



NEW YORK LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

2024 NYC COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL

Scorecard



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For years, wildfires felt like a distant crisis—something we saw on the news but never experienced firsthand. That began to change last year when our skies were blanketed with smoke and haze from the wildfires raging in Canada. This year, extreme drought fueled by climate change brought the fires to our doorstep, igniting blazes across the region, including in Brooklyn’s iconic Prospect Park. These events followed a summer marked by over a dozen air quality alerts in New York City and what has already been recorded as the hottest year in history. This is just a preview of what’s to come if we fail to build resilience and reduce climate pollution.

While we are still far from where we need to be to fully address the climate crisis, the New York City Council made meaningful progress this year on several NYLCV priorities.

Budgets reflect priorities, and as key climate milestones approach—most notably the first compliance deadline for Local Law 97 in May 2025—we will continue to demand robust funding and staffing for city agencies like the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Buildings to meet their climate responsibilities.



Extreme drought caused wildfires across the region, including in New York City’s Prospect Park (Photo from @FDNY post on “X”).

From advancing transit-oriented development and reforming parking mandates to promoting electric vehicles and composting in city parks, the Council took important steps in the right direction and passed the majority of our Scorecard bills, with a citywide average score increasing to 88%.

One of the most significant accomplishments was the Council’s approval of City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, a major zoning reform that will unlock 80,000 new homes over the next 15 years while promoting sustainable policies like transit-oriented development and rolling back outdated parking minimums. We applaud Zoning and Land Use Committee Chairs Kevin Riley and Rafael Salamanca and all Council Members who supported this measure despite strong opposition. Big change is rarely easy, and achieving consensus is even harder. We especially commend Speaker Adrienne Adams for her leadership in securing this win while also delivering a \$5 billion investment to support affordable housing, NYCHA repairs, tenant protections, and critical infrastructure upgrades.

Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Chair of the Housing and Buildings Committee, also showed exceptional leadership by sponsoring the renewal of the J-51 tax abatement. This measure provides much-needed property tax benefits for owners of multifamily buildings making capital improvements, including investments in sustainability. Critically, it offers building owners a vital financial tool to comply with Local Law 97, which sets ambitious energy efficiency and emissions standards for larger buildings beginning in 2024, with stricter limits ahead in 2030.

Other Council Members also championed key environmental legislation. Council Member Justin Brannan sponsored a bill requiring parking garages to install EV charging stations,

Council Member Sandy Nurse advanced legislation to install rooftop solar on city-owned buildings, and Council Member Gale Brewer introduced a bill to establish composting facilities for plant waste in parks—bringing us closer to our Zero Waste by 2030 goal.

While these legislative victories are essential, passing bills is only the first step. Implementation and funding are just as critical. And yet for two years, while other agencies saw restorations, Parks have continued to face sharp cuts, and the impact is clear: devastating brushfires, demoralized workers, and understaffed facilities.

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As we enter the final year of this City Council session, we look forward to working with Speaker Adams and Council Members to advance the scorecard bills that stalled in 2024, conduct more oversight hearings on existing laws, and fight for an environmentally responsible city budget.

This work is essential in our fight against climate change and in building a healthier, more sustainable New York City for generations to come.



Julie Tighe

President, NYLCV



Speaker Adams helped deliver a \$5 billion investment to support affordable housing, NYCHA repairs, tenant protections, and critical infrastructure upgrades to address flooding. Coney Island Houses in Brooklyn/NYC.GOV.

