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2023 NYC Voter Guide

You are receiving this Voter Guide because you are a registered voter and have voted in a recent election. To see the most up to date list of candidates for your district, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

When do I vote?

- The general election is on Tuesday, **November 7**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **October 28** to Sunday, **November 5**. There is no early voting on Monday, **November 6**.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- City Council
- District Attorney (Bronx, Queens, Staten Island)
- State Supreme Court Justices (Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn)
- Civil Court Judges
- Surrogate's Court (Brooklyn)
- Ballot Proposals

The offices on your ballot can vary depending on where you live. Look up your ballot at vote.nyc/page/find-your-poll-site.

Learn more at nycvotes.org!

Election Dates and Deadlines

Oct 23	Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail) *If you mail in your absentee ballot request form, the Board of Elections must receive it by this date.
Oct 28	Voter registration deadline Early voting starts
Nov 5	Early voting ends
Nov 6	Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)
Nov 7	General Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm) Last date to postmark your absentee ballot or drop it off at a poll site

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How to vote

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day, **November 7**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. You must vote at your assigned poll site.

Poll site locations can change, so be sure to check before you go!



Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

What to know

- You have an assigned early voting site, which is likely different from your Election Day poll site.
- Hours vary each day, so make sure to check your poll site and confirm their hours before you go.

Early voting dates

Saturday, **October 28** to Sunday, **November 5**.



Vote by Mail

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

October 23 is the deadline to request your ballot online, or for the Board of Elections to receive your request by mail.

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

How to request your absentee ballot:

- Visit nycabsentee.com.
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.
- Visit your local NYC Board of Elections office. The deadline is **November 6** to submit your request in person.

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

Track your ballot

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

What to expect at your poll site



Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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



Fill out Your Ballot

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the oval next to your choice.

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

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



Scan Your Ballot

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



Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

- You are a registered voter.
- You are in line at your poll site by closing time.

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

- If there is an issue with your poll site, tell a poll worker or contact the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496**.
- If your rights have been violated, call the Election Protection hotline to speak with a trained Election Protection volunteer and get free legal support at **866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**.
- Share your complaint with the New York Attorney General by calling **(866) 390-2992** or visiting **ag.ny.gov/election-hotline**.

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

If you are visually impaired or cannot mark a paper ballot, you can still vote by mail. You can request an accessible absentee ballot that can be read by a screen reader and filled out using a computer. To request an accessible absentee ballot, visit: nycabsentee.com/accessibility or call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.

Language & Interpretation Services

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

You can learn which poll sites offer interpreters at vote.nyc. You can also call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)**.

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

Sample ballot

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

City Council	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
District Attorney Bronx, Queens, Staten Island	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
State Supreme Court Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
Civil Court Judges	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
Surrogate's Court Brooklyn	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2



My top choices

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

City Council

Ballot Proposals

Proposal 1

Proposal 2

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

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

What do elected officials do?

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

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

City Offices

City Council

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

Following the 2020 census, City Council districts were redrawn to adjust for changes in population. Due to this process, Council members elected in 2021 and 2023 will serve 2-year terms in newly drawn districts. In 2025, 4-year terms will resume.

- Introduce and vote on bills.
- Negotiate and approve the city's budget.
- Monitor city agencies.
- Make decisions about the growth and development of our city.
- Provide support for their constituents.

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

County Offices

District Attorney

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

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

Judges

State Supreme Court

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

- Presides over divorce, separation, and annulment proceedings.
- Handles criminal prosecutions of felonies (for which a sentence of more than a year may be imposed).
- Decides civil matters, such as contract and tort claims.

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Surrogate's Court

Surrogate Court judges decide cases involving the estates of county residents after their death. They serve terms of 14 years and hear cases including:

- The affairs of the deceased such as wills and the administration of estates.
- Adoptions.
- Guardianships.

