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Welcome to your NYC Voter Guide

Make your mark on city government by voting in this year's primary and general elections! It is a major election year in New York City, with races for **mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council.**

The first step is to help select your party's nominee for each office in the September 10th Primary Election. You must be a registered voter enrolled with a political party to participate. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, you are eligible to vote in a primary election. We urge you to do so.

This Guide contains information about each candidate's background and platform so you can cast an informed vote. **Candidate profiles start on page 4.** You will receive another Guide this fall covering ballot proposals and candidates running in the November 5th General Election.

NYC Votes, the Campaign Finance Board's voter engagement campaign, has many ways for you to learn about the candidates. Tune in to the **video edition of the Voter Guide** on the **NYCgov channel** to watch candidate video statements. Visit the **online Voter Guide** to read candidate profiles, stream their **videos**, check out their **websites** and **social media pages**, and find other web resources for voters. Watch the candidates for citywide office face off in the official **NYC Votes Debates**. On the go? **Get voter information on your smartphone or tablet using our new mobile app at www.nycvotes.org.**

Learn more about NYC Votes and the Campaign Finance Board on pages 23-24.



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I need to:

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- » Ask if my party is having a primary
- » Learn where I vote

Not sure which city council district you live in?

Check the cover of this Guide: Your district numbers are printed above your name and address. You can also visit nyc.pollsiteLocator.com, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

For all your voting needs and questions...

Contact the NYC Board of Elections (BOE) by phone at 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692; **212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired**), online at www.vote.nyc.ny.us, or in person at your local BOE office:

General Office	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	The Bronx	Staten Island
32 Broadway 7th Floor New York, NY 10004 (212) 487-5400	345 Adams Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 797-8800	200 Varick Street 10th Floor New York, NY 10014 (212) 886-2100	126-06 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens, NY 11415 (718) 730-6730	1780 Grand Concourse 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457 (718) 299-9017	1 Edgewater Plaza 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305 (718) 876-0079

The general office (at 32 Broadway) will be open until midnight on **Friday, October 11, 2013** to receive last-minute voter registrations for the **general election**.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a primary election?

A primary election is held when more than one candidate wants a party's nomination and has successfully completed all the steps to get on the ballot. The winner of a primary election runs as that party's nominee in the general election held in November. If only one candidate is seeking a party's nomination, no primary is held for that office.

Can I vote in the September 10th primary election?

You can only vote in a primary election held by the party YOU belong to. For example, if you are a registered member of the Working Families Party, you can only vote in the Working Families Party primary, not the Democratic or Republican primary.

If you are voting from your current address for the first time, you must have registered to vote and chosen a party by **August 16, 2013** to vote in this year's primary; all other voters must have enrolled in a party by October 12th of last year (2012) to be eligible.

What is a runoff primary election and can I vote in that?

If no candidate for a citywide office (mayor, public advocate, or comptroller) receives at least 40% of the vote in the primary election, a **runoff primary election** is held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The date for a runoff primary election (if necessary) is Tuesday, October 1, 2013. If you were eligible to vote in the September 10th primary, you are also eligible to vote in any runoff primary held by the party you are enrolled in.

What will I be voting on in the primary election?

You will be voting to decide your party's nominees for the general election. Depending on which party you belong to, you might be choosing a candidate for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and/or City Council member. You might also be voting on races for district attorney or judicial office, although these candidates are not covered by this Guide.

How do I register to vote?

Fill out a voter registration form and submit it in person or by mail with the NYC Board of Elections (BOE). You can download a registration form from the BOE's website, pick one up at your local BOE office, or call 866-VOTE-NYC to request one by mail. It is too late to register to vote for the primary election, but you have until October 11, 2013 to register for the November 5th general election.

Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration date, but it may have been canceled if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE, if you have not voted in the past two federal elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC or go to <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx> to check.

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

When you move, you must 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 information in 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 they can't find my name on the list when I sign in to vote?

First, make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. These district numbers are printed on the mailing label of your Voter Guide and on the mailer the BOE sends to all registered voters each August. You can also ask a poll worker for help, or check the poll site locator on the BOE's website. If you are at the right table but you are not on the poll list, it may be because the BOE did not receive your registration form. If you believe that you are eligible, **you can still vote.** Ask for an **affidavit ballot**, and follow the instructions. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a registration form for future elections.

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 because of occupation, business, studies, travel, imprisonment (other than for a felony conviction), illness, disability, hospitalization, or if you are a resident in a long-term care facility. There are two ways to vote by absentee ballot: by mail or in person.

To vote absentee **by mail**, call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it at www.vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office. Applications must be **postmarked** by September 3, 2013. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it (postmarked by September 9, 2013) to your BOE borough office.

Absentee voting 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** Mon.-Fri. and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 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 September 10th.

Your Rights as a Voter

You have the right to vote in the September 10, 2013 primary election if:

- » You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary.
- » You are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on September 10th.

In any election, you have a right to:

- » Be assisted by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker, if you need help to vote. 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.
- » Ask election workers how to vote.
- » Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide. (Please take these 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.

If you cannot or choose not to show identification, you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.

Where Do I Vote?

To find your poll site, visit the BOE's website at www.vote.nyc.ny.us and use its poll site locator, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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Mayor

The mayor is the chief executive officer of the City of New York, responsible for the effectiveness and integrity of city government operations. Some of the many duties of the mayor include appointing and removing agency heads and commissioners for mayoral agencies; appointing members to many public authorities, commissions, and boards; and proposing a budget for New York City. In addition, the mayor has the power to veto the City Council's legislation and land-use decisions. The mayor earns an annual salary of \$225,000.

» **Democratic Primary (D)**
 Sal F. Albanese
 Randy Credico
 Bill de Blasio
 Neil Vincent Grimaldi
 He Gin Lee
 John C. Liu
 Christine C. Quinn
 Erick Salgado
 Bill Thompson
 Anthony D. Weiner

» **Republican Primary (R)**
 John Catsimatidis
 Joseph J. Lhota
 George McDonald
 Sam Sloan*

» **Independence Primary[†] (I)**
 Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Some candidates listed above may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press.

*Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide, but may have provided social media links and website information for the online Guide; visit www.nycfb.info/voterguide.
[†]You may vote for a write-in candidate in this primary.



Bill de Blasio

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate
Previous Occupation(s): Campaign Manager, Hillary Clinton for Senate; Regional Director for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Aide to Mayor Dinkins
Education: M.A. Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; B.A. New York University
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member District 39 (Brooklyn); Community School Board 15 Member

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

My top priority will be addressing economic inequality. For far too long, City Hall has catered to the elite while middle and working-class families are dismissed or ignored.

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To tackle economic inequality, we must strengthen our education system, expand and protect affordable housing, and create strong jobs across all five boroughs. I am the only candidate who has a plan to create universal early education and after-school programs by asking the wealthiest to pay a little more in taxes.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I understand how fragile police-community relations can put both residents and officers at risk, and I have called for true reform of Stop and Frisk and strong legislation to ban racial profiling. I also believe that immigrants have always been an essential part of our city and the next administration must embrace and support our vital immigrant communities.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have dedicated my career to taking on the elite and powerful, and standing up for taxpayers, families, and everyday New Yorkers. As an outer-borough working dad and public school parent, I care deeply about the everyday issues that are front-and-center to families: economic fairness, job creation, early education and after-school programs, child care, a real living wage, effective and respectful policing, and affordable housing.

