

New York City Council Watch


2009 Human Rights Report Card

*Did your
City Council Representative
Defend Human Rights
in 2009?*
























Find out inside!

The Human Rights Report Card aims to provide reliable and accessible information on the performance of City Council representatives in protecting and advancing the human rights of New Yorkers in 2009. **Please note that since this report is being released in September 2009, the actual assessment period is from September 2008 to August 2009.** We hope that readers will give us their feedback at councilwatch@hrpujc.org, or visit www.hrpujc.org/CouncilWatch.html to download the full report card.

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Council Member		Advancing Democracy	Advancing Equality	Environmental Justice	Health	Housing	Work	Education***	Overall Grade	Rank
	Tony Avella District 19	A+	A+	A+	B	A+	A	A+	A+	1
	Leticia James District 35	A+	A+	A+	A+	A	B	A	A	2
	Melissa Mark-Viverito District 8	A+	A+	A+	A+	F	C	A+	A	3
	John Liu District 20	A+	A+	A+	A+	B	D	A+	A	4
	Daniel Garodnick District 4	A	A	B	B	A	D	B	A	5
	Rosie Mendez District 2	A+	A	A+	B	A	C	A+	A	5
	Gale Brewer District 6	A	A	A+	B	A	D	B	A	6
	Thomas White, Jr. District 28	F	A+	B	B	A	C	A+	A	6
	David Yassky District 33	F	A+	A+	B	A	F	A+	A	7
	Bill de Blasio District 39	B	A	B	B	B	D	A	B	8
	Kendall Stewart District 45	F	A	A+	B	A	D	B	B	8
	Alan Gerson District 1	F	B	A+	A+	A	D	B	B	9
	G. Oliver Koppell District 11	F	A	A+	A+	A	D	A+	B	9
	David Weprin District 23	A	B	A+	A+	A	D	B	B	9
	Eric Gioia District 26	B	B	A+	B	B	D	B	B	10
	Charles Barron District 42	A	B	B	A+	B	A	B	B	11
	Julissa Ferreras* District 21	-	B	A+	-	B	-	B	B	11
	Darlene Mealy District 41	F	B	A+	B	A	D	B	B	12
	Annabel Palma District 18	A	A	B	A	A	D	B	B	13
	Miguel Martinez** District 10	F	B	A+	A+	B	C	B	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>
	Vincent Gentile District 43	A	B	A+	C	A	F	B	B	14
	Maria del Carmen Arroyo District 17	F	B	A+	A+	B	C	B	B	15
	Elizabeth Crowley District 30	-	B	B	B	B	-	D	B	15
	Jessica Lappin District 5	A	B	B	C	B	D	D	B	15
	Diana Reyna District 34	F	B	A+	B	B	C	D	B	15

A+ = 80-100. A = 70-79. B = 55-69. C = 45-54. D = 35-44. F = 0-34. *Not elected during vote. **Miguel Martinez resigned from City Council in July 2009. ***Education graded on a different scale - bill sponsorships and not actual votes.

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	Eric Ulrich* District 32	-	B	B	-	B	-	D	B	15
	Leroy Comrie District 27	F	A	B	B	B	D	D	B	16
	Inez Dickens District 9	F	B	B	B	B	D	B	B	16
	Michael Nelson District 48	F	B	B	B	A	D	D	B	16
	Mathieu Eugene District 40	B	B	B	B	B	F	B	B	17
	Helen Foster District 16	F	A	A+	C	B	C	B	B	17
	Domenic Recchia, Jr. District 47	F	B	A+	B	B	F	B	B	18
	James Sanders, Jr. District 31	F	A	B	B	A	F	B	B	18
	Larry Seabrook District 12	F	B	B	A+	B	C	B	B	18
	Maria Baez District 14	F	C	B	B	B	D	D	B	19
	Sara Gonzalez District 38	F	D	A+	B	A	C	B	B	19
	Robert Jackson District 7	F	B	B	A+	A	D	A	B	19
	Joel Rivera District 15	F	B	B	B	B	D	D	B	19
	Helen Sears District 25	F	B	B	B	B	D	D	B	19
	James Gennaro District 24	B	B	B	B	B	F	B	B	20
	Albert Vann District 36	F	A	B	C	B	D	A+	B	20
	Melinda Katz District 29	F	B	B	B	B	D	D	C	21
	Lewis Fidler District 46	F	B	C	B	B	F	B	C	22
	Christine Quinn District 3	F	B	B	B	B	F	D	C	22
	Erik Martin Dilan District 37	F	C	B	B	B	F	B	C	23
	Peter Vallone, Jr. District 22	F	B	B	C	B	F	D	C	24
	James Vacca District 13	F	B	C	B	B	F	D	C	25
	Kenneth Mitchell* District 49	-	B	B	F	B	-	D	C	26
	James Oddo District 50	B	B	B	F	F	F	B	C	27
	Vincent Ignizio District 51	B	B	B	F	F	F	D	C	28
	Simcha Felder District 44	F	C	F	C	B	F	B	D	29

