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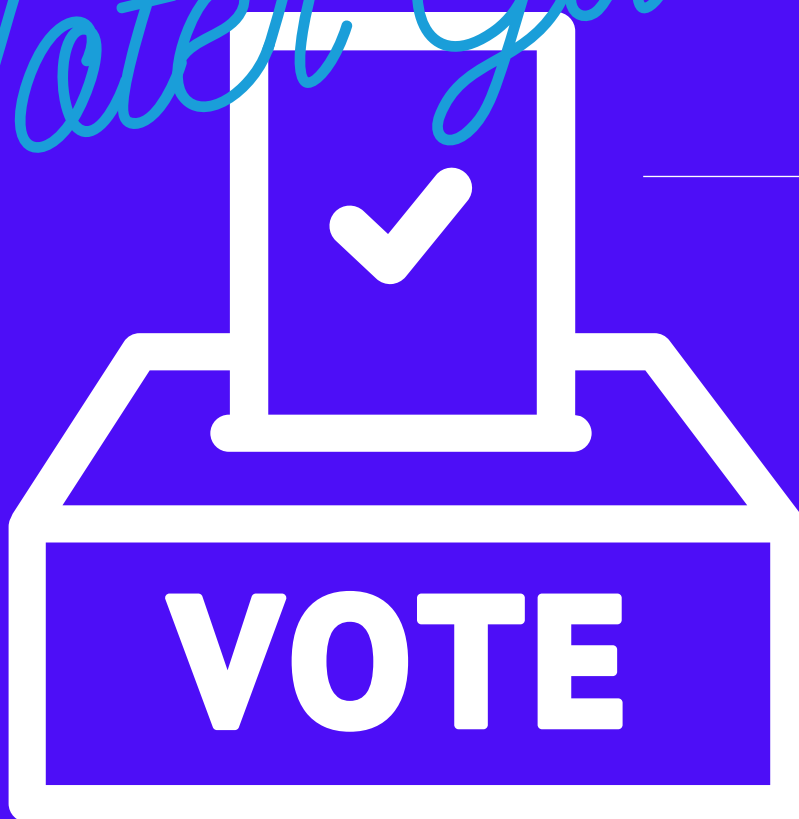
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VOTER GUIDE: AUGUST 2022 PRIMARY RACES

CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE SENATE RACES

Primary Day: August 23, 2022

Early Voting: August 13 to August 21

ABOUT THIS VOTER GUIDE

New Kings Democrats (NKD) developed this voter guide to help inform Brooklynites about candidates who may be on their ballot in the August 2022 Democratic Primary, including candidates for Congress and State Senate. As of the publishing of this document, NKD is not planning to endorse in any of the races listed here, and nothing in this document should be construed as an official endorsement by the club.

Didn't I just vote in June? Why is there another primary in August?

The NY Primary for State Senate and U.S. Congress is on August 23 this year, with early voting from August 13 to August 21. We're having a second primary because the maps drawn by the NY legislature were thrown out by the State Court of Appeals in April 2022 and redrawn by a Special Master appointed by the Court. New districts required additional time for candidates to petition to be on the ballot, so the primary for State Senate and Congress was pushed to August 23 while primaries for Governor, Assembly and party offices like District Leader and County Committee remained in June.

About New Kings Democrats

NKD is a progressive, grassroots political organization committed to bringing transparency, accountability, and inclusionary democracy to the Brooklyn Democratic Party. Founded by veterans of the Obama campaign, it is a borough-wide political organization that helps people seeking to become more engaged in local politics, and hopes to nurture a new generation of elected Brooklyn Democratic leaders.

Please e-mail politics@newkingsdemocrats.com to learn more about our work and to get involved.

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HOW TO VOTE

CONFIRM YOUR VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND WHERE TO VOTE

You must be registered as a Democrat to vote in the August 23 Democratic primary. Confirm if you are registered to vote and your party affiliation, if any, at www.nycvotersearch.com. If you are registered to vote, results will include your Congressional District and State Senate District. You can confirm your polling location by clicking “Poll Site Information” in the top-right corner of the screen. Go to findmypollsite.vote.nyc to view a sample ballot and your poll site locations and hours.

In Brooklyn, where many races will be won by Democrats, the Primary election on August 23 is a crucial election for state and federal positions – so it is very important that you are registered as a Democrat and vote AGAIN even though you just voted in June.

To vote in this election, [you must switch your party affiliation](#) to Democrat by August 12. You can change your party affiliation by [submitting a voter registration form](#), but since this can take weeks to process, you will probably need to vote via affidavit ballot at your poll site if they don't have your Democratic registration on file. It is always your right to vote by affidavit ballot and your vote will count if you fill out the form accurately.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- July 29 - was the deadline to [register to vote](#) in the August 23 Primary Election
- August 3 - was the deadline for change of address to be received
- August 8 - deadline to request an [absentee ballot](#) for Primary Election
- August 13-21 - early voting period
- August 22 - last day to apply IN PERSON for an absentee ballot
- August 23 - Primary Election and last day to postmark your absentee ballot, or deliver to Brooklyn Board of Elections (345 Adams Street) or your local polling site

