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November 7

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2023 NYC Voter Guide

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

When do I vote?

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

What am I voting for?

Offices

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

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

Learn more at nycvotes.org!

Election Dates and Deadlines

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

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How to vote

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



Election Day

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

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



Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

What to know

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

Early voting dates

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



Vote by Mail

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

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

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

How to request your absentee ballot:

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

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

Track your ballot

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

What to expect at your poll site



Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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



Fill out Your Ballot

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

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

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



Scan Your Ballot

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



Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

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

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

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

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

Sample ballot

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

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



My top choices

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

City Council

Ballot Proposals

Proposal 1

Proposal 2

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

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

What do elected officials do?

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

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

City Offices

City Council

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

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

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

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

County Offices

District Attorney

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

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

Judges

State Supreme Court

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

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

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Surrogate's Court

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

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

A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

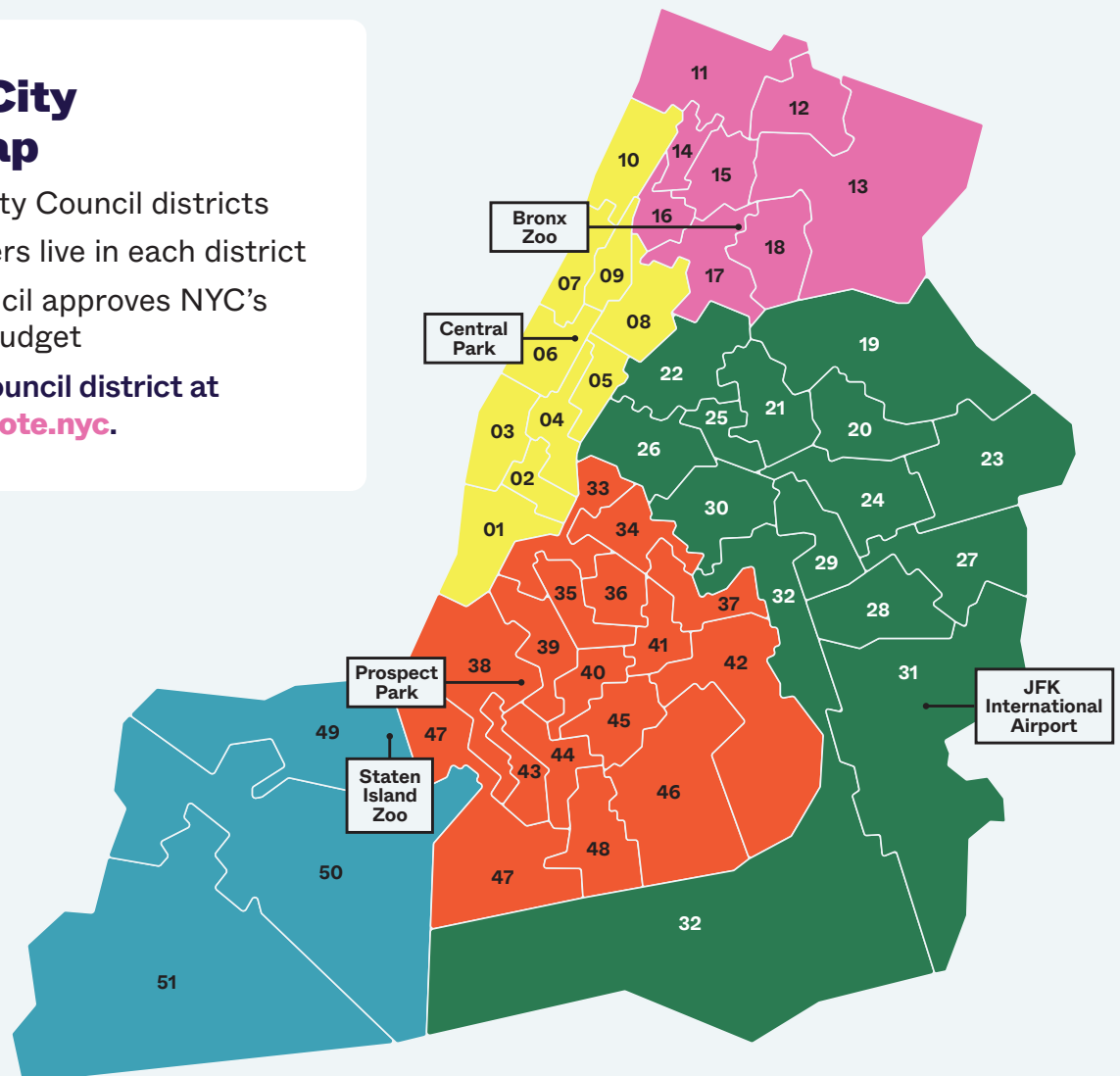
What do City Council members do for you?

