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GO VOTE NOVEMBER 7, 2017

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WELCOME TO YOUR 2017 NYC VOTER GUIDE



As a New Yorker, you care about your community and take pride in knowing that you live in one of the greatest, most diverse cities in the country. But our city is only as strong as its citizens' voices. Voting is one of the best ways for you to say that you care about the future of our city. Voting has an impact on a wide range of issues that affect you every day—from jobs and wages, to education, to housing, and more—and your vote can help make our city even better.

Be sure to take this Voter Guide, NYC's official nonpartisan guide to city elections, with you when you cast your vote in the citywide general election this November. The Guide contains profiles of candidates seeking your vote for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council, information about the three proposals on the ballot, and everything you need to know about voting.

Now more than ever, we need to make sure that all our voices are heard at the polls so we can build a city that works for everyone!

GO PAPERLESS!

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

You have the right to vote in the November 7, 2017 general election if:

- ◆ You are a registered voter (check voting.nyc if you're not sure if you're registered).
- ◆ You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- ◆ You are not currently serving time for a felony or on parole.
- ◆ You are in line at your poll site by 9 pm on November 7th (NYC poll sites open at 6 am).

In any election, you have a right to:

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

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

KNOW WHERE TO GO

YOUR POLL SITE!



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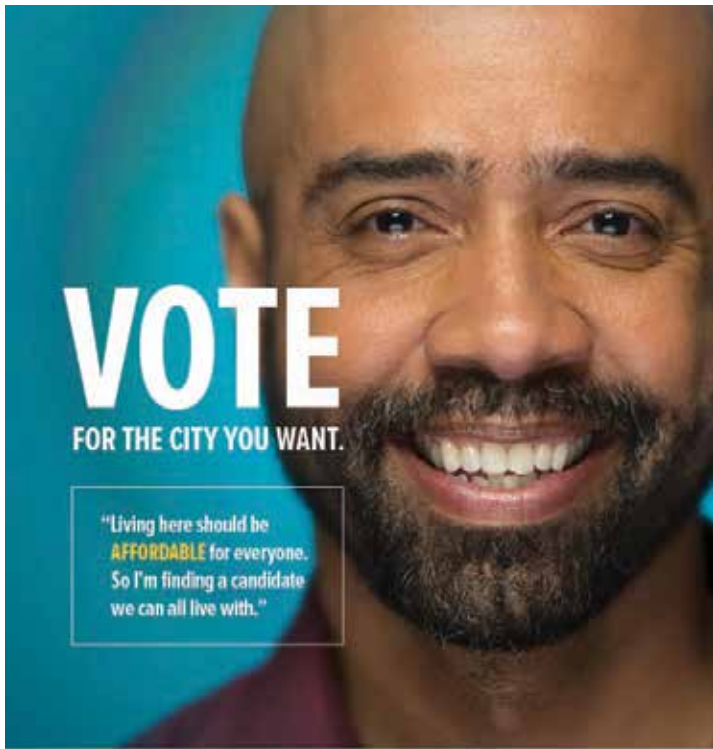
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Check voting.nyc and click "Where Do I Vote?"

Call the Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC

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READ THE VOTER GUIDE AT VOTING.NYC

Make your voice heard. Vote on November 7.
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ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

OCT 13

- ◆ Last day to register to vote for the general election by mail and in person
- ◆ Last day to change your party affiliation to vote in next year's primary elections, if already registered to vote in New York

OCT 18

- ◆ Last day to submit a change of address

OCT 31

- ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

NOV 06

- ◆ Last day to apply for an absentee ballot application in person
- ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by November 14)

NOV 07

- ◆ Election Day

MAKE A VOTING PLAN

TODAY



Choose a good time to vote. Add it to your calendar.



Note your poll site location (on the cover of this Guide).



Read the candidates' profiles.



Make an informed decision in advance.

ELECTION DAY



Visit voting.nyc or call 866-VOTE-NYC to confirm your poll site location.



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Read up on how to cast your ballot (page 24).



Bring this Voter Guide as a reference.



VOTE!

VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

MAYOR

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

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

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

COMPTROLLER

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

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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

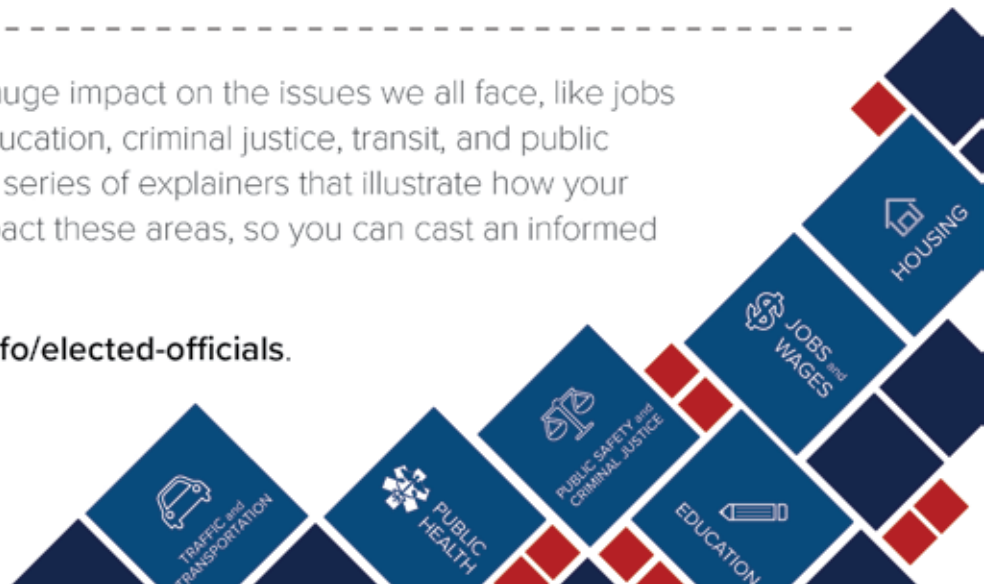
CITY COUNCIL

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

WHAT CAN MY ELECTED OFFICIALS DO?

