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# WELCOME TO YOUR 2017 NYC VOTER GUIDE



New York City is one of the greatest and most diverse cities in the country. It leads the nation on issues that matter. That's why it's especially important that you make informed choices about who represents you in city government. While you can't always control what happens nationally, you do have a say about what happens in our city. Your vote has an impact on everything from the quality of city schools to the cost of living and helps create a city that works for everyone.

Be sure to take this Voter Guide, NYC's official nonpartisan guide to city elections, with you when you cast your vote in the citywide primary election this fall. The Guide provides profiles of candidates seeking your nominations for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council, as well as general info about voting.

Cast your vote to make a difference!

## GO GREEN!

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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

**You have the right to vote in the September 12, 2017 primary election if:**

- ◆ You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary (check **voting.nyc** if you're not sure if you're registered).
- ◆ You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- ◆ You are not currently serving time for a felony or on parole.
- ◆ You are in line at your poll site by 9 pm on September 12th (NYC poll sites open at 6 am).

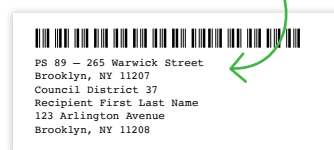
**In any election, you have a right to:**

- ◆ Ask a poll worker or any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), for help. If you need an interpreter, BOE interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information, including which polling sites have interpreters available and for which languages.
- ◆ Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide (please take any materials away with you when you finish voting).
- ◆ Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- ◆ Vote by affidavit ballot if your name is missing from the list of voters at your polling site.

**You may have to show identification to vote in this election if you are voting for the first time at your polling place. Otherwise, you do not need to show identification.**

## KNOW WHERE TO GO

### YOUR POLL SITE!



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Check **voting.nyc** and click "Where Do I Vote?"

OR



Call the Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC

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# ELECTION AT A GLANCE

## MAYOR pg 6

The mayor is the leader of city government.



**Sal Albanese**



**Richard S. Bashner**



**Bill de Blasio**



**Bob Gangi**



**Mike Tolkin**



**Rocky De La Fuente**



**Nicole Malliotakis**

Also running:\*  
**Bill Murawski**  
**Walter N. Iwachiw**

## PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 10

The public advocate is the people's representative in city government.



**David C. Eisenbach**



**Letitia James**

## COMPTROLLER

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.

There is no primary election for Comptroller.

## BOROUGH PRESIDENT

As the chief executives of their boroughs, the borough presidents make sure that community needs are met.

There is no primary election for Manhattan Borough President.

## CITY COUNCIL pg 11

The City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government.  
*Check the cover of your Voter Guide to find your Council district.*



**Diana Ayala**  
City Council District 08



**Tamika Mapp**  
City Council District 08



**Israel Martinez**  
City Council District 08



**Robert J. Rodriguez**  
City Council District 08



**Cordell Cleare**  
City Council District 09



**Pierre Gooding**  
City Council District 09



**Tyson-Lord Gray**  
City Council District 09



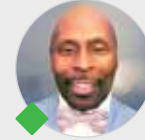
**Marvin Holland**  
City Council District 09



**Dianne L. Mack**  
City Council District 09



**Bill Perkins**  
City Council District 09



**Marvin Spruill**  
City Council District 09

Also running:\*  
**Julius Tajiddin**  
City Council District 09



**George Espinal**  
City Council District 10



**Josue G. Perez**  
City Council District 10



**Ydanis A. Rodriguez**  
City Council District 10

Also running:\*  
**Francesca M. Castellanos**  
City Council District 10

## ✓ VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Voting in local elections has a real effect on our day-to-day lives. The people we elect make decisions that affect our neighborhoods, schools, jobs, and quality of life every day.

### MAYOR

As the leader of city government, the mayor sets city policy and impacts the day-to-day lives of New Yorkers by creating the budget, appointing the heads of boards and agencies like the NYPD or the Department of Education, signing or vetoing bills from City Council, and issuing executive orders.

### PUBLIC ADVOCATE

As the people's representative in city government, the public advocate can investigate complaints and make recommendations about city services, provide information that allows New Yorkers to protect themselves (such as the Worst Landlords Watchlist), and introduce and co-sponsor bills. The public advocate is responsible for acting as the mayor if the mayor is absent or unable to perform his or her duties.

### COMPTROLLER

As the chief financial officer, the comptroller issues and sells city bonds, which are used to finance public projects like roads and bridges, and monitors the city's spending by conducting audits and reports. The comptroller also

manages the funds in NYC's pension system, the largest public city employee retirement system in the country, by making sure that they are protected and invested wisely.

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

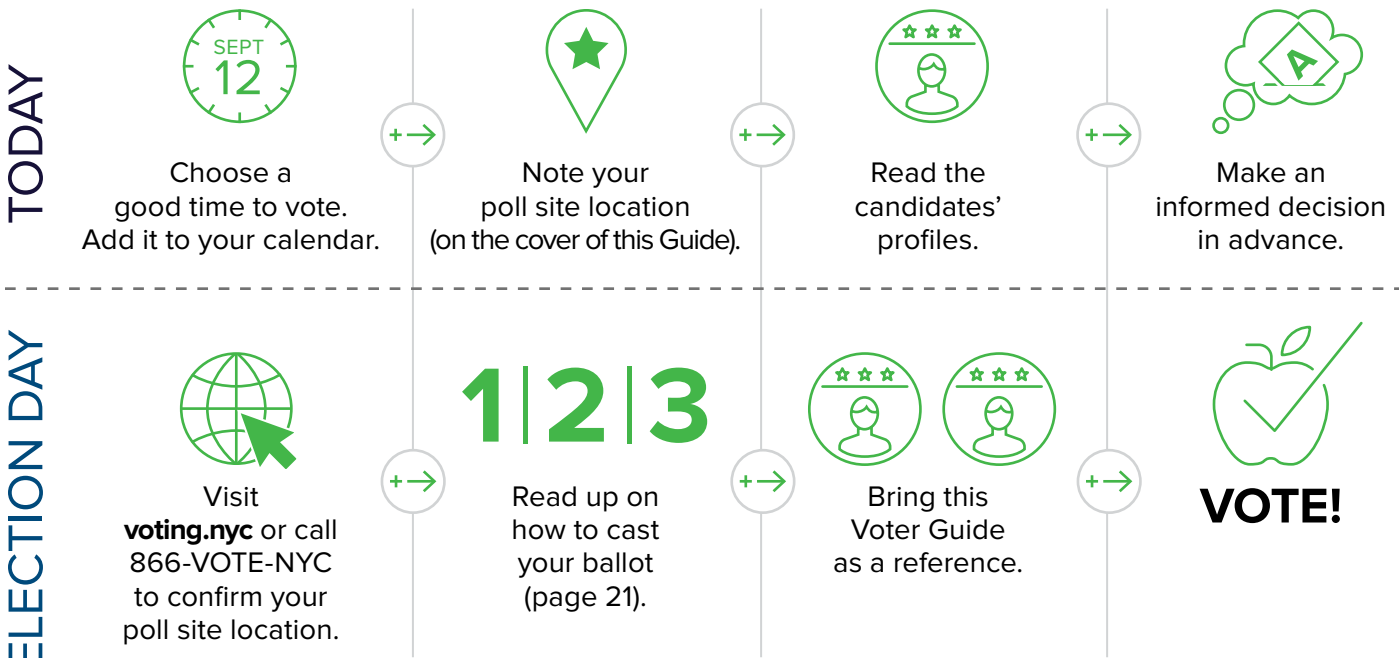
While borough presidents can't create or pass laws, they can fund organizations in their boroughs (about \$4 million of the city budget is set aside for this purpose); make land use decisions; appoint members of local Community Boards and the City Planning Commission, who advise on land and neighborhood needs; and advocate for residents of their boroughs.