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

New York City Council Map

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

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



City Council District 33

Democratic, Working Families

- Lincoln Restler ✓

Republican, Conservative, Medical Freedom

- Martha Rowen ✓

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Lincoln Restler ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Tackle the climate crisis
2. Build and preserve affordable housing
3. Better mass transit, safer streets

"I've lived in the 33rd my whole life & it's been an honor to serve as your Council Member. We're fighting for a more just & greener Brooklyn. We've introduced legislation to tackle the climate crisis, create truly affordable housing, expand bike lanes, end nonessential helicopter flights & more. I'd love to keep serving as your 24/7 problem solver & working to make the 33rd a model for Brooklyn & beyond!"

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: Worked in City government for over a decade, Exec Director of NYC Employment & Training Coalition

Education: Brown University

Organizational Affiliations: Helped found New Kings Democrats & boards of Community Board 2, Brooklyn Public Library, IMPACCT.

Prior Public Experience: I've had the honor to serve as Council Member. I've spent most of my career as a public servant in NYC government.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Martha Rowen

Republican, Conservative,
Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. Defend medical freedom, parental rights
2. Community autonomy in local decisions
3. Protect and support small businesses

"I'm a wife, mother and grandmother, a long-time resident of Brooklyn. I have been a community activist for many years, most recently to protect libraries, free speech, and information access.

I am running to bring us back to a healthy civic life, rein in government overreach by limiting the powers of elected and unelected officials, and to institute reforms to protect our rights."

Current Occupation: Adjunct Asst Professor, NYU-SPS

Previous Occupations: High School teacher, Bard High School Early College, Adjunct Lecturer, Brooklyn College, City College, Hunter College

Education: MA, MPhil, Classical Languages, CUNY Graduate School, BA Classical Languages, City University of New York

Organizational Affiliations: Medical Freedom Alliance, Citizens Defending Libraries

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

plan your ballot



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

Scan here or visit
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plan-your-ballot](https://nycvotes.org/plan-your-ballot)

Compare Candidates

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Lincoln Restler ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Martha Rowen ✓

Republican, Conservative, Medical Freedom

Crime	All Brooklynites deserve to feel safe. Gun violence and hate crimes are serious issues that we must address through targeted approaches to make our communities safer. We need to create more opportunities for young adults to help them onto the right path.	Crime is driven by unemployment, addiction, and hopelessness. I will work closely with the police to protect neighborhoods and keep our subways safe, and with the community to foster a local economy that provides employment, livable neighborhoods and supports strong values.
Inflation	Inflation is a major concern for working people who are already struggling with the affordability crisis in New York City. We need to ensure that minimum wage is linked to inflation and workers consistently receive cost of living adjustments to keep up.	Since 2020, the Fed has printed ~80% of circulating dollars, in a huge upward distribution of wealth, going to big corporations that stayed open while New York's schools, small businesses, churches and critical services were shut down. We must keep this from happening again.
Protecting Democracy	Anyone who values our democracy should be deeply invested in expanding access to vote-by-mail and protecting voting rights for all New Yorkers. I helped found a reform political organization to advance transparency, accountability and integrity in Brooklyn.	Democracy depends on citizen engagement and trust in the process. Many New Yorkers are cynical about voting, others need help in voting. I will work to bring in both by ensuring our elections are fairly counted and all voters have easy access.

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

compare candidates



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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 that 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

City Council District 35

Democratic, Working Families

- Crystal Hudson ✓

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Crystal Hudson ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Income-targeted and supportive housing
2. Older adults (Seniors)
3. Public safety and gun violence

"I am a third-generation Brooklynite and first-generation American, proudly serving as Chair of the City Council's Committee on Aging. I got into public service after caring for my late mother, who had Alzheimer's disease. I knew no one should have to struggle as much as my family did to care for our loved ones and ensure they can age safely, at home, and with dignity. I am excited for the opportunity to run for re-election in 2023, and will always run a campaign that centers love, honesty, and integrity."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Sports Marketing

Education: Spelman College; The George Washington University

Organizational Affiliations: Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn (LID); Working Families Party; NAACP

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council and the Office of NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Crystal Hudson ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Crime	Communities know best what keeps them safe. We need to shift city resources to support community-based violence prevention programs, like Cure Violence, dispatch co-responsive teams on mental health calls, and provide stronger programming for justice-involved youth.
Inflation	We must address rising costs by increasing support for food banks and pantries, providing property tax relief through rebates, supporting a living wage, and supporting the construction of deeply affordable, income-targeted housing that meets the needs of local communities.
Protecting Democracy	We need to ensure all New Yorkers have the opportunity to vote and have their voice heard by finally passing same-day registration and no-excuse absentee voting laws, allowing green card holders to vote in municipal elections, and reforming the Board of Elections.

watch candidate videos

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City Council District 36

Democratic, Working Families

- Chi A Osse

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Chi A Osse

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Sanitation and The RATS!
3. Public Safety

"Chi Ossé is the Council Member for New York City's 36th District, representing Bedford-Stuyvesant and North Crown Heights. He entered politics as an organizer and prominent figure in the Black Lives Matter movement. At 23 years old, Ossé was elected in 2021 as the youngest member of this Council and its only member hailing from Gen-Z.

