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# voter guide

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**Manhattan Edition**  
Council Districts 1–10



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# Welcome to your 2021 NYC Voter Guide

This Guide includes profiles submitted by candidates who are expected to be on the ballot as of the print deadline. Find additional candidate information, video statements, and more at [voting.nyc!](https://www.voting.nyc.gov)

## When do I vote?

- The citywide general election will take place on **November 2**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **October 23** – Sunday, **October 31**. There is no early voting on Monday, November 1.

## Will this election use Ranked Choice Voting?

No. You can only choose one candidate for each city office. Ranked Choice Voting is only used in primary and special elections, not for November general elections.

## What's on the ballot?

- Mayor\*
- Public Advocate\*
- Comptroller\*
- Borough President\*
- City Council\*
- Ballot proposals\*
- NY State Senate (Manhattan)
- District Attorney (Manhattan & Brooklyn)
- NYS Supreme Court
- Civil Court – County
- Civil Court – District
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\* Candidate profiles for these offices and ballot proposal summaries can be found in this guide.

## Election Dates and Deadlines

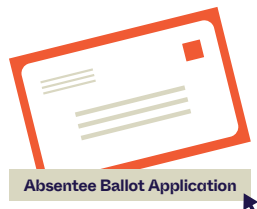
October 8	Voter registration deadline
October 18	Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail)
October 23	Early voting begins
October 31	Early voting ends
November 1	Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)
November 2	General Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm)  Last date to postmark your absentee ballot, or drop it off at a poll site

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# How to vote

## Vote by Mail



This year, all NYC voters can vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot. **October 18** is the deadline to request your ballot online or by mail.

### How to request your absentee ballot

- Visit [nycabsentee.com](https://nycabsentee.com).
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.
- Visit your local NYC Board of Elections office. The deadline is **November 1** to submit your request in person.

### If you are visually impaired or have a disability

To have your ballot read by a screen reader, you can request an accessible absentee ballot at [nycabsentee.com/accessibility](https://nycabsentee.com/accessibility) or by calling the number above.

### Track your ballot

You can track your ballot at [nycabsentee.com/tracking](https://nycabsentee.com/tracking).

## Vote Early



You can vote early in-person before Election Day!  
Vote early on any day listed below.

### What to know

- You have an assigned early voting location, which is likely different from your Election Day poll site.

**Hours vary each day, so make sure to check your poll site and confirm their hours before you go.**

### Find your poll site and voting hours:

- Visit [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496**.

### Early voting dates

Saturday	October 23
Sunday	October 24
Monday	October 25
Tuesday	October 26
Wednesday	October 27
Thursday	October 28
Friday	October 29
Saturday	October 30
Sunday	October 31

## Election Day



Polls are open on Election Day, **November 2nd**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. You must vote at your assigned poll site.

**Poll site locations can change, so be sure to check before you go!**  
**Find your poll site and voting hours:**

- Visit [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496**.

# What are my rights as a voter?

## You have the right to vote in the general election if:

- You are a registered voter.
- You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- You are in line at your poll site by closing time.

## In any election, you have a right to:

- Ask a poll worker for help, or an interpreter if you need language assistance.  
Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired for more information about interpreters.
- Bring someone to help you vote (except for your employer or union representative).
- Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide.
- Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- Vote by affidavit ballot if your name is not on the list of voters at your poll site.
- An accessible polling place that is free of physical barriers.
- Use an accessible voting machine to cast your ballot.
- Vote regardless of your ability or disability.

## Who to contact if you need support

- If there is an issue with your poll site, tell a poll worker or contact the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496**.
- If your rights have been violated, call the Election Protection hotline to speak with a trained Election Protection volunteer and get free legal support at **866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**.
- Share your complaint with the New York Attorney General at **[ag.ny.gov/election-hotline](https://ag.ny.gov/election-hotline)**.

# Accessibility

Every New York voter has the right to cast a ballot privately and independently. If you need help filling out your ballot due to disability or limited English proficiency, support is available.

## Language & Interpretation Services

Translators are available in many poll sites across the city. You have the right to have someone, including a family member, friend, or translator, to help you understand and complete your ballot. You can learn which poll sites offer translators at [voting.nyc/accessibility](https://www.voting.nyc/accessibility). You can also call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)**.

## Accessible Absentee Ballot

If you are visually impaired or cannot mark a paper ballot, you can still vote by mail. You can request an accessible absentee ballot that can be read by a screen reader and filled out using a computer. To request an accessible absentee ballot, visit [nycabsentee.com/accessibility](https://nycabsentee.com/accessibility) or call **866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.

## Ballot Marking Device (BMD)

Ballot marking devices (BMD) are available at all poll sites to provide better accessibility for voters, including those who are blind, visually-impaired, or have a disability or condition that would make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot using a pen.

If you'd like to use a BMD, just ask a poll worker! You can use it to see the ballot on a display screen, translate it into additional languages, or listen to your choices through headphones.

### The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



**Touch screen**



**Keypad (Braille)**



**Sip & puff device**



**Rocker paddle**

- You may “ZOOM IN” to make the text larger, “ZOOM OUT” to bring the text back to original size, or select “HIGH CONTRAST” to display the ballot in white text on a black background.
- You may also repeat and adjust the speed and volume of the audio on the headphones.
- Remember! Your selections are not final until you insert your marked ballot into the scanner and cast your vote.
- If you would like assistance inserting your ballot into the scanner, a poll worker will assist you.

# What do elected officials do?

Our elected officials make decisions every day that impact jobs, housing, education, healthcare, and more. Learn more about the offices on your ballot.

To find the offices on the ballot in your district, visit [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc) or call the Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY-212-487-5496**.

## City Offices

### Mayor

The Mayor is the leader of our city government. Once elected, they can serve up to 2 consecutive terms. Each term is 4 years:

- Proposes the city's budget
- Signs or vetoes bills passed by the City Council
- Appoints leaders to city agencies, including the Schools Chancellor and Police Commissioner
- Sets priorities and policy for city agencies
- Manages city land, impacting affordable housing, public parks, and street cleaning

View candidates for Mayor on [pages 9–11](#)

### Public Advocate

The Public Advocate is a non-voting member of the New York City Council. Once elected, they can serve up to 2 consecutive terms. Each term is 4 years:

- If the Mayor leaves office, the Public Advocate will act as Mayor until a special election is held
- Introduces and co-sponsors bills in the City Council
- Assesses whether agencies are responsive to the public
- Investigates citizens' complaints about city services

View candidates for Public Advocate on [pages 12–13](#)

### Comptroller

The Comptroller manages and oversees the city's finances. Once elected, they can serve up to 2 consecutive terms. Each term is 4 years:

- Audits city agencies and contracts
- Prevents abuses in contracting
- Manages budgets, bonds, and city investments like trust and pension funds
- Advises the Mayor and City Council on the city's financial condition

View candidates for Comptroller on [pages 14–15](#)

### Borough President

The Borough President serves as an advocate for their borough. Once elected, they can serve up to 2 consecutive terms. Each term is 4 years.