### CITY COUNCIL

City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government, responsible for negotiating and approving the mayor's budget, making and passing laws, deciding how to use land throughout the city, and making sure agencies are serving the people of NYC. Each City Council member represents one of the city's 51 City Council districts.

## ✓ MAKE A VOTING PLAN

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This Guide lists all the candidates who were expected to be on the ballot at the time of publication. Some candidates may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press. Check the online Guide at [nycffb.info/voterguide](http://nycffb.info/voterguide) for the most up-to-date information, as well as taped candidate video statements.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to the CFB by the candidates, all of whom have affirmed that the information in their profiles is true to the best of their knowledge. The information provided by the candidates is reprinted as it was supplied to the CFB except in the case of egregious errors and minor formatting issues, which may be corrected by the CFB prior to publication. The views expressed in the candidate statements do not represent those of the CFB.

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# ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPT  
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- Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

SEPT  
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- Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person
- Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by Sept. 18)

SEPT  
12

- Primary election
- Last day to deliver an absentee ballot in person

OCT  
13

- Last day to register to vote for the general election by mail and in person
- Last day to change your party affiliation to vote in next year's primary elections in person

NOV  
07

- General election



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Voting is how you can make a difference on the issues that matter to you. Share your NYC voting experience at a VAAC meeting and help us reform our election laws so that all New Yorkers can get registered and cast a ballot that counts. Meetings are open to the public and livestreamed. To view past meetings, visit [nycffb.info/live](http://nycffb.info/live).

For a list of upcoming meetings, please visit [nycffb.info/about/calendar/](http://nycffb.info/about/calendar/).



# MAYOR

## Sal Albanese

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reform legally corrupt political system
- 2 Build REAL affordable housing
- 3 Rebuild, properly fund the MTA



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** lawyer

**Previous Occupation:** teacher, City Council member

**Education:** B.A. in Education from CUNY York College, an M.A. in Health Science from NYU, and a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Democratic Party

**Prior Public Experience:** City Council member, representing the 43 CD (Bay Ridge, Brooklyn) from 1982-1997

We must fix our broken political system, where an atmosphere of “legal corruption” has been created & only those who “pay” have the right to “play.” I pledge not take campaign contributions from Big Real Estate or lobbyists. I also want to be known as the “mass transit Mayor” and will work with the Governor to improve the system. I will triple the amount of money that the City pays into the system to \$1 billion. As Mayor, I promise to ride mass transit, at least sometimes, so that I can personally experience what’s happening. Housing is also a major issue in NYC. Everyone wants affordable housing, but what is being touted as “affordable” is far from it. The current plan has been rejected universally throughout the City because it’s “one size fits all.” Additionally, inappropriate and out-of-scale development is rampant. I will work to create individualized housing plans that serve the needs of each community yet preserves its character.

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## Richard S. Bashner

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transparent effective leadership
- 2 Protect neighborhoods and improve schools
- 3 Actually implement progressive solutions



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Attorney

**Previous Occupation:** N/A

**Education:** JD New York University School of Law; BA in Psychology Harvard College

**Organizational Affiliations:** Brooklyn Community Board 6; 78th Precinct Youth Council Recreational Basketball Coach

**Prior Public Experience:** Chair Brooklyn Community Board 6 (4 yrs); CB6 Executive Committee (15 yrs); CB6 Chair of Community Development Committee

I’m running for mayor because I’ve lost faith in our leaders.

Now, more than ever, New York needs transparent government which represents all New Yorkers.

We need government that focuses on our communities, rather than serving real estate developers, campaign contributors, and lobbyists.

We must protect our public assets, our historic districts, light and air, landmarks, libraries and tenants from destabilizing real estate projects.

We must embrace technology to make city services more accessible, accountable and efficient.

I’m running for mayor to protect all New Yorkers from the destructive policies of Donald Trump.

Everyone should have the security of a safe place to live, access to necessary services, quality education, and the ability to live as themselves.

A vote for Richard Bashner is a vote for real progressive democratic leadership for New York.

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# MAYOR

## Bill de Blasio

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 A great education for all
- 2 Making the City more affordable
- 3 Increased safety, police-community relations



**Party Enrolled:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** NYC Mayor

**Previous Occupation:** NYC Public Advocate; NYC Councilmember; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director; Hillary Clinton for U.S. Senate Campaign Manager

**Education:** New York University; Columbia University

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** See above

As Mayor of New York City, I have made it my mission to fight for our progressive values and make this a place for everyone through real reforms that lift people up and improve the lives of every New Yorker — because this is your city. That includes expanding pre-K for every four-year-old in the City, expanding our paid sick leave law to cover hundreds of thousands more workers, and raising the minimum wage for tens of thousands more. My administration has dramatically reduced stop and frisk and brought the police and community closer together — while at the same time driving crime to record lows. In my first term, we've built and preserved affordable housing at a record pace, while taking on the landlord lobby, and had two years of rent freezes so that more New Yorkers can afford to stay in their homes.

