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2025 NYC COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL

Scorecard



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The upcoming year will be critical for environmental policy in New York City. With new leadership across the city, including Mayor Zohran Mamdani, City Council Speaker Julie Menin, Comptroller Mark Levine, new Council Members and committee chairs, and new leadership in a number of key agencies, New York City has a renewed opportunity to lead the nation on urban environmental policy and the fight against climate change.

The City Council plays an indispensable role in advancing climate solutions, strengthening environmental protection, and ensuring that equity and environmental justice are not afterthoughts, but core principles guiding the future of our city. And at a time when the federal government is rolling back decades of bipartisan environmental protections and drastically cutting funding for clean energy, local leadership matters more than ever.

The New York League of Conservation Voters' 2025 New York City Council Environmental Scorecard evaluates how Council Members voted on key bills that address climate change, public health, resiliency, and quality of life. While only seven of the fourteen Scorecard bills passed, the Council made meaningful progress, particularly in responding to extreme heat, addressing stormwater flooding, and moving the city closer to a modern, citywide waste containerization system.

Extreme heat is already the leading cause of climate-related deaths in New York City, and its impacts are not felt evenly. Communities burdened by decades of disinvestment and structural racism – often the same communities with fewer trees, less green space, and older housing stock – have the greatest risk. Council Member Keith Powers demonstrated strong leadership by sponsoring legislation to codify the



city's cooling center program and strengthen the City's emergency planning and response during heat emergencies so all New Yorkers – especially those who lack access to air conditioning or cannot afford rising utility costs – have access to safe public places to find relief during extreme heat events.

Building on that progress, Council Member Lincoln Restler sponsored legislation that would require owners of tenant-occupied buildings to provide cooling systems capable of maintaining a temperature of 78 degrees in sleeping areas upon tenant request, and to operate owner-controlled cooling systems throughout the cooling season. This legislation is a critical step toward protecting tenants from increasingly dangerous heat conditions, particularly seniors, low-income New Yorkers, and residents of disadvantaged communities.

The Council also helped position New York City to better align with state climate efforts. Speaker Adrienne Adams sponsored a resolution to adopt the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, committing the City to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to a changing climate. Participation in this program strengthens New York City's ability to access state grants, technical assistance, and other resources that can accelerate local climate action – and has long been a NYLCV priority.

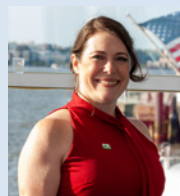
Several additional bills on this year's Scorecard reflect the breadth of environmental challenges facing our city. Council Member Gale Brewer sponsored legislation requiring the Department of Parks and Recreation, in coordination with the Department of Education, to annually assess how to expand public access to school playgrounds while prioritizing environmental justice communities. Council Member Sandy

Nurse advanced a pilot program to test cool pavement technologies, and Council Member Crystal Hudson sponsored legislation moving New York City closer to a comprehensive, citywide waste containerization system.

While we applaud these victories, the work is far from finished. In 2026, NYLCV will advocate for the City Council to advance legislation on issues including battery energy storage systems, daylighting at intersections to improve street safety, and additional measures that protect public health while reducing emissions.

But passing strong laws is only part of the solution. Ensuring that city agencies have the staffing, funding, and capacity to implement them is equally critical. We will continue advocating for budgets that fully fund agencies like Parks, Environmental Protection, Transportation, and others tasked with carrying out the City's ambitious climate and environmental goals.

NYLCV looks forward to working with City Council Speaker Menin, new and returning Council Members, and the Mamdani Administration to ensure that climate action and environmental justice remain top priorities, and that New York City continues to lead, even as Washington falls behind.



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About the Bills

DOT PILOT PROJECT ON THE USE OF COOL PAVEMENT

INTRO 928-B OF 2024 (NURSE)

This bill would require the NYC Department of Transportation, in consultation with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, to commence a 2-year pilot project for the use of cool pavement on a street in at least 1 heat vulnerable community in each borough by September 1, 2026. As part of such a pilot project, DOT shall conduct hyperlocal temperature monitoring and assess no less than 2 types of cool pavement, including the technical feasibility, environmental impacts, and costs of each such type. *Intro*

928-B was introduced on May 23, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on January 21, 2025. The bill passed on October 9, 2025, by a vote of 49-0.

