

US SENATORS

Charles Schumer submitted a written questionnaire – His answers were generally supportive of our issues.

Kirsten Gillibrand submitted a written questionnaire – Her answers indicated a strong support for our issues.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CD 7 **Joseph Crowley** submitted a written questionnaire - He has generally been supportive of our issues.

CD 8 **Jerrold L. Nadler** submitted a written questionnaire - He has always been a strong and reliable supporter of our issues and Chaired the subcommittee that held a hearing on Achieving the Promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

CD 10 – Challenger Kevin Powell submitted a written questionnaire - He has run before with our endorsement, and failed to win the nomination in the primary. The incumbent, Ed Towns, did not participate in our endorsement procedure.

CD 12 Challenger George Martinez was interviewed. His opponent, Congresswoman Nydia **Velazquez**, submitted a questionnaire. Congresswoman Velazquez has been supportive of supportive of our issues.

CD 14 Both the incumbent, **Carolyn Maloney** and the challenger, Reshma Saujani, submitted written questionnaires. Cong. Maloney been supportive of our issues and our Club for many years.

CD 15 The incumbent, **Charles Rangel**, and the challenger, Joyce Johnson, submitted a questionnaire. Ms Johnson was also interviewed. She failed to give a convincing rationale for her candidacy.

CD 17 **Eliot Engel**, the incumbent, has been a supporter of our Club and our issues.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

All five candidates, Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, Attorney Sean Coffey, Former State Insurance Commissioner Eric Dinallo, Nassau D.A. Katherine Rice, and State Senator **Eric Schneiderman** participated in our endorsement process. Senator Schneiderman is the only candidate with a strong legislative record of support for our issues, has always been accessible to us, and always has strived to have accessible district offices.

COMPTROLLER

Incumbent **Tom DiNapoli** submitted a written questionnaire. He has generally been supportive of our issues.

NYS SENATORS

SD 10 **Lynn Nunes** submitted a written Questionnaire. He shows strong support for our issues. The incumbent, Shirley Huntley, did not participate in our screening process.

SD 11 **Tony Avella** submitted a written questionnaire. He was supportive of our issues as a Councilman. He is opposing the long-time incumbent, Republican Frank Padavan, who was nearly defeated in the last election.

SD 16 Businessman **John Messer** was interviewed. He seems to be supportive of our issues. He is opposing, the incumbent, Toby Stavisky, who did not participate in our process.

SD 22 **Mike DeSanto** submitted a written questionnaire. He is supportive of our issues and is running against the incumbent, Republican Martin Golden, who hasn't previously been challenged.

SD 26 Incumbent **Liz Krueger** submitted a written questionnaire. She has been one of our champions in the Senate.

SD 29 **Tom Duane** submitted a written questionnaire. He has been one of the principle supporters of disability legislation.

SD 30 **Bill Perkins** submitted a written questionnaire. Challenger Basil Smikle was interviewed, and submitted a written questionnaire. We were unimpressed with Mr. Smikle's responses. We admire Senator Perkins, who has been a strong supporter of our issues.

SD 31 Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat and **Anna Lewis** was interviewed. Misotis Munoz was interviewed and submitted a written questionnaire. Anna Lewis has been a long-time member and supporter of our Club and understands and supports our issues.

SD 33 **Gustavo Rivera** and Desiree Pilgrim-Hunter participated in our endorsement process. They are opposing incumbent Pedro Espada. Mr. Rivera seemed to have a stronger grasp on our issues.

NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

AD 23 **Audrey Pheffer** submitted a written Questionnaire. She generally has been supportive of our issues.

AD 26 Former Council candidate Steve Behar and former Assemblyman **John Duane** participated in our process. We believe that either candidate would make an outstanding Assemblyman. We give the edge to John Duane because we think that he a stronger candidate.

AD 35 Former Police Officer Anthony Miranda was interviewed and submitted a written Questionnaire. He did not demonstrate a strong grasp of our issues.

AD 36 Jeremiah Frei-Pearson was interviewed and submitted a written questionnaire & **Aravella Simotis** submitted a written questionnaire. Both candidates would be strong supporters of our issues, but we believe that Ms. Simotis is the stronger candidate in this district.

AD 44 Incumbent **James Brennan** has long been a strong and reliable supporter of our issues.

AD 52 **Joan Millman**, the incumbent, has been the chief sponsor of legislation on visitability in housing in the Assembly.

AD 65 **Micah Kellner** submitted a written questionnaire. Micah has been a strong advocate for wheelchair-accessible taxis and on transportation issues.

AD 68 Marion Bell & **Evette Zayas** were interviewed and submitted written questionnaires. We believe that Ms. Zayas has a much stronger grasp of our issues.

AD 71 Incumbent **Herman "Denny" Farrell** submitted a written questionnaire; Ariel Ferreira was interviewed and submitted a written questionnaire. Assemblyman Farrell has grown over the years to a better understanding of our issues.

AD 72 Attorney Julisa Gomez, former Councilman **Guillermo Linares** and Assembly staff member Gabriella Rosa submitted written questionnaires. Mr. Linares was a reliable supporter of our issues while in office.

AD 73 Incumbent **Jonathan Bing** submitted a written questionnaire. He is a former Chair of the Task Force on People with Disabilities.

AD 75 Incumbent **Richard Gottfried**, submitted a written questionnaire. He has been the long-time and effective Chair of the Health Committee.

AD 76 Luis Sepulveda was interviewed and submitted a written questionnaire. The incumbent, Peter Rivera, did not participate in our process. We believe that Mr. Sepulveda may be a stronger candidate in the future.

AD 78 Sergio Villaverde submitted a written questionnaire. He is opposing the incumbent Jose Rivera. We regret that Mr. Villaverde is unsure about whether he supports community reintegration of persons in nursing homes.

AD 80 **Robert Giuffrie** submitted a questionnaire and was interviewed. He is opposing the incumbent, Naomi Rivera. He has strong concerns about disability accessibility.

AD 81 Incumbent **Jeffrey Dinowitz** submitted a written questionnaire. He has been a consistent supporter of our issues.

AD 83 Incumbent **Carl Heastie**, Bronx Democratic County Chair, submitted a questionnaire. He is a long-time supporter of our issues.

JUDICIAL

Supreme Court Justice – Acting Supreme Court Justice **Ellen Gesmer** is seeking to be elected in her own right. We've endorsed her before when she ran for Civil Court, and we believe that she has demonstrated extreme sensitivity to individuals with disabilities in her courtroom.

Civil Court Judge -District-9 **Gerald Lebovits** submitted a written questionnaire. He is currently a Housing Court Judge who has demonstrated sensitivity to our concerns.