



New York City Campaign Finance Board

# General Election Voter Guide

Manhattan Council Districts 5-7

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# Welcome

## to your NYC Voter Guide

### Make your mark on city government by voting in this year's general election!

It is a major election year in New York City, with races for **mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council.**

This Guide contains information about each candidate's background and platform so you can cast an informed vote.

**Candidate profiles start on page 4.** It also covers this year's state ballot proposals on pages 18-19 (for expanded coverage, visit the online Guide at [www.nycfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycfb.info/voterguide)).

**NYC Votes**, the Campaign Finance Board's voter engagement campaign, has many ways for you to learn about the candidates. Tune in to the **video edition of the Voter Guide** on the **NYC gov channel** to watch candidate video statements. Visit the **online Voter Guide** to read candidate profiles, stream their **videos**, check out their **websites** and **social media pages**, and find other web resources for voters, including information about other races on the ballot. Watch the candidates for citywide office face off in the last of the official **NYC Votes General Election Debates**. On the go? **Get voter information on your smartphone or tablet using our new mobile app at [www.nycvotes.org](http://www.nycvotes.org).**

Learn more about NYC Votes and the Campaign Finance Board on page 20.

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## Your Rights as a Voter

### You have the right to vote in the November 5, 2013 general election if:

- » You are a registered voter.
- » You are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on November 5th.

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

- » Be assisted by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker, if you need help to vote. 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.
- » Ask election workers how to vote.
- » Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide. (Please take these 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.

If you cannot or choose not to show identification, you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.

### For all your voting needs and questions...

Contact the NYC Board of Elections (BOE) by phone at 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692; **212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired**), online at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us), or in person at your local BOE office:

#### General Office

32 Broadway  
7th Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
(212) 487-5400

#### Brooklyn

345 Adams Street  
4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 797-8800

#### Manhattan

200 Varick Street  
10th Floor  
New York, NY 10014  
(212) 886-2100

#### Queens

126-06 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415  
(718) 730-6730

#### The Bronx

1780 Grand Concourse  
5th Floor  
Bronx, NY 10457  
(718) 299-9017

#### Staten Island

1 Edgewater Plaza  
4th Floor  
Staten Island, NY 10305  
(718) 876-0079

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is a general election?

A general election is when nominees from various political parties compete for government office. This includes winners of the September 10th primaries and candidates running on independent party lines.

New York City has many political parties, and as a voter you must decide which candidate will best serve your interests.

## Can I vote in the November 5th general election?

If you are registered to vote in New York City, you can (and should) vote on November 5th. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Registered voters receive a notice in the mail from the BOE with the address of their poll site and other information about voting. If you didn't get a notice, you might not be registered. You can check by calling 866-VOTE-NYC or look up your registration online at [voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us](http://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us).

## What are ballot proposals?

A ballot proposal is a question placed on the ballot for voters to decide. This year, there are six proposed amendments to the New York State Constitution on the ballot. The State Senate and Assembly have passed these amendments but they are subject to the will of the voters, meaning you can vote to accept or reject them. Learn more about each proposal on pages 18-19.

## What will I be voting on in the general election?

You will be voting to elect the mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member in your district. You may also be voting in other races not covered in this Voter Guide, such as Assembly member or District Attorney.

You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for these offices, no matter what party you are enrolled in.

You will also be voting on six NYS ballot proposals that will amend the State Constitution in various ways if approved by the voters.

## How do I register to vote?

It is too late to register to vote in this year's general election (the deadline was October 11, 2013). But if you aren't registered, please register now for future elections! Fill out a voter registration form and submit it in person or by mail with the NYC Board of Elections (BOE). You can download a registration form from the BOE's website, pick one up at your local BOE office, or call 866-VOTE-NYC to request one by mail.

## Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration date, but it may have been canceled if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE, or if you have not voted in the past two federal elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC or check online at [voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us](http://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us).

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

When you move, you must 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 information in 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 they can't find my name on the list when I sign in to vote?

First, make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. These district numbers are printed above your name on the mailing label of your Voter Guide and on the mailer the BOE sends to all registered voters each August. You can also ask a poll worker for help, or check [nyc.pollsitelocator.com](http://nyc.pollsitelocator.com).

If you are at the right table but you are not on the poll list, it may be because the BOE did not receive your registration form. If you believe that you are eligible, **you can still vote**. Ask for an **affidavit ballot**, and follow the instructions. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a registration form for future elections.

## 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 because of occupation, business, studies, travel, imprisonment (other than for a felony conviction), illness, disability, hospitalization, or if you are a resident in a long-term care facility. There are two ways to vote by absentee ballot: by mail or in person.

To vote absentee **by mail**, call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us). Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office. Applications must be **postmarked** by October 29, 2013. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it (postmarked by November 4, 2013) to your BOE borough office.

**Absentee voting 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** Mon.-Fri. and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 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 November 5th.

## Not sure which city council district you live in?

**Check the cover of this Guide:** Your district numbers are printed above your name and address. You can also visit [nyc.pollsitelocator.com](http://nyc.pollsitelocator.com), call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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## Party Key

These abbreviations appear near each candidate's name to indicate which party line(s) they are running on.

AL	Abiodun Laurel-Smith	LBT	Libertarian
AT	Affordable Tmrw	P	Populist
CV	Civic Virtue	PR	Progressive
CS	Common Sense	REF	Reform
C	Conservative	RTH	Rent is 2 Damn High
D	Democratic	R	Republican
DD	Dump The Dump	S2A	Save 2nd Avenue
FV	Faith and Values	SC	School Choice
FE	Flourish Every Person Can Shine Like the Sun	SW	Socialist Worker
FB	ForwardBrooklyn	SF	Students First
F	Freedom	TWS	Tax Wall Street
G	Green Party	T2H	Taxes 2 High
I	Independence	U	Unity
JE	Jobs & Education	WV	War Veterans
L	Liberal	WF	Working Families

Party names may have been changed after this Guide went to press. Check [www.nycffb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycffb.info/voterguide) for updated information.

# About the Voter Guide

This Guide lists all the candidates who appeared to be on the ballot for the general election at press time, even if the candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile in time to be included in this printed Guide. Because candidates can be removed from the ballot for legal reasons until just before the election, some candidates listed in this Guide may not appear on the ballot. If a primary race was too close to call at press time, or if a runoff election was anticipated, more than one candidate may be listed as running on a particular party line, with a footnote indicating why. However, only one candidate per party line will appear on the General Election ballot. Visit the online Voter Guide at [www.nycffb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycffb.info/voterguide) for up-to-date general election information, or use the BOE's poll site locator at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) to view your sample ballot.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to the CFB by the candidates. All the candidates have affirmed under penalty of perjury 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 New York City Campaign Finance Board.

## Citywide Candidates

# Mayor

The mayor is the chief executive officer of the City of New York, responsible for the effectiveness and integrity of city government operations. Some of the many duties of the mayor include appointing and removing agency heads and commissioners for mayoral agencies; appointing members to many public authorities, commissions, and boards; and proposing a budget for New York City. In addition, the mayor has the power to veto the City Council's legislation and land-use decisions. The mayor earns an annual salary of \$225,000.

Bill de Blasio (D)  
Joseph J. Lhota (R, C, SF)  
Kevin A. Finnegan (WF)\*  
Adolfo Carrión, Jr. (I)  
Anthony Gronowicz (G)  
Abiodun Samuel Laurel-Smith (AL)  
Joseph G. Melaragno (AT)\*  
George McDonald (CS)  
Michael J. Dilger (FE)\*  
Michael K. Greys (F)\*

Jack D. Hidary (JE)  
John Catsimatidis (L, T2H)  
Michael Sanchez (LBT)\*  
Carl Person (REF)  
Jimmy (rent is too damn high)  
McMillan (RTH)  
Erick Salgado (SC)  
Dan Fein (SW)  
Randy Credico (TWS)  
Sam Sloan (WV)\*

The ballot was not final at press time. Some candidates may have been removed after this Guide went to press, and candidates may appear in a different order than listed above.

\*Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide, but may have provided social media links and website information for the online Guide; visit [www.nycffb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycffb.info/voterguide).

## Bill de Blasio

**Mayor (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

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

**Previous Occupation(s):** Campaign Manager, Hillary Clinton for Senate; Regional Director for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Aide to Mayor Dinkins

**Education:** M.A. Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; B.A. New York University

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** New York City Council Member District 39 (Brooklyn); Community School Board 15 Member

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

My top priority will be addressing economic inequality. For far too long, City Hall has catered to the elite while middle and working-class families are dismissed or ignored.

To tackle economic inequality, we must strengthen our education system, expand and protect affordable housing, and create strong jobs across all five boroughs. I am the only candidate who has a plan to create universal early education and after-school programs by asking the wealthiest to pay a little more in taxes.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I understand how fragile police-community relations can put both residents and officers at risk, and I have called for true reform of Stop and Frisk and strong legislation to ban racial profiling. I also believe that immigrants have always been an essential part of our city and the next administration must embrace and support our vital immigrant communities.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have dedicated my career to taking on the elite and powerful, and standing up for taxpayers, families, and everyday New Yorkers. As an outer-borough working dad and public school parent, I care deeply about the everyday issues that are front-and-center to families: economic fairness, job creation, early education and after-school programs, child care, a real living wage, effective and respectful policing, and affordable housing.

