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New York City is one of the greatest and most diverse cities in the country. It leads the nation on issues that matter. That's why it's especially important that you make informed choices about who represents you in city government. While you can't always control what happens nationally, you do have a say about what happens in our city. Your vote has an impact on everything from the quality of city schools to the cost of living and helps create a city that works for everyone.

Be sure to take this Voter Guide, NYC's official nonpartisan guide to city elections, with you when you cast your vote in the citywide primary election this fall. The Guide provides profiles of candidates seeking your nominations for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council, as well as general info about voting.

Cast your vote to make a difference!

GO GREEN!

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

You have the right to vote in the September 12, 2017 primary election if:

- ◆ You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary (check **voting.nyc** if you're not sure if you're registered).
- ◆ You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- ◆ You are not currently serving time for a felony or on parole.
- ◆ You are in line at your poll site by 9 pm on September 12th (NYC poll sites open at 6 am).

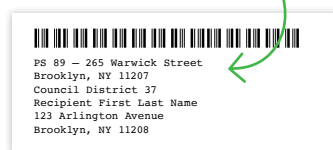
In any election, you have a right to:

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

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

KNOW WHERE TO GO

YOUR POLL SITE!



Check the cover of this Voter Guide

OR



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

OR



Call the Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC

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ELECTION AT A GLANCE

MAYOR pg 6

The mayor is the leader of city government.



Sal Albanese



Richard S. Bashner



Bill de Blasio



Bob Gangi



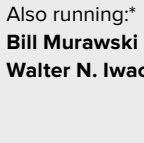
Mike Tolkin



Rocky De La Fuente



Nicole Malliotakis



Also running:*
Bill Murawski
Walter N. Iwachiw

PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 10

The public advocate is the people's representative in city government.



David C. Eisenbach



Letitia James

COMPTROLLER

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.

There is no primary election for Comptroller.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT pg 12

As the chief executives of their boroughs, the borough presidents make sure that community needs are met.



Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Also running:*
Avery Selkridge



Camella D. Price

CITY COUNCIL pg 13

The City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government.

Check the cover of your Voter Guide to find your Council district.



Diana Ayala
City Council District 08



Tamika Mapp
City Council District 08



Israel Martinez
City Council District 08



Robert J. Rodriguez
City Council District 08



Karree-Lyn Gordon
City Council District 12



Pamela A. Hamilton-Johnson
City Council District 12



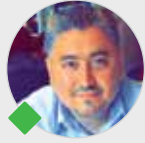
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City Council District 12



John C. Doyle
City Council District 13



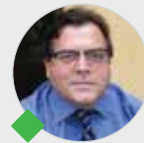
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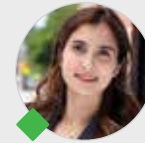
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City Council District 13



Victor R. Ortiz
City Council District 13



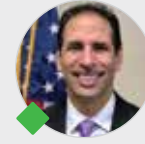
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Marjorie Velazquez
City Council District 13



Randy Abreu
City Council District 14



Fernando Cabrera
City Council District 14



Felix A. Perdomo
City Council District 14



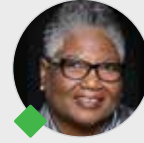
Vanessa L. Gibson
City Council District 16



Melvin Burgos
City Council District 17



Isabel S. Fernandez
City Council District 17



Helen Hines
City Council District 17



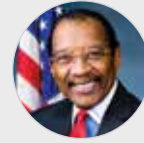
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
City Council District 17



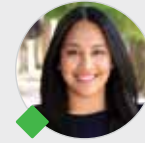
Elvis L. Santana
City Council District 17



Michael Beltzer
City Council District 18



Ruben Diaz, Sr.
City Council District 18



Amanda Farias
City Council District 18



Elvin Garcia
City Council District 18



William R. Moore
City Council District 18

Also running:*
Niyyirrah El
City Council District 16
Glennis Sanchez
City Council District 17

There are no primary elections for City Council member in Districts 11 and 15.

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VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

MAYOR

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

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

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

COMPTROLLER

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

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

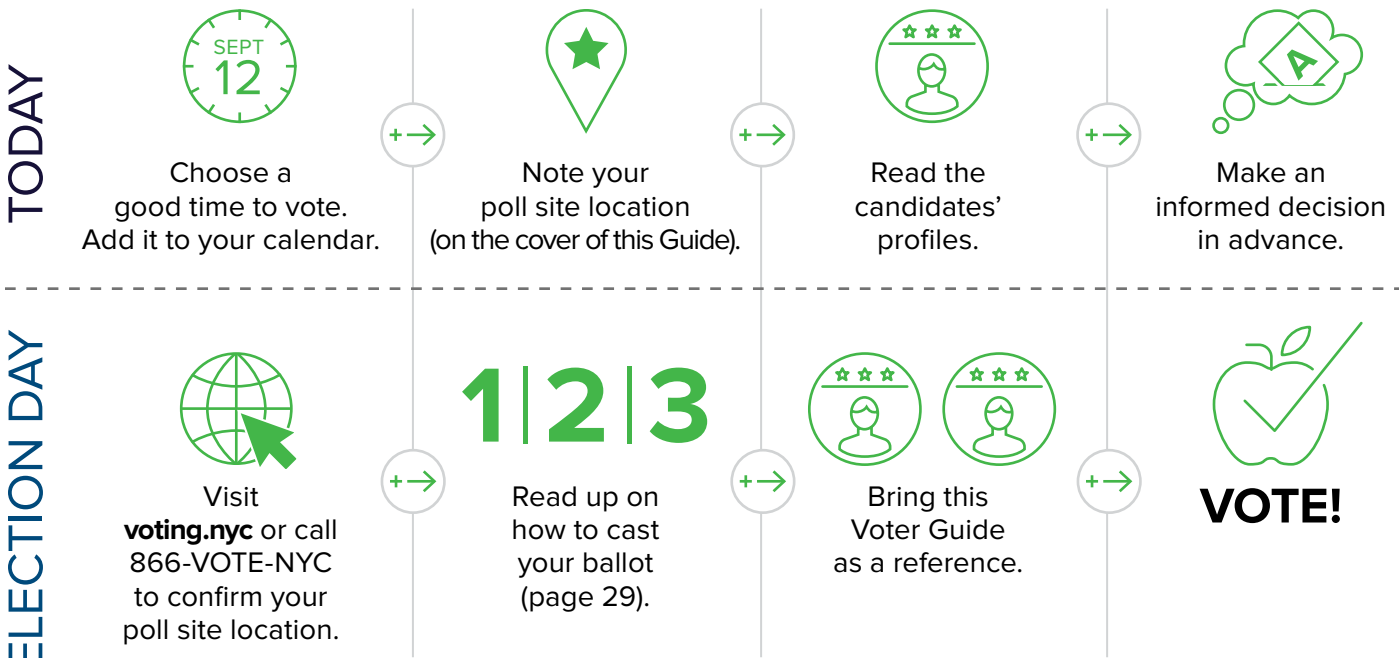
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