- Consults with the Mayor on the annual budget
- Provides grants to local organizations
- Advises on rezoning and land-use issues
- Appoints representatives to the City Planning Commission and Community Boards

View candidates for Borough President on [pages 16–17](#)

### City Council

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of New York City's government. There are 51 members. Once elected, council members can serve up to 2 consecutive terms. Each term is 4 years.

- Introduces and votes on bills
- Negotiates and approves the City's budget
- Monitors city agencies
- Makes decisions about the growth and development of our city

Council members elected in 2021 will serve a 2-year term. Following the 2020 census, City Council districts will be redrawn to adjust for changes in population. In 2023, candidates will run for a 2-year term in the new districts. In 2025, 4-year council terms will resume.

View candidates for City Council on [pages 18–30](#)  
Find your City Council district at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).

# County & District Offices

County and District offices will appear on your ballot, but candidate profiles are not included in this Voter Guide. You may be able to select more than one judge for judicial offices. You can find a sample ballot with candidates at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).

## New York State Senate (Manhattan)

The State Senate is the upper chamber of the State Legislature. There are 63 members. State Senators serve two-year terms, with no term limits.

- Writes and votes on legislation
- Approves state spending levels
- Upholds or overrides the Governor's vetoes
- Confirms the Governor's appointment of state officials and court judges

There is a special election in State Senate District 30. The previous representative, Brian Benjamin, has been selected to serve as Lieutenant Governor. The winner of this special election will serve through 2022. Visit [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc) to find your State Senate district.

## District Attorney (Manhattan and Brooklyn)

The District Attorney is the top prosecutor for their county. Each borough has its own District Attorney. They serve for a 4-year term with no term limits.

- Investigates and prosecutes violations of New York State law
- Decides which cases are prosecuted and which cases go to trial

## NYS Supreme Court Judge

Justices of the NYS Supreme Court oversee large felony and civil cases within their districts. The Supreme Court is the trial court in New York State; The Court of Appeals is the highest court. They serve 14-year terms and hear cases including:

- Civil matters over \$25,000
- Criminal felony cases
- Divorce, separation, and annulment proceedings

## Civil Court Judge – County & District

Civil Court Judges can represent counties or districts, so you may see more than one Civil Court judge on your ballot. Judges are elected to 10-year terms and hear cases including:

- Civil matters up to \$25,000
- Criminal misdemeanor cases
- Landlord-tenant matters and cases involving housing maintenance

## Surrogate Court Judge (Brooklyn)

Surrogate Court judges decide cases involving the estates of county residents after their death. Each county has one surrogate, except for Manhattan and Brooklyn, which each have two surrogates. They serve 14-year terms and hear cases including:

- Affairs of the deceased, such as wills and the administration of estates
- Family trusts, adoptions, and guardianships

# Debates

Watch debates co-sponsored by NYC Votes to learn more about the candidates for Mayor on your ballot.

## General Election Debates

Mayoral	Wednesday, October 20	7 pm – 8 pm	WNBC-TV
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Mayoral “Leading Contenders”	Tuesday, October 26	7 pm – 8 pm	WABC-TV
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### Viewing Information

- Dates and times are subject to change.
- Live streaming will be available.
- American Sign Language interpretation will be available.
- Check [voting.nyc](https://voting.nyc) for more information.



# My Voting Plan

Use this area to keep track of your choice for each office and ballot proposals. You can bring this with you to your poll site to reference while filling out your ballot.

## I plan to vote

You must request a ballot to vote by mail.  
See [page 3](#) for more info.

☐ Mail

☐ Early Voting

☐ Election Day

## Where I'll Vote

Look it up at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](#).

## Who I'm Voting For

Not all offices listed will be on the ballot in your district.

Mayor

Public Advocate

Comptroller

Borough President

City Council

NYS Senate (Man)

District Attorney (Man & Bklyn)

NYS Supreme Court

Civil Court – County

Civil Court – District

Surrogate Court (Bklyn)

## Ballot Proposals

1. The Redistricting Process

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Same-Day Voter Registration

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. No-Excuse Absentee Voting

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court

☐ Yes ☐ No

# Sample ballot

Mayor	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
Public Advocate	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
Comptroller	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
Borough President	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
City Council	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
New York State Senate Manhattan Only	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
District Attorney Manhattan and Brooklyn Only	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	
New York State Supreme Court	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2	<input type="radio"/> Candidate C Party 3	





# Mayor

**What does the Mayor do?**  
See [page 6](#) to learn more.

- **Eric L Adams** ✓  
Democratic
- **Curtis A Sliwa** ✓  
Republican, Independent
- **William A Pepitone** ✓  
Conservative
- **Stacey Hope Prussman** ✓  
Libertarian
- **Raja M Flores** ✓  
Humanity United
- **Quanda S Francis**  
Empowerment
- **Fernando A Mateo** ✓  
Save Our City
- **Catherine Rojas**  
Socialism & Lib
- **Skiboky Stora**\*  
Out Lawbreaker

\* Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide.

View candidate videos and expanded profiles online at [voting.nyc/mayor](https://voting.nyc/mayor)

✓ Campaign Finance Program participant.  
Learn more on [page 37](#).

## Eric L Adams ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Public Health
- 2 Economy
- 3 Public Safety

### Background Information

From growing up in South Jamaica Queens, representing NYC in Albany, serving as Brooklyn Borough President and seeing us through the pandemic, I have been a New Yorker through good times and bad.

“Growing up, we didn’t know if we would come home to an eviction notice or food on the table. That is why I’ve spent my adult life in public service. Because I lived the life of the people I want to help. That’s why I became an officer to protect the vulnerable. That’s why I fought racism in the NYPD. That’s why I stood up for human rights in Albany. And why, as Borough President, I strive to make government work better for people who need it most. My life and 35 years in public service have prepared me to lead NYC.”

## Curtis A Sliwa ✓

Republican,  
Independent



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Crime, Safety, Quality of Life
- 2 Property Tax Disparity Outer Boroughs
- 3 Maintaining Advanced Learning Public Schools

### Background Information

42 years of volunteer service in preventing crime and making communities safer as founder and president of the Guardian Angels. I have been recognized for my work by 3 NYC Mayors; Dinkins, Giuliani and Bloomberg. I have also mentored thousands of diverse young men and women on their road to becoming leaders of their communities.

“No one knows the streets, subways and neighborhoods better than me. With that knowledge I will help to resurrect the city and make the streets and subways safe again and bring a true quality of life back to New York City.”

