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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	☐ Candidate A Party 1	☐ Candidate B Party 2
District Attorney Bronx, Queens, Staten Island	☐ Candidate A Party 1	☐ Candidate B Party 2
State Supreme Court Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn	☐ Candidate A Party 1	☐ Candidate B Party 2
Civil Court Judges	☐ Candidate A Party 1	☐ Candidate B Party 2
Surrogate's Court Brooklyn	☐ Candidate A Party 1	☐ 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

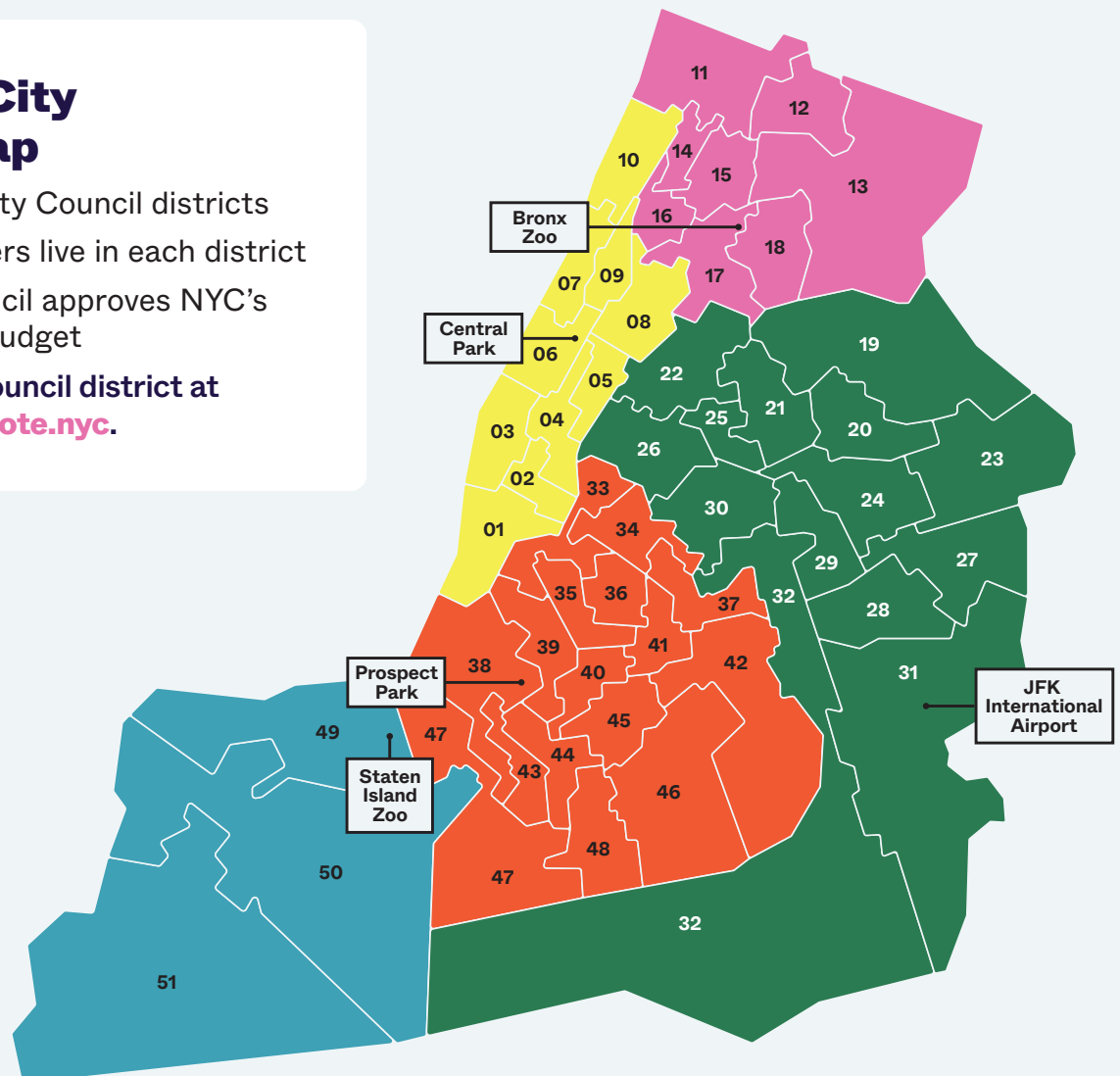
What do City Council members do for you?

- 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.



plan your ballot

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



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City Council District 19

Democratic, Taxpayers Unite

- Tony Avella ✓

Republican, Conservative, Common Sense

- Vickie Paladino ✓



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Tony Avella ✓

Democratic, Taxpayers Unite

Top 3 Issues:

1. Reduce crime, including hate crimes
2. Save one-two family homes
3. Immediately repave College Point roads

"My past experience in City/State government and knowledge of Northeast Queens enable me to start on "Day One" to restore our deteriorating quality of life, help small businesses, support the police, and reduce crime. I will fight to keep SHSAT, expand Gifted/Talented programs, fund after school programs, expand senior citizen/veteran programs, City funding of Local Law 97, and support NYC retirees' health benefits. Endorsed by Borough President Donovan Richards, Congresswoman Grace Meng, State Senator Stavisky, Assemblymen Braunstein, and Weprin, the UFT, RWDSU and ATU Local 1056."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupation: State Senator 2010-18

Education: BA Hunter College Political Science

Organizational Affiliations: Knights of Columbus; Knights of Pythias; Sons of Italy

Prior Public Experience: City Council Member, Zoning Chair 2001-09

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Vickie Paladino

Republican, Conservative,
Common Sense

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protecting public safety.
2. Quality of life and zoning.
3. Education and protecting our students.