MAKE A VOTING PLAN



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This Guide lists all the candidates who were expected to be on the ballot at the time of publication. Some candidates may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press. Check the online Guide at nycffb.info/voterguide for the most up-to-date information, as well as taped candidate video statements.

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ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

- SEPT
05

 - ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

- SEPT
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 - ◆ Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person
 - ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by Sept. 18)

- SEPT
12

 - ◆ Primary election
 - ◆ Last day to deliver an absentee ballot in person

- OCT
13

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

- NOV
07

 - ◆ General election

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COME TO A VAAC MEETING

The CFB's **Voter Assistance Advisory Committee (VAAC)** holds public meetings throughout the year to solicit testimony from elected officials, good government groups, and New Yorkers about how to improve voting in our city.

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

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

MAYOR

Sal Albanese

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: lawyer

Previous Occupation: teacher, City Council member

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

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party

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

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

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Richard S. Bashner

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transparent effective leadership
- 2 Protect neighborhoods and improve schools
- 3 Actually implement progressive solutions



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: N/A

Education: JD New York University School of Law; BA in Psychology Harvard College

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Community Board 6; 78th Precinct Youth Council Recreational Basketball Coach

Prior Public Experience: Chair Brooklyn Community Board 6 (4 yrs); CB6 Executive Committee (15 yrs); CB6 Chair of Community Development Committee

I’m running for mayor because I’ve lost faith in our leaders.

Now, more than ever, New York needs transparent government which represents all New Yorkers.

We need government that focuses on our communities, rather than serving real estate developers, campaign contributors, and lobbyists.

We must protect our public assets, our historic districts, light and air, landmarks, libraries and tenants from destabilizing real estate projects.

We must embrace technology to make city services more accessible, accountable and efficient.

I’m running for mayor to protect all New Yorkers from the destructive policies of Donald Trump.

Everyone should have the security of a safe place to live, access to necessary services, quality education, and the ability to live as themselves.

A vote for Richard Bashner is a vote for real progressive democratic leadership for New York.

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MAYOR

Bill de Blasio

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Mayor

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

Education: New York University; Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: See above

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

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Bob Gangi

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 End abusive and discriminatory policing
- 2 Homes for Homeless New Yorkers
- 3 Small classes in public schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

Previous Occupation: Director of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Education: BA from Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: Chair of the board of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Prior Public Experience: none

To enact fundamental changes to achieve social, racial, and economic justice for all New Yorkers, including: ending broken windows policing; providing for small classes in all public schools; providing housing in low-income communities that is truly affordable for the people living there; closing Rikers within a year without building new jails, and providing free public transportation fares for low-income New Yorkers; decriminalizing fare evasion, sex work, marijuana possession/use; providing free tuition at CUNY schools for low and middle-income New Yorkers; establishing public works projects aimed at promoting green energy and providing living-wage jobs; increase the number of licenses available for street vendors; end abusive treatment of homeless LGBTQI youth; end abuse against trans women of color by the NYPD; end workplace discrimination against marginalized New Yorkers including disabled people.

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MAYOR

Mike Tolkin

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Prior Public Experience: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Hi, I'm Mike!

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

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

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

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

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Rocky De La Fuente

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Jobs Growth & Upward Mobility
- 2 Housing Access Increase Supply
- 3 Grow Maximize Infrastructure

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Businessman, Infrastructure Developer

Previous Occupation: Owner/Operator, Automobile Franchises (28), Banks (3)

Education: Physics & Math, Magna Cum Laude, IP UNAM; Business Administration, Accounting; Doctor Honoris Causa, UNESCO; Advanced Studies Le Franc

Organizational Affiliations: Chairman Mexican American Foundation; Delegate at Large New York 1992

Prior Public Experience: Presidential Candidate 2016; Otay Mesa Dev. Council

As an American who is a proud son of immigrants, I am living proof that the American dream can be achieved. I want everyone that works hard to have the opportunity to share in that same dream.

I am convinced that New Yorkers will lead the world again. Street smarts, logic, and common sense will drive this vital transformation.