Ossé is committed to meeting the needs of our community, including improving neighborhood sanitation, reimagining public safety, building and protecting safe and affordable housing, promoting local economic development, and strengthening our schools."

Current Occupation: City Councilmember

Previous Occupation: Freelance Creative

Education: Friends School, Chapman University (attended)

Organizational Affiliations: None

Prior Public Experience: Community Activist

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Chi A Osse

Democratic, Working Families

Crime	To reduce crime in our city, we need to take preventative measures by working on solutions to end poverty - such as funding affordable housing, economic development, increasing accessibility to education, and cure violence programs.
Inflation	While inflation is a federal issue, I have always been a advocate for local wealth equality - making sure the richest of New Yorkers pay their fair share.
Protecting Democracy	The events of January 6th seem impossible in a blue city like NYC, but we there is still fear and misinformation. We can confront this by funding civics programs in our public schools and energizing and engaging the next generation of voters.

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City Council District 37

Democratic, Working Families

- Sandy Nurse ✓

Republican, Conservative, Medical Freedom

- Isaiah Orlando Vega ✓

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Sandy Nurse ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable housing & homeowner protection
2. Public safety
3. Sustainable economic growth

"I am honored by the grassroots coalition behind me, including institutional progressive organizations, unions, identity based groups, elders, and the working people and families in the 37th district. My core values are respect, dignity and collective determination. I work to advance basic human protections for all New Yorkers and to enable dignity for those at the margins."

Current Occupation: City Council

Previous Occupations: Founder, BK ROT; Co-Founder, Mayday Space; Carpenter Instructor, Farm School

Education: New School University - MA program: Conflict & Security Studies; Emmanuel College - BA: Double Major Political Science, Communications

Organizational Affiliations: Mayday Space, BK ROT, Working Families Party, New Kings Democrats, Local Progress NY

Prior Public Experience: City Council

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Isaiah Orlando Vega ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Restoring Public Safety
- 2. Prevent Future Government Mandates
- 3. Clean Our Communities & Streets

"Our City is falling apart and it's time to stop it. I have witnessed the decline of our City over the last few years and finally declared that enough is enough. This is not the City my mother immigrated to or where I grew up. What was a short-lived peace and prosperity is now a pro-criminal haven of chaos led by a tyrannical government hellbent on erasing the middle class. No more, I say. I cannot rest peacefully until we take back and restore our City."

Current Occupation: Not Currently Employed
Previous Occupations: Campaign Manager, Camp Counselor, School Worker, Retail Worker
Education: BA History - CUNY York College
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: N/A
Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Sandy Nurse ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Isaiah Orlando Vega ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Medical Freedom

Crime	Harm in our community happens in many ways: deed theft, unlawful evictions, domestic violence, cuts to public programs and more. I invest in and support programs that address root causes of community violence, like youth activities, services for families and affordable housing.	Everyone knows it, everyone feels it - crime is up. As a City Councilmember, I would back our police and stand against the progressive ideology that created this pro-criminal environment.
Inflation	Inflation hurts our working class neighbors and many corporations are price gouging us. We need a higher minimum wage, tied to inflation, and more investments in public assistance like SNAP and housing vouchers to help working families from experiencing homelessness and poverty.	Inflation is up from where we were 3-4 years ago, and the economic prosperity we once felt is gone. We must save our small businesses by providing 10-year leases and revitalizing the middle class with lower taxes.
Protecting Democracy	I am deeply alarmed by the rise of fascism in our country and the rise of fascist hate groups here in NYC. I am engaging as many people as I can into civic democratic processes. We can't afford to have so many disengaged New Yorkers anymore.	Protecting democracy means protecting our Constitutional rights. To be able to live freely, without mandates, and without the threat of livelihood over refusing to obey them. We can protect democracy by restoring religious exemption and the jobs of those fired over mandates.

City Council District 38

Democratic, Working Families

- Alexa Aviles ✓

Republican, Conservative

- Paul A Rodriguez ✓

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Alexa Aviles ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Fully funding public schools.
2. Guaranteeing housing for all.
3. Enacting a people-centered budget.

"I am a proud Boricua, education organizer, mother, and democratic socialist driven by service to my community."

Current Occupation: City Council Member for District 38

Previous Occupations: I've dedicated my life to social justice working in the fields of philanthropy and nonprofits. I am a community member and parent organizer in this community, first and foremost.

Education: Masters in Public Administration, Baruch School of Public Affairs; Bachelors of Arts, Columbia College of Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: I am a member of the Democratic Socialists of America's New York City chapter.

Prior Public Experience: Prior to becoming a City Council Member in 2021, I served as a member on Brooklyn Community Board 7, a Parent Representative on the MS 88 School Leadership Team, PTA President of PS 172 and the Chair of the NYC Youth Board.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Paul A Rodriguez ✓

Republican, Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. Make neighborhoods safe again
2. Expand educational choice and opportunities
3. Provide relief for small businesses

"I'm running for City Council because our city is coming apart. Crime is rising, homelessness is devastating neighborhoods, schools are failing our children, and our quality of life is being destroyed. We must elect new people who are committed to reversing this trend."