A quick note about absentee ballots: Due to a change in NYS law, if you order an absentee ballot, you must either vote using your absentee ballot OR fill out an affidavit ballot at a poll site. *You can no longer decide to vote in person using a regular ballot once you have applied for an absentee one; instead, you must fill out and send in the absentee ballot.*

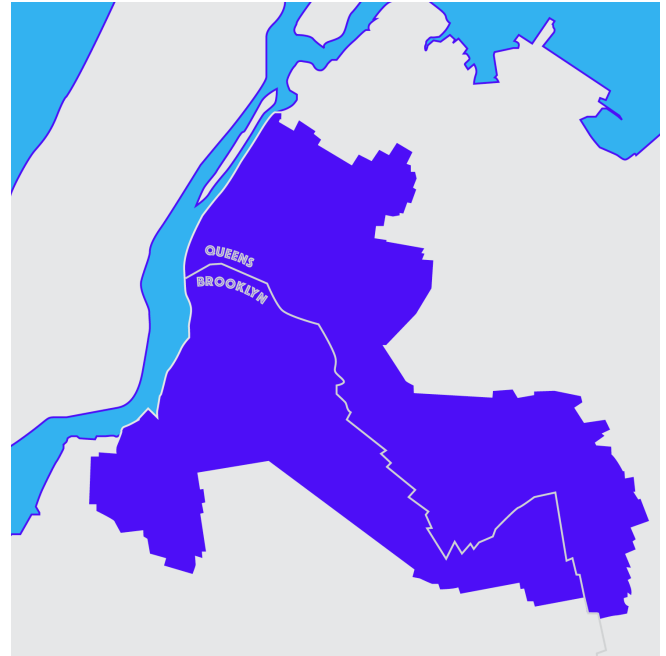
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-07

The NY-07 Congressional District encompasses the neighborhoods of Greenpoint, Williamsburg, and Bushwick.

PAPERBOY LOVE PRINCE



About the candidate: Paperboy Prince has run for several positions over the past few campaign cycles, raising the question of their commitment to any one district.



What stands out about their platform or

candidacy: When previously interviewed by New Kings Democrats, Paperboy did not provide specific details for their vision for the seat. This time around seems to follow that pattern.

Where you can learn more:

- paperboyprince.com

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-07, continued

NYDIA VELAZQUEZ, incumbent



About the candidate: Congress Member Nydia Velazquez is La Luchadora: the leader and inspiration for so many progressive politicians and groups across New York. She is authentic and passionate about reform and fighting for those that are underrepresented and underserved.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Congress Member Velazquez's record stands for itself. Learn more about her in Gothamist's article, [“The Low-Key Matriarch Cultivating Brooklyn’s Progressive Movement.”](#)

New Kings Democrats has proudly endorsed Congress Member Velazquez many times in the past.

Where you can learn more:

- www.reelectnydiavelazquez.com

Key endorsements:

- Working Families Party, and she has endorsed some of the most progressive leaders across Brooklyn, including: Ana María Archila for Lieutenant Governor, Kristen Gonzalez for State Senate in District 59 and Carlina Rivera for Congress in NY-10

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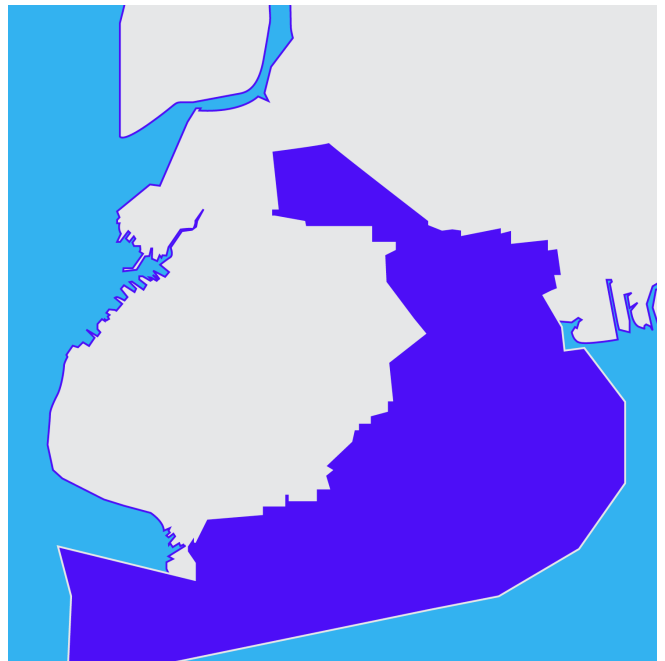
Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-08

The NY-08 Congressional District encompasses the neighborhoods of Coney Island, Gravesend, Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach, Bergen Beach, Canarsie, East New York, Ocean Hill, and Bed-Stuy.



CANDIDATE NAME, incumbent



About the candidate:

Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries has been in the House of Representatives since 2013. He has been considered in line for the Speaker of the House position.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Congress Member Jeffries is focused on affordable housing, education, criminal justice, and jobs.

Where you can learn more:

- hakeemjeffries.com

Key endorsements: Unknown, but it's worth noting that Congress Member Jeffries endorsed Party machine-backed candidate Dionne Brown-Jordan for State Assembly in the June 2022 Primary (she lost to incumbent progressive Democrat Mathylde Frontus). Brown-Jordan came under fire for appointing a deceased Brooklynite to the Democratic Party County Committee, along with others who did not know she had listed them on her appointments, a common move the Party machine has used to ensure they maintain control of votes on the County Committee.

