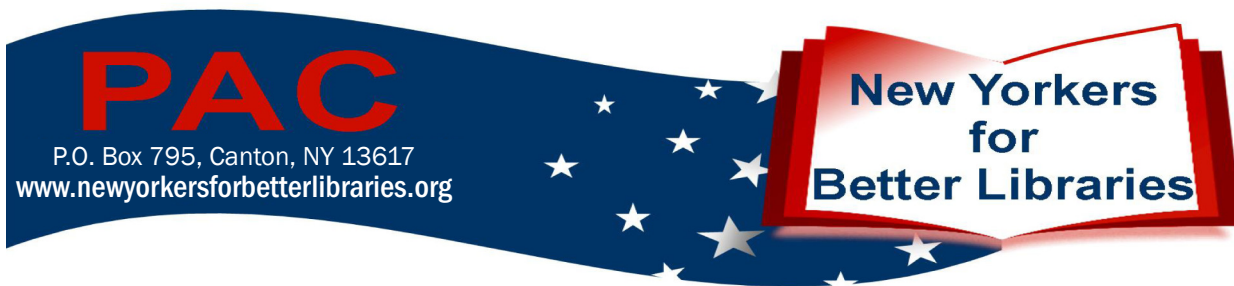


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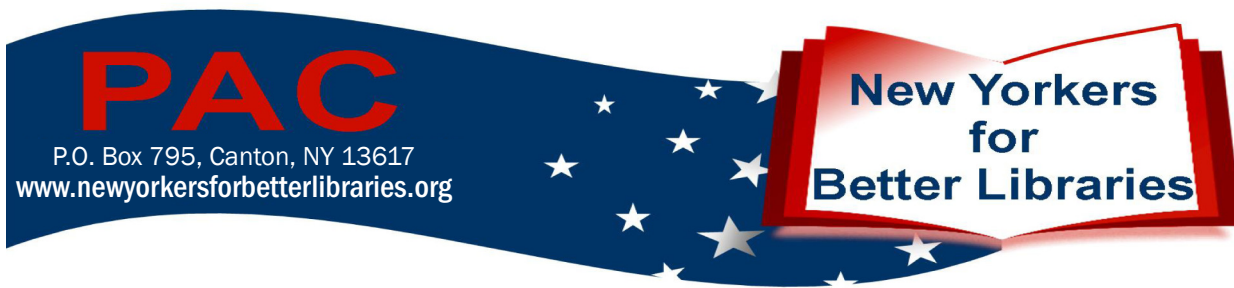
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## About New Yorkers for Better Libraries

### About New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC

The New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee was established in 2003 by library leaders who believe that there is a need to supplement the library community's advocacy efforts with campaign contributions directed toward those in Albany who can really help libraries.

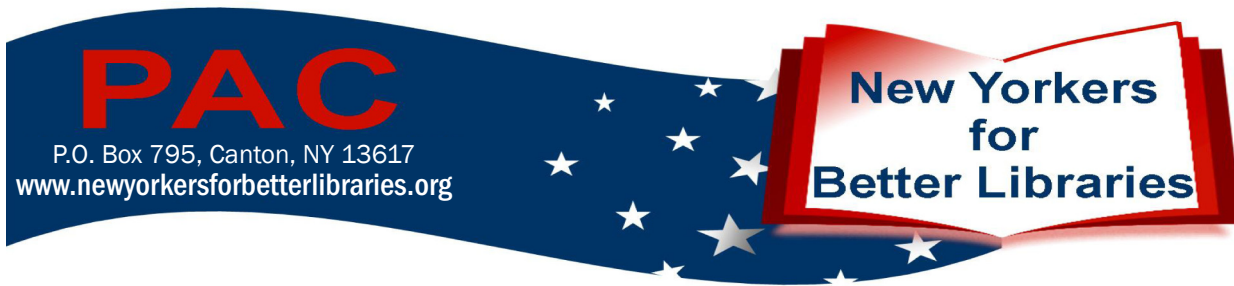
Beginning in 2010, the New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC initiated a program of legislative accountability:

### Statement Concerning Legislative Accountability

The New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee has determined that there is a need for greater accountability concerning state legislators' actions on issues of importance to the library community and the millions of library users and voters throughout the state.

