



NEW YORK LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
2021 NYC COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL

Scorecard



It's more evident than ever that public health, the environment, and the future of our city's economy as a hub of innovation are all linked. We cannot make much-needed progress without continued momentum on significant action for the environment.

2022 is poised to be an agenda-setting year for New York City with a new Mayor, Comptroller, and two-thirds of the City Council. It is more important than ever for the City to remain committed to the environment and serve as a role model for other cities to follow.

In 2021, the Council prioritized several of the policies and proposals that NYLCV highlighted in our NYC Policy Agenda. This work is critical as we take major steps forward in our fight against climate change. Following an FY22 budget that prioritized parks and open spaces, the City Council covered a broad range of legislative issues including resiliency and renewable energy initiatives, waste reduction and electric vehicle charging stations.

We are very pleased to report that the average score for Council Members remained relatively the same this year and only a small number of Council Members received

low scores. We are excited to see that the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island all increased their average scores this year. And though Manhattan wasn't able to achieve its perfect score of 100 again, it still carries the highest average score of 90. This is further evidence that the environment holds strong and diverse support, and it reflects both the impact of our scorecard and the responsiveness of our elected officials.

As this year's scorecard shows, Council Members are working to improve public transportation, increase parks and green space, and reduce waste. Councilmember Dromm sponsored the diesel school bus phase out, requiring all city school buses be fully electric by 2035, a top NYLCV priority for years. Council Member Ampry-Samuel sponsored two bills, Building Electrification and the Urban Agriculture Report, fighting for cleaner air, lower emissions, and community based sustainable food systems. Skip the Stuff and the Plastic Straw Ban, sponsored by

Council Members Van Bramer and Rosenthal, respectively, reduce single-use plastics and help save small businesses millions.

Major legislation from Council Member Brannan will help us prepare us for the growing threat of climate hazards, and continued focus on zero-emission transit options will be crucial to assist in reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from transportation—the leading contributor to climate change in the state.

NYLCV continues to set the standard citywide for the environmental policy agenda, and this year we are continuing our advocacy, from clean school buses and other environmental justice initiatives, to sustainability projects across all five boroughs, to increasing our renewable energy infrastructure. No one policy can combat climate change on its own—we continue to push for policies that in tandem can make New York City the leader when it comes to clean and green policies.

And while all of this work will make progress toward meeting the City's emission reduction goals, we still have much more work to do. That's why NYLCV and our partners will continue to advocate for important legislation that has not yet been approved. To that end, priority bills that did not pass in 2021 need to be reintroduced as soon as possible so that they move through the Council toward approval in 2022.

We look forward to continuing our work and seeing continued progress from the City Council in the term ahead.



Julie Tighe
PRESIDENT, NYLCV



COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO SPEAKING AT OUR NYC CLEAN SCHOOL BUS COALITION RALLY

About the Bills

DIESEL SCHOOL BUS PHASE OUT

INTRO 455-A* (DROMM)

This bill requires that all school buses subject to New York City school bus contracts be fully electric by 2035. The bill also requires the Department of Education (DOE) to report on various implementation targets in the years leading up to 2035. School bus electrification will help us drastically reduce emissions in our City, particularly in communities historically overburdened by pollution. *Intro 455 was introduced on February 14, 2018 and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on December 17, 2018. The bill passed on October 7th, 2021 by a vote of 44-1.*

COMPREHENSIVE RESILIENCY PLAN

INTRO 1620-A* (CONSTANTINIDES)

This bill requires the Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency or other agency the Mayor designates to develop a comprehensive five borough plan to protect New York City from various climate hazards including sea level rise, intensifying storms, and extreme heat. A plan such as this will be critical to address the increasingly intensifying threats of climate change and protect our most vulnerable residents. *Intro 1620 was introduced on June 26, 2019 and heard by the Committees on Resiliency and Waterfronts and Environmental Protection on October 29, 2019. The bill passed on October 7th, 2021 by a vote of 45-0.*

EXPANDED LEAD POISONING INVESTIGATIONS

INTRO 864-A* (SPEAKER JOHNSON)