## Mayor (continued)

### William A Pepitone ✓

Conservative



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Public Safety
- 2 Education
- 3 Medical Freedom of Choice

#### Background Information

Born in Brooklyn, I served with the New York City Police Department for twenty years, with a prestigious mobile response Task Force and as a Tactics Instructor and Training Coordinator. A 9/11 first responder, I

“Our campaign centers around public safety and the fact that without such, we simply cannot have safe streets, safe schools, safe transportation or a sustainable economy. We will raise NYPD morale and end the violence, while rebuilding our education system, restarting our economy and ensuring our medical freedom of choice.”

### Stacey Hope Prussman ✓

Libertarian



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 School Choice and Democratize Education
- 2 Revitalizing Small Business
- 3 Animal Rights and Welfare

#### Background Information

I am native New Yorker and a proud Brooklynite. I have overcome many obstacles in my life, which propelled me to become a motivational speaker and an activist. I have lead non-partisan voter registration campaigns over the years. I believe in the individuals' right to choose how they live their lives. As Mayor, I will help restore power back to the people of NYC.

“My campaign is dedicated to democratizing the education system, allowing parents and students to have more control over their educational choices. I aim to revitalize small businesses and the arts, create more affordable housing, and build an environment for people to feel safe to thrive.”

### Raja M Flores ✓

Humanity United



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 NYCHA Healthy and Safe Homes
- 2 NYCHA local business initiative
- 3 NYCHA Home ownership pathway

#### Background Information

I have been taking care of New Yorkers for over 30 years one by one as a surgeon. I have seen the harmful effects of bad policy on good people. Now I would like to take care of people on a larger scale focusing on prevention of harmful social and economic determinants of health and education. Therefore, provide true equal opportunity for every New Yorker like what I had.

“people over party; city over party; country over party; create generational wealth”

## Mayor (continued)

### Quanda S Francis

Empowerment



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Housing Issues (Affordability, Availability, Homelessness)
- 2 Improve K-12 Education (Modernization, Policy)
- 3 Reduce Crime (Workforce/Community Development)

#### Background Information

I am an accountant, data scientist, Ph.D. candidate, wife, and mother of three who has overcome tremendous adversity. However, my greatest asset is the purity of my candidacy. I run as a representative of the people, and I will establish policies that build a New York City that works for everyone.

"As mayor, I intend to ensure New York City becomes the most advanced digital city in the world. I intend to invest in modernizing New York City's social and economic infrastructures; revolutionize K-12 education, reduce crime and homelessness, and reduce wasteful spending through greater oversight."

### Fernando A Mateo

Save Our City



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Public Safety
- 2 Small Business/ Economic Recovery
- 3 Reforming Government: Efficiency, Transparency, Accountability

#### Background Information

Founder: "Toys for Guns" program; used, nationwide, to get guns off the streets in exchange for toys for children in need; Founder: Mateo Institute of Training; a program assisting teaching nonviolent offenders in securing a job upon release; Spokesman: NY State Federation of Taxi Drivers; Spokesman: United Bodegas of America; Recipient: Points of Light Award from President George HW Bush

"Fernando Mateo is a civic minded, successful entrepreneur and proud urban Republican. Born in the Dominican Republic but raised in NYCHA housing, Fernando has proven himself one of the most accomplished Hispanic figures not only in NYC but the country."

### Catherine Rojas

Socialism & Lib



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Tax the Rich
- 2 Jobs and Housing for All
- 3 Defund the Police

#### Background Information

Cathy helped lead mutual aid efforts in Queens including food delivery programs during the height of the pandemic. Cathy has worked on organizing campaigns such as the campaign to keep Amazon out of Queens. Cathy has also fought for rents & mortgages to be cancelled, & was a member and trainer of NYC Cop Watch teams. Her activism dates back to her fight against budget cuts & tuition hikes & for Black & Latino studies in SUNY & CUNY schools.

"Cathy Rojas is a Queens native & the daughter of Colombian immigrants. From working in the restaurant industry for years to working as a high school teacher, Cathy knows what it is like to struggle to get by and she fights to change these conditions."

# Public Advocate

What does the Public Advocate do?  
See [page 6](#) to learn more.

- **Jumaane D Williams** ✓  
Democratic
- **Devi Nampiaparampil\*** ✓  
Republican,  
Save Our City
- **Anthony L Herbert Sr** ✓  
Conservative, Independant
- **Devin W Balkind**  
Libertarian

\* Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide.

View candidate videos and expanded profiles online at [voting.nyc/public-advocate](https://voting.nyc/public-advocate)

✓ Campaign Finance Program participant.  
Learn more on [page 37](#).

## Jumaane D Williams ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Ensuring a Just COVID-19 Recovery
- 2 Redefining Public Safety
- 3 Increasing Government Transparency and Accountability

### Background Information

Bachelors and Masters Degree, Brooklyn College; Former NYC Council Member for the 45 District and Community Organizer; New York Progressive Action Network (NYPAN); Central Brooklyn Progressive Action Association (CBPAA)

“Our city needs a Public Advocate who can effectively be an activist elected official, with more than just politics, bringing the voice of everyday New Yorkers into the halls of government. As NYC’s current Public Advocate, I pledge to continue to combine activism and legislation to help make our city a truly progressive beacon, and fight for a just and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

## Anthony L Herbert Sr ✓

Conservative,  
Independent



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 PUBLIC SAFETY
- 2 HOUSING THE MENTALLY ILL /HOMELESS
- 3 FIXING NYCHA

### Background Information

I AM A FORMER STAFFER TO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN CONGRESS, THE NYS SENATE & THE NYC COUNCIL. I HAVE EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR A NUMBER OF BANKING INSTITUTIONS; THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND AN A WALL STREET INVESTMENT BANK!

“I want New Yorkers to know that I will be their Public Advocate and someone that they can really count on operating with the utmost integrity, transparency and concern for their well being. I will place their safety as my priority and also work my very hardest to keep them well informed as to what is happening in their city legislatively. I am a Common sense candidate that will Unite NY and put People before politics!”

## Public Advocate (continued)

### Devin W Balkind

Libertarian



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Improve INFRASTRUCTURE by exposing corruption
- 2 Improve SERVICES with technology transformation
- 3 Improve EVERYTHING with open innovation

#### Background Information

I lead WeGov.NYC, a nonprofit initiative that has created the most comprehensive public directory of the city's 5000+ infrastructure projects. In doing so, we revealed that, on average, these projects are taking nearly twice as long and costing nearly twice as much as originally planned. We can fix our infrastructure by using technology to make government more transparent!

"I'm a lifelong New Yorker who's spent the last decade helping governments, nonprofits and startups improve people's lives. I'll turn the Public Advocate's Office into a public-interest technology organization that modernizes government."