About the Bills

CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

LU 181-2024 (NYC DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING)

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity (COYHO) is a citywide zoning text amendment introduced by the Department of City Planning that would update the Zoning Resolution to address the City's housing shortage. Environmental components include, but are not limited to, lifting mandatory parking requirements, legalizing

transit oriented development on qualifying sites, and allowing accessory dwelling units. *COYHO was referred on April 29, 2024, to all 59 Community Boards, borough boards, and borough presidents. COYHO was approved by the City Planning Commission on September 25, 2024, and heard by the City Council Subcommittees on Zoning and Land Use on October 21-22, 2024. COYHO passed on December 5, 2024, by a vote of 31-20.*

ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR CANOPIES IN CERTAIN PARKING LOTS

INTRO 129-A (BRANNAN)

This bill would mandate that the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) create a pilot program to install solar canopies at no less than 1 city-controlled parking lot where such a canopy would be cost effective in each borough. In addition, for each city controlled parking lot at which a solar canopy is installed, DCAS would be required to install at least 5 electric vehicle chargers with a minimum charging capacity of 6 kilowatts. After the conclusion of the pilot program, a report would be required outlining the total number and locations of city-controlled parking lots where solar canopies were installed, where they would be cost effective, and recommendations as to whether and how the pilot program may be expanded and made permanent. *Intro 129-A was introduced on February 28, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on March 1, 2024. The bill passed on April 18, 2024, by a vote of 50-0.*

ESTABLISHING COMPOSTING FACILITIES IN PARKS

INTRO 130-A (BREWER)

This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to establish at least 1 compost facility for plant waste within 2 parks in each borough on or before July 1, 2026; at least 1 compost facility within 3 parks in each borough by July 1, 2027; and at least 1 compost facility within 5 parks in each borough by July 1, 2028. *Intro 130-A was introduced on February 28, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Parks and Recreation on March 1, 2024. The bill passed on November 13, 2024, by a vote of 50-0.*

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV SYSTEMS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

INTRO 353-A (NURSE)

This bill would require the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), in coordination with other relevant agencies, to install 150 megawatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on the roofs of city-owned buildings and other city-owned property by the end of 2035. DCAS would be required to complete at least 100 megawatts worth of installations by September 1, 2030. Installations would be prioritized in disadvantaged communities. *Intro 353-A was introduced on February 28, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on March 1, 2024. The bill passed on September 26, 2024, by a vote of 48-0.*

REQUIRING DOT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT BICYCLE AND OTHER MICROMOBILITY ACTIVITY

INTRO 745-A (FARÍAS)

This bill would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to publish on its website information about current bicycle and micromobility ridership activity in the City. DOT would also be required to include a description of its projects to enhance the safety and movement of bicycles and other micromobility devices on the streets and bridges under its jurisdiction, and to study bicycle use data, crash data, and other data to determine such projects. *Intro 745-A was introduced on April 11, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 25, 2024. The bill passed on August 15, 2024, by a vote of 44-0.*

IMPROVING PAVED MEDIANS THROUGH PLANTING OF VEGETATION OR USE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

INTRO 746-A (FELIZ)

This bill would require the Commissioner of Transportation, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, to improve at least 1 mile of paved medians every 2 years until 2046. These improvements must include adding planted medians, tree beds, or stormwater infrastructure. The Commissioner of Transportation will prioritize these improvements in high priority investment areas. *Intro 746-A was introduced on April 11, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 25, 2024. The bill passed on September 12, 2024, by a vote of 43-6.*

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT IN OPEN PARKING LOTS AND PARKING GARAGES

INTRO 17-B (BRANNAN)

This bill would require owners of parking garages and open parking lots with 10 or more spaces that are licensed by the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) to install Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) in 20% of parking spots and ensure 40% of parking spots are capable of supporting EVSE by January 1, 2035. For parking garages and open parking lots not licensed by DCWP, various agencies would be required to conduct a study and issue a report no later than two years after the effective date of this local law to recommend the required level of EVSE installation. *Intro 17-B was introduced on February 8, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Housing and Buildings on February 29, 2024. The bill passed on March 7, 2024, by a vote of 48-0.*

J-51 TAX ABATEMENT RENEWAL

INTRO 654-A (SANCHEZ)