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## Bob Gangi

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 End abusive and discriminatory policing
- 2 Homes for Homeless New Yorkers
- 3 Small classes in public schools



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Candidate for Mayor

**Previous Occupation:** Director of the Police Reform Organizing Project

**Education:** BA from Columbia University

**Organizational Affiliations:** Chair of the board of the Police Reform Organizing Project

**Prior Public Experience:** none

To enact fundamental changes to achieve social, racial, and economic justice for all New Yorkers, including: ending broken windows policing; providing for small classes in all public schools; providing housing in low-income communities that is truly affordable for the people living there; closing Rikers within a year without building new jails, and providing free public transportation fares for low-income New Yorkers; decriminalizing fare evasion, sex work, marijuana possession/use; providing free tuition at CUNY schools for low and middle-income New Yorkers; establishing public works projects aimed at promoting green energy and providing living-wage jobs; increase the number of licenses available for street vendors; end abusive treatment of homeless LGBTQI youth; end abuse against trans women of color by the NYPD; end workplace discrimination against marginalized New Yorkers including disabled people.

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# MAYOR

## Mike Tolkin

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Economy, Jobs and Education
- 2 Transportation and Quality of Life
- 3 Human Rights and Sustainability

**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Candidate for Mayor

**Previous Occupation:** Tech Entrepreneur and Innovator - Founder/CEO, IMAX Labs; Founder/CEO, Rooms.com; Founder/CEO, Merchant Exchange; Director of Corporate Development and Strategy, IMAX; Management Consultant, Oliver Wyman; Founder, ReimagineNYC; Founder, NoMad Walk; Startup Investor and Advisor

**Education:** BS of Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

**Organizational Affiliations:** ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

**Prior Public Experience:** ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Hi, I'm Mike!

I'm running for Mayor because we need big ideas and bold action now more than ever.

We face big challenges. Our wages are too low and our rent is too high. Our rights are being threatened. Our jobs are going away. Our subway system is falling apart. And our government simply isn't serving us as well as it can be.

I'm a tech entrepreneur and innovator – I solve problems for a living. So I'm assembling a diverse team of experts and leaders, and we're preparing an ambitious long-term plan to upgrade our services and infrastructure, create new job opportunities, equip our children for future jobs, and reinforce New York City's legacy as the gateway to the American Dream.

Please join our movement and share your voice. I look forward to collaborating with you!

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## Rocky De La Fuente

Republican

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Jobs Growth & Upward Mobility
- 2 Housing Access Increase Supply
- 3 Grow Maximize Infrastructure

**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Businessman, Infrastructure Developer

**Previous Occupation:** Owner/Operator, Automobile Franchises (28), Banks (3)

**Education:** Physics & Math, Magna Cum Laude, IP UNAM; Business Administration, Accounting; Doctor Honoris Causa, UNESCO; Advanced Studies Le Franc

**Organizational Affiliations:** Chairman Mexican American Foundation; Delegate at Large New York 1992

**Prior Public Experience:** Presidential Candidate 2016; Otay Mesa Dev. Council

As an American who is a proud son of immigrants, I am living proof that the American dream can be achieved. I want everyone that works hard to have the opportunity to share in that same dream.

I am convinced that New Yorkers will lead the world again. Street smarts, logic, and common sense will drive this vital transformation.

I will assemble a team of the best and the brightest NYC has to offer, and together we will pave a path to new and better-paying jobs and address our transportation challenges by building new tunnels, cutting-edge subways and above-ground transit. We will develop affordable housing, assist our homeless, resolve our health-related challenges including sanitation and waste management, expand school choice and work to create a drug-free environment for our children.

Help me UNITED New York. LET'S SAVE NEW YORK TOGETHER.

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# MAYOR

## Nicole Malliotakis

Republican

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transportation & Traffic
- 2 Jobs & Affordability
- 3 Quality of Life



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** NY State Assemblymember

**Previous Occupation:** Public Affairs Manager

**Education:** BA, Seton Hall; MBA Wagner College

**Organizational Affiliations:** National Hispanic Causus of State Legislators, National Foundation of Women Legislators

**Prior Public Experience:** NYC Liaison for Governor George Pataki

I am running to restore accountability to New York City government and improve quality of life for residents. We must address traffic congestion, failing schools, transit nightmares, homeless crisis, and the rise in rape and sex crimes. The city is not investing in infrastructure to accommodate long term population growth and economic development. We should be investing in Smart Light technology to ease traffic flow and protect pedestrians and upgrading subway signals to end delays and overcrowding. We can pay for it if we stop wasteful spending, reform or eliminate programs that aren't producing results, and reduce bureaucracy.

As Mayor, I will give the NYPD the tools needed to do its job, expand vocational training opportunities to help people obtain skills to get good paying jobs, assist those struggling with addiction/mental illness, proactively address root causes of homelessness, provide parents with more schools choice, ensure that education dollars reach classrooms, cap spending and reduce taxes where possible.

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Also running:\*

## Bill Murawski

Democratic

## Walter N. Iwachiw

Republican

\*Candidates did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed voter guide.

# PUBLIC ADVOCATE

## David C. Eisenbach

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Save Small Business
- 2 Stop Big Real Estate Giveaways
- 3 Pay-to-Play Corruption



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** History Professor

**Previous Occupation:** Special Ed. Teacher

**Education:** Columbia University BA, MA, MPhil, PhD

**Organizational Affiliations:** Small Business Congress, NYers for a Human-scale City

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

I'm a history professor running for office because the city I love is vanishing and given another 4 yrs of the same leadership - it will be gone.

We all know there's a small business crisis. 4 yrs ago when de Blasio and James ran for office they both supported the Small Business and Jobs Survival Act, a bill to protect small businesses from predatory landlords. But after the election, they abandoned the bill. Why the flip flop?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I'll call for a public hearing on SBJSA and make sure it gets a vote.

Under the guise of "affordable housing" de Blasio allowed developers to build massive luxury towers that destroy neighborhoods and overwhelm infrastructure, including schools. He's given away playgrounds, greenspaces, hospitals and libraries. Meanwhile, developers laugh all the way to the bank. Why?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I promise to appoint a City Planning Commissioner who is NOT a REBNY puppet. We'll work together to bring transparency to the CPC.