A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

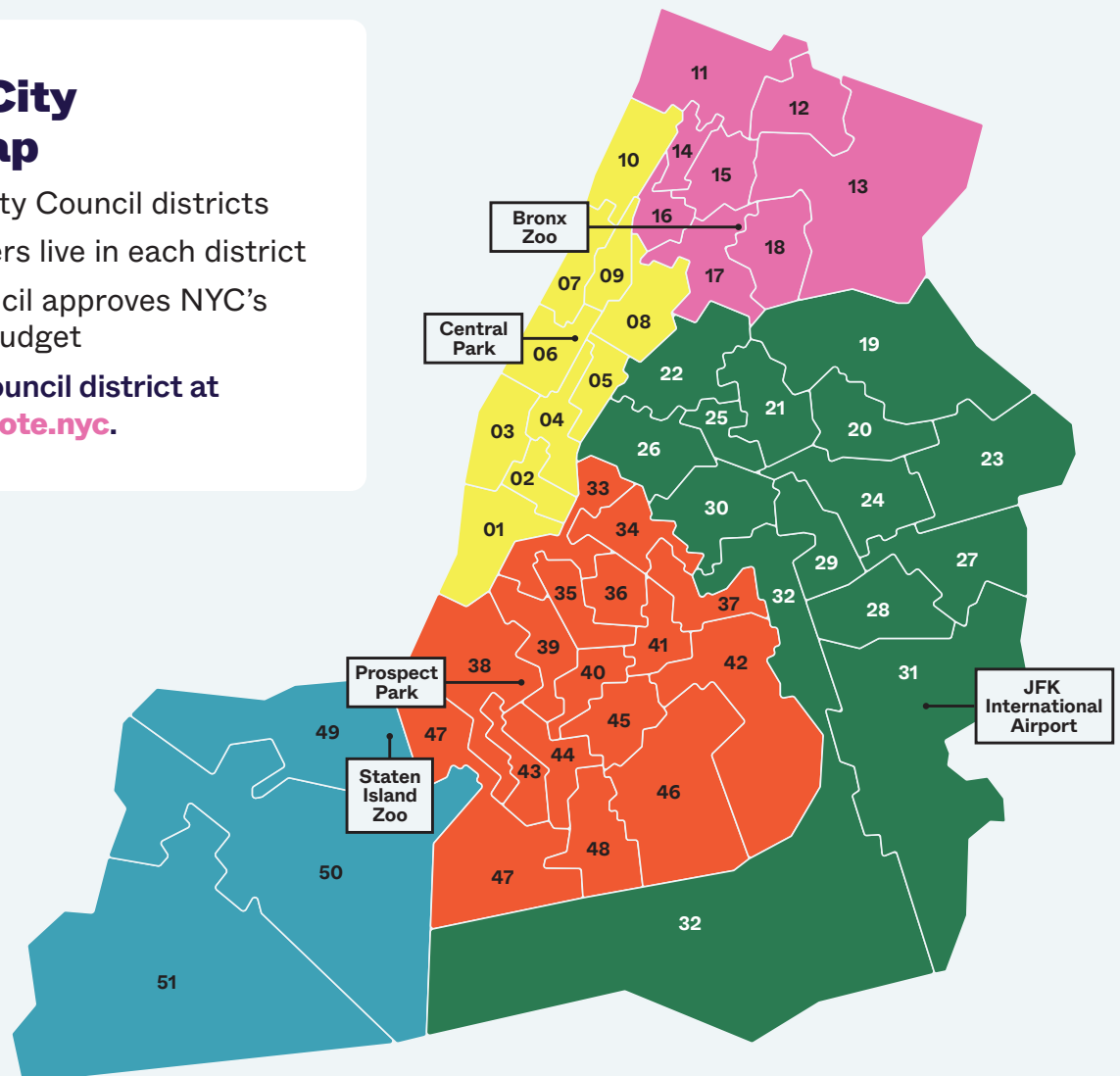
What do City Council members do for you?

- Draft and vote on bills on issues like housing, healthcare, education, public safety, and more. Council members can also join committees on issues ranging from aging to youth services.
- Work with the Mayor to create and approve the city's ~\$107 billion budget. Each Council member also manages a budget of ~\$5 million to build schools and make improvements in their district, and an additional budget of ~\$500,000 to support non-profit organizations.
- Monitor city agencies that serve New Yorkers, including the New York City Police Department and New York City Department of Education.
- Determine building and land use throughout the city, including overseeing zoning for property owners, preserving landmarks, and managing city land and public facilities.
- Assist constituents like you. Council members and their offices can help you with issues like tax preparation, affordable housing, tree planting, dirty sidewalks, potholes, pedestrian safety, and more. Contact your Council member if you need assistance!