Local elections have a huge impact on the issues we all face, like jobs and wages, housing, education, criminal justice, transit, and public health. We've created a series of explainers that illustrate how your elected officials can impact these areas, so you can cast an informed vote this November.

Learn more at nycfb.info/elected-officials.



ELECTION AT A GLANCE

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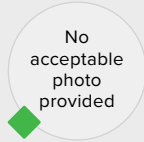
The mayor is the leader of city government.



Bill de Blasio



Nicole Malliotakis



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Sal Albanese



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Aaron A. Commey



Mike Tolkin

PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 9

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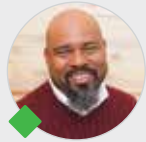
Letitia James



Juan Carlos Polanco



Michael A. O'Reilly



James C. Lane



Devin Balkind

COMPROLLER pg 12

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.



Scott M. Stringer



Michel J. Faulkner



Julia Willebrand



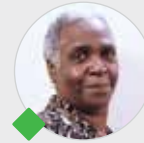
Alex Merced

BOROUGH PRESIDENT pg 14

As advocates for their boroughs, the borough presidents make sure that community needs are met.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.



Camella D. Price

Also running:*
Steven DeMartis
Antonio Vitiello

CITY COUNCIL pg 15

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



Diana Ayala†
City Council District 08



Robert J. Rodriguez†
City Council District 08



Andrew J. Cohen
City Council District 11



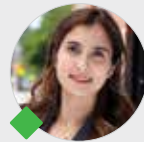
Andy L. King
City Council District 12



Mark Gjonaj
City Council District 13



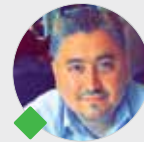
John Cerini
City Council District 13



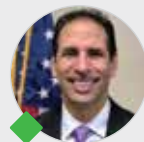
Marjorie Velzaquez
City Council District 13



John C. Doyle
City Council District 13



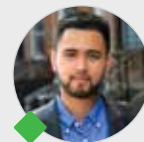
Alex A. Gomez
City Council District 13



Fernando Cabrera
City Council District 14



Randy Abreu
City Council District 14



Justin E. Sanchez
City Council District 14

Also running:*
Daby B. Carraras
City Council District 08
Linda Ortiz
City Council District 08

Judah David Powers
City Council District 11
Roxanne F. Delgado
City Council District 11

Adrienne Erwin
City Council District 12
Alan H. Reed
City Council District 14

†The Democratic primary in City Council District 8 was too close to call at press time. Check voting.nyc for updates.

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

MAYOR

Bill de Blasio

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Mayor

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

Education: New York University; Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: See above

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

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Nicole Malliotakis

Republican, Conservative,
Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: NY State Assemblymember

Previous Occupation: Public Affairs Manager

Education: BA, Seton Hall; MBA Wagner College

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

Prior Public Experience: NYC Liaison for Governor George Pataki

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

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

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MAYOR

Akeem Browder

Green

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Are the disenfranchised considered, how
- 2 The homeless population in NYC
- 3 Children, how we view them

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Party Enrolled In: Green

Current Occupation: Public SPeaker

Previous Occupation: Electronic Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, Electro-mechanic

Education: Bachelors of Civil Engineering

Organizational Affiliations: Exodus Transitional Services, Justice League NYC, Shutdownrikers

Prior Public Experience: Activist

Every problem in New York has an inherent problem and that problem is New York's stance on allowing the Department of Justice to have a hand in Our every aspect of living. You can't arrest your way out of community issues. We must be different in our approach, quicker in our decisions and more aware on what accountability really looks like!

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Sal Albanese

Reform

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: lawyer

Previous Occupation: teacher, City Council member

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

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party

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

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

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MAYOR

Bo Dietl

Dump the Mayor

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Create new and sustainable jobs
- 2 Enhance Security
- 3 Create additional educational opportunities



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: CEO

Previous Occupation: NYPD Detective, Iron worker
Union Member

Education: High School Graduate

Organizational Affiliations: Over the years Bo has taken an active interest in many charities and continues to endorse and support such foundations

Prior Public Experience: NYPD Detective

I'm running for mayor because this city can do much better. I've spent my entire life in public service. I bring leadership and integrity to the table. I speak to both Democrats and Republicans. My vision is socially inclusive and fiscally conservative. Curbing wasteful spending and creating jobs are at the center of all my plans. We will offer incentives to the best and brightest start-up companies to move to under served neighborhoods and create great jobs. Our infrastructure is aging poorly. I'll work with Albany and Washington to improve it. I'll re purpose vacant city properties to use as homeless rehabilitation centers instead of paying for fancy hotels. Instead of spending \$10B to build new jails in your neighborhood, lets overhaul the DOC and fix Rikers Island. We'll use our police department — the best in the world — to make sure another innocent child doesn't die at the hands of ACS.

The city is sinking fast, but with your support, we will bring it back!

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Aaron A. Commey

Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Complete Criminal Justice Reform
- 2 Improved Education Curriculum
- 3 Fighting Poverty



Party Enrolled In: Libertarian

Current Occupation: Porter

Previous Occupation: Machine Operator; Ged Tutor;
Law Library Clerk

Education: GED; Milwaukee Area Technical College

Organizational Affiliations: Libertarian Party of New York

Prior Public Experience: None

I am running for Mayor because it's time for someone to put the people of New York ahead of the special interests and big money donors. I'm not a career politician and that's a good thing because I am committed to fighting for the people of New York and against constant political corruption which has left so many of us behind. I want to implement economic policies that give struggling, hardworking New Yorkers a chance to get out of poverty and provide better lives for themselves and their families. I'm running to put an end to short sighted criminal justice policies which make all us less safe and destroy entire communities. And I want to make sure that our schools are teaching finance, economics, business management and entrepreneurship so our kids leave school able to provide for themselves and not struggling in low wage jobs. I'm fighting against the status quo because the status quo isn't helping the little guy. So please support me for New York City Mayor and support changing the way politics run in this city and who politics help.

