diane Foster (D, WF) ^†
Keesha Weiner (C)
District 17 Maria Del Carmen Arroyo (D) ^
Robert Goodman (C)
District 18 Walter G. Nestler (G)
Annabel Palma (D, WF) ^
Leopold L. Paul (R)
Arqui Sanders (C)



JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 14 YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

District 12—Vote for 3

Sharon A.M. Aarons (D) Loraine Corsa (C)
Lucindo Suarez (D) Kenneth Thompson Jr. (D, C)
John H. Wilson (R, C)

JUDGE OF THE CIVIL COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 10 YEARS • SALARY: \$125,600

Countywide—Vote for 2

Ruben Franco (D) Stanley Green (D)
Marcos A. Pagan III (R, C) Charles F. Taibi (R, C)

BROOKLYN

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$160,000

Marc L. D’Ottavio (R, C) Marty Markowitz (D, WF) ^
Michael Sanchez (L)

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$112,500

District 33 Stephen T. Levin (D, WF)
Elizabeth Tretter (C)
District 34 * Maritza Davila (WF)
Jacqueline Haro (R, C)
Diana Reyna (D) ^†
District 35 Stuart A. Balberg (R, C)
Letitia James (D) ^†
District 36 Mark Winston Griffith (WF)
Robert A. Hunter (R)
Albert Vann (D) ^†
District 37 Melvin Brown (I) †
Erik Martin Dilan (D) ^
M. E. Freeman-Saulsberre (R, C)
District 38 Sara M. Gonzalez (D, WF) ^
Allan E. Romaguera (R, C)
District 39 Bradford S. Lander (D, WF) †
Joe Nardiello (R) †
David J. Pechefsky (G) †
Roger Sarrabo (L)
George P. Smith (C)
District 40 Noel Burke (L)
Hugh C. Carr (C)
Mathieu Eugene (D) ^

Citizens Union endorsed candidate in bold

* District overlaps boroughs

† Has returned candidate questionnaire; only selected council responses on page 14

^ Incumbent candidate



CONTESTED ELECTIONS

District 41

Rose Laney (R)
Darlene Mealy (D) ^

District 43

Bob Capano (R, C, I) †
Vincent J. Gentile (D, WF) ^†

District 46

Gene Berardelli (R, C) †
Lewis A. Fidler (D) ^†
Derek I. Sacerdote (L)†

District 48

Michael C. Nelson (D) ^
Stephen Walters (C)

District 42

Charles Barron (D, WF) ^
Godfrey L. Jelks (R, C)

District 45

Salvatore Grupico (R, C)
Kendall Stewart (I) ^
Jumaane D. Williams (D, WF) †

District 47

Jennifer Adornato (C)
Elon Harpez (WF)
Domenic M. Recchia Jr. (D) ^

District 50 *

James S. Oddo (R, C, I, WF) ^†
James M. Pochia (D) †

JUDGE OF THE CIVIL COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 10 YEARS • SALARY: \$125,600

District 5

Rachel Amy Adams (D) Philip J. Smallman (R, C)

Citizens Union endorsed candidate in bold

* District overlaps boroughs

† Has returned candidate questionnaire; only selected council responses on page 14

^ Incumbent candidate



CONTESTED ELECTIONS

MANHATTAN

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$160,000

Tom Baumann (Socialist Worker) David B. Casavis (R) †
Scott M. Stringer (D, WF) ^

MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$190,000

Richard M. Aborn (WF) † Cyrus Vance Jr. (D) †

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$112,500

District 1

Margaret S. Chin (D) †
Irene Horvath (R)

District 3

Brian C. Merritt (R)
Christine C. Quinn (D, WF) ^†

District 5

Stephen F. Kaufman (I, R)
Jessica S. Lappin (D, WF) ^†

District 7

Robert Jackson (D, WF) ^†
Firma Shlimel (L)
Julius Tajiddin (Free Just & Equal)

District 10

Ydanis A. Rodriguez (D, WF) †
Ruben Dario Vargas (I)

District 2

Bryan A. Cooper (R)
Rosie Mendez (D, WF) ^†

District 4

Ashok G. Chandra (C, R) †
Daniel R. Garodnik (D, WF) ^†

District 6

Gale A. Brewer (D, WF) ^
Joshua J. Goldberg (R)

District 9

Inez E. Dickens (D, WF) ^ †
Abbi Lee Rogers-Haff (R)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 14 YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

District 1

Lucy Billings (D) Sherilyn Dandridge (R)

JUDGE OF THE CIVIL COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 10 YEARS • SALARY: \$125,600

District 3—Vote for 2

Cynthia S. Kern (D)

Lynn R. Kotler (D)

District 3—Vote for 2

James D'Auguste (D)

Jennifer G. Schecter (D)



CONTESTED ELECTIONS

QUEENS

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$160,000

Robert A. Hornak (R)
Robert Schwartz (C)