New York City Council Map

- NYC has 51 City Council districts
- ~172,000 voters live in each district
- The City Council approves NYC's ~\$107 billion budget

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



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City Council District 1

Democratic

- Christopher Marte ✓

Republican, Conservative, Arts & Culture, Common Sense

- Helen J Qiu ✓

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Christopher Marte ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Stop displacement
2. End wage theft
3. Protect our waterfronts

"I'm proud to have united Lower Manhattan in a sweeping victory during the Democratic Primary. We've been working hard to serve every unique neighborhood in this diverse district since we took office, and that work is paying off. We have new trees planted on our streets, new technology coming to our schools, and have helped thousands of people and small businesses remain in their communities."

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: New York Director; Arena. Pension Fund Manager; IBM

Education: Global College, LIU Brooklyn

Organizational Affiliations: Downtown Independent Democrats

Prior Public Experience: Democratic State Committee Member (2018-22)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Helen J Qiu

Republican, Conservative, Arts & Culture, Common Sense

Top 3 Issues:

1. Funding NYPD/DA Oversight
2. Homeless and Mental-Health Solutions
3. Increase Housing Inventory
Eliminate Fines

"I love my district and New York. My District is where New York was born. I consider it my mission to protect the safety and opportunity of Lower Manhattan and the all of NYC. My journey as a successful public school advocate for my son and all families earned me an election victory of CEC 2021. My unique background, from an immigrant from China, working towards a Columbia PhD, to holding an executive role in a Fortune Semiconductor company, and to an ordained pastor, empowers me with diverse experiences that I will leverage to effect real change in the NYC City Council."

Current Occupation: Adjunct Professor

Previous Occupations: Engineering Project Mgr, Pastor.

Education: Zhongshan U, Harvard & Columbia

Organizational Affiliations: Jewish Chinese Coalition, Commonsense NY, Better NYCHA

Prior Public Experience: Community Education Council

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Christopher Marte ✓

Democratic

Helen J Qiu ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Arts & Culture, Common Sense

Crime	Reducing crime means stopping it before it happens, not just reacting after. We have partnered with the Manhattan DA to crack down on issues like illegal smoke shops and also funded stronger social service networks to prevent people from making choices that can ruin their lives.	I aim to pressure DA Bragg into enforcing laws on crimes hurting street and subway safety. Simultaneously, I'll strive to reverse bail reform and other criminal justice measures that empower criminals, aiming to restore balance.
Inflation	The rising cost of living drives displacement. We are happy to have facilitated the opening of a new mall in Chinatown, which will include a large dim sum hall with union jobs. This kind of economic revitalization is needed everywhere in lower Manhattan.	I will prioritize tackling inflation's impact on our vulnerable community. I'll expand benefits for retirees, veterans, disabled, and needy families. I will scrutinize excessive taxes burdening New Yorkers and small businesses, ensuring an affordable living city for all.
Protecting Democracy	Sadly, our district is not immune to voter fraud and suppression. We witnessed it firsthand on primary day. We are starting an aggressive effort to elect more accountable local politicians to stop poll site corruption.	I propose a robust youth-focused civics initiative that will instill democratic principles, fostering informed, thoughtful citizens. I want to push critical thinking, revive debates, be open to diverse opinions, and nurture personal responsibility and guarantee future democracy.