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# Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R, C, SF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Full-time candidate

**Previous Occupation(s):** Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Deputy Mayor and Budget Director, Giuliani Administration; Executive Vice President, Madison Square Garden & Cablevision; Investment Banker

**Education:** Georgetown University, BS 1976; Harvard Business School, MBA 1980

**Organizational Affiliations:** CUNY, Member Board of Trustees

**Prior Public Experience:** Budget Director and Deputy Mayor for Operations, Giuliani Administration; Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Creating jobs and a vibrant, diversified economy is the key to our City's success. Government can't create jobs, but it is responsible for creating an environment for job growth. Our government must operate more efficiently while reducing taxes

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and the burdensome regulations and fines that are strangling small businesses. We must focus on fostering emerging industries to create quality, good-paying jobs in all five boroughs.

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Reforming government must be a top priority. We need ethics reform to get rid of corrupt politicians and educational reform to improve our schools. Public safety is also critical to our quality of life. We must ensure the NYPD has the necessary tools and resources to keep us safe from terrorists and violent criminals.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

The next Mayor needs to have the experience and vision to lead New York City on Day One. Our City is a \$70 billion enterprise with more than 300,000 employees. I am the only candidate with vast experience leading complex organizations in both the private and public sectors. I have been fortunate to serve the people of this City through some of our best times of growth and transformation, but also through some of our biggest challenges, like 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. I believe our best days are ahead and as Mayor, I will use my common sense, my vision and my experience to lead New York City forward.

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# Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)



**Party Enrolled In:** Unaffiliated

**Current Occupation:** Founder/Managing Director of MetroFutures, LLC.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree- Kings College; Master's Degree in Urban Planning- CUNY- Hunter College

**Organizational Affiliations:** Morris Heights Health Center, County Executives of America, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Org, Bronx DiVA Talk- Domestic Violence Awareness

**Prior Public Experience:** White House Director of Urban Affairs, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Two-term Bronx Borough President, NYC Councilmember, Former President of NALEO (National Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials)

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Reforming education to ensure our young people are prepared to participate in the economy must be a top priority. Education has become more about the needs and wants of a few adults rather than the parents and students who have long been underserved by a failing system.

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

New York City must remain affordable for the middle class and those who would come here to make a better life. It also must be a business-friendly city that acts as an incubator for the industries and jobs of the future. We do that by NOT raising taxes and treating our people and businesses like the government's ATM. Our city must be a safe city and a place where innovation creates opportunity.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I will bring the experience, common sense ideas and independent leadership New Yorkers want and deserve to City Hall. New Yorkers have had enough of special interests and the political establishment running the show. Our city is ready for real results and a bold vision for a New York that works better for everyone. It is the mayor's duty to make decisions that improve the lives of New Yorkers. The decisions are never easy, but my track record shows that putting the people first delivers results.

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# Anthony Gronowicz

Mayor (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** CUNY Professor

**Previous Occupation(s):** CUNY Professor

**Education:** BA Columbia College; PhD in New York City Political History, University of Pennsylvania

**Organizational Affiliations:** American Historical Association; Organization of American Historians

**Prior Public Experience:** Green Party of NYS State Committee Representative

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Environmental degradation is the most pressing issue facing all New Yorkers. As a New York City native, I recognize, especially after Superstorm Sandy and the 2008 economic collapse, that housing, health care, jobs and education are all impacted by the quality of the environment. A sustainable environment is key to a long and prosperous life for the average New Yorker.

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## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

More than 53,000 children in this city lack a permanent home – a 500% increase over 2008. 5% of public school students live in shelters. The majority of these students are Latino and African-American. Many of these students face the prospect of being stopped and frisked by a police department whom the richest mayor in history called "my own army." If elected, I would halt this outrageous practice. In Los Angeles, New Orleans, Dallas and Baltimore, violent crime is down even further in percentage terms than in NYC, without violating numerous provisions of our Bill of Rights. Another key issue is divestment from fossil fuels, essential in stemming the rise in asthma and other respiratory diseases affecting our children. In order to provide a better education, I would cap classroom size at 20, heavily invest in pre-school programs for every child, and bring back gym, art and music. Closing public hospitals and public schools is unacceptable.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have dedicated my life to serving the needs of the average New Yorker. My concern is steadfastly for the 99%, not the 1% who have disproportionately benefited from an economy based on finance and not one aimed at providing full employment with full benefits.

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# Abiodun Samuel Laurel-Smith

**Mayor (AL)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Independence

**Current Occupation:** Artist, writer, publisher

**Previous Occupation(s):** Artist, writer, publisher

**Education:** Studied Fine Art at The Polytechnic Ibadan, Nigeria, then History of Art, Society and Print at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK and History of Art and Heritage Management at The University of Buckingham, UK.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Friends Of Smithies New York (FoSNY)

**Prior Public Experience:** Government service (MOD)

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

First is create alternative source of revenue for the city through safety and SECURITY. Then bring back research, tech. and service industries to the city.

[www.smithiesny.com](http://www.smithiesny.com)

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Better education at all levels through "HOMEWORKNY" parents and immigrant families could update their skills, assist their kids better at homework and meet the demands of a fast paced and digitally challenging society of now. Provide an after school internet access and hook up for kids from low income families, so they could study after school.

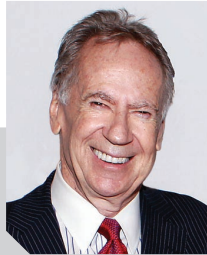
## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Best because I will continue the non partisan way of Mayor Bloomberg. Will improve by generating revenue for the city through a new source – research, human resources, service sector and technology. Affordable housing developments and problems of health care will be address block by block – that way, my administration will know who lives where and thrives under what condition.

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# George McDonald

**Mayor (CS)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** As Founder and President of the Doe Fund, one of the country's most celebrated nonprofit organizations, George McDonald has proven that providing paid work opportunities to individuals can transform their lives. Together with his wife Harriet and fueled by the belief that "work works." the Doe Fund has helped more than 18,000 individuals from returning veterans to the formerly incarcerated reclaim their lives.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Apparel industry executive with McGregor Sportswear.

**Education:** Throughout his career McDonald has received numerous accolades including the Manhattan Institute's William E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award in Social Entrepreneurship and an Honorary Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

**Organizational Affiliations:** ABO

**Prior Public Experience:** In 2005, George chaired the NYS Independent Committee on Reentry & Employment. He currently sits on Gov. Cuomo's Work for Success Executive Committee.

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## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Jobs, jobs, jobs! Every NYC resident who wants a job should have one, making a dramatic impact on every aspect of city life. As we seek to continue to make our city safer, a job is the last frontier of public safety. As we work to pay for new spending priorities, jobs are the best way to grow city revenues without raising taxes. Finally, by growing jobs and opportunity we can balance our budget by avoiding the costs of entitlement programs.

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

The most important job of the Mayor is to keep our city safe. To do that, we must preserve but also improve the implementation of Stop, Question and Frisk.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

25 years ago I went to Grand Central for 700 nights in a row to help feed the homeless. While they appreciated the sandwiches what they said they really needed was "a room and a job to pay for it." I listened and have worked hard everyday since to deliver for them the opportunity to transform their lives through work. As Mayor, I will do the same for all the people of NYC.

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# Jack D. Hidary

**Mayor (JE)**



**Party Enrolled In:** None

**Current Occupation:** Entrepreneur

**Previous Occupation(s):** Chairman and CEO of Dice.com (NYSE: DHX)

**Education:** Studied at Columbia University, Stanley Fellowship in Clinical Neuroscience at the National Institute of Health (NIH)

**Organizational Affiliations:** XPrize.org, Google X Labs, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), East Side Community High School

**Prior Public Experience:** None

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Too many New Yorkers are out of work, or are struggling to make ends meet with low-paying jobs. NYC has an unemployment rate of over 9%, which is higher than the national average. My five-point plan will create thousands of new jobs in NYC and provide training for New Yorkers to upgrade to high-paying positions.

[www.hidaryfornyc.com](http://www.hidaryfornyc.com)

As an entrepreneur, I have the unique experience needed to grow New York's economy. My first company, Dice.com, has connected more than five million people to their jobs. As a Brooklyn native I believe that we must create economic opportunity not only in the five boroughs.

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

For NYC to continue to grow, we also need great schools, a safe city and affordable housing. A great education is the key to every child's future, but our schools are failing too many of our kids. Having spent years working in education, my plan will innovate the classroom experience and deliver job-ready graduates. A safe city is key to maintaining a record 52 million tourists coming to New York each year and fueling our economy. Finally, affordable housing is critical to keeping low and middle-income families in NYC who are being squeezed out by the high cost of living.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am not a career politician. I am an entrepreneur who has launched and run several successful business including the nation's leading IT job website, which is a publicly listed company. My strong management experience, combined with my work in schools and low-income economic development has prepared me to lead NYC into an exciting future.