"We've made tremendous progress during my first term in office, delivering wins on public safety, quality of life, and education. I helped pass a budget that fully restored NYPD funding, got more police into College Point, distributed millions in additional funds to our schools, completed stalled projects like Bowne Park and Sandhill road in Douglaston, began infrastructure upgrades and ended flooding in Whitestone and Bayside, and protected kids from inappropriate content in schools. My office has closed almost 1,500 constituent cases in our first year alone, and we're just getting started."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education: High School

Organizational Affiliations: President, Whitestone Republican Club, Republican Woman Of The Year 2019

Prior Public Experience: Current Council Member, District 19

Party Enrolled In: Republican

compare candidates



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Tony Avella ✓

Democratic, Taxpayers Unite

Vickie Paladino ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Common Sense

Crime	I support the police and would vote against any attempt to defund the NYPD. I support and would fund creation of a new police precinct in Northeast Queens and doubling the penalties for hate crimes to address the increase in anti-Asian, anti-Semitic, and anti-LGBTQ+ attacks.	Public safety is my top priority. I helped pass a budget that fully restored police funding and got more officers into our district. I want to see cashless bail fully repealed, Rikers kept open, and progressive DAs who refuse to prosecute removed. Law and order must be restored.
Inflation	To deal with inflation, I support a reduction in gasoline/business taxes and homeowner/condo/co-op property taxes. Reduce business operating costs to supermarkets and pharmacies with savings passed on to the consumer through lower food prices and prescription medication costs.	Inflation makes us all poorer, and impacts the poor and middle class the most. We are facing a national inflation crisis, and the only way out will be fiscal discipline, a robust economy, and affordable energy prices.
Protecting Democracy	Protecting voting systems/election officials from political interference is key to preserving our democracy. Protecting voting rights/making voting easier is also crucial. I also believe in prohibiting campaigning on election days at polling sites to stop voter intimidation.	Freedom of speech and association are the foundations of our country. However recently we've seen a disturbing trend towards censorship by our media, academic institutions, government, and tech monopolies. This is the true crisis of our democracy, and it must be rectified.

City Council District 20

Democratic

- Sandra Ung ✓

Republican, Conservative, Common Sense, Medical Freedom

- Yu-Ching James Pai ✓

Better Flushing

- Jin Liang Dany Chen ✓

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Sandra Ung ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Education
3. Housing

"In my first year in office, I secured critical resources for our community including an increase in officers for the 109th Precinct, free legal services for residents, record funding for sanitation services, major investments in our schools and improvements to our green spaces. If reelected, I will continue to fight for safer streets, more affordable housing, better schools and clean neighborhoods."

Current Occupation: City Councilmember

Previous Occupations: Senior Advisor, Congresswoman Grace Meng. New York State Parks Preservation & Historic Preservation. New York City Comptroller. New York State Assembly. Attorney, Sanctuary for Families; Associate Attorney, Dorsey & Whitney

Education: BA - CUNY Hunter; J.D. - Columbia Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Holly Civic, AABANY

Prior Public Experience: State Committeewoman

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Yu-Ching James Pai

Republican, Conservative,
Common Sense, Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Supporting Small Businesses
3. Quality Education

"Let's help and support small businesses and improve the quality of life for the hard working individuals and families that live and work here. Public safety is a major concern. Our kids deserve quality education and the opportunity to exhibit their full potential through specialized high schools and gifted and talented programs. We need change, and change will come, give me this opportunity, support my campaign, and vote for me. 'Change is coming your way.'"

Current Occupation: Self-employed
Certified Public Accountant

Previous Occupations: Accountant at CPA firms

Education: State University of New York - Albany (BS in Accounting) - 1996

Organizational Affiliations: Flushing Central Lions Club, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of New York Inc, Chinese American Society of CPAs

Prior Public Experience: None

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Jin Liang Dany Chen

Better Flushing

Top 3 Issues:

1. Community Safety
2. Increase Police coverage and funding
3. Law and Order
Social Justice

"I am honored to be a husband and father of two. My community has given me the opportunity to serve as a pastor and community activist. As an advocate for our community, I fight for what matters. I will continue to fight with you to make a better flushing community so we can continue to be proud of the place we call home. I will always support our law enforcement and stand by the work they are here to do. In this chaotic environment, I am the fighter for the people of this community as your representative in City Council."

Current Occupation: Director of Asian Marketing –
Prohealth Solutions

Previous Occupation: n/a

Education: n/a

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of Chinese American Alliance of USA Founder of College Point Residents Coalition

Prior Public Experience: Facilitated the setup of a Gender Shelter Conversion in College Point, NY

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Sandra Ung ✓

Democratic

Yu-Ching James Pai ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Common Sense, Medical Freedom

Crime

I am proud to have secured an increase in officers for the 109 already, but will continue to secure more police officers, as well as for security cameras. I will also work to secure more mental health resources and diversionary programs in the criminal justice system.

Do not let good numbers deceive what's actually happening. Many crimes go unreported. It takes the police over 45 minutes to arrive on site. Not only unhelpful, it discourages victims from calling. We need to improve by implementing more officers in our streets.

Inflation

Inflation is hurting working class families, and fighting it should be a priority. New York City should do everything in its power to lower costs for consumers.

As a CPA, current inflation is a result of supply and demand and remnants of the pandemic. With overwhelming demand and global supply chains affected, prices are increased and working and middle class families are most affected.

Protecting Democracy

America is built on our democracy, and I'm proud to have fought to protect it. As the Chair on Government Operations, I've increased access to voting, including by improving the ballot design for seniors and those with limited English proficiency.

During the pandemic it was clear how democratic our country is. Information was censored, voices were suppressed, and freedom of religion ignored. Spiritual leaders weren't labeled essential workers. If elected, I'd push for places of worship to be labeled of higher importance.

Jin Liang Dany Chen ✓

Better Flushing

Reduce crime by increasing funding, adding more police on the street, and a satellite precinct station to reduce response time.

The rate of inflation is destroying the lives of our community residents and businesses. We need to find ways to reduce spending in the City Government to help reduce pressure to our community.