City Council District 2

Democratic, Working Families

- Carlina Rivera ✓

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Carlina Rivera ✓

Democratic, Working Families

"As a lifelong New Yorker raised in Section 8 housing, I know my neighbors' struggles. From affordable housing to reproductive rights to the climate crisis, I have a record of results. I'm running for re-election to continue addressing healthcare, public safety, and equitable economic growth. I'll continue to expand the services you expect from the city, such as safe, clean streets, accessible parks, and dignified housing."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Expand Affordability for Basic Needs
2. Invest in Inclusive Economic Growth
3. A Cleaner and Greener City

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Legislative Dir., Councilwoman Rosie Mendez; Dir. of Programs & Services, Good Old Lower East Side; Program Assistant, Lawyers Alliance for New York

Education: BA in Journalism, Marist College

Organizational Affiliations: Commission on Gender Equity; local Democratic clubs

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 74th Assembly District; Manhattan Community Board 3

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Carlina Rivera ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Crime	Every New Yorker has the right to feel safe in their community and their home. As the Chair of the Council Committee on Criminal Justice, I'm committed to taking a common-sense approach that includes community-level programs and violence interrupters focusing on long term safety.
Inflation	New York has been unaffordable for years, but recent inflation has worsened the problem. I am proud to be standing up to big corporations and large special interests to stop price gouging, put more in the hands of working families, and build a more affordable, just city for all.
Protecting Democracy	Across the US, extremists are undermining our democracy. New Yorkers will not allow a dangerous minority to rule over the many. I'm committed to using every tool in our arsenal to combat misinformation, defend voting rights, and call out people that seek to destroy our values.

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City Council District 3

Democratic

- Erik Bottcher ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

- Robert Bobrick ✓

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Erik Bottcher ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Life quality & public safety
2. The affordable housing crisis
3. The mental health crisis

"n/a"

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the New York City Council, LGBTQ+ Community Liaison for Governor of New York State, LGBTQ & HIV/AIDS Community Liaison for the New York City Council

Education: George Washington University, Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program

Organizational Affiliations: Village Independent Democrats, Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, Democratic Municipal Officials

Prior Public Experience: Democratic County Committee, LGBTQ & HIV/AIDS Community Liaison for the New York City Council, LGBTQ+ Community Liaison for Governor of New York State, Community Board 3 (public member), LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee to the NYPD

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Robert P Bobrick ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. Bodily autonomy and medical freedom
2. Parents' right to choose
3. Infrastructure and small business

"I am running a grassroots campaign to get my message out to the average voter and give her/him a voice. I campaign in public and door-to-door more than on social media. My campaign slogan is "Let's make this an election, not a selection." I will stand up for the medical and other God-given rights that under threat by agenda-driven mandates."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupations: History Teacher, ESL Teacher

Education: MA, Historical Studies, New School University; MA, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University; BA, Columbia College

Organizational Affiliations: Medical Freedom Alliance, Jeff Dullea Intergenerational Garden

Prior Public Experience: Candidate, NYS Senate, District 47, 2022

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Erik Bottcher ✓

Democratic

Robert P Bobrick ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

Crime	Ensuring public safety is a fundamental responsibility of government. Bold action must be taken to address the many factors that contribute to crime and quality of life concerns, including the crisis of mental illness, the opioid epidemic, and the poorly functioning court system.	The police should not be defunded. Strengthening and supporting families, communities, and neighborhoods is the best and right way to reduce crime. Safe streets and transit are essential to our city.
Inflation	Inflation is a serious issue that affects the ability of everyday New Yorkers to put food on the table. That's why I support President Biden's efforts to address inflation, and support higher wages for workers to ensure that every person is able to live with dignity.	This is a macroeconomic question more relevant to state and national policy. NYC should do its part by promoting the local economy, instead of always expecting more and more printed federal dollars.
Protecting Democracy	Democracy and voter rights are under assault from Right Wing Extremists across America - even here in New York State. The John Lewis Protection Act is our best chance at safeguarding the right to vote and we must continue to fight for its passage.	Consider me an independent candidate. When we have more balanced representation in the City government, including independent candidates, the priorities of the people will be more widely heard in Council.

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City Council District 4

Democratic

- Keith Powers ✓

Republican, Parent Party

- Brian Robinson ✓

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Keith Powers ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Housing & Homelessness
2. Public Safety & Mental Health
3. Small Business & Economic Development

"For the last six years, it has been an honor to represent the East Side of Manhattan -- the district where I was born and raised. From Stuyvesant Town to Carnegie Hill, I am proud of the work that we have done to preserve thousands of units of affordable housing, invest millions of dollars in our local public schools, advocate for new open spaces and transit, and address the everyday needs of our constituents.