ANNUAL REPORT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

INTRO 566-B OF 2024 (BREWER)

This bill would require the New York City Department of Education, in consultation with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, to create and submit to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council an annual report on how to expand public access to school playgrounds, particularly in environmental justice areas.

Intro 566-B was introduced on March 7, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Parks and Recreation on April 23, 2025. The bill passed on June 30, 2025, by a vote of 51-0.

COOLING SYSTEMS IN TENANT-OCCUPIED DWELLINGS

INTRO 994-A OF 2024 (RESTLER)

This bill would require that, by June 1, 2030, owners of tenant-occupied buildings provide cooling systems capable of maintaining 78 degrees Fahrenheit in rooms in which tenants sleep, upon the request of the tenant. This bill would also require that owners of buildings with systems in which the owner controls the temperature run such systems to maintain 78 degrees Fahrenheit in a cooling season from June 15 through September 15. *Intro 994-A was introduced on July 18, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Housing and Buildings on October 28, 2024. The bill passed on December 18, 2025, by a vote of 40 in favor, 7 against, and 1 abstention.*

CODIFYING THE CITY'S COOLING CENTER PROGRAM

*INTRO 998-A OF 2024 (POWERS)

This bill codifies the City's cooling center program. This bill would require the Commissioner of the NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to designate the locations of cooling centers when there is a heat-related emergency, and requires, where practicable, the designation of no fewer than 7 cooling centers per 100,000 residents. *Intro 998-A was introduced on July 18, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Health on April 8, 2025. The bill passed on August 14, 2025, by a vote of 44-0.*

CREATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER PLAN AND DASHBOARD

INTRO 1150-A OF 2024 (GENNARO)

This bill would require the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a comprehensive stormwater plan that recommends capacities at which the stormwater system should be able to convey rainfall across New York City. The plan would also identify projects or policies necessary to achieve such capacities and to reduce stormwater flooding. Additionally, this bill requires DEP to develop and maintain a dashboard that indicates the status of the comprehensive stormwater plan and of any projects recommended by the plan. *Intro 1150-A was introduced and heard on December 17, 2024, by the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency, and Waterfronts. The bill passed on April 24, 2025, by a vote of 47-0.*

STATIONARY ON-STREET CONTAINERS FOR THE STORAGE AND COLLECTION OF RESIDENTIAL WASTE

INTRO 1123-B OF 2024 (HUDSON)

This bill would provide authorizations for, and place restrictions on, any NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) program requiring residential buildings to place refuse in stationary, on-street containers (SOSCs). Specifically, DSNY would only be permitted to require buildings with 10 or more units to use SOSCs, although smaller buildings could be required to share SOSCs. Any building with 10 or more units that uses an SOSC would be required to provide its employees with relevant training and personal protective equipment. *Intro 1123-B was introduced and heard by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on November 20, 2024. The bill passed on November 12, 2025, by a vote of 30 in favor, 11 against, and 4 abstentions.*

DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF NEW YORK ADOPTS THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

RESO 926 OF 2025 (SPEAKER ADAMS)

This Resolution would declare that the City of New York, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities (CSC) pledge. CSC is a New York State program that helps local governments take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. The program offers grants, rebates for electric vehicles, and free technical assistance. *Reso 926 was introduced on June 11, 2025, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency, and Waterfronts on June 20, 2025. The Reso passed on July 14, 2025, by a voice vote.*

DAYLIGHTING STREET INTERSECTIONS

INTRO 1138 OF 2024 (WON)

This bill would amend section 19-175.8 of the administrative code to set a requirement for the NYC Department of Transportation to implement daylighting barriers at a minimum of 1000 intersections per year. Additionally, the bill would prohibit standing or parking a vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, and require citywide community education and outreach efforts with regard to the change. *Intro 1138 was introduced on December 5, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on April 21, 2025.*

ESTABLISHING ORGANIC WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITIES IN EACH BOROUGH

INTRO 696 OF 2024 (NURSE)

This bill would require the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to establish one or more organic waste composting facilities in each borough. Each borough’s facility or facilities would be required to have the cumulative capacity to process no fewer than 180,000 wet tons of organic waste annually. The bill would also require DSNY, in establishing such facilities, to engage the local community regarding facility siting and facility employment opportunities, consider environmental justice factors, and consult the composting facility siting task force. *Intro 696 was introduced on March 19, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on June 23, 2024.*