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# John Catsimatidis

**Mayor (L, T2H)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

**Education:** NYC public and parochial schools, including Brooklyn Tech; Attended NYU.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Board Member of the Police Athletic League for nearly 30 years, Board of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, the St. Francis Food Pantries and former Vice Chair of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council. I also serve as a Member of the Pension Board of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW.

**Prior Public Experience:** Common sense businessman who built a successful major retail organization from the ground up. Only candidate that has the experience required to manage an organization as large and complex as New York City.

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Public Safety: Continue the policies that have kept NYC safe from crime and terrorism. I will ensure New Yorkers can continue to walk around their neighborhoods safely. We need a safe city to preserve confidence so that the world continues to invest in New York City.

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Jobs and the economy: I am the only candidate in this race with a proven record of creating jobs right here in New York City and I will continue creating jobs as Mayor; Education: Cut the almost 40% dropout rate by increasing vocational programs and providing every student the tools necessary to succeed.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am a successful independent businessman with a proven record of creating jobs in New York City. I have been a CEO for over 40 years and am the only candidate who is qualified to manage the \$70 billion organization that is our city. I grew up on 135th Street in Harlem and have never forgotten where I came from. I have raised millions of dollars for education and I am running for mayor because I believe that every New Yorker deserves the opportunities I had.

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# Carl Person

**Mayor (REF)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** Attorney representing homeowners and small businesses in defending against foreclosures and for other debt relief; and small businesses in commercial litigation

**Previous Occupation(s):** Created a career field and related instruction (600,000 paralegals) by founding and managing for 18 years the 1st paralegal school in the US open to college graduates. School was licensed and accredited to teach broad-based technology

**Education:** High school dropout. After 3 years in Army, graduated magna cum laude from LIU in Brooklyn; then from Harvard Law School, with "Wall Street" tax and business course electives

**Organizational Affiliations:** Loose alliances with organizations to assist in debt relief; and to create jobs, small business opportunities and prosperity for individuals and small communities

**Prior Public Experience:** Came in 3rd for NYS Attorney General with 37,000 votes during 2010, and sought a nomination for US President during 2012

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Offering free 1-year training to all NYC residents (high school seniors, and for all adults, in an adult education program) to enable graduates to obtain jobs anywhere in the US at \$25-60/hr (or \$80-\$100/hr as independent contractors). New internet and computer technology require public schools to change their curriculum to enable NYC residents and small businesses to obtain good jobs, have small business opportunities, and prosper. Curriculum at [carlperson.com/resume03](http://carlperson.com/resume03)

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Reduced business regulation. Financial transparency with all payments fully disclosed in a website. Workable public campaign financing. Free public transportation (paid from resulting revenues).

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I've had 50 years of experience in small business and career-oriented education, and understand the education program needed in NYC to create good paying jobs for NYC's residents. To solve the economic problems for most NYC residents, we should create good jobs first, then worry about college.

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# Jimmy (rent is too damn high) McMillan

**Mayor (RTH)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Founder of the Rent Is Too Damn High Party

**Previous Occupation(s):** Postal Worker, Veteran of United States Army, Independent Undercover Investigator

**Education:** Graduate of Barkley PSI

**Organizational Affiliations:** None

**Prior Public Experience:** None

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Rent Reduction

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Education

Working Families

Poverty

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am the voice of the People, and the voice of the forgotten people in New York City: the young, the poor, working families, and the disabled.

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# Erick Salgado

Mayor (SC)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** A full-time candidate who continues to serve as Pastor of Bensonhurst's Iglesia Jovenes Cristianos Church.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Erick started a bookstore & grew it into a 4 borough chain. He also founded a radio network & was president of Radio Cantico Nuevo, Inc. until last Dec. Erick has devoted thousands of hours over the last 24 years to working with the people living in NYC's diverse communities.

**Education:** Erick holds a Doctorate in Theological Studies from UTI University.

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will restore the ranks of the Police Dept. to those of Mayor Giuliani's administration, eliminate quotas & implement additional sensitivity training for all officers. I will continue the Dept.'s initiatives to combat terrorism.

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## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

1. New Yorkers need jobs that pay a livable wage. I'll remove bureaucratic obstacles that prevent many businesses from thriving, eliminate out of date regulations, put as much of the permitting process as possible online, provide tax incentives to encourage the creation of new jobs, make NY businesses a priority in the City's Request For Proposals process & use tax incentives to entice additional businesses to NYC. 2. The Department of Education must meet the students' needs immediately. I'll increase parental involvement, including a grade from parents on teachers' evaluations. I'll also conduct a system-wide audit to determine which programs are successful & disseminate that info to teachers & principals. I'll work to reestablish elected community school boards throughout NYC.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I'm the only candidate who'll represent all of NYC's different ethnic & religious communities & will not dictate how they should live their lives. I'm also the only candidate who holds traditional family values dear & who will fight for the best education for our young people even if it means taking on the teachers' union.

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# Dan Fein

Mayor (SW)



**Party Enrolled In:** Independent

**Current Occupation:** mechanical assembler at electronics plant

**Previous Occupation(s):** assembler at lighting factory

**Education:** University of California

**Organizational Affiliations:** Socialist Workers Party

**Prior Public Experience:** SWP candidate for New York governor in 2000

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

The Socialist Workers Party candidates are setting an example for workers of the need to break from the Democratic, Republican, and other capitalist parties, and set a course for independent working-class political action.

The most important issue in the city, and the country, is unemployment. The division in the working class between those working and those not can be overcome by the labor movement fighting for a government-funded public works program to put millions

to work building affordable housing, child care centers, and other things that workers need

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

For working-class unity. Stop the deportations. For a big raise in the minimum wage. Organize the unorganized into fighting unions.

Free the Cuban 5. Five Cuban revolutionaries jailed in the U.S. since 1998 on trumped-up charges of "conspiracy" for gathering information on activities of Cuban-American counterrevolutionary groups operating on U.S. soil with impunity.

Defend a woman's right to choose abortion. No to Washington's wars. For withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Afghanistan, Korea, Guantanamo and elsewhere in the world. Eliminate stop and frisk. I have joined protests demanding prosecution of the killer of Trayvon Martin.

## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am the mayoral candidate for the only workers party in the election -- the Socialist Workers Party. I walked the picket line and marched with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181 during the school bus drivers and matrons strike last winter. I have a decades-long record of participating in union strikes and struggles against attacks by the bosses and their government.

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# Randy Credico

Mayor (TWS)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Political satirist, impressionist, consultant

**Previous Occupation(s):** Director William Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice, campaign consultant

**Education:** Mt. Sac College Calif.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Kunstler fund

**Prior Public Experience:** 0

## 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

reforming ny's criminal justice system

## 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Tax Wall Street 1 percent

LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

Improve public schools

Massive FDR jobs program

Free Health care and College Ed

progressive real estate tax

affordable housing

taxing private colleges

repeal smoking ban and cabaret laws

protect small businesses d

firing ray kelly

protect teachers

community policing

free bus and subway service

dog runs increase

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## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

political satirist and activist not a politician

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# Public Advocate

As the city's "ombudsman," or go-between, the job of the public advocate includes monitoring the operation of the public information and service complaint programs of city agencies, and investigating, and trying to resolve complaints about many city services. In the mayor's absence, the public advocate acts as the mayor; in the case of a vacancy, the public advocate acts as mayor until a special election is held. The public advocate is also responsible for presiding over City Council meetings and can sponsor local legislation. The public advocate earns an annual salary of \$165,000.

Letitia James (D<sup>†</sup>, WF)  
 Daniel Squadron (D<sup>†</sup>)  
 Robert Maresca (C)\*  
 James Lane (G)  
 Michael K. Lloyd (F)\*

Alex Merced (LBT)\*  
 Tyrrell L. Joiner-Eiland (RTH)  
 Deborah Liatos (SW)  
 Mollena G. Fabricant (SF)\*  
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## Letitia James

**Public Advocate (D, WF)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** NYC Council Member

**Previous Occupation(s):** Public Defender with Legal Aid Society; Assistant NYS Attorney General; Chief of Staff in NYS Assembly

**Education:** New York City public schools; CUNY Lehman College; Howard University Law School

**Organizational Affiliations:** Founded the Urban Network, a coalition of minority professional organizations that raises money and distributes college scholarships to inner city youth.

**Prior Public Experience:** NYC Council Member, 35th District

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

My top priority will be to fight for a great education for all our children. Through the Public Advocate's office I will demand that the City's focus is on improving the quality of education and I will engage the community and families to ensure that our students are prepared for college and the real world, not just taught to the test.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will fight for good jobs that include fair wages and benefits for workers, affordable housing, consumer protections, access to health care and public safety.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I've stood up for progressive causes my entire career. As Public Advocate, I will continue to push for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers by fighting for good schools, good-paying jobs, affordable housing, and the interests of the City's working and middle class.

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## Daniel Squadron

**Public Advocate (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** State Senator

**Previous Occupation(s):** See below

**Education:** Yale University

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** Before my election in 2008, I served as a top aide to US Sen. Chuck Schumer and co-authored his book. I also worked to secure \$3 billion for our transit system and move money from the bureaucracy to our public schools.