I will assemble a team of the best and the brightest NYC has to offer, and together we will pave a path to new and better-paying jobs and address our transportation challenges by building new tunnels, cutting-edge subways and above-ground transit. We will develop affordable housing, assist our homeless, resolve our health-related challenges including sanitation and waste management, expand school choice and work to create a drug-free environment for our children.

Help me UNITED New York. LET'S SAVE NEW YORK TOGETHER.

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MAYOR

Nicole Malliotakis

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: NY State Assemblymember

Previous Occupation: Public Affairs Manager

Education: BA, Seton Hall; MBA Wagner College

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

Prior Public Experience: NYC Liaison for Governor George Pataki

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

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

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Also running for Mayor:*

Bill Murawski

Democratic

Walter N. Iwachiw

Republican

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

David C. Eisenbach

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Save Small Business
- 2 Stop Big Real Estate Giveaways
- 3 Pay-to-Play Corruption



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: History Professor

Previous Occupation: Special Ed. Teacher

Education: Columbia University BA, MA, MPhil, PhD

Organizational Affiliations: Small Business Congress, NYers for a Human-scale City

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I'm a history professor running for office because the city I love is vanishing and given another 4 yrs of the same leadership - it will be gone.

We all know there's a small business crisis. 4 yrs ago when de Blasio and James ran for office they both supported the Small Business and Jobs Survival Act, a bill to protect small businesses from predatory landlords. But after the election, they abandoned the bill. Why the flip flop?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I'll call for a public hearing on SBJSA and make sure it gets a vote.

Under the guise of "affordable housing" de Blasio allowed developers to build massive luxury towers that destroy neighborhoods and overwhelm infrastructure, including schools. He's given away playgrounds, greenspaces, hospitals and libraries. Meanwhile, developers laugh all the way to the bank. Why?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I promise to appoint a City Planning Commissioner who is NOT a REBNY puppet. We'll work together to bring transparency to the CPC.

The P.A. is supposed to be a check on Mayor- regardless of party allegiance. That's what I'll do every day.

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Letitia James

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

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

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

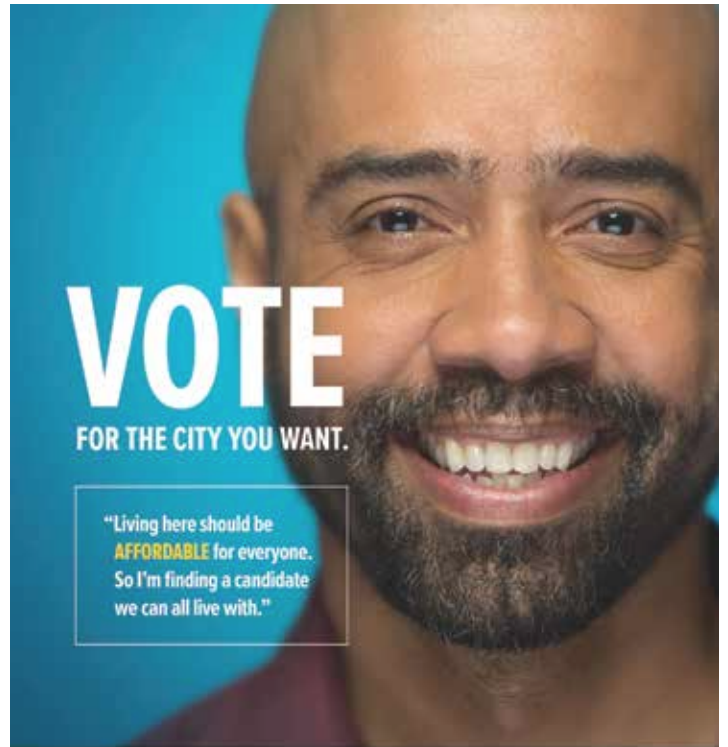
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THERE ARE
NO PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR:
COMPTROLLER
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
IN DISTRICT 11**
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
IN DISTRICT 15**



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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Bronx Borough President

Previous Occupation: New York State Assemblyman

Education: B.A., Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

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

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

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

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

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

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

 NYCDiaz.com

Camella D. Price

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Consultant


Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff


Education: Empire State College

Organizational Affiliations: NAACP

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

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

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Also running for Bronx Borough President:*

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Democratic

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

Diana Ayala

Democratic



TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Full time candidate

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

Education: A. D. Human Services

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

Tamika Mapp

Democratic



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Safe permanent affordable housing
- 2 Living wage \$20 per hour
- 3 Affordable pathway to citizenship

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: President of East Harlem Insurance Brokerage and East Harlem Tax Service

Previous Occupation: Unit Secretary

Education: BS Paralegal Studies, AS Medical Billing

Organizational Affiliations: NWPC, IIABNY, QuickBooks Pro Advisor, President of NYC-PASI, Chicks Connect, 596 Acres, Girl Scouts

Prior Public Experience: I have lobbied state elected officials on the importance of changing our family law system, increasing our minimum wages, keeping access to our Community Gardens. I have been PTA President and a member of the School Leadership Team (SLT). I have protested and rallied against creating more shelters at the expense of providing sufficient permanent housing. I've been a Girl Scout Leader for over 10 years and a Service Unit Manager for over 2 years.

I believe each of us plays an active part in making our district the best it can be. When I'm knocking on doors, I know that we all want the same thing, an affordable path to citizenship, family law reform, gun violence reduction, permanent affordable housing, safe streets, senior programs, better wages, steady employment, small business support and help. I want to bring accountability and access back into the community.