REQUIRING DSNY TO ACCEPT COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE AT CITY-OWNED OR OPERATED MARINE AND RAIL TRANSFER STATIONS

INTRO 0055 OF 2024 (NURSE)

This bill would require the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to accept and process commercial solid waste at all city-owned or operated marine and rail transfer stations, and to publicly report the amount and type of waste received at such stations on an annual basis. *Intro 0055 was introduced on February 8, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on February 27, 2024.*

REQUIRING DPR TO IMPROVE, FORMALIZE, OR CREATE 300 MILES OF TRAILS WITHIN 3 YEARS

INTRO 748 OF 2024 (GENNARO)

This bill would require the Commissioner of the Department of Parks and Recreation to improve, formalize, or create 300 miles of trails within 3 years of the effective date of the bill. The placement of such trails should be prioritized to connect the maximum amount of natural areas as well as to improve access by low and moderate income communities to natural areas. *Intro 748 was introduced on April 11, 2024, in the Committee on Parks and Recreation.*

UTILIZING CITY-OWNED LOTS FOR ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

*INTRO 354 OF 2024 (NURSE)

This bill would require the Commissioner of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), in coordination with the Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, to identify city-owned lots suitable for installing energy storage systems (ESS), develop a plan to achieve the amount of energy storage capacity specified in the bill, and make annual progress reports. The bill would require that the energy storage capacity of ESSs on city-owned lots be at least 300 megawatts (MW) by the end of 2030 and at least 400 MW by the end of 2035. *Intro 354 was introduced on February 28, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency, and Waterfronts on March 1, 2024.*

INDIRECT SOURCE RULE

INTRO 1130 OF 2024 (AVILÉS)

This bill would require the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to promulgate an indirect source rule to reduce emissions attributable to the use of indirect sources, such as warehouses or other structures that attract mobile sources of air pollution, such as vehicles. The indirect source rule would regulate certain large warehouses and any other indirect sources determined by the Commissioner. *Intro 1130 was introduced on December 5, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts on February 28, 2025.*

ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN WITH ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS

INTRO 726 OF 2024 (SCHULMAN)

This bill would require the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to request that any child determined to have elevated blood lead levels be referred to the Committee on Special Education of the Department of Education (DOE) for an initial evaluation to determine the child’s eligibility for special education services, including the development of an individualized education program. *Intro 726 was introduced on March 19, 2024, in the Committee on Health.*

*DENOTES A PREVIOUS SCORECARD BILL

A Note to NYLCV Members

In 2025, you used your voice to tell your legislators to fight climate change, improve air quality, and protect public health. The environmental wins we were able to achieve in 2025 were because of support from members like you. When we act together, we can get a lot done.

An important part of our work is holding our elected officials accountable. We encourage all New York City voters to use this scorecard as a resource in future elections when deciding who you want to represent your community and the environment. This scorecard tells you whether your local representatives listened to you and your neighbors, and whether they upheld their responsibility to promote sound policies that protect the environment. Here are three ways you can continue to help us in this endeavor:

TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS YOU KNOW THEIR SCORE: It only takes a minute to say thanks—or no thanks—to your legislators.

SPREAD THE WORD: Share this scorecard with your friends and family so they know the score of their elected officials.

DONATE: We could not accomplish our mission without the generous support of our members. Please make a donation so that we can

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Key Results

Despite the average citywide score decreasing to 83%, the New York City Council made progress when it came to issues such as mitigating the impacts of extreme heat for tenants, establishing a cool pavement pilot program, creating a comprehensive stormwater dashboard and plan, making permanent the city’s cooling center program, and declaring that the City adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge. In 2026, we look forward to working with new and returning Council Members and the new City Council Speaker Julie Menin to ensure that climate and environmental justice are top priorities.

PERFECT SCORES

*Shaun Abreu
Alexa Avilés
Erik Bottcher
Justin Brannan
Selvena Brooks-Powers
Carmen De La Rosa
Amanda Farías
Oswald Feliz
James Gennaro
Shahana Hanif
Crystal Hudson
Rita Joseph
Shekar Krishnan
Julie Menin
Chi Ossé
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Lynn Schulman*

LOW SCORES

*Joann Ariola
David Carr
Kamillah Hanks
Robert Holden
Kristy Marmorato
Darlene Mealy
Vickie Paladino
Inna Vernikov*