Current Occupation: Nonprofit Development Professional

Previous Occupations: Banker; Stock & Credit Analyst; Financial Advisor

Education: BA in Economics & Global Policy Studies, Univ. of Georgia; Fellowship in Economics, Stanford

Organizational Affiliations: NYS Vice Chair, Republican National Hispanic Assembly; Past Board Member, Brooklyn (Kings County) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Former Mentor, Children's Aid

Prior Public Experience: Candidate, NYS Comptroller (2022); Candidate, NYC Comptroller (2021); Candidate, US House of Reps-NY12 (2004); President, NY Young Republican Club

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Alexa Aviles ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Paul A Rodriguez ✓
Republican, Conservative

Crime	We must invest in reducing the conditions that lead to crime, like poverty and underemployment. We use police and jails to do the work of social workers, educators, and health care providers. We need evidence-based programs that stabilize people and give them what they need.	Public safety is fundamental to social and economic prosperity. I will fight to reverse misguided policies like cashless bail and defunding the police. Instead, we must return to policies that support the police, and put and keep the criminals in jail.
Inflation	While the cost of groceries and rent have skyrocketed in recent years, big businesses have continued to profit at unprecedented levels. We need to reign in corporate greed and support workplace organizing for better wages and benefits.	The highest inflation in decades has raised the cost everything from food to paper to building materials. And salaries and wages have not kept up with the increase, worsening our cost of living. Higher taxes or interest rates are not the solution, only public spending cuts.
Protecting Democracy	We must increase funding to strengthen local civic engagement infrastructure that will engage in year-around public education, awareness and activation. This includes providing resources to train and retain quality poll workers.	Many progressives believe that you must undermine free speech and the Constitution in order to protect democracy. They are wrong. Only through the free and open exchange of ideas, no matter how objectionable or problematic they may seem, can democracy survive tyranny.

City Council District 39

Democratic, Working Families

- Shahana K Hanif ✓

Republican, Conservative, Medical Freedom

- Arkadiusz T Tomaszewski ✓

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Shahana K Hanif ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Fully fund our public schools
2. Pedestrian and cyclist street safety
3. Expand mental health services

"I am a Working Families Party endorsed candidate. Since taking office, I have been serving as the Chair of the Immigration Committee and co-chair of the Progressive Caucus. In the days following the reversal of Roe v. Wade, my team and I secured \$1M in funding for abortion procedures and practical support. This is the largest investment taken on by a municipality. I've also delivered \$10M towards childcare for undocumented families. My office and I are present and responsive to the diverse issues and communities in the district."

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupations: Director of Organizing & Community Engagement at Council Member Brad Lander's office

Education: CUNY Brooklyn College

Organizational Affiliations: Working Families Party, Sunrise NYC

Prior Public Experience: Former Community Board 12 member

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



**Arkadiusz T
Tomaszewski** ✓

Republican, Conservative,
Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Protect our Constitution rights
- 2. Ensure medical freedom of choice
- 3. Support NYPD to reduce crime

"I've been a Brooklyn resident for over 30 years, as an activist and organizer. It's time for all concerned citizens to engage politically; I want to effect real change for the public good, defend our rights and provide leadership - and I know how to empower people to fight back."

Current Occupation: retired

Previous Occupation: Carpenter

Education: Mechanic Diploma (Poland)

Organizational Affiliations: National Mobilization Against Sweatshops; Medical Freedom Alliance

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Shahana K Hanif ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Arkadiusz T Tomaszewski ✓
Republican, Conservative, Medical Freedom

Crime	I'm committed to addressing public safety with tools that do more than just give the appearance of safety. We need community-focused solutions for addressing gun violence. We also need real investments in housing, healthcare, and education to address the root causes of crime.	To reduce crime, I will focus on helping our neighbors create small businesses and jobs, so everyone has access to meaningful and satisfactory work.
Inflation	Working families, working-class people are being pushed out because of inflation and austerity budgets. I am fighting to strengthen robust social services, affordable housing, and full funding for our public schools and CUNY. I am committed to delivering a City rooted in dignity.	Since early 2020, the federal reserve has printed trillions of dollars, which devalued our currency, while small businesses were closed in NYC.
Protecting Democracy	Protecting democracy requires making government more transparent. I lead Participatory Budgeting (PB) which democratizes power over public funds, and has resulted in critical and creative reinvestments to our schools, streets, and parks conceived by and voted on by the people.	Without protecting the Constitution we can't have a democracy.

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City Council District 40

Democratic, Working Families

- Rita C Joseph ✓

Medical Freedom

- Daniel B Lally*

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Rita C Joseph ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Fully fund public education
2. Increase accountability around public safety
3. Expand street and districtwide cleanliness

"In just 2 years in office, I have been able to increasing funding for our public schools through improvements to libraries, technology, and after school programming. My office has also been able to expand community programming for seniors, pass measures to protect small businesses, and invest in more green spaces. As a mother, our investments in maternal health have also been very important to me. I'm excited by the progress we have made and look forward to continuing the work."