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), when responding to a report of a lead poisoned child, to inspect, in addition to the dwelling, all other child-occupied dwellings in the building. The bill also requires the testing of water and bare soil areas of the building. DOHMH must also investigate daycare facilities, preschools and schools that were attended by a person with an elevated blood level, and parks, playgrounds or other areas with bare soil that the person with elevated blood level visits. *Intro 864 was introduced on May 9, 2018 and heard by the Committees on Health, Housing and Buildings, and Environmental Protection on September 27, 2018. The bill passed on March 18th, 2021 by a vote of 47-0.*

PLASTIC STRAW BAN

INTRO 936-A* (ROSENTHAL)

This bill bans food service establishments from providing plastic straws and beverage stirrers, except those needed for medical reasons. Reducing single use plastics, such as straws and beverage stirrers, helps NYC limit plastic pollution and reach our zero waste goals. *Intro 936 was introduced on May 23, 2018 and heard by the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing on June 21, 2018. The bill passed on May 12th, 2021 by a vote of 43-4.*

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ON RIKERS ISLAND

INTRO 1591-B (CONSTANTINIDES)

This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental

Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Sanitation, to study the feasibility of constructing a new wastewater treatment facility on Rikers Island. This will include a study on methane recapture and organic waste recycling. Repurposing Rikers Island from a historically unjust symbol of oppression into a vehicle for waste processing and recycling will help us to reach our zero waste goals while also undoing years of environmental injustice. *Intro 1591 was introduced on June 13, 2019 and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on January 29, 2020. The bill passed on February 25th, 2021 by a vote of 46-0.*

RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES ON RIKERS ISLAND

INTRO 1593-A (CONSTANTINIDES)

This bill requires the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability to study the feasibility of different types of renewable energy sources combined with battery storage on Rikers Island as part of the long-term energy plan. Repurposing Rikers Island into a hub for renewable energy and storage will help us to reach our emission reduction goals and right years of environmental injustice. *Intro 1593 was introduced on June 13th, 2019 and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on January 29th, 2020. The bill passed on February 11th, 2021 by a vote of 42-2.*

URBAN AGRICULTURE REPORT

INTRO 1058-A* (AMPRY-SAMUEL)

This bill requires the Office of Urban Agriculture to prepare an urban agriculture report every five years that details the state of New York City's urban agriculture, opportunities for expanding the availability of healthy food in low-income neighborhoods, and the integration of urban agriculture into the City's conservation and resiliency plans. Sustainable food systems are critical to the health of our residents and our environment. *Intro 1058 was introduced on August 8th, 2018 and heard by the Committee on Land Use on June 11th, 2019. The bill passed on October 7th, 2021 by a vote of 45-0.*

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

INTRO 277-A (BRANNAN)

This bill would require that 40% of spaces in existing parking garages be capable of supporting electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) by 2030. This bill would also require that 10% of parking spaces in existing garages

install electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) by 2030 and 20% of such spaces install EVSE by 2035. For new garages and lots, 60% of all parking spaces and lots must be capable of supporting EVCS and 20% of all spots shall install EVSE. Providing charging infrastructure is crucial to reducing range anxiety and expanding access to clean, electric vehicles. *Intro 277 was introduced on January 31st, 2018 and heard by the Committee on Housing and Buildings on November 9th, 2021.*



BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION

INTRO 2317-A (AMPRY-SAMUEL)
This bill would prohibit the combustion of fossil fuels in newly constructed buildings and require the Mayor’s Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability to conduct a study regarding the use of heat pump technology and a study of the impact of this bill on the City’s electrical grid. Transitioning away from fossil fuels will drastically reduce our emissions, help to prevent the worsening effects of climate change, and improve air quality for all residents in New York City. *Intro 2317 was introduced on May 27th, 2021 and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on November 17th, 2021. The bill passed on December 15th, 2021 by a vote of 40-7.*

SKIP THE STUFF

INTRO 1775-C (VAN BRAMER)
This bill would prohibit food service establishments, couriers who deliver food, and food delivery platforms from providing eating utensils, extra eating containers, condiment packets and napkins to customers for take-out and delivery orders unless the customer requests them. Reducing single use and unnecessary items, such as plastic utensils and condiment packets, helps NYC limit pollution and work towards reaching our zero waste goals. *Intro 1775 was introduced on October 17th, 2019 and heard by the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing on December 7th, 2021.*

