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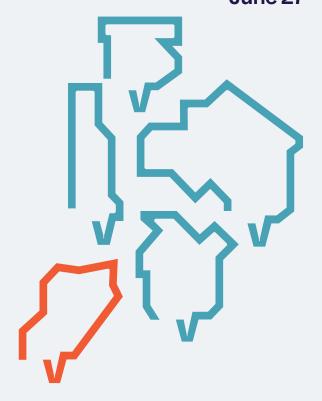
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To see the most up to date list of candidates for your party in your district, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

When do I vote?

- The primary election is on Tuesday, June 27.
- You can vote early from Saturday, June 17 to Sunday, June 25.
- There is no early voting on Monday, June 26.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- City Council
- District Attorney
- Civil Court

Party Positions

- Delegates to the **Judicial Convention**
- Alternate Delegates to the Judicial Convention
- State Committee
- County Committee
- District Leader

The specific offices on your ballot depend on where you live and which political party you belong to. Look up your ballot at nycvotes.org/candidates.

Learn more at nycvotes.org!

Election Dates and Deadlines

June 12 Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail)

> *If you mail in your absentee ballot request form, the Board of Elections must receive it by this date.

June 17 Voter registration deadline

June 17 Early voting starts

June 25 Early voting ends

June 26 Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)

June 27 **Primary 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

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

- Visit nycvotes.org.
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692) or TTY 212-487-5496.



Election Day



Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

Polls are open on Election Day, June 27, 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!

What to know

- You have an assigned early voting site, 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.

Early voting dates

Saturday, June 17 to Sunday, June 25.



Vote by Mail

You can request an absentee ballot if you have a valid reason, such as being away from New York on Election Day or having an illness or physical disability.

June 12 is the deadline to request your ballot online, or for the Board of Elections to receive your request by mail.

Only request an absentee ballot if you plan to vote by mail. If you choose to vote in person after requesting an absentee ballot, you'll have to vote with an affidavit ballot at your poll site.

How to request your absentee ballot:

- Visit 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 June 26 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 or by calling the number above.

Track your ballot

You can track your ballot from the NYC Board of Elections at nycabsentee.com/tracking.

What to expect at your poll site



When you walk in, a poll worker will show you where to sign in. They will look you up in the list of registered voters and check your signature before they hand you a ballot.

Pro tip: If you received a Fast Pass in the mail from the Board of Elections, bring it with you for a faster check in!

*You don't need to show an ID to vote, unless you are a first-time voter who did not provide a DMV or social security number when you registered to vote.



Fill out Your Ballot

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the oval next to your choice. When you vote for City Council, you can rank up to five choices instead of choosing just one.

If you make a mistake or have a question about your ballot, you can ask a poll worker for help!

*Remember to check both sides of your ballot so you don't miss anything.



Scan Your Ballot

Once you're done filling out your ballot, a poll worker will help you insert your ballot into the scanner. The scanner will let you know when your vote is in.



Get Your Sticker

Collect your sticker! Put it on, show it off, and make sure your friends and family are planning to vote too.

What are my rights as a voter?

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

- You are a registered voter in a party that is holding a primary election in your district.
- 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.

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

- Misdemeanor and violation convictions do not prevent you from voting, even if you are serving time in jail.
- If you are currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, you are ineligible to vote. However, if you are convicted of a felony and your sentence is suspended, you can vote.
- If you are convicted of a felony and you are released from prison, you can vote.
 However, you must register to vote again.
- If you have a federal felony conviction or a felony conviction in another state, you may still register and vote in New York.
- If you are currently on probation or parole, you can vote.
- If you are currently in jail for a misdemeanor or are awaiting trial, you can vote.

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 by calling (866) 390-2992 or visiting 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.

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 or call 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692) or TTY 212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired.

Language & Interpretation Services

Interpreters are available in many poll sites across the city. You have the right to have someone, including a family member, friend, or interpreter, to help you understand and complete your ballot.

You can learn which poll sites offer interpreters at **nycvotes.org/accessibility**. You can also call 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692).

Ballot Marking Device

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 make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot with 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.

Sample Ranked **Choice ballot**

The sample ballot below is for display only. It is not your real ballot and filling it out will not count as your vote.