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member

Previous Occupation: Educator, PS6 Brooklyn

Education: Bachelor of Science - St. Francis College Dual Master's in General and Special Education - Touro College

Organizational Affiliations: UFT

Prior Public Experience: I served as the Neighborhood Advisory Board Chair. I serve on the Citywide Participatory Budgeting Committee.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Rita C Joseph 
Democratic, Working Families

Daniel B Lally*
Medical Freedom

Crime	We need a holistic approach to addressing crime in NYC. In addition to expanding community policing and holding the NYPD accountable, we need new alternatives to address issues and community programs to address the underlying issues - education, jobs, mental health, and more.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	I plan to work with my colleagues in the state and federal governments to ensure we are providing relief wherever possible to help working families better be able to afford daily life - like groceries, housing, transportation, and more.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	Our democracy is under attack from Republicans all across this country. New York must stand as a beacon for democracy by expanding and protection voting rights for all New Yorkers. We must expand early voting, absentee voting, same day registration, and more.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

City Council District 41

Democratic

- Darlene Mealy ✓

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Darlene Mealy ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Food Insecurities
2. Crime
3. Affordable Housing & Small Businesses

"I have over 12 years of governmental office experience with proven results in being a pioneer of positive change for the lives of youth, adults & seniors of the 41st Council District."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: New York City Transit Authority, DC 37

Education: George W. Wingate, High School, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Cornell University

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Democratic Party Executive Committee, New Grassroots Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member 41st District, 3 Terms, New York State-State Committeewoman and Female District Leader, 55th Assembly District

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Darlene Mealy

Democratic

Crime	Mealy for the people will align and support Crisis Management Organizations, Mental Health Initiatives and Rehabilitation Programs to aide in bringing the level of crime to an all time low in the 41st Council District.
Inflation	Inflation is at an all time high due to the pandemic. I will align and provide support to initiatives provided by the city and the federal government to aide in lowering the debt ceiling.
Protecting Democracy	When re-elected I will continue to fight to ensure that our democracy is fair and balanced not for some but for "all people"!

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City Council District 42

Democratic

- Chris Banks ✓

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Chris Banks ✓

Democratic

"As a lifelong resident of District 42's East New York, I will combine my lived experience, and relationships throughout the district working collaboratively with all stakeholders to address the issues facing our community. The challenges our community faces can be resolved through a collectively shared vision and the creation of partnerships with those who are committed to improving the future of the district we call home."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Addressing Public Safety Concerns
2. Creating Truly Affordable Housing Options
3. Creating Senior and Youth Programs

Current Occupation: Self Employed

Previous Occupations: ED, East New York United Concerned Citizens Inc.

Education: AA in Judicial Studies, John Jay College

Organizational Affiliations: Board Chair, Boulevard Houses Nursery Day Care, President Van Siclen Block Assoc.

Prior Public Experience: Pres. 75th Precinct Council, Sgt. at Arms & past co-chair of the Aging, Transportation, and Education committees, BK CB5

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Chris Banks

Democratic

Crime	Crime is a top concern of many District 42 residents & stakeholders. We can't simply police our way to safety. Fighting crime requires a common sense approaches where law enforcement sees residents as partners they are accountable to.
Inflation	Inflation has a severely negative impact on communities like District 42 where many seniors reside and live on a fixed income. Government must use every tool in the legislative arsenal to combat inflation and make our communities as affordable as possible.
Protecting Democracy	Our democracy is the foundation on which our society is built. It has come under direct threat and attack in the recent past and must be protected at all costs.

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City Council District 43

Democratic

- Susan Zhuang ✓

Republican

- Ying Tan ✓

Conservative

- Vito J Labella ✓

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Susan Zhuang ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Making our neighborhoods safer
2. Ensuring quality education for all
3. Improving our quality of life

"As a mother of two young children, a public-school parent, and Chief of Staff for Assemblyman William Colton, I have been fighting for community issues in South Brooklyn for years. We need a fighter to make our communities safer, strengthen our schools, and ensure we can all succeed."

Current Occupation: Chief of Staff for New York State Assemblymember William Colton

Previous Occupation: Market Research Analyst

Education: Southern Indiana University, MBA in Data Analysis
SUNY-Oswego, BA Degree in Finance and Applied Statistics

Organizational Affiliations: Board Member—Asian American Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association, Board Member—AAGG PAC, Founder—Leaders of Tomorrow, Former VP—Brooklyn United Progressive Democratic Club, Former VP/Founder—Young Democrats of Southern Brooklyn Political Club

Prior Public Experience: community activist

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Ying Tan ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Protect Senior Citizens
3. Quality Education

"Our team will fight the best for the community and bring safety and common sense back"

Current Occupation: Full time in campaign

Previous Occupations: Senior Services

Education: High School

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Vito J Labella ✓

Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety & QOL Enforcement
2. Reducing Business Regulation & Tax Burdens
3. Government Integrity, Transparency & Accountability

"I was born and raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. I have served my community as a police officer and education advocate, retiring as a lieutenant from the NYPD after 32 years of service.