Protect Democracy by improving the demographic coverage of voters to have a better voice of the people. Fight for election integrity

watch candidate videos

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City Council District 21

Democratic

- Francisco P Moya ✓

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Francisco P Moya ✓

Democratic

"I have been honored to represent East Elmhurst, LeFrak City and Corona in the City Council since 2018. I have fought for working New Yorkers, advocated for immigrants, stood up for seniors, and delivered billions to public schools. I am proud to be delivering thousands of affordable housing units, new schools, a senior center, and good-paying jobs to our community. I am investing in resources to make our streets safer. We need experienced and dedicated leadership to ensure that all of our voices are heard."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable housing
2. School funding
3. Protecting workers

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member, District 21

Previous Occupations: NY State Assemblymember; Government Relations

Education: BA, St.John's University, National Urban Fellow, MPA Baruch College

Organizational Affiliations: Corona Lions Club; St. Leo's Golden Age Club

Prior Public Experience: NY State Assemblymember; Democratic District Leader

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Francisco P Moya

Democratic

Crime	Making our community safe is a top priority. We need to invest in programs to keep youth from joining gangs, treat the addiction and mental health epidemic, and build trust between law enforcement and our community while also holding them accountable.
Inflation	We all see the reality of inflation at the grocery store. Prices go up, but wages are stagnant. We need to protect consumers from price gouging- that's why I took on delivery apps and capped the fees they could charge so that average New Yorkers weren't being ripped off.
Protecting Democracy	We need to increase access and participation in government. One way is to increase voting access. I was proud to sponsor the municipal voting law allowing non citizens to vote in New York City elections.

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City Council District 22

Democratic, Working Families

- Tiffany L Caban ✓

Republican, Conservative, Animal Welfare

- Kelly Klingman ✓

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Tiffany L Caban ✓

Democratic, Working Families

"In her years as a public defender, Tiffany fought for New Yorkers with no one else in their corner. Now she serves all District 22 residents. In her first term, she brought increased trash pick-up, street safety improvements and subway upgrades to the district, approved over 300 units of affordable housing and a new waterfront park, and passed seven pieces of impactful legislation. She co-chairs the Council's LGBTQIA+ Caucus."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Evidence-based public safety strategies
2. Pedestrian/cyclist-friendly streets
3. Permanently affordable housing

Current Occupation: NYC Councilmember

Previous Occupations: Senior Strategist, Working Families Party; Public Defender, Legal Aid Society & NY Co. Defender Services

Education: NY Law School, JD. Penn State, BA. St. Francis Prep, JHS210, PS62

Organizational Affiliations: Working Families Party, Local Progress, Democratic Socialists of America, Mijente, LGBT, NYC & Puerto Rican Bar Assns.

Prior Public Experience: NYC Councilmember

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Kelly Klingman ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Animal Welfare

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Improve Current Public Safety Strategies
- 2. Investments in Quality Educational Opportunities
- 3. Safe and Affordable Housing

"I'm a single mother of twins and a businesswoman from Astoria, running to serve District 22 in the City Council. We need a City Councilwoman who will fight to keep us safe, clean up our streets, and give everyone a chance at a better and more sustainable future. I know what it's like struggling to survive and still worry about getting by. I've built my life here in Astoria, and I will fight for what we need."

Current Occupation: Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker

Previous Occupations: Real Estate Asset Management, New Development Project Management, Workforce Housing Property Management

Education: N/A

Organizational Affiliations: Animal Welfare Party, Real Estate Board of New York, OSHA Training Safety Institute, Immaculate Conception HAA

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Tiffany L Caban ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Kelly Klingman ✓

Republican, Conservative, Animal Welfare

Crime	We need to invest in what we know works to reduce violence: affordable housing, good jobs, abundant mental health services, and proven violence prevention programs. It's time to divest from failed policing and carceral strategies that only perpetuate trauma and criminalization.	All people deserve to feel safe in their home and workplace, no matter their zip code. I will work day and night to ensure our officers are given the resources they need to protect all people. I will increase NYPD presence on our streets subways and parks to protect us.
Inflation	I have spoken out forcefully against ConEd rate increases and Rent Guidelines Board hikes. Working class New Yorkers are struggling to make ends meet. Forcing them to pay more will only drive them out and make New York even more of a playground for the ultra-rich.	Rising costs are crushing families financially across the board. From housing to food, City Hall can and must do better to enhance protections against inflation and its long-term impact.
Protecting Democracy	My office runs a robust Participatory Budgeting process precisely because we believe that democracy is the key to a livable city. I believe not just in democracy on Election Day, but every day and everywhere, from the job site to the school building.	The right to elect and effect change within our government is the greatest right we hold as voters. I will work to ensure every voter can access their ballot without interference, and limit the power of special interests.

City Council District 23

Democratic

- Linda Lee ✓

Republican, Conservative, Common Sense, Medical Freedom, Parent Party

- Bernard Chow ✓

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Linda Lee ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Making our communities safer.
2. Increase access to high-quality education.
3. Improve our quality of life.

"I'm proud to represent Eastern Queens-- it's home to diverse working-class families, small business owners, young professionals, and many seniors. But we have problems that require real and responsive leadership. Property taxes are rising, small businesses are struggling, and our infrastructure needs upgrades. We need to ensure that community voices are at the forefront of all the issues we are addressing at the local level. Since I took office last year, I have worked to push legislation and funding that will have a direct and positive impact on our communities by making us safer and improving our quality of life."

Current Occupation: Councilmember

Previous Occupation: Executive Director of KCS

Education: BA Barnard; MSW Columbia

Organizational Affiliations: PS203, NVCC

Prior Public Experience: Community Council No. 11, former NYCCEC representative

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Bernard Chow ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Common Sense, Medical
Freedom, Parent Party

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protect public safety
2. Ensure quality of education
3. No Local Law 97

"I came to the US for college in Minnesota and then made my home in New York. For 20 years, I've been working hard to help the community.

I'm worried about how things are going in New York. Chinese culture talks about balance, and we've lost that here. It seems like criminals are getting more attention than regular folks, which isn't right. It's causing problems and affecting public safety for our citizens in the streets and subways of NYC.

We need to fix this imbalance in New York City's leadership.

Team up with me on this. Together, we can make some a real change."