Rank up to 5 choices						
Mark no more than 1 oval in each column						
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Candidate B Party Name	В	0	0	0	0	0
Candidate C Party Name	С	0	0	0	0	0
Candidate D Party Name	D	0	0	0	0	0
Candidate E Party Name	E	0	0	0	0	С
Candidate F Party Name	F	0	0	0	0	С
Candidate G Party Name	G	0	0	0	0	0
Candidate H Party Name	Н	0	0	0	0	0
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My top choices

Use this page to list your top choices for City Council. You can bring this with you to your poll site to reference while filling out your ballot.

City Council

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	

Reminder! There may be additional offices on your ballot depending on your party and where you live.

You can preview a sample of your ballot from the Board of Elections at findmypollsite.vote.nyc.

Ranked Choice Voting

NYC uses Ranked Choice Voting in primary and special elections for city offices. With Ranked Choice Voting, you can rank up to five candidates in order of preference instead of choosing just one. This gives you more say in who gets elected and can lead to more diverse candidates winning.

Why are we using Ranked Choice Voting?

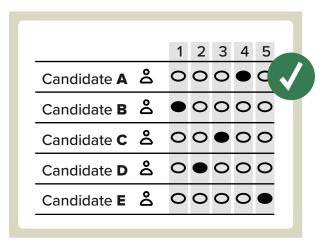
New Yorkers elected to use Ranked Choice Voting in a 2019 ballot measure. It passed with 73.5% support.

Which offices will I vote for with Ranked Choice Voting?

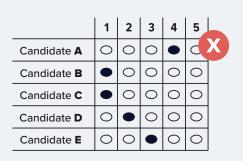
You will use Ranked Choice Voting to vote for City Council this June. However, there will likely be other offices on your ballot, like judges, that will not use Ranked Choice Voting since they are not city offices.

How do I fill out my ballot with Ranked Choice Voting?

- Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.
- 2 If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.
- 3 You can rank up to 5 candidates. However, you can still vote for just one candidate. Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.



Visit **nycvotes.org/rcv-ballot** to practice Ranked Choice Voting on a sample ballot.



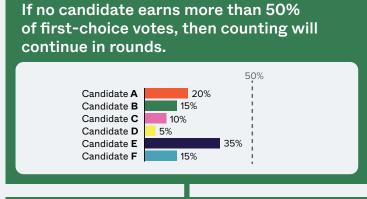
Do **not** give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, **your ballot will not be valid**.

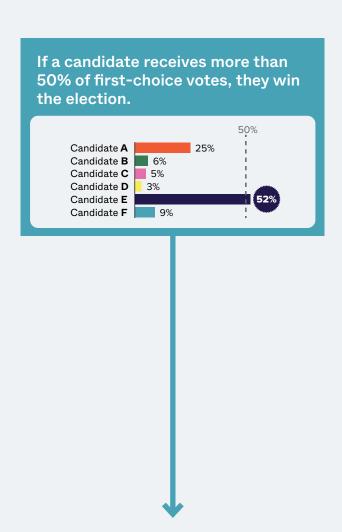
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Candidate B	•	•	•			
Candidate C	0	0	0	0	0	
Candidate D	0	0	0	0	0	
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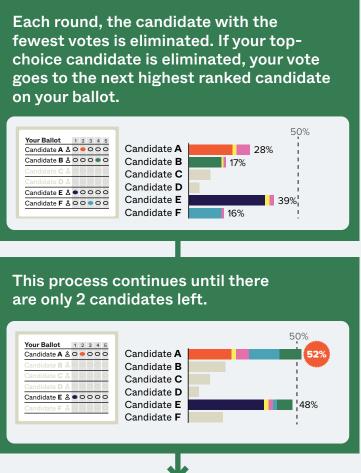
Do **not** rank a candidate more than once. If you do, only your top ranking for them will count.

How will my Ranked Choice ballot be counted?

For more information about Ranked Choice Voting, see Ranked Choice Voting frequently asked questions on Page 15 or visit visit nycvotes.org/rcv.







The candidate who receives a majority of votes wins!

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 see the most up to date list of candidates for your party in your district, visit **nycvotes.org/candidates**.

City Offices

City Council

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of New York City's government. There are 51 members. Council members typically serve for 4 years (up to 2 consecutive terms).

- Following the 2020 census, City Council districts were redrawn to adjust for changes in population. Due to this process, Council members elected this year will serve 2-year terms in newly drawn districts. In 2025, 4-year terms will resume.
- Introduce and vote on bills.
- Negotiate and approve the city's budget.
- Monitor city agencies.
- Make decisions about the growth and development of our city.
- Provide support for their constituents.