I have advocated for accelerated education and improved transparency and accountability in the city's public school system.

I possess valuable experience and institutional knowledge in both policing AND education. I can confidently assert that I am the best candidate for the 43rd District."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupations: Community Liaison, AM Lester Chang, Lieutenant, NYPD (Retired)

Education: BA Creighton University

Organizational Affiliations: LBA, AEA, AFTRA, SAG

Prior Public Experience: 2022 NY Senate Candidate D17, Elected Representative CEC 20, Co-Founder PLACE NYC, PTO President, IS187, School Leadership Team at Brooklyn Technical HS.

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Susan Zhuang ✓

Democratic

Ying Tan ✓

Republican

Crime

We must support our police to make our city safer. We need to partner with local anti-violence groups to get the guns off our streets, address the mental health crisis, create tougher penalties to stop hate crimes and bias attacks, and fully fund the NYPD.

We should fix crime by 1.increase police funding 2. end bail reform 3. implementing community police. 4. Hold DA accountable

Inflation

We need to hold companies and utilities accountable for price gouging and ensure they are not taking advantage of consumers. We must also rein in inflation that harms working families the most.

Ensuring government spending appropriately can help. At the same time, we need to allocate more resources to people with fixed income on essential living items. Lifting lengthy regulation process to home owners and small businesses.

Protecting Democracy

The attempts by extremists to overturn free and fair elections should be a wake-up call to everyone who cares about democracy. We must increase access and ease of voting and protect every eligible voter's right to vote.

I feel we're not doing enough to educate the next generation of New Yorkers on democracy. My postion is to implement robust civic education programs in schools that teach about democratic values, principles and insituations.

Vito J Labella

Conservative

Allow judges to consider dangerousness when deciding whether to hold somebody in pretrial detention.

Fund drug treatment and mental health resources and enforce Kendra's Law.

Encourage the Kings County DA to prosecute repeat and violent offenders to the fullest extent possible.

NYC needs to avoid excessive spending to prevent contributing to inflationary pressures and streamline regulations that may stifle economic growth and add to production costs. Reducing bureaucratic barriers can promote business expansion and mitigate inflationary impacts.

Ballot integrity is as essential as voter access and convenience when discussing the democratic process. Universal absentee ballots, and ballot harvesting should be the exception, not the rule.

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City Council District 44

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

- Kalman Yeger ✓

Boro Park Flatbh

- Heshy Tischler ✓

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Kalman Yeger ✓

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. .
2. .
3. .

"No one fights harder for our community. I fight those who try to defund and destroy the NYPD. I always fiercely oppose tax hikes, and I led the fights to bring rebates and exemptions to New Yorkers.

I’ve brought tens of millions of dollars to our neighborhoods, to build our institutions, fund emergency responders, repair our parks and streets, and keep our community safe.

I ALWAYS stand against the agitators who want to harm our community, and I ALWAYS put people before politics. That’s who I am, and that’s who I’ll always be, as your common-sense voice of reason at City Hall."

Current Occupation: Councilman

Previous Occupation: Attorney

Education: New York Law School, Touro College

Organizational Affiliations: .

Prior Public Experience: Community Board Member, Borough President's Office

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Heshy Tischler ✓

Boro Park Flatbh

Top 3 Issues:

1. Fully Funding the NYPD
2. Reduce Taxes/Cost of Living
3. Protect Liberty & Religious Freedom

"Heshy Tischler will be a strong voice for Brooklyn's urgent needs in the NYC City Council. His campaign breaks from corrupt local party politics, aiming to boost the city by cutting red tape, lowering punishing taxes, and fighting hate crimes. He values personal freedoms, especially after COVID, supports the NYPD and aims to improve our quality of life & public safety."

Current Occupation: Expeditor/Community Leader/Radio Host

Previous Occupation: Contractor

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Talmudical Academy of New Jersey

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Kalman Yeger

Democratic, Republican,
Conservative

Heshy Tischler

Boro Park Flatbh

Crime

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

Heshy wants to review NYC's bail reform and end it. He sees issues affecting public safety and wants a fair criminal justice approach. He stresses fully funding the NYPD to ensure community safety, giving officers resources for crime prevention & improving quality of life.

Inflation

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

Heshy notes NYC's pricey living due to charges on phones/utilities, & higher sales taxes which hurts working people. With Congestion pricing possibly taxing Brooklyn drivers to enter Manhattan, He's set to battle rising taxes for an affordable city future for all.

Protecting Democracy

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

Civics program: to teach kids democratic values, critical thinking & responsible engagement to become informed citizens. This is a foundation for active participation, diverse perspectives, & securing democracy's future in NYC, our state, the nation & the pursuit of happiness.