Beginning in 2010, the New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee will track library-related state legislation and will publish a report card/voters guide concerning each state legislator's degree of support for libraries. Sponsorship and co-sponsorship of legislation, recorded votes concerning library legislation and state aid for libraries will be the indicators for assessment. This report card will be distributed to libraries throughout the state, the media and the general public.





## Bill Summaries

### Public Library Construction Grants

This legislation (S.4101 Farley/A.113 Paulin) would modify the public library construction grant program to enable grants to be used to purchase vacant land as well as lower local match to 25% of project costs for libraries in high need areas. Status: Signed into law – Chapter 498

### Public Library Systems Eligible for Local Government Efficiency Grants

The bill (S.4053 Farley/A.6468 Reilly) would expand eligibility to apply for local government efficiency grants to include public library systems. Currently libraries are allowed to apply, but not library systems. Status: Signed into law – Chapter 470

### BOCES-Libraries Internet Partnerships

This bill (S.1573 Oppenheimer/A.464 Gunther) would authorize BOCES to contract with public libraries or library systems for internet services. Status: reported to Senate Floor 6/7

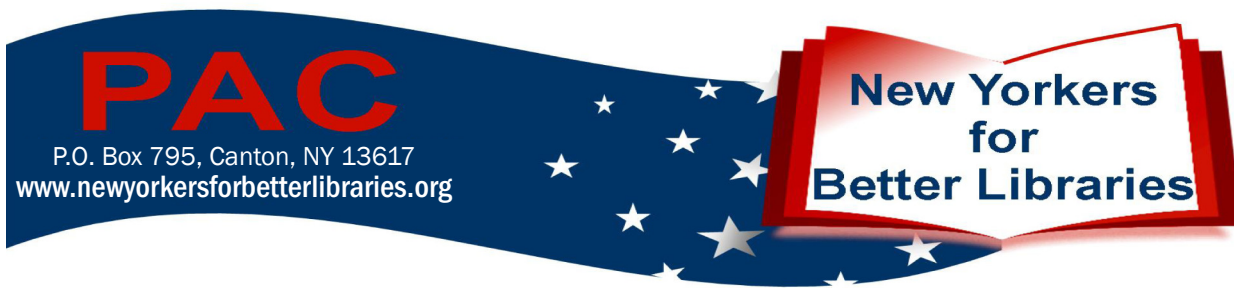
### Library Card Info Distributed to Students

This bill (S.4174 Oppenheimer/A.6239 Bing) would require school districts to disseminate informational materials about applications for public library cards to students if they are provided by their library. Status: Passed Assembly 6/23 and reported to Senate Rules 6/13

### Expand Eligibility for EPE Funding to Include Libraries

This bill (S.4100 Farley/A.6385 Reilly) would expand eligibility to receive Employment Preparation Education (EPE) funds to include libraries. There is currently \$96 million in EPE funding available. Status: Passed Senate 6/20





## Bill Summaries

### **NYS Comprehensive Information System**

The bill (S.3297 DeFrancisco/A.4997 Russell) would authorize the state library to coordinate the bulk purchase of electronic resources like databases for state agencies, libraries and other governmental entities that would save the state and local government's money. Status: Passed Senate 5/9

### **State Library Hours of Operation**

This bill (S.5244 McDonald/A.6839 Nolan) would require the state library to be open at least five days a week but give the Board of Regents flexibility on which days to be open. Status: Signed into law – Chapter 261