This term, I am proud to serve as Majority Leader of the City Council and help serve as a critical voice for our district in city leadership."

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff

Education: CUNY Graduate Center, University of Dayton

Organizational Affiliations: Stuyvesant Town & Peter Cooper Village Tenants Association, Community Board 6

Prior Public Experience: Chief of Staff, Community Board Member

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Brian Robinson ✓

Republican, Parent Party

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Public Safety
- 2. Homelessness
- 3. Educational Meritocracy

"I'm a proud long-time New Yorker, like many of raising a family. I saw the way things were going wrong in this city and I decided to stand up and make a difference. Nobody is oblivious to the damage that has been done to this city by politicians the past few years. It is time for a profound re-analysis of what matters most to us. For me, it's the safety and well being of the people. Its livability for families and ensuring our tax dollars are spent in service of our own interests. This is not about party. It's about the future of this once great city."

Current Occupation: Financial Services
Previous Occupation: Small Business Owner
Education: Philosophy
Organizational Affiliations: AdL
Prior Public Experience: None
Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Keith Powers ✓
Democratic

Brian Robinson ✓
Republican, Parent Party

Crime	It is essential that we strengthen public safety, address mental health issues, and invest in successful re-entry policies. I will continue to build on our partnership with the local precincts to tackle public safety and address neighborhood issues.	I want to make sure the rights of victims of crime are prioritized, not the rights of criminals. I will back the NYPD, and stand up against our woke District Attorneys who allow criminals to walk the streets while decent citizens fear for their safety.
Inflation	We need to curb the impact of inflation on New Yorkers and our small businesses when it comes to runaway costs and the impact on affordability.	I believe inflation is a serious issue facing not just the less privileged in society today, but all of us, and we have to make sure that everyone has the essential goods and services they need at a price they can afford. It's a hidden tax we must fight.
Protecting Democracy	At a time when our democratic institutions are attacked nationwide, we have to ensure that we uphold and protect our right to free and safe elections, support campaign finance, and fight back against authoritarian rhetoric.	Abortion should be safe, legal and rare. This used to be the moderate democrat policy, and with me in office we will return to common sense, and protect the right to choice from radicals who would politicize it. We need rational term limits that every citizen supports.

City Council District 5

Democratic

- Julie Menin ✓

Republican

- Elizabeth A Golluscio ✓

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Julie Menin ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordability and Quality of Life
2. Public Safety and Sanitation
3. Improving Public Schools and Education

"I have worked hard to deliver results for our community. Nine of my bills have been signed into law including requiring hospitals to disclose their prices, advancing universal childcare and codifying reproductive rights. I will use my experience to fight for all New Yorkers so that we have a stronger, safer, and more equitable City."

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: NYC Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs, NYC Commissioner of Media and Entertainment, Attorney, Small Business Owner, Not-for-Profit Founder and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University

Education: Columbia University, B.A., magna cum laude; Northwestern University School of Law, J.D

Organizational Affiliations: Board of Trustees Columbia University, Founder of NYC Kids Rise, Board Member 9/11 Memorial

Prior Public Experience: NYC Census Director

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Elizabeth A Golluscio

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Reduce crime and eBike chaos
2. Protect and support small businesses
3. Ensure medical freedom is upheld

*"I ***still*** love NY! Things have gotten crazy over the past few years... and I will leverage my technology, entrepreneurship and business acumen to keep our streets safe and clean, support our local economy, drive efficiency in NYC agencies and protect our personal freedoms from government overreach."*

Current Occupation: Unemployed

Previous Occupation: Managing Vice President at Gartner, Inc.