City Council District 45

Democratic

- Farah N Louis ✓

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Farah N Louis ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Housing
2. Public Safety
3. Education

"My motivation for running for re-election is due to my dedication and commitment to the continued growth of this district. During my tenure on the City Council, I secured funding for the first affordable housing development exclusively for seniors in the district and funded the first ever Women's Health Center and garnered \$141M to build the first recreation center in East Flatbush. My priorities have been included, but I am also committed to combating disparities in healthcare. I grew up in a pro-union household and understand the intersections of identity in District 45 and the associated obstacles, the way they can keep one from living their full life and I seek to undermine every obstacle that exists."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: N/A

Education: Masters

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Farah N Louis ✓

Democratic

Crime	Crime was one of New Yorkers top issue. We've passed several laws including discovery and speedy trial rules in the larger bail-reform package, but more has to be done legislatively regarding gun laws, criminal mischief and support for those with severe mental illness.
Inflation	Inflation is a major issue for the country, followed by the affordability of housing, health care and concerns of violent crime. It's less purchasing power and causes loss of good and services.
Protecting Democracy	Our democracy has been challenged in the past few years. By protecting our democracy we're preventing abuse of power, restoring checks & balances, ensuring there's accountability & transparency in government. Empowering our communities to remain civically engaged and informed is

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City Council District 46

Democratic

- Mercedes Narcisse* ✓

Republican, Conservative

- Mike Moran* ✓

Kebreau for Coun

- Adlerette Kebreau ✓

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Adlerette Kebreau ✓

Kebreau for Coun

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Mental Health Issues
3. Quality Education

"I'm Adlerette Kebreau, known as a Pastor, Teacher, and a longtime Community Fighter. With my background and experiences, I have what it takes to work with a diverse population, staff and colleagues. Some of my strong skills are leadership, planning, and problem solving."

Current Occupation: Counselor, Pastor, and Advocate

Previous Occupation: Science Teacher

Education: Master in Professional Studies



Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn College Alumni Association, Haitian American Lawyers Association

Prior Public Experience: Coordinate and Communicate with numerous organizations to facilitate organize conferences and spiritual seminars for domestic and international audiences in multiple locations including Europe, Montreal, Caribbean and more.

Party Enrolled In: Conservative

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	Mercedes Narcisse* 	Mike Moran* 
	Democratic	Republican, Conservative
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Inflation	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

Adlerette Kebreau ✓

Kebreau for Coun

Eliminate all; Bad upbringing, Poverty, Mental Illness, Greed, Corruption, Addiction and Hate that causes people to commit crime.

I believe there's a need for more jobs and higher-paying opportunities. The war has taken a leap ahead of our economic crisis meanwhile, rent and living essentials are soaring out of control let's put an end to the war and redirect our attention to financial stability.

In my eyes, we must protect and maintain the system of checks and balances this way we can ensure integrity and accountability for all.

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City Council District 47

Democratic

- Justin Brannan ✓

Republican, Conservative, Parent Party

- Ari Kagan ✓

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Justin Brannan ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public safety
2. Support for our seniors
3. Building new schools and parks

"It doesn't matter to me if you are a Democrat or a Republican, my job as an elected official is to serve all. I wake up every single day with one goal: to make your life just a little bit easier. It is the honor of a lifetime to represent the neighborhoods where I grew up and I will always fight for you and your family."

Current Occupation: New York City Councilman

Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff to Councilman Vinnie Gentile

Education: Fordham & CUNY

Organizational Affiliations: Bay Ridge Cares

Prior Public Experience: Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the NYC Department of Education

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Ari Kagan

Republican, Conservative,
Parent Party

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Merit-Based School Education
3. Sanitation

"I am Republican Councilman Ari Kagan running for re-election. I came to America from Belarus 30 years ago with no money and no English. Now I am living my American Dream as your Councilman. I am a husband and a proud father of two children. I graduated from Baruch College working during the day and studying at night. I've been working as a TV & Radio host while volunteering for the community.

I am a strong supporter of NYPD, merit-based education and parental choice. I was able to deliver millions of dollars to community projects & helped thousands of constituents.

I am asking for your vote in the Primary, June 27."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: TV & Radio Host

Education: Baruch College, Bachelor in Business Administration

Organizational Affiliations: Verrazzano Republicans

Prior Public Experience: District Director, CD 47

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Crime	As an elected official, public safety will always be my #1 priority. Locally, we have more cops on patrol than ever before and we are making targeted investments to address the root causes of crime through access to education, jobs, healthcare, housing and transportation.	I am a strong supporter of NYPD & law enforcement. Criminals should face consequences for their actions. We need to fund youth programs, vocational training & career coaching.
Inflation	While fighting inflation is the job of the federal government and not the city council, we can combat inflation by taking on corporate greed, creating more union jobs & raising wages. Working families are feeling squeezed while billionaires get rich & pay no taxes. That must end.	We need to spend taxpayers' money wisely fighting waste, fraud & abuse. We need to reduce exorbitant utility costs, unnecessary fees and property taxes, making it easier for small businesses to succeed. I am against congestion pricing which is another tax on working New Yorkers.
Protecting Democracy	I believe we must do everything in our collective power to stop authoritarian attacks on our democracy by countering the proliferation of disinformation, the politicization of our independent institutions, and insidious anti-democratic tactics in whatever form they take.	We need to prevent voter fraud, to clean voters lists from ineligible voters, to require ID at poll sites & to create better civic awareness.