Average Score by Borough

BRONX

81 IN 2024
89.6

MANHATTAN

97 IN 2024
98

QUEENS

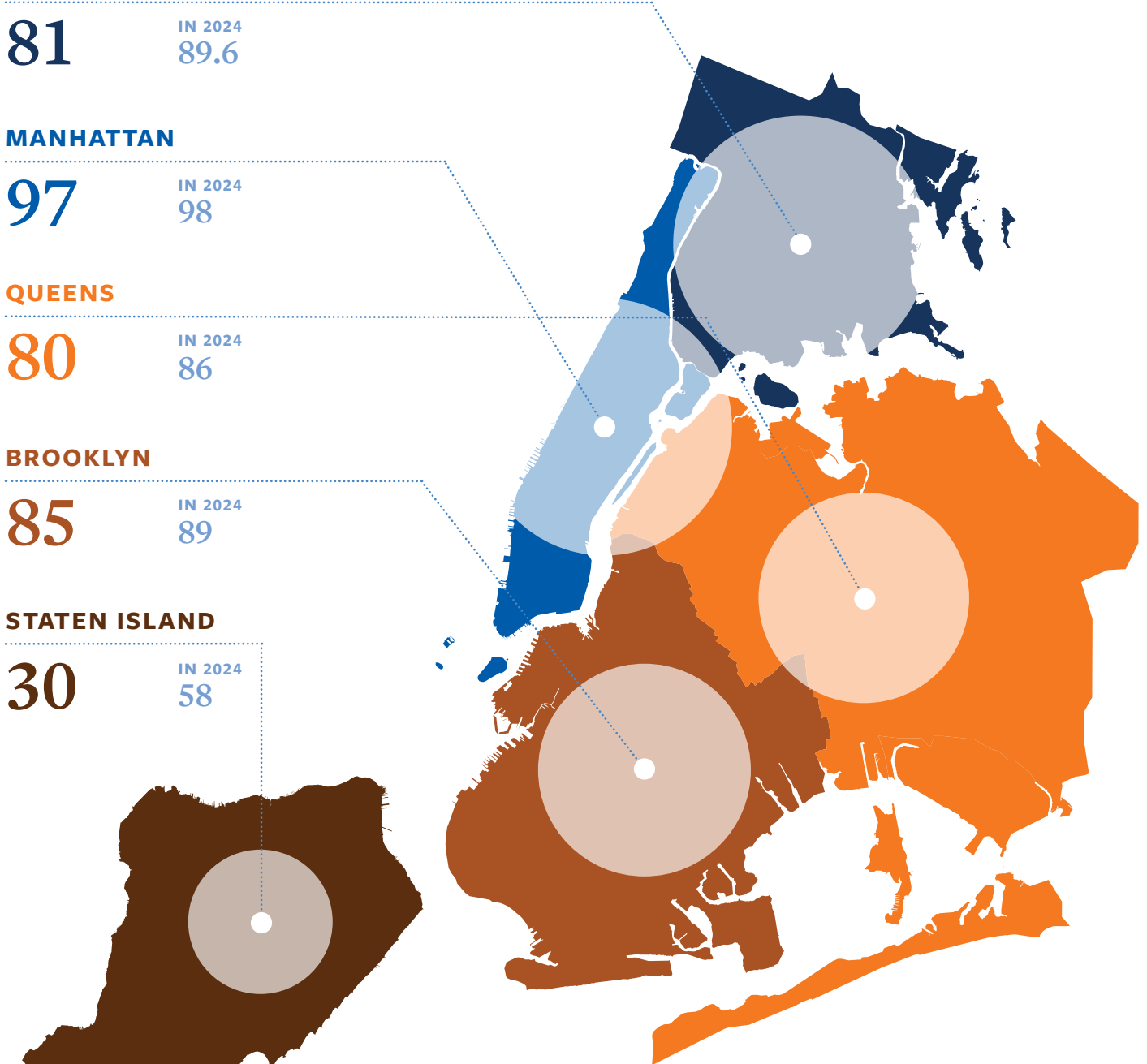
80 IN 2024
86

BROOKLYN

85 IN 2024
89

STATEN ISLAND

30 IN 2024
58



CITYWIDE AVERAGE

83 IN 2024
88

Key City Council Leadership

Though Speaker Adams is not individually scored, she has substantial influence over which pieces of legislation move through the City Council, and there are a few key metrics from this year that demonstrate how the environment was a priority in 2025.