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Democratic Primary | Mayor

Sal F. Albanese

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Attorney
Previous Occupation(s): Public school teacher, Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at John Jay College, Managing Director at Mesirow Financial
Education: John Jay High School; B.A. in Education, CUNY-York College; M.A. in Health, NYU; J.D., Brooklyn Law School
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: City Council member, School board member

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

New York faces an affordability crisis that the city's out-of-touch political class has failed to address. As Mayor, I will create living wage jobs, revolutionize early education, and fight to make our transportation system fair and affordable for all five boroughs.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As Mayor, I will:

- Hire more police officers and assign them to patrol, ensuring that every neighborhood is safe and building trust between police and communities.
- Focus on turning around our public schools so that every student graduates college- and career-ready.
- Restore trust in government by rooting out corruption, eliminating waste, and advancing campaign and election reform.
- Fight to keep our hospitals, libraries, parks, and community centers open and accessible to all.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As an independent Democrat, I am liberated to tell the truth and put the interests of New Yorkers ahead of special interests. As a reformer on the City Council, I supported term limits and authored the city's first Living Wage law. As a former public school teacher, I have seen firsthand what our schools need to succeed. As an immigrant, I relate to the challenges faced by the millions who come here to find opportunity. and as a 15-year veteran of the private sector, I know how to protect taxpayer dollars without eroding services.

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Neil Vincent Grimaldi

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: ATTORNET : CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES AUTHOR OF A GUIDE TO LIFE AND OTHER BOOKS BUSSINESS OWNER
Previous Occupation(s): ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL NARCOTIC PROSECUTOR< PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE ONE REMEDIAL READING TEACHER AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL I WAS A CLERK WITH DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION AND SANITATION AND A CAR CLEANER OF TRAIN CARS AS WELL I WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER FROM 12 TO 20 YEARS OLD
Education: GEORGETOWN SCHOOKL OF FOREIGN SERVICE ST JOHN LAW SCHOOL FORDHAM UNIVERSITY EDUCATION CREDITS TO BE NYC TEACHER SEMINARY
Organizational Affiliations: LAW BAR ASSOCIATIIONS FREE INDEPENDENT MASONS
Prior Public Experience: ASSISTANT DISTRICR ATTORNEY: BRONX COUNTY< ASST NYC SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER NEW YORK STATE SENATE STAFF AND NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STAFF

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

i want to develop a holistic education system and a character |emphasis development educational system that includes all views of god and teaches spiritual inividual development, self love and inner happiness.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

HARMONY BETWEEN ALL GROUPS, BETTER JOBS AND PAY, EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN, A MORE AFFORDAABLE CITY AND A FUN LIFE FOR ALIL END OPPRESSIVE POLICIES AGAINST RESTAURANTS AND CAR DRIVERS COMMERCIAL RENT CONTROL REASONABLY SET, ALSO BETTER MASS TRANSIT AND EASIER TRANSIT MUCH MORE CONSTRTION JOBS, MORE MUSEUMS, BETTER SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, HEALTHIER SCHOOL LUNCHES. AND TREAT TEACHERS MORE APPRECIABLY AND KINDLY FOR I WAS A TEACHER TOO.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I AM AN INTERFAITH REVEREND AND RELIGIOUS PERSON WHO WOULD A GREATER SPIRITUAL ELEMENT TO EDUCATION AND WOULD HAVE A MORE OPEN LOVING AND OPERRSONAL CVARING ATTITUDE

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Randy Credico

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Political satirist, impressionist, consultant
Previous Occupation(s): Director William Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice, campaign consultant
Education: Mt. Sac College Calif.
Organizational Affiliations: Kunstler fund
Prior Public Experience: 0

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

reforming ny's criminal justice system

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Tax Wall Street 1 percent
 LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

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Improve public schools
 Massive FDR jobs program
 Free Health care and College Ed
 progressive real estate tax
 affordable housing
 taxing private colleges
 repeal smoking ban and cabaret laws
 protect small businesses d
 firing ray kelly
 protect teachers
 community policing
 free bus and subway service
 dog runs increase
 full list at credico2013.org

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

political satirist and activist not a politician

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He Gin Lee

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Registered Architect
Previous Occupation(s): None
Education: New York Institute of Technology, Institute of Design and Construction
Organizational Affiliations: American Institute of Architects
Prior Public Experience: None

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

There are many issues the City is currently dealing with. The issue that stands out the most is the City's economic health. On the heels of the destruction of Hurricane Sandy, many parts of the City have been slow to recover. As a result, the City's economy has suffered mightily. I have a plan to develop parts along the East River in the outer boroughs over the next 10 to 15 years. This project will provide the City with many jobs, affordable housing and an economic boost it desperately needs.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

The issue of the lack of affordable housing has plagued the City for much too long. New York City is becoming more and more difficult to live in due to the rising costs of living. Before building up and developing areas, I want to first utilize our buildings and spaces better. One way to do this is by legalizing the use and rental of homeowners' basement floors. Currently, the City does not allow homeowners to utilize their basement and cellar floors to live in. The renovation costs are small compared to the benefits homeowners, potential tenants and the City will receive. This simple yet effective idea will make living in New York City more affordable.

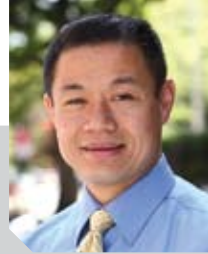
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am the best candidate for New York City Mayor because I am not a politician. I am a New Yorker who sees the City going in the wrong direction. With my experience dealing with the City as a licensed architect and businessman, I have the knowledge and skills to lead this City to greater heights. I will not stand idly as fellow New Yorkers continue to struggle to survive in this City. I want to fight for common New Yorkers because I, myself am a common New Yorker. This is why I'm the best candidate for New York City Mayor.

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John C. Liu

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Comptroller, City of New York

Previous Occupation(s): Actuary/Management Consultant - PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Education: Proud product of public schools from kindergarten through college, including Hunter College High School, the Bronx High School of Science, then earned his B.S. in Mathematical Physics from Binghamton University (SUNY).

Organizational Affiliations: John is an awardee/honorary member of hundreds of civic, professional and advocacy organizations.

Prior Public Experience: New York City Councilmember (2002-2009); Community Board member.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Economic recovery with sustained growth is the key issue. These recent years have been perhaps the worst recession since the Great Depression. We must create jobs and diversify our economic base into all neighborhoods of this City.