This bill would extend the J-51 tax abatement program through June 30, 2026. The new J-51 incentive is better targeted to buildings with low-cost housing and will offer a new tool for building owners who need to invest in sustainability measures to comply with Local Law 97, which requires most buildings over 25,000 square feet to meet new energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions limits as of 2024, with stricter limits coming into effect in 2030. *Intro 654-A was introduced on March 7, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Housing and Buildings on May 30, 2024. The bill passed on December 5, 2024, by a vote of 51-0.*

AIR QUALITY MONITORING AT DESIGNATED “HEAVY USE” THOROUGHFARES*

INTRO 107 (AVILÉS)

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to designate heavy-use thoroughfares in every borough, install street-level air monitors at a minimum of two major intersections on every designated heavy-use thoroughfare and at every park or playground adjacent to a heavy use thoroughfare, and issue a report with the results and mitigation measures where there have been air quality violations. *Intro 107 was introduced in the Committee on Environmental Protection on February 28, 2024.*

UTILIZING CITY-OWNED LOTS FOR ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

INTRO 354 (NURSE)

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

PROPER DISPOSAL OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES USED FOR POWERED MOBILITY DEVICES

INTRO 351 (NURSE)

This bill would require the Department of Sanitation to develop a plan for promoting the proper disposal of rechargeable batteries used for powered mobility devices, such as motorized bicycles and scooters. *Intro 351 was introduced on February 28, 2024, and heard by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on September 25, 2024.*

CODIFYING THE CITY’S COOLING CENTER PROGRAM

INTRO 998 (YEGER)

This bill would codify the City’s cooling center program and grant the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management, the discretion of designating the number and location of cooling centers, but would require that there be no fewer than the median number of cooling centers operated during heat-related emergencies in 2017. In designating such centers, the agencies would have to take into account where vulnerable populations reside and where such populations would be likely to use centers. In addition, DOHMH would be required to post information about the cooling center program on its website and would also have to conduct a public education. *Intro 998 was introduced in the Committee on Health on July 18, 2024.*

*DENOTES A PREVIOUS SCORECARD BILL

A Note to NYLCV Members

In 2024, 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 2024 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 continue fighting climate change, conserving land and water, and protecting public health.

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

Key Results

With the average citywide score increasing to 88%, the New York City Council stepped up and passed many bills addressing important topics ranging from composting facilities in parks, electric vehicle supply equipment, affordable housing and transit oriented development, and solar canopies in parking lots. We appreciate Speaker Adams and the Council's leadership when it came to tackling difficult but pressing issues, as seen with the approval of City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. In 2025, we look forward to seeing the Council continue to demonstrate environmental leadership and the citywide average and borough scores increase.

PERFECT SCORES

*Shaun Abreu
Diana Ayala
Erik Bottcher
Justin Brannan
Gale Brewer
Selvena Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabán
Carmen De La Rosa
Amanda Fariás
Oswald Feliz
Shahana Hanif
Crystal Hudson
Rita Joseph
Shekar Krishnan
Julie Menin
Francisco Moya
Sandy Nurse
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Kevin Riley
Carlina Rivera
Rafael Salamanca
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Julie Won*

LOW SCORES

*Joann Ariola
Joseph Borelli
David Carr
Robert Holden
Kristy Marmorato
Darlene Mealy
Vickie Paladino
Inna Vernikov*