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I'll fight to make our city more livable and affordable so more people can make a life here, especially the most vulnerable.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a new father, I want every child to have the opportunity for a better future. I've fought for more funding and accountability in public schools, and will make sure parents have a voice, the city protects kids in foster care, and no child goes to bed hungry. I wrote legislation that banned military-style assault weapons like the one used in Newtown. I have a perfect 100% record on gun control, standing up to the NRA. I'll fight to get illegal guns off our streets and keep New Yorkers safe. When Sandy struck, I set up relief sites and delivered food to stranded seniors and others in need. I fought for tax relief for homeowners who lost everything. As Public Advocate I'll make sure we're safe and prepared for the next disaster.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have a proven track record of getting results for everyday New Yorkers - fighting corruption, writing landmark new gun laws, and advocating for affordable housing, parks, and public transportation. I'll make the Public Advocate's office a more effective force for children, seniors, and regular families who need a voice. I'm endorsed by Chuck Schumer, both former Public Advocates, and leaders around the city.

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# James Lane

## Public Advocate (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** Vice President of Client Solutions, 24/7 Media; Founder, Hot Indie Media; Bassist, Black Dawn

**Previous Occupation(s):** Global Accounts Analyst, Reuters Financial; Staff Accountant, Reuters Health; Billing Coordinator; Partners In Care; Senior Patient Accounts Representative, Visiting Nurse Service of New York

**Education:** U.S. Army Signal School, Electronics/Communications Technician; High School of Art & Design, Commercial Arts/Graphic Design

**Organizational Affiliations:** Diversity Committee Member, Green Party of the United States; State Committee Member, Green Party of New York

**Prior Public Experience:** All my work to improve my community has been as volunteer and not in a paid government position. Issues regarding an adoptees rights to know about their origins, reducing our bloated military budget, a ban on hydrofracking and improving recycling efforts are just a few on my list.

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Improving the health and social well being of all people regardless of economic status by bringing their voices to the government leaders that have been neglecting us for too long.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Adoptee Rights, Affordable Housing, Consumer Rights, Ecological Wisdom, Grassroots Democracy, Higher Education, Mass Transit, Nonviolence, Public Health, and Social Justice.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I'm not a career politician, I'm a lifelong resident of New York City that was born in Flushing, raised in Harlem, matured in Hells Kitchen and currently living in Park Slope. I am married with a young child in our city's public school system. During the past 30 years I have maintained leadership roles in military, corporate and internet technology jobs while doing whatever I could in my free time to help promote a secure, sustainable future. As the Green Party candidate for Public Advocate I pledge to serve as the people's watchdog over the mayor and city government because I feel having someone from outside the major two party system will be helpful for a true democracy.

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# Tyrrell L. Joiner-Eiland

## Public Advocate (RTH)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Senior Pastor | Greater Church of God Pentecostal, Inc.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Project Manager, D.C. Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Architect Intern | Allstate Insurance Co. Minority Outreach & Development | Blue Cross Blue Shield, Urban League of Pittsburgh, Principal | Environmental Architectural Concepts, Principal | GB Hospitality Group, National Green Charrette Facilitator | Enterprise Foundation Inc.

**Education:** Organizational Behavior-New York University, Architecture-Howard University, Fundraising Management-Indiana University, Protocol | Protocol School of Washington

**Organizational Affiliations:** Member | Kiwanis International, U.S. Delegate | World Union of Jewish Students | Greater Fellowship NYU, Associate | American Institute of Architects, Committee Member | U.S. Green Building Council, Pentecostal Churches of Jesus Christ, Mount Calvary Holy Churches of America, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

**Prior Public Experience:** Intern, White House | U.S. Department of State, Member | Westchester County Council on Urban Youth

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Housing has been a major issue for New Yorkers. From overcrowded shelters, outrageous rent hikes, and now Hurricane Sandy our City needs a strong Advocate who will deal with the shortage of affordable housing dead on. I believe every citizen of this City should have a place to lay their heads and a stable place to call home.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Infrastructure and storm preparedness needs to become a priority for our City, we need to have a clear solution to protect our shores and minimize the damage done by natural disasters. Education reform needs to also be a top priority for the Advocate, we are not in a position to just sit back on our laurels and watch our students revert back into old systems and patterns. Our aim should be to keep the momentum of educational achievement and excellence going from this current administration to the next. Our youth are losing an uphill battle, with little to keep them occupied, they are turning to gangs, drugs, and crime. We need a solution.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I've suffered loss and understand the needs of the people of the true meaning of being an advocate. I believe I not only bring a unique style of leadership to the office, but I know what the people need and require, because I have been in their shoes.

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# Deborah Liatos

## Public Advocate (SW)



**Party Enrolled In:** Socialist Workers Party

**Current Occupation:** mechanical assembler in electronics factory

**Previous Occupation(s):** factory worker

**Education:** high school

**Organizational Affiliations:** Socialist Workers Party

**Prior Public Experience:** SWP candidate for 13th C.D. in 2012 elections

For a big increase in the minimum wage, which would increase the wage level for all working people. Organize and unionize unorganized workers. Defend a woman's right to choose abortion. Eliminate stop and frisk.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

One important priority is joining the campaign to free the Cuban Five — Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, and René González — Cuban revolutionaries framed up in 1998 on conspiracy charges. All but one remain in U.S. prisons today. The Five were gathering information on activities of Cuban-American counterrevolutionary groups operating on U.S. soil with impunity. Their case has been winning growing support. They are an example of the kind of men and women who made and have defended the Cuban Revolution for over five decades and that will build a revolutionary party that can help lead a working-class fight for political power here.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Myself and the other Socialist Workers candidates are setting an example for workers of the need to break from the Democratic, Republican and other capitalist parties, and set a course for independent working-class political action. Read more about the campaign and these political issues in The Militant newspaper. Contact our campaign office at 212-736-2540 or newyorkswp@mac.com

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### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Workers are facing everywhere the consequences of the deepening worldwide economic crisis of the capitalist system — the assault on our working conditions and standard of living. To cut across the competition and divisions fostered by capitalism, and build the working-class unity and political strength that is necessary to fight back against the propertied rulers, the Socialist Workers campaign calls for:

A massive government-funded public works program to provide millions of jobs building affordable housing, hospitals, child care centers and other things workers need.

# Comptroller

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer. The comptroller's responsibilities include: keeping the mayor and the City Council informed about the city's financial condition; making recommendations about the operations, fiscal policies, and financial transactions of the city; auditing city agencies and investigating all matters concerning the city's finances; registering and auditing contracts; issuing and selling city bonds; managing the city-held sinking funds and other trust and pension funds; and performing analysis to eliminate waste and fraud in city operations. The Comptroller earns an annual salary of \$185,000.

Scott M. Stringer (D, WF)  
John Burnett (R, C, SC)  
Julia Willebrand (G)

Hesham El-Meligy (LBT)\*  
John Studer (SW)\*  
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## Scott M. Stringer Comptroller (D, WF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present

**Previous Occupation(s):** New York State Assemblymember, District 67

**Education:** B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present; New York State Assemblymember, District 67, 1992 to 2005

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will work tirelessly to ensure the City's fiscal health and safeguard every tax dollar. I will aggressively examine city spending, rooting out waste and inefficiency. I will work to grow our pension funds through responsible investments and strengthen oversight of city contracts to prevent fraud and abuse.

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### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will bring new standards of transparency and accountability to government, as I have done throughout my career in public service. From critical oversight of the city budget to auditing agency performance, I will ensure government is working in the best interest of tax payers. I will work to diversify our economy and create jobs for middle class and working families in all five boroughs by finding new ways to support growth opportunities.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Throughout my 20 years in public service, I have been a progressive, reform Democrat who has achieved real results. As Borough President, I exposed out-of-control city spending on outside consultants that cost New Yorkers millions. I uncovered serious failures by the Department of Education in forecasting student enrollment, spurring the construction of badly needed new schools. In a victory for tenants, millions of dollars were secured to repair elevators in public housing after I exposed that 75 percent were failing inspections. As Comptroller, I will bring this same integrity, independence and commitment to standing up for the people of this City.

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## John Burnett Comptroller (R, C, SC)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** John is an Advisory Board Member of White Wolf Capital.

**Previous Occupation(s):** John has over 20 years of financial services experience and has held domestic and global leadership roles in the areas of compliance, governance, investment oversight and risk management.

**Education:** John holds a BS degree with honors in Leadership and Management Studies from New York University and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Urban Resource Institute Board Trustee, Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning (P.E.N.C.I.L.), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Life Member, National Association of Black Accountants, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.

**Prior Public Experience:** John is actively involved in youth mentoring programs, community service enhancement projects, educational and health programs.

### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will ensure that the City's pension plans are managed efficiently to maximum investment returns. Tax dollars are used to fund pension plans when investments do not reach its minimum goals. I want to avoid using tax payer dollars and ensure that the pension funds are invested to maximize returns for retirees.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I want to help restore integrity in public service. I will develop citywide risk assessments and corrective action plans to optimize value, while reducing fiscal waste and fraud in New York City's government. The cost savings can be reinvested to drive growth, create jobs and invest in a better education system for our future.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

The New York City Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The duties of the office consist of overseeing the performance of pension funds, audit city agencies and advise on financial matters. I am asking New York City voters to hire me as Comptroller to do what I have been doing for the last 20 years, which is oversee investment portfolios, audit, compliance, contract administration, budgeting and finance.

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## Julia Willebrand

### Comptroller (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** Activist committed to replacing the corporate dominated NY “two-party” electoral system with a system which reflects the social justice, environmental and economic values of all New Yorkers.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Bookkeeper, waitress, private investigator and model. But most of my work life was spent in education as a Fulbright Professor, Hungary; English Department Chair, SUNY Labor College; ESL Coordinator, Jersey City State College; Staff Development Supervisor, Welfare Education Program, Teacher, PS 84.

**Education:** St Jean Baptiste High School; BA CCNY, American Studies; MA Columbia University, Adult Education; Ed.D Columbia University, TESOL

**Organizational Affiliations:** US Green Party International Committee Co-chair; Federation of Green Parties of the Americas US Delegate; Sierra Club Corporate Accountability Task Force Member; Appalachian Mountain Club Conservation Chair; United Federation of Teachers Delegate; OWS Alternative Banking Group

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**Prior Public Experience:** Chair, Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board

#### 1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Ending NYC subsidies to corporations such as NYCHA’s plan to sell housing project playgrounds to developers for high rise luxury apartments and the Board of Education’s proposal to demolish schools to provide land for luxury housing development.

#### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

1. Assist in establishing a state bank on the North Dakota model to reduce banking costs and interest on NYC bonds. 2. Clawback multiple tax subsidies to corporations given in anticipation of jobs never created. 3. Recommend NYC Pension Funds divest shares in fossil fuel corporations to abate climate crisis.

#### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As the mother of 2 Public School educated children, born in Bklyn, daughter and grand daughter of NY roofers, raised in Queens, educated in Manhattan and a worker in the Bronx, I know the city well and across many class lines. I have the vision to use the independent power of the office to benefit every New Yorker and not just the 1%.

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## Local Candidates

# Borough President

The borough presidents are the chief executives of each borough. They have the power, for their boroughs, to consult with the mayor in the preparation of the annual executive budget; to make recommendations on budget priorities, capital projects, and other matters; to review land-use decisions and proposed sites for city facilities; to monitor the delivery of city services and the performance of contracts; and to have legislation introduced in the City Council. Borough presidents earn an annual salary of \$160,000.

Gale A. Brewer (D)

David B. Casavis (R, I, DD, LBT)

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## Gale A. Brewer

### Manhattan Borough President (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** NYC Councilmember Dist 6; Chair, Cmte. on Operations; Member: Finance, General Welfare, Housing, Mental Health, Technology, Transportation, Waterfront, Higher Education. Co-Chair: Manhattan Delegation; Memb: Budget Negotiation Team & Rules Reform Cmtes.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Adj. Prof CUNY & Barnard Coll.; Director, NYC Non-Profits Proj.; Telesis Non-Profit Housing Corp.; NYC Deputy Public Advocate; Director, NYC Mayor’s Federal Off.; NYC Comm. on the Status of Women; Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Ruth Messinger; Office of the NY State Lt Governor.

**Education:** MPA, Kennedy School, Harvard Univ.; BA, Columbia Univ. & Bennington College

**Organizational Affiliations:** Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Cmte; Advisory Cmtes. to John Jay & McCaulay Honors Colleges; NY Acad. of Medicine Age-Friendly Bd.; Columbus Ave & Lincoln Square BIDs

**Prior Public Experience:** Chair, NYS Nat’l Women’s Political Caucus; Vice-Chair, Comm. Bd 7; service on numerous non-profit boards

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Manhattan you would address if elected?

The city must grow, but to preserve our neighborhoods and quality of life, development has to strengthen communities, protect and add affordable housing, enable seniors to age in place, build quality public schools and parks, create small business, fund the arts, and protect our security and civil rights.

#### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

1. Do near & long-term planning to “storm-proof” the shoreline and infrastructure; 2. Keep us secure, and ensure that the rights of all New Yorkers are protected and respected; 3. Get the Borough President’s office into every community; 4. Promote sustainability, including recycling, equal access to nutritious food, new, environmentally sensitive open space, and enhanced public transportation.

#### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

A 40 year unmatched record of tireless service, leadership and results, not promises: Human Rights, Paid Sick Time, the Open Government Data Law, Protective Zoning for Small Businesses, Environmental Protection, Landmarking and Historic Preservation, tireless advocacy for Renters and Owners, building Schools, Affordable Housing & Parks, leading the push for Big Apps and .nyc. I am the most qualified, hardest working, innovative, and committed public servant running for Manhattan Borough President.

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## David B. Casavis

**Manhattan Borough President** (R, I, DD, LBT)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** University Professor, SUNY and CUNY

**Previous Occupation(s):** John Jay College: Seek Program, Landauer Associates/Pearce, Mayor and Greer/ Huberth and Peters Real Estate Auditor and Analyst, Chemical Bank, Systems Consultant, US Postal Service, Data Systems Tour Supervisor

**Education:** MSRE New York University, MBA Pace University, BA SUNY Buffalo, Teaching ESL Certificate Brooklyn College, NYS Teaching Certificate

**Organizational Affiliations:** NYS Teachers' Association, University Professors, American Foreign Service Association

**Prior Public Experience:** District Leader 73rd AD, Candidate for New York State Assembly 2008 and 2012. Candidate for Manhattan Borough President 2009, Department of Commerce RT 2000

### 1. What is the most important issue in Manhattan you would address if elected?

New York City is one of the few municipalities whose government was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. In the 1989 decision of Board of Estimate vs. Morris, the City the ruling that the concept of "one man, one vote" was violated and a new city government had to be established. The Office of Borough President survived through a technicality. Today's New York City Council was formed. Ever since the City of New York had two governments: the remnants of the Board of Estimate and the City Council.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Few offices (other than King) have more compensation and little to do. Servants, Chauffeurs, and astonishing office space are but a few perks of the perks. Publicity paid for from City funds provide free publicity, a platform to get a name before the public, and a generally unwilling press led by the nose to cover would-be media stars cutting ribbons. The Emperor has no clothes.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Some say no one cares. We have accepted this near-sinecure job. We have been domesticated, the bit in our mouth. Unlike many, I have a job to go back to after the confetti. Career Politicians, of course, need only hold out their 'doggie dish' and smile. Doubtless someone (who has yet to be indicted by the FBI) will fill it up.

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## Local Candidates

# City Council Member

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of New York City's government.

The City Council is responsible for passing local laws, making decisions about land use, investigating and overseeing city agencies, and approving the city's budget. Each Council member represents one of the 51 New York City Council districts. Council members receive an annual base salary of \$112,500. Council leaders and chairs of committees receive additional pay. Council members may hold other jobs in addition to their Council seats.

### » Council District 5

Ben Kallos (D)  
David Garland (R, I, DD, L, LBT, S2A)  
Micah Z. Kellner (WF)

### » Council District 7

Mark D. Levine (D, WF)  
Christina Gonzalez (G)

### » Council District 6

Helen K. Rosenthal (D)  
Harry DeMell (R)\*  
Marc A. Landis (WF)  
Thomas Siracuse (G)

The ballot was not final at press time. Some candidates may have been removed after this Guide went to press, and candidates may appear in a different order than listed above.

\*Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide, but may have provided social media links and website information for the online Guide; visit [www.nycfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycfb.info/voterguide).

## General Election | City Council District 5

## Ben Kallos

**5th City Council District** (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Good Government Advocate, Tech Entrepreneur and Attorney

**Previous Occupation(s):** EffectiveNY.org (Good Government Group), Executive Director

**Education:** SUNY Buffalo Law School, SUNY Albany, Bronx Science

**Organizational Affiliations:** N.Y. Democratic Lawyers Council, Statewide Voter Protection Coordinator; Asphalt Green, Triathlon Club; Park East Synagogue

**Prior Public Experience:** Public Advocate Mark Green, Policy Director; Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, Chief of Staff; Community Board 8

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 5 you would address if elected?

**Transparency and accountability** are crucial for **eliminating government waste and corruption**. I put elected officials' voting records online to increase transparency in the legislature. Now I have an **Open Platform** at **KallosforCouncil.com**, where you can submit and vote on solutions for a better city.

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### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Transparency can deliver more **jobs**, better **education**, **affordable housing**, **senior services**, and **responsible development**, meaning: **opposing Marine Transfer Stations** in residential districts; **supporting small business and residents** along the 2nd Ave Subway construction; and ensuring new development supports local infrastructure such as schools, parks, and transportation. For me, senior services are not just a budget line. I support my mother, who raised me and still lives in the district in her valiant fight against Parkinson's Disease. I will fight to **protect seniors** and their caregivers so we can all **maintain our health and independence**.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have a vision for the future and the experience to get it done. I have delivered results, including: **put voting records online** for a more transparent legislature, launched a portal so millions could **verify their voter registration**, and **defeated corrupt Senator Espada**. I grew up on the Upper East Side with my grandparents and my mother who still lives here. I care deeply for our community. Join me in building a better city at **KallosforCouncil.com** or call toll-free **855-2-KALLOS**.

