
THE BROADWAY DEMOCRATS

♦ District Leaders: Curtis Arluck, Paula Diamond Román ♦ President: Joe Nunley ♦

Endorsement Forum

FEDERAL

U.S. Senate (seat now held by Sen. Kirstin Gillibrand)

U.S. House of Representatives, 8th and 15th Congressional Districts, (current incumbents, Jerry Nadler and Charlie Rangel)

NEW YORK STATE

State Senate, 30th and 31st Districts, (current incumbents, Bill Perkins and Adriano Espaillat)

State Assembly, 69th AD (current incumbent, Daniel O'Donnell)

Democratic State Committee, 69th AD Male and Female, (current incumbents, Daniel Marks Cohen and Lynn Thomas)

JUDGES

Surrogate Court Judge: Screening Panel reported out Barbara Jaffe and Rita Mella, who are therefore the only eligible candidates.

Civil Court Judge, Incumbent: Anil Singh found by the Screening Panel to merit continuation in office and is therefore the only eligible candidate.

Civil Court Judge, 2 vacancies countywide: Screening panel reported out Melissa Crane, John J. Kelley, Shawn Kelly, Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick, Mary Rosado, Verna Saunders, Lisa Sokoloff and Olga Statz, who are therefore the only eligible candidates.

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:45 pm sign in/refreshments * 8:00 forum * 9:30 club business

Bank Street College

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DISTRICT LEADER'S BULLETIN:

IMPORTANT CLUB ENDORSEMENT MEETING THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 22: PLEASE ATTEND!

In all of my years as District Leader, I have never seen anything like it: as I write this, it is one week before our endorsement meeting, and we don't know for sure when the Democratic primary/s will be held, when petitioning for those primaries will begin, or what our legislative districts will be. But because *it appears* that the primary for all offices will be June 26 (and the primary for Congress will almost certainly be then) and *it appears* that petitioning for all offices will begin this Tuesday, March 20, the Broadway Democrats must have our endorsement meeting as soon as possible.

Here is a rundown of what we know about the new districts. Once again, please append *it appears* to everything:

There are major changes in the Congressional lines for our area. All of central Morningside Heights will be moved into the 8th District, now represented by Jerry Nadler. The only part of our area that will remain in Charlie Rangel's district is Manhattan Valley (below 110th) east of Amsterdam Avenue, Harlem north of 110th and east of Morningside Park, and everything north of 122nd St., including Morningside Gardens and Grant Houses. Charlie's district moves into the Bronx (but not Westchester, which was frankly idiotic) and will become significantly more Latino, but this is believed to be more significant once he retires. Welcome back, Jerry, and best wishes, Charlie!

The lines for State Senate do not change significantly in our area, which is likely to continue to be represented by the excellent Bill Perkins and Adriano Espaillat. But the Senate lines further south on the West Side are atrocious, with most of the West 60's, 70's and 80's being divided between two Senators from far, far away, Jose Serrano and Liz Kruger. The primary fault for this lies with the State Senate Republicans, who devised this monstrosity, but considerable blame must also be given to our Governor and various good government groups, who bombarded us with sanctimonious claptrap about "independent" redistricting commissions—not a very popular concept in our area, which has no local City Council representation under just such an arrangement—and abdicated their role in taking the original lines and demanding they be *improved*. Redistricting is a practical process, not a gesture in breast beating and pontification.

Danny O'Donnell's 69th Assembly District doesn't change much, but because all Manhattan Assembly Districts must move south, we lose some blocks in our north that have been with us since the beginning, and will cause a few tears: Riverside north of 122nd, Claremont-Broadway north of La Salle, and most painfully, Morningside-Amsterdam 118th-121st (Mary Hines, Kathryn DeLawter, David Weiman). But you can still be voting club members!

See you Thursday night!

District Leader, Curtis Arluck

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Balloting Procedures

A candidate must receive "50% plus one" of all votes cast for that office to be endorsed. If no endorsement is reached at the March meeting, there will be a run-off vote with the top two vote-getters and "No Endorsement" at the following meeting. If no endorsement is reached after three ballots, the club's position on that office will be "No Endorsement."

Membership

In order to vote in club elections (endorsements, elections of officers, judicial convention, amendments), you must be an eligible, voting member of the Broadway Democrats. You must have attended at least one of the previous nine monthly public meetings and you must pay your dues. Dues partially defray the costs of presenting forums and putting out this newsletter. Dues are \$20; senior dues are \$5.

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