Current Occupation: Community Liason

Previous Occupation: Marketing Consultant

Education: Bachelor Degree in Physics and Computer Science

Organizational Affiliations: Lion Club, New York
Community League,

Prior Public Experience: Community Liaison for New York
State GOP Senate

Party Enrolled In: Conservative

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Linda Lee 

Democratic

Bernard Chow 

Republican, Conservative, Common Sense, Medical Freedom, Parent Party

Crime	I am a strong supporter of fully funding our law enforcement officers while having transparency and accountability. We need to lower crime, first and foremost by getting guns off our streets, addressing the mental health crisis, and attacking the increase in hate and bias crimes.	NYC's public safety declined as crime increased, due to an NYPD shortages from recent policies. We urgently need to restore respect, ethics, and police role awareness, including ending bail reform and DA oversight.
Inflation	While dealing with inflation is primarily handled at the federal level, we must do everything we can to help low and middle-income families who are dealing with the rising cost of gas and groceries. We must also hold companies and utilities accountable for price-gouging.	Inflation is a worldwide issue. Locally, we need to encourage local small businesses. We also need to financially assist the needed who generally spend locally, thereby help local business
Protecting Democracy	January 6th showed us how fragile our democracy is. We need to expand access to the ballot box, make it easier for people to vote the way they choose - early, via mail, or on election day with same day voter registration.	We need to nurture informed, diverse, and responsible youth through robust civic education for a democratic and free future in NYC and the nation. Freedom of speech is part of United States of America

City Council District 24

Democratic

- James F Gennaro ✓

Republican, Conservative, Mad as Hell, Medical Freedom, Parent Party

- Jonathan David Rinaldi ✓

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James F Gennaro ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improving public safety
2. Improving NYC public schools
3. Improving quality of life

"No candidate in this race has my record of service to the residents and my knowledge of every constituency in the 24th District. My proven record of accomplishment and my experience are the difference."

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupations: Deputy Commissioner, NYS DEC, 2014-2020 NYC Council Member 2002-2013 Adjunct Professor at Queens College 1996-2003

Education: BA, Geology, & MS, Public Administration, SUNY Stony Brook

Organizational Affiliations: Endorsed by: Democratic Organization of Queens County, U.S. Reps: Gregory Meeks & Grace Meng, Borough President Donovan Richards, State Senators: Joseph Addabbo, Leroy Comrie, John Liu, Toby Stavisky, State Assembly Members: Andrew Hevesi, Daniel Rosenthal, Nily Rozic, David Weprin, Mason Tenders District Council

Prior Public Experience: Council Member 2002-2013

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Jonathan David Rinaldi

Republican, Conservative,
Mad as Hell, Medical Freedom,
Parent Party

Top 3 Issues:

1. Repeal Local Law 97
2. Save Section 9 Public Housing
3. Crime and Safer Streets

"Accountability and Transparency. They have sold us all out. They are bringing in Migrants and giving them everything for free, rent, school, and medicine while making policies that will make it impossible to live and raise families in Queens. Its time that the tax-paying constituents save their social services before the city blows the budget and we will have nothing left."

Current Occupation: Real Estate

Previous Occupation: Construction

Education: CCNY Bachelors Architecture

Organizational Affiliations: Hopefully All

Prior Public Experience: President of Student Government

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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James F Gennaro ✓

Democratic

Jonathan David Rinaldi ✓

Republican, Conservative, Mad as Hell, Medical Freedom, Parent Party

Crime

Every year I fund supplementary police cameras in my district. New York is the ONLY state whose judges cannot consider dangerousness with regard to defendants. Mayor Adams and I are calling on Albany to institute a "dangerousness standard" to combat our public safety crisis.

The Streets should be safe for children to have an environment in which they can flourish. Protection for Small Business. More Police Presence, on the streets to prevent car theft and Home invasions

Inflation

As inflation soars nationally, I am pushing back on the local level to ensure that city government & private sector workers get fair contracts. I have created more green jobs than any elected official in the city through the many environmental laws I have authored over the years.

Congestion Pricing is a big issue, Making us pay 23 dollars to enter Manhattan, where the cost from commercial vehicles that pay double to deliver goods and services, will make everything more expensive.

Protecting Democracy

Democracy is protected and enhanced through expanding opportunities for New Yorkers to vote and exercise their voting power in new ways. NYC has extensive early voting and has enacted rank choice voting to empower candidates from marginalized communities. All we need to maximize

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City Council District 25

Democratic, Working Families

- Shekar Krishnan ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

- Zhile Cao ✓

Diversity

- Fatima Baryab ✓

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Shekar Krishnan ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Quality health care for all
2. Expand, improve parks/ open space
3. Invest in early childhood education

"As your Council Member and the first Indian American ever elected to NYC government, I am running for re-election to keep fighting for the resources our communities deserve and a city that works for everyone.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished, from life-saving investments for Elmhurst Hospital, new programs to support immigrant families, to our community's first public dog run, to the largest budget for parks in city history.

Together, we can build a city where everyone has access to health care, parks and open space, and where all working families have free early childhood care.

That's the future I'll keep fighting for."

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation: Civil Rights Lawyer

Education: Cooper Union (Engineering), University of Michigan Law School

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Council Member

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Zhile Cao ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. The refugees crisis
2. Homeless crisis
3. Communism invasion to our country

"New York needs a strong leadership to overcome our crisis that we never see throughout the history and vote out all disqualified incumbents from the office."

Current Occupation: MTA worker

Previous Occupation: MTA worker

Education: 4 YEARS COLLEGE

Organizational Affiliations: Republican

Prior Public Experience: House committe board

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Fatima Baryab ✓

Diversity

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protect communities from crime
2. Improve quality of public schools
3. Endure economic opportunities for all

"I am a community advocate and non-profit leader. As a lifelong New Yorker, I am running for office to represent everyday people. Our concerns very often go unheard. We must change that. Vested interests shouldn't override the ability to live a good life in OUR city. Safety, sanitation, and better education are topics that deserve attention. There's more to do. I promise to make required changes."