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To do so, let's eliminate big corporate giveaways, help grow small businesses/entrepreneurship, and fund youth development and job training programs. Let's reform our personal income tax rates to be fairer so that those who make over \$500,000 annually pay slightly higher rates, while those below get a *reduction* in their tax bill.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Education is the best long-term investment our City can make. Let's restore the learning environment in our schools instead of running them as subsidiaries of a DoE Corporation. To reduce crime, let's bring police personnel back to pre-Bloomberg days, do away with Stop-and-Frisk, and implement community policing measures.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As an immigrant growing up in New York City, I never dreamed that I would ever run for office. Unlike my rivals, my background is not in politics nor government, so I have a very fresh perspective about what government should do and what it should not do. As a husband and father, I have a very personal stake in our collective future, and will do my utmost to give back to a City that gave me and my family tremendous opportunities to pursue the American Dream.

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Erick Salgado

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: A full-time candidate who continues to serve as Pastor of Bensonhurst's Iglesia Jovenes Cristianos Church.

Previous Occupation(s): Erick started a bookstore & grew it into a 4 borough chain. He also founded a radio network & was president of Radio Cantico Nuevo, Inc. until last Dec. Erick has devoted thousands of hours over the last 24 years to working with the people living in NYC's diverse communities.

Education: Erick holds a Doctorate in Theological Studies from UTI University.

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will restore the ranks of the Police Dept. to those of Mayor Giuliani's administration, eliminate quotas & implement additional sensitivity training for all officers. I will continue the Dept.'s initiatives to combat terrorism.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

1. New Yorkers need jobs that pay a livable wage. I'll remove bureaucratic obstacles that prevent many businesses from thriving, eliminate out of date regulations, put as much of the permitting process as possible online, provide tax incentives to encourage the creation of new jobs, make NY businesses a priority in the City's Request For Proposals process & use tax incentives to entice additional businesses to NYC. 2. The Department of Education must meet the students' needs immediately. I'll increase parental involvement, including a grade from parents on teachers' evaluations. I'll also conduct a system-wide audit to determine which programs are successful & disseminate that info to teachers & principals. I'll work to reestablish elected community school boards throughout NYC.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I'm the only candidate who'll represent all of NYC's different ethnic & religious communities & will not dictate how they should live their lives. I'm also the only candidate who holds traditional family values dear & who will fight for the best education for our young people even if it means taking on the teachers' union.

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Christine C. Quinn

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Speaker

Previous Occupation(s): NYC Council Speaker 2006-Present; Councilmember 1999-Present; Exec. Director, NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project; Chief of Staff, Tom Duane; Tenant Organizer

Education: B.A., Trinity College

Organizational Affiliations: NARAL Pro-Choice NY; GLID; Chelsea Reform Democratic Club; Stonewall Democrats

Prior Public Experience: See Above

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

As Mayor, my top priority will be keeping the city a place for the middle class and everyone struggling to join it. That starts with creating thousands of new manufacturing, tech, and green jobs in all five boroughs. It means making sure that every neighborhood has **quality public schools** that focus on college and career-readiness, not teaching to the test. And it means **expanding affordable**

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housing with the most ambitious middle-class housing plan in city history. You can **download my Ideas App** on your smartphone to see all of my ideas and full vision for the city.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Public Safety: I'll make sure New York City remains the safest big city in America while we improve police-community relations. We can't afford to take a step back in the fight against crime.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

New Yorkers need a Mayor who doesn't just talk about delivering for the middle class, but one who has a real record of getting results. That's what I've done as Speaker: passing seven on-time balanced budgets that protected teachers and kept firehouses and libraries open, expanding pre-K with 10,000 new class slots, helping small businesses create jobs, protecting a woman's right to choose with groundbreaking clinic access legislation, standing up for tenants, and passing living wage legislation to put more money in the pockets of working New Yorkers and that's what I'll do as Mayor. The middle class built our city and I'll work hard for them every single day.

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Bill Thompson

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Until running for Mayor, I helped lead one of the nations premier, minority owned municipal investment firms. We helped cities around America finance their public projects, like building schools, bridges and parks.

Previous Occupation(s): Prior to running for Mayor in 2009, I served for eight years as the New York City Comptroller, where I strengthened the City's pension funds, encouraged business development and held City Hall accountable by uncovering waste and abuse.

Education: I am a proud son of NYC public schools, and a graduate of Midwood High School in Brooklyn. I went to college at Tufts University.

Organizational Affiliations: I have served as the Chair of Governor Cuomo's task force on Minority and Women Owned Business. I also have served as the Chairman of the Battery Park City Association.

Prior Public Experience: I was City Comptroller from 2002-2010. Prior, I was the President of the NYC Board of Education, where I was the first person to truly open the financial books of the BOE and bring accountability to our school system.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I believe that moving our city forward begins with creating great schools in every community - schools where teachers are respected and given the support and tools they need to help children succeed. I know that if we put our minds to it, NYC is going to have the best schools in the world. Together, we are going to make New York the education city it should be, and will be.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Working families are being priced out of New York City, and that is unacceptable. I will establish a school-to-jobs pipeline that creates long-term, good paying-jobs. I will expand affordable housing so working class New Yorkers have a place to live. With safer streets, better schools, and higher paying jobs New Yorkers will have more opportunity for success than ever before.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have spent my life serving the public in roles that have prepared me for exactly the challenges that we face right now. We need a sound financial manager with the right temperament to get things done. City Hall needs someone who wants to build stronger partnerships with communities and parents. I will be the leader who brings these ideas back to NYC government.

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A Few Notes about the Voter Guide

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Anthony D. Weiner

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Public Servant

Previous Occupation(s): 12 years - US Congressman, representing Brooklyn and Queens; 7 years - NY City Council Member representing Brooklyn; 6 years - Aide to then-Rep. Charles Schumer

Education: SUNY Plattsburgh, B.A. in Political Science

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: U.S. Representative, NY 9th district; City Council Member, NYC 48th district

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will be a **fighter for the middle class and those struggling to make it** there. I grew up a middle-class kid in Brooklyn and went to public schools my whole life. My mom was a public school teacher for 31 years. I know how important education is and what it means for our future. I will ensure we train and pay our teachers well,

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ensure they have the **tools to enforce better discipline**, engage parents in a more meaningful way, and focus on early education.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I put out a book with **64 ideas to help small businesses, lower taxes, protect our neighborhoods, and fix our healthcare system**. I'll cut **income taxes by 10% for anyone making \$150,000 or less a year**, paid for by increasing taxes by a reasonable 1% on the wealthiest. I'll cut red tape for small businesses by reducing fines and fees. New York will feature the **first single-payer laboratory** that will lower costs and provide quality, affordable **healthcare for everyone**. My 60-20-20 plan will ensure that **at least 20% of all new housing is for the middle class** and 20% is for those struggling to make it. We will continue to fight crime by using GPS technology to track sex offenders and using DNA testing to track criminals. I will stand up to Albany and Washington to **ensure New York City gets its fair share**.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have a proven record of leadership over two decades that will mean results for all New Yorkers. In Washington, I fought for more funding to keep our communities safe, to protect food stamps, and for better healthcare for all. **I'm a proven fighter for New Yorkers** and I have specific plans to keep our city the capital of the middle class.