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MAYOR

Mike Tolkin

Smart Cities

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Prior Public Experience: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Hi, I'm Mike!

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Letitia James

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

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

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

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Juan Carlos Polanco

Republican, Reform,
Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Education & School Choice
- 2 Stop Neighborhood Jails Plan
- 3 Reform Administration for Children's Services



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Attorney & Educator

Previous Occupation: Social Studies Teacher, Harry S Truman H.S.

Education: JD, Fordham University School of Law; MBA, Fordham University Graduate School of Business; BA, University at Albany; Fordham Preparatory

Organizational Affiliations: New York County Lawyers Association, Bronx County Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Commissioner at the New York City Board of Elections

My name is J.C. Polanco. I'm a lifelong New Yorker, a dad, an attorney, a Regional Director of the New York State Assembly Minority, and a former commissioner at the New York City Board of Elections.

I am also an educator, who has spent the last 17 years teaching in New York City public schools, and now at CUNY.

I'm running for Public Advocate because I love New York City, and I want to continue serving your families.

I will work to expand charter school enrollment and give parents more options over where to send their kids to school.

I will fight against mismanagement at ACS.

I'll bring common sense to City Hall, and fight any plan that calls for replacing Rikers with jails in our backyards.

I will work to give hard-working residents in NYCHA housing a chance at owning their units. It is time for more New Yorkers to have their shot at the American Dream.

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Michael A. O'Reilly

Conservative

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Eliminating Pay to Play Policies
- 2 Reforming the ACS
- 3 Eliminating Sanctuary Cities



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Gallant Capital Market - Regulatory Attorney

Previous Occupation: Pilot with Delta Airlines; Marine

Education: Bachelor of Science - Florida Institute of Technology; JD - New York Law School

Organizational Affiliations: President of the Rockaway Republican Club; Member of the Broad Channel Civic Association

Prior Public Experience: Former CD 5 Congressional Candidate

Michael O'Reilly is an attorney, former airline pilot, and proud Marine. Mike is also a New Yorker who is fed up with the self-dealing political climate that currently governs our great City.

For the past four years our city has been plagued by an incompetent Mayor and a do-nothing City Council. The status quo is unacceptable. Our elected officials sit idly by as the ACS' inefficient operation leaves our City's children dead. These same elected officials, then, willfully break federal immigration laws, and allow for the harboring of individuals who have come into our country illegally and who have then committed serious crimes. All on the backs of, us, the taxpayer.

Our City deserves leaders who will stand up to corrupt, pay-to-play policies, and who will fight for justice for all New Yorkers. Especially the most vulnerable among us, the children of New York. Mike O'Reilly, will be that leader.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

James C. Lane

Green

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transform Our Electoral Processes
- 2 Create More Affordable Housing
- 3 Community Control Over Policing



Party Enrolled In: Green

Current Occupation: Technical Account Manager

Previous Occupation: Vice President of Client Solutions

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

Organizational Affiliations: Black Caucus 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.

As Public Advocate, I will create the resources we need to help the many communities around our city that have been repeatedly neglected by City Hall and its various agencies.

In education, I will fight to reduce class sizes, make schools safer, prevent funding cuts and ensure that our children are treated as more than just test scores.

As the Green Party candidate for Public Advocate it is my belief that all New Yorkers, despite their socioeconomic status, deserve, as a basic right, a clean safe environment, living wage jobs, truly affordable housing and free healthcare, just to name a few.

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Devin Balkind

Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Smartphone App-Enabled Public Participation Processes
- 2 Faster, Better, Cheaper Government Services
- 3 People Over Politics and Party



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: President, Sahana Software Foundation

Previous Occupation: Information Management Consultant, Sarapis; CEO, BEEExtraordinary

Education: B.S., Film & History, Northwestern University

Organizational Affiliations: Free Software Foundation, Occupy Sandy

Prior Public Experience: NA

My goal is to distribute the power of the politicians to every New Yorker. We're doing this by building smartphone apps, establishing a livestream channel, and organizing public events that allow you, the people of New York, to work together to solve our city's problems.

How? We've developed a unique 7-step process that enables New Yorkers to turn conversations into proposals, to legislation, to law, to budget commitments, project tracking and outcome analysis. You can learn more at votedevin.com.

I'm not waiting to get elected before getting to work. We've already produced a first version of our smartphone app, and we did it with 1/10th of 1% of the current Public Advocate's budget. Imagine what we could do with a full budget!

My campaign isn't about individual issues: it's about building a process that puts New Yorkers where they should be — in control. This is precisely what the Public Advocate should do.

Let's take this next step. Together.

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COMPTROLLER

Scott M. Stringer

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Make NYC More Affordable
- 2 Strengthen our Public Schools
- 3 Quality Housing People Can Afford



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Comptroller

Previous Occupation: Manhattan Borough President

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

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Borough President; Assemblymember

We've got to do more to make sure working families can afford to live in New York—and that means focusing on housing costs and the quality of our public schools, and creating more good-paying jobs.

As Comptroller, I helped lead the Fight for 15 to make the minimum wage a living wage. And I've identified more than 1,000 vacant city-owned lots that we can turn into affordable housing, so more families can afford to stay here.

We've also got to make it easier to live here—which means investing in our subways and buses again and ending the annoying delays, expanding access to child care, and making sure there are great public schools in every zip code.

As manager of the city's pension funds, I've fought for reform, whether it's demanding greater diversity in boardrooms or forcing action on important social issues—from climate change to private prisons. And through audits and investigations, I've worked hard to hold city government accountable.

On Nov. 7, I hope you'll give me the chance to keep working to make New York a place we can all afford to call home.