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## David Garland

5th City Council District (R, I, DD, L, LBT, S2A)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Since graduating with a Wharton MBA and UPenn MA, I've worked as a management consultant in the financial services industry, domestically and overseas. Prior to running for the New York State Senate in 2012, I spent several years with AIG managing restructuring and reorganization projects after the 2008 financial crisis, helping AIG to return to fiscal solvency and repay us, the taxpayers.

**Previous Occupation(s):** I have launched several small businesses, in industries from marketing to technology. I directed aviation marketing/sales across the East Asia region during the Asian financial crisis, and worked with the World Bank in public and private sector development. As a CPA, I also know how to balance a budget.

**Education:** MBA, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; MA, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Pennsylvania; BSFS, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

**Organizational Affiliations:** Hope for New York, City to City, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Priority Associates, Hole in the Wall Gang Camps

**Prior Public Experience:** In Washington, DC I worked with Capitol Hill and the Department of Commerce. I also worked with the Minister of Minerals & Energy in State Parliament in Sydney, Australia.

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 5 you would address if elected?

Ending the Waste Transfer Station at 91st Street and the East River will be my first order of business.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

The 2nd Avenue Subway is a perfect example of a project that, while ultimately good, has been a nightmare for the people who live and businesses that operate there. This needs to stop. We need to make sure the Upper East Side/Roosevelt Island are and remain the most attractive places in the city to live.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

1) Extensive public and private sector experience; 2) my proven steady hand and voice of reason in the midst of indecision and crisis; 3) my passion/energy to fight tirelessly for our neighborhoods; 4) none of the political baggage that so many NY incumbents seem to acquire.

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## Micah Z. Kellner

5th City Council District (WF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** NYS Assembly Member, 2007-present

**Previous Occupation(s):** Staff, Comptroller Bill Thompson; Staff, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney

**Education:** New York University, BFA

**Organizational Affiliations:** Pledge2Protect NYC, Residents for Sane Trash Solutions, Carl Schurz Park Conservancy, E. 84th St. Block Association; East Side Esplanade Task Force

**Prior Public Experience:** Staff, Comptroller Bill Thompson; Staff, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 5 you would address if elected?

I'll work to make New York more livable. I'll continue to lead opposition to the proposed E. 91st St. 10-story garbage dump at Asphalt Green; support affordable housing; help create new jobs with initiatives like Roosevelt Island's Cornell-Technion School; and fight for better public education, mass transit and public health.

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### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

On the Council, I'll keep fighting to improve our quality of life. I have a record in public service of delivering effectively: helping bring the East Side 4 new public schools; leading the fight against the City's proposed E. 91st St. dump, in which I'm lead plaintiff in 2 lawsuits; fighting for moderate and low-income tenants; standing up for women's right to choose; securing tougher air quality regulations on the 2nd Ave. Subway; and delivering capital funds for public space like Roosevelt Island's FDR 4 Freedoms Park. An experienced legislator, I've written laws to crack down on drivers injuring pedestrians; make it illegal for insurance companies to unfairly raise prescription costs; and introduced the Public Corruption Prevention Act to levy tough criminal penalties on crooked officials. I'll continue to help lead the fight for equal rights, including for people with disabilities and LGBT persons.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have a proven track record of making difference when it matters most. I've helped deliver 4 new public schools to the East Side, sued the City over its proposed E. 91st St. garbage dump, fought for tougher environmental controls on the 2nd Ave. Subway, and passed important laws. As a champion of middle class New Yorkers, better schools, mass transit, the environment, and affordable housing, and the candidate with years of public service experience, I am best able to fight and deliver for the 5th Council District.

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# Check out the candidates online!

Many candidates have provided **social media** information in their profiles. Use the addresses to the right to visit those sites, adding the candidate's unique identifier at the end of the URL to go directly to that page.

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[www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/)

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**Helen K. Rosenthal**  
**6th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Chair, ParentJobNet.Org -- organization that helps public school parents find jobs  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Assistant Director, NYC Office of Management and Budget, 1988-1995. Oversaw health care budgets in three mayoral administrations.  
**Education:** Masters in Public Health, Yale, 1987; BA, Michigan State University, 1982  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Board Member, NARAL ProChoice America (2003-2011)  
**Prior Public Experience:** Community Board 7, Chair (2007-09); Member (2001-Present)

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?**

I'm a proud Upper West Side liberal. I believe in supporting middle income people through affordable housing, great public schools, and job creation so that New York remains a city where families can thrive and their children advance. Building on the success of jobs programs I've helped to foster, I support creating a Local WPA

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modeled after the most successful New Deal agency, to rebuild infrastructure while creating sustainable, well-paying jobs.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**

Four years ago we successfully advocated for a new public school, it comes as no surprise that additional middle school seats are needed now. Beyond additional great schools, we must increase affordable housing and strengthen rent laws; support independent businesses with zoning firewalls to maintain the character of our neighborhoods; stand up to big developers who run roughshod over residents; provide universal pre-K and extended after-school programs; protect our environment and be a consistent strong voice for the rights of women and LGBTQ individuals and families.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**

The outsized budget gaps in the next few years must be closed in a way consistent with liberal values and protecting middle-class families, seniors, tenants and public schools. With experience gained after 7 years in the City Budget office and 12 years on Community Board 7, including 2 terms as Chair, I know the UWS, and I know how city government works. I have a solid record of results for the UWS: helping start a new school (PS 452) and defending tenants against a predatory equity landlord. I'll bring that same energy to City Hall, and am proud to have the endorsements of the NYC Chapter of NOW and former District 6 City Councilwoman Ronnie Eldridge.

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**Marc A. Landis**  
**6th City Council District (WF)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Community activist for economic and social justice, campaign finance reform; progressive Democratic candidate for City Council  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Attorney specializing in affordable housing, small business development, co-ops and condos; honored by NYS Bar Assn, Legal Services of NY for pro bono work for tenants, new Americans, people w AIDS  
**Education:** AB, Princeton; JD, Penn Law; LL.M. in Tax, NYU Law School  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Endorsed by Working Families Party, Citizen Action of New York, 1199 SEIU, SEIU 32BJ, Community Free Dems, Three Parks Independent Dems, Democracy for NYC, many other progressive organizations  
**Prior Public Experience:** Community Board 7 officer and member for 12 years; chair, Citizen Action of NYC; chief of staff and counsel to State Senator; elected Democratic Party district leader; pro bono attorney and organizer for tenant and block assns; organizer of educational forums on NYC budget, electoral reform, international human rights

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?**

NYC has become unaffordable for many middle class families and seniors; on the Upper West Side, this is largely due to losing tens of thousands of regulated housing units, and to limited space in our best public schools.

I will continue to work to preserve and expand affordable housing by strengthening rent regulations, including affordable units in new developments, and creating new permanent affordable housing -- including affordable rentals, subsidized condos and limited-equity co-ops. I will continue to work to strengthen our public schools and to reform the Dept of Education.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**

Strengthening the NYC economy; creating good jobs with living wages; fighting for our fair share of education funding; combatting domestic violence; improving mass transit; protecting our quality of life; electoral and governmental reform.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**

Drawing upon my experience inside and outside government as a grass-roots organizer, reformer, coalition-builder and attorney-activist, I will be the most effective in advancing the progressive agenda.

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**Thomas Siracuse**  
**6th City Council District (G)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party  
**Current Occupation:** Retired  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Public NYC high school teacher  
**Education:** BA from Univ. of Connecticut, MA from Columbia University  
**Organizational Affiliations:** VP of the Committee For Environmentally Sound Development, Steering Committee of the Retiree Advocate (UFT), chair of the NY County Green Party Organization, Chair of "Shut Down Indian Point Now," Chair of the Rent Controlled Tenants Committee  
**Prior Public Experience:** None

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**

- 1) Introduce resolutions to close Indian Pt Nuclear Power plant and to ban fracking in NYS
- 2) Phase out coal, oil, gas an nuclear energy to be replaced by solar, wind, wave and geothermal energy
- 3) End centralized mayoral control, of the public schools
- 4) End public subsidies for charter schools and their co-location in public schools
- 5) Require that mayoral appointees to the Rent Guidelines Board be approved by the NYC Council
- 6) End the income cap on the Senior and Disabled Citizen Rent Freeze to all seniors and disabled do not pay more than 1/3rd of their income in rent

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**

As an independent Green Party candidate, I am not beholden to the established political parties nor to big money interests since Greens refuse to accept campaign funding from corporations and big real estate

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?**

Affordable housing for working and middle class residents

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## Mark D. Levine

7th City Council District (D, WF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Consultant to education and economic development non-profits.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Bilingual math and science teacher at JHS149 in the South Bronx.