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John Catsimatidis

Mayor (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.
Previous Occupation(s): Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.
Education: NYC public and parochial schools, including Brooklyn Tech; Attended NYU.
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member of the Police Athletic League for nearly 30 years, Board of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, the St. Francis Food Pantries and former Vice Chair of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council. I also serve as a Member of the Pension Board of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW.
Prior Public Experience: Common sense businessman who built a successful major retail organization from the ground up. Only candidate that has the experience required to manage an organization as large and complex as New York City.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
 Public Safety: Continue the policies that have kept NYC safe from crime and terrorism. I will ensure New Yorkers can continue to walk around their neighborhoods safely. We need a safe city to preserve confidence so that the world continues to invest in New York City.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 Jobs and the economy: I am the only candidate in this race with a proven record of creating jobs right here in New York City and I will continue creating jobs as Mayor; Education: Cut the almost 40% dropout rate by increasing vocational programs and providing every student the tools necessary to succeed.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 I am a successful independent businessman with a proven record of creating jobs in New York City. I have been a CEO for over 40 years and am the only candidate who is qualified to manage the \$70 billion organization that is our city. I grew up on 135th Street in Harlem and have never forgotten where I came from. I have raised millions of dollars for education and I am running for mayor because I believe that every New Yorker deserves the opportunities I had.

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George McDonald

Mayor (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: As Founder and President of the Doe Fund, one of the country's most celebrated nonprofit organizations, George McDonald has proven that providing paid work opportunities to individuals can transform their lives. Together with his wife Harriet and fueled by the belief that "work works." the Doe Fund has helped more than 18,000 individuals from returning veterans to the formerly incarcerated reclaim their lives.
Previous Occupation(s): Apparel industry executive with McGregor Sportswear.
Education: Throughout his career McDonald has received numerous accolades including the Manhattan Institute's William E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award in Social Entrepreneurship and an Honorary Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.
Organizational Affiliations: ABO
Prior Public Experience: In 2005, George chaired the NYS Independent Committee on Reentry & Employment. He currently sits on Gov. Cuomo's Work for Success Executive Committee.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
 Jobs, jobs, jobs! Every NYC resident who wants a job should have one, making a dramatic impact on every aspect of city life. As we seek to continue to make our city safer, a job is the last frontier of public safety. As we work to pay for new spending priorities, jobs are the best way to grow city revenues without raising taxes. Finally, by growing jobs and opportunity we can balance our budget by avoiding the costs of entitlement programs.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 The most important job of the Mayor is to keep our city safe. To do that, we must preserve but also improve the implementation of Stop, Question and Frisk.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 25 years ago I went to Grand Central for 700 nights in a row to help feed the homeless. While they appreciated the sandwiches what they said they really needed was "a room and a job to pay for it." I listened and have worked hard everyday since to deliver for them the opportunity to transform their lives through work. As Mayor, I will do the same for all the people of NYC.

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Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: Full-time candidate
Previous Occupation(s): Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Deputy Mayor and Budget Director, Giuliani Administration; Executive Vice President, Madison Square Garden & Cablevision; Investment Banker
Education: Georgetown University, BS 1976; Harvard Business School, MBA 1980
Organizational Affiliations: CUNY, Member Board of Trustees
Prior Public Experience: Budget Director and Deputy Mayor for Operations, Giuliani Administration; Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
 Creating jobs and a vibrant, diversified economy is the key to our City's success. Government can't create jobs, but it is responsible for creating an environment for job growth. Our government must operate more efficiently while reducing taxes

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and the burdensome regulations and fines that are strangling small businesses. We must focus on fostering emerging industries to create quality, good-paying jobs in all five boroughs.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 Reforming government must be a top priority. We need ethics reform to get rid of corrupt politicians and educational reform to improve our schools. Public safety is also critical to our quality of life. We must ensure the NYPD has the necessary tools and resources to keep us safe from terrorists and violent criminals.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 The next Mayor needs to have the experience and vision to lead New York City on Day One. Our City is a \$70 billion enterprise with more than 300,000 employees. I am the only candidate with vast experience leading complex organizations in both the private and public sectors. I have been fortunate to serve the people of this City through some of our best times of growth and transformation, but also through some of our biggest challenges, like 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. I believe our best days are ahead and as Mayor, I will use my common sense, my vision and my experience to lead New York City forward.

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Independence Primary | Mayor

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)



Party Enrolled In: Unaffiliated
Current Occupation: Founder/Managing Direct of MetroFutures, LLC.
Previous Occupation(s): Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager
Education: Bachelor's Degree- Kings College; Master's Degree in Urban Planning- CUNY- Hunter College
Organizational Affiliations: Morris Heights Health Center, County Executives of America, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Org, Bronx DiVA Talk- Domestic Violence Awareness
Prior Public Experience: White House Director of Urban Affairs, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Two-term Bronx Borough President, NYC Councilmember, Former President of NALEO (National Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials)

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
 Reforming education to ensure our young people are prepared to participate in the economy must be a top priority. Education has become more about the needs and wants of a few adults rather than the parents and students who have long been underserved by a failing system.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 New York City must remain affordable for the middle class and those who would come here to make a better life. It also must be a business-friendly city that acts as an incubator for the industries and jobs of the future. We do that by NOT raising taxes and treating our people and businesses like the government's ATM. Our city must be a safe city and a place where innovation creates opportunity.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 I will bring the experience, common sense ideas and independent leadership New Yorkers want and deserve to City Hall. New Yorkers have had enough of special interests and the political establishment running the show. Our city is ready for real results and a bold vision for a New York that works better for everyone. It is the mayor's duty to make decisions that improve the lives of New Yorkers. The decisions are never easy, but my track record shows that putting the people first delivers results.

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Public Advocate

As the city’s “ombudsman,” or go-between, the job of the public advocate includes monitoring the operation of the public information and service complaint programs of city agencies, and investigating, and trying to resolve complaints about many city services. In the mayor’s absence, the public advocate acts as the mayor; in the case of a vacancy, the public advocate acts as mayor until a special election is held. The public advocate is also responsible for presiding over City Council meetings and can sponsor local legislation. The public advocate earns an annual salary of \$165,000.

» **Democratic Primary (D)**
 Catherine Guerriero
 Letitia James
 Reshma Saujani
 Daniel Squadron
 Sidique Wai

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Reshma Saujani

Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Founder, Girls Who Code
Previous Occupation(s): NYC Deputy Public Advocate, Attorney
Education: J.D. Yale Law School; M.A. Harvard Kennedy School of Government; B.A. University of Illinois
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member, Bronx Academy of Software Engineering
Prior Public Experience: NYC Deputy Public Advocate

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Education is the issue I would focus on the most because it is the pathway to jobs and economic security. We must provide our teachers and schools the necessary resources for our kids to be prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

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I founded a national non-profit Girls Who Code that gives girls from underserved communities opportunities to learn high-tech skills, and I’ve seen how those skills can give entire families access to the American Dream.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will create New York’s first-ever Seniors Advocate to stand up for our senior population; provide free legal housing services to protect tenants and help families avoid foreclosure; designate a Women’s Advocate to fight for equal pay for equal work and combat sex trafficking; and appoint a Jobs and Economy Advocate to create and protect jobs by expanding our small business, tech and manufacturing sectors. Wherever and whenever Albany and City Hall fail, I’ll step into the fight and demand the accountability we deserve.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I bring a new and outside perspective on how to make government work best for the people, will be the voice for all New Yorkers and will hold government and politicians accountable. As the daughter of immigrants who taught me to fight for every possibility until it is achieved, I know how to deliver real change for our kids, our seniors, and our communities. I have a track record of real results and a plan for real action. I will always stand up and fight to create real opportunities for all New Yorkers and will not stop until the job gets done.