Helen M. Marshall (D, WF) ^

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$112,500

District 19

Daniel J. Halloran III (R, C, I/L) †
Kevin D. Kim (D, WF) †

District 22

Gerald F. Kann (Populist) †
Lynne Serpe (G) †
Peter F. Vallone Jr. (D, C) ^ †

District 25

Daniel Dromm (D, WF) †
Mujib U. Rahman (R, C, I)

District 28

Thomas White Jr. (D) ^
Ruben Wills (C)

District 30

Elizabeth S. Crowley (D, WF) ^ †
Thomas V. Ognibene (R, C, I) †

District 32

Frank P. Gulluscio (D, WF) †
Eric A. Ulrich (R, C, I) ^ †

District 20

Evergreen C. Chou (G) †
Yen S. Chou (D) †
SJ Jung (WF) †
Peter A. Koo (R, C, I) †

District 23

Richard W. Burns (C)
Bob Friedrich (R) †
Mark S. Weprin (D, I, WF) †

District 26

Deirdre A. Feerick (I) †
Angelo Maragos (R, C) †
James G. Van Bramer (D, WF) †

District 29

Bartholomew F. Bruno (R)
Karen Koslowitz (D, I) †
Lynn C. Schulman (WF) †

District 31

Scherie S. Murray (R, C)
James Sanders Jr. (D, WF) ^

District 34 *

Maritza Davila (WF)
Jacqueline Haro (R, C)
Diana Reyna (D) ^ †

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 14 YEARS • SALARY: \$136,700

District 11—Vote for 3

Robert Beltrani (R, C)
Joseph F. Kasper (R)
Daniel Lewis (D)

John F. Casey (R, C)
Dicia T. Pineda-Kirwan (D)
Thomas D. Raffaele (D)

JUDGE OF THE CIVIL COURT

TERM OF OFFICE: 10 YEARS • SALARY: \$125,600

District 3—Vote for 2

Richard G. Latin (D)

Jodi Orlow Mackoff (D)



CONTESTED ELECTIONS

STATEN ISLAND

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$160,000

John V. Luisi (D, WF) †

James P. Molinaro (R, C, I) ^

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS • SALARY: \$112,500

District 49

Timothy K. Kuhn (R)
Kenneth C. Mitchell (C) ^ †
Deborah L. Rose (D, WF) †

District 50 *

James S. Oddo (R, C, I WF) ^ †
James M. Pocchia (D) †

District 51

Vincent M. Ignizio (R, C, I) ^ †
Janine Materna (D, WF) †

Citizens Union endorsed candidate in bold

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^ Incumbent candidate

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

VOTING AND ELECTION REFORM

1. What is your position with respect to allowing voters who are registered as independents to vote in party primaries?
2. What is your position on passage of state legislation that would allow referenda initiated by the City Council and/or the public to appear on the ballot at the same time as a referendum initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor?
3. What is your position on increasing the pay of Election Day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event?
4. What is your position on restructuring New York's current board of elections model to eliminate political party responsibility for overall election administration and replace it with a system that narrows political party involvement to certification of candidate petitions and the actual counting of votes?
5. What is your position on having an election administration system where there is a local elections executive director appointed by the mayor upon recommendation by a new board that is chosen by the mayor and the city council?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

6. What is your position on implementing "war chest" restrictions that would prohibit a candidate from transferring funds raised in a previous election cycle into a current campaign committee for a different office?
7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot proposals?

CITY COUNCIL REFORM

8. What is your position on allowing Council committees to function more independently of the speaker than is presently the case?
 - a. Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs?
 - b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?
 - c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?
9. What is your position on:
 - a. limiting councilmembers' ability to earn outside income?
 - b. making the job of councilmember a full-time position?
 - c. eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions?

10. What is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation not affect those serving in the current term of the council and only be applied prospectively to the following term?
11. What is your position on consolidating the current City Council committee structure and reducing the number of overall committees?
12. What is your position on term limits for elected officials?
13. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that changes to term limits may only be approved by the voters?
14. What is your position on the recent extension of term limits for the city's elected officials to three consecutive four-year terms?

POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

15. Knowing that the police department and commissioner retain ultimate authority for determining whether an officer is guilty and penalty, what is your position on transferring power to the Civilian Complaint Review Board to prosecute cases of police misconduct, such as force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and offensive language?
16. What is your position on changing the current land use process under ULURP to increase the role of community-based planning?
17. What is your position regarding the creation of a Charter Revision Commission to review specifically the roles of the various offices of government and how well government has functioned since the 1988 and 1989 charter review commissions?
18. What is your position on reforming the current pension funding structure to create multiple tiers for future city government employees?
19. What is your position with respect to the City Council passing a resolution calling upon the State Legislature to establish a State Constitutional Convention?