Claims to refuse donations from:

- Real estate developers
- Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- ✓ Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-08, continued

QUEEN JOHNSON



About the candidate: Queen Johnson is a community organizer and human rights activist.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: She grew up in public housing and is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in her Brooklyn community. She is highly focused on crime.

Where you can learn more:

- www.queenforcongress.com

Key endorsements:

- 2020 Presidential candidates Marianna Williamson
- Blue America PAC

Claims to refuse donations from:

- Real estate developers
- ✓ Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- ✓ Lobbyists
- Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10

The 10th Congressional District encompasses neighborhoods from Brooklyn Heights and Dumbo to Park Slope and Bay Ridge in Brooklyn, and Manhattan roughly below 14th Street. It is a new district that is the result of redistricting, so there is no incumbent.

New Kings Democrats, with partner clubs Lambda Independent Democrats, South Central Brooklyn United for Progress, Brooklyn Young Democrats, and Equality New York, hosted a forum for candidates in the NY-10 district in July 2022. All Democrats known to be running in the race were invited to participate, with the exception of Maud Maron, who uses her platform on social media to instigate a moral panic around gender identity, intentionally citing falsehoods and scientific inaccuracies to justify bigotry against the transgender community. [Read the full explanation here.](#)



Listed alphabetically, the candidates that participated were: Bill de Blasio (no longer running), Daniel Goldman, Quanda Francis, Mondaire Jones, Jimmy Li, Yuh-Line Niou, Carlina Rivera, Brian Robinson, and Jo Anne Simon.

MONDAIRE JONES



About the candidate: Congress Member Mondaire Jones was elected in 2020 to represent the 17th District; he was redistricted into NY-10 and just recently moved to Brooklyn, ostensibly to avoid a Member-on-Member race in another district. Congress Member Jones is Black and gay, and argues he is the only candidate in the crowded race with a progressive record. However, when pressed at the Brooklyn Political Clubs' NY-10 forum, Jones was unfamiliar with key progressive legislation.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Congress Member Jones has a long list of platform priorities. He has led in the fight to pass H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which would guarantee automatic voter registration and enact campaign financing reform if passed.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

MONDAIRE JONES, continued

Where you can learn more:

- mondaireforcongress.com

Key endorsements:

- Human Rights Campaign
- Progressive Caucus
- U.S. Senator Cory Booker
- Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

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Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

Unknown

JO ANNE SIMON



About the candidate: Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon has represented Assembly District 52, which is within NY-10, since 2015. In addition to her role in the State Assembly, she is a disability civil rights attorney.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Jo Anne Simon is actively engaged in working to reform the Brooklyn Democratic Party and has been a leader in doing so, but on policy issues is not the most progressive candidate in this race. Unlike other candidates in the race, however, Assembly Member Simon has lived in and represented the district for a long time and knows it well. She is deeply focused on disability rights issues, women's issues, and more.

Where you can learn more:

- joannesimonforcongress.com

Key endorsements:

- Lambda Independent Democrats
- Several NYCHA Tenant Association presidents, including Karen Blondel, Valerie Bell, and Joe Anne Brown
- Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats
- Downtown Independent Democrats
- Independent Neighborhood Democrats (AM Simon's club)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

JO ANNE SIMON, continued

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

PETER J. GLEASON



About the candidate: Peter Gleason is an attorney. He is a former member of the Coast Guard, NYPD, and FDNY.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Let us know if you find anything out.

Where you can learn more:

- twitter.com/petergleasonesq (but there's nothing about his campaign)

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

YAN XIONG



About the candidate: Yan Xiong is a community activist who protested in Tiananmen Square in 1989 as a student. He is a pastor and veteran.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: His primary issues are inclusive public safety / racial justice, education, and affordable housing. He argues that a “ten-year investment in rental assistance would effectively end homelessness for families and individuals.”

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

Where you can learn more:

- www.yanxiongforcongress2022.com

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

DANIEL GOLDMAN



About the candidate: Dan Goldman was the lead Democratic counsel in Donald Trump's first impeachment. If elected, he would be one of the richest members of Congress, as he is an heir to the Levi Strauss & Co. fortune.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: When pressed at the Brooklyn Political Clubs' NY-10 forum for details on how he has been active or engaged with any groups in the district, Goldman could not provide specifics.

While his policy issues or record are far from compelling, he has raised a significant amount of money, positioning him as a frontrunner in today's problematic political system. Goldman recently said in an interview that he wouldn't object to a state law that bans abortions after a fetus is considered viable, as long as there is no risk to the mother and the pregnancy wasn't a result of rape or incest. He rightfully received [swift criticism](#) from several opponents and residents of the district, and [later claimed to have misspoke](#).

Where you can learn more:

- www.dangoldmanforny.com

Key endorsements:

- Village Independent Democrats
- The Steady State
- Assembly Member Robert Carroll

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

DAN GOLDMAN, continued

Claims to refuse donations from:

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- ✓ Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- Unknown

JIMMY LI



About the candidate: Jimmy Li is a community organizer. He co-founded the New York City Asian-American Democratic Club and Asian American Community Empowerment (AACE), a nonprofit coalition of Asian American organizations that consists of more than 60 member organizations nationwide.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Jimmy is focused on public safety, advancing racial equity, and supporting small businesses.