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Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

Catherine Guerriero

Public Advocate (D)



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Our city faces key challenges. Unemployment is unbearable. People are losing their homes. The strength of our schools is at stake. Businesses are overwhelmed by bureaucratic paperwork. We are losing confidence in our leaders. I am running to give voice to everyone from each of our boroughs, from the threatened middle class to the most vulnerable New Yorkers - the poor, the newly arrived. The voices of all New Yorkers matter and I’ll make sure that they are heard so that all get the city services they deserve.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

We must address education as part of the whole life of the child; we must focus on the issue of housing for both our middle class and our most vulnerable, and we must protect both our union members and our small business owners. New leadership is needed now.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As a mother, university professor, small business owner and athlete, I know and love New York, and I will fight to keep our city great. As Public Advocate I will work to keep New York a safe and affordable city where all New Yorkers from each of our five boroughs are treated with dignity and respect, where all people have an equal voice in our great city’s future and where all children have access to quality education and resources they need to succeed in life.

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Professor of Education and Politics at Teachers’ College, Columbia University and the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University.

Previous Occupation(s): Served as Director of Strategic Planning for the Archdiocese of New York and Director of Government Relations for Catholic Charities. As Associate Director for the Archdiocese, coordinated Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 visit. Also ran a strategic planning consultancy for small businesses and non-profits.

Education: Curtis High School, Wagner College, MPA from the Wagner School at NYU and a doctorate in educational administration from the NYU Steinhardt School of Education.

Organizational Affiliations: New Era Democrats, Congress of Italian American Organizations

Prior Public Experience: After 20 years in politics, this is my first run for elected office.

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Daniel Squadron

Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: State Senator
Previous Occupation(s): See below
Education: Yale University
Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Before my election in 2008, I served as a top aide to US Sen. Chuck Schumer and co-authored his book. I also worked to secure \$3 billion for our transit system and move money from the bureaucracy to our public schools.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I’ll fight to make our city more livable and affordable so more people can make a life here, especially the most vulnerable.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a new father, I want every child to have the opportunity for a better future. I’ve fought for more funding and accountability in public schools, and will make sure parents have a voice, the city protects kids in foster care, and no child goes to bed hungry. I wrote legislation that banned military-style assault weapons like the one used in Newtown. I have a perfect 100% record on gun control, standing up to the NRA. I’ll fight to get illegal guns off our streets and keep New Yorkers safe. When Sandy struck, I set up relief sites and delivered food to stranded seniors and others in need. I fought for tax relief for homeowners who lost everything. As Public Advocate I’ll make sure we’re safe and prepared for the next disaster.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have a proven track record of getting results for everyday New Yorkers - fighting corruption, writing landmark new gun laws, and advocating for affordable housing, parks, and public transportation. I’ll make the Public Advocate’s office a more effective force for children, seniors, and regular families who need a voice. I’m endorsed by Chuck Schumer, both former Public Advocates, and leaders around the city.

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Letitia James

Public Advocate (D)



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

My top priority will be to fight for a great education for all our children. Through the Public Advocate’s office I will demand that the City’s focus is on improving the quality of education and I will engage the community and families to ensure that our students are prepared for college and the real world, not just taught to the test.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will fight for good jobs that include fair wages and benefits for workers, affordable housing, consumer protections, access to health care and public safety.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I’ve stood up for progressive causes my entire career. As Public Advocate, I will continue to push for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers by fighting for good schools, good-paying jobs, affordable housing, and the interests of the City’s working and middle class.

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation(s): Public Defender with Legal Aid Society; Assistant NYS Attorney General; Chief of Staff in NYS Assembly

Education: New York City public schools; CUNY Lehman College; Howard University Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Founded the Urban Network, a coalition of minority professional organizations that raises money and distributes college scholarships to inner city youth.

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member, 35th District

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Sidique Wai

Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Administrative Staff Analyst/Advisor to the NYC Police Commissioner.
Previous Occupation(s): Division Chief of Resident Support Services, NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA); Community Liaison to Andrew Stein, President of the NYC Council; Community Liaison, Howard Golden, Brooklyn Borough President.
Education: BA, Political Science, Fordham University; MPA Candidate, Robert Wager School of Public Service (NYU).
Organizational Affiliations: President/National Spokesperson, United African Congress; 2nd Vice Chair, African Union Diaspora Task Team.
Prior Public Experience: Founded Wai Associates, a healthcare advocacy public relations firm.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

We must do a much better job of fostering more open and honest communication

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between the NYPD and the citizen’s they protect. As a law enforcement official, and a ranking civilian in the department, it is my job to build bridges between communities throughout the 5 boroughs and the NYPD. I will continue in this role as Public Advocate. We can stay committed to reducing crime, while ensuring that fair civil rights and liberties are enjoyed by people and families throughout our city.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Create Affordable Housing: Build new affordable housing specifically so police officers, teachers, and other city employees working towards public prosperity can afford to live in the neighborhoods where they work. This will foster better working relationships between them and the citizens they serve.

Better Our Economy: Cultivate economic development for local businesses, and create jobs by building new transportation and infrastructure through the advancement of green technology. Institute public healthcare options at the city level to ease burdens on businesses and citizens without health insurance.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

My breadth of experience in the areas of public safety, community empowerment, healthcare, housing and civil rights, and my commitment to advancing a more intimate sense of community between people of all races and classes, as well as new immigrants assimilating into our city.

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Comptroller

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer. The comptroller's responsibilities include: keeping the mayor and the City Council informed about the city's financial condition; making recommendations about the operations, fiscal policies, and financial transactions of the city; auditing city agencies and investigating all matters concerning the city's finances; registering and auditing contracts; issuing and selling city bonds; managing the city-held sinking funds and other trust and pension funds; and performing analysis to eliminate waste and fraud in city operations. The Comptroller earns an annual salary of \$185,000.

- » **Democratic Primary (D)**
Eliot Spitzer
Scott M. Stringer
- » **Republican Primary (R)**
Richard Bozulich*
John Burnett

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Scott M. Stringer

Comptroller (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present
Previous Occupation(s): New York State Assemblymember, District 67
Education: B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present; New York State Assemblymember, District 67, 1992 to 2005

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will work tirelessly to ensure the City's fiscal health and safeguard every tax dollar. I will aggressively examine city spending, rooting out waste and inefficiency. I will work to grow our pension funds through responsible investments and strengthen oversight of city contracts to prevent fraud and abuse.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will bring new standards of transparency and accountability to government, as I have done throughout my career in public service. From critical oversight of the city budget to auditing agency performance, I will ensure government is working in the best interest of tax payers. I will work to diversify our economy and create jobs for middle class and working families in all five boroughs by finding new ways to support growth opportunities.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Throughout my 20 years in public service, I have been a progressive, reform Democrat who has achieved real results. As Borough President, I exposed out-of-control city spending on outside consultants that cost New Yorkers millions. I uncovered serious failures by the Department of Education in forecasting student enrollment, spurring the construction of badly needed new schools. In a victory for tenants, millions of dollars were secured to repair elevators in public housing after I exposed that 75 percent were failing inspections. As Comptroller, I will bring this same integrity, independence and commitment to standing up for the people of this City.