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Michel J. Faulkner

Republican, Conservative, Reform, Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improve NYCHA Maintenance System
- 2 Property Tax Reductions for Middle-Class
- 3 Federal Tax and Spending Fairness



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Pastor

Previous Occupation: Assistant Dean of Students and Vice-President of Urban Ministry, Liberty University/Entrepreneur

Education: BA in Communications and Masters in Education and Career Counseling, Virginia Tech

Organizational Affiliations: Founder - Institute for Leadership, 2005

Prior Public Experience: Co-Chairman of NYC Board of Education's HIV/AIDS Task Force, Task Force on Police Community Relations under Rudy Giuliani, Commissioner for the City Charter Revision Commission

I believe that the incumbent has done an adequate job as Comptroller, in terms of making reports and conducting audits, but he has not taken his role seriously enough in terms of getting results. It's important to note that the Comptroller's office has 750 employees that physically create the reports and audits. The comptroller is an elective office where vision and activism and energy are required. We don't need just another elected bureaucrat. We need a vibrant watchdog. I'm going to bring a new spirit to this office in 2018 and hold the City Council and the Mayor accountable to taxpayers and residents alike.

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COMPTROLLER

Julia Willebrand

Green

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 End NYC financed corporate subsidies
- 2 Reinstate stock transfer tax
- 3 Promote establishing a municipal bank

Party Enrolled In: Green

Current Occupation: Activist

Previous Occupation: Bookkeeper, waitress, private investigator, Fulbright Professor to Hungary; SUNY Labor College, English Department Chair; Jersey City State College, ESL Department, Coordinator; Teacher, PS 84

Education: BA, American Studies, City College NY; MA, Adult Education, Teachers College, Columbia U.; Ed.D TESOL, Teachers College, Columbia U.

Organizational Affiliations: US Green Party, NYS National Delegate; Federation of Green Parties of the Americas US Delegate; Sierra Club, former Atlantic Chapter, Conservation Chair; Appalachian Mountain Club former Conservation Chair; United Federation of Teachers Delegate; OWS Alternative Banking Group

Prior Public Experience: Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, Chair

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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Alex Merced

Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Safer Management of Pension Funds
- 2 Auditing Spending of Taxpayer Funds
- 3 Maintain and Improve Credit Rating

Party Enrolled In: Libertarian

Current Occupation: Financial Training Specialist

Previous Occupation: Retail Store Owner

Education: B.A. from BGSU

Organizational Affiliations: Libertarian Party of New York

Prior Public Experience: Candidate for U.S. Senate 2016, Candidate for Public Advocate 2013

As the next Comptroller of NYC, I want to focus my time on making sure the dollars of NYC taxpayers are spent wisely, and the pension dollars of NYC workers are invested prudently. The management of the NYC Pension Funds is a top priority as it secures the retirement of NYC workers but also mismanagement results in catch-up payments that cost the NYC taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars.

I hope to focus on protecting the wallets of taxpayer dollars and not playing political optics for higher office like our current Comptroller. Please visit AlexMercedforNY.com to learn about my plans to protect NYC Pensioners and Taxpayers.

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Continue to attract positive development
- 2 Create equity in education
- 3 Tackle negative health disparities



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Bronx Borough President

Previous Occupation: New York State Assemblyman

Education: B.A., Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: Bronx Borough President (2009-present); New York State Assemblyman (1996-2009)

My administration has put forward a robust agenda to improve the lives of Bronx residents and to make our borough an even greater place to live, work and raise a family.

In 2016, our borough saw an incredible \$3.27 billion and more than 14.2 million square feet in total development.

Since 2009, The Bronx has been home to nearly \$13 billion and 70 million square feet of total development.

Over 100,000 more Bronxites are working and unemployment has been cut by more than half to the lowest number we have ever seen. We've created jobs, increased wages, improved the health and well-being of our residents, built thousands of units of affordable housing and provided our schools with much-needed capital funding. We are attracting new businesses and new development. We are moving in the right direction.

We have seen tremendous success in The Bronx in recent years. It is my hope that, over the next four years, we will be able to build and expand on this success and continue to build the Bronx into a national model for urban renewal.

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Camella D. Price

Reform

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 What's your views on gentrification
- 2 Public School vs. Charter School
- 3 Public interest vs. special interest



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Consultant


Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff


Education: Empire State College

Organizational Affiliations: NAACP

Prior Public Experience: Judicial Delegate, County & State Committeewoman 10 Years

I'm seeking the office of Bronx Borough President because this endeavor is a culmination of a lifetime of seeing the injustice, the needs and potential of a great Borough and its people. The Bronx needs vision, awareness and the understanding of the needs of its residents. I see those problems and have embraced the road to solutions. I'm against gentrification with displacement. I know within poor communities there needs to be an infusion of wealth to jump start the community so it can self sustain. When we build luxury housing in area's and price out those who put their blood, sweat and tears into that community, it becomes a problem which causes displacement. The Bronx has the highest rate of failing schools. I will advocate for more money to be allocated to our Public Schools system so they can hire more qualified teachers and other resources needed for our children to excel in life. I want to be an advocate for the 1.4 million people of the Bronx. I will work within all levels of government to make the Bronx a place everyone can call home.

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Republican

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Conservative

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

Diana Ayala

Democratic, Working Families

(The Democratic primary was too close to call at press time. Check voting.nyc for updates.)



TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Full time candidate

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

Education: A. D. Human Services

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

Robert J. Rodriguez

Democratic

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TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYS Assembly Member

Previous Occupation: Vice President, A.C. Advisory

Education: Yale University, New York University

Organizational Affiliations: Arturo Schomburg Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Chairman, Community Board 11

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

Andrew J. Cohen

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 SCHOOLS, PARKS, SENIORS AND HOUSING
- 2 CLEAN STREETS AND PUBLIC SAFETY
- 3 QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC COUNCIL MEMBER

Previous Occupation: ATTORNEY

Education: JD, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW; BA, SUNY NEW PALTZ; NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Organizational Affiliations: MANY

Prior Public Experience: NYS ASSEMBLY STAFFER, LAW CLERK BRONX, SUPREME COURT, BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

I have accomplished a lot in my 1st term but there is much more to do. I have focused on quality of life issues in the district such as new stop signs, traffic lights and more trash pickups. From housing and immigration issues to pot holes and noise; people have received the constituent services that they need and expect. Each of the last four City budgets has contained millions of dollars for our schools, parks, roads, City Hospitals and local organizations. I have passed over a dozen pieces of legislation including a resolution condemning the Boycott, Divest and Sanction Israel movement. As the Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, I have been dealing with some of the most serious issues facing our City. Four years ago I promised to represent every corner of the District and that is exactly what I have done. Whether it's an addition on P.S. 19 for Woodlawn, a new playground in Wakefield, a Skate Park in Norwood or millions of dollars for Van Cortlandt Park, I have kept my promise.