KEY For questionnaire responses on pages 14-17:

S = SUPPORT O = OPPOSE NA = NO ANSWER * NUANCED ANSWER

Party Affiliation(s)	Independents Vote in Party Primaries	Eliminate Council Referenda Bumping	Election Day Poll Worker Salary Increase	Eliminate Party Oversight of Election Administration	Local Elections Model with Chief Elections Officer Appointed by Mayor	Restrict "War Chest" Campaign Finance Transfers	Campaign Financing for Ballot Proposals	More Committee Independence from Speaker	Committee Staff Hired by and Report to Chairs	Hearings & Votes Scheduled by Chairs	Committees Issue Subpoenas with Member Vote	Limits on Outside Income for Councilmembers	Councilmember is Full-Time Job	Eliminating Stipends for Chairs	Prospective Council Salary Increases	Fewer Council Committees	Position on Term Limits Generally	Term Limit Changes Only Approved by Voters	Recent Term Limit Extension	CCRB Prosecute Cases It Substantiates	Increase Community-Based Planning in Land Use Process	Charter Revision Commission	Multiple Pension Tiers for City Employees	Create State Constitutional Convention
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q8A	Q8B	Q8C	Q9A	Q9B	Q9C	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19
BRONX																								
11/Koppell D,WF	0	S	0	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	S	S	0	NA	NA	0
14/Cabrera D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	0	0	S	0	S	NA	S	NA	0
16/Foster D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
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34/Reyna D	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
35/James D	0	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	*	NA
36/Vann D	0	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	*	0
37/Brown I	S	S	S	S	0	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
39/Lander D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	NA	S
39/Nardiello R	0	S	S	0	0	S	0	0	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	0	S
39/Pechefsky G	0	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	*	S
43/Capano R,I,C	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
43/Gentile D,WF	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
45/Williams D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S
46/Berardelli R, C	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
46/Fidler D	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	*	S	0	*	S	*	S	S	S	S
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3/Quinn D,WF	0	S	S	0	0	NA	S	*	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	*	S	NA	0
4/Chandra R,C	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
4/Garodnick D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S
5/Lappin D,WF	0	S	S	0	0	NA	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	*	S
7/Jackson D,WF	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
9/Dickens D,WF	0	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	0	0	S
10/Rodriguez D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S

	Party Affiliation(s)	Independents Vote in Party Primaries	Eliminate Council Referenda Bumping	Election Day Poll Worker Salary Increase	Eliminate Party Oversight of Election Administration	Local Elections Model with Chief Elections Officer Appointed by Mayor	Restrict "War Chest" Campaign Finance Transfers	Campaign Financing for Ballot Proposals	More Committee Independence from Speaker	Committee Staff Hired by and Report to Chairs	Hearings & Votes Scheduled by Chairs	Committees Issue Subpoenas with Member Vote	Limits on Outside Income for Councilmembers	Councilmember is Full-Time Job	Eliminating Stipends for Chairs	Prospective Council Salary Increases	Fewer Council Committees	Position on Term Limits Generally	Term Limit Changes Only Approved by Voters	Recent Term Limit Extension	CCRB Prosecute Cases It Substantiates	Increase Community-Based Planning in Land Use Process	Charter Revision Commission	Multiple Pension Tiers for City Employees	Create State Constitutional Convention
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q8A	Q8B	Q8C	Q9A	Q9B	Q9C	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19
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19/Halloran	R,I,L,C	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	S	S	S	S	S
19/Kim	D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	*	S	S	*	S
20/E. Chou	G	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
20/Y. Chou	D	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
20/Jung	WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S
20/Koo	R,I,C	0	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
22/Kann	Populist	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S
22/Serpe	G	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	*	S
22/Vallone Jr.	D, C	0	S	S	S	*	S	*	S	*	S	S	S	*	0	S	S	S	*	S	*	S	S	S	S
23/Friedrich	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	*	S	S	S	NA
23/Weprin	D,I,C	NA	S	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	S	S	0	NA	S	S	NA	NA
25/Dromm	D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	0
26/Feerick	I	0	S	S	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	0	S	0	0	S	S	0	S
26/Maragos	R,C	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	NA
26/Van Bramer	D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
29/Koslowitz	D,I	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
29/Schulman	WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	*	S
30/Crowley	D,WF	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S
30/Ognibene	R, I, C	NA	*	S	0	0	S	*	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	*	0	*	S	S	0
32/Gulluscio	D,WF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
32/Ulrich	R, I, C	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
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49/Mitchell	C	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
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50/Oddo	R, I, C, WF	0	S	S	S	NA	S	*	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
50/Pocchia	D	0	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	*	*
51/Ignizio	R, I, C	0	S	S	S	*	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	0	S	*	0	S	S	*	S
51/Materna	D,WF	0	S	S	S	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	0	S	S	S	S	S



CITYWIDE

MAYORAL

**★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE – MICHAEL BLOOMBERG ★
– REP, IND/JOBS & EDUCATION**

Age: 67; Occupation: Mayor since 2002

Education: Harvard University (M.B.A.); John Hopkins University (B.S.)

