

A Guide to Your Elected Officials

in the 25th Senate District

*Responsibilities & Duties of Your
Elected Officials*

OUR CITY

The **MAYOR** is New York City's chief executive administrator. The Mayor proposes public policy, submits a budget proposal and endorses legislation for the city. The Mayor can veto any bill passed by the City Council. However, the Council may override the Mayor's veto with a two-thirds vote, and within 30 days the bill will become local law.

The **PUBLIC ADVOCATE** reviews and investigates complaints about city services, assesses whether agencies are responsive to the public, and recommends improvements in agency programs and complaint-handling procedures. As an ombudsman, the Public Advocate helps individuals who are having trouble getting services or information they need from city agencies. The Public Advocate also monitors the effectiveness of the City's public information and education systems.

The **CITY COMPTROLLER** is the City's top financial officer. The Comptroller monitors every aspect of local finances, including auditing, advising, and making recommendations about local governmental spending. The Comptroller prepares the City's annual financial statement.

The **BOROUGH PRESIDENTS** are the executive officers of each of the City's five boroughs. Borough Presidents work with the Mayor and the City Council to determine budget priorities, oversee major land use issues, and monitor city services within their boroughs. Each Borough President designates members to serve on the 59 Community Boards. In Brooklyn, there are 18 Boards.

The **CITY COUNCIL** makes up the legislative branch of government. The City Council is responsible for generating and passing local laws. The council also sponsors public hearings in order to gain more information to fulfill the additional duties of overseeing city agencies, approving the annual budget, and making decisions regarding land use. There are 51 council members.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS are county officials whose principal duty is to uphold the State Constitution, and therefore ensure the enforcement of State laws. District Attorneys serve and protect residents of the counties in which they hold office by investigating and prosecuting those involved in criminal activities.

DISTRICT LEADERS/STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS represent their party in the district in which they are elected. District Leaders select county committee members who convene to designate judges and fill immediate vacancies of elected officials. District Leaders appoint poll site inspectors and mobilize support for party candidates.

The **STATE COMPTROLLER** is the State's chief financial officer, and the watchdog of New York City's fiscal affairs. He or she is also the state auditor of City agencies and public authorities and provides legal advice to local governments on fiscal matters.

The **SENATE** is part of the legislative branch of State government. The Senate is composed of 63 members. It creates and passes laws which must also be endorsed by the Assembly and the Governor. The Senate is also responsible for confirming gubernatorial appointments, and has the power to hold court for the Trial of Impeachments of state elected officials.

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Your Representatives in Washington

United State Senator	Address	Phone/Fax/Email
Kirsten Gillibrand	780 Third Ave., Ste. 2601, N.Y., NY 10017	P: 212-688-6262 • F: 866-824-6340 • senator@gillibrand.senate.gov • gillibrand.senate.gov
Charles Schumer	780 Third Ave., Ste. 2301, N.Y., NY 10017	P: 212-486-4430 • F: 202-228-2838 • senator@schumer.senate.gov • schumer.senate.gov

District	Congressmember	Address	Phone/Fax/Email	Community
CD 7	Nydia M. Velázquez	16 Court St., Suite 1006 Brooklyn, NY 11241	P: 718-222-5819 F: 718-222-5830 website: velazquez.house.gov e-mail: nydia.velazquez@mail.house.gov	(Brooklyn) Bushwick, Red Hook, Sunset Park, and Williamsburg; (Queens) Maspeth, Ridgewood and Woodside; and part of Manhattan's Lower East Side, East Village and Chinatown
CD 8	Hakeem Jeffries	55 Hanson Place, Suite 603 Brooklyn, NY 11217	P: 718-237-2211 F: 718-373-1333 website: jeffries.house.gov e-mail: hakeem.jeffries@mail.house.gov	Fort Greene, Bedford Stuyvesant, East New York, Howard Beach, Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Marine Park, Manhattan Beach, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Sea Gate, and parts of Flatlands
CD 9	Yvette Clarke	222 Lenox Road, Suites 1 & 2 Brooklyn, NY 11226	P: 718-287-1142 • F: 718-287-1223 website: clarke.house.gov e-mail: yvette.clarke@mail.house.gov	Brownsville, Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush, Gerritsen Beach, Madison, Mildwood, Ocean Hill, parts of Park Slope and Flatlands, Prospect Heights, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, Sheepshead Bay, and Windsor Terrace

Your Representatives in Albany

District	Senator	Address	Phone/Fax	Community
SD 25	Velmanette Montgomery	30 Third Ave., Rm. 207 Brooklyn, NY 11217	P: 718-643-6140 F: 718-237-4137	Bedford Stuyvesant, Boerum Hill, Clinton Hill, Fort Greene, Gowanus/Wyckoff, Red Hook, and parts of Carroll Gardens, Park Slope, Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, and Sunset Park