ORGANIC WASTE DROP OFF SITES

INTRO 1942* (POWERS)
This bill would mandate that the Department of Sanitation establish and operate at least three organics drop off sites in each community district. With organic waste comprising a third of the City’s waste stream and organic waste collection reduced significantly in the FY21 budget, this legislation can help to put the City back on track with its goal of sending zero waste to landfills by 2030 (oX30). *Intro 1942 was introduced on May 13, 2020 and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on June 15, 2020.*

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTERS

INTRO 1943* (REYNOSO)
This bill would mandate that the Department of Sanitation establish and operate at least one community recycling center in each community district. Establishing community dropoff centers for recyclable material that cannot be efficiently collected curbside will be instrumental in achieving the city’s waste reduction goals. *Intro 1943 was introduced on May 13, 2020 and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on June 15, 2020.*

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

INTRO 2465 (REYNOSO)
This bill would streamline the process for siting and construction of transportation projects by combining the currently separate City Council and community board processes. In order to reduce our dependence on cars and encourage safe travel by low emissions forms of transportation we must make it easier for the city to build bike lanes and micro-mobility infrastructure. *Intro 2465 was introduced on November 23rd, 2021.*

** Denotes a previous scorecard bill*

A Note to NYLCV Members

In 2021, you used your voice to tell your legislators to fight climate change, conserve natural resources, and protect public health. The environmental wins we were able to achieve in 2021 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. While two-thirds of the last City Council was term limited, many of them are still in the City Council and the rest continue to serve in different roles in government and in our local communities. Use this scorecard as a resource in 2022 and 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 by upholding 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 continue fighting climate change, conserving land and water, and protecting public health.

Visit [NYLCV.org/nycscorecard](https://nylcv.org/nycscorecard) for more.

Key Results

As the last year in office for a majority of the NYC Council, 2021 showed how strong political wills can pass progressive and long overdue pieces of environmental legislation. The urgency to pass important bills before the end of the year was potent, but not always met with agreement. Some Council Members were focused on their legacy, some were fixated on ensuring comprehensive and thoughtful legislation, and some were focused on what could still be accomplished in the next council. With numerous motivations, and more than half of our enacted scorecard bills being passed in the last few months of the year, it is no surprise that the average score of the city didn't increase.

Despite the setback on a Citywide scale, there were some positive changes at the borough level. We are excited to see that the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island all increased their average scores this year, setting a bold example of advocacy for other boroughs to follow. Though Manhattan wasn't able to achieve its perfect score of 100 again, it still carries the highest average score of 90.

PERFECT SCORES

- Carlina Rivera
- Keith Powers
- Ben Kallos*
- Mark Levine*
- Diana Ayala
- Ydanis Rodríguez*
- Eric Dinowitz
- Kevin Riley
- Vanessa Gibson*
- Peter Koo*
- Jim Gennaro
- Daniel Dromm*
- Jimmy Van Bramer*
- Adrienne Adams
- Carlos Menchaca*
- Farah Louis

LOW SCORES

- Margaret Chin*
- Bill Perkins*
- Mark Gjonaj*
- Ruben Diaz, Sr.*
- Daneek Miller*
- Mathieu Eugene*
- Steven Matteo*
- Joseph C. Borelli