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Democratic Primary | Comptroller

Eliot Spitzer

Comptroller (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Businessman
Previous Occupation(s): Journalist, Elected Official of New York, Prosecutor
Education: Law School
Organizational Affiliations: NY Bar
Prior Public Experience: Governor and AG NYS, Prosecutor Manhattan DA's Office

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Ensuring vigorous oversight of the city's finances and providing financial stability for its long-term health, while also using the city's financial power as a lever to take on the special interests on behalf of the people.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a lifelong New Yorker, I've seen power that rightfully belongs in the hands of the people too often wielded by the special interests.

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But it doesn't have to be that way.

The Comptroller oversees \$140 billion in assets that are invested with big Wall Street banks. These funds are the people's money and they should be used to advance the people's interests, not Wall Street's.

By transforming the Comptroller's office into an advocate for the people we will hold the special interests accountable for responsible corporate governance, rein in CEO pay and make sure Wall Street titans are acting fairly and honestly.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

The Comptroller is responsible for protecting the financial health of the city. Dollars you put into the system that fund your services, schools and roads. Dollars that make up your pension plans and your retirement security.

The fundamental question in this election is who do you want fighting for you... because it's your money.

Whether it was government corruption, Wall Street banks or insurance industry giants, I've spent my career taking on the powerful interests on behalf of working New Yorkers. I will bring that same fighting approach to the Comptroller's office. If you want someone willing to take on a fight looking out for your money, I ask for your vote.

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Republican Primary | Comptroller

John Burnett

Comptroller (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: John is an Advisory Board Member of White Wolf Capital.
Previous Occupation(s): John has over 20 years of financial services experience and has held domestic and global leadership roles in the areas of compliance, governance, investment oversight and risk management.
Education: John holds a BS degree with honors in Leadership and Management Studies from New York University and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University.
Organizational Affiliations: Urban Resource Institute Board Trustee, Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning (P.E.N.C.I.L.), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Life Member, National Association of Black Accountants, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.
Prior Public Experience: John is actively involved in youth mentoring programs, community service enhancement projects, educational and health programs.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I will ensure that the City's pension plans are managed efficiently to maximum investment returns. Tax dollars are used to fund pension plans when investments do not reach its minimum goals. I want to avoid using tax payer dollars and ensure that the pension funds are invested to maximize returns for retirees.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I want to help restore integrity in public service. I will develop citywide risk assessments and corrective action plans to optimize value, while reducing fiscal waste and fraud in New York City's government. The cost savings can be reinvested to drive growth, create jobs and invest in a better education system for our future.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

The New York City Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The duties of the office consist of overseeing the performance of pension funds, audit city agencies and advise on financial matters. I am asking New York City voters to hire me as Comptroller to do what I have been doing for the last 20 years, which is oversee investment portfolios, audit, compliance, contract administration, budgeting and finance.

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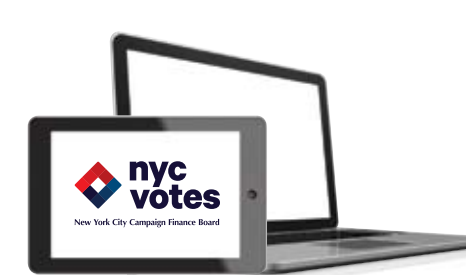
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Borough President

The borough presidents are the chief executives of each borough. They have the power, for their boroughs, to consult with the mayor in the preparation of the annual executive budget; to make recommendations on budget priorities, capital projects, and other matters; to review land-use decisions and proposed sites for city facilities; to monitor the delivery of city services and the performance of contracts; and to have legislation introduced in the City Council. Borough presidents earn an annual salary of \$160,000.

» **Democratic Primary (D)**
 Ruben Diaz Jr.
 Mark Escoffery-Bey

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Democratic Primary | Borough President

Ruben Diaz Jr.
Bronx Borough President (D)



My record on the economy is clear, and during my next term, we will continue to strengthen our business climate.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will continue my advocacy on the East Bronx Metro-North expansion project, which has the potential to completely transform several of our largest communities by bringing new transportation options to our borough. As Borough President, I've funded dozens of our community's public schools, and my office will continue to use our capital funds to give the children of the Bronx the best possible education. We will also continue our focus on environmentally-friendly development. My office will only fund projects which include a strong "green" component – this has been one of the hallmarks of my administration.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I hope my last four years as your Borough President has earned your vote. During the last four years, I've put forward a strong agenda in education, health and economic development. Over the next four years, we will do even bigger and better things. With the help and support of my neighbors – the great people of the Bronx – we'll have a great next four years as we advance our agenda and build a New Bronx.

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Bronx Borough President
Previous Occupation(s): 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)

1. What is the most important issue in the Bronx you would address if elected?

The most important issue we continue to face is the economy. In my first four years as Borough President, we've taken great strides to bring new business to the Bronx and to make it easier for our existing businesses to stay and grow. We've helped create thousands of new jobs in every corner of the Bronx, while ensuring that those jobs are developed in a green, sustainable way. My office played a key role in the passage of the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act – ensuring that heavily-subsidized projects pay their employees a living wage.

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Mark Escoffery-Bey
Bronx Borough President (D)



1. What is the most important issue in the Bronx you would address if elected?

Education and Economics

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Political integrity and accountability
 Unfair Ballot bumping
 Unfair political dynasty

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am not part of the political machinery which does not serve our community. I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart, the wisdom and courage of my mind, the strength and vigor of my body in the service of my fellow citizen; to stand up for justice, brotherhood and peace, work diligently and creatively, think generously and honestly to advance the welfare of the people of the Bronx. I trust in God, I love The Bronx and respect its laws. I will work hard and strive for all to get ahead, but get ahead or not, I will always do my best. I am a fighter that is powerful, inspiring and unstoppable who will relentlessly fight for the people of The Bronx.

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Small Businessman
Previous Occupation(s): Small Businessman
Education: Attended Walton High School and Bronx Community College
Organizational Affiliations: NAACP, Jamaican Progressive League, African Diaspora Parade & Festival, AFUS (Africa Friends of United States).
Prior Public Experience: Assembly 77 Democratic District Leader, Public School Parent Association. President, Public School School Leadership Team Member, FLIA After-School drug prevention Program President, African Diaspora Outreach Director.

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City Council Member

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of New York City's government. The City Council is responsible for passing local laws, making decisions about land use, investigating and overseeing city agencies, and approving the city's budget. Each Council member represents one of the 51 New York City Council districts. Council members receive an annual base salary of \$112,500. Council leaders and chairs of committees receive additional pay. Council members may hold other jobs in addition to their Council seats.