Current Occupation: Scientist

Previous Occupation: Student

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Biology, St. John's University

Organizational Affiliations: Co-founder Diversity Plaza; Co-founder SUKHI New York

Prior Public Experience: Community Activist, Advocate against gentrification. Fatima co-authored NYS Legislative Resolution J3913 & is a spokesperson for many communities in NYC.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Shekar Krishnan ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Zhile Cao ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

Crime

Everyone deserves to feel safe—walking home, on the subway, or at a place of worship. Safety is our government's most important responsibility. We need comprehensive solutions, from mental health & housing to community centers. We keep communities safe by investing in them early.

Weak leadership results in crime raise at the city. Mayor and the incumbent are weak and listen to the extreme progressive democrat too much. We need to do our own thing and go back to the common sense.

Inflation

When every New Yorker, their family, and their neighborhood has the resources to thrive, our economy does too. The most effective way to address inflation is to build a city where everyone earns a dignified wage and has quality health care, an affordable home, and child care.

Inflation is mainly created by the Federal government and State Government. New York City does not control the gas price, does not print out food stamps and does not set the minimum wage. We can vote against the minimum salary, but city council does not set the standard.

Protecting Democracy

Voting is a fundamental right. We protect our democracy by making sure everyone can exercise this right free from discrimination. We must make voting easier and more accessible. As a Council Member, I have fought hard to protect voting rights and will continue to do so.

Democracy means no mask mandate, and no vaccine mandate with or without the pandemic. My body is my property and my border, and no one can invade. Protecting personal property is the fundamental of protecting democracy.

Fatima Baryab ✓

Diversity

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City Council District 26

Democratic, Working Families

- Julie Won ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

- Marvin R Jeffcoat ✓

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Julie Won ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing and Comprehensive Planning
2. Investing in Education and Greenspaces
3. Ensuring Community-Based Public Safety

"As Council Member, I am honored to be our community's voice in City Hall! In my first year, I've approved 1,622 units of affordable housing, guaranteed free WiFi, cable, and cell service for all NYCHA residents in district, and secured more than \$50 million in funding for our neighborhoods -- including \$11 million for our local schools, and \$15 million to upgrade our parks. As a local mom, immigrant, and tenant, I am fighting to end the affordable housing crisis, and make city government serve people better."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Digital Strategy Consultant

Education: Syracuse University

Organizational Affiliations: None as a current Council Member

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 2, Queens Borough President's 2020 Census Complete Count Committee: Founder Technology Action Group

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Marvin R Jeffcoat

Republican, Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. Provide safe and secure streets.
2. Charter schools, vouchers, home schooling
3. Eliminate job killing regulations.

"Marvin is a real leader for real people like you. He ensures veterans receive well deserved compensation spent here locally; empowers youth to create success with education and skill development by hands on in person service avoiding corporate influence ensuring service for everyone regardless of pedigree or income."

Current Occupation: Facility Manager - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Previous Occupation: Fresh Direct Transportation Supervisor; U.S. Army - Sergeant First Class (E7)

Education: Juris Doctorate from Concord Law School

Organizational Affiliations: VFW; American Legion; Catholic War Veterans; 82nd Airborne Division Association; Combat Infantrymen's Association; Cub Scouts; Knights of Columbus; NRA; Sunnyside GOP

Prior Public Experience: Former member of Community Board 2

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Julie Won ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Marvin R Jeffcoat ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

Crime	A holistic solution for public safety requires more than just law enforcement. We must treat the root causes of crime by increasing funding for mental health resources, expanding the restorative justice model, increasing job opportunities, and building affordable housing.	As a former Military Policeman, I know firsthand what it takes to restore order maintenance to our city. Once elected I will immediately introduce legislation to restore qualified immunity for law enforcement and neighborhood watch groups. This is my solemn oath to you.
Inflation	As a renter and a parent, I feel the effects of rising rents and the cost of living in our neighborhood constantly going up. That's why I secured over \$50 million in city funding directly for our neighborhoods, and fought for historic amounts of deeply affordable housing.	Just as like you I've watched job killing regulations increase inflation and reduce the amount of food on my family's kitchen table. I will review and eliminate the rules that stifle commerce. I will also work to create the lowest corporate tax rate in America so jobs return.
Protecting Democracy	As Council Member, it is my duty to defend my constituents' right to vote, and clear obstacles on the way to the ballot. I fully support measures to protect voters' rights, expand early voting hours and locations, simplify voting by mail, and more.	The US Constitution guarantees a representative democracy. Unfortunately, the City Council has abdicated its responsibility for debate and legislation ceding that responsibility to unelected bureaucrats who feel they know what we need better than we do. I'll fix that.

City Council District 27

Democratic

- Nantasha M Williams

Republican, Medical Freedom

- Marilyn Miller ✓

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Nantasha M Williams

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Quality of life preservation
2. Affordable housing
3. Racial equity

"I am a leader that believes in empowering the people of the community as much as possible. I am responsible for facilitating the community conversation around the major challenges we face and proactively finding underrepresented voices to speak on issues that impact them. My office is guided by the principle of accountability, accessibility and transparency."

Current Occupation: Project Manager, MWBE Compliance

Previous Occupations: Manager, Community and External Relations

Education: Bachelors (Political Science), Masters (Public Administration), Current PhD student

Organizational Affiliations: New York City Black Women's Political Club, Community Board 13, Women's March

Prior Public Experience: Working for the New York State Legislature in numerous positions

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Marilyn Miller ✓

Republican, Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. High Crime
2. Homelessness
3. Small Businesses

"I am a retired NYPD Officer and 9-11 first responder survivor. I am running for the people of New York and the great borough of Queens. Our city is in total disarray by the actions and policies of corrupt politicians who are destroying our communities and quality of life; with disastrous policies. It is time to put them on notice that "We The People" are fed up with high crime, homelessness, dirty streets, high taxes, inflation, attacks on small businesses and the violation of our civil rights supported by the constitution. IT'S MILLER'S TIME!"