Education: Cornell (B.S., Engineering) and MIT (MBA)

Organizational Affiliations: Medical Freedom Alliance

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Julie Menin ✓
Democratic

Elizabeth A Golluscio ✓
Republican

Crime	We must restore both the reality and perception of public safety. Crime in our district has fallen by over 20 percent in the last year and I have successfully facilitated increased NYPD foot patrols. I will continue to advocate for robust resources to keep our city safe.	Crime has increased significantly over the past few years, driven by unemployment, despair and addiction. Please join me at the monthly Precinct meeting to learn how we can support the NYPD to keep our streets and subways safe!
Inflation	Rising costs are contributing to an affordability crisis in our city. One of my top priorities has been passing my bill which would lower healthcare costs for New Yorkers by requiring hospitals to disclose their prices. This will help offset the record burden of inflation.	Since early 2020, the Fed has printed trillions of dollars, much of which went to wealthy businesses that weren't locked down. NYC spent billions, yet our schools and critical services were shut down; we need a City Council that delivers a smarter budget!
Protecting Democracy	As the 2020 NYC Census Director, I am proud that we won our lawsuit at the Supreme Court against the Trump Administration regarding the citizenship question on the Census and succeeded with being #1 of all major cities in participation resulting in billions of dollars for NYC.	Anger and apathy is a potent, destructive combination, but I have talked with many who no longer want to vote or support any politicians. I'll do everything I can to ensure that New Yorkers want to vote, have easy access to do so and that their votes are fairly counted.

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City Council District 6

Democratic

- Gale Brewer ✓

Republican, Arts & Culture, Clean Up NY

- Diane di Stasio ✓

Medical Freedom

- Barbara Simpson*

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Gale Brewer ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public safety equity for all
2. Preserve and build affordable housing
3. School excellence; jobs to follow

"Knowledge: budget, land use, schs, police comm rel, pedestrian safety, aff housing, historic preservation, environ justice, parks, age friendly, arts, civic data, internships, LGBTQ rights, unions/construction safety, bike/bus lanes. Oppose acts of hate/bias"

Current Occupation: Council Member Chair Oversight & Investigations

Previous Occupation: Manhattan Borough President (MBP) 2014-2021; Council Member 2002-2013 (Chair Tech, Gen Wel, Gov Ops); Nonprofits Proj/CUNY; Telesis Corp; Dep Pub Advocate; Mayor's Fed Off; NYC Comm on Status of Women; Off of Council Member Messinger; Off of Lt. Gov; Adj Prof Hunter; Baruch, Murphy Inst, Barnard

Education: MPA, Kennedy Sch, Harvard; BA, Columbia; Bennington

Organizational Affiliations: Natl League of Cities; BIDs; Eleanor's Legacy

Prior Public Experience: Comm Bd 7; BD Memb/nonprofits; NYSNWPC; Council; MBP

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Diane di Stasio

Republican, Arts & Culture,
Clean Up NY

Top 3 Issues:

1. Restoring public safety is paramount.
2. Making New York more affordable.
3. Ensuring students always come first.

"I'm a graduate of the NEC of Music, and daughter of first gen. Italian immigrants. I've performed at Carnegie Hall, won an Emmy, collaborated with the legendary Ray Charles, and spent the past 10yrs as Managing Dir. for Ellison Ballet Fdn. But my greatest accomplishment to date has been being a mother. As a working single parent, I've watched the crime, grime, and rising costs creep their way back into our every day lives. That's not the NYC I fell in love with, and it's not the NYC I want my daughter or granddaughters growing up in. We need new leaders who can restore public safety, improve public edu., and make life more affordable for every working New Yorker."

Current Occupation: EBF Managing Director

Previous Occupation: Artist

Education: NEC; Penn State

Organizational Affiliations: AGMA; AEA; Westside Community Org.

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Gale Brewer ✓

Democratic

Diane di Stasio ✓

Republican, Arts & Culture,
Clean Up NY

Crime

To reduce crime, NYPD needs to develop a more robust & proactive strategy for working with communities. In addition, people need to be held accountable for their actions.

Our streets, our schools, our parks, our communities need to be safer, cleaner, and more accessible. Since the pandemic we've seen an exponential 15% spike in violent crime citywide. It's time to give law enforcement the tools and training they need to get their jobs done.

Inflation

NYC must address the high cost of housing & food insecurity with govt support. Keeping apts off the market limits supply & raises prices. Must stop. Corps are flush with cash, so why are they raising prices? They are because they can. Markup growth is a contributor to inflation.

COVID-19 wreaked havoc on international production and supply lines. As a result, we have greater demand for fewer goods. Working to repeal antiquated economic impediments like the Jones Act, while fighting to end destructive trade tariffs is the only way we can reduce inflation.