The P.A. is supposed to be a check on Mayor- regardless of party allegiance. That's what I'll do every day.

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## Letitia James

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Promote economic equality for women
- 2 Reform child and family welfare
- 3 Preserve and expand affordable housing



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** New York City Public Advocate

**Previous Occupation:** New York City Council Member, 35th District; Chief of Staff & Counsel, New York State Assembly; Public Defender, Legal Aid Society

**Education:** Howard University School of Law, J.D.; Lehman College, B.A.

**Organizational Affiliations:** n/a

**Prior Public Experience:** New York City Council Member, 35th District; Chief of Staff & Counsel, New York State Assembly

Four years ago, I set out to distinguish the Public Advocate's Office as a vehicle for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers. In my time in office, we have accomplished a great amount. From my groundbreaking legislation to ban questions about salary history in job interviews, bringing us one step closer to closing the wage gap; to securing universal school lunch for every child in middle school, bringing a nutritious meal to over 10,000 children every day; to expanding the Worst Landlords List as a tool and resource for tenants and advocates. If given the opportunity to serve for another four years, I will continue working to ensure that every child has the opportunity for a better future, that every family has the chance to not just survive but thrive, and that every New Yorker has access to the possibilities our City has to offer.

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

## Diana Ayala

Democratic



### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Support NYCHA, Preserve Affordable Housing
- 2 Fully funding our schools
- 3 Strengthening senior services

**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Full time candidate

**Previous Occupation:** Deputy Chief of Staff to City Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, Director of Carver Houses Senior Center, Caseworker at Corsi Houses

**Education:** A. D. Human Services

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

For almost two decades, I have been in public service in East Harlem and South Bronx. Against steep odds, I have been fortunate enough to fight for my community and deliver for my neighbors. I migrated to NYC at a young age from Puerto Rico. I grew up in public housing and spent time in the Shelter System. When I was 15 the father of my son was shot and killed in a senseless shooting. I received my degree from BCC. I worked as a Senior Center Director in East Harlem for 7 years, before joining the staff of Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito. In the Council office, I've helped expand tenant rights and cracked down on the sale of synthetic marijuana. I've worked with members of the community to tackle homelessness, increase school funding, and tackle gun violence. My life experience and my passion for helping others is why I will be a tireless advocate for you in the City Council. I may not be a career politician, but I have the toughness and energy to take on wealthy landlords or stand up to Trump extremism.

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NO PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR:  
**COMPTROLLER  
MANHATTAN BOROUGH  
PRESIDENT**

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

## Tamika Mapp

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Safe permanent affordable housing
- 2 Living wage \$20 per hour
- 3 Affordable pathway to citizenship



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** President of East Harlem Insurance Brokerage and East Harlem Tax Service

**Previous Occupation:** Unit Secretary

**Education:** BS Paralegal Studies, AS Medical Billing

**Organizational Affiliations:** NWPC, IIABNY, QuickBooks Pro Advisor, President of NYC-PASI, Chicks Connect, 596 Acres, Girl Scouts

**Prior Public Experience:** I have lobbied state elected officials on the importance of changing our family law system, increasing our minimum wages, keeping access to our Community Gardens. I have been PTA President and a member of the School Leadership Team (SLT). I have protested and rallied against creating more shelters at the expense of providing sufficient permanent housing. I've been a Girl Scout Leader for over 10 years and a Service Unit Manager for over 2 years.

I believe each of us plays an active part in making our district the best it can be. When I'm knocking on doors, I know that we all want the same thing, an affordable path to citizenship, family law reform, gun violence reduction, permanent affordable housing, safe streets, senior programs, better wages, steady employment, small business support and help. I want to bring accountability and access back into the community.

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## Israel Martinez

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Free Transportation for Seniors
- 2 Crime prevention, more Police presence
- 3 Affordable Housing



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** RETIRED

**Previous Occupation:** Special Assistant to Borough President Stanley Simon

**Education:** Some College

**Organizational Affiliations:** None

**Prior Public Experience:** Former State Assemblyman for the 77 AD, Current District Leader 84 AD

To understand the needs of the community, one has to live in the community. As a Democratic District Leader, I have fought for a better quality of life in our community. My open door policy has giving me the pleasure of helping so many families and seniors with their healthcare and housing challenges. As your new District 8 City Councilman I want to be able to express clearly what your needs are. We are a hard working multicultural community united as one and we are not for sale to the POLITICS AS USUAL. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to keep fighting to bring trained multicultural police presence to guarantee safer streets and thereof to end racial profiling. if elected I will also fight for better education for our children and free transportation for our Seniors. Thank you for your continued support. God bless our District, our City and The United States of America.

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

## Robert J. Rodriguez

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 NYCHA and Affordable Housing
- 2 Increasing Transportation
- 3 Supporting Seniors



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** NYS Assembly Member

**Previous Occupation:** Vice President, A.C. Advisory

**Education:** Yale University, New York University

**Organizational Affiliations:** Arturo Schomburg  
Democratic Club

**Prior Public Experience:** Chairman, Community Board 11

With years of public service as a legislator in the State Assembly behind me, I hope to continue serving my community from the City Council. I have a strong track record in the Assembly for prioritizing affordable housing and fighting for NYCHA tenants to ensure they receive critical financial support. From City Hall I will be able to continue my efforts to ensure much needed funding for public housing and increasing affordability for all residents. Another issue close to my heart is protecting and supporting the senior members of our community. With our healthcare system currently under attack, it is crucial that these men and women have access to the care that they need. I will continue to pursue funding for hospitals and medical facilities around the district, to safeguard the dignity and health of our senior citizens. I hope to continue working on these issues at City Hall.