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Animal Rights

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Andy L. King

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Increasing and Maintaining Affordable Housing
- 2 Access to Affordable Healthcare
- 3 Empower and promote youth



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Organizer, 1199-SEIU
United Healthcare Workers East

Education: BA, William Patterson University

Organizational Affiliations: Bronx YEP, NAACP,
CLUW (SEIU), AFRAM

Prior Public Experience: none

I am a lifelong resident of the Northeast Bronx. Representing the men and women of the neighborhoods where I grew up has been a great privilege for me. I've spent my life as an organizer and an advocate for our communities. My plan has always been, and will always be, to work with residents to solve the problems facing our communities and to collaborate with community based organizations to improve services. As an organizer with SEIU 1199, I joined the fight to guarantee access to high-quality healthcare for all – and I'm continuing that fight at the City Council.

Being at City Council has never been a job for me - its always been about bringing our community to the table and representing our needs at City Hall. Now more than ever standing together as a community in opposition to right wing attacks is crucial and I am asking you to continue to stand beside me in the fight for our fair share at City Hall.

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Conservative

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

Mark Gjonaj

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Quality of Life
- 2 Affordability for tenants and homeowners
- 3 Public safety



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYS Assemblyman

Previous Occupation: Small business owner

Education: B.A., St. John's University

Organizational Affiliations: Illyria Clinic at Jacobi Medical Center, the Einstein College of Medicine Community Advisory Council, Westchester School for Special Children, and Our Lady of Shkodra Church

Prior Public Experience: Prior Bronx Commissioner of the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission

I believe you can only get out of a community that which you put into it. As the son of hard-working, union-member Albanian immigrants, the father of two public school-educated sons and the husband of a public school nurse, I know who is hurt the worst by underfunded schools, illegal drugs, crime and violence.

I was raised to believe that we all have to give back to our neighborhoods, our borough and this great country that has given so much. For the last four years I have worked hard to be the most effective representative I can be because I know how special our home is. My current constituents know how much I care about their quality of life and my dedication to making sure they can afford to keep living in their homes and apartments.

I am running for the city council for the same reasons I first got involved in politics only five years ago. I care, I work hard and I get results. I hope I will earn your vote.

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John Cerini

Republican, Conservative, Reform

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Stop Contractors from Over Developing
- 2 Hire more local Police Officers
- 3 Stop over crowding our schools



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Accountant

Previous Occupation: Insurance Agent

Education: Bachelors of Science in Accounting

Organizational Affiliations: IRS Enrolled Agent

Prior Public Experience: Community Activist

As a home owner in District 13, I know the issue we face in our community with over developing. As a business owner for over 25 years in the Bronx, I know the concern for more police and protection. As a Bronx born and raised resident and now raising my own four children, I know the struggles we face as parents with our schools. We need someone to represent us in City Hall and fight for our issues. Our neighborhoods are being crushed by over developing, which that creates other problems, such as parking, schools, crime and more. We must not allow developers and contractors to continuously knock down small homes and profit from large buildings which takes away from our quality of life. Zoning laws must be changed. We are one of the safest neighborhoods in NYC, but that should not mean we should be neglected when it comes time to distribute additional officers. We deserve more police as crimes are on the rise in our community. Our Children are being crushed into schools that cannot support the volume of students we have in our community. Our children deserve better, the time is now.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

Marjorie Velazquez

Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Quality of Life
- 2 Expand Mass Transit
- 3 High Achieving Schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Accountant

Education: BS in Accounting and Finance, NYU

Organizational Affiliations: Bronx Women United, Chippewa Dem Club, Liberty Dem Club

Prior Public Experience: District Leader, Community Board 10 Treasurer

I'm a proud Democrat running to be your next City Council Member. I have been endorsed by Councilman Jimmy Vacca and Ritchie Torres and I have twice been elected as Democratic District Leader for my Assembly District. I'm the treasurer for Community Board 10 and co-founder of BX Women United, which gets more women involved in public service.

My parents came here from Puerto Rico, worked hard to build successful small businesses. Growing up in the Bronx, my parents made sure my siblings and I had a great education so we could have better opportunities and go into rewarding careers. I became an accountant and hope to bring my accounting background to City Hall to cut waste and make sure our taxes are spent wisely.

I understand the struggles our families face. We need more classroom seats and better schools. We need to expand mass transit, increase ferry access, and lower fares for seniors and working families. I'm asking for your support so together we can fix our schools, improve our transit, support small businesses, and give our seniors the safety and services they deserve.

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John C. Doyle

Liberal

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Enhancing our quality of life
- 2 Improving our transportation and infrastructure
- 3 Investing in our public schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Associate Director of Public Affairs, NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi

Previous Occupation: District Manager for NYS Senator Klein

Education: B.A. in History and Political Science from Le Moyne College

Organizational Affiliations: Sergeant at Arms, 45th Precinct Community Council; Corresponding Secretary, City Island Civic Association; the East Bronx Waterfront NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Planning Committee, Member; East Bronx Traffic Coalition, Member

Prior Public Experience: NYS Senate Staffer

I'm a lifelong Bronxite and Democrat, born and raised in our community. I'm running to stand up to City Hall and put our neighborhoods first. As a community leader, I've worked to protect safety and quality of life in our neighborhoods—obtaining air monitors near the Throggs Neck Bridge, closing nightlife nuisances in Pelham Bay, fighting for an appropriate bridge and for our fire ladder on City Island and getting illegal guns off our streets. In the Council, I'll fight the bureaucracy and developers who don't care about our neighborhoods and fight for what we need—stronger schools, better transportation options and safer streets. My grassroots campaign is supported by contributions from hundreds of our neighbors, Let me fight for you at City Hall.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