Citizens Union supports the reelection of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a decision that the organization did not make easily given the importance of the issues that lie ahead and how disappointed Citizens Union was by Mayor Bloomberg’s decision to reverse his position on the issue of term limits and seek a change to the city charter that overturned the twice voter-enacted law. Mayor Bloomberg, however, has enacted desired political reforms and strongly led the city, especially during this most recent difficult economic time. The Mayor has also indicated that he now is open to considering giving the Civilian Complaint Review Board the power to prosecute its cases. Citizens Union believes, that among those running for mayor, the most capable candidate to serve as mayor remains Michael Bloomberg.

BILL THOMPSON – DEM, WFP

Age: 56; Occupation: Comptroller since 2002

Education: Tufts University (B.A.)

Bill Thompson has served the city well and admirably as city comptroller and president of the former Board of Education where he put education governance on a path toward reform. His voice last year was also clear and welcomed in opposing the extension of term limits through legislation. While Citizens Union preferred Comptroller Thompson during the Democratic primary election, he has not sufficiently articulated his priorities, policy proposals and governance style as strongly or in as much detail as Citizens Union expects from a mayoral candidate. He has not given us a clear enough idea of what he would do as the mayor of New York other than not to be Bloomberg - and for Citizens Union, that is not sufficient for the challenges our city faces.

READ OUR MORE EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE TWO MAYORAL CANDIDATES IN OUR RECENT NEWS RELEASE at www.citizensunion.org.

BROOKLYN

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 34

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—DIANA REYNA—DEM ★

Age: 34; Occupation: Councilmember since 2002

Education: B.S.

Diana Reyna, councilmember since 2002 and chair of the council’s committee on rules, privileges and elections said she would focus on addressing both macro and micro issues, such as rezoning and holding nonprofit groups that receive city funding accountable. Regarding reform issues, Ms. Reyna discussed her position as chair of the committee on rules and the rules reforms that were implemented in 2006 when Councilmember Quinn became speaker as a testament to her commitment to reform. Ms. Reyna recognized the need for greater clarity about permissible discretionary funding and vetting of groups that receive council discretionary funding. Citizens Union endorses Ms. Reyna, despite her vote in support of the extension of term limits, because she has proven herself to be a strong, independent representative for her community.



MARITZA DAVILA – WF

Candidate did not return questionnaire.

Candidate declined to be interviewed.

JAQUELINE HARO – REP, CON

Candidate did not return questionnaire.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 43

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—VINCENT GENTILE—DEM, WF ★

Age: 51; Occupation: Councilmember since 2003

Education: Cornell University (B.A.); Fordham University (J.D.)

Vincent Gentile, a councilmember since 2003 and chair of the council’s subcommittee on libraries, would continue to focus on ending the annual problem of how to continue funding libraries, keeping streets in his district clear of unnecessary traffic congestion and double-parked cars, reducing school overcrowding, and reducing the increasingly high tax and other fee burdens that New Yorkers face. Mr. Gentile supports much of CU’s reform agenda and in his interview said he will focus on the need for a clear and definitive way to allocate discretionary funding to nonprofit organizations. Citizens Union endorses his candidacy because he has a broad scope of state and local experience that the organization believes makes him the stronger candidate to represent the district.

ROBERT CAPANO – REP, IND, CON

Age: 35; Occupation: Adjunct Political Science Professor, CUNY; Part-time Supermarket Manager

Education: Brooklyn College (Masters, Urban Policy and Administration)

Bob Capano, an adjunct political science professor and store manager, said his bipartisan approach throughout his career and during his campaign demonstrate that he is the stronger candidate. If elected, he would use this support to push for tax credits or incentives to encourage people to move to the district and to work collaboratively within the council, with the mayor and other city agencies. He is largely supportive of Citizens Union’s reform agenda, in particular recommending that the council committee structure should be revamped to involve individual councilmembers more in the budget process. Citizens Union believes the district would be well-served by Mr. Capano given his experience and knowledge of the issues, but endorses Mr. Gentile because of his long-standing relationship with the community and leadership to protect the quality and character of the district.

Please visit our website for an extended summary of evaluated candidates, including those who we preferred in the primary election but who we chose not to endorse because of the lack of competition.

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At time of printing, Citizens Union had not yet chosen endorsed candidates in the races for comptroller and public advocate. Please check www.citizensunion.org for updates.



MANHATTAN

DISTRICT 4

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—DANIEL GARODNICK—DEM, WF ★

Age: 37; Occupation: Councilmember since 2006

Education: B.A., Dartmouth College; J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School

Daniel Garodnick, a first-term councilmember elected in 2005 who chairs the council’s subcommittee on planning, dispositions and concessions and co-chairs council task forces on rules and infrastructure, would continue to focus on providing important and necessary constituent services to creatively solve problems on behalf of the district’s residents, advancing legislation relating to a green energy code and seeking additional leadership roles within the council. Mr. Garodnick is a consistent supporter of Citizens Union’s reform agenda, in particular serving as the prime sponsor of Citizens Union-backed legislation to empower the Civilian Compliant Review Board to prosecute the cases it substantiates. Citizens Union endorses Mr. Garodnick’s candidacy because of his strong record of accomplishments and his consistent advocacy and leadership in support of reform positions that Citizens Union highly prioritizes.