*No longer in the City Council

Average Score by Borough

BRONX

79 IN 2020 75

MANHATTAN

90 IN 2020 100

QUEENS

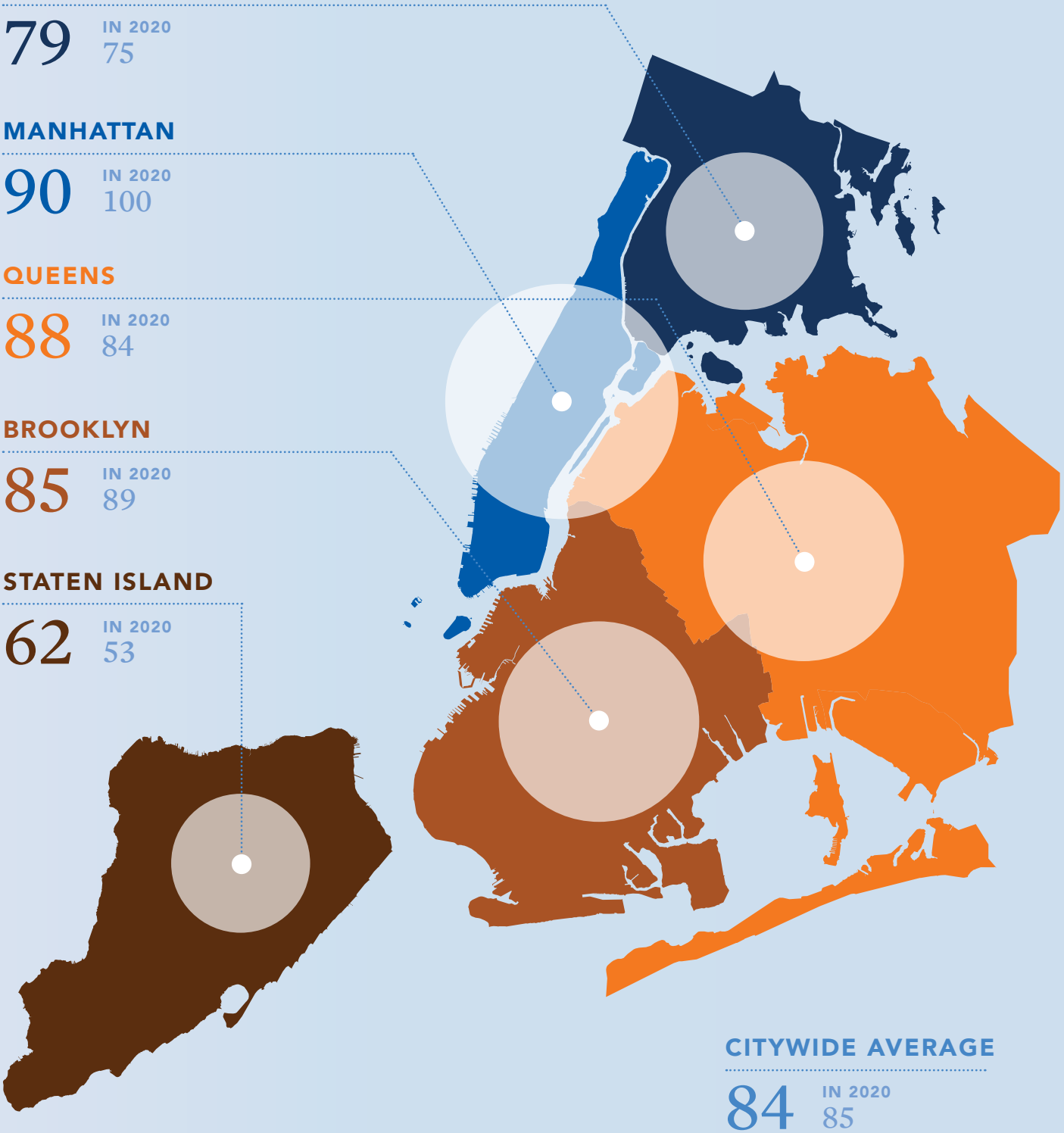
88 IN 2020 84

BROOKLYN

85 IN 2020 89

STATEN ISLAND

62 IN 2020 53



Key City Council Leadership

Though former Speaker Johnson is not individually scored, he has substantial influence over which pieces of legislation move through City Council. There are a few key metrics from this year that serve as a reflection of his commitment to the environment.

In 2021, 62% of our scorecard bills were passed by City Council, which is an impressive increase from last year’s 50% pass rate. Out of the thirteen bills on the scorecard, the eight that passed tackled issues pertaining to climate change, lead poisoning, and renewable energy. This year, the council worked together under the leadership of Speaker Johnson to pass four bills that failed in 2020, which include Diesel School Bus Phase Out, Comprehensive Resiliency Plan, Expanded Lead Poisoning Investigations, and the Plastic Straw Ban.

The Citywide average score is also a reflection on the Speaker. With more bills passed but a lower average score, the speaker exemplified the controversy and opposition many of these progressive bills faced, and the will to overcome adversity and fight for our environment.