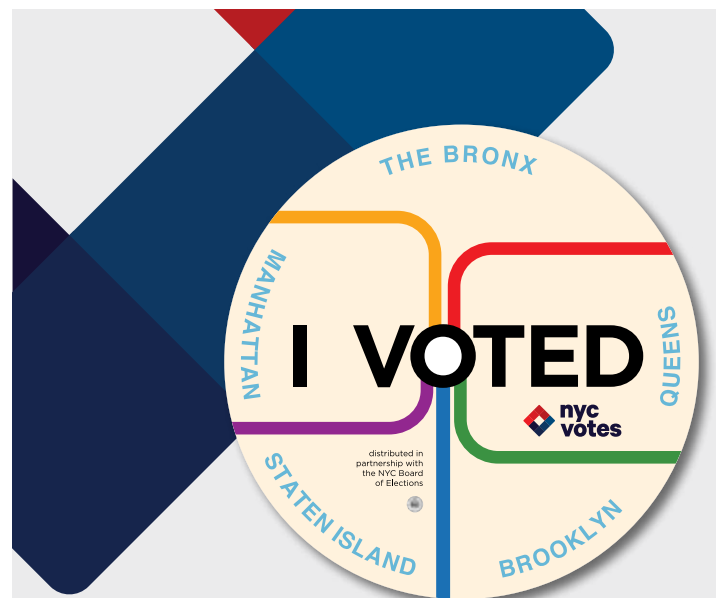
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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 09

## Cordell Cleare

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Low income housing
- 2 Preserve and create small businesses
- 3 Preserve and improve public education



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Unemployed

**Previous Occupation:** Chief of Staff

**Education:** Empire State College

**Organizational Affiliations:** Michelle Obama Community Democratic Club

**Prior Public Experience:** Democratic District Leader 68th and 70th AD, Community School Board, District 3, Chief of Staff to City Councilmember Perkins 1997 - 2005 and Chief of Staff to former Senator Perkins 2006 - 2016

My name is Cordell Cleare. Four generations of my family live here in Harlem. There have been many challenges and many changes. My experiences gained from living, worshipping, raising my family, organizing, working in and for this district have provided me with first hand knowledge of our community's needs. My service to this community for over 18 years in the office of the City Council Member and former State Senator gave me extensive experience and preparation.

I have served as a Community School Board 3 and CEC3 member and Democratic District Leader in this community for over a decade. I've worked as a community organizer and advocate for over 25 years. I have fought hard for environmental and social justice and for tenant, prisoner, civil, and human rights. I know it takes dedication and hard work to bring change and I am prepared to work with you and do what it takes to build a brighter future for us all.

 [CLEARECHOICE.COM](http://CLEARECHOICE.COM)

## Pierre Gooding

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 12% unemployment rate in Harlem
- 2 Our failing schools in Harlem
- 3 Affordable housing in Harlem



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Attorney


**Previous Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA University of Pennsylvania '06, MS Pace University '08, JD Penn Law '11

**Organizational Affiliations:** Leadership for Educational Equity, Scholar Athlete Fund

**Prior Public Experience:** Teacher, Education Attorney

I am dedicated to bringing positive change to Harlem. When a state senate candidate was stealing from residents, we sent him to jail. The issues persisting in Harlem require creative solutions and dialogue, and our team is ready. Thank you!

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 09

## Tyson-Lord Gray

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Increase Low-Income Housing
- 2 Work to Improve Public Schools
- 3 Make Harlem Cleaner/Healthier



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Professor/Attorney

**Previous Occupation:** Naval Chaplain Candidate Officer, High School English Teacher

**Education:** M.Div., S.T.M., J.D., Ph.D.

**Organizational Affiliations:** American Bar Association, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, The International Society of Environmental Ethics, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

**Prior Public Experience:** Social Justice Activist

As an attorney/professor, I have fought against injustice all of my adult life. In addition to teaching Environmental Justice at NYU, I recently worked at The Legal Aid Society providing legal services to indigent New Yorkers in areas of affordable housing, public benefits, and homeless rights. It is time someone fights for Harlem! We need New Energy, New Ideas, and New Leadership! As District 9 City Councilman, I will utilize my skills and experiences to advocate for Harlem!

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## Marvin Holland

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable Housing: rental; ownership; NYCHA
- 2 Quality of Life
- 3 Business and Education



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Political and Legislative Director, TWU Local 100

**Previous Occupation:** NYCTA Transit Cleaner

**Education:** Cornell Labor College

**Organizational Affiliations:** NAACP, Latino Leadership Institute, Make the Grade Foundation, PA'LANTE Harlem

**Prior Public Experience:** Community Action Director

One of the benefits of electing me is that I keep a foot in both worlds: the worker, and the legislator. I'm not a career politician. I'm a transit worker who's learned how to make politics work FOR the people. Like you, I know what it is to work hard every day. Not many jobs are harder than cleaning NYC train stations for 20 years. And I know what it is to work hard to advance legislation that protects the working person. It takes coalition building and getting consensus, two things I'm an expert in. I have a proven track record for getting things done at both the city and state level. And because I've been in your shoes for the past 25 years, I bring a perspective to crafting bills no other person in this race does. I have a long history of fighting the city for services, and I'm ready to fight for you.

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 09

## Dianne L. Mack

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 EDUCATION
- 2 AGING WELL
- 3 ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Social Worker

**Previous Occupation:** Social Services - Employment Specialist, Supervisor - Workforce Development

**Education:** Master of Science - Social Work, Master of Science - Non-profit Leadership, Bachelor of Business Administration, Doctoral Student

**Organizational Affiliations:** The Havens Relief Fund Society, The Neighborhood Women's Collective, Network for Social Work Management, National Association of Social Workers

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

This year has been full of changes and challenges that have inspired me to take a more active role in advocating for the people of Harlem. For most of my life, I have volunteered and worked in East, West and Central Harlem communities serving children, youth, adults and families. As a professional social worker, I help people solve problems, overcome adversities, and live well. As a lifelong resident of Harlem, it is time we have a representative that cares about all of the people in Harlem; is committed to ensuring that we have resources, supports, opportunities and services that improve the educational experiences and quality of lives of our children, youth, adults, parents and seniors, and more importantly, allow us to have affordable housing and remain in our community, If you agree, elect me as your choice for City Council.

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## Bill Perkins

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improving our public schools
- 2 Protecting and creating affordable housing
- 3 Increasing opportunities for all



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** City Councilmember

**Previous Occupation:** State Senator

**Education:** BA, Brown University

**Organizational Affiliations:** n/a

**Prior Public Experience:** Tenant Leader, State Senator

With Trump and the Republicans trying to undermine everything we should be lifting up, what we do here locally in NYC is more important than ever. I'm honored that you put your trust in me to represent you on the City Council. Over the years we've done some important things working together: passing the landmark Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act; sponsoring NYS Living Wage law and helping pass a statewide minimum wage increase; fighting against luxury development and for our tenants; highlighting the plague of rats; standing-up for criminal justice reform; and much more. Twenty-eight years ago, we stood with the Central Park Five when no one else would – and against Donald Trump's call for the death penalty for them. We stood up, persevered and 13 years later they were found innocent. Now that same Trump is President, and I am again fighting back both legislatively and individually for constituents. I know together we can resist his hatred and attacks and promote equality, justice and opportunity. I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood, and ask for your support.