Current Occupation: Real Estate Agent

Previous Occupation: NYPD Officer

Education: B.A. Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations: PBA, NAR, NFRW, RJC

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Nantasha M Williams
Democratic

Marilyn Miller 
Republican, Medical Freedom

Crime	As a former Board Member for a Cure Violence Program, I believe in expanding the toolbox of law enforcement to address crime. I believe 911 dispatchers should have access to social workers and mental health professionals, but I do not support defunding the police.	As a former NYPD Officer I will be tough on crime and hold our current leaders accountable for public safety. Catch no bail release must be repealed. We can no longer tolerate a revolving door which allows repeat violent offenders back into our communities to commit more crime.
Inflation	Inflation is a major issue the world is facing as energy prices rise and global conflict destabilizes the supply chain. I will continue to make sure working families do not bear the brunt of rising costs.	Inflation is a an all time high. Prices for goods and services have have gone up so high that it is affecting our quality of life. The American dollar has lost its value increasing the cost of living. We must move into a system backed by gold, silver and bitcoin.
Protecting Democracy	My belief in the preservation and promotion in democracy is absolute. We must do more to make voting easier and expand the electorate as much as possible.	Our country was established a federal democratic republic. As your elected leader I will protect the democracy and defend your civil rights which are protected by the constitution.

City Council District 28

Democratic

- Adrienne E Adams

Republican, Common Sense

- Rusat Mohan Ramgopal ✓

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Adrienne E Adams

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Housing and Affordable homes
2. Economic Opportunity
3. Mental Health

"Adrienne Adams is the first African-American Speaker of the NYC Council, leading the most diverse and women-majority in city history. She advanced a legislative agenda of equity, prioritizing issues facing women and families. She led the Council to confront racial disparities in maternal health and reproductive care. She passed legislation to diversify FDNY, improve New York's salary transparency law, and legislation to increase resources for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. Speaker Adams provided \$100K for Councilmembers to invest in victim services programs and opened access to higher learning by providing \$4.4M to CUNY Reconnect."

Current Occupation: Councilmember

Previous Occupation: Corporate Trainer

Education: College Graduate

Organizational Affiliations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Prior Public Experience: City Council

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



**Rusat Mohan
Ramgopal** ✓

Republican, Common Sense

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Public Safety
- 2. Public Schools/Education
- 3. Sanitation & Roads

"Our community in District 28 has been neglected, for years now. Our public safety is in crisis, our public schools are failing, and our streets are left unclean, with potholes everywhere. It's not enough to complain, we have to vote to get representation. I'm a product of the community & want to serve, because I know together, we can achieve greatness."

Current Occupation: City Council Candidate

Previous Occupations: Various positions-Globespan 24/7 Media, KCL Legal Clinic, U.S. State Department VSFS, John Jay College, New York City Urban Debate League

Education: Univ. of London, King's College, LL.B. (Law degree), Georgetown University, LL.M. (Law degree), Columbia Secondary School

Organizational Affiliations: Queens Book Fair, Shri Trimurti Bhavan, Diwali Motorcade Show

Prior Public Experience: Member of Queens Community Board 10, NYC Dept. of Education SLT

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Adrienne E Adams
Democratic

**Rusat Mohan
Ramgopal** ✓
Republican, Common Sense

Crime	The path to improving public safety is by investing in proven solutions that prevent crime from happening: youth intervention, economic opportunity, and mental health treatment are some examples of such investment.	The idiotic “Defund the Police” strategy, which was supported by the Democrats on the City Council, has left NYC in crisis. People don’t feel safe anymore. Crime is up, hurting poor and minority communities most. We need to work with the police, not against them.
Inflation	Inflation is an issue that has greatly impacted us. Mounting cost of living expenses due to slow supply-chain has caused an excessive burden. As elected leaders, we must work with our federal partners to mitigate the extreme drain on the pockets of our residents.	Inflation is hitting everyone, from the grocery store to the gas pump. Reckless policies & govt. spending in NYC have not helped the situation, like the new MetroCard fare hike. I will fight rising costs every chance I get. Your pockets are being drained while others get freebies.
Protecting Democracy	The protection of our sacred democracy is paramount to the success of our sovereign nation. As a country, we must do all we can to protect the rights of all who call this country home.	My parents left Guyana for America because of democracy. Democracy is hurt when those in power don’t face competition, think their power is guaranteed, & stop serving the people, taking you for granted. This is what has happened now with Democrats in NY. Let’s change that Nov. 7.

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City Council District 29

Democratic

- Lynn C Schulman ✓

Republican, Conservative

- Dannel Maio ✓

Common Sense

- Sukhi Singh ✓

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Lynn C Schulman ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improving healthcare; building hospital capacity
2. Investing in our local schools
3. Supporting our seniors and retirees

"I am running for re-election to continue making healthcare affordable and accessible to all New Yorkers. In my first term, as Chair of the Health Committee, I helped make the City healthier by enhancing women's health, introducing the first Citywide Diabetes Reduction Plan and improving health options for seniors."

As we recover from the worst public health crisis of our lifetime, now more than ever, it is vitally important to have a strong, independent, voice in the City Council representing Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill and Rego Park."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation; FDNY-EMS

Education: Harvard Executive Leadership Program; JD - Brooklyn Law School; BA - NYU

Organizational Affiliations: CB 6, CEC 28, 112th Pct. Council

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council; NYS Assembly;

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Danniell Maio ✓

Republican, Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. Crime, vote Republican
2. Taxes and Waste, vote Conservative
3. Truth and accountability, voters demand

"Thank you for reading the Voter Guide!"

Politics is a game of poliTRICKS. Winners pocket the cash; losers get duped. No power sharing, no debate, silent on details, rules are applied only whenever beneficial not based on fairness. Danniell Maio intends to expose these political tricks."