As Speaker Adams assumes her new role as leader of the council, NYLCV looks forward to working with her to pinpoint bills that are crucial for environmental protection and conservation. We hope to continue making strides at a borough level, and get the Citywide average back up next year. Speaker Adams has scored a perfect 100 for the last four years, and we are optimistic that this dedication will spread to the rest of City Council in the near future.

Scores of Key Committee Chairs



SPEAKER
Corey Johnson



RESILIENCY AND WATERFRONTS
Justin Brannan
92



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Jim Gennaro
100



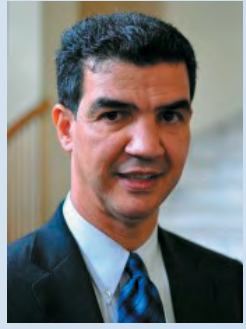
PARKS
Peter Koo
100



HEALTH
Mark Levine
100



SANITATION & SOLID WASTE
Antonio Reynoso
92



TRANSPORTATION
Ydanis Rodriguez
100

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MANHATTAN		PASS (Y/N)				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N			
	1	Margaret Chin*	100	62	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗			
	2	Carlina Rivera	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	4	Keith Powers	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	5	Ben Kallos*	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	6	Helen Rosenthal*	100	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗			
	7	Mark Levine*	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	8	Diana Ayala	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	9	Bill Perkins*	100	57	E	E	✓	E	E	✓	E	E	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗			
	10	Ydanis Rodriguez*	100	100	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Borough Average Score 90																			
BRONX	11	Eric Dinowitz	N _A	100	✓	✓	E	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	12	Kevin Riley	N _A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	13	Mark Gjonaj*	64	46	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗			
	14	Fernando Cabrera*	100	77	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗			
	15	Oswald Feliz	N _A	80	✓	✓	E	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓			
	16	Vanessa Gibson*	83	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	17	Rafael Salamanca	83	77	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗			
	18	Ruben Diaz Sr.*	42	54	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗			
	Borough Average Score 79																			
QUEENS	19	Paul Vallone*	75	85	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗			
	20	Peter Koo*	92	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	21	Francisco Moya	75	77	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗			
	22	Tiffany Cabán**	N _A	N _A	N _A	N _A	N _A	N _A	N _A	N _A	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓			
	23	Barry Grodenchik*	100	77	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗			
	24	Jim Gennaro	N _A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	25	Daniel Dromm*	83	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	26	Jimmy Van Bramer*	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
27	Daneek Miller*	58	62	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		A	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗			

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QUEENS		PASS (Y/N)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
	28	Adrienne Adams	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	29	Karen Koslowitz*	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	30	Robert F. Holden	67	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	31	Selvena Brooks-Powers	N/A	✓	✓	E	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	32	Eric Ulrich*	58	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Borough Average Score 88																		
BROOKLYN	33	Stephen Levin*	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	34	Antonio Reynoso*	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	35	Laurie Cumbo*	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	36	Robert Cornegy*	83	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	37	Dharma Diaz*	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	
	38	Carlos Menchaca*	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	39	Brad Lander*	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	40	Mathieu Eugene*	83	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
	41	Alicka Ampry-Samuel*	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	42	Inez Barron*	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	43	Justin Brannan	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	44	Kalman Yeger	50	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
45	Farah Louis	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
46	Alan Maisel*	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗		
47	Mark Treyger*	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗		
48	Inna Vernikov**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Borough Average Score 85																		
STATEN ISLAND	49	Deborah Rose*	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
	50	Stephen Matteo*	23	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
	51	Joseph C. Borelli	23	A	A	✓	✗	✓	✓	A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
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Methodology

NYLCV regularly convenes a “Green Group” coalition 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 count as an anti-environmental vote. Bills that passed during 2021 were graded on whether or not each legislator took the pro-environment vote. Bills that did not reach a vote during 2021 were graded on co-sponsorship. Council Members were given a grace period until December 31, 2021 to co-sponsor bills.

As Speaker, Corey Johnson is not scored. However, the citywide average, which the Speaker has substantial influence over, is a reflection of his commitment to the environment.



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