» **Council District 15**
Democratic Primary (D)
 Kenneth G. (Kenny) Agosto
 Albert Alvarez
 Raquel E. Batista
 Joel Bauza
 Joel Ray Rivera
 Cynthia Thompson
 Ritchie Torres

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 15

Kenneth G. [Kenny] Agosto
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO STATE SENATOR RUTH HASSELL-THOMPSON/DISTRICT LEADER (D) 80th AD - THE BRONX
Previous Occupation(s): Special Assistant to several NYS Senators; Regional Coordinator, NYS Senate MIS Services; Chief of Staff to NYS Assembly Members Luis M. Diaz & Michael Benjamin; Deputy Citywide Director of Operations, Fernando Ferrer's Mayoral Campaigns [2005 & 2001]; Mental Health Professional, Lifespire, Community Action for Human Services, & Puerto Rican Family Institute
Education: B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE, ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL; MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL, BRONX, NY; RAFAEL HERNANDEZ IS116; PS39
Organizational Affiliations: Bronx Community Board 11; 49th Precinct Community Council; Bronx Neighborhood Advisory Council; Bronx Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Council; Bronx Pride Coalition; South Bronx Asthma Partnership; Founder, Bronx Park East Community Association; Chairman, We Stay/Nos Quedamos; Board Member, High Bridge Advisory Council; Board Member, Bronx Community Pride Center; Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance;

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Board Member, 504 Democratic Club of NYC; Board Member, Stonewall Democrats of NYC; Founder, Liberty Democratic Association
Prior Public Experience: Elected District Leader (D) 80th AD [4 Terms]; Appointed Member, Bronx Community Board 11; Appointed Member, Bronx Neighborhood Advisory Council; Executive Director, NYS Senate Puerto Rican & Hispanic Task Force; Vice Chair, Bronx Democratic Party

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

I would Fight Gun Violence, Drugs, Crime, Illegal Stop & Search; Create Good Paying Jobs & Affordable Housing; Fix Failing Schools & Lower High Dropout Rates; Cut High Rates of Diabetes, Heart Disease, Asthma, Teen Pregnancies & HIV/AIDS; Stop Senior/After School/Library/Parks Cuts.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Increase Accessibility for our Seniors, Veterans, & People With Disabilities; Fully support our LGBTQ Community; Increase Healthier Foods & Promote Physical Wellness.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I was born in the district. I've served our community for 30 years, 10 of those years of solid government legislative service. I have the experience and the relationships to represent our district as a hard working legislator and as a provider of good constituent services FOR ALL!

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Albert Alvarez
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Chief of Staff, 15th Council District
Previous Occupation(s): Re-Housing Assistant Program Coordinator and Community Organizer for Aquinas Housing Corp.; Legal Assistant at Pacheco & Lugo, PLLC; Temporary Publication Editor at International Trademark Association; Kitchen worker & cashier at Columbia University
Education: Juris Doctorate & Certificate in Law Technology & Management from Syracuse College of Law; B.S. in Criminal Justice & minor in Business Administration from St. John's University; Interned at Technology Transfers Center; Dept. of Investigation, Inspector General's Office for Environmental Protection & Public Service Commission; Certificate from Neighborhood Leadership Institute-Citizen's Committee for NY
Organizational Affiliations: Bronx Veteran's Parade Committee; V.P. Latin American Law Students Assoc. & more
Prior Public Experience: Former positions: Pres. of Friends of Crotona Park; General Advisor & Asst. Treasurer for Not In My Neighborhood You Don't Anti-

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Drug & Violence Campaign; Community Board #6 Executive Committee Chairperson of Parks & Recreation, Member of Law Enforcement Committee; Con Edison Advisory Council; Crotona Neighborhood Improvement Committee & more

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

Fight for Economic & Job Development

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Maintain & Create more Affordable Housing; Sustain & Increase Educational Opportunities & After School Programs; Support & Protect our Senior Programs; Improve & Increase access to Health Care; Advocate for Public Safety & Community input.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

For 45 years I have experienced everyday life in our community. I was born, raised, educated & served our community during my non profit days. For the past 12 years I have served the community as Chief of Staff in our 15th Council District. I have been instrumental in redeveloping our community by advocating for improved parks, day care centers, schools, after-school programs, senior programs, housing, health & public safety issues, which has only been possible by listening & working with the community. My upbringing, experiences and life-long dedication to & from the community is what sets me apart & will allow me to bring your voice to City Hall.

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Raquel E. Batista
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Attorney, Community Activist
Previous Occupation(s): Vice-President, Compliance/ Corporate Responsibility, Vantage; Executive Director, Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Voting Rights Analyst, Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund (now LatinoJustice); Organizer, NorthWest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition
Education: J.D. - CUNY LAW SCHOOL; B.A. - Manhattan College
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member (currently on leave of absence) - Planned Parenthood of NYC; Co-founder - Latina Political Action Committee; Former Board Member, New York Immigration Coalition
Prior Public Experience: Com. Bd.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

Gun violence and unemployment are at the top of the agenda. I will work to address these issues by having the more targeted policing, developing conflict resolution/ mediation/after-school/employment programs for young people and their families.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Buildings are making people sick because of mold, mildew, rats, mice and roaches. I will work to put more money into a proactive code enforcement program; target landlords who are known to abuse the law and overcharge on rents; propose a city loan program for landlords who want to reduce asthma triggers with cap on rent increases.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

With over 15 years experience working on issues ranging from tenant, immigrant and women's rights, I have developed policy and brought much needed dollars and resources into the community. My life's path has prepared me to be a zealous advocate for City Council District 15.

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Cynthia Thompkins
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Criminal Defense Attorney - Legal Aid Society
Previous Occupation(s): Police Officer; Small Business Owner
Education: B.S. in Criminal Justice (John Jay); J.D. (CUNY School of Law)
Organizational Affiliations: Founder, WAVE-NYC (Women Against Violence Everywhere); President, NYPD 46 Precinct Community Council; Ex-Officio Board Member, BCC Sexual Harassment Comm; Ex-Officio Board Member, Bronx LGBTQ Center; BX Region SGI-USA NYC Peace & Comm Relations; CAC, Bronx Museum; CAC, Bronx Community Solutions
Prior Public Experience: As president of the 46 PCT Council, I build bridges with the NYPD and the Community through outreach and forums. The Council participates in local events; collaborates with other organizations; and provides informative monthly meetings.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

GUN VIOLENCE & SAFETY. As a Defense Attorney with a law enforcement background, I understand both sides and advocate to balance community safety while protecting the constitutional rights of residents as NYPD uses its tools, such as stop & frisk, to curb gun violence. In addition, I will push for the opening of youth centers offering empowering programs & opportunities as alternatives to gangs and drugs.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

HOUSING COURT. Understanding the court system means ensuring both sides are represented. Thus, I will advocate to move from facilitative to directive mediation so tenants are protected. **EDUCATION.** Community-School partnerships are a must based on proven curricula that educates students & holds all accountable. Further, Anti-Bullying classes must be mandated in public schools. **BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENT.** Green incentives will generate growth, fortify sustainability and create jobs. Fair regulations coupled with incentives allow businesses to flourish while meeting environmental standards for reducing emissions and our carbon footprint.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

"Cynthia Thompkins is the only candidate with vision, integrity and leadership. Cynthia is squarely focused on the needs of the community. She is a pragmatic and solution-oriented professional, an award winning community activist and has the depth and breadth of experience to deliver exactly what is needed to effectively lead the Bronx and the City Council."