ASHOK CHANDRA – REP, CON

Age: 30; Occupation: Attorney

*Education: University of Texas at Austin (B.S., Biochemistry, B.A., English);
Fordham University School of Law (J.D.)*

Ashok Chandra said he would focus on creating new charter schools in his district, improving the overall quality of education, and promoting the expansion of small businesses. Mr. Chandra, who supported many of Citizens Union’s reform priorities, said he was not supportive of the council’s recent term limits extension and that a referendum would have been the only appropriate avenue for such a change. Although Mr. Chandra is a qualified candidate with a strong interest in improving the city for families and has fresh perspectives on the issues, Citizens Union believes he needs more experience and concrete positions in order to compare to the incumbent’s impressive and solid track-record of leadership and accomplishments.

DISTRICT 5

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JESSICA LAPPIN—DEM, WF ★

Age: 34; Occupation: Councilmember since 2006

Education: Georgetown University (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude)

Jessica Lappin, a first-term councilmember and chair of the council’s subcommittee on landmarks, public siting and maritime uses, if elected would like to continue her work to create additional public school seats, find new public school space, and pass legislation to ensure safe construction sites, especially since her district has had many crane collapses during her tenure at the council. Overall Ms. Lappin’s positions are largely consistent with the organization’s reform-oriented agenda, and she has some great ideas regarding how to improve the transparency of the council’s discretionary funding process. Citizens Union endorses Ms. Lappin because she is a strong representative for her district, as well as a thoughtful and independent leader who has prioritized education and reform issues.

STEPHEN KAUFMAN – REP, IND

Candidate did not return questionnaire.

Candidate declined to be interviewed.



QUEENS

DISTRICT 19

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—KEVIN KIM—DEM, WF ★

Age: 39; Occupation: Deputy Director of Community Affairs, U.S. Representative Gary Ackerman

Education: Stanford (BA, MA); Columbia Law School (JD)

Kevin Kim’s top priorities if elected to office would be to focus on education and investigate the use of private partnerships as an additional source of revenue for classrooms and after-school programs, keep the character of the district’s neighborhoods in tact by curbing overdevelopment, and push the city to do a better job of informing small businesses about the regulations relevant to them to avoid fines for violations. Committed to reform, Mr. Kim said that he would be an advocate for strengthening the power of committee chairs and ensuring full disclosure of any conflicts of interest for councilmembers in response to the recent discretionary funding issue. Citizens Union supports Mr. Kim because of his experience and knowledge of government and his support for good government reform.

DANIEL HALLORAN III – REP, IND/LIB, CON

Age: 37; Occupation: Attorney, Palmieri, Castiglione & Halloran, PC

Education: St. John’s University (JD)

If elected, Mr. Halloran, who has been cross-endorsed by the Republican, Libertarian, Conservative and Independence parties, said his top priorities would be eliminating the top-down educational review system created by mayoral control and finding more ways to engage parents in the system, eliminating the bureaucratic waste in the system, especially by getting rid of the school construction authority, and reevaluating the work of the Board of Standards and Appeals. With respect to reform issues, he would work to build a coalition of twenty-six councilmembers to move forward meaningful reform of the discretionary funding process to make it more transparent, as well as term limits reform. While Citizens Union believes that Mr. Halloran would be an effective representative if elected, the organization believes that Mr. Kim’s positions on the issues and reform-minded approach are more consistent with advancing the organization’s priorities.

DISTRICT 20

NO ENDORSEMENT

EVERGREEN CHOU—GREEN

Age: 48; Occupation: Ultrasound Technician

Education: B.S.

Evergreen Chou, an ultrasound technician and shop steward at a local hospital, said the key priority he would like to address if elected is overcrowding and overdevelopment in downtown Flushing, storefront businesses’ signage in languages other than English and traffic congestion. While Mr. Chou’s candidate questionnaire indicates his support for reform issues, he did not discuss reform in great detail in his interview, except to note that the council’s discretionary funding process needs to be more transparent. Mr. Chou said he is the “people’s candidate” and is “un-bossed and un-bought” and that if elected he will push for more involvement for the community, including the poor, young and old.



YEN CHOU– DEM

Age: 46; Occupation: Director, AIM Academy

Education: Fu Jen Catholic University (B.S., Statistics); St. John’s University (M.S., Mathematics & Computer Science); Dartmouth University (Tuck Executive Education)

Yen Chou said she will focus on increasing parental involvement in public education by proposing more parent representative at the board level, fighting for increased capital funding to combat overcrowded schools, and increasing affordable housing in the district. While Ms. Chou is supportive of much of CU’s agenda, her strident support of New York’s current ballot access laws are counter to increasing competition in elections. While Ms. Chou is a dedicated advocate for education issues, her commitment to reform appears uncertain given her support of the current ballot laws.

