

# CITY & STATE NEW YORK

August 8, 2021

<https://www.cityandstateny.com/power-lists/2021/08/2021-brooklyn-power-100/184345/>

## The 2021 Brooklyn Power 100

The biggest political players in borough brimming with political power.

By City & State



Recognizing the most powerful people in Brooklyn. Jensoa/Shutterstock

Brooklyn is bursting at the seams with political power. The current mayor – and all but certainly the next mayor – hail from the borough. So too does the majority leader of the U.S. Senate and, perhaps, the next speaker of the House of Representatives. Brooklyn is also home to the state attorney general, a couple more influential members of Congress, the city’s public advocate, its

next comptroller and several significant City Council members. Add it all up, and the borough has a strong claim as the political epicenter of New York, if not nationally.

Of course, these elected officials aren't the only individuals in the borough who are shaping New York politics and policy. City & State's latest Brooklyn Power 100 list recognizes not only the borough's leading politicians, but also the business and nonprofit executives, real estate developers, labor leaders, advocates, activists, academics and others who live and work in Brooklyn.

## **25. Linda Johnson**

President and CEO, Brooklyn Public Library

The temporary closure of the Brooklyn Public Library due to COVID-19 was wrenching for the borough, but Linda Johnson began reimagining how the system could serve its community with grab-and-go service last summer. So it was with much fanfare that the institution reopened its Central Library in May, featuring a new business center and welcome center honoring former librarian Rep. Major Owens who passed away in 2013. The last crop of branches welcomed back the public by early July, including East Flatbush's Rugby branch which had been closed for four years.

## **26. Doug Steiner**

Chair, Steiner Studios

New Yorkers may be watching more movies from home, but you can't shoot "Spider-Man: No Way Home" in your apartment. That's why Doug Steiner's eponymous company is building a 500,000-square-foot film production hub with eight soundstages in Sunset Park by 2024 and is expanding his 30-stage footprint in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Producers on Steiner's lot adopted rigorous COVID-19 testing before it became de rigueur, helping the private sector rapidly test its workers. Steiner has also been marketing 80,000 square feet of commercial space around Wegmans supermarket in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

## **27. Jabari Brisport, Julia Salazar, Phara Souffrant Forrest, Emily Gallagher & Marcela Mitaynes**

Members, Socialists in Office