Where you can learn more:

- Jimmylifornewyork.com

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

- Real estate developers
- Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- ✓ Unknown

MAUD MARON



About the candidate: Maud Maron is an attorney.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Maud's own twitter bio calls her a "champion of unmasked kids" and includes the hashtag #IStandWithJKRowling – reminding constituents of her bigoted viewpoints toward transgender women.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

MAUD MARON, continued

We'll also note that [there is a change.org petition](#) to get Maud to resign from Community Education Council 2 following her alleged fight against more diverse and inclusive schools.

Where you can learn more:

- [Maudmaron.com](#)
- [lidbk.com/news/ny10-forum](#)

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN



About the candidate: Liz Holtzman was New York City Comptroller from 1990-1993, Brooklyn District Attorney from 1982-1989, and Member of Congress from 1973-1981. She successfully led on progressive causes in her political career.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Ms. Holtzman highlights as the primary issue on her website “Combating the national wave of assault on choice and women’s rights.” She is also focused on taking on gun manufacturers.

Where you can learn more:

- [lizholtzman.com](#)

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

YUH-LINE NIOU



About the candidate: Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou currently represents Lower Manhattan in the State Assembly, having been in office since 2017.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Assembly Member Niou is proudly progressive and a champion for low-income, immigrant, and working families. She has drawn support from grassroots organizers across the district. AM Niou is the first Asian-American to represent Chinatown in the State

Legislature.

Where you can learn more:

- www.nioufornewyork.com

Key endorsements:

- Working Families Party
- Sunrise Movement
- Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
- State Senator Julia Salazar
- Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes
- The Jewish Vote
- Indivisible Nation Brooklyn
- Muslim Democratic Club of New York
- CUFFH

Claims to refuse donations from:

- ✓ Real estate developers
- ✓ Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

CARLINA RIVERA



About the candidate: Council member Carlina Rivera represents Council District 2 in Lower Manhattan, which includes the East Village, Gramercy Park, and Murray Hill. She has served in the role since 2018. Council Member Rivera is a lifelong New Yorker and longtime resident of the Council district she represents, which is largely within the NY-10 district. As a Council Member, she helped secure \$250,000 for the New York Abortion Access Fund, introduced and passed legislation to protect cyclists, and has called for more aid for funding and programs around reproductive healthcare.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Council Member Rivera has one of the most comprehensive platforms of any candidates, and is particularly focused on abortion and reproductive justice, climate and environmental justice, and housing and affordability.

Where you can learn more:

- www.carlinarivera.nyc

Key endorsements:

- 11199SEIU-UHWE
- 504 Democratic Club
- Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club
- Stonewall Democrats of NYC
- Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
- Congress Member Nydia Velazquez
- Council Member Lincoln Restler
- Council Member Alexa Aviles
- Council Member Jen Gutierrez
- Council Member Sandy Nurse

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

QUANDA FRANCIS



About the candidate: Quanda Francis is a community leader and former candidate for Comptroller and Mayor. She is a recently elected member of the Democratic Party County Committee. Quanda was born and raised in New York. She is affiliated with the PhD Project, the American Accounting Association, the National Museum of African American History & Culture, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Ms. Francis has unique and innovative ideas to increase Brooklynites' accessibility to affordable housing in the district.

Where you can learn more:

- Quandafrancis.com

Key Endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-10, continued

BRIAN ROBINSON



About the candidate: Brian Robinson founded a consumer advocacy company. He lives in Lower Manhattan with his family.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Brian's platform is arguably one of the most conservative candidates among Democrats in the race. On his website, he argues: "Murder is up over 50% in this city since 2019. These issues are exclusive to American cities that adopted defund measures."

Where you can learn more:

- www.votebriannyc.com

Key Endorsements:

- New Yorkers for Safer Streets

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-11

The NY-11 Congressional District encompasses the neighborhoods of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst in Brooklyn plus all of Staten Island.

MAX ROSE



About the candidate: Max Rose served in Congress from 2018-2020, losing his seat to current Republican Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis. He is aiming for a rematch. Max is a veteran.



What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Max's website says "He takes listening to the constituents in his district seriously and is always ready to listen to the needs of his neighbors," though many in the district have complained about his lack of engagement with constituents - or his Primary opponent, Brittany Ramos DeBarros - before and throughout this campaign.

Where you can learn more:

- [Maxroseforcongress.com](https://maxroseforcongress.com)

Key Endorsements:

- Congress Member Ritchie Torres
- Council Member Justin Brannan
- Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon
- Comptroller Brad Lander
- Assembly Member Robert Carroll
- United Federation of Teachers
- Independent Neighborhood Democrats Brooklyn
- Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats
- Bay Ridge Democrats

Claims to refuse donations from:

- Real estate developers
- ✓ Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-11, continued

BRITTANY RAMOS-DEBARROS



About the candidate: Brittany Ramos DeBarros is a progressive Democrat, community organizer, Afro-Latina Staten Islander, and an Army combat veteran.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Brittany is the only progressive voice in the race. Her primary platform issues are: “Care, not Criminalization,” Climate & Security, Education & Youth, Jobs & Housing for All, and “A Just Recovery & Transition.”