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 09

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## Marvin Spruill

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Housing and protecting tenants rights
- 2 Economic Empowerment and Healthcare
- 3 Human Trafficking/Immigration



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Security Sales, Actor

**Previous Occupation:** Security Sales, Actor

**Education:** Academy Of Dramatic Arts

**Organizational Affiliations:** New York NAACP,  
Friends Of A. Phillip Randolph Square Park

**Prior Public Experience:** Community Activist/ Organizer

What makes me the best candidate for this office is that I'm a grassroots guy, born and raised in Harlem. I lived in this District (9) all my life. And i can relate to the residents growing up in this community who've suffered throughout the years and all the dark times during the heavy drug epidemic of the 80's and rat infested abandoned buildings when nobody wanted to live in Harlem. To the gentrification of Harlem today. It's time for new blood and I will give this district a fresh transfusion of new ideas into the future with solid results. I think outside the box and I am not politically correct like most of these candidates. And I will never SELLOUT my community for nobody!! I will speak truth to power and get the job done. I am not a Politician. My goal is to create Low Income Housing and jobs that provide adequate healthcare for the families of Harlem. I will make sure funding goes where it is desperately needed in our community. Black Lives Matter doesn't mean Anti-White. And this is why I'm the People's Choice!!

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Also running in City Council District 09:\*

## Julius Tajiddin

Democratic

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

## George Espinal

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Housing & Infrastructure
- 2 Jobs & Economic Development
- 3 Education



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Financial Counselor

**Previous Occupation:** Social Insurance Specialist, Policy Analyst, Merchant Organizer, Press Secretary

**Education:** B.S., Public Administration - John Jay College

**Organizational Affiliations:** Congressional Black Caucus Institute

**Prior Public Experience:** Federal Government Employee at the Social Security Administration, New York State Assembly, Inwood Community Services UNIDOS Coalition Co-Chair, Local Precinct Community Council President, Neighborhood Advisory Board 12 Chairman, Community Board 12, Manhattan Youth & Education Committee Chairman

I'm running for City Council to give families a fair shot in securing good jobs and a real opportunity to make it in New York City. As a product of single-mother who has crippling epilepsy and endured the challenges of raising three children while living in economic deprivation, I'm too familiar with what it means to struggle. I will fight to ensure that everyone has a chance to find an affordable place to live, a career that pays a decent living wage, and a school that has the resources to meet the needs of its student body. I have a record of delivering results from organizing tenants in dilapidated apartment buildings, mobilizing communities for the prevention of violence, to securing funds for our youth to stay off the streets.

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## Josue G. Perez

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 For a Better Education
- 2 For Cleaner and Safer Neighborhoods
- 3 To Protect Tenant's Rights



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Teacher

**Previous Occupation:** Account executive, Database manager

**Education:** MS Math/Education

**Organizational Affiliations:** UFT, NAACP, NCHR

**Prior Public Experience:** Educator

We have an opportunity with this election to take back our community. I am running for NYC City Council District 10 as a democrat to fight against the forces raising the rents in the area, to demand they fix the roads and improve our transportation system, to bring more community programs and to bring prosperity back to Washington Heights. Join me in my campaign and together we will make a better tomorrow.

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# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

## Ydanis A. Rodriguez

Democratic

### TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transportation safety, efficiency & equity
- 2 Preserving & developing affordable housing
- 3 Helping residents reach Middle Class



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** NYC Council Member

**Previous Occupation:** High School Teacher

**Education:** Master's degree

**Organizational Affiliations:** NMDC

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

I am proud to say that over the past 8 years I've served as Council Member, the communities I represent have taken tremendous strides in education, cultural arts, economic development and improved open space, and I am glad to have played a role in this progress. At City Hall, as Chair of the Committee on Transportation, I have worked with city agencies to address inequities in our transit system, the crippling cost of traffic congestion and how we can add or improve safe, efficient and affordable transportation options for more New Yorkers. Part of this effort entailed leading the fight for half-priced MetroCards for low income residents to improve mobility and fight poverty. Having spent many years as a teacher, I am passionate about helping young people from all backgrounds reach their fullest potential through education, both in & out of the classroom. It is why I have supported dozens of afterschool, sports and arts programming uptown. It is my highest privilege to serve northern Manhattan in the City Council and if reelected with your support, I will continue to work every day on your behalf.

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Also running in City Council District 10:\*

## Francesca M. Castellanos

Democratic

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## THE DEBATE PROGRAM

The CFB partners with media, educational, and civic organizations to sponsor the Debate Program, which allows New Yorkers to hear directly from the candidates for mayor, public advocate, and comptroller, and compare them side-by-side as they discuss issues. Two debates are held before each primary and general election, and an additional debate is held in case of a runoff election. All candidates for citywide office who are participating in the Campaign Finance Program, are on the ballot, and meet a minimum financial threshold are required to take part in at least one debate. Candidates who are not participating in the matching funds program may also be invited to join the debate, provided they meet the same nonpartisan criteria.

### PRIMARY DEBATE SCHEDULE

<p><b>MAYOR</b> REPUBLICAN</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio: WNYC</p>	<p><b>MAYOR</b> DEMOCRATIC</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b> DEMOCRATIC</p> <p><b>Monday, Aug. 21, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>	<p><b>COMPTROLLER</b> DEMOCRATIC</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>
<p><b>MAYOR</b> LEADING CONTENDERS (REPUBLICAN)</p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p><b>MAYOR</b> LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b> LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p><b>Saturday, Aug. 26, 9:00 AM</b></p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p><b>COMPTROLLER</b> LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p><b>Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00 AM</b></p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>



## THE VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

Candidates running for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member are encouraged to prepare a taped video statement to be included in the online Guide and aired on TV. The Video Voter Guide will air on NYC.gov at 7:00 pm every night, September 4th through September 12th. Each broadcast will begin with candidates for citywide office, followed by the candidates for borough president and City Council, with a different borough leading off each night. You may also watch each candidates' video statement online at [nycfb.info/voterguide](http://nycfb.info/voterguide).