In 2025, seven out of fourteen bills on the Scorecard passed that addressed topics pertaining to extreme heat mitigation, stormwater flooding, access to playgrounds, and waste containerization. We look forward to working with the next City Council passing the remaining scorecard bills in 2026, which includes bills that would study the feasibility of installing energy storage systems on City-owned property and establish an indirect source rule to reduce emissions attributable to the use of indirect sources, such as warehouses or other structures that attract mobile sources of air pollution, such as vehicles.

NYLCV looks forward to working with the next City Council in 2026 to continue prioritizing the environment, passing bills that did not pass in 2025, and ensuring the bills that did pass are successfully implemented and funded. Next year we hope to continue making strides at the borough level, while also getting the citywide average back up.

Scores of Key Committee Chairs



SPEAKER
Adrienne Adams



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Jim Gennaro

100



PARKS AND RECREATION
Shekar Krishnan

100



SANITATION & SOLID WASTE
Shaun Abreu

100



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
Selvena Brooks-Powers

100



HOUSING & BUILDINGS
Pierina Ana Sanchez

93

Methodology

NYLCV regularly convenes an informal “Green Group” of New York City’s leading environmental, public health, transportation, parks and environmental justice organizations to discuss important issues and inform our legislative priorities. Using this input, NYLCV selected the legislation in this Scorecard.

Council Members earn points by casting pro-environment votes or by co-sponsoring pro-environment bills. Negative votes count against the final score. Votes missed due to excused absences are not factored into the score, while abstentions, unexcused absences, or a non-voting classification count as an anti-environmental vote. Bills that passed during 2025 were graded on whether or not each legislator took the pro-environment vote. Bills that did not reach a vote by the last stated meeting in 2025 were graded on co-sponsorship.

As Speaker, Adrienne Adams is not scored. However, the citywide average, which the Speaker has substantial influence over, is a reflection of her commitment to the environment.



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Council Scores

KEY

- ✓ = Pro-Environment Action
- ✗ = Negative Environment Action
- E = Excused
- A = Absent/Non-voting/Abstain, Negative Environmental Action

BOROUGH	DISTRICT	PASS (Y/N)	2024 SCORE	2025 NYLCV SCORE														
				Intro 1138: Daylighting Street Intersections	Intro 928-B: Cool Pavement Pilot Project	Intro 696: Organic waste composting facilities in each borough	Intro 55: Commercial solid waste at marine and rail transfer stations	Intro 748: Requiring DPR to improve, formalize, or create 300 miles of trails within 3 years	Intro 566-B: Annual report to expand access to school playgrounds	Intro 354: Utilizing City-Owned Lots for Energy Storage Systems	Intro 994-A: Cooling systems in tenant-occupied dwellings	Intro 998-A: Codifying Cooling Centers and dashboard	Reso 926: Climate Smart Communities pledge	Intro 1130: Indirect Source Rule lead levels	Intro 726: Assessment of certain children with elevated blood lead levels	Intro 1123-B: Waste Containerization		
QUEENS	27	Nantasha Williams	92	86	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	29	Lynn Schulman	92	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	30	Robert Holden	67	57	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
	31	Selvena Brooks-Powers	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	32	Joann Ariola	50	36	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
	Borough Average Score		86	80														
BROOKLYN	33	Lincoln Restler	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	34	Jennifer Gutiérrez	92	86	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
	35	Crystal Hudson	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	36	Chi Ossé	92	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	37	Sandy Nurse	100	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	38	Alexa Avilés	92	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	39	Shahana Hanif	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	40	Rita Joseph	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	41	Darlene Mealy	42	36	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	A	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
	42	Chris Banks	92	86	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
	43	Susan Zhuang	92	79	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
	44	Simcha Felder*	N/A	N/A	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
	45	Farah N. Louis	92	86	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	46	Mercedes Narcisse	83	71	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
47	Justin Brannan	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
48	Inna Vernikov	58	36	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	
Borough Average Score		89	84															
STATEN ISLAND	49	Kamillah Hanks	75	31	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	A	✓	E	✓	✗	✗	A
	50	David Carr	58	29	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	A	✓	A	✓	✗	✗	✗
	51	Frank Morano*	N/A	N/A	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Borough Average Score		58.3	30															
CITY AVERAGE SCORE:				83														

*Because these members ran for local office and the primary campaign season for local offices substantially overlapped with the legislative session, their scores are not reflected.

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