Current Occupation: Map maker and data analyst at Identity Map Company

Previous Occupations: Buyer at Westinghouse Electric; Paralegal at Epstein Becker & Green

Education: MS from Chaminde University (Honolulu, HI); BA in International Studies from American University (Washington, DC)

Organizational Affiliations: Central Queens Republican Club

Prior Public Experience: political candidate in 2001, 2008, 2016, 2020, 2022

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Sukhi Singh ✓

Common Sense

Top 3 Issues:

1. NO TO EDUCATIONAL BUDGET CUT
2. COMMIT TO CREATING SAFER STREETS
3. EXPAND RENT STABILIZATIONAL LAWS

"1-VOTE "NO" TO ANY CITY BUDGET CUTS FOR EDUCATION

2-COMMIT TO CREATING SAFER STREETS FOR ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TACKLE HATE CRIMES AND VIOLENCE

3-EXPAND RENT STABILIZED LAWS AND PROTECT BOTH RENTERS AND LANDLORDS BY PROPOSING CHANGES INTO DECADES OLD LAWS THAT DOESN'T WORK NOW

4-ENSURE ALL LANGUAGES ACCESS IN ALL GOV. AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

5-SUPPORT QUEENSLINK TO INCREASE TRANSIT ACCESSIBILITY FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH EASTERN QUEENS"

Current Occupation: IT CONSULTANT

Previous Occupation: IT CONSULTANT

Education: COLLEGE

Organizational Affiliations: The Sikh Cultural Society Inc.

Prior Public Experience: DISTRICT LEADER CANDIDATE 2022

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Lynn C Schulman ✓
Democratic

Danniel Maio ✓
Republican, Conservative

Crime	The first responsibility of government is to make people feel safe. Public safety is a complex issue that requires many levels of investment, including funding for violence interrupters, increased mental health services, NYPD involvement, and input from our community partners.	Bail reform law has legalized misdemeanor crimes. NYPD is handcuffed and demoralized; law abiding citizens are victims hit twice by criminals and the legal system. Safety prioritized by race, wealth, or gender is plain WRONG! Why should hate crimes get more attention?
Inflation	As we recover from the worst public health crisis of our lifetime, inflation has increased dramatically, hurting working families. I support NYS legislation to raise the minimum wage annually based on the rate of inflation. This would ensure financial stability for working NYers.	Package thieves, congestion pricing, real estate tax increase, OATH, fare evasion, climate change taxes on homes and utilities, \$112 billion city budget... Government's actions that increase inflation need to stop and be controlled. If wrong or unfair, refund taxpayer!
Protecting Democracy	Values of freedom and respect for human rights are essential elements of democracy. Our democratic institutions must be protected from any abuse of power, nationally and locally.	Vote against incumbents. Democracy works better if there is competition. This year, 15 City Council races has no opponents!

Sukhi Singh ✓

Common Sense

COMMIT TO CREATING SAFER STREET FOR ALL COMMUNITIES BY FUNDING DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO TACKLE HATE CRIMES AND VIOLENCE IN GENERAL

WE SHOULD FUND LOCAL FARMERS, MANUFACTURER AND LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO PRODUCE IN HOME RATHER THAN IMPORTING EVERYTHING

WE ARE THE OLDEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD AND TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IT FAIR AND TRANSPARENT WE SHOULD HAVE OUR ELECTION BOARD FULLY RESOURCEFUL BY FUNDED CORRECTLY

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City Council District 30

**Democratic, Republican,
Conservative, Animal Welfare,
Medical Freedom**

- Robert Francis Holden ✓

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Robert Francis Holden ✓

Democratic, Republican,
Conservative, Animal Welfare,
Medical Freedom

"As Council Member, I am committed to improving the quality of life for my constituents. My deep roots in this area, spanning generations, gives me a unique perspective and a passion for serving the community. I have fearlessly taken on the challenges facing our city, and I am proud to have secured record-breaking funding for our schools, parks, and senior centers. My dedication to public safety, quality of life, and constituent services has earned me a reputation as one of NYC's top three Council Members. With 48 years of experience as a union member, civic leader, and elected official, I bring a common-sense approach to my work and will continue to fight for you."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Quality of Life
3. Education

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: College Professor

Education: MFA

Organizational Affiliations: Juniper Park Civic Assn

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Robert Francis Holden

Democratic, Republican, Conservative,
Animal Welfare, Medical Freedom

Crime	I support our law enforcement agencies, including the NYPD, corrections officers, firefighters, EMS workers, and veterans. Without public safety, we will lose our city and continue to see a mass exodus from NYC.
Inflation	The middle and working-class neighborhoods are the most impacted by inflation, which is largely driven by the high cost of energy and out-of-control government spending. To address these issues, our country must take steps towards becoming energy independent
Protecting Democracy	Allowing and encouraging a wide range of voices and opinions is paramount to protecting our democracy. Listening to other opinions is crucial. Too many people are for shutting down debate and the media seems to be fueling the divide.

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City Council District 31

Democratic

- Selvena N Brooks-Powers

Republican, Mad as Hell, Parent Party

- Daniella May ✓

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Selvena N Brooks-Powers

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Quality of Life
2. Housing
3. Community Development and Infrastructure

"Since being elected in 2021, we hit the ground running by securing over \$100 million towards public safety, broke ground on a brand new school, older adult center, and state of the art soccer field. We have been investing record funding in our youth, seniors and parks, all while keeping agencies accountable to our needs. I also launched a Trauma taskforce to strengthen our health infrastructure. I am running for re-election because there is much more work to be done."

Current Occupation: NYC Councilmember

Previous Occupations: JFK Redevelopment Community Outreach & External Affairs Director, Communications Director, SEIU International & NYC Mayor's Office

Education: International Law, MS, NYU; Sociology, BA, Wilberforce University

Organizational Affiliations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Greater Allen AME

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Daniella May

Republican, Mad as Hell,
Parent Party

Top 3 Issues:

1. Place trauma center in Far-Rockaway.
2. Prioritize robust infrastructure for sustainability.
3. Address crime with activities, outreach.

"Daniella, a former nurse and Martin Van Buren HS graduate, became a frontline worker during the pandemic, aiding in COVID-19 prevention, vaccinations, and wound care for the homeless. She aims to establish a level-one trauma center in Far Rockaway to address the long travel distances causing deadly situations. Daniella prioritizes infrastructure and reducing crime rates through extracurricular activities and positive police engagement. Running for City Council, District 31, Daniella seeks to create a positive impact."