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Joel Bauza
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: 2006 to Present - Senior Pastor of Calvary Church, located at 1010 E.174th Street, Bronx, NY 10460. A thriving congregation of 400 members and growing.
Previous Occupation(s): Office Manager Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Blake Electric and Refrigeration Corp.
Education: B.A. Theology from Spanish Eastern School of Theology South Eastern University, Lakeland Florida 1995
Organizational Affiliations: New York Hispanic Clergy Organization, C.E.C. Board Member District 12, Community Board #3 - Committee Member of the following - Land Use, Zoning, Education, NYC Parks, 42 pct Community Council Member, N.L.U.B.A. Block Association Director
Prior Public Experience: 25 years plus - Director of S.O.S. - Save Our Street Initiative, Feed the Homeless 300 Weekly with home cooked meals, Providing social services to all who are in need, Clergy Liason to victims of DV families supply shelter, food housing referrals, Supply over 300 turkeys

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every thanksgiving to seniors and families in need since 2002 to present

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

Immigration Reform, Affordable housing and eviction prevention

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Crime and safety; Education - Pro Charter School; After School and weekend Programs; Save our Senior Centers; Feed and house the homeless; Minimum Wage

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am a 25 year veteran in assisting my community in many capacities. My job as a public servant is 24/7. I am always present, available, approachable and very honest. I believe that many times we cannot always say yes, we must be strong with our convictions and understand the issues at hand and discuss them with our constituents in order to gain a complete understanding before voting for or against. In my administration, the people will be heard. I am only the messenger! My office will be known as a place where you can seek refuge, find information, find help.

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Ritchie Torres
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Housing Director in the NYC Council
Previous Occupation(s): Constituent Liaison in the NYC Council
Education: New York University
Organizational Affiliations: Liberty Democratic Association
Prior Public Experience: The Attorney General's Office and the Mayor's Office of Economic Development and Rebuilding

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a Council Member, I will fight for greater investment in public infrastructure (our parks, schools, and systems of transit); greater investment in senior centers that keep our elderly out of isolation; and greater investment in programs that keep our youth off the street.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As a product of a single-mother, working-poor household, I know what it's like to struggle. I have a record of delivering results for struggling Bronx families, from getting repairs for hundreds of tenants to getting millions of dollars worth of security for neighborhoods torn by violence. I have made Bronx homes more livable and Bronx streets much safer.

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Joel Ray Rivera
15th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Community Relations Associate, Office of Community Relations, Comptroller John C. Liu, The City of New York
Previous Occupation(s): Community Outreach Coordinator, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation. Founder and Executive Director, Servicing Our Youth (SOY).
Education: LaGuardia High School 1992-1994, Talent Unlimited High School 1994-1996. George Washington University 1996-2000
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: Vice Chair, Bronx Democratic County. Community Liason for City Councilman Adolfo Carrion Jr. Field Operation Supervisor for the US Census Bureau. Field Operation Supervisor for FEMA.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

The most important issue facing the City Council District 15 is affordable and quality housing. There are many proposed rent increases such as in Bronx Park East. These increases would force many tenants to move or potential become homeless. In such difficult economic times, the residents of the 15th council district can't afford rent increases. Also, there are many NYCHA and state funded housing complexes in the 15th district which are underserved in the areas of maintenance and repairs. These facilities need to be better maintained and receive a high quality of service. The residents need to be treated with respect.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Affordable healthcare, quality education, youth services, employment and education opportunities.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

My life has been dedicated to being a Community Activist and Organizer. I have been on the front line fighting for paid sick leave, raising the minimum wage, quality education, affordable housing, and healthcare. The community needs a strong advocate who understands its dynamics and is willing to fight for a better tomorrow and I believe that I am that advocate. I hope you will join me on this journey. I am a servant leader ready to work for the 15th Council District.

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City Council Member

- » **Council District 16 Democratic Primary (D)**
Pedro Alvarez
Carlton Berkley
Niyirrah El*
Vanessa L. Gibson
Daryl L. Johnson
Naaimat Muhammed
Walter L. Newsome
Bola Omotosho
Winston Rouse*
Carlos M. Sierra
- » **Council District 17 Democratic Primary (D)**
María del Carmen Arroyo
Julio Pabón
- » **Council District 18 Democratic Primary (D)**
William Russell Moore
Annabel Palma

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 16

Pedro Alvarez 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Accountant, Tax Practitioner
Previous Occupation(s): Retail Banking
Education: B.A. in Accounting
Organizational Affiliations: United Auto Merchant Association, Latino Association of Tax Preparer, Family Life Academy Charter School, American Latin Association of New York, 170th Merchant Association
Prior Public Experience: President of Neighborhood Advisory Board #4, Bronx NY

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

The single most important issue in District 16th is the lack of affordable housing. Our District needs more and new programs that expand affordable housing for our residents. No only do we need more affordable housing, but we also need a system that is transparent, and easy to navigate in order to be efficient.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

No community can progress without jobs and proper education. I helped turn around a school that was about to be closed and today it is among the best in NYS. Education is top priority for me. If we provide better quality education our residents will enjoy better quality of life. Our District commercial zones need to be use correctly to attract industries that could provide long term jobs to our residents. As an entrepreneur I know how to recognize business trends and attract productive businesses to our district 16th.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have experience in the main areas that affect our District, economic development, education and financial management. I have lived in this District for the past 20 yrs. I have gone through the same struggles our constituents face every day. I served at the Neighborhood Advisory Board #4, BX for 9 yrs. founded a senior center. I have been involved in public education for 14 years. I have been and advocate for social justice and economic progress for District 16th. Helping our residents with issues related to housing, immigration, social services among others. I have done it with honesty and integrity, which is what our community needs from its elected official.

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Carlton Berkley 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Fire Safety Director for FJC Security Services
Previous Occupation(s): Ret. NYPD 2nd Grade Detective
Education: B.A. and Associates degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice/ Associates degree in Business Management from Hesser College located in Manchester New Hampshire/ Grad. of Julia Richman H.S.(80)
Organizational Affiliations: Member of Walker Memorial Baptist Church (Leader In Training)/ Former member of the 100 Blacks In Law-Enforcement Who Care/ Current member of the National Latino Officers Association/ Founder of the Brothers and Sisters Who Care/ Mentor for Eagle Academy Middle/High School for young men. Community Organizer/Activist.
Prior Public Experience: N/A

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

NYPD Stop and Frisk targeted at Blacks and Latino men.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Unemployment, Housing, Education, Health, the charter school invasion of public schools