# get election alerts

You can get election updates  
sent right to your phone!

Sign up for email or text alerts  
at [voting.nyc/votesmart](https://voting.nyc/votesmart) or  
text VoteSmart to **917-979-6377**

# Comptroller

**What does the Comptroller do?**  
See [page 6](#) to learn more.

- **Brad Lander** ✓  
Democratic
- **Daby Benjamín Carreras** ✓  
Republican, Save Our City
- **Paul A Rodriguez** ✓  
Conservative
- **John Tabacco\*** ✓  
Libertarian, Independent

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✓ Campaign Finance Program participant.  
Learn more on [page 37](#).

## Brad Lander ✓ **Top 3 Issues**

Democratic



- 1** Secure a just economic recovery
- 2** Create truly affordable housing
- 3** Invest in green jobs, infrastructure

## Background Information

As a progressive leader in the City Council I helped bring participatory budgeting to NYC and have a track record of winning innovative, data-driven policies that boost worker pay and protections, expand tenants rights, hold the NYPD accountable, and make our streets safer.

“We need a just recovery from the Covid-19 health and economic crisis. I will take on the major crises facing the city today — and tomorrow — by supporting investments in sustainable infrastructure, job creation, and small businesses that bring our city back to life more equally and confront long-term challenges like climate change, housing affordability, and racial justice.”

## Daby Benjamín Carreras ✓

Republican,  
Save Our City



## Top 3 Issues

- 1** Crime Reduction/Prevention & Civil Rights
- 2** Unemployment; Public Pensions/Retirement Funds
- 3** Housing/Homelessness; LOCAL JOBS, K-12 Education

## Background Information

As a Professional Money Manager, I'm subject to tough regulatory scrutiny. In my 2 decade career, I have never once been sanctioned or accused of any impropriety. The success I've achieved on Wall St means a lot to me, but no more than what I've accomplished as a community activist & founder of non-profit organization. I alone bridge the gap between the 99 & the 1%.

“Lifelong resident of NYC who is proud of his Cuban & Puerto Rican heritage, as an Afro-Latino my early life was far from privileged, but the support of my family & my faith enabled me to reach the top echelons of the financial services industry”



## Comptroller (continued)

### Paul A Rodriguez ✓

Conservative



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Protecting city pensions
- 2 Government reform, efficiency, transparency
- 3 Advancing commerce, jobs

#### Background Information

A Wall Street veteran, Paul was reared in Puerto Rico and Atlanta, but always thought NYC, his birthplace, to be “home”. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two of his three daughters (aged 9, 13, 25).

“Paul believes that the city spends, wastes and taxes too much, and has for decades, well before the pandemic. It has killed jobs, impoverished millions and hurt the city. He wants commerce to fuel a renaissance of jobs and prosperity for all in the aftermath of COVID-19.

He’ll use modern managerial methods, budget transparency and performance-based metrics to improve efficiency, eliminate redundancy, reduce costs and rein in out-of-control spending.”

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# Manhattan Borough President

What does the Borough President do?  
See [page 6](#) to learn more.

- **Mark D Levine** ✓  
Democratic
- **Louis J Puliafito** ✓  
Republican
- **Michael E Lewyn**  
Libertarian

View additional  
information online at  
[voting.nyc.gov/manhattan-bp](https://voting.nyc.gov/manhattan-bp)

- ✓ Campaign Finance  
Program participant.  
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## Mark D Levine ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 COVID-19 recovery
- 2 Affordable Housing
- 3 Safe & livable streets

### Background Information

I'm a former bilingual public school teacher, founder of a community credit union, endorsed by the Central Labor Council, Congressman Espaillat & many unions, elected & community leaders

"As Council Member, I passed the landmark Right-to-Counsel legislation protecting tenants facing eviction & created 1000s of units of affordable housing. As Health Committee Chair, I brought a fact-based approach to fighting COVID1 & protected kids from tobacco addiction. As B.P. I will fight for: An Equitable recovery ; Affordability & Homelessness ; Fair & effective policing ; Safe streets ; Healthcare equity ; A Quality education ; Sustainability ; Union jobs ; Transit infrastructure"

## Louis J Puliafito ✓

Republican



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Public Safety
- 2 Nurture People and Main Street
- 3 Transparency in Government

### Background Information

I am a Native New Yorker and an overnight doorman. As a multigenerational family, I understand the concerns, pressures and joys from newborns to the elderly. I received an AAS in Computer Science from LaGuardia CC with 3.95 GPA and was employed 20+ years for Fortune 100 Companies.

"I am an "Everyday" New Yorker worried about the future of my kids and grandkids. For them to have a Decent Life, all kids and grandkids must have a Decent Life. We must nurture people, families, and Main Street while keeping our streets safe. I believe "Diverse opinions create doable solutions.""

## Manhattan Borough President (continued)

### Michael E Lewyn

Libertarian



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 cost of housing
- 2 zoning generally
- 3 transportation

#### Background Information

The Borough President's primary duty is to appoint community board members, who review rezoning applications. Thus, I view the Borough Presidency as a job for a land use/zoning specialist. Since 2011, I have been an Associate Professor at Touro Law Center in Long Island. I have taught land use and property law, and have written extensively on land use issues. (Most of my scholarship can be found at [works.bepress.com/lewyn](https://works.bepress.com/lewyn)). I also blog regularly on these issues at [planetizen.com/user/63](https://planetizen.com/user/63) and [marketurbanism.com](https://marketurbanism.com)

"I favor changing zoning laws in order to allow more housing, because more supply means lower rents."

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# City Council District 01

What does a City Council member do?  
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- **Christopher Marte** ✓  
Democratic
- **Jacqueline Toboroff** ✓  
Republican
- **Maud Maron** ✓  
Independent NY

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## Christopher Marte ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Stop overdevelopment and displacement
- 2 Protect shorelines, preserve green space
- 3 Fund infrastructure and sanitation pickup

### Background Information

Endorsed by Downtown Independent Democrats, Asian American Democratic Club, Grand Street Dems, VID, VRDC, NDD, Freelancer Union, KidsPAC, Voters for Animal Rights & PSC CUNY

“Christopher is on the frontlines of the major issues in Lower Manhattan. He’s worked to stop the development of mega towers and the building of a new jail, and supported community-based plans. He has organized with parents against school budget cuts. Chris created a network of donors and volunteers to distribute food and PPE to seniors. He has a record of bringing communities together with a common purpose and will continue that mission in the Council.”

## Jacqueline Toboroff ✓

Republican



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 A safer and revitalized NYC.
- 2 In person school, core curriculum.
- 3 Cleaner NYC, sanitation, homeless.

### Background Information

N/A

“I would work tirelessly to revitalize small businesses in NYC and to ensure that the city is a desirable home for all ages and to go on the record that children must be in school in person on a full time basis.”