PETER KOO– REP, IND, CON

Age: 56; Occupation: President, Starside Drugs

Education: Not available

Peter Koo, a local businessman, said if elected he would focus on relieving traffic-congestion in downtown Flushing; reducing school overcrowding; increasing police presence on the streets to ensure that crime remains low; fighting against cuts to senior centers; and improving the city’s healthcare system, although the city council has little authority in this area. Mr. Koo is not strong on Citizens Union reform issues, but said that he would reform the council by advocating for greater power for the council in the budget process and by ensuring that committee chairs are selected based on their expertise in a particular field as opposed to using seniority or other criteria.

DISTRICT 22

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—PETER VALLONE JR.—DEM, CON ★

Age: 48; Occupation: Councilmember since 2002

Education: Fordham (B.A., Law Degree)

Peter Vallone Jr. has served in the City Council for the past eight years and is running for re-election because he believes there is still much more he can do as a councilmember, including continuing his work to increase public safety, ending the proliferation of nuclear power plants within the district, and promoting more green jobs. While Mr. Vallone is not a supporter of all of Citizens Union issues, including his vote in favor of the recent term limits extension and hesitation to support transferring prosecutorial power from the police department to the CCRB in cases of police misconduct, his support on issues like election reform and campaign finance reform show him to be a thoughtful legislator. Citizens Union supports his reelection because of his record of being an effective representative for his district.

JERRY KANN – POPULIST

Age: 48; Occupation: Proofreader/Copyeditor, “Temp”/Freelancer

Education: Cleveland State University (B.A., English Literature)

Jerry Kann’s top priorities if elected to office would be to work to revamp the Rent Guidelines Board to provide tenants with more representation, establish elected community councils to provide more representation and accountability at the district level, and push to return the term limits law to its status before the recent extension. A supporter of Citizens Union’s agenda, Mr. Kann would like to see a more empowered council that can serve as a counterweight to what he believes is a too powerful mayoralty. While Mr. Kann has many interesting ideas on ways to make elected officials more responsive, he appeared to lack a clear vision of how to implement his ideas and how he would work to build consensus within the council.



LYNNE SERPE – GREEN

Age: 37; Occupation: Community Liaison, Community Environmental Center

Education: Dartmouth College (B.A.)

Lynne Serpe says she is running to provide voters with a serious alternative in the district, and if elected she would focus on increasing the availability of healthy foods, like produce to the district’s poor communities and in school lunches; the creation of green jobs ranging from insulation to engineering; and energy efficiency initiatives like painting roofs white to decrease cooling costs. On government reform, Ms. Serpe demonstrated herself to be incredibly knowledgeable and supportive of Citizens Union’s agenda, particularly election reform and ballot access issues. Ms. Serpe is a strong candidate who would make a thoughtful and passionate legislator, and if elected would be an effective representative.

DISTRICT 23

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—MARK WEPRIN—DEM, IND, WF ★

Age: 48; Occupation: State Assemblymember since 1994

Education: SUNY Albany (B.A.); Brooklyn Law School (J.D.)

Mark Weprin is the current state assemblymember for the assembly district that overlaps with council district 23, and is running because he believes as a councilmember he can do more for his community on issues like securing funding for senior centers and libraries, advocating for best practices to keep construction workers safe, increasing affordable housing opportunities, creating prevailing wage jobs and promoting mixed-use development among other things. Mr. Weprin as an assemblymember has been an ally on Citizens Union issues, having co-sponsored legislation to create an independent redistricting commission, and at the city level is supportive of our agenda to make the council more transparent and accountable. Citizens Union supports Mr. Weprin based on the positive relationship he has had with us on important reform issues at the state level, and believes that his experience in Albany will be useful in being an effective representative at the local level if elected.

RICHARD BURNS – CON

Candidate did not return questionnaire.

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

BOB FRIEDRICH – REP

Age: 55; Occupation: Accountant

Education: Queens College

Bob Friedrich, President of the Glen Oaks Village Co-op Council, says his top priorities would be to push his five-point plan for the district which includes full funding for a \$23 million program to repair sidewalks that have been destroyed by tree roots, implementing a policy to delay the demolition of a building until a new plan for the space has been approved to avoid empty lots, and implementing ways to make the city more responsive to constituents. Mr. Friedrich is a supporter of much of Citizens Union’s agenda, including restricting outside income for elected officials in addition to removing discretionary funding from the budget. He also would like to see the budget process prioritize funding essential items, however, he provided little guidance as to what he considered to be essential and non-essential expenditures. While Mr. Friedrich seems to be a passionate candidate, he seems less familiar with the logistics of getting his ideas implemented, especially as it relates to the city’s budget process.