Protecting Democracy

Increase & protect voter access. Oversee the Bd of Elections' Ballot Marking Devices which need to be flexible so all parts can be operable. NYC must continue as a leader in govt transparency so must fully fund Dept of Investigation and oversight agencies. Promote speaking out.

The best way to protect our democracy is to ensure every single New York citizen has quick and easy access to the ballot box. Absentee and early voting must be expanded, all voting facilities must be ADA compliant, and our certification process must be simplified and streamlined.

Barbara Simpson*

Medical Freedom

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

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City Council District 7

Democratic

- Shaun Abreu ✓

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Shaun Abreu ✓

Democratic

"I am running for reelection to continue to represent the place I've known and loved my whole life. I grew up in the Upper West Side and Washington Heights, and I built a career defending our communities as a tenant rights lawyer. Since joining the City Council, I've fought for affordable housing, gun violence prevention, restoration of our green spaces, safer streets for pedestrians, and funding for key city services. It would be an honor to continue the fight."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Expanding access to affordable housing.
2. Tackling rats, trash, and scaffolding.
3. Funding schools and legal services.

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Tenant Rights Lawyer

Education: JD, Tulane University; BA, Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: Former Member, Manhattan Community Board 9

Prior Public Experience: National Labor Relations Board

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Shaun Abreu ✓
Democratic

Crime	We need to tackle crime in a comprehensive way--including expansion of affordable and supportive housing, funding for mental health services and stabilization beds, youth programming, and resources for the NYPD to target violent crime.
Inflation	I support investments in programs aimed at addressing inflation and reducing the costs where New Yorkers feel the burden of inflation the most, including housing, food, and transportation.
Protecting Democracy	We need to make it easier for people to vote. I support same-day registration, maintaining early voting, and funding for organizations that register voters. To protect democracy, we must protect the democratic process.

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City Council District 8

Democratic

- Diana I Ayala ✓

Republican

- Exodus M Gary*

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Diana I Ayala ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Defend and expand Affordable Housing
2. Mental Health & Criminal Justice
3. Workforce Development

"The South Bronx and East Harlem community are struggling and in need of continued leadership that puts them first. As the current representative, I have fought hard to deliver desperately needed resources to the district, and look forward to continuing to do that during the next 2 yrs"

Current Occupation: Full time candidate

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

Education: A. D. Human Services

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Diana I Ayala ✓
Democratic

Exodus M Gary*
Republican

Crime	Crime is the symptom of years of disinvestment. In order to address crime, we need to chop away at the root cause. We need to adequately fund workforce development and create pipelines to the middle class.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Rising inflation rates translate into increased costs in food, housing, fuel and much more. Families are food insecure and unable to make ends meet. We have a responsibility to ensure easy access to safety net services that keep people fed and housed.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	If we are truly interested in protecting our democracy, we need to attract and retain the confidence of our voting communities. The voice and the issues of everyday New Yorkers need to be front and center with the community leading the way.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

City Council District 9

Democratic

- Yusef Salaam ✓

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Yusef Salaam ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Building more affordable housing
2. Reduce pathways to crime
3. Improving public school education

"This campaign is not about a moment, but rather a movement. A movement that shows how far this city has come and will go. I am a son of Harlem and I look forward to serving my community and representing New York City Council's 9th District."

Current Occupation: Author

Previous Occupations: Wireless Communications Administrator at Northwell Health

Education: Dutchess Community College - Associate of Arts and Sciences in Social Sciences 1991-1993

Organizational Affiliations: Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Activist

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Yusef Salaam ✓
Democratic

Crime	Harlem deserves safe streets. Yet we cannot chase quick fixes to feel safe at the expense of justice, we must invest in resources Harlem needs to be safe. We must enact equitable safety measures that keep Harlem secure while ensuring the rights of our village are respected.
Inflation	Prices are much too high, but inflation is a national problem that the City Council can do little to control. If elected, I will work closely with our federal officials to urge action on interest rates and supply chain issues that will have a meaningful effect on the problem.
Protecting Democracy	We protect democracy by expanding access to it. We must allow voting by all individuals, including those who are incarcerated or undocumented, allow for automatic voter registration, and expand the use of absentee ballots.