**Education:** Earned a B.A. in Physics from Haverford College, and a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Founder of Neighborhood Trust, an upper Manhattan community development credit union. Executive Director of Teach For America-New York and Executive Director of the Center for After-School Excellence.

**Prior Public Experience:** Democratic District Leader since 2007. Founder of Barack Obama Democratic Club of Upper Manhattan. Former Chair of Transportation Committee of Community Board 12. Former Board Member of Fresh Youth Initiatives.

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?

Affordable housing is in desperately short supply in the 7th District. To protect tenants I will fight for stronger rent laws, better enforcement against abusive landlords, and more legal assistance for tenants in housing court. We need to build more new affordable housing as well, especially through inclusionary zoning.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a former public school teacher and current public school parent, I will fight to improve local schools. I support universal pre-K, robust professional development for teachers, expanded after-school opportunities, and reduced emphasis on high-stakes standardized tests.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have been working on behalf of our community for two decades. I founded upper Manhattan's first and only community development credit union, Neighborhood Trust, which has made \$15 million in small loans to low-income families, helping them buy home computers, pay for education, and start small businesses. As a District Leader and founder of a local Democratic Club, I have fought for marriage equality, women's reproductive rights, more funding for mass transit, safer streets for bicyclists, banning hydrofracking, increased services for seniors, and more.

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## Christina Gonzalez

7th City Council District (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** Activist and Big Sister

**Previous Occupation(s):** I have been a little bit of everything from waitress to receptionist, bartender and babysitter.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Deviant Behavior and Social Control from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude 2011

**Organizational Affiliations:** Stop Stop & Frisk

**Prior Public Experience:** I have been an agitator and organizer in NYC for the past 2 years. During my time at John Jay College I was one of 8 students selected for a VERA Fellowship grant allowing me to intern at the Center for Employment Opportunities.

but not criminalized. NYPD has no place in our children's schools. Creative arts programs, skills training, and emotional development is necessary for our children to become innovative, righteous human beings. Billionaire mayors have no place dictating the quality of our children's education; reinstate community school boards now!

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Other vital concerns for my community are the lack of well paid, dignified jobs. Gentrification has forced many people from their homes, and many others are barely able to pay rent. The NYPD must stop abusing our children! As human beings we have the right to healthy, affordable food. Free public transportation. Free childcare. Free healthcare. \$50,000 standard deduction. How? Sales tax Wall Street! This will enable us to have quality time with our families and the leisure time that we have earned.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am a native NYer, I have experienced poverty and abuse, and I want better for my people. I strive to be a minimalist; the less I have, the happier I am. The people of my neighborhood will see me frequently and I look forward to discussions. I do not claim to have all the answers, I want my community to tell me what they need. I have been a hardcore activist for several years and I plan to take "The People United, Will Never Be Defeated" mentality with me on the inside and work diligently at Forming Radical Enduring Evolution!

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### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?

To me the most important issue is EDUCATION. From our babies to our elders. Public school should not only be free, is should be exceptional! Our teachers deserve six figure salaries. Most importantly, our children have the right to be safe,

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## 1 | Get Your Ballot

- » Go to your designated poll site, sign in, and get your paper ballot and voter card from the poll worker.
- » A privacy sleeve will be provided to shield your ballot from view after you have marked it.
- » Go to the privacy booth or request to use the ballot marking device (BMD).

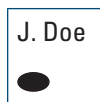


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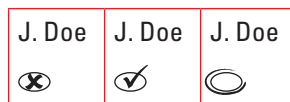
## 2 | Mark Both Sides of Your Ballot

- » Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.

### Correct



### Incorrect



- » Do NOT use an "X" or a "✓", circle the oval, or make stray marks on the ballot.
- » For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate's name.
- » Do NOT fold your ballot.



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## 3 | Scan Your Ballot

- » Take your ballot and voter card 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.

## Using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD)



### The BMD provides two ways for voters to access the ballot:

1. See the ballot on the display screen.
2. Listen to the ballot through audio headphones.

### The BMD provides four ways for voters to mark the ballot:

1. Touch Screen
2. Key Pad (Braille)
3. Sip & Puff Device
4. Rocker Paddle

### Follow these steps to mark your ballot using the BMD:

- » Decide how you will access and mark the ballot.
- » Insert your ballot into the feed tray.
- » Select your preferred language.
- » The BMD will guide you through the process of making your choices and reviewing your selections.
- » To change a selection, select the contest or issue you would like to change and reselect the proper choice. Select "NEXT" to return to the summary screen.
- » Select "Mark Ballot" to print your marked ballot.
- » Take your printed ballot and voter card to the scanner area.
- » If you would like assistance inserting your ballot into the scanner, a poll worker will assist you.

## Important Notes and Solutions to Common Problems!

### Remember...

#### Turn your ballot over!

There may be candidates and/or ballot proposals to vote for on the back.

#### Be sure to vote for every office and every ballot question.

The scanner will not tell you that you failed to mark an oval for one or more races or ballot questions. This is called "undervoting." Look your ballot over carefully before you scan it. Be sure you voted for every race and every ballot proposal. Once the scanner accepts your ballot, you will not get a second chance to vote.

#### Fill in the oval completely.

Do not use "X" or "✓" or circle the oval.

#### Vote for only one person unless instructed otherwise.

In the first column of each row, the ballot will say how many choices you have. In most cases, it will say "Vote for ONE", but in some cases it may say "Vote for any TWO", "Vote for any THREE", etc. Please read the ballot carefully so you do not overvote or undervote.

#### You can vote for a write-in candidate.

If you want to vote for a candidate who is not listed on the ballot, you must:

- (1) completely fill in the oval in the area provided for write-in candidates and
- (2) write or stamp the name of the candidate in that same box.

#### There is more than one scanner at most poll sites.

Hand your voter card to the poll worker and he or she will tell you which scanner to use.

### Problems & Solutions

#### I made a mistake marking my ballot.

Do not try to erase or change your ballot. Ask a poll worker for a new ballot. Each voter can request up to 3 ballots total.

#### I "overvoted" (filled in too many ovals for a contest).

If you overvote, your vote for that office or ballot proposal will not be counted. If you realize you have overvoted before placing your ballot in the scanner, ask a poll worker for a new ballot to fill out. If you insert a ballot with an overvote into the scanner, the display screen will show an error message with two choices. Select "Don't Cast – Return Ballot", and the scanner will return your ballot so you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot to fill out. If you choose "Cast Ballot", the scanner will keep your ballot and your vote will not be counted for the contest in which you overvoted, but the rest of your choices will count.

#### The text is too small; I can't read my paper ballot.

There will be a magnifying sheet available. You can also ask to use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) or ask a friend to help you.

### Make sure to vote on all six ballot proposals!

- » The questions may be on the **back**.
- » Vote  YES or  NO by filling in the correct oval completely for each question. Go to pages 18-19 to learn more about the ballot proposals.

# New York State Ballot Proposals

On November 5th, you will also be voting **YES** or **NO** on six ballot proposals to amend the New York State Constitution. For each proposal, we have provided the official text of the ballot question; a summary describing it; and reasons to vote yes or no, which were prepared by the CFB based on media coverage and other public commentary and do not necessarily reflect all the reasons to support or oppose each proposal.

For “**pro**” and “**con**” statements from organizations and individuals who support or oppose each proposal, visit the online Voter Guide at [www.nyccfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nyccfb.info/voterguide).

## Proposal 1 | Authorizing Casino Gaming

The proposed amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the Constitution would allow the Legislature to authorize up to seven casinos in New York State for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?  YES or  NO

An umbrella prohibition against gambling was added to the State Constitution in 1894. The Constitution has since been amended to allow certain forms of gambling – including state lotteries and wagering on horse racing – but casino gambling remains illegal in New York.

This proposal would amend the State Constitution to permit casino gambling at no more than seven facilities statewide for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated. Under a law enacted by the state legislature this year, if the ballot proposal is passed, up to four casinos could be placed right away in three upstate regions: the Hudson Valley-Catskill area, the Capital District-Saratoga area, and the Southern Tier. The law prohibits additional casinos for at least seven years.

Under this law, if this ballot proposal does **not** pass, gambling would be authorized at up to four new video lottery gaming facilities.

### Reasons to Vote **YES**

- » Casinos will jumpstart the economies of economically depressed regions upstate by attracting tourists, creating jobs, and generating revenue.
- » This will generate substantial tax revenues for state and local governments. Most of these revenues would be used to finance public education and lower property taxes.
- » Casino gambling is a fun recreational activity that should be more accessible to New Yorkers.
- » Many state residents already visit casinos in neighboring states such as New Jersey and Connecticut. New York should reap the profits from New York residents’ gambling, not these other states.
- » There should be a coherent, uniform state policy with respect to casino gambling. New York already permits video lottery terminals at racetracks and has five Vegas-style casinos on Native American tribal land, as permitted under federal law.