## City Council District 1 (continued)

**Maud Maron** ✓

Independent NY



### Top 3 Issues

- 1** Clean, Safe Streets and Subways
- 2** Open Schools, Raise Academic Standards
- 3** Support Small Businesses, Revitalize Economy

### Background Information

As CEC President I worked to secure a \$2.6M integration grant for our district. I am a founding member of the education advocacy group PLACE NYC, and FAIR, a national civil rights group.

"I am a mom of four public school kids, a public defender, and education and civil rights advocate. I am running for City Council to champion common sense policies. We need clean, safe streets and subways; fully reopened, academically strong schools; and thriving small businesses to revitalize our economy. We must actively work to stop hate crimes that target women, immigrants, the elderly and most vulnerable."

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# City Council District 02

What does a City Council member do?  
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- **Carlina Rivera** ✓  
Democratic
- **Juan Pagan**  
Independent
- **Allie L Ryan** ✓  
Neighborhood

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## Carlina Rivera ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Healthcare crisis
- 2 Affordable housing
- 3 Small business survival

### Background Information

My diverse coalition of supporters includes Tenants PAC, New York Immigration Coalition, UFT, SEIU 32BJ, Communications Workers of America, District 1, DC37, HTC, NYSNA, Central Labor Council, PSC-CUNY, Local 802 Musicians, DC9, Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, 504 Democratic Club, and countless local leaders.

“As a lifelong New Yorker, I’ve spent my entire career fighting to improve the lives, resources and well-being of my neighbors. I’m running for re-election to continue to address inequities in healthcare access, expand and protect affordable housing, combat sexual harassment, reform our criminal justice system, and ensure small businesses thrive in our city.”

## Juan Pagan

Independent



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Crime & Safety
- 2 Housing Affordability
- 3 Public Education  
Back On Track

### Background Information

Juan is formally educated in Criminal Justice and worked most of his life with children and adolescents in the inner city. He will bring his passion, education, and experience as well as his personal connection to our community to keep our focus on crime and safety.

““Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.” Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr. ; King not only sought justice for the marginalized, but also to create balance within society by way of unity. Count on me to legislate laws and ordinances that will help bring peace, prosperity, balance, and improve the quality of life for all who live and work in our district.”

## City Council District 2 (continued)

### Allie L Ryan ✓

Neighborhood



#### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Save East River Park
- 2 Quality of Life
- 3 School Year Reform

#### Background Information

As a documentary producer Allie has worked w/formerly incarcerated re-entering society, advocates for free speech & the right of public assembly. As an organizer Allie has sought to protect parkland/public space & high quality education for all children.

“For decades my family has been part of the East Village & Lower East Side arts, music, bicycling & environmental communities. I am proud to raise my kids here. I support community-led flood protection plan to save East River Park, the SoHo/NoHo Community Plan & homeless families’ aid. I will tackle neglected D2 Quality of Life issues such as outdoor dining, e-bikes, crime, & trash. I call for school year reform to minimize knowledge loss.”

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# City Council District 03

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• **Erik Bottcher** ✓  
Democratic

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Program participant.  
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**Erik  
Bottcher** ✓  
Democratic



## Top 3 Issues

- 1 Economic Recovery from COVID-19
- 2 Creating Affordable Housing for All
- 3 Addressing the Mental Health Crisis

## Background Information

Endorsed by Rep. Jerry Nadler, Corey Johnson, Gale Brewer, Brad Hoylman, Deborah J. Glick, Richard N. Gottfried, Linda B. Rosenthal, the UFT, & many other progressive orgs.

“Our city is in crisis, and times of crisis call for proven leadership. Growing up in the Adirondacks as the only gay person I knew sparked in me a lifelong dedication to helping the most vulnerable. I committed my life to public service, working as the LGBTQ Liaison at the City Council and at the Governor’s office, and as Chief of Staff to Speaker Corey Johnson. I have the experience, skills, and community relationships that are needed at this critical time.”

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# City Council District 04

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- **Keith Powers**  
Democratic
- **David Casavis**  
Republican, Libertarian,  
Independent

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## Keith Powers

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Affordable Housing
- 2 Open Spaces and Transportation
- 3 Small Businesses

### Background Information

I've lived in Stuyvesant Town & Peter Cooper Village my whole life. I'm a graduate from the CUNY Graduate Center & University of Dayton.

"During my 4 years on the City Council, I have passed 15 laws and introduced more than 50 bills, including legislation to protect employees against harassment, prevent housing discrimination, & support small businesses. ; During COVID-19, I championed the outdoor dining program, introduced legislation for tax relief, proposed an affordable lease program, & passed legislation to help restaurants stay competitive. ; I was recognized as the top lawmaker in New York City in 2019 and selected as a CUNY Lindsay Fellow and a NewDEAL Leader."

## David Casavis

Republican, Libertarian,  
Independent



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Public Safety
- 2 Economic Recovery
- 3 Affordable Housing

### Background Information

Real Estate Counselor - Review and Analysis  
Prior Candidate for Assembly, Borough President  
Author True Crime Books

"I didn't ask for this. City Council District Four was the only district in Manhattan with no primary. As no one stepped forward for the general election, I was asked to lend my name until a suitable opponent was found. No one stepped forward. There was to be no election. The constituents of district four – one of 10 out of 51 City constituencies that could have sent a non-machine candidate to the City Council – was silenced. The constituents should just say no. My name appears at the bottom of the ballot. When you hit bottom vote remember to vote for "David Can Save Us.""

# City Council District 05

What does a City Council member do?  
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- **Julie Menin** ✓  
Democratic
- **Mark Foley** ✓  
Republican, Liberal

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- ✓ Campaign Finance  
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## Julie Menin ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 COVID Recovery and Public Safety
- 2 Affordability and Quality of Life
- 3 Improving Public Schools and Education

### Background Information

Former three-time City Commissioner, former Community Board Chair, Attorney, Adjunct Columbia Professor, Mom. Endorsed by Representatives Carolyn Maloney, Jerry Nadler, and Adriano Espaillat, Council Member Ben Kallos and many other elected officials, labor unions and community leaders.

"I was honored to receive the strong support of voters in the June Primary. They believed in our message that this city needs strong and experienced leadership to come back from the COVID crisis. I will use my leadership and experience to fight for a full recovery for working families and small businesses, and a stronger, safer, and more equitable New York."

## Mark Foley ✓

Republican, Liberal



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Re-funding Police; Public Safety
- 2 Quality of Life; Homelessness
- 3 Small Business-Economy; Zoning

### Background Information

Work experience includes acting, advertising, investment advisor. Currently a business consultant for a company that I co-founded in 2013.