Where you can learn more:

- brittanyforcongress.org

Key Endorsements:

- Working Families Party
- People’s Action
- Sunrise Movement
- Chris Smalls, Amazon Labor Union
- Assembly Member Mathylde Frontus
- Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas
- Muslim Democratic Club of New York
- The Jewish Vote
- Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
- Council Member Shahana Hanif
- Council Member Sandy Nurse
- Council Member Alexa Aviles
- Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes

Claims to refuse donations from:

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- ✓ Corporate interests
- ✓ Fossil fuel interests
- ✓ Lobbyists
- Unknown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NY-11, continued

KOMI AGODA-KOUSSEMA



About the candidate: Dr. Komi Agoda-Koussema is a professor of education. He is originally from Togo and Ghana in West Africa, and has lived in Staten Island for his adult life.

What stands out about their platform: Dr. Agoda-Koussema has a Seven Point Pledge for his campaign on his website, which includes affordable healthcare and protecting working families.

Where you can learn more:

- agoda4congress.com

Key Endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE

The New York State Legislature is composed of two houses: the Senate and the Assembly. The Senate is considered the upper chamber of the Legislature and currently has 63 seats. Each seat is up for election every two years. Senators' primary responsibility is to draft and approve changes to the laws of New York State.

This guide does not cover all 63 State Senate seats or their races. Rather, we have chosen to highlight the races in Brooklyn on the ballot in August 2022.

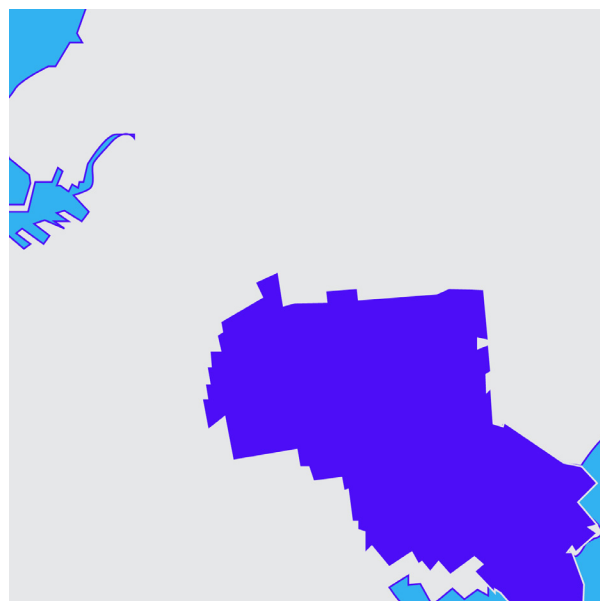
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21

The 21st Senate District encompasses Kensington, Flatlands, and Bergen Beach.

KEVIN PARKER, incumbent



About the candidate: State Senator Kevin Parker was first elected to the State Senate in 2002. A darling of the problematic Brooklyn political machine, Parker is known for angry, violent outbursts and anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric.



What stands out about their platform: His top issues are police reform and public safety.

Where you can learn more:

- [Kevinparker4senate.com](https://kevinparker4senate.com)

Key Endorsements:

- 1199 SEIU
- 1180 CWA

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers
Corporate interests
Fossil fuel interests
Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21, continued

DAVID ALEXIS



About the candidate: David Alexis is a rideshare driver and former home health aide. He is the co-founder of the Drivers Cooperative, a climate organizer, and the son of Haitian immigrants.

What stands out about their platform: Endorsed by DSA, David Alexis is focused on housing for all, quality healthcare for all, a Green New Deal for New York, and protections that make it easier for workers to organize.

Where you can learn more:

- www.davidforbk.com

Key Endorsements:

- Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
- Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- State Senator Jabari Brisport
- Council Member Tiffany Cabán
- Council Member Shahana Hanif
- Assembly Member Emily Gallagher
- Assembly Member Alexa Aviles
- Assembly Member Phara Souffrant Forrest
- United Auto Workers Region 9A
- Working Families Party
- Sunrise Movement
- The Jewish Vote

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- ✓ Fossil fuel interests
- ✓ Lobbyists

Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21, continued

KAEGAN MAYS-WILLIAMS



About the candidate: Kaegan Mays-Williams is Policy Counsel at Everytown for Gun Safety and a former Manhattan Assistant District Attorney. She joined the DA's office to both increase representation of Black women in the field and to offer humanity and understanding to vulnerable communities.

What stands out about their platform: Mays-Williams is focused on giving power back to her neighbors, who have been shut out of the political process.

Her platform emphasizes safe and affordable housing, access to equitable and fully funded public education, access to daily and nutritious meals, and affordable and accessible healthcare. If elected, Mays-Williams will be the first black LGBTQ+ woman to serve in the State Senate.

Where you can learn more:

- www.kaeganfornystatesenate.com

Key Endorsements:

- South Central Brooklyn United for Progress
- Women of Color for Progress
- 504 Democratic Club
- Brooklyn Young Democrats
- Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn
- Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats

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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23

The 23rd Senate District encompasses Coney Island and the North Shore of Staten Island.