## Legislators of Special Distinction

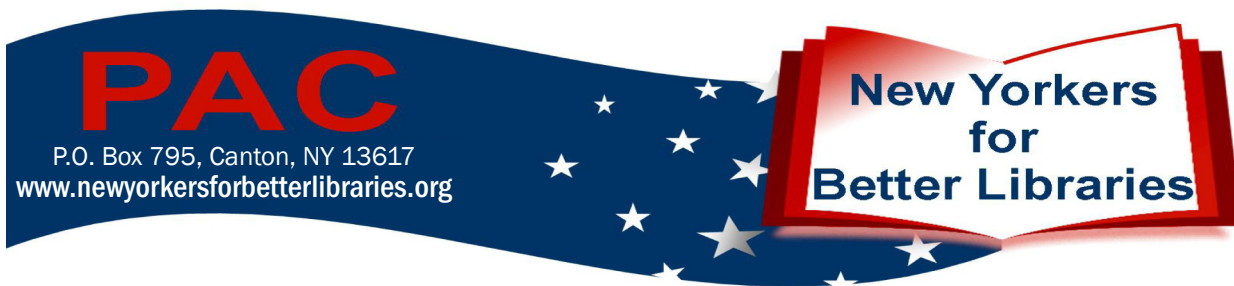
### **Ex Libris Award for Legislator(s) with Best Voting Record on Library Issues**

Senator Hugh Farley wins the Ex Libris Award for sponsoring and securing the passage of three of our library priority bills, and successfully championing a partial restoration of Library Aid cuts.

### **Fahrenheit 451 Award for Legislator(s) with Worst Voting Record on Library Issues**

No one deserved this distinction this year although the Assembly Republicans came pretty close for their dismal voting records.





## How Scores Are Calculated

*Legislators are scored based on the following criteria:*

### **Library Aid in State Budget**

Legislators receive +25 points for proposing restoration or increase of Library Aid in resolution/bill and +25 points for voting in favor of final budget that includes restoration or increase in funding for libraries.

### **Sponsoring/Co-Sponsoring Library Priority Legislation**

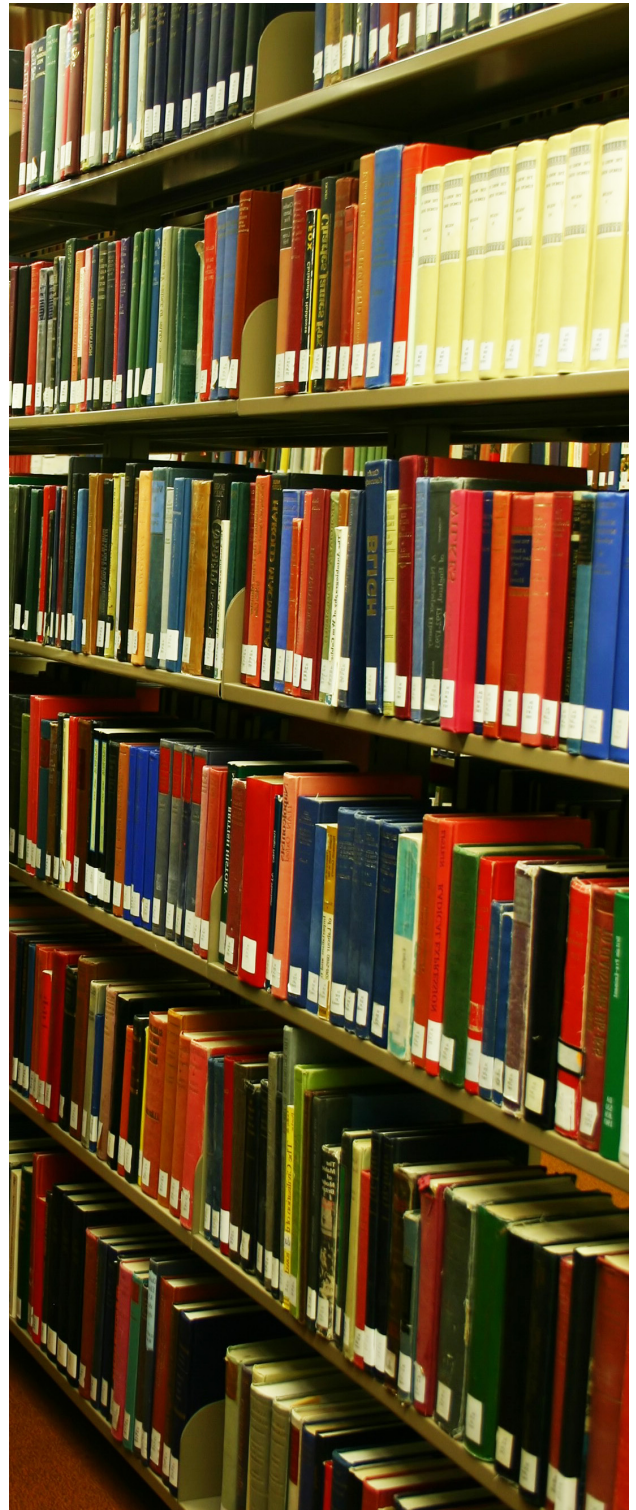
Legislators receive +10 points for sponsoring or +5 points for co-sponsoring library priority legislation.