"Our district has seen the difference between a city run by a business-person, and a career politician. I'll bring my business experience and problem-solving skills, work-ethic, and devotion to the community to fight for you and your family to bring fundamental leadership back to our district. Democrats, Republicans, and Independents ALL want to feel safe in their community and deserve a qualified leader to answer their calls. Removing police from the street and cutting any part of their budget is not the answer."

# City Council District 06

What does a City Council member do?  
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- **Gale Brewer** ✓  
Democratic
- **Nancy B Sliwa** \*  
Republican

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## Gale Brewer ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Public safety equity for all
- 2 Pandemic recovery including small business
- 3 Preserve & build affordable housing

### Background Information

As BP did 171 ULURPs; created inclusive appt & training of 1000s to Boards; allocated millions for infrastructure; opened 1st BP storefront office Endorsements: 3 Parks Dems, Bway Dems, West Side Dems, Tenants PAC, Central Labor Cncl, 32BJ, DC37, CWA1, HTC, NYSNA, Local 802, UFT, PSC, RWDSU, AIA, UAW

“Strengths: budget, land use, schools, police community relations, affordable housing, historic preservation, environmental justice, age friendly seniors, arts, civic data access, internships, LGBTQ rights & good jobs. Streetscape reinvention + green/open space, bike/bus lanes & pedestrian safety. I stand with all opposing acts of hate or bias”

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# City Council District 07

What does a City Council member do?  
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- **Shaun Abreu** ✓  
Democratic
- **Carmen R Quinones** ✓  
Black Women Lead
- **Jomo M Williams\*** ✓  
Black Live Matter

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## Shaun Abreu ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Expanding access to affordable housing.
- 2 Investing in after-school programs.
- 3 Increase food security.

### Background Information

Tenants' rights attorney, Shaun Abreu, was endorsed by NYIC Action, NYC Central Labor Council, 32BJ SEIU, NYSNA, DC37, CWA District 1, Hotel Trades Council, and Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club.

"I am running to represent the place I've known my whole life. I lived in these homes, attended these schools, and built a career defending Council District 7 residents. I am the son of Dominican immigrants and was born and raised in Washington Heights, where my family was evicted when I was a child. Now, I am a tenants' rights attorney, fighting for families like my own, and I look forward to delivering for tenants and families in the City Council."

## Carmen R Quinones ✓

Black Women Lead



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 PUBLIC HOUSING
- 2 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- 3 PUBLIC EDUCATIONS

### Background Information

American Idol endorsement. New Mount Zion Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Carl L. Washington

"Advocate, Activist, fearless Fighter For All Senior's, Disable and our Children. President of Douglass Houses Tenants Association, A demanding 24 hour unpaid job. Representing 3,000 Residents with both political leaders and service personnel, Supporting residents in their efforts to get assistance with problems ranging from physical repairs to social, Medical, and mental and health issues, Partnering with NYPD on our shared strong commitment to community policing and the security of the housing developments and community."

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# City Council District 08

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- **Diana Ayala** ✓  
Democratic

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## Diana Ayala ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Equitable COVID-19 recovery
- 2 Defend and expand affordable housing
- 3 Meaningful criminal justice reform

### Background Information

Endorsed by labor unions and progressive leaders, including NYC Central Labor Council, PSC CUNY, and Rep. Ritchie Torres.

“Our communities in East Harlem and the South Bronx are struggling, and we need strong, experienced leadership fighting for the relief we need. As your Council Member, I’ve fought to protect our frontline workers and public hospitals, support small businesses, stop layoffs, and enact real rent and mortgage relief. I’m a proud product of public schools and NYCHA, and I’m committed to delivering an equitable recovery and building a stronger future for all New Yorkers.”

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# City Council District 09

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- **Kristin Richardson Jordan** ✓  
Democratic
- **Alpheaus E Marcus\*** ✓  
Republican

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## Kristin Richardson Jordan ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Police Accountability and Abolition
- 2 Fighting for Actually Affordable Housing
- 3 Greater Redistribution of Wealth

### Background Information

Kristin is a third-generation Harlemit. Endorsements include Black Womxn's March, Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, LPAC, among others.

"I am running for City Council because our political leadership has failed Harlem, has failed Manhattan, and failed New York City. My Kristin for H.A.R.L.E.M. platform outlines the necessary change that our community has been asking for as I seek to disrupt the district with radical love and focus on service and community care. I am interested in representing our district as someone who grew from the movement space and has been leading a grassroots campaign since 2019 (before this became an open seat)."

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# City Council District 10

What does a City Council member do?  
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- **Carmen N De La Rosa** ✓  
Democratic
- **Edwin R De La Cruz** ✓  
Republican

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## Carmen N De La Rosa ✓

Democratic



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 Stop Displacement and Protect Tenants
- 2 Fix inequities in education system
- 3 Job Creation/ Protect Small Businesses

### Background Information

Endorsements: Labor Strong & NYC Central Labor Council

“Carmen De La Rosa has advocated for the most vulnerable throughout her career. In 2016, Carmen was elected to the NYS Assembly. She has led the passage of the Dream Act, landmark rent reform, and worker protections. Carmen is the lead sponsor of a billionaires tax that will finally make the ultra wealthy pay their fair share. If elected, Carmen will fight for racial, economic, and environmental justice for the most vulnerable in our city. She will center the needs of the working class and immigrant communities, following a co-governance model to ensure community voices are heard.”

## Edwin R De La Cruz ✓

Republican



### Top 3 Issues

- 1 1 Law order: noise, lawlessness
- 2 Homeless 30% reduction
- 3 Small Business rescue plan

### Background Information

I am an entrepreneur, instructor, inventor of plant base water replacement composition, international issues researcher, a part-time cab driver for extra income, activist

“Hello, Saludo, Shalom, my name is Edwin R. De La Cruz. I am a four-decade resident of District 10. I decided to run for public office as an outsider to the world of politics. I started my campaign in March of 2021 due to frustration and disappointment at the lack of government services and a deteriorating District 10 with its Council principal office closed to the public since July 27, 2021.”

# Fall 2021 Ballot Proposals

**There are five proposals on the ballot this fall regarding proposed changes to the New York State Constitution.**

**Voters will vote “Yes” or “No” on each of these proposals. If a majority of New Yorkers vote “Yes,” then these changes will go into effect.**

These proposed amendments are on the ballot because they have been passed by the State Legislature (State Senate and State Assembly) in two consecutive terms. Now it is up to New York voters to decide whether or not to accept them.

You can find in this Voter Guide the official text that will appear on the ballot, summaries of each proposal, and descriptions of what will change if they pass.