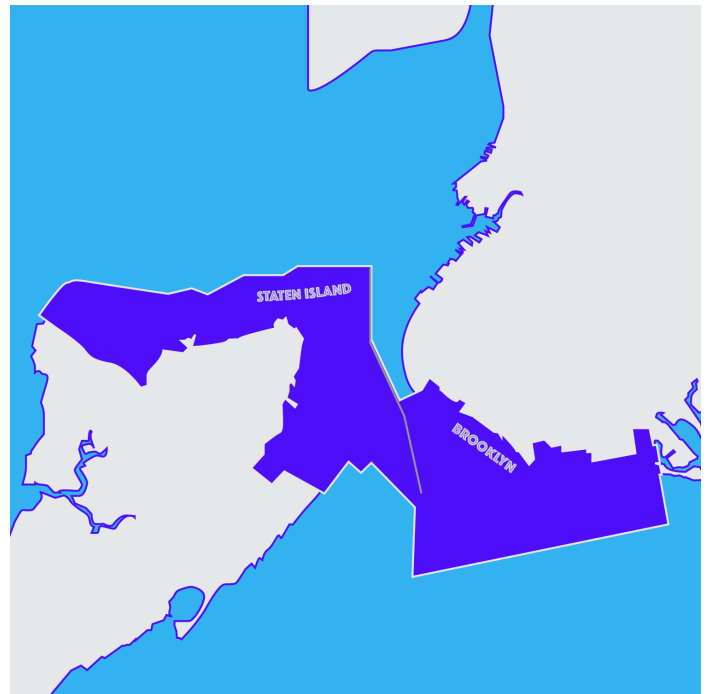
BIANCA RAJPERSAUD



About the candidate:

Bianca Rajpersaud is a District Leader for Staten Island's 63rd Assembly District and President of the North Shore Democratic Club. She is a first-

generation Afro-Latina/West Indian American. Rajpersaud is a registered lobbyist and works in government relations for the firm Davidoff Hutcher & Citron LLP.



What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Her platform centers the recovery from Covid-19.

Where you can learn more:

- www.biancaforsenate.com

Key endorsements:

- Assembly Member Steve Stern
- Assembly Member Inez Dickens
- Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell
- Assembly Member Charles Fall

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23, continued

JESSICA SCARCELLA-SPANTON



About the candidate: Jessica Scarcella-Spanton is a government affairs representative with the MTA, and is the former Chief of Staff to Diane Savino, who held the seat and is now endorsing Scarcella-Spanton.

What stands out about their platform: Scarcella-Spanton centers fighting for safer and more affordable communities in her platform. Universal childcare is a top priority.

Where you can learn more:

- www.jessicafornewyork.com

Key Endorsements:

- Max Rose
- Former Council Member Mark Treyger
- UFT
- 1199 SEIU

Claims to refuse donations from:

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✓ Unknown

SARAH BLAS



About the candidate: Sarah Blas is a lifelong New Yorker. She is the Director of Equity and Inclusion for Staten Island Women Who March, Director of Health for House of Community Baituljamaat, and an elected member of the Community Education Council for District 31.

What stands out about their platform: Sarah is the most progressive, reform-oriented candidate in the race. She is a mother of six children, four of whom have special needs. As a result, Sarah is committed to politics that center everyday people, including language justice, more healthcare facilities, safe and affordable housing, and access to open spaces.

Where you can learn more:

- sarahblasforsenate.com

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23, continued

SARAH BLAS, continued

Key Endorsements:

- Working Families Party
- Former Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Ana Maria Archila
- Assembly Member Mathylde Frontus
- 504 Democrats
- New York Immigrant Coalition
- Muslim Democrats of New York
- Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club

Claims to refuse donations from:

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- ✓ Corporate interests
- ✓ Fossil fuel interests
- ✓ Lobbyists

Unknown

RAJIV GOWDA



About the candidate: Rajiv Gowda is an engineer and retired public servant. He was born in India, lived briefly in Brooklyn, and has spent the rest of his life on the North Shore of Staten Island.

What stands out about their platform, if anything: Gowda highlights infrastructure as his top priority.

Where you can learn more:

- www.gowda4senate.com

Key Endorsements:

- New American Democratic Club Inc.

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- ✓ Corporate interests

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Lobbyists

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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 25

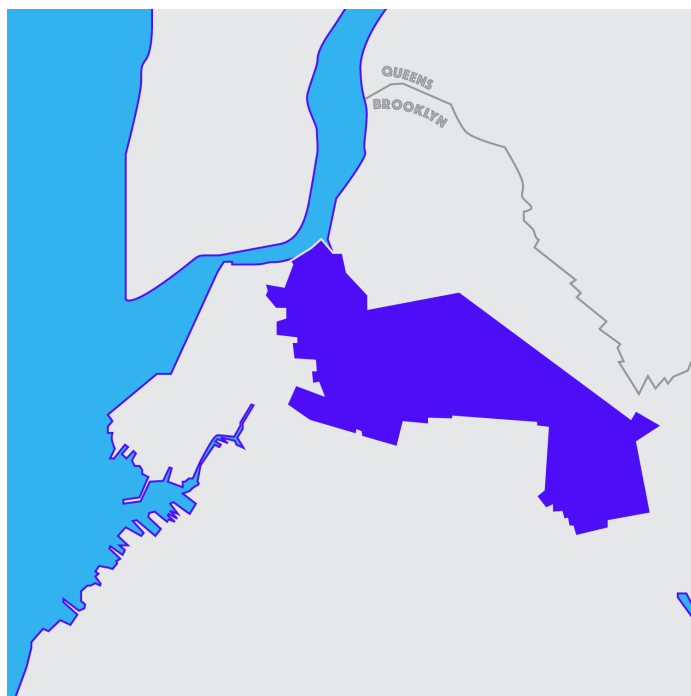
The 25th Senate District encompasses Clinton Hill, Bed-Stuy, and Ocean Hill.