Find your City Council district at **findmypollsite.vote.nyc**.

County Offices

District Attorney

The District Attorney is the top prosecutor for their county. They serve for 4 years. There are no term limits.

- Decide which cases to prosecute (and which not to).
- Oversee all criminal prosecutions.
- Investigate and prosecute criminal conduct.

Judges

Civil Court - 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 \$50,000.
- Landlord-tenant matters and cases involving maintenance of housing standards.
- · Criminal prosecution of misdemeanors.

Party Positions

These are not governmental positions, but leadership roles in local political parties. Please note that the specific duties of each office below can vary based on your political party and where you live. Depending on your party, there may be multiple party positions on your ballot, divided by gender, to help promote gender equality.

Delegates to the Judicial Convention

Delegates to the Judicial Convention choose their party's nominees for State Supreme Court. The number of delegates you can vote for is determined by your Assembly District. Your ballot will tell you how many Delegates you can select.

- Attend their party's Judicial Convention.
- Choose their party's nominees for State Supreme Court in the general election.
- Alternate Delegates are selected in case Delegates are unable to serve (just like alternates on a jury).

State Committee Member

State Committee Members represent their Assembly District within state political parties. Committee members serve two-year terms.

- Attend their state party's convention and annual meetings.
- Serve as a liaison between their community, local elected officials, city government, and political candidates.

County Committee Member

County Committee Members select county leaders for their political party and their party's candidates for state special elections.

- Select party candidates for state special elections.
- Vote on county leaders for their political party.
- Approve the county party's budget and other internal policies.

District Leader

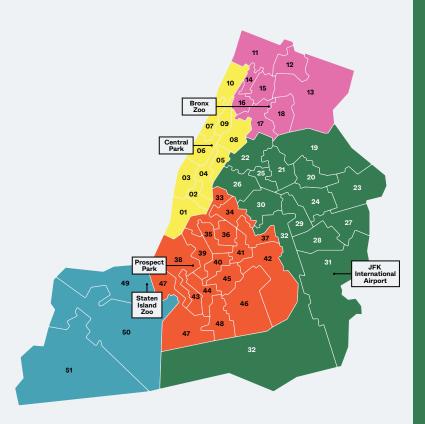
District Leaders help run political parties in each county. District Leaders serve two-year terms.

- Work with the city Board of Elections to nominate poll workers.
- Nominate candidates for judgeships in Civil and Supreme Court.
- Vote for their party's leadership and rules.

New York City Council Map

- NYC has 51 City Council districts
- ~170,000 voters live in each district
- The City Council approves NYC's ~\$100 billion budget

Find your City Council district at findmypollsite.vote.nyc.



A Day in the Life of a **City Council Member**

What do City Council members do for you?

- Draft and vote on bills on issues like housing, healthcare, education, public safety, and more. Council members can also join committees on issues ranging from aging to youth services.
- Work with the Mayor to create and approve the city's ~\$100 billion budget. Each Council member also manages a budget of ~\$5 million to build schools and make improvements in their district, and an additional budget of ~\$500,000 to support non-profit organizations.
- Monitor city agencies that serve New Yorkers, including the New York City Police Department and New York City Department of Education.
- Determine building and land use throughout the city, including overseeing zoning for property owners, preserving landmarks, and managing city land and public facilities.
- Assist constituents like you. Council members and their offices can help you with issues like tax preparation, affordable housing, tree planting, dirty sidewalks, potholes, pedestrian safety, and more. Contact your Council member if you need assistance!

There are no Primary **Elections in City Council Districts 49, 50, and 51**

Primary elections only occur when more than one candidate runs for their party's nomination. However, there will be a general election for these City Council districts in November.

plan your ballot Finished candidate

Finished choosing your candidates? Save your picks to take with you to your poll site!



Scan here or visit nycvotes.org/ plan-your-ballot

About 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.

Matching Funds Program

Your contribution to city candidates goes even farther when you support candidates who participate in the city's matching funds program. Donations from city residents to participating candidates can be matched \$8-to-\$1. That means when you contribute \$10, the candidate receives \$90.

This program helps ensure that campaigns are funded by small dollar donations from New Yorkers, not by special interests. It also means that candidates who aren't wealthy but have strong community support can afford to run, creating a more diverse and representative government. In New York City's 2021 election, over 83% of local candidates said that matching funds were key to their ability to run for office.



Contribute at contribute.nycvotes.org

Frequently Asked Questions

General

What is a Primary Election?