## Proposals at a glance

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## The Redistricting Process

## Question 2

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### Question 3

## Same-Day Voter Registration

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### Question 5

## Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court

<p><b>Proposal 1</b></p> <p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes / Sí <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>Proposal 3</b></p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Yes / Sí <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>Proposal 2</b></p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Yes / Sí <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>Proposal 4</b></p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> Yes / Sí <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><b>Proposal 5</b></p> <p>5 <input type="radio"/> Yes / Sí <input type="radio"/> No</p>

To help voters see arguments on both sides of every issue, we collected pro and con statements on each proposal from NYC Voters and civic organizations.

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# Question #1

## The Redistricting Process

### What you will see on the ballot

#### Amending the Apportionment and Redistricting Process

This proposed constitutional amendment would freeze the number of state senators at 63, amend the process for the counting of the state's population, delete certain provisions that violate the United States Constitution, repeal and amend certain requirements for the appointment of the co-executive directors of the redistricting commission and amend the manner of drawing district lines for congressional and state legislative offices. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

### Proposal Summary:

After each Census, district lines for Federal (Congress) and State (State Senate and Assembly) elected offices can be redrawn to account for changes in population. This process is led by the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission.

**The Number of State Senators.** The New York State Senate has 63 districts and members. Currently, new Senate districts can be added through the redistricting process, which can be used to benefit political parties. This ballot proposal would amend the New York State Constitution to freeze the number of State Senators at 63.

**The Process of Counting for the Census.** This amendment sets requirements in the State Constitution for how people will be counted in the Census for redistricting purposes. It requires that prisoners be counted at their prior home address instead of their place of incarceration. It also requires counting every person living in New York State as part of the total population, regardless of citizenship status. Both requirements have been used in the past in New York State, but this amendment writes them into the State Constitution.

**Redistricting Commission.** Redistricting for New York State is led by the ten-member Independent Redistricting Commission, which includes four Democrats, four Republicans, and two members who are not aligned with either party. These members are selected by the majority and minority leaders from the State Senate and Assembly—currently members of the Democratic and Republican parties, respectively. The Commission also includes two Co-Executive Directors. Currently, one

Co-Executive Director must be a registered Democrat and the other a registered Republican.

To approve a redistricting plan, seven members of the Commission must vote to support it, one of whom must be from a different political party than the others. Once approved, their plan is sent to the State Legislature for final approval. The number of votes required for the legislature to approve the Commission's plan is different depending on whether one party controls the legislature or if it is divided.

This proposal would amend the New York State Constitution so that seven members of the Commission can approve their plan, regardless of who appointed them. It would then require a simple majority in the State Legislature to approve the Commission's plan, regardless of who controls the legislature. If the Commission fails to approve a plan, then the plan that receives the most votes would go to the legislature for consideration. It would then require 60% support in the legislature for it to pass. This proposal would also allow the Commission to appoint two Co-Executive Directors, regardless of their political party, by a simple majority vote.

**The Redistricting Schedule.** Currently, the Independent Redistricting Commission is required to submit their first plan to the legislature by January 15th, 2022. Now that primary elections are held in June instead of September, there is less time to finalize district lines before the next election. This proposal would require the Commission to submit their first plan to the legislature by January 1st, 2022, and then by November 15th starting in 2031.

## If Ballot Question #1 Passes:

- The New York State Constitution would be amended to set the number of State Senators at 63.
- The New York State Constitution would be amended to require New York State to count the total population in the Census, regardless of citizenship status.
- The New York State Constitution would be amended to ensure incarcerated people are counted in the Census at their last place of residence prior to incarceration.
- The New York State Constitution would be amended to require seven votes for the Independent Redistricting Commission to approve their plan, regardless of their political affiliation.
- The New York State Constitution would be amended to require a simple majority in the State Legislature to approve the Commission's plan, regardless of which party controls the legislature.
- The New York State Constitution would be amended to allow the Independent Redistricting Commission to select co-Executive Directors by a simple majority, regardless of political party.
- The New York State Constitution would be amended to require the Independent Redistricting Commission to submit their first redistricting plan to the State Legislature by January 1, 2022, and by November 15 starting in 2031.

## Question #2

# Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment

## What you will see on the ballot

### **Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment**

The proposed amendment to Article 1 of the New York Constitution would establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

## Proposal Summary:

This proposal would add the right to clean water, clean air, and a healthful environment to the New York State Constitution's Bill of Rights. While the New York State Constitution does provide some protection to natural resources, New Yorkers themselves do not currently have an enforceable right to clean water, clean air, or a healthy environment.

## If Ballot Question #2 Passes:

- The New York State Constitution's Bill of Rights would be amended to include the right to clean water, clean air, and a healthful environment, which means the government cannot infringe on these rights.
- Enshrining this right in the State Constitution would require lawmakers to consider the impact on clean water, clean air, and the environment when making decisions.
- It would also allow New Yorkers to sue if they believe their rights to clean water, clean air, or a healthful environment are being violated.

# Question #3

## Same-Day Voter Registration

### What you will see on the ballot

#### **Eliminating Ten-Day-Advance Voter Registration Requirement**

The proposed amendment would delete the current requirement in Article 2, § 5 that a citizen be registered to vote at least ten days before an election and would allow the Legislature to enact laws permitting a citizen to register to vote less than ten days before the election. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

### Proposal Summary:

The New York State Constitution currently requires voters to be registered at least ten days before an election in order to cast their ballot. This proposal would eliminate that provision, giving the State Legislature the ability to pass new laws that allow New Yorkers more time to register to vote.

### If Ballot Question #3 Passes:

- The New York State Constitution would be amended to give the State Legislature the power to pass new laws that allow New Yorkers more time to register to vote before an election, including on the day of the election.
- Passing this proposal would not guarantee that laws will change, but it would give lawmakers the ability to pass new laws that set the registration deadline closer to or on the day of the election.

# Question #4

## No-Excuse Absentee Voting

### What you will see on the ballot

#### Authorizing No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting

The proposed amendment would delete from the current provision on absentee ballots the requirement that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county or illness or physical disability. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

### Proposal Summary:

Under the New York State Constitution, voters are currently required to affirm that they are out of town on the day of the election, ill, or physically disabled in order to vote by mail. All other voters are required to vote in person. While all New York voters are temporarily eligible to vote by mail due to the risk of COVID-19, this amendment could permanently expand that eligibility. This proposal would amend the State Constitution to allow the State Legislature to pass new laws that would give all New York voters the option to vote by mail without providing an excuse.

### If Ballot Question #4 Passes:

- The New York State Constitution would be amended to give the State Legislature the power to pass new laws that allow more New York voters to vote by mail.
- Passing this proposal would not guarantee that laws will change, but it would give lawmakers the ability to pass new laws that allow New York voters to vote by mail without needing to provide a reason.