Borough Color Code: Brooklyn (■) Bronx (■) Manhattan (■) Queens (■) Staten Island (■). Details on back page.
To find your City Council Member, please go to <http://council.nyc.gov/html/members/members.shtml>

Bills Used For Each Category

Grades based on votes and sponsorship on pending bills
Pending bills are italicized

Advancing Democracy

- ☺ Term Limits. [Int. 845](#)
- ☺ *Policing Free Speech and Assembly. [Int. 743](#)*
- ☺ *Voter Registration for Youth. [Int. 690](#)*

Advancing Equality

- ☺ Elder Abuse Prevention. [Int. 737](#)
- ☺ Annual NYPD Firearm Discharge Reports. [Int. 516](#)
- ☺ Buyers of Consumer Debt. [Int. 660](#)
- ☺ Jail Data Reporting on Adolescents. [Int. 937](#)
- ☺ Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption. [Int. 1026](#)
- ☺ *Community Impact Reports. [Int. 801](#)*
- ☺ *Human Rights in Government Operations. [Int. 731](#)*
- ☺ *Transparency in Immigration Services. [Int. 720](#)*
- ☺ *Data on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care. [Int. 950](#)*

Environmental Justice

- ☺ Increasing Fees for Solid Waste Transfer Stations. [Int. 840](#)
- ☺ Ultra Low Diesel Fuel. [Int. 684](#)
- ☺ Engine Idling Violations. [Int. 631](#)
- ☺ Brownfield and Community Revitalization Act. [Int. 21](#)
- ☺ *Asthma-Free Housing Act 2008. [Int. 750](#)*

Health

- ☺ Inspection of Drinking Water. [Int. 408](#)
- ☺ Food Allergy Posters. [Int. 818](#)
- ☺ Expansion of Health Insurance Coverage. [Int. 917](#)
- ☺ Clinic Access. [Int. 826](#)
- ☺ *Services for HIV/AIDS Patients. [Int. 691](#)*

Housing

- ☺ Extending Rent Stabilization. [Int. 923](#)
- ☺ *Tenant's Right to Notice of Foreclosure. [Int. 956](#)*
- ☺ *Rent Stabilization Online. [Int. 698](#)*
- ☺ *Fair Housing. [Int. 685](#)*
- ☺ *Counsel for Foreclosing. [Int. 682](#)*
- ☺ *Counsel for Foreclosing 2. [Int. 648](#)*
- ☺ *Illegal Hotels. [Int. 534](#)*

Workers Rights

- ☺ Participation of Minority and Women-Owned Businesses. [Int. 888](#)
- ☺ Willets Point Development Plan. [Res. 1687-1692](#)
- ☺ *Small Business Survival Act. [Int. 847](#)*
- ☺ *Paid Family Leave. [Int. 805](#)*
- ☺ *Responsible Restaurant Act. [Int. 569](#)*
- ☺ *Vendor Licenses. [Int. 324](#)*

Education

- ☺ *Making Webcast Equipment Available to PTAs. [Int. 948](#)*
- ☺ *School Safety Act. [Int. 816](#)*



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