Average Score by Borough

BRONX

89.6 IN 2023
93

MANHATTAN

98 IN 2023
95

QUEENS

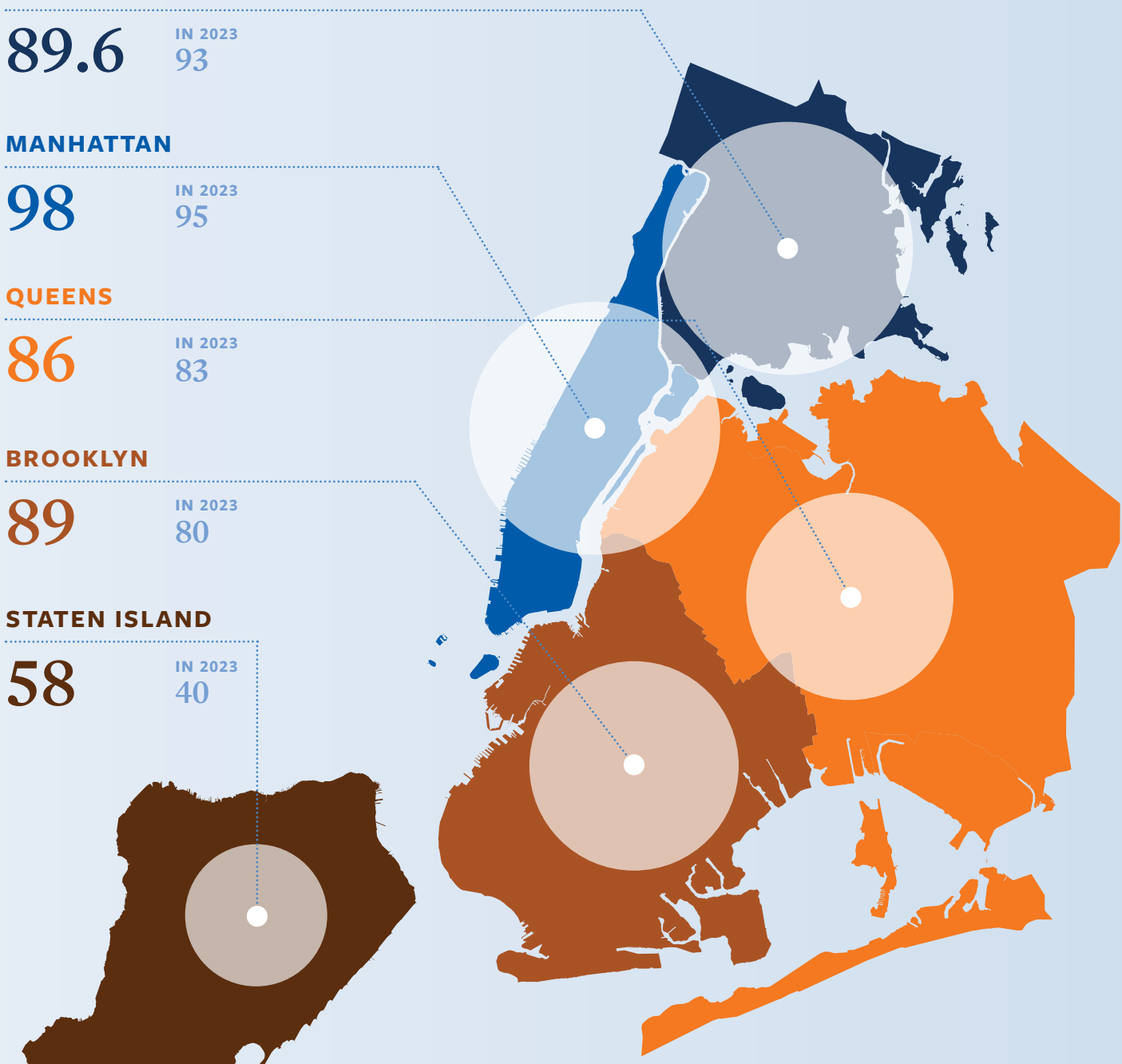
86 IN 2023
83

BROOKLYN

89 IN 2023
80

STATEN ISLAND

58 IN 2023
40



CITYWIDE AVERAGE

88 IN 2023
83

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 that demonstrate how the environment was a priority in 2024.