JABARI BRISPORT



About the candidate: State Senator Jabari Brisport is in his first term in the Senate and has already hit the ground running, fighting for the progressive values he espoused as a candidate.

Senator Brisport is a third-generation Caribbean-American Brooklynite, is Black and queer, and was a former public school teacher.



What stands out about their platform or

candidacy: Senator Brisport took office in 2021 and has already fought for the funding, services, and policies that New Yorkers need to survive and thrive. He is the Chair of the Children and Families Committee. His detailed platform covers everything from criminal justice reform to education, labor, and climate.

Where you can learn more:

- jabariforstatesenate.com

Key endorsements:

- NYC DSA
- Working Families Party
- Make the Road Action
- Sunrise NYC
- The Jewish Vote
- Equality New York
- Lambda Independent Democrats
- 1199SEIU
- District Council 37

Claims to refuse donations from:

- ✓ Real estate developers
- ✓ Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 25, continued

RENEE HOLMES



About the candidate: Renee Holmes appears to work at the New York City Department of Education. Little is otherwise public.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Unknown

Where you can learn more: Unknown

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

CONRAD TILLARD



About the candidate: Conrad Bennette Tillard Sr. is a minister, activist, and adjunct professor. He was previously a minister in the Nation of Islam and was known as “the hip-hop minister.”

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Tillard is running as a moderate alternative to Brisport, whom he criticizes for his socialist values.

Where you can learn more:

- www.tillardforsenate.com

Key endorsements:

- State Senator Kevin Parker
- Former Council Member Robert Cornegy Jr.

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 26

The 26th Senate District encompasses Dumbo and Brooklyn Heights along the water south to Sunset Park and Fort Hamilton.

ANDREW GOUNARDES



About the candidate: State Senator Andrew Gounardes is a well-regarded leader in what is currently the 22nd State Senate District, known for bridging political differences in the district while also

maintaining a consistently progressive voting record in the Senate. He was first elected in 2018, as a Democrat, beating longtime Republican incumbent Marty Golden. While not technically the incumbent in the newly redrawn State Senate 26, Senator Gounardes already represents a significant part of the district.

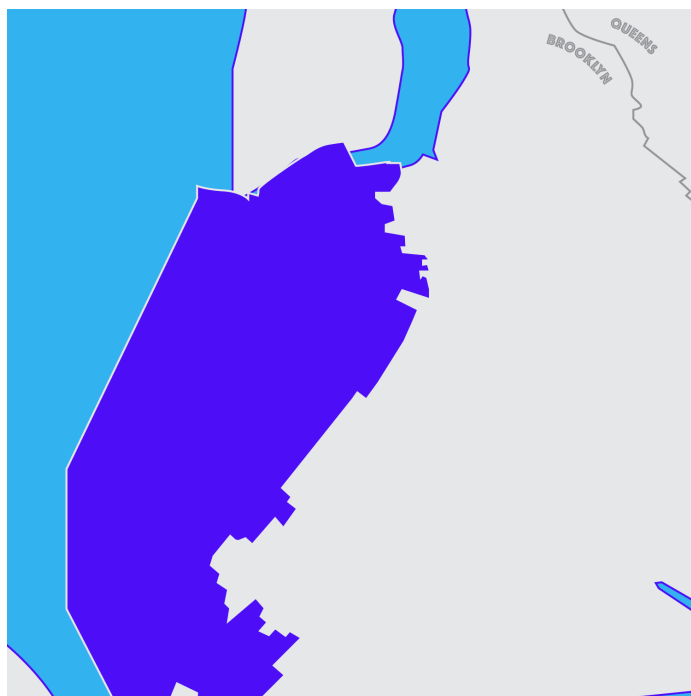
What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Senator Gounardes has represented a deeply complex and diverse district and will continue doing so if reelected in district 26. He has balanced competing priorities by continuing to focus on making landmark investments into CUNY, advocating for innovative ways to improve street safety, combatting sexual harassment, and supporting the state's public workforce.

Where you can learn more:

- www.andrewgounardes.com
- www.senatorgounardes.nyc – Senator Gounardes' constituent portal, a key part of his commitment to transparency and engagement with constituents

Key endorsements:

- Working Families Party
- Comptroller Brad Lander
- Council Member Lincoln Restler
- Council Member Justin Brannan
- State Senator Zellnor Myrie
- Bay Ridge Democrats
- Independent Neighborhood Democrats
- 32BJ SEIU
- Lambda Independent Democrats



STATE SENATE DISTRICT 26, continued

ANDREW GOUNARDES, continued

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Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

DAVID YASSKY



About the candidate: David Yassky is a former Council Member and was the Taxi and Limousine Commissioner under Mayor Bloomberg. He was recently a member of Mayor Eric Adams' transition team. Yassky was previously a director of state policy under Andrew Cuomo.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: We'll note that Yassky planned to run in an open race in Senate District 23 to replace former State Senator Diane Savino, but changed his mind.