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City Council District 10

Democratic, Working Families

- Carmen N De La Rosa ✓

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Carmen N De La Rosa ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protecting tenants and halting displacement.
2. Access to quality education.
3. Worker's rights.

"Carmen De La Rosa emigrated from the Dominican Republic as a child and grew up in Inwood. In 2016, Carmen was elected Assembly Member of the 72nd District. She passed the New York DREAM ACT and the Excluded Workers Fund at \$2.1 billion.

In 2021, Carmen became the first woman elected to represent District 10 at City Hall. She is fighting to protect our community from displacement, dismantle flaws in our criminal justice system, expand our social safety net, fix our education system, and protect frontline workers and small businesses."

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: New York State Assembly Member

Education: Fordham University

Organizational Affiliations: Northern Manhattan Democrats for Change

Prior Public Experience: Lifelong public servant working to protect and empower the working class. Former NYS Assembly Member.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Carmen N De La Rosa ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Crime	Everyone deserves to live in a safe community. As we fight systemic racism and mass incarceration, we must invest in community-centered public safety initiatives such as violence intervention programs, social services, jobs, and after-school programs for youth.
Inflation	The cost of living has skyrocketed. The average apartment in Manhattan has soared to \$5,186 a month. As the number of millionaires increase, working families and immigrant communities struggle to make ends meet. I will continue to prioritize income inequality and social services.
Protecting Democracy	A recent report ranked the U.S. the 25th most democratic nation, out of 167 countries analyzed, and remains in the “flawed democracy” category. I am committed to governing with the people through a co-governance methodology and resisting the right-wing assault on our democracy.

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Fall 2023 Ballot Proposals

What are ballot proposals?

Proposals in this election are for amendments to the State Constitution. There are two statewide proposals on the ballot this fall.

You can vote “Yes” or “No” on each of these proposals. Ballot proposals are approved if they receive a majority of the vote.

Why are these proposals on the ballot?

The New York State Legislature proposes and passes statewide ballot measures for New Yorkers to vote on.

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Ballot Proposal 1

Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

What you will see on the ballot

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Proposal Summary:

This constitutional amendment removes the special debt limit for small city school districts. Debt limits would be established in state law for all school districts.

A small city school district is one that includes at least part of a small city. A small city is a city with less than one hundred twenty-five thousand people.

The State Constitution limits how much debt a small city school district can incur. Their debt cannot be more than five percent of the value of taxable real estate in the district. There are exceptions for certain expenses. Other school districts are not subject to a constitutional debt restriction, but have a different debt limit provided by state law. State law says their debts cannot be greater than ten percent of the value of taxable real property. If this Constitutional Amendment passes, small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit as other school districts enacted via legislative action.

If this Proposal Passes:

Small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit, enacted through statute, as other state school districts.

Ballot Proposal 2

Extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limit

What you will see on the ballot

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Proposal Summary:

The Constitution limits the debt counties, cities, towns and villages can incur. This debt limit does not include debt for sewage treatment and disposal construction projects. The sewer debt exception expires on January 1, 2024. This amendment extends the sewer debt exception for ten more years until January 1, 2034.

The proposed amendment does this by changing section 5 of article 8 of the Constitution.

If this Proposal Passes:

The exclusion of the costs of the treatment and disposal of sewage from the amount of debt the Constitution allows counties, cities, towns and villages to incur would continue for 10 more years.

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NYC Votes is an initiative of the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the independent city agency that ensures local elections are fair, inclusive, and open.

We boost participation among voters and candidates alike so that our elected officials address the needs of our diverse communities, and the issues voters care about.

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

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

Matching Funds Program

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What is a General Election?

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

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What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

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imprisoned (for any reason other than a felony conviction) or awaiting trial. You can mark your reason on your absentee ballot request form.

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

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

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

No, you do not need to add stamps. However, make sure to mail back your ballot as soon as you can. It must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the county board by November 14 to be valid.

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

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

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit nycabsentee.com/tracking.

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Queens	118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375	718-730-6730
Staten Island	1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305	718-876-0079