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Israel Martinez

Democratic



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Free Transportation for Seniors
- 2 Crime prevention, more Police presence
- 3 Affordable Housing

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: RETIRED

Previous Occupation: Special Assistant to Borough President Stanley Simon

Education: Some College

Organizational Affiliations: None

Prior Public Experience: Former State Assemblyman for the 77 AD, Current District Leader 84 AD

To understand the needs of the community, one has to live in the community. As a Democratic District Leader, I have fought for a better quality of life in our community. My open door policy has giving me the pleasure of helping so many families and seniors with their healthcare and housing challenges. As your new District 8 City Councilman I want to be able to express clearly what your needs are. We are a hard working multicultural community united as one and we are not for sale to the POLITICS AS USUAL. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to keep fighting to bring trained multicultural police presence to guarantee safer streets and thereof to end racial profiling. if elected I will also fight for better education for our children and free transportation for our Seniors. Thank you for your continued support. God bless our District, our City and The United States of America.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 08

Robert J. Rodriguez

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYS Assembly Member

Previous Occupation: Vice President, A.C. Advisory

Education: Yale University, New York University

Organizational Affiliations: Arturo Schomburg Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Chairman, Community Board 11

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Karree-Lyn Gordon

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 21st Century Upgrade to Schools
- 2 Establish Workforce/Business Development Centers
- 3 Affordable Housing, Healthcare & Transportation



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: UWNYC_Director, Educate_NYC

Previous Occupation: Ed Administrator, NPS; Director (School and Community Relationships) BELL NY

Education: Ed.D. (Org Leadership/NSU); M.H.S (Human Svc Admin/Lincoln U)

Organizational Affiliations: National Women's Political Caucus; Kappa Delta Pi (Honor Society in Education); Pi Gamma Mu (Honor Society in Social Sciences)

Prior Public Experience: Volunteer, Community Advocate

I am running for City Council because District 12 needs competent and accountable leadership that can articulate a 21st-century vision for our community and advocate in City Hall for our share of Bronx reform resources. More specifically we need to:

- implement an electronic participatory budget system that upsurges transparency and community involvement.
- expand UPK and 3K to improve school readiness;
- increase 21st Century resources for schools such as updated technology, a robust STEM curriculum, and after-school/ summer funding;
- preserve affordable housing, healthcare, and transportation for seniors and families;
- find and secure sustainable resources/solutions to address deplorable living conditions for NYCHA residents;
- build workforce development training centers;
- and improve the business district on our main corridors.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Pamela A. Hamilton-Johnson

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Education/Empowerment Programs for Youth
- 2 Senior & Mitchell-Llama Housing
- 3 Quality of Life, Crime, transportation

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Eastchester Heights - Executive Director

Previous Occupation: Community Advocate

Education: B.S Pace University

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 12, CEC 11, Department of Youth and Development - NAB Chairman, NCNW, NAACP, Pilgrim Church Deaconess, Parent Association, Urban Neighborhood, League of Womens Voters, 222 Block Association, Girl Scouts

Prior Public Experience: Community Education Council 11 - President, Community Board 12, NYC D NAB Board, Citywide Council on High Schools

Praise the Lord! I am a community advocate and the only candidate to sit on Community Board 12 & CEC11 as the President. As an employer I have been committed to hiring residents in district 12 who are veterans, disabled, 2nd chance adults, seniors and youth. I am already working for you! I will continue to fight for my community and not be bought by corporations and special interest groups. I will be the first woman ever to be elected to this District Council seat. As a woman, I bring a fresh new prospective that is needed and long been awaited. As Councilwoman, I will continue to fight to support working families, education, parents/youth/seniors and immigrants to get the city services they need. I Will Not Sell Out My Constituents! Vote Pamela Hamilton-Johnson!

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Andy L. King

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TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

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

Education: BA, William Patterson University

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

Prior Public Experience: none

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

John C. Doyle

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TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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

Previous Occupation: District Manager for NYS Senator Klein

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

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

Prior Public Experience: NYS Senate Staffer

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

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TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYS Assemblyman

Previous Occupation: Small business owner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

Alex A. Gomez

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Program Director

Previous Occupation: Program Director & Managing Director

Education: BA in Political Science 2018

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: n/a

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

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Victor R. Ortiz

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 How to improve Education
- 2 How to improve My Community
- 3 How to improve Housing



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: School Teacher

Previous Occupation: philanthropy

Education: BA in political Science Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: Coast Guard AUX /Ortiz Action Sports

Prior Public Experience: NYS Assembly

Hello my name is Victor R Ortiz I am seeking to be your Next City Councilman in the 13th district of the Bronx. I graduated from Lehman College in 1988 where I majored in Political Science and worked as an Intern with Roberto Ramirez, Congressman Serrano and completed an internship in Political Science in Legislative office build in Albany NY 1994. I was one of the first Puerto Ricans to participate in the Legislative internships in Albany. I helped draft bills that became Laws. That education became my passion and I have dedicated my entire career in to community of the Bronx. In 1988 I Designed the First B.M.X Freestyle Bike and Skate Park where the children of the Bronx can Ride their bikes in a safe and Drug free area. Mullaly Rink is now 30 years old and has saved thousands of children in the Bronx. I have worked with the homeless and since 1996 I helped opened the first HIV/AIDS hospital in the Bronx Casa Promesa, I also worked as a Recreational Leader in Promesa Inc. drug rehab program. I was a dedicated and Tenured Dean in NYCBOE Vote for Honesty, Integrity, Transparency.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

Egidio Joseph Sementilli

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 MORE POLICE OFFICERS
- 2 BUILD MORE SCHOOLS
- 3 STOP HOUSING OVER DEVELOPMENT

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Pelham Bay Community Home Improvement & Safety Organization, Inc., Director

Previous Occupation: United States Department of Commerce (US GOV.); New York City Community Planning Board, No. #6 (NYC GOV.12-years); International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 445; Publisher of The Bronx Advocate Newspaper; Chairman of the Belmont Community Day Care Center, (NYC&NYS GOV.FUNDED); Chairman & President Bronx Italian American Cultural Association, (COMMUNITY ORG.); Founder of the Pelham Bay Home Improvement & Safety Organization, (COMMUNITY ORG.)