Where you can learn more:

- Davidyassky.com

Key endorsements:

Yassky was [called out](#) for claiming endorsements that he did not win.

Claims to refuse donations from:

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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 59

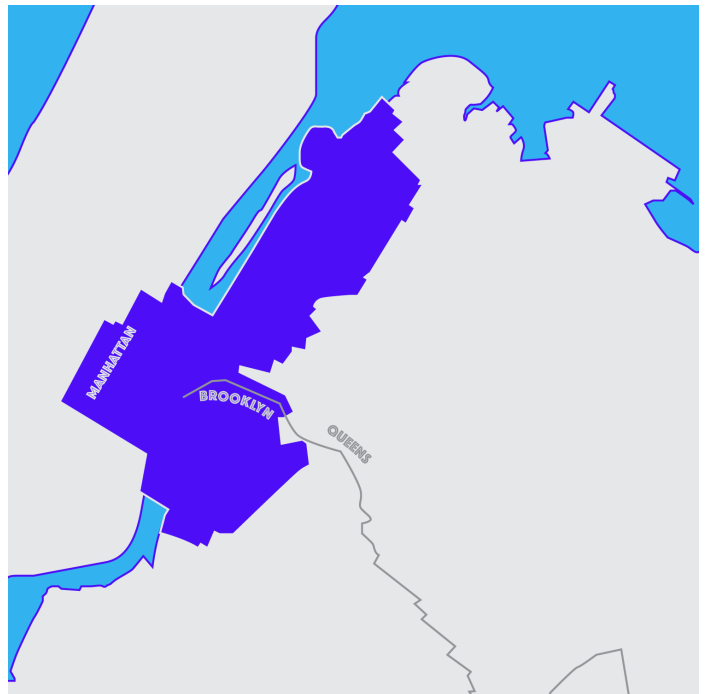
The 59th Senate District encompasses Greenpoint in Brooklyn, Astoria and Long Island City in Queens, and parts of Midtown East in Manhattan. This is a new district, so there is no incumbent.

FRANCOISE OLIVAS



About the candidate:

Françoise Olivas is a small business owner, environmentalist, and community organizer. She is a Judicial Delegate and has lived in New York for 30 years.



What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Olivas's platform is focused on seniors, the environment, and small businesses.

Where you can learn more:

- www.olivasforny.com

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Corporate interests

Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 59, continued

KRISTEN GONZALEZ



About the candidate: Kristen Gonzalez is a community organizer, a product manager, and an organizer with DSA.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Kristen has garnered the most community, constituent, and progressive political support of any candidate in the race. She is progressive and practical. Her platform prioritizes reimagining housing, a green New York, and restoring healthcare.

Where you can learn more:

- www.gonzalezforny.com

Key endorsements:

- Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
- Working Families Party
- Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- 1199 SEIU
- Congress Member Nydia Velazquez
- Council Member Lincoln Restler
- Council Member Tiffany Cabán
- State Senator Michael Gianaris
- Comptroller Brad Lander
- State Senator Julia Salazar
- Assembly Member Emily Gallagher
- Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
- Council Member Jen Gutiérrez
- State Senator Jabari Brisport
- Sunrise NYC
- Make The Road
- The Jewish Vote
- New York Communities for Change
- Lambda Independent Democrats

Claims to refuse donations from:

Real estate developers

✓ Corporate interests

✓ Fossil fuel interests

Lobbyists

Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 59, continued

ELIZABETH CROWLEY



About the candidate: Elizabeth Crowley is a former City Council Member for Central Queens. She has since run for Queens Borough President twice. She is related to former Congress Member Joseph Crowley, who was unseated by Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in 2018.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Crowley is moderate. She lists her advocacy for tenants prominently on her website, but [a recent story in The City found she has broken a pledge not to take money from large real estate developers](#) and supports investing more in programs that prevent crime.

Where you can learn more:

- elizabethcrowley.com

Key endorsements:

- CWA LOCAL 1180
- United Federation of Teachers
- Congress Member Gregory Meeks
- State Senator Joe Addabbo
- Assembly Member David Weprin
- Former Council Member Danny Dromm
- Mayor Eric Adams

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 59, continued

NOMIKI KONST



About the candidate: Nomiki Konst is a political commentator and former candidate. Her political experience is limited to serving as a national surrogate for Senator Bernie Sanders in 2016 and 2020, and running for Public Advocate in 2019.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Konst believes housing, healthcare, and a living wage are human rights. She is a self-proclaimed progressive but has not been active in local organizing.

She previously ran for Senate in Arizona.

Where you can learn more:

- nomikiforny.com

Key endorsements: Unknown

Claims to refuse donations from:

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Lobbyists

✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 59, continued

MICHAEL CORBETT



About the candidate: Michael Corbett is Vice Chair of the New York State Democratic Party and a District Leader in Manhattan. He is a third-generation Teamster and has lived and worked in the district for his entire life.

What stands out about their platform or candidacy: Corbett is a centrist likely seeking moderate support. He is focused on workers rights and housing.

Where you can learn more:

- www.mikecorbett.nyc

Key endorsements:

- Congress Member Carolyn Maloney
- Gramercy Stuyvesant Independent Democrats
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club
- Keith Wright, New York County Democratic Party Chair

Claims to refuse donations from:

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