District	Assemblymember	Address	Phone/Fax/Email	Community
AD 43	Diana Richardson	330 Empire Boulevard, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11225	P: 718-771-3105 F: 718-771-3276 District43@nyassembly.gov	Crown Heights, Lefferts Gardens, East Flatbush, Wingate
AD 50	Joseph Lentol	619 Lorimer Street Brooklyn, NY 11211	P: 718-383-7474 F: 718-383-1576 LentolJ@nyassembly.gov	Greenpoint, Williamsburg, Fort Greene
AD 51	Felix Ortiz	5004 4th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11220	P: 718-492-6334 F: 718-492-6435 OrtizF@nyassembly.gov	Part of Park Slope (South Slope) Borough Park, Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Red Hook
AD 52	Jo Anne Simon	341 Smith Street Brooklyn, NY 11231	P: 718-246-4889 F: 718-246-4895 SimonJ@nyassembly.gov	Parts of Red Hook, DUMBO, Brooklyn Heights, Park Slope, Prospect Heights, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus, Vinegar Hill and Downtown Brooklyn
AD 54	Erik Martin Dilan	366 Cornelia St. Brooklyn, NY 11237	P: 718-386-4576 F: 718-386-4575 DilanE@nyassembly.gov	Cypress Hills, Bushwick, Bedford Stuyvesant, Parts of East New York
AD 55	Latrice Walker	400 Rockaway Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11212	P: 718-342-1256 F: 718-342-1258 WalkerL@nyassembly.gov	Brownsville, Bedford Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill, Brownsville, Cypress Hills, Part of East New York, and Bushwick
AD 56	Tremaine Wright	1360 Fulton St., Rm. 417 Brooklyn, NY 11216	P: 718-399-7630 F: 718-399-7690 WrightT@nyassembly.gov	Bedford-Stuyvesant, Northern Crown Heights
AD 57	Walter T. Mosley	55 Hanson Place, Suite 328 Brooklyn, NY 11217	P: 718-596-0100 F: 718-596-4992 MosleyW@nyassembly.gov	Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights, and parts of Crown Heights and Bedford Stuyvesant

COMMUNITY BOARDS exist in every borough. There are 18 Boards in Brooklyn. The Boards monitor the delivery of city services in their districts and are the first governmental body to vote on land-use proposals which go through the Uniform Land Use Review Process. Monthly meetings are open to the public.

Community Board #	Address	Phone/Fax/Email/Website	District Manager
2	350 Jay Street, 8th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201	P: 718-596-5410 • F: 718-852-1461 cb2k@nyc.rr.com • www.nyc.gov/html/bkncb2/html/home/home.shtml	Robert Perris
3	1360 Fulton Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11216	P: 718-622-6601 • F: 718-857-5774 bk03@cb.nyc.gov • cb3brooklyn.org	Henry Butler
6	250 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201	P: 718-643-3027 • F: 718-624-8410 info@brooklyncb6.org • brooklyncb6.org	Mike Racioppo
7	4201 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232	P: 718-854-0003 • F: 718-436-1142 bk07@cb.nyc.gov • brooklyncb7.org	Jeremy Laufer
8	1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213	P: 718-467-5574 • F: 718-778-2979 info@brooklyncb8.org • brooklyncb8.org	Michelle George
16	444 Thomas Boyland Street, Rm. 103, Brooklyn, NY 11212	P: 718-385-0323 • F: 718-342-6714 bk16@cb.nyc.gov • brooklyncb16.org	Viola D. Greene-Walker

Voter Information and Registration
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Your Representatives in New York City

District	Council Member	Address	Phone/Fax/Email	Community
CCD 33	Stephen Levin	410 Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11217	P: 718-875-5200 F: 718-643-6620 E-mail: slevin@council.nyc.gov	Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, DUMBO, Greenpoint, Park Slope, Williamsburg, Vinegar Hill, Brooklyn Navy Yard
CCD 34	Antonio Reynoso	244 Union Ave, Suite 1A Brooklyn NY 11211	P: 718-963-3141 F: 347-223-4347 Email : areynoso@council.nyc.gov	Ridgewood, Williamsburg, Bushwick
CCD 35	Laurie Cumbo	55 Hanson Place, Suite 778 Brooklyn, NY 11217	P: 718-260-9191 F: 718-398-2808 Email : lcumbo@council.nyc.gov	Clinton Hill, Fort Greene, Parts of Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, Bedford Stuyvesant
CCD 36	Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.	1360 Fulton Street, Suite 500 Brooklyn, NY 11216	P: 718-919-0740 F: 718-857-2555 Email : rcornegy@council.nyc.gov	Bedford Stuyvesant, North Crown Heights
CCD 37	Rafael Espinal	786 Knickerbocker Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207	P: 718-642-8664 F: 718-889-6017 Email: respinal@council.nyc.gov	Bushwick, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Highland Park, Cypress Hill, City Line, East New York
CCD 38	Carlos Menchaca	4417 4th Ave., Ground Floor Brooklyn, NY 11220	P: 718-439-9012 F: 347-599-0604 Email: info38@council.nyc.gov	Red Hook, Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace
CCD 39	Brad Lander	456 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11215	P: 718-499-1090 F: 718-499-1997 E-mail: lander@council.nyc.gov	Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus, Park Slope, South Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington, Columbia Waterfront
CCD 41	Alicka Ampry-Samuel	400 Rockaway Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11212	P: 718-953-3097 F: 718-953-3276 E-mail: asamuel@council.nyc.gov	Bedford Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, East Flatbush, Crown Heights