Current Occupation: Founder - Non Profit Agenda 700

Previous Occupation: Licensed Practical Nurse

Education: Veeb Nassau County School of Practical Nursing

Organizational Affiliations: New York Young Republican Club

Prior Public Experience: None

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Selvena N Brooks-Powers
Democratic

Daniella May 
Republican, Mad as Hell, Parent Party

Crime	We must address crime as it happens, specifically violent offenders. But, we must recognize and account for systemic barriers that are the underlining cause to the crime we see. That means investing in diversion programs, housing, employment, access to healthcare & quality food.	Crime is a serious issue that requires strong action to protect the safety and security of our communities. To combat crime it requires a combination of tough law enforcement policies, personal responsibility, and strong families and communities to address effectively.
Inflation	Families in my district are struggling because of inflation and high cost of living. We saw an exodus of Black families most recently. We need to find ways to address high cost of living for housing, transit, groceries and so much more.	Inflation can have harmful consequences for individuals and businesses. Inflation requires prudent policies to address fiscal responsibility, sound monetary policy, and free market competition, to minimize or prevent inflation to ensure a stable and prosperous economic future.
Protecting Democracy	January 6th was a reminder of how fragile our Democracy can truly be. This is why we must ensure we remove the barriers on access to the ballot box and other measures that will protect the fundamental rights and values that we all appreciate today.	Protecting democracy is a critical priority that requires a commitment to promoting the rule of law, protecting individual rights and freedoms, and promoting civic engagement and participation. By protecting democracy, we can ensure a free, just, and prosperous society for all.

City Council District 32

Republican, Conservative

- Joann Ariola ✓

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Joann Ariola ✓

Republican, Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Quality of life
3. Economy

"I'm running for re-election because I know that there is still a lot more work to be done to make this city into a place where all New Yorkers can feel safe and enjoy the quality of life we should all expect. In the years to come, I plan to continue fighting to improve public safety and make sure that our streets are cleaner and safer than ever before."

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupations: Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, MediSys Health Network

Education: Adelphi Business School

Organizational Affiliations: Chair, NYC Council Fire and Emergency Management Committee

Prior Public Experience: Assistant Commissioner, Mayors Community Assistance Unit, Chief of Staff, NYC Council

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Joann Ariola ✓
Republican, Conservative

Crime	Although crime has decreased in a number of areas, gun violence and violent crimes are still on the rise. I support the Administrations crime prevention initiatives, the NYPD and repealing failed bail reform measures that have allowed violent criminals to remain on our streets.
Inflation	It is getting harder and harder for people to remain in our city and state and be able to purchase a house and feed their families. That is why I have funded and supported local food pantries and voted for a tax refund for homeowners. It was the first refund in over a decade.
Protecting Democracy	I believe in democracy and I became a member of the NYC Council to protect that democracy and the rights of the people who live in NYC.

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City Council District 34

Democratic, Working Families

- Jennifer Gutierrez ✓

Medical Freedom

- Marguerite Chandler

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Jennifer Gutierrez ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Universal Child Care
2. Strengthen and expand tenant protections
3. Environmental Justice

"Jennifer Gutiérrez is an organizer, activist, and ally. For over a decade, Jennifer has been involved in the issues affecting families that she now represents. Born and raised in Queens to Colombian immigrants, Jennifer grew up in a one-bedroom apartment and attended public schools. She has been an advocate from a young age when her father became disabled and fought with insurance companies and accompanied her mother to cleaning gigs to interpret and negotiate her wages. In her time in office she has fought for affordable housing, to keep schools and daycares funded, broadband equity and access, and fighting against social service budget cuts that our communities desperately need."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff

Education: University at Albany

Organizational Affiliations: NA

Prior Public Experience: NA

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Marguerite Chandler

Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. Censorship, Free Speech
2. Medical Freedom
3. City going bankrupt

"I am a self-taught scholar on many issues of current interest, history and economics. We need to have a downpouring, a drenching of information all around, so citizens will be in a position to make-up their own mind. "Without Vision a People Perish." Only with free exchange of information can advancement and innovation be achieved."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupations: Potter, Writer, co-housing organizer

Education: University, no degree. U.C.L.A. U.C. Santa Barbara, various community colleges and State Univ. schools. College of Music, Marin county, California

Organizational Affiliations: BlockBush anti-war group, Bioregional Congress representative. Hudson River Sloop Singer for Clearwater. Sloop Club Beacon NY.

Prior Public Experience: none

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Jennifer Gutierrez 
Democratic, Working Families

Marguerite Chandler
Medical Freedom

Crime	We need to focus on getting guns out of the hands of our children, and increase funding for community resources we know work: mental health and substance abuse services, dignified housing and violence interruption in schools.	We need to work together, as living breathing human beings, to make sure proper conditions exist for peace in our home and in our community; That includes Parks and programs for youth. Repeat violent criminals should be kept in jail until their trials.
Inflation	Everyday New Yorkers have been struggling to make ends meet in our city; rent has skyrocketed and the price of milk and eggs are at an all-time high. Right now, we need to focus on strong social service investment across the government to support families who need it most.	Economic problems are the result of government policies. Inflation steals from people who save. The inflation trend will likely create a hunger problem, greater even than what exists as of now. I want people to grow food in the city, utilizing Permaculture Agricultural methods.
Protecting Democracy	I have long been an advocate of My City My Vote, and believe that every New Yorker, regardless of immigration status, should be able to cast their vote in our City. I also will continue to push the state to implement same day voter registration.	The Vote is very important. Many have given their lives to obtain the vote. It's very precious. When ballots are counted which are "orphans," a result of faulty voter rolls; it steals the vote, waters down the vote, of citizens. I believe only USA citizens should be able to vote

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.

About NYC Votes

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

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

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

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

Matching Funds Program

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

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



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General

What is a General Election?

In the general election, candidates from different parties compete to win elected office. You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for each office on the ballot. You can also vote “yes” or “no” on ballot proposals. All voters who registered by the deadline are eligible to vote in a general election.

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

Visit voterlookup.elections.ny.gov or call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.

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

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Vote by Mail

What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

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

imprisoned (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.

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

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