### Reasons to Vote **NO**

- » Legalized casinos are a predatory scheme to raise money from the poor and vulnerable. They would lead to an increase in compulsive gambling, which has financial and social consequences for victims and their loved ones.
- » Casinos attract illegal activities such as forgery, fraud, theft, embezzlement, and prostitution. These and other problems caused by gambling could cost the state nearly \$400 million per year.
- » We should not permit casinos in New York before we more carefully study their potential impact. Casinos do not guarantee economic development, and sometimes have little overall economic effect.
- » Casinos in New York will not be especially profitable, and will have a limited impact on regional economies, because the Northeast has recently become saturated with casinos.

- » This proposal would have minimal short-term impact downstate because casinos would not be developed in New York City and nearby counties for at least seven years.
- » We’re always promised that new state revenues will go toward education and lowering taxes, but this never seems to happen.

## Proposal 2 | Additional Civil Service Credit for Veterans with Disabilities Certified Post-Appointment

The proposed amendment to section 6 of article 5 of the Constitution would entitle a veteran who has received civil service credit for a civil service appointment or promotion and subsequently is certified as disabled to additional civil service credit at a subsequent appointment or promotion.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?  YES or  NO

Under the State Constitution, military veterans receive additional credit on civil service exams: 5 points for an original appointment and 2½ points for a promotion. Veterans certified as disabled receive more credit: 10 points for an original appointment and 5 points for a promotion. Currently, civil service credit for military service is applied only once – if a veteran is classified as disabled at a later date, he or she does not receive the higher amount of credit.

This proposal would allow veterans who are certified disabled after having already received credit at one appointment or promotion to receive additional credit one more time after certification of their disability. After being certified disabled, a veteran would be entitled to an additional grant of credit equal to the difference between 10 and the number of points received at the initial appointment or promotion. This would bring the total additional points of civil service credit a disabled veteran can receive to 10 for a subsequent promotion or appointment.

### Reasons to Vote **YES**

- » It should not matter when a veteran is disabled for calculating civil service credit. This proposal closes that loophole.
- » Our veterans have risked their lives for us and deserve our full support when they come home.

### Reasons to Vote **NO**

- » The civil service system already adequately compensates disabled veterans. More compensation is not needed.

## Proposal 3 | Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage Facilities

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution would extend for ten years, until January 1, 2024, the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?  YES or  NO

The State Constitution places limits on the debts that may be incurred by counties, cities, towns, and villages. Currently, debts incurred between 1962 through the end of this year for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities are exempt from constitutional debt limits. The proposal would extend this exemption for another ten years, to include all such debts incurred through the end of 2023.

### Reasons to Vote **YES**

- » This exemption would allow cities and towns to maintain high-quality sewage systems without exceeding their constitutional debt limitations.
- » This proposal would allow municipalities to continue an appropriate financial-management practice that has been in place for over 50 years.

### Reasons to Vote **NO**

- » This proposal would allow municipalities to accumulate excessive debt that could impose crippling obligations on future taxpayers.
- » This exemption sets a bad precedent by allowing municipalities to get around debt limits. If we think the debt limits are too onerous, then we should revise the debt limits.

#### Proposal 4 | Settling Disputed Title in the Forest Preserve

The proposed amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution would authorize the Legislature to settle longstanding disputes between the State and private entities over certain parcels of land within the forest preserve in the town of Long Lake, Hamilton County. In exchange for giving up its claim to disputed parcels, the State would get land to be incorporated into the forest preserve that would benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels currently do.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?  YES or  NO

All of the state-owned land within the Adirondacks must be kept “forever wild” under the State Constitution. For more than a century, the titles to parcels of land in the town of Long Lake, Hamilton County have been in dispute, with both the state and private individuals claiming ownership. The state cannot transfer any of these parcels to a private owner without an amendment to the State Constitution. This proposed amendment would allow the state to give up its claim to disputed parcels in exchange for forest land of greater value, which would be added to Adirondack Park. The potential land exchange would occur only if the Legislature determines that the land to be conveyed to the state would benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels do.

#### Reasons to Vote ● YES

- » This proposal would allow residents living on these disputed parcels to remain while adding more beneficial forest land to the Land Preserve for the public to enjoy.
- » Resolving this decades-long land dispute through the courts would be expensive; the state can potentially save these costs if this proposal passes.

#### Reasons to Vote ● NO

- » The state should not give public land to private owners.
- » According to the Constitution, this land is supposed to be kept “forever wild.” If the state gives up its fight for this land, the entire forest preserve is in jeopardy.
- » The Legislature cannot be trusted to obtain land in exchange that will benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels do.

#### Proposal 5 | In Relation to a Land Exchange in the State Forest Preserve with NYCO Minerals, Inc.

The proposed amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution would authorize the Legislature to convey forest preserve land located in the town of Lewis, Essex County, to NYCO Minerals, a private company that plans on expanding an existing mine that adjoins the forest preserve land. In exchange, the NYCO Minerals would give the State at least the same amount of land of at least the same value, with a minimum assessed value of \$1 million, to be added to the forest preserve. When NYCO Minerals finishes mining, it would restore the condition of the land and return it to the forest preserve.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?  YES or  NO

All of the state-owned land within the Adirondacks must be kept “forever wild” under the State Constitution. It is thus necessary to amend the state Constitution in order to transfer any of this land to another owner.

This proposal would permit the state to transfer title to approximately 200 acres of Adirondack Park in Essex County to NYCO Minerals, a private mining company that operates a mine adjacent to the forest preserve. In exchange, NYCO Minerals would transfer to the state at least the same quantity of land, with a minimum assessed value of \$1 million, to be added to the forest preserve. When NYCO Minerals finishes mining, the company would restore the condition of the land it received in the exchange and return it to the forest preserve.

The proposed amendment also would allow NYCO Minerals to test to determine the quantity and quality of the mineral to be mined on the land to be exchanged before the exchange occurs. It would require NYCO Minerals to give the State its test results so that the State can use them to determine the value of the land to be conveyed to NYCO Minerals. The proposed amendment also would require that if, after testing, NYCO Minerals does not want the forest preserve land, NYCO Minerals still must give the State at least the same amount of land of at least the same value of the land that was disturbed by the testing. This land would be incorporated into the forest preserve.

#### Reasons to Vote ● YES

- » Allowing NYCO Minerals to use the land could extend the life of its mine by at least a decade, saving more than 100 jobs in the area. The company’s current mine has only three more years of expected life.
- » The Forest Preserve contains the only viable mining location in the region. Other potential mining sites would be much more difficult and costly to mine.
- » The proposal would not diminish the amount of land available for the public to enjoy in the short term, and would ultimately increase the size of the preserve once NYCO Minerals returns the land it received to the State.

#### Reasons to Vote ● NO

- » This sets a bad precedent because it would be the first swap of Adirondack Park land undertaken for private commercial gain.
- » NYCO should not mine on Adirondack Park land when it could mine at an alternate site two miles away called Oak Hill.
- » Mined lands that will be returned to the Park will have suffered ecological destruction.
- » There are a number of scenarios under which NYCO Minerals might never return the exchanged land to the public trust, or might return it in a damaged state, such as if the company were to go out of business. This could make the land unsuitable for public use or require public dollars to rehabilitate.

#### Proposal 6 | Increasing Age until which Certain State Judges Can Serve

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, amending sections 2 and 25 of article 6, would increase the maximum age until which certain state judges may serve as follows: (a) a Justice of the Supreme Court would be eligible for five additional two-year terms after the present retirement age of 70, instead of the three such terms currently authorized; and (b) a Judge of the Court of Appeals who reaches the age of 70 while in office would be permitted to remain in service on the Court for up to 10 years beyond the present retirement age of 70 in order to complete the term to which that Judge was appointed.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved?  YES or  NO

Judges of the Court of Appeals — the state’s highest court — serve 14-year terms, but under the State Constitution, they must retire once they reach the mandatory retirement age of 70, even if they have not served their terms to completion. The proposed amendment would permit a Judge who reaches the age of 70 while in office to remain in service on the Court for up to 10 additional years in order to complete the term to which that Judge was appointed.

Justices of the Supreme Court – the state’s trial and appellate division courts – also must retire at age 70 under the Constitution, but are permitted to serve up to three two-year terms after they reach retirement age if their services are needed and they are deemed competent to perform the full duties of the office. This proposal would permit Supreme Court justices to serve two additional post-retirement terms, also allowing them to serve until age 80.

#### Reasons to Vote ● YES

- » The current mandatory retirement ages were set in 1869. Considering that life expectancy is now much higher and many senior citizens lead active and healthy lives, it no longer makes sense to force judges to retire at age 70.
- » This proposal will allow the most experienced judges to remain on the bench. Older judges may be more effective than younger judges due to their experience and the fact that their decisions may be less influenced by personal career prospects.
- » Four current members of the U.S. Supreme Court are over 70, and have showed no signs of slowing down. If these judges sat on New York State’s highest court, they would have already been forced to retire.

#### Reasons to Vote ● NO

- » We need younger and more diverse judges to bring a fresh perspective to the courts – not older judges serving longer.
- » This proposal could result in judges serving after they are no longer mentally or physically capable.
- » All judges in New York State should be subject to the same mandatory retirement age. This proposal creates a two-tiered system where statewide judges can retire later than judges in local and specialized courts, whose current retirement age of 70 would be unaffected.

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