DISTRICT 30

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—ELIZABETH CROWLEY—DEM, WF ★

Age: 32; Occupation: Councilmember since 2008

Education: SUNY F.I.T. (B.A., Preservation/Conservation, Magna Cum Laude); Pratt's School of Architecture (M.A., City and Regional Planning)

Elizabeth Crowley has been in office since November 2008 and says her focus has been to represent the entire district equally, including those she felt were being underrepresented in the past. Her top priorities will be to continue the work she has begun, increase the healthcare facilities within the district, including the purchase and rebuilding of St. John's Hospital by HHC, improve education, and increase extracurricular activities, among other things. On government reform, Ms. Crowley would like to see tougher audits for those larger nonprofits that receive discretionary funding and increased public reporting requirements for all organizations receiving funding. Citizens Union supports her reelection and believes that Ms. Crowley in her short time has made an effort to move issues forward. Should she win, we hope she will take a leadership role in advancing government reform.

THOMAS OGNIBENE – REP, IND, CON

Age: 65; Occupation: Attorney, Self Employed

Education: B.A. (Political Science); J.D.

Thomas Ognibene, former councilmember for the district, says that if reelected to his old seat, he would work to increase the amount of funding the district receives, which he believes is the most important function of a councilmember. Supportive of much of Citizens Union's agenda, Mr. Ognibene, however, is a part of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the city's campaign finance laws, which CU worked hard to pass. Mr. Ognibene's strong opposition to the campaign finance laws, an issue which CU maintains is a model for reform, brings into question his commitment to reform.

DISTRICT 32

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—ERIC ULRICH—REP, IND, CON ★

Age: 24; Occupation: Councilmember since 2009

Education: St. Francis College (B.S.); St. John's University (M.A.—matriculated status)

Eric Ulrich was elected to office in February 2008 during a special election. If reelected, he would continue working to improve quality of life issues like graffiti removal, improving transportation in the district such as bus rapid transit, and securing more funding for classrooms. On government reform, Mr. Ulrich is a supporter of much of Citizens Union's agenda, particularly increasing transparency. Citizens Union supports Mr. Ulrich's reelection because of his motivated effort to create meaningful improvements in the district and is encouraged by his energy and potential to bring new and fresh ideas to the council.

FRANK GULLUSCIO—DEM, WF

Age: 60; Occupation: District Manager, Community Board 6

Education: SUNY (B.S., Public Administration)

Frank Gulluscio, former aide to now State Senator Joseph Addabbo and current district manager for Community Board 6, said his top priorities if elected to office would be to fight for increased transportation like improved ferry service and a super-A train that would make the peninsula in the district more accessible, ensuring representation for all of the district's diverse populations, bringing back resources to the district and focusing on eliminating duplicative services to maximize funding. Mr. Gulluscio, a supporter of government reform, would empower committee chairs within the council,



STATEN ISLAND

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★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JOHN LUISI—DEM, WF ★

Age: 50; Occupation: Attorney in private practice

Education: Columbia College, Fordham Law

John Luisi, an attorney in private practice, said his main issues of concern would be publicizing all of the borough president's discretionary spending both in the Staten Island Advance, and on his website so that constituents can see where their tax dollars are going, as well as using technology to allow easier communication between the office and constituents. Mr. Luisi's campaign is based on many of Citizens Union's reform principles, including his focus on increasing transparency of government. Citizens Union is endorsing Mr. Luisi because the organization believes he would be a strong representative for Staten Island, bringing a fresh and progressive agenda to the borough presidency and the youth and energy to effect much-needed change.

JAMES MOLINARO – REP, IND, CON

Candidate did not return questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

DISTRICT 49

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—DEBORAH (DEBI) ROSE—DEM, WF ★

Age: 58; Occupation: Executive Director, Liberty Partnership College of Staten Island

Education: Hofstra University (B.A.)

Deborah Rose, Executive Director of Liberty Partnership College of Staten Island, said if elected she would focus on transportation, waterfront development, education and health care. In particular, she would push for the start of a "shovel-ready" project to build a railway traversing the north shore along the waterfront. Ms. Rose is a strong supporter of Citizens Union's reform agenda, including giving the Civilian Complaint Review Board powers to prosecute police misconduct and the need for election reform. Citizens Union endorses Ms. Rose because of her passion for the issues relevant to her district, her commitment to working collaboratively with Staten Island's other elected officials, regardless of party affiliation, to accomplish common goals for the entire borough, and her long track record of public service.

TIMOTHY KUNN—REP

Candidate did not return questionnaire

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.

KENNETH MITCHELL – CON

Age: 42; Occupation: Councilmember since 2008

Education: Wagner College (B.A.); New York Law School (J.D.)

Candidate could not be scheduled for an interview.



DISTRICT 50

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—JAMES ODDO—REP, IND, CON, WF ★

Age: 43; Occupation: Councilmember since 1999

Education: Fordham University (B.A.); New York Law School (J.D.)