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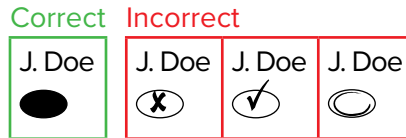
# HOW TO VOTE

## 1 GET YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Sign in at the correct table for your Assembly District/Election District (these numbers are printed on the cover of your Voter Guide).

## 2 MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.
- ◆ For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate's name.



- ◆ Do NOT use an “x” or a “✓”, circle the oval, or make stray marks.
  - ◆ Do NOT fold your ballot.
  - ◆ Do NOT sign or write your name.
- If you need assistance filling in your choices, ask a poll worker about using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD).**

## 3 SCAN YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Take your marked ballot to the scanner area.
- ◆ Select your language of choice by touching the corresponding button on the screen.
- ◆ Insert your marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. The scanner accepts ballots in any direction and reads both sides. The scanner will notify you when your vote has been cast.

## CONTACT THE NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BOE)

You can register to vote, change your registration, vote absentee, apply to be a poll worker, and more with the New York City Board of Elections (BOE). Reach the BOE:



visit [vote.nyc.ny.us](https://vote.nyc.ny.us)



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call the voter hotline at  
866-VOTE-NYC  
(212-487-5496 for the  
hearing impaired)

OR



visit your BOE office

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5th Floor  
Bronx, NY 10457  
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### BROOKLYN

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4th Floor  
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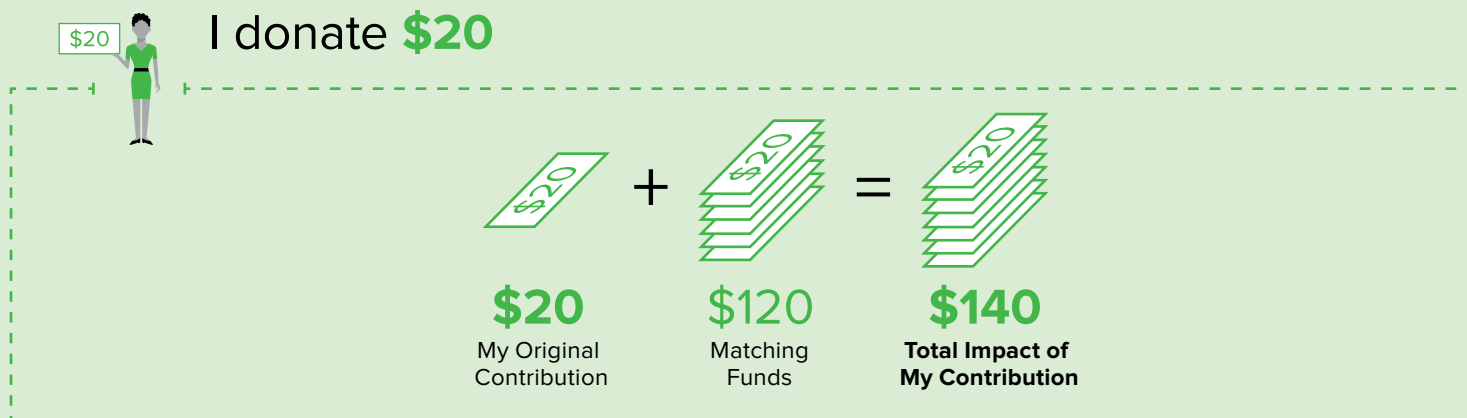
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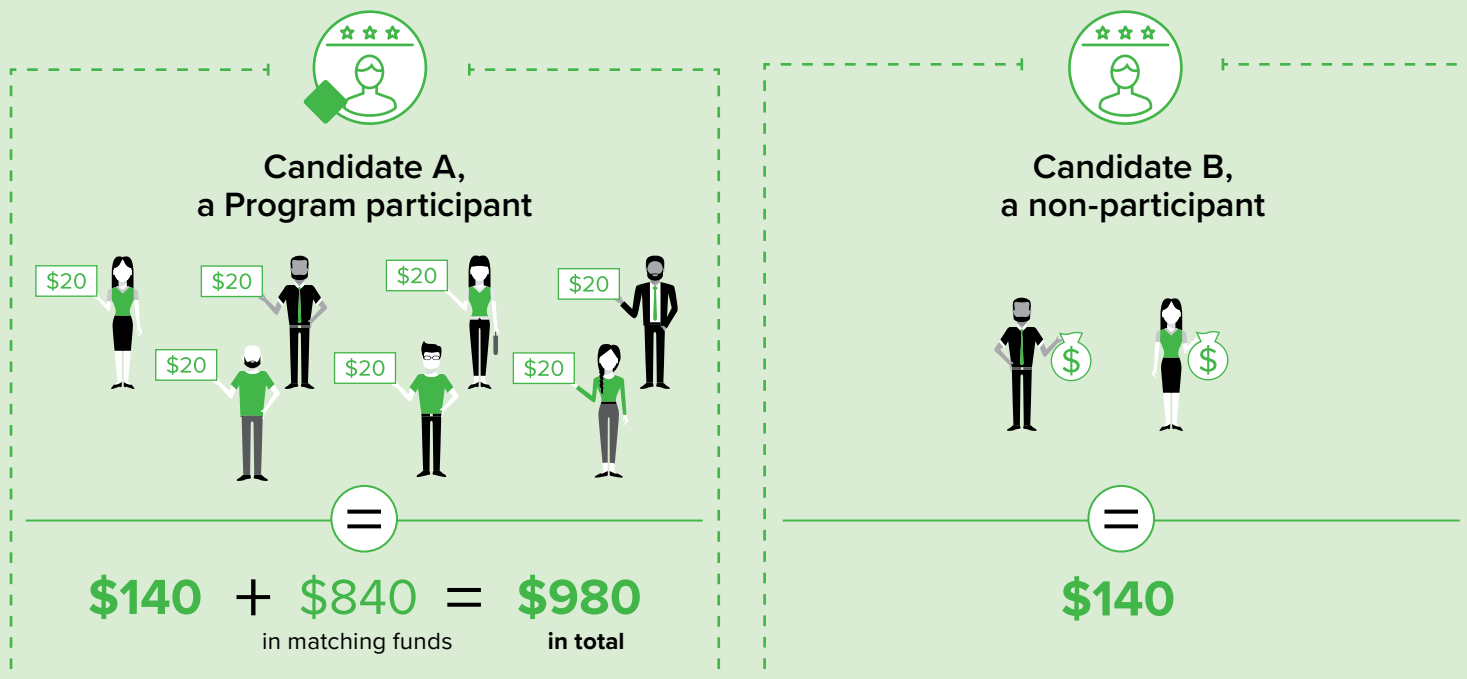
# MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

NYC's Campaign Finance Program is one of the strongest in the nation. Candidates who qualify and abide by spending limits may receive public funds, matched at a rate of \$6-to-\$1 on the first \$175 of a contribution. This means that when NYC residents donate to local candidates participating in the Program, they can receive \$6 from the city for each dollar contributed.