Education: B.A., College of New Rochelle; Master's Program in Communication (14 CREDITS)

Organizational Affiliations: See Previous Occupation

Prior Public Experience: See Previous Occupation

Our Community is over developing with changes that require a council person able to stand-up to City Hall. The Mayor has proposed the closing of Rikers Island (NYC JAILS) and the establishment of 90-homeless shelters scattered throughout the City. These policies are not the answers resolving our problems and will only divide our City. Together, we will unify our Community with full transparency. My life has been about service and advocating for our Community. I am the voice that will stand-up for our Community against City Hall. Vote for Sementilli is a vote for our Community.

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Marjorie Velazquez

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Accountant

Education: BS in Accounting and Finance, NYU

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

Prior Public Experience: District Leader, Community Board 10 Treasurer

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

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

Randy Abreu

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Appointee in Administration of President Barack Obama

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

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

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

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

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Fernando Cabrera

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: New Life Church

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

Felix A. Perdomo

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable Housing
- 2 Increase Funding For Our Schools
- 3 Reduce Crime in Our Community



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: School Teacher

Previous Occupation: Construction worker

Education: Master Degree of Science in Bilingual Education, Industrial Engineering

Organizational Affiliations: United Federation of Teacher

Prior Public Experience: Department of Education

As a resident of the 14th district in the Bronx, Felix understands the issues, struggles and needs of our community. He understands that we can make a better society if we work together as one. Felix believes that making the members of the community aware of the the problems that they facing and offers many positive solutions. As a result, standing together in unity is the only way that we, as community, make a better life. Before taking any decision, everyone's ideas and concerns need to be addressed. As a school teacher, Felix has dedicated his life to bring education to the disadvantaged members of our district by making them aware of the importance of education as a way to success. As an elected official, Felix will find the channels to communicate with all members of the district in order to search for the solutions to the overwhelmingly reality of multiple problems.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 16

Vanessa L. Gibson

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Expand affordable housing
- 2 Support public education
- 3 Economic Development through job creation



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupation: Assembly Member District 77 Bronx County

Education: Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Albany, Master's Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College

Organizational Affiliations: Bronx Democratic County Committee, Rev. Jerome A. Greene Democratic Club, NAACP Bronx Branch

Prior Public Experience: Assembly Member District 77 Bronx County

While serving as the first woman and person of color to chair the Committee on Public Safety, we have achieved an enormous amount together to create a better New York for everyone. Now in my fourth year as Council Member, it is my commitment to continue to be a strong advocate for the important issues that we know will make a difference in strengthening our communities and investing in our families.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 16

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 17

Melvin Burgos

Democratic



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 True Affordable Housing
- 2 Improve Schools
- 3 Fix Public Housing

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Retail Manager

Previous Occupation: Retail

Education: Associates Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations: None

Prior Public Experience: None

I am running for City Council to help improve the crumbling New York City Housing Developments. To help get more funding for our schools, help reduce class sizes. To bring more job opportunities to our local residents though job training and job placement assistance. Make new affordable housing really accessible to the people who really need it, also to combat the increasing homelessness that is affecting our seniors. I will fight to get funding for our children to have access to better after school programs, including art, music and tutoring. I would fight to get more funding to help parents get daycare assistance.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 17

Isabel S. Fernandez

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Multicultural Community
ESL centers
- 2 Healthcare Reform
- 3 After school programs



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Reverend

Previous Occupation: Home Health Care

Education: Ordinance Minister

Organizational Affiliations: New York Hispanic
Pastors Fraternity

Prior Public Experience: Public Notary

As a Pastor, community activist and hardworking mother raising 6 children in a Bronx Housing Project, its important for me to emphasize how vital core family values are in raising a family, how important is to understand that, whatever challenges we are facing now, wont change unless we become proactive in our own lives. As your City Council Member for the 17th District I will fight for programs to enrich the culture and education for the members of our community. I will advocate for more affordable Housing, better healthcare and crime prevention in our communities. Thank You for your support.

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Helen Hines

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Build a safe multicultural
community
- 2 Increase community economic
development
- 3 Create close-knit community
environment



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Retired 1199er

Previous Occupation: 1199SEIU Political Department Project
Director; Creator/Director Delegate Department

Education: CUNY School of Professional Studies; Masters
of Arts, Labor Studies, Advance Certificate, Labor Relation
National Labor College; Bachelor of Arts, Labor Studies,
Union Leadership and Administration Cornell University;
Basic/Advance certificate, Labor Studies

Organizational Affiliations: Community Action Board
member; Past Community Board 9 and 43rd pct.
Council member

Prior Public Experience: Served 1199SEIU members, families
and communities to preserve nursing homes and hospitals in
NYC. PTA President, Samuel Gompers Technical Vocational
High School; Voter registration drives and NAACP Raise the
Age in NYS for children NOT being prosecuted as adults.