### **Votes on Library Legislation**

Legislators receive +15 points for each vote in favor of a library priority bill that passes either the Senate or Assembly.

### **Grades**

- A – 115 points or higher
- B – 90 -114 points
- C – 75-89 points
- D – 60-74 points
- F – Below 60 points



# Assembly scores

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Peter J. Abbate, Jr.	25	20	15		15		15	90	B
Thomas A. Abinanti	25	20	20		20	5	15	105	B
George Amedore	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
Carmen E. Arroyo	25	15	15		0		0	55	F
Jeffrion L. Aubry	25	20	20		15		15	95	B
William A. Barclay	25	20	0		0		15	60	D
Inez D. Barron	0	15	15		20	5	15	70	D
Michael Benedetto	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Jonathan L. Bing	25	20	20		25		15	105	B
Ken Blankenbush	25	20	15		15		15	90	B
William F. Boyland, Jr.	25	20	0	5	0		15	65	D
Philip Boyle	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Edward C. Braunstein	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
James F. Brennan	25	15	20		20	5	15	100	B
Harry B. Bronson	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Alec Brook-Krasny	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Daniel J. Burling	0	15	15		0		15	45	F
Marc W. Butler	0	15	15		0		15	45	F
Kevin A. Cahill	25	20	20	5	15	5	15	105	B
Nancy Calhoun	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
Karim Camara	25	15	15		20		15	90	B
Ron Canestrari	25	15	15		15		20	90	B
Robert J. Castelli	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Nelson L. Castro	25	20	15		20		15	95	B
John D. Ceretto	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Barbara M. Clark	25	15	20	5	20		15	100	B
William Colton	25	15	15		20		15	90	B
James D. Conte	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Vivian E. Cook	25	15	20		15	5	15	95	B
Jane L. Corwin	0	15	15		0		15	45	F
Marcos A. Crespo	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
Clifford W. Crouch	25	15	15	5	0		15	75	C
Brian Curran	25	15	15	5	15		15	90	B
Michael Cusick	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Steven Cymbrowitz	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Michael G. DenDekker	25	15	20		15		15	90	B
Jeffrey Dinowitz	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Janet L. Duprey	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
Steve Englebright	25	15	20		15	5	15	95	B
Herman D. Farrell, Jr.	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Gary D. Finch	25	15	15	5	0		15	75	C
Michael J. Fitzpatrick	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
Christopher S. Friend	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
Dennis H. Gabryszak	25	20	20		20		15	100	B
Sandy Galef	25	20	20	5	20	5	15	110	B
David F. Gantt	25	15	15		15		0	70	D
Vanessa L. Gibson	25	15	15		5	5	15	80	C
Joe Giglio	25	15	15	5	15		15	90	B
Deborah J. Glick	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Andy Goodell	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Richard N. Gottfried	25	20	15		15		15	90	B