In 2024, the majority of our scorecard bills passed by the City Council, which continues the upward trend over the past couple of years. Out of the twelve bills on the scorecard, the eight that passed addressed topics pertaining to composting facilities in parks, micromobility, solar canopies in city-owned parking lots, and zoning for housing affordability and transit oriented development. We look forward to the City Council passing the remaining scorecard bills in 2025, which includes bills that would codify the City's cooling center program and study the feasibility of installing energy storage systems on City-owned property.

The citywide average score is also a reflection on the Speaker, and in a year in which many major environmental bills were passed with a majority, it is clear that Council had a successful year.

NYLCV looks forward to working with Speaker Adams and the Council in 2025 to pass the bills that did not move forward in 2024, as well as to ensure the bills that did pass are successfully implemented and funded.

Scores of Key Committee Chairs



SPEAKER

Adrienne Adams



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jim Gennaro

92



PARKS AND RECREATION

Shekar Krishnan

100



SANITATION & SOLID WASTE

Shaun Abreu

100



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Selvena Brooks-Powers

100



HOUSING & BUILDINGS

Pierina Ana Sanchez

100



ZONING SUBCOMMITTEE

Kevin C. Riley

100



LAND USE

Rafael Salamanca

100

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, unexcused absences, or a non-voting classification count as an anti-environmental vote. Bills that passed during 2024 were graded on whether or not each legislator took the pro-environment vote. Bills that did not reach a vote in 2024 were graded on co-sponsorship. Council Members were given a grace period until the last stated meeting of 2024 to co-sponsor bills.

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		2023 SCORE	2024 NYLCV SCORE	INT 746-A: Improving Paved Medians	INT 745-A: Bike and Micromobility Website	INT 351: Trade-in Program for Powered Mobility Devices and Lithium-Ion Batteries	INT 17-B: EV Supply Equipment in Open Parking Lots and Parking Garages	INT 130-A: Composting in Parks	INT 654-A: J-51 Tax Abatement Renewal	INT 129-A: Solar Canopy Pilot Program	INT 353-A: Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems on City-Owned Property	INT 354: Utilizing City-Owned Lots for Energy Storage Systems	INT 107: Air Quality Monitoring at Designated "Heavy Use" Thoroughfares	INT 998: Codifying Cooling Centers	COYHO: City of Yes for Housing Opportunity
QUEENS		PASS (Y/N)			Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	
	27	Nantasha Williams	94	92	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	29	Lynn Schulman	100	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	30	Robert Holden	75	67	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
	31	Selvena Brooks-Powers	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	32	Joann Ariola	25	50	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Borough Average Score		83	86												
BROOKLYN					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	33	Lincoln Restler	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	34	Jennifer Gutiérrez	100	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	35	Crystal Hudson	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	36	Chi Ossé	100	92	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	37	Sandy Nurse	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	38	Alexa Avilés	100	92	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	39	Shahana Hanif	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	40	Rita Joseph	94	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	41	Darlene Mealy	53	42	✓	A	✗	✓	A	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	42	Chris Banks	N/A	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	43	Susan Zhuang	N/A	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	44	Kalman Yeger	31	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	45	Farah N. Louis	88	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	46	Mercedes Narcisse	88	83	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	47	Justin Brannan	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	48	Inna Vernikov	31	58	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
	Borough Average Score		80	89												
STATEN ISLAND					A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
	49	Kamillah Hanks	63	75	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
	50	David Carr	31	58	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
	51	Joseph C. Borelli	25	42	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Borough Average Score		40	58.3												
CITY AVERAGE SCORE:				88												

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About the Scorecard

Our New York City Council Environmental Scorecard is our primary tool for holding Council Members accountable for their work on the environment. In consultation with our partners from environmental, environmental justice, public health, and transportation groups, we identify priority bills that have passed and those we believe have a chance of becoming law for inclusion in our scorecard. We then score each Council Member based on their support of these bills.

About the New York League of Conservation Voters

NYLCV is the only nonpartisan, statewide environmental organization in New York that fights for clean water, clean air, renewable energy, and open space through political action.