My name is Helen Hines and I am running for City Council in District 17. As a Bronx resident I have worked with various communities on affordable housing, Job creation, quality health care and community safety. I have also participated in labor actions concerning economic equality and discrimination protection in the work force. If elected, I will focus on issues that address the long term neglect of the social/economic needs of children, youth, adults, seniors and veterans.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 17

Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Creating and preserving affordable housing
- 2 Fighting for good-paying local jobs
- 3 Bringing resources to our schools

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: City Council Member, 17th District (Bronx)

Previous Occupation: District Manager, Bronx Community Board 2; Community Healthcare Network Administrator

Education: Monroe College, Associate's Degree

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: District Manager, Bronx Community Board 2; President, 41st Precinct Community Council

As your City Council Member, it's been an honor to not only serve our community - but to deliver. Since taking office little more than a year ago, I have been proud to bring over \$30 million in funding for capital improvements and programming for our district. As Chair of the Council Committee primarily responsible for affordable housing, I have used the resources at hand to create or preserve over 3,500 affordable apartment units in our community. Finally, I have fought to find ways to create good-paying local jobs with fair benefits, including at the Hunts Point markets. While I have been able to deliver all of this in less than two years, there is still more work to do. That is why I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve as your Council Member.



Elvis L. Santana

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Jobs
- 2 Affordable Housing
- 3 Economical Growth

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Employment Specialist

Previous Occupation: Workforce Developer, College Coach, Summer Youth Employment Program Specialist, and Staff Assistant to former Congressman

Education: B.A., Albertus Magnus College - Organizational Psychologist

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: Staff Assistant to a former Congressman, Volunteer and Community Organizer

The South Bronx is filled with both talent and vision but unfortunately due to low job opportunities, the Bronx is only making the bare minimum. Families making \$27,000 or less yearly, can barely make the minimum they need in a city like ours. That is why I believe creating jobs and opportunity would help make our district strong and growing for years to come. I believe that safe and affordable housing is a basic human right. The Bronx is known now as a target area for developers, which can impact what is known to be one of the most diversified populations in all the United States. We are currently facing one of the biggest housing challenges while and preserving the history of our neighborhoods is what I intend to do. Last and never the least, I will promote the expansion of economic growth. That is why if elected, economic growth will be the backbone for families and a continuous tool to be self-sufficient and stable. More than ever, we will aim to help each other



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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 17

Also running in City Council District 17:*

Glennis Sanchez

Democratic

*Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed voter guide.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 18

Michael Beltzer

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Public Safety
- 2 Transportation
- 3 Education



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Community Organizer

Previous Occupation: Food Pantry Manager, Financial Analyst for NYC Comptroller's Office, Merchant Organizer Bronx Chamber of Commerce

Education: MBA in Finance and Investments, CUNY Baruch. BA in Sociology and Political Science, SUNY Stony Brook

Organizational Affiliations: Bronx Community Board 9, 43rd Police Precinct Council, Friends of Soundview Park, Bronx Progressives, Discovery for Justice, Latino Leadership Institute

Prior Public Experience: Board Member Community Board 9, Bronx Democratic County Committee Member for the 8th Assembly District

For too long, our communities have not received the services and resources they deserve. It is time for us to unite and demand our fair share from our City. As your next City Councilperson, I will be a tireless advocate for our schools, seniors, businesses and working families. Since no one person can do it alone, I will be calling on all of us to be more civically engaged and take ownership of where we live. Together, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that no one goes hungry, homeless or without a chance for a better tomorrow!

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 18

Ruben Diaz, Sr.

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Expanding resources for our Seniors
- 2 Fighting for affordable housing
- 3 Advocating for local job creation



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: State Senator, 32nd Senatorial District (Bronx)

Previous Occupation: NYC Councilman, 18th District (Bronx); Executive Director of Christian Community in Action

Education: Herbert H. Lehman College, Bachelors Degrees

Organizational Affiliations: Senate Puerto Rican & Hispanic Task Force; NY Hispanic Clergy Organization; Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad

Prior Public Experience: NYC Councilman, 18th District; NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board Member

For over forty years, I have been blessed to be able to serve the people of the Bronx. While much has changed, if one thing is for certain, there's still much work to do, and I know I can capitalize on my years of experience to truly deliver for our community on the City Council. There, I would be able to continue to deliver for our seniors, through funding for meal programs, senior centers and senior housing. I could continue to help give our youth a hand up by funding after-school programs and summer youth jobs. Finally, I would be able to best continue the fight for our immigrant communities. While I've been fortunate to be able to serve as your Senator, I look forward to the unique opportunities the City Council would provide as I work to serve you and your family. I humbly ask for your support.

Amanda Farias

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improve Transportation For Easier Mobility
- 2 Increase Access To Healthy Food
- 3 Improve Districtwide Public Schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Director of Special Projects, New York City Council

Education: St. John's University, BA/MA

Organizational Affiliations: New American Leaders Project, National Women's Political Caucus

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council, 2012 Re-election Campaign of President Barack Obama, Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Amanda Farias is a lifelong Bronxite with a passion for public service who first entered public life by mobilizing Black & Latino communities for President Obama's 2012 reelection campaign. Since then, she has worked for several years diligently in the NYC Council to strengthen our communities.

Amanda managed the City Council's Women's Caucus, where she organized campaigns & drafted legislation around equal pay, women's healthcare & increasing diversity. She managed Participatory Budgeting, where she spearheaded the allocation of over 3.2 million dollars in capital funds to improve public schools, libraries & parks.