# Assembly scores

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Al Graf	0	15	15		15		15	60	D	
Aileen M. Gunther	25	20	20	10	15	5	15	110	B	
Sean T. Hanna	0	15	15		0		15	45	F	
Stephen Hawley	0	15	15	5	0		15	50	F	
Jim Hayes	25	15	15		0		15	70	D	
Carl E. Heastie	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Andrew Hevesi	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Dov Hikind	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Earlene Hooper	25	15	15	5	20		15	95	B	
Rhoda Jacobs	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Ellen Jaffee	25	20	20	5	20	5	5	20	120	A
Hakeem Jeffries	25	15	15		20		15	90	B	
Mark Johns	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Tony Jordan	25	15	15		0		15	70	D	
Steve Katz	0	15	15		15		15	60	D	
Brian Kavanagh	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Micah Kellner	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Tom Kirwan	25	0	0		0		0	25	F	
Brian M. Kolb	25	15	15		0		15	70	D	
Rory I. Lancman	25	15	15		20		15	90	B	
George S. Latimer	25	15	15	5	15		15	90	B	
Charles D. Lavine	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Joseph R. Lentol	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Barbara Lifton	25	15	20	5	15	5	15	100	B	
Guillermo Linares	25	15	20		20		15	95	B	
Peter D. Lopez	25	20	15		0		15	75	C	
Vito J. Lopez	25	20	15		5		15	80	C	
Dan Losquadro	25	15	15		0		15	70	D	
Donna A. Lupardo	25	20	15	5	15	5	15	100	B	
William Magee	25	15	20	5	0	5	15	85	C	
William B. Magnarelli	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Alan Maisel	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Nicole Malliotakis	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Margaret M. Markey	25	15	20		15	5	15	95	B	
David G. McDonough	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
John J. McEneny	25	20	20	5	20	5	20	115	A	
Tom McKeivitt	25	15	15	5	15		15	90	B	
Steven F. McLaughlin	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Grace Meng	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Donald R. Miller	0	15	15		15		5	65	D	
Joel M. Miller	25	0	15		15		15	70	D	
Michael Miller	25	15	20		20		15	95	B	
Joan L. Millman	25	20	20	5	20		15	105	B	
Marcus Molinaro	0	20	15	5	0		15	55	F	
Michael Montesano	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Joseph D. Morelle	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Francisco P. Moya	25	15	15		15		15	85	C	
Dean Murray	25	15	20	5	15		15	95	B	
Catherine Nolan	25	15	15		15		25	95	B	
Daniel J. O'Donnell	0	15	15		15		15	60	D	
Bob Oaks	25	15	15		0		15	70	D	



## Assembly scores

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Félix Ortiz	25	20	15	5	15		15	95	B
Phillip A. Palmesano	25	20	20	5	15		15	100	B
Amy Paulin	25	25	15		15		15	95	B
Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
N. Nick Perry	25	20	20		15		15	95	B
J. Gary Pretlow	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Edward P. Ra	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Annie Rabbitt	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Andrew P. Raia	25	20	15	5	15		15	95	B
Phil Ramos	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Bill Reilich	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Bob Reilly	25	20	25	5	15	10	20	120	A
Jose Rivera	25	15	5		15		0	60	D
Naomi Rivera	25	20	20		20	5	15	105	B
Peter M. Rivera	25	20	20		20	5	15	105	B
Samuel D. Roberts	25	20	20		15	5	15	100	B
Annette Robinson	25	20	20		0		15	80	C
Robert J. Rodriguez	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Linda B. Rosenthal	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Addie J. Russell	25	20	20	5	15	5	10	115	A
Joseph S. Saladino	25	15	15	5	15		15	90	B
Teresa R. Sayward	25	15	15		0		15	70	D
William Scarborough	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Michelle Schimel	25	20	20		15		15	95	B
Robin Schimminger	25	15	20		0		15	75	C
Mark J. F. Schroeder	25	20	20		20	5	15	105	B
Sheldon Silver	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Aravella Simotas	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Kevin Smardz	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Mike Spano	25	20	20		15		15	95	B
Eric A. Stevenson	25	15	20		15	5	15	95	B
Robert K. Sweeney	25	20	20		15		15	95	B
James Tedisco	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Claudia Tenney	0	15	15		15		15	60	D
Fred W. Thiele, Jr.	25	20	20	5	20	5	15	110	B
Matthew Titone	25	20	15		15		15	90	B
Michele R. Titus	25	15	5		15		15	75	C
Lou Tobacco	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Helene E. Weinstein	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Harvey Weisenberg	25	20	20		15	5	15	100	B
David I. Weprin	25	20	20		20	5	15	105	B
Keith L.T. Wright	25	15	15		15		15	85	C
Kenneth Zebrowski	25	15	20		15		15	90	B