James Oddo, minority leader of the council, says his record reflects his ability to be an effective legislator, as he has passed more bills in the council than any other minority party representative in the council, and has been able to work in a bipartisan manner to secure funding for his district. His top priorities are increasing clinical services and healthcare access, securing space to house more classrooms, reducing traffic congestion, improving infrastructure, and addressing the growing prescription drug abuse problem among young adults. On government reform, Mr. Oddo is supportive of many of Citizens Union’s issues, believing there are too many committees in the council currently and that the council should be a more balanced check on the power of the mayor. Citizens Union believes that Mr. Oddo’s honesty and independence have made him an effective legislator working within a small minority and supports his reelection.

JAMES POCCHIA – DEM

Age: 43; Occupation: Attorney, Law Offices of James M. Pocchia

Education: New York University (B.S., Cum Laude); Brooklyn Law School

James Pocchia, believes his experience in the private sector will serve him well if elected, and says some of his top priorities would be to secure an HHC hospital on Staten Island, introduce legislation that would provide each borough with a proportional amount of funding for healthcare services through HHC, create a public campaign against smoking and obesity, improve transportation and traffic, and increase parental involvement in education policy. With regard to government reform, Mr. Pocchia says there needs to be more disclosure for councilmembers and their family members to reduce incidences of organizations receiving funding because of their relationship to a councilmember. Mr. Pocchia is a strong candidate, and would make an effective legislator, and Citizens Union hopes that he will remain involved in politics.

DISTRICT 51

★ ENDORSED CANDIDATE—VINCENT IGNIZIO—REP, CON, IND ★

Age: 34; Occupation: Councilmember since 2007

Education: Rider University (B.A.)

Vincent Ignizio, a former state assemblymember and current first-term councilmember, is seeking reelection because there is still more he would like to accomplish. If reelected he would focus on improving transportation, advancing the clean-up of the Brookville land fill, securing more space for classrooms, enhancing recreational facilities in the district, and removing an unused liquid nitrogen gas tank in the district. With regard to Citizens Union’s agenda, Mr. Ignizio would advocate for increased transparency related to discretionary funding and more severe penalties for those who are caught and convicted of fraud. Mr. Ignizio is Citizens Union’s endorsed candidate because of his experience, accomplishments, and independent record and hopes that if reelected will work to be a leader on government reform issues.



JANINE MATERNA – DEM, WF

Age: 26; Occupation: Consultant, Deloitte Consulting LLP

Education: Columbia College of Columbia University

Janine. Materna is running for office because she believes that the incumbent councilmember has been largely absent on many of the issues important to the district. If elected she would work to improve transportation with the expansion of express bus service, provide services and support for special needs children and their families, and push for the implementation of environmental initiatives, like the clean-up of the Brookeville land fill, with she believes is part of many of the residents’ health issues. While supportive of much of Citizens Union’s reform agenda, Ms. Materna seemed less familiar with how the council operates. While Ms. Materna is an energetic, bright, and well-intentioned candidate, it appeared that she was not as familiar with the intricacies of many of the issues with which she discussed and the internal operations of the council which would put her at a disadvantage if elected.

Please visit our website for an extended summary of evaluated candidates, including those who we preferred in the primary election but who we chose not to endorse because of the lack of competition.

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At time of printing, Citizens Union had not yet chosen endorsed candidates in the races for comptroller and public advocate. Please check www.citizensunion.org for updates.



AUTOMARK BALLOT MARKING DEVICE

During this November General Election, all registered voters in New York City, including voters with disabilities, will have another way to cast a ballot; in addition to using a lever machine or submitting an absentee ballot. Voters will be able to use the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) AutoMARK ballot marking device (BMDs) that is mandated to be available at each polling location in the city. This change, which was fully implemented during the 2008 election season, was to ensure New York's compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed in 2002 and that voters with disabilities may cast a ballot privately in the same place and manner as all other voters.



Any voter, including voters with disabilities, may use the BMD to view, and or listen to, the ballot in any of the required languages for that poll site (English, Spanish, Chinese 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 & puff device or its rocker paddle.

The BMD does not count votes; instead it simply marks the voter's selections on a paper ballot. The voter then deposits the completed ballot in the ballot box to be counted by hand at the close of the election.

For more information on how to use the BMD, please visit the Board of Elections in the City of New York's website at: <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/bmdenglish.html>

You can also visit the New York State Board of Elections' website for information about the AutoMARK and other voting systems being used throughout the state: www.vote_ny.com.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The last day to postmark and application for an absentee ballot is October 27, 2009 and the last day to file in person for an absentee ballot at the City Board of Elections is November 2, 2009.

If you have trouble voting on the BMD at your poll site, we encourage you to call the City Board of Elections at 1-866-VOTE-NYC and make them aware of the problem.

Finally, Citizens Union encourages voters to use the new machines this election and provide us with your thoughts and experiences by emailing your name, email and poll site information to asenteno@citizensunion.org.