# Question #5

## Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court

### What you will see on the ballot

#### **Increasing the Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court**

The proposed amendment would increase the New York City Civil Court's jurisdiction by allowing it to hear and decide claims for up to \$50,000 instead of the current jurisdictional limit of \$25,000. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

### Proposal Summary:

The New York State Constitution currently limits Civil Courts to hearing and deciding claims up to \$25,000. Only the New York State Supreme Court can currently hear and decide claims over \$25,000. This proposal would amend the New York State constitution to allow Civil Courts to also hear and decide claims up to \$50,000.

### If Ballot Question #5 Passes:

- The New York State Constitution would be amended to allow Civil Courts to hear claims up to \$50,000.
- Judges of the New York City Civil Court and New York State Supreme Court would all be eligible to hear and decide claims up to \$50,000, allowing more judges to address a backlog of cases that has grown during the pandemic.



# Who is NYC Votes?

NYC Votes is an initiative of the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the independent city agency that ensures local elections are fair, inclusive, and open. We boost participation among voters and candidates alike so that our elected officials address the needs of our diverse communities and the issues voters care about.

We do this by empowering New Yorkers who are less likely to vote, reducing barriers to running for office, and offering solutions to improve our election system. NYC Votes partners with community organizations, volunteers, and other city agencies to register, educate, and engage voters across the city. We aim to build a greater understanding of the electoral process for all New Yorkers by having an honest dialogue about how our elections work and why they matter.

Established in 1988, the agency also equips New Yorkers with information about the candidates on their ballot and how their campaigns are funded. Our matching funds program matches every \$1 from a local donor with up to \$8 of city funding, encouraging city candidates to focus on their communities instead of special interests.

## Benefits of NYC's Matching Funds Program

1

Prevents corruption, and the appearance of corruption, by reducing the power of large contributors

2

Makes it possible for New Yorkers without access to wealth to run for office

3

Limits the influence of special interest money in our local elections so that candidates are accountable to the people they serve

4

Amplifies the voices of everyday New Yorkers by increasing the value of their small-dollar contributions

5

Holds candidates accountable for the funds they raise and spend,



This badge will appear in a candidate's profile if they are participating in NYC's matching funds program.

Visit NYC Votes Contribute to support local candidates in your community, and to help them receive matching funds, at [nycvotes.org](https://nycvotes.org).

# Frequently Asked Questions

## General

### I just voted in June. How is the November 2 election different?

On June 22, NYC held a primary election to decide which candidates would represent political parties in the November 2 general election. Only members of political parties were eligible to vote in the primary election. In the general election, NYC voters will decide which candidates will hold office starting in January. All registered NYC voters are eligible to vote.

### What is a general election?

In the general election, candidates from different parties compete to win elected office. You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for each office on the ballot. You can also vote “yes” or “no” on ballot proposals. All voters who registered by the deadline are eligible to vote in a general election.

### Will NYC use Ranked Choice Voting in this election?

No. In NYC, Ranked Choice Voting is only used in primary and special elections for city offices. Since November 2 is a general election, you will select just one candidate for each city office.

### How can I check if I’m registered to vote?

Visit [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov) or call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.

### What if I moved within New York City since the last time I voted?

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Complete the section labeled “Voting information that has changed” by entering your new and old addresses, check the box for the party you wish to be enrolled in (do this even if you were enrolled in a party at your old address), and provide any other requested information. You may also update your information at [dmv.ny.gov](https://dmv.ny.gov) if you have a New York State driver's license or non-driver ID.

In order to vote in this general election, your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by October 13, 2021. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

Vote at the poll site associated with your new address.

### What if my name is not in the voter book when I sign in to vote?

Make sure you are in the correct poll site. If you are, and you believe you are registered, you have the right to vote by requesting an affidavit ballot.

### Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration. Check your registration status online at [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov) (you will need to enter your county, name, date of birth, and zip code), or call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired for assistance.

## Vote by Mail

### Am I still eligible to vote in person if I request an absentee ballot?

Yes! You can still vote early in person or on Election Day if you request an absentee ballot. Your early voting site may be different from your Election Day poll site, so make sure to check before you go. You can find your poll sites at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).

### Can I drop my absentee ballot off at my poll site?

Yes! You can drop off your completed absentee ballot at any NYC poll site. Ballot boxes will be available at the front desk. You do not need postage if you are dropping off your ballot.

### Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit [nycabsentee.com/tracking](https://nycabsentee.com/tracking).

### What if there is an issue with my absentee ballot? Will I have a chance to fix it? How?

A new law requires the Board of Elections to give voters a chance to fix or “cure” common errors with their absentee ballot envelopes, such as a missing signature. If there is a fixable error, the Board of Elections will notify you by mail to your registered address, or by email or phone (if included in your voter record). You will have 7 business days from the date of the notice to correct the issue by returning a signed affirmation.

## Have more questions?

You can email us at [nycvotes@nyccfb.info](mailto:nycvotes@nyccfb.info), message us on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook ([@nycvotes](https://www.instagram.com/nycvotes)), or visit [voting.nyc/faq](https://voting.nyc/faq)!

## Update your info with the Board of Elections

We got your name and address from the list of registered voters maintained by the New York City Board of Elections. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail but you are not the addressee, or if the addressee has moved or is deceased, notify the Board of Elections so they can correct their records.

### Go Green

Sign up at [nyccfb.info/go-paperless](https://nyccfb.info/go-paperless) to get your Voter Guide by email instead.

## About the Voter Guide

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By law, NYC Votes is required to send a Voter Guide to every household with a registered voter in New York City for city elections. We send a guide in English and Spanish to every registered voter, and in Chinese, Korean, and Bengali to voters in targeted areas based on census data.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to NYC Votes by the candidates, all of whom have affirmed that the information provided is true to the best of their knowledge. The views expressed in the candidate statements do not represent those of NYC Votes. This Guide lists all the candidates who were expected to be on the ballot at the time of publication. For an up-to-date list, visit the online Guide at [voting.nyc](https://voting.nyc).

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## Contact the Board of Elections

The Board of Elections administers our elections and is responsible for maintaining the database of registered voters, overseeing polling places, counting ballots, and reporting election results. You can update your voter registration, apply for an absentee ballot, apply to be a poll worker or language interpreter, and more with the New York City Board of Elections.

Visit [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc) to learn more.

### Regular hours of operation

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and also during the weekend prior to and on Election Day. Check [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc) for hours of operation.

**866-VOTE-NYC** (TTY 212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired)

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<b>Bronx</b>	1780 Grand Concourse, 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457	718-299-9017	718-299-2140
<b>Brooklyn</b>	345 Adams Street, 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	718-797-8800	718-246-5958
<b>Manhattan</b>	200 Varick Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10014	212-886-2100	646-638-2047
<b>Queens</b>	118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375	718-730-6730	718-459-3384
<b>Staten Island</b>	1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305	718-876-0079	718-876-0912