Amanda believes in building an inclusive economy that will uplift middle-class families & communities of color out of poverty. With her extensive experience in the NYC Council, she understands how city government operates & knows exactly how to make sure the Bronx gets the support it deserves.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 18

Elvin Garcia

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Stronger communities for safer streets
- 2 Improve our Public Schools
- 3 Increase Public Transportation Access



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Bronx Borough Director, Mayor de Blasio's Office of Community Affairs

Education: BA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute High School, Aviation High School P.S. 47

Organizational Affiliations: La Unidad Latina (Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity); New Leaders Council - NYC Chapter; Organizing for America (OFA); Stonewall Democrats of New York, former Board Member; the LGBT Victory Fund

Prior Public Experience: Community Affairs Representative for Bronx 33rd Senatorial District, Community Liaison for New York State Assembly District 85

For nearly three years as the Bronx Borough Director for Mayor Bill de Blasio, Elvin has been a leader in delivering results for the Bronx, empowered with executive experience at the highest level of NYC government. As our Council Member, Elvin is ready to provide a fresh start and the next generation of leadership for our Bronx communities.

As your Council Member, Elvin will stand up for real policies that help working families: improve public education by promoting career technical education in our high schools, fight for living wage union jobs, increase public transportation and ferry service, and bring police and community together to strengthen our neighborhoods to make them safe and fair – for everyone.

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William R. Moore

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Fix NYCHA
- 2 Fight for Union Wage Jobs
- 3 Stop Gentrification



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Corporate Sales/Service

Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff & Deputy Press Secretary

Education: B.A., Political Science Stony Brook State University; A.A.S., Farmingdale State University

Organizational Affiliations: National Action Network, the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Prior Public Experience: Chief of Staff & Deputy Press Secretary

My first goal is to protect my low, middle income residents and small businesses from Gentrification. It is criminal in my eyes, to make so-called Affordable Housing unaffordable. It is wrong to price out our local merchants from our community.

I will protect local merchants and budget-strapped households from unfair rent hikes.

My second goal is to register local residents for apprenticeship training for union jobs. We have so many residents seeking to become a union electrician, plumber, carpenter, operating engineer, etc., but are unaware of the steps to take. I will fund job workshops to help area residents for higher income careers.

NYCHA residents should not have to compromise their safety & dignity for affordability.

Complaints and violations should not linger beyond 3 months. Garbage should be collected daily, repairs should be prompt and residents should be treated with respect. I am against privatizing NYCHA.

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THE DEBATE PROGRAM

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

PRIMARY DEBATE SCHEDULE

<p>MAYOR REPUBLICAN</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio: WNYC</p>	<p>MAYOR DEMOCRATIC</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE DEMOCRATIC</p> <p>Monday, Aug. 21, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER DEMOCRATIC</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>
<p>MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS (REPUBLICAN)</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p>MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p>Saturday, Aug. 26, 9:00 AM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00 AM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>



THE VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

Candidates running for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member are encouraged to prepare a taped video statement to be included in the online Guide and aired on TV. The Video Voter Guide will air on NYC.gov at 7:00 pm every night, September 4th through September 12th. Each broadcast will begin with candidates for citywide office, followed by the candidates for borough president and City Council, with a different borough leading off each night. You may also watch each candidates' video statement online at nycfb.info/voterguide.

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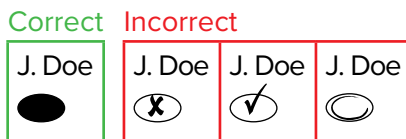
HOW TO VOTE

1 GET YOUR BALLOT

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

2 MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

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



- ◆ Do NOT use an "x" or a "✓", circle the oval, or make stray marks.
 - ◆ Do NOT fold your ballot.
 - ◆ Do NOT sign or write your name.
- If you need assistance filling in your choices, ask a poll worker about using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD).**

3 SCAN YOUR BALLOT

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

CONTACT THE NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BOE)

You can register to vote, change your registration, vote absentee, apply to be a poll worker, and more with the New York City Board of Elections (BOE). Reach the BOE:



visit vote.nyc.ny.us



OR

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

OR



visit your BOE office

GENERAL OFFICE

32-42 Broadway
7th Floor
New York, NY 10004
(212) 487-5400

BRONX

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

BROOKLYN

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

QUEENS

118-35 Queens Blvd.
Forest Hills, NY 11375
(718) 730-6730

MANHATTAN

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

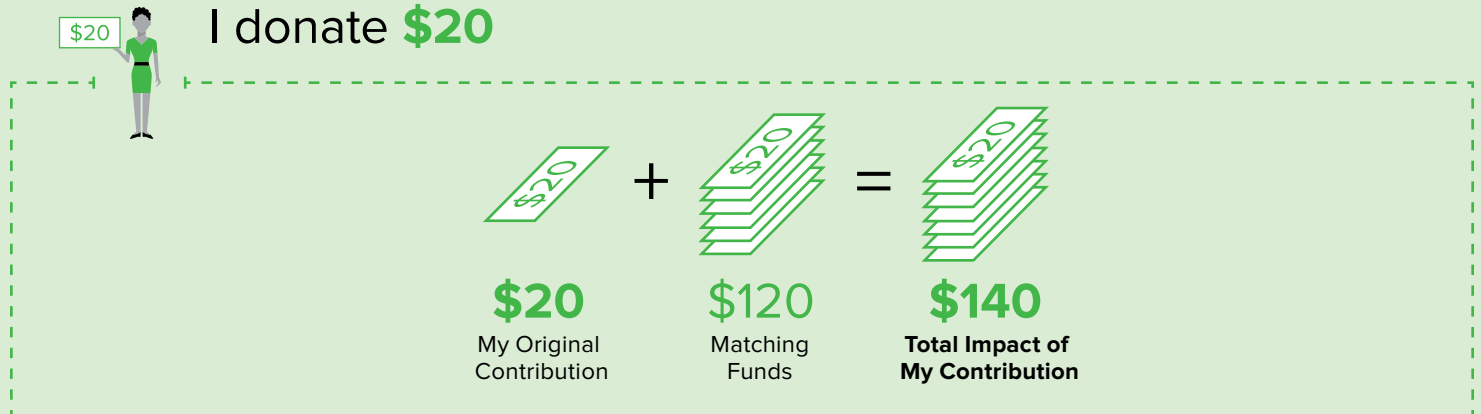
STATEN ISLAND

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4th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10305
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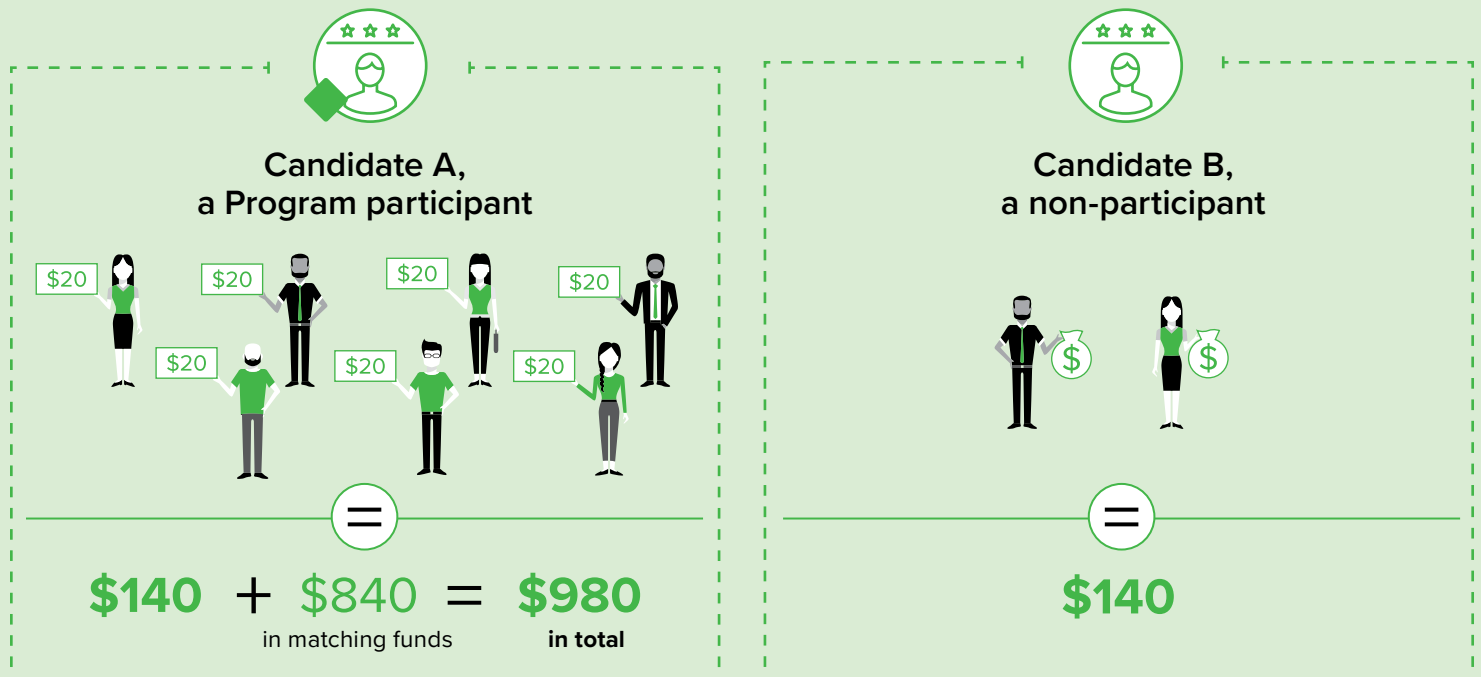
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

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



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

Visit nycfb.info/program to learn more.



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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING



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

Go to [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) for assistance.

COULD MY REGISTRATION HAVE EXPIRED?

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

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

If you received this Guide in the mail, your poll site location is printed on the cover. You can also check online at [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) or call 866-VOTE-NYC.

Remember to confirm your poll site on Election Day.

DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?

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

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

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

WHAT IF MY NAME IS NOT IN THE VOTER BOOK?

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

You can also check to make sure that you are registered by going to [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov).

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

WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?

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

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

WHAT IF A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGES MY RIGHT TO VOTE?

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

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

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

By mail: Call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it from the BOE's website, vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office by the deadline. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it by the deadline to your BOE borough office (see "Election Dates and Deadlines" on page 5).

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

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

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

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

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR?

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

I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS, CAN I VOTE?

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

BALLOT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Every twenty years, New Yorkers get to vote on whether or not there should be a convention to review and revise the state constitution. This November, you have the power to decide if we should have a constitutional convention in April 2019, with delegates elected in November 2018.

PROPOSAL 2

PENSION FORFEITURE FOR CONVICTED OFFICIALS

New Yorkers will also vote on whether or not to amend the state constitution so that judges can reduce or revoke the pensions of public officials who have been convicted of felonies directly related to their duties.

PROPOSAL 3

ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK IN STATE FOREST PRESERVES

Voters will decide whether to establish a 250-acre land bank which can be used to construct, relocate, and maintain roads in the Adirondack and Catskill parks. It would allow water, sewer, other utility lines, and intrastate gas and oil pipelines to be buried beneath, and bike paths to be established, "within the widths" of park roadways.

To find out more about these upcoming ballot proposals, sign up for election email alerts at nycvotes.nycfb.info and follow us @nycvotes to stay in the know.