



2018 Membership Ballot

☐ **Anthony R. Wynne, Chair**-Has served as past treasurer of the Lower Hudson Valley Civil Liberties Union and has been a long time Board Member. He was past president of the Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Westchester. He is currently employed by the Appellate Division, Second Department and is counsel to the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District.

☐ **Vice-Chairwoman: Susan Elan**-Was a political reporter for two decades covering the NYCLU's efforts to end abuses under the Patriot Act, mass surveillance, the US army's focus on recruitment of minorities during the Iraq War, and many more civil liberties issues. She holds a Master of Public Health degree and is currently Adjunct Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health at the New York Medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice

☐ **Secretary: Joann Prinzivalli**-An advocate for transgender rights. She was one of the organizers of the New York Transgender Rights Organization (NYTRO) and wrote the first draft of the Gender Non-discrimination Act (GENDA) in 2002. Joanne has also devoted herself to broader involvement in the local community as a board member and former board chair of the New York Civil Liberties Union, Lower Hudson Valley regional chapter. She has been involved with the Stonewall Democrats of Westchester and served as a Democratic Party district leader to better serve residents in White Plains.

Nominating for the 2018-2020 Term

☐ **Oliver Swift** A retired public librarian. Coordinator, Amnesty Group 42. Ethical Action Chair, Ethical Culture Society

☐ **Maria Valentin**-Maria is an attorney and teacher of Global History, Public Policy, and Criminal Justice at Scarsdale High School. She is a former White Plains School Board Member and former Member of the Hispanic Advisory Board of Westchester County. Attorney; Teacher, Global History, Public Policy, and Criminal Justice at Scarsdale High School; former White Plains School Board Member and former Member of Hispanic Advisory Board of Westchester County.

☐ **Andrea Callan** Andrea has been committed to civil liberties activism since 2001. She is currently a program director at the Worker Justice Center of New York, overseeing policy advocacy and the delivery of legal and social services for low-wage and agricultural workers across New York State in the areas of labor, immigration, human trafficking and domestic violence.

☐ **Kenneth Chamberlain, Jr** - Kenneth presently oversees the Attitudinal Job Readiness Training program and is also a Work Experience Program Developer with the Urban League of Westchester County. He is one of the founding members of the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform (WCPR). Kenneth is attending Concordia College in Bronxville, NY, where he is pursuing a degree in Behavioral Sciences



□ **Barbara Hickernell** Barbara is a passionate advocate of First Amendment rights and a current board member of the NYCLU, Lower Hudson Valley Chapter. She is also Executive Director, Engineering Conferences International (a not-for-profit). In addition, Barbara is a Library System Board Member (former president) and an environmental activist.

□ **Nikki Woods** Nikki began her career as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County and served in that position for five years, until her daughter was born with a rare birth defect. Her daughter, who is now a healthy kindergartener, inspired her to begin working with children with special needs. Nikki practiced as a special education attorney for about two years, and now works for the New York City Department of Education as an agency attorney handling serious teacher-misconduct cases. Nikki is committed to protecting student rights and working to end the school-to-prison pipeline.

□ **Alicia Weissman-** Alicia holds a B.A. in History from Yale and an M.D. from the NYU School of Medicine where she volunteered as a rape crisis counselor at Bellevue. She is currently a family physician with Crystal Run Healthcare, and medical director of The Valley View Center. Her special interest is caring for patients with dementia and developmental disabilities. Recognizing the risk to civil liberties after the 2016 election, she joined grassroots groups opposing hate and intolerance, participated in the NYCLU's Day of Action in Albany and organized local voter registration efforts. She fully supports the mission of the NYCLU.

□ **Barry Skura-** Mr. Skura is currently a resident in Yonkers but expects to move to the Ulster or Dutchess County area. Mr. Skura retired from the New York City Public Hospital system. He previously was a Sociology Professor, community labor organizer, and health care policy advisor to New York City Comptroller's office. His area of interest is immigration rights, voter rights, and racial justice (including disparities in access to health care). In the last year, Mr. Skura has become a volunteer for the NYCLU as an advocate in Albany, as a legal rights observer and on mailing parties. He believes he can contribute skills in research, advocacy, and lobbying.

□ **Mark Scheffler-** History has shown that there will always be a threat to the various Freedoms and civil liberties we hold true. It is incumbent on each generation to elucidate, and when necessary, to fight to preserve those Freedoms less they be lost. I have a unique background in law, business and municipal government that can add to the already various perspectives already on the Board. Looking forward to working with the Chapter Director and the entire board

□ **Tanya Kiesha Thompson-** A Westchester County social justice activist and White Plains resident. She got her start in activism in 2014 as a member of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), which focuses on college-related issues such as tuition finance reform, while studying journalism at SUNY Purchase. Tanya graduated with a BA in journalism. Her main focuses are in criminal justice reform, gun control, civil rights, and in reducing poverty in America. She was a part of many activist organizations such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense (gun control/gun violence prevention), It Could Happen To You (criminal justice



reform), and Wespac (social justice) and has volunteered for the LHV Chapter of the NYCLU. Tanya believes that every person's civil and human rights should be respected and protected. Tanya is also a council member of the Westchester-Putnam chapter of the Working Families Party.

Board 2017-2019

☐ **Arlene Popkin-** Arlene is the former, longtime Chair of the Board of the Lower Hudson Valley NYCLU and a retired criminal defense lawyer with the Legal Aid Society of Westchester County.

Submitted by Arlene Popkin (chair), Oliver Swift, Saad Siddiqi, Carter Lard, Patricia Wynne, and Charmaine Singer, Members, 2017-2018 Nominating Committee.

Every member of the Chapter is entitled to vote at any meeting in person or by proxy. Please contact our office if you need a proxy ballot.

A proxy shall be dated and in writing, or it shall be sent by email to lowerhudsonvalley@nyclu.org, and it shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing

Secretary, NYCLU-Lower Hudson Valley Chapter
297 Knollwood Road, Suite 217
White Plains, NY 10607 OR

Bring Ballot to Annual Meeting/Election:

Lower Hudson Valley Chapter of the NYCLU
297 Knollwood Road, Suite 217

White Plains, NY 10607, March 29 2017, 7:00P.M.- 8:00 P.M.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED

BY March 29th 2018

Note: JOINT MEMBERS MAY EACH VOTE ON THE SAME BALLOT.