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City Council District 48

Democratic, We The People

- Amber Adler ✓

Republican, Conservative

- Inna Vernikov ✓

Team Trump

- Igor Kazatsker ✓

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Amber Adler ✓

Democratic, We The People

Top 3 Issues:

1. Local Economy
2. Public Safety
3. Sanitation

"Amber is an Executive and Orthodox Jewish mother of two young boys who has raised and allocated millions of dollars in resources for family services, combating hate crimes, special needs children, education and seniors facing poverty. Once elected, Amber will improve residents Quality of Life. She will increase safety, bring back clean streets, improve curbside trash pickup, support seniors, unite residents, combat hate crimes and increase money to the district. Amber pledges to stay frugal & create fiscally responsible policy."

Current Occupation: Executive

Previous Occupations: Project Witness, International Center for Autism Research and Education

Education: BA, Business & Communication, Ohio University.

Organizational Affiliations: Chair of Neighborhood Advisory Board 15, County Committee Member

Prior Public Experience: Community Development

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Inna Vernikov ✓

Republican, Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protecting citizens before protecting criminals
2. Fighting all forms of discrimination
3. Supporting small businesses

"I have been blessed during my first term in the City Council to have great partners to work with in helping me accomplish many of our goals for the community. I am running for re-election because there's still much work to be done and many goals to accomplish."

Current Occupation: City Council Member, Minority Whip

Previous Occupation: Attorney

Education: Nefesh Academy, Baruch College, Juris Doctorate

Organizational Affiliations: Asian Community Watch, Americans Against Antisemitism, Legion Self Defense

Prior Public Experience: City Council Member & Minority Whip; Special Assistant to former Assemblyman Dov Hikind; Campaign assistant manager to former State Senator David Storobin; Chair of Women's Committee for Americans Against Anti-Semitism; Chair of Legion Self Defense

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Igor Kazatsker ✓

Team Trump

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improve feelings of public safety
2. Less talk, more clean streets
3. Great small businesses in 48

"Out with 'talking heads', in with 'working hands.'"

Current Occupation: Russian Promotion Corp., President

Previous Occupations: Engineer; Journalist; Case Manager; Immigration Paralegal; Recreational Therapist

Education: Mechanical Engineer; Journalist

Organizational Affiliations: Odessa Community of New York, President; American Association of the Jews from the former USSR, Vice President

Prior Public Experience: As the host of the daily program "New York City News", on Russian radio, interactively communicated with radio listeners

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Republican, Conservative

Crime	We must fight crime and prevent it. Policy should be updated to stop recidivist criminals. We must invest in preventative K-12 education to stop bullying and end hate crimes.	We should protect law-abiding citizens, not violent criminals. Bail-reform is a reckless policy that leads to more violence. I believe in second chances & applaud programs reintegrating previously incarcerated people into society but we can't just eliminate consequences.
Inflation	Fiscally responsible policy, keeping the budget lean and setting up specifically earmarked emergency funds creates a good foundation to fight inflation.	Inflation is the predictable result of irresponsible policy decisions: Pouring excess money into the economy; squashing small business; reckless spending and runaway inflation hurt everyone from the bottom up.
Protecting Democracy	We must protect Democracy by increasing transparency in government. We must also close loopholes and increase penalties to stop political payoffs.	I immigrated to NYC from the former Soviet Union to escape communism and take part in the American Dream: Work hard, earn money, and live freely. Our current leaders are trying to rob us of those basic rights, which is why I entered politics.

Igor Kazatsker ✓

Team Trump

It is important that every New Yorker feels safe everywhere - at home, on the streets, on the subways. We need to have enough police officers patrolling. We need to see a uniform everywhere in the community and we must do everything possible to keep the criminals in jail.

Considering an influence of inflation on the city's economy the Council can come to the rescue of the average New Yorker by lowering taxes, fees & fines, and decreasing bureaucracy. Thus, the Council may secure more efficient, more economical needed government services.

America's wonderful way of life is embedded in the foundation of democracy. The Council must never encroach on the freedoms that are an important part of our democracy. It must use its powers to make sure that New Yorkers live their lives the way our Constitution guarantees.

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Fall 2023 Ballot Proposals

What are ballot proposals?

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

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

Why are these proposals on the ballot?

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

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Ballot Proposal 1

Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

What you will see on the ballot

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

Proposal Summary:

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

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

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

If this Proposal Passes:

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

Ballot Proposal 2

Extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limit

What you will see on the ballot

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

Proposal Summary:

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

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

If this Proposal Passes:

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

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

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

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

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

Matching Funds Program

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?

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by **October 23**. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

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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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Manhattan	200 Varick Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10014	212-886-2100
Queens	118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375	718-730-6730
Staten Island	1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305	718-876-0079