Candidates must collect small-dollar donations from their constituents to qualify for public funds. As a result, candidates in the Program spend more of their time campaigning in their communities, listening to the concerns of average New Yorkers, instead of working for wealthy donors or special interests. Matching funds also help New Yorkers from all backgrounds run for city office, giving us more choices at the polls and ensuring that the diversity that makes our city strong is reflected in our government.

Visit [nyccfb.info/program](http://nyccfb.info/program) to learn more.



In addition to receiving matching funds through the program, Candidate A is able to interact with more people in the community, as the program encourages candidates to seek small-dollar donations.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING



## **I DON'T KNOW IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE— HOW CAN I FIND OUT?**

Go to [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) for assistance.

## **COULD MY REGISTRATION HAVE EXPIRED?**

Your registration has no expiration date. However, if you did not vote in the last two federal elections, or you moved without updating your address with the BOE, your registration may be considered “inactive” and your name may not appear in the voter roll at your poll site. You can still vote by affidavit ballot.

## **WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?**

If you received this Guide in the mail, your poll site location is printed on the cover. You can also check online at [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) or call 866-VOTE-NYC.

**Remember to confirm your poll site on Election Day.**

## **DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?**

In most cases, you do not need identification to vote. However, if you are voting for the first time at your poll site, you may need to show identification to vote in this election.

## **WHAT IF I MOVED WITHIN NEW YORK CITY SINCE THE LAST TIME I VOTED?**

When you move, New York State law requires you to change your address with the BOE within 25 days. You do this by submitting a new voter registration form and filling in the information on the form, including the box labeled “Voting information that has changed.” Fill in your new and old address, 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. If you moved but you didn't change your address with the BOE before the deadline, you should go to your **new** polling place and vote by affidavit ballot. Call 866-VOTE-NYC to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

## **WHAT IF MY NAME IS NOT IN THE VOTER BOOK?**

Make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, you can find your district numbers on the cover. You can also find them on the mailer that the BOE sends to all registered voters before each election. Poll workers can look up your name and address and determine which district you live in as well.

You can also check to make sure that you are registered by going to [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov).

If you're unable to find your assembly and election district numbers but believe that you are still eligible to vote, ask a poll worker for an affidavit ballot and follow the instructions.

## **WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?**

An affidavit ballot is a paper ballot you can request if you're not listed in the voter book but believe you are eligible to vote and are at the correct polling site (for example, if you moved without updating your address or your address change wasn't processed in time for you to appear in the voter book). Follow the instructions to fill out this ballot and the envelope, and give it to a poll worker when you are done. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records— if you were eligible to vote, were at the correct poll site, and filled out the ballot and envelope correctly, your vote will be counted. If not, you will receive a notice that your vote did not count.

Your affidavit envelope serves as a registration form for future elections if you were not eligible to vote and you filled it out correctly.

## **WHAT IF A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGES MY RIGHT TO VOTE?**

If a poll watcher challenges your right to vote, e.g., states that you are not the person you claim to be or that you don't live in the district, you can ask a poll worker to administer an oath to you to affirm your qualifications to vote. You will swear under penalty of perjury that you are eligible and qualified to vote, after which you will be permitted to vote on a regular (not affidavit) ballot.



## WHAT IF I CAN'T GET TO MY POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY?

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place due to absence from the county or New York City on Election Day; temporary or permanent illness or physical disability; hospitalization; duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or disabled; or detention in a veterans administration hospital, jail, or prison, awaiting trial or action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense that was not a felony.

**By mail:** Call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it from the BOE's website, [vote.nyc.ny.us](http://vote.nyc.ny.us). Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office by the deadline. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it by the deadline to your BOE borough office (see "Election Dates and Deadlines" on page 5).

**In person:** Absentee voting in person begins as soon as the ballots are available (at least 32 days before an election) and ends on Election Day. It is conducted at your BOE borough office Monday–Friday and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 9:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**Please note:** If the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail has passed and you cannot appear at your poll site on Election Day because of an accident or sudden illness, you can send a representative to your BOE borough office with a written letter of authorization to obtain an absentee ballot on your behalf. A completed application and your completed ballot must be returned to your BOE borough office by 9:00 p.m. on Election Day.

## CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

If you have been convicted of a felony, you can register and vote after you complete your sentence and/or parole.

## CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR?

You can register and vote, even from jail, if you have been convicted of only a misdemeanor. The same rules apply whether you were convicted in a New York court, another state's court, or a federal court. You do not need to provide any documentation.

## I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS, CAN I VOTE?

Yes, homeless people can register and vote in New York City.

# BALLOT PROPOSALS

## PROPOSAL 1

### A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Every twenty years, New Yorkers get to vote on whether or not there should be a convention to review and revise the state constitution. This November, you have the power to decide if we should have a constitutional convention in April 2019, with delegates elected in November 2018.

## PROPOSAL 2

### PENSION FORFEITURE FOR CONVICTED OFFICIALS

New Yorkers will also vote on whether or not to amend the state constitution so that judges can reduce or revoke the pensions of public officials who have been convicted of felonies directly related to their duties.

## PROPOSAL 3

### ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK IN STATE FOREST PRESERVES

Voters will decide whether to establish a 250-acre land bank which can be used to construct, relocate, and maintain roads in the Adirondack and Catskill parks. It would allow water, sewer, other utility lines, and intrastate gas and oil pipelines to be buried beneath, and bike paths to be established, "within the widths" of park roadways.

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