Alex A. Gomez

New Bronx

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Education Reform
- 2 Laws that protect our environment
- 3 Equality



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Program Director

Previous Occupation: Program Director & Managing Director

Education: BA in Political Science 2018

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: n/a

I'm committed to making your voice heard at City Hall.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

Fernando Cabrera

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable housing
- 2 Support seniors
- 3 Improve public safety



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: College Professor and Program Director for Counseling at graduate program Mercy College, School Counselor Walton H.S., Program Director for Rehabilitation program

Education: Ed.D Counseling Argosy University, M.A. Counseling Liberty University, B.A. Religion Vanguard University

Organizational Affiliations: New Life Church

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member, Community Board 7 member

In the next four years, I will focus on four main issues which I passionately want to continue to improve in our district. I will increase funding for more safety cameras and expand on the Cure Violence initiative I sponsored citywide. Also, having provided funding to create and improve basketball courts, soccer field, playgrounds, tennis courts and handball courts in our parks, I want to continue upgrading our parks to be intergenerational. Thirdly, I was successful in keeping all senior centers open during the recession and I will continue to consistently allocate funding for programming in senior centers and for senior group tours. Fourthly, having now passed the Tenant Bill of Rights and provided funds to grassroots affordable housing advocacy efforts, I will focus on affordable and low incoming housing with the rezoning of Jerome avenue with infrastructure support district wide.

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Randy Abreu

Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Lack of Inclusive Economic Development
- 2 Rising Rents Leading to Displacement
- 3 Air Pollution and Asthma



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Appointee in Administration of President Barack Obama

Education: JD, Thomas Jefferson School of Law; BA, Skidmore College

Organizational Affiliations: New York State Bar Association; National Hispanic Bar Association; American Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Office of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman; U.S. House Judiciary Committee; Federal Communications Commission; Administration of President Barack Obama (Energy Department)

Born and raised in the same community I look forward to representing, I know intimately the issues we face in the Bronx. Public school inequity is creating a larger gap where our children fall through the cracks. I see a vision of inclusive growth, technology jobs, and economic development that has not been seen in our community in over five decades. We must stabilize the current housing and affordability crisis so our vision of a sustainable Bronx will become a reality.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

Justin E. Sanchez

Liberal

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Make Housing Truly Affordable
- 2 Fight for Better Jobs
- 3 Safer Communities



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Server

Previous Occupation: Recruitment Director at Working Families Party

Education: HS Diploma – Bronx HS of Science

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Socialists of America

Prior Public Experience: NA

I'm running for New York City Council because we need to fight together for true change that helps us all. I was born and raised here. I grew up poor, and was homeless during my childhood. I put my college education on hold because of student debt. I worked server jobs to pay the bills. I go to Community Board meetings every month, and worked as Recruitment Director of the Working Families Party. Like you, I have plenty of stories about how politics have failed me. But this campaign isn't about me. This campaign is about building our political power together to fight for real affordable housing, more local jobs with a living wage, and holding police accountable in our communities. As your city councilman, I will help build our collective political power together. We will have a Community Engagement Taskforce, which will knock on your door every year. We will have organizing sessions in your apartment lobby. We will finally join the New York City Participatory Budgeting Program. And, I will publicly explain every vote I take as your representative, so you know what I'm doing at City Hall and why.

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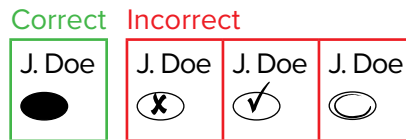
HOW TO VOTE

1 GET YOUR BALLOT

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

2 MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

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



- ◆ Do NOT fold your ballot.
- ◆ Do NOT sign or write your name.
- ◆ Do NOT use an "x" or a "√", circle the oval, or make stray marks.

If you need assistance filling in your choices, ask a poll worker about using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD).

3 SCAN YOUR BALLOT

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

BALLOT PROPOSALS

On November 7th, New Yorkers will vote on three statewide ballot proposals. These votes give you a chance to have a direct say on important issues that can make a difference for you and your neighbors. Below, you can find the text of each question as it will appear on your ballot; a summary of the issues prepared by the CFB; and reasons to vote yes or no, which are based on public commentary and may not necessarily reflect all the reasons to support or oppose each proposal.

To read statements from organizations and individuals who support or oppose these proposals, visit the online Voter Guide at nyccfb.info/voterguide.

PROPOSAL 1

CALLING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?

CFB SUMMARY

Every 20 years, voters are given the opportunity to decide whether a convention should be held to revise or even entirely replace the New York State constitution.

If a majority of New Yorkers votes NO, there will be no convention.

If a majority votes YES, voters will elect delegates to a constitutional convention in November 2018.

The 204 delegates—three from each state senate district and 15 at-large statewide delegates—will assemble in April 2019 to review the state constitution and suggest amendments. Delegates can recommend changes to any part of the constitution, or even rewrite the entire constitution. They will vote on the proposed amendments. Amendments that are approved by a majority of delegates will be placed on the ballot for voters to decide after the convention adjourns.

Amendments approved by voters statewide will take effect on January 1st of the following year. Amendments that are not approved by New York voters will not be enacted.

REASONS TO VOTE “YES”

- ◆ We need a constitutional convention because the state legislature has failed to act on the issues we care about. Our state constitution is badly out of date, and needs to be simplified and modernized for the 21st century.
- ◆ It's too difficult to change the constitution through legislation; it requires that a constitutional amendment be passed by two consecutive legislatures before the public can vote to adopt it. A convention is our best chance to enact the changes we need.
- ◆ The potential benefits outweigh the costs and the risks. Every amendment the convention proposes must be approved by a majority of voters before it takes effect, so unpopular ideas are unlikely to be enacted.
- ◆ We need a convention to amend the constitution to enact strong ethics reforms that will put an end to corruption in Albany and achieve a more open state government.
- ◆ Our election system is broken and outdated. Important solutions like no-excuse absentee voting, same-day registration, and other election reforms require changes to the state constitution.
- ◆ We must make changes to the constitution in order to reorganize and modernize our outdated court system, which would eliminate case backlogs and save money.
- ◆ All of our children deserve a great education, and we need the constitution to guarantee that public schools across the state are funded equitably.
- ◆ The constitution should reflect our priorities, such as protections for our environment and civil rights. We need an environmental bill of rights and stronger civil rights provisions in the constitution.
- ◆ The growing burdens of our public pension system are too high. We need flexibility to ensure the state can continue to meet its obligations to retirees, but the constitution makes changes to the pension system extremely difficult.