It's the election before the election. In primary elections, you decide which candidate will be your party's nominee for the general election. You must be a member of a political party to vote in a primary.

Can I vote in the June 27 primary election?

You can vote if you are registered in New York to a party holding an election. The deadline to register is **June 17**.

How can I check if I'm registered to vote?

Visit **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. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by June 12. 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.

If your address has not yet been updated, you can vote at the poll site assigned to your new address by requesting an affidavit ballot at your poll site.

Vote by Mail

What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

You can request an absentee ballot if you are away from New York City on Election Day, have an illness or physical disability, are a primary care provider for people who are ill or physically disabled, a resident or patient of a

Veterans Health Administration Hospital, or if you are imprisoned or awaiting trial. You can mark your reason on your absentee ballot request form.

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

If you requested an absentee ballot, then you should plan to vote with it. You can drop off your completed absentee ballot at any voting site while polls are open. However, if you choose to vote in person after requesting an absentee ballot, you will have to vote with an affidavit ballot at your poll site. This ballot will look different. Ask a poll worker for help if you need it.

Do I need to use stamps if I'm mailing in my ballot?

No, you do not need to add stamps. However, make sure to mail back your ballot as soon as you can. It must be postmarked by Election Day to be valid.

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

Yes! You can drop off your completed absentee ballot at any NYC poll site or Board of Elections office. Ballot boxes will be available at the front desk. You do not need to add postage.

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit nycabsentee.com/tracking.

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

The Board of Elections is required by law to notify you if there is a curable error on your ballot envelope, such as a missing or incorrect signature. If there is a fixable error on your ballot, they will contact you by mail, email, and phone (if available) within 1 day of discovering the error. You will then have up to 7 business days to correct the error by returning a signed affirmation.

Have more questions?

Visit **nycvotes.org/faqs**! You can also email us at **nycvotes@nyccfb.info**, or message us on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, or TikTok (@nycvotes).

Ranked Choice Voting

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

You can rank up to five candidates in order of preference, instead of choosing just one. If a candidate receives more than 50% of first-choice votes, they are the winner. If no candidate earns more than 50% of first-choice votes, then counting will continue in rounds. At the end of each round, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated. If you ranked that candidate first, your vote will go to the next ranked candidate on your ballot. This process will continue until there are two candidates left. The candidate with the most votes wins.

Can I still vote for just one candidate?

Yes. If you prefer, you can still vote for just your first-choice candidate. However, ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice. If your only choice is eliminated, your vote will have no influence on the outcome of the election.

Do I have to rank a total of 5 candidates?

No. You can rank up to five candidates, but you do not need to rank a total of five.

Can I rank my favorite candidate more than once?

No. If you rank your preferred candidate more than once, for example as your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th choice, then only your first ranking will count. There is no strategic benefit to giving the same candidate multiple rankings.

Can I rank multiple candidates as my first choice?

No. You can only choose one candidate for each ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, your ballot will not be valid.

If I rank five candidates, do five votes get counted?

No. You only get one vote counted. Your vote will only count toward your highest ranked candidate who has not been eliminated. If your top choice candidate gets eliminated, your vote will then count toward your next highest ranked candidate.

When can I expect results in Ranked Choice Voting elections?

It is likely that final results in Ranked Choice elections will not be known until all absentee and military ballots are counted, which could take several weeks after Election Day.

How do I vote for a write-in candidate with Ranked Choice Voting?

To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, write their name on the "Write-in" line, and fill in the oval to rank your write-in choice.

Will the voting machine tell me if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you vote in person, the voting machine will let you know if you give multiple candidates the same ranking when you scan it in. If you make a mistake, you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot. The voting machine will not let you know if you skip rankings or rank the same candidate multiple times, since your top-choice vote will still count in those situations.

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.



About the Voter Guide



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 Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, and Urdu to voters in targeted areas based on census data.

Visit nycvotes.org/candidates to learn about the candidates on your ballot.

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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.

Regular hours of operation

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and during the weekend prior to and on Election Day. Check vote.nyc for hours of operation.

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

Visit vote.nyc to learn more.

	Address	Phone Number
General Office	32-42 Broadway, 7th Floor New York, NY 10004	212-487-5400
Bronx	1780 Grand Concourse, 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457	
Brooklyn	345 Adams Street, 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	
Manhattan	200 Varick Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10014	
Queens	118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375	
Staten Island	1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305	