# Senate scores

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Eric L. Adams	0	15	15			15	15	15	75	C
Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.	50	20	20	5	5	20	15	15	150	A
James S. Alesi	50	15	20			15	15	15	130	A
Tony Avella	50	15	15	5		15	15	15	130	A
Greg Ball	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
John J. Bonacic	50	15	15	5		20	15	15	135	A
Neil D. Breslin	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
David Carlucci	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
John A. DeFrancisco	50	20	20	5		15	25	15	150	A
Ruben Diaz, Sr.	0	15	15	5		15	15	15	80	C
Martin Malave Dilan	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Thomas K. Duane	0	15	15			15	15	15	75	C
Adriano Espaillat	0	15	15		5	15	15	15	80	C
Hugh T. Farley	50	25	25	5		25	15	15	160	A+
John J. Flanagan	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.	50	15	20			15	15	15	130	A
Patrick M. Gallivan	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Michael Gianaris	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Martin J. Golden	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Joseph A. Griffo	50	20	20			15	20	15	140	A
Mark Grisanti	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Kemp Hannon	50	20	20	5		15	20	15	145	A
Ruth Hassell-Thompson	0	15	15			15	15	15	75	C
Shirley L. Huntley	50	15	15		5	15	15	15	130	A
Owen H. Johnson	50	20	20			15	20	15	140	A
Timothy Kennedy	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Jeffrey D. Klein	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Liz Krueger	0	15	20	5		15	15	15	85	C
Carl Kruger	50	15	20	5		15	15	15	135	A
Andrew J. Lanza	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
William J. Larkin, Jr.	50	20	20			15	20	15	140	A
Kenneth P. LaValle	50	20	20			15	15	15	135	A
Thomas W. Libous	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Elizabeth Little	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Carl L. Marcellino	50	15	20			15	15	15	130	A
Jack M. Martins	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
George D. Maziarz	50	20	20	5		15	15	15	140	A
Roy J. McDonald	50	15	15			15	15	25	135	A
Velmanette Montgomery	50	15	20	5	5	15	15	15	140	A
Michael F. Nozzolio	50	15	20			15	15	15	130	A
Thomas F. O'Mara	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A
Suzi Oppenheimer	50	20	20	10	10	15	15	15	155	A
Kevin S. Parker	0	15	20	5	5	15	15	15	90	B
Jose Peralta	0	15	15			15	15	15	75	C
Bill A. Perkins	0	15	15			15	0	15	60	D
Michael Ranzenhofer	50	20	20	5		15	15	15	140	A
Patty Ritchie	50	15	15			15	15	15	125	A

# Senate scores

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Gustavo Rivera	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Joseph E. Robach	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Stephen M. Saland	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
John L. Sampson	50	15	20	5	5	15	15	140	A
Diane J. Savino	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Jose M. Serrano	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
James L. Seward	50	20	20	5		15	15	140	A
Dean G. Skelos	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Malcolm A. Smith	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Daniel L. Squadron	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Toby Ann Stavisky	50	15	15	5	5	15	15	135	A
Andrea A. Stewart-Cousins	0	15	20	5		15	15	85	C
David J. Valesky	50	20	20	5		15	15	140	A
Catherine M. Young	50	15	15			15	15	125	A
Lee M. Zeldin	50	20	20	5		15	15	140	A

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