REASONS TO VOTE “NO”

- ◆ A convention is unnecessary, because there is a process for the legislature to amend the constitution. In fact, while voters have approved over 200 amendments to the state constitution in the last 100 years, only six of them came from a constitutional convention; the rest were put before the voters by the state legislature. If legislators do not respond to our concerns, we should elect new legislators who will.
- ◆ A convention would be expensive, and it will be dominated by political insiders. Legislators can run to be delegates, and if elected they will be paid double. Delegates can hire staff, which will create patronage jobs for the well-connected.
- ◆ A convention will benefit special interests, not the public, because the delegate selection process is flawed. Candidates for delegate must collect a large number of petition signatures and raise funds to finance their campaigns. Lobbyists for special interests will target delegates at the convention to try to get good deals for their clients.
- ◆ Even though the proposed amendments have to be approved by the voters, we shouldn't risk losing some of the important protections in our constitution.
- ◆ The constitution keeps our state forest preserves “forever wild.” If those protections are weakened, developers and energy companies could be allowed to build on lands reserved for forest and wildlife conservation.
- ◆ Our constitution's commitment to a free public education for all our children and its promise to care for the needy could be subject to attack.
- ◆ The constitution's protection of pensions for public workers could be threatened, and its protections for all workers, including benefits for injured workers and the right to organize and bargain collectively.

PROPOSAL 2

ALLOWING THE COMPLETE OR PARTIAL FORFEITURE OF A PUBLIC OFFICER'S PENSION IF HE OR SHE IS CONVICTED OF A CERTAIN TYPE OF FELONY

The proposed amendment to section 7 of Article 2 of the State Constitution would allow a court to reduce or revoke the pension of a public officer who is convicted of a felony that has a direct and actual relationship to the performance of the public officer's existing duties. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

CFB SUMMARY

Currently, the New York State Constitution protects the pensions of public officers even when they have been convicted of serious crimes. This constitutional amendment would allow a court to reduce or revoke a public officer's pension after he or she has been convicted of a felony directly relating to the performance of his or her job. The court would hold a hearing to consider the seriousness of the crime and determine whether the loss of the pension would result in significant hardship for the public officer's dependents.

If a majority of New Yorkers votes YES, the legislature will write the law to put this proposal into effect, and it would apply only to crimes committed on or after January 1, 2018.

The "public officers" covered under this amendment are:

- ◆ Elected officials within the state;
- ◆ Officials appointed by the governor;
- ◆ Managers and chief financial officers of counties, cities, towns, and villages;
- ◆ Heads of state and local government departments, divisions, boards, commissions, bureaus, public benefit corporations, and public authorities;
- ◆ Judges and justices of the state court system; and
- ◆ State employees who are designated by law as policy-makers.

REASONS TO VOTE "YES"

- ◆ A public official who has committed a felony in connection with his or her job has violated the public trust, and does not deserve a taxpayer-funded pension.
- ◆ Officials are less likely to commit crimes if they know they run the risk of losing their pensions.

REASONS TO VOTE "NO"

- ◆ Convicted officials already face punishment for their crimes under the law, and they shouldn't be punished a second time by having their pension revoked or reduced.
- ◆ This amendment does not go far enough. It should apply to all state and local public employees, not just high-level elected or appointed officials. Any public servant convicted of a serious work-related crime should lose his or her pension.

PROPOSAL 3

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FOREST PRESERVE LAND FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES

The proposed amendment will create a land account with up to 250 acres of forest preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using forest preserve land to address specific public health and safety concerns; as a substitute for the land removed from the forest preserve, another 250 acres of land, will be added to the forest preserve, subject to legislative approval. The proposed amendment will also allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specified highways that cross the forest preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

CFB SUMMARY

The “forever wild” provision in the New York State Constitution protects the Adirondack and Catskill parks by banning any new development unless it is specifically approved by state voters through a constitutional amendment.

The proposed amendment would create two exceptions. First, it would create a land bank of up to 250 acres of forest preserve land. A town, village, or county could make a financial contribution to a forest preserve expansion account and apply to the Department of Environmental Conservation to use forest preserve land, if it has no viable alternative, for the following health and safety purposes:

- ◆ To address bridge hazards or eliminate dangerous curves or grades on specified highways.
- ◆ To relocate, reconstruct, or maintain highways (with relocation limited to one mile of road).
- ◆ For water wells within 530 feet of a specified highway, to meet drinking quality standards.

Second, it would allow bicycle paths and public utility lines to be located within the widths of specified highways that cross forest preserve lands, and the addition of stabilization devices (such as guy wires) for existing utility poles if no other viable option exists. The amendment requires that such work minimize the removal of trees and vegetation, and it prohibits the construction of any new intrastate gas or oil pipeline that was not approved at the state and local level prior to June 1, 2016.

The state will acquire 250 acres to add to the forest preserve to replace the land placed in the health and safety account, subject to approval by the Legislature.

REASONS TO VOTE “YES”

- ◆ Communities in the parks need the ability to repair their decaying infrastructure and access new services like broadband internet.
- ◆ Any loss of preserved lands will be offset by the land bank’s purchase of new lands to add to the forest preserve.
- ◆ The amendment allows use of the land bank for a narrow set of specifically designated purposes, thereby safeguarding against abuse of the process. The size of the land bank, which will be a maximum of 250 acres, will protect against over-development.
- ◆ The flexibility created by the amendment would allow local governments to respond to crises such as the loss of a potable water source more quickly than through the current amendment process.