25th Senate District Police

Precint #	Address	Phone
72nd	830 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232	718-965-6311
73rd	1470 E. New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212	718-495-5411
76th	191 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231	718-834-3211
77th	127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213	718-735-0611
78th	65 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217	718-636-6411
79th	263 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216	718-636-6611
81st	30 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221	718-574-0411
84th	301 Gold Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201	718-875-6811
88th	298 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205	718-636-6511

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Attorney General (Brooklyn Office)	718-560-2040
Board of Education City of NY	718-935-5164
Board of Elections (Brooklyn)	718-797-8800
Brooklyn Borough President	718-802-3700
Brooklyn District Attorney	718-250-2001
Federal Information	1-844-USA-GOV1
League of Women Voters, NYC	212-725-3541
Mayor	212-639-9675
NYC Council	212-788-7100
NYC Council Meeting Schedule	212-788-7100
NYS Assembly	518-455-4100
NYS Comptroller	212-383-1600
NYS Senate	518-455-2800
Public Advocate for the City of NY	212-669-7200
Status of Bills - NYS Legislature	1-800-342-9860
White House Comments Line	202-456-1111
U.S.Capitol Switchboard	202-224-3121

Useful Websites

Washington	The President and Vice Presidentwww.whitehouse.gov
	United States Senatewww.senate.gov
Albany	House of Representativeswww.house.gov
	Your Representativewww.house.gov/writerep
New York City	Judicial Branchwww.uscourts.gov
	Governorwww.governor.ny.gov
Voter Services	State Senatewww.nysenate.gov
	State Assemblywww.assembly.state.ny.us
New York City	New York State Home Pagewww.ny.gov
	Mayorhttp://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor
New York City	Public Advocatewww.pubadvocate.nyc.gov
	Comptrollerwww.comptroller.nyc.gov
Voter Services	City Councilwww.council.nyc.ny.gov
	City of New York Home Pagewww1.nyc.gov
Voter Services	NYC Board of Electionswww.vote.nyc.ny.us
	NYS Board of Electionswww.elections.ny.gov
Voter Services	NYC Voter Assistance Commissionwww.nycvafb.info
	(Now a part of NYC Campaign Finance Board)

From State Senator Velmaette Montgomery

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We, The People, Represent You



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The **ASSEMBLY** is also part of the legislative branch of State government. It is made up of 150 members. The major duty of the Assembly is to create and pass state laws which must also be endorsed by the State Senate and the Governor.

The **ATTORNEY GENERAL** serves as the top lawyer for the State of New York, and defends the state in court. The Attorney General is also responsible for defending consumers and workers, fighting discrimination, prosecuting fraud and safeguarding the environment.

OUR NATION

The **PRESIDENT** is the top executive officer of the United States and the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces. The President serves as the chief administrator of the Executive Branch which gives him/her the power to perform several duties which include: making treaties and appointing ambassadors; Supreme Court Justices and other U.S. officials whose appointments are not established in the Constitution (these aforementioned duties are done with the consent of the U.S. Senate); communicating to Congress on the condition of the nation (State of the Union Address); making policy recommendations; and vetoing legislation passed by Congress.

The **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** constitutes one-half of the United States legislative branch of Congress. There are 435 Representatives. Each state is apportioned a set number based upon the 2010 federal census. New York State has 27 representatives, 13 representing New York City. House Representatives shape public policy primarily through making laws, determining revenue mechanisms (taxing), and spending priorities (budgeting). A two-thirds vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate may override a presidential veto on a bill passed by Congress. Delegates representing Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia may participate in some Congressional activities, but are not granted voting privileges.

The **U.S. SENATE** is the counterpart of Congress. Two of the 100 voting members of the U.S. Senate represent each of the 50 states. U.S. Senators' duties include writing laws, confirming Presidential appointments and holding impeachment proceedings.

OUR STATE

The **GOVERNOR** is the state's top executive officer and commander-in-chief of the state militia. The Governor must communicate to the Legislature the condition of the state (State of the State Address) along with submitting to the Legislature a budget proposal for the ensuing year. The Governor is also responsible for executing the state's laws, and appoints heads of all state agencies with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor may veto any bill passed by the Legislature. This means that the bill would be defeated unless the Legislature is still in session and two-thirds of the elected members of each of the two houses vote to override the Governor's veto.

The **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** must assume the responsibilities of the Governor if the Governor is unable to perform those duties. The Lieutenant Governor also acts as President of the Senate but only has the power to vote in case of a tie.