REASONS TO VOTE “NO”

- ◆ The current process requiring a constitutional amendment to develop “forever wild” lands ensures that voters can control the process and assess the costs and benefits of each specific development project.

THE DEBATE PROGRAM

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

GENERAL ELECTION DEBATE SCHEDULE*

<p>MAYOR Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio: WNYC Sponsors: NY1 Sponsor Group</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE Monday, Oct. 16, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC Sponsors: NY1 Sponsor Group</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC Sponsors: NY1 Sponsor Group</p>
<p>MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:00 PM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880 Sponsors: CBS Sponsor Group</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE LEADING CONTENDERS Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:00 AM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880 Sponsors: CBS Sponsor Group</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER LEADING CONTENDERS Sunday, Oct. 22, 8:00 AM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880 Sponsors: CBS Sponsor Group</p>

* This schedule is subject to change, as debates will only be held if two or more participating candidates meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit nycfb.info/debates2017 for the most up-to-date information.



THE VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

Candidates running for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member are encouraged to prepare a taped video statement to be included in the online Guide and aired on TV. The Video Voter Guide will air on NYC.gov at 7:00 pm every night, October 29th through November 6th, and at 4:00 pm November 7th. Each broadcast will begin with candidates for citywide office, followed by the candidates for borough president and City Council, with a different borough leading off each night. You may also watch each candidates' video statement online at nycfb.info/voterguide.

Oct. 29 & Nov. 3

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 BRONX
 BROOKLYN
 QUEENS

Oct. 30 & Nov. 4

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 MANHATTAN
 STATEN ISLAND

Oct. 31 & Nov. 5

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 BROOKLYN

Nov. 1 & Nov. 6

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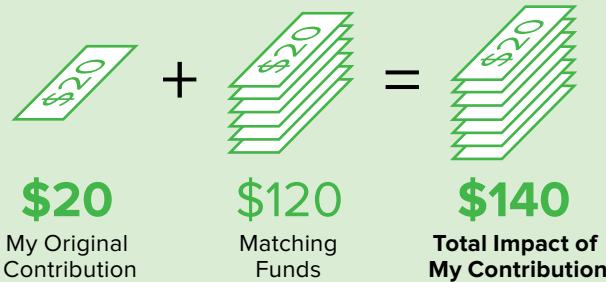
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

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

\$20



I donate **\$20**

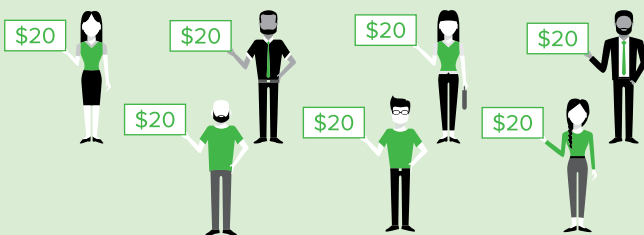


Candidates must collect small-dollar donations from their constituents to qualify for public funds. As a result, candidates in the Program spend more of their time campaigning in their communities, listening to the concerns of average New Yorkers, instead of working for wealthy donors or special interests.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

Visit nycfb.info/program to learn more.



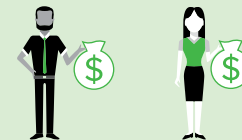
**Candidate A,
a Program participant**



\$140 + **\$840** = **\$980**
in matching funds in total



**Candidate B,
a non-participant**



\$140

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING



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

Go to **voting.nyc** to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (TTY 212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) for assistance.

COULD MY REGISTRATION HAVE EXPIRED?

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

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

If you received this Guide in the mail, your poll site location is printed on the cover. You can also check online at **voting.nyc** or call 866-VOTE-NYC.

Remember to confirm your poll site on Election Day.

DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?

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

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

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

WHAT IF MY NAME IS NOT IN THE VOTER BOOK?

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

You can also check to make sure that you are registered by going to **voting.nyc**.

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

WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?

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

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

WHAT IF A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGES MY RIGHT TO VOTE?

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

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

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

By mail: Call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it from the BOE's website, vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office by the deadline. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it by the deadline to your BOE borough office (see "Election Dates and Deadlines" on page 3).

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

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

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

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

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR?

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

I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS, CAN I VOTE?

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



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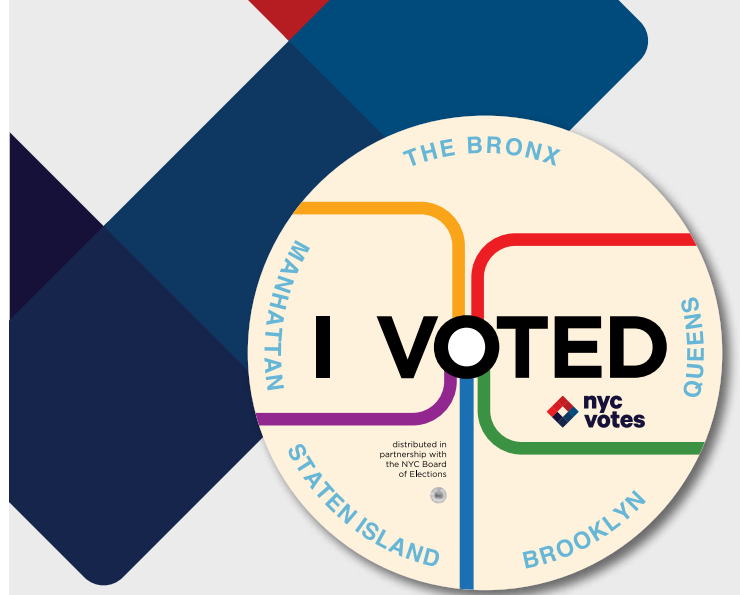
Voting is how you can make a difference on the issues that matter to you. Share your NYC voting experience at a VAAC meeting and help us reform our election laws so that all New Yorkers can get registered and cast a ballot that counts. Meetings are open to the public and livestreamed. To view past meetings,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

For a list of upcoming meetings, please visit nycffb.info/about/calendar.

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visit vote.nyc.ny.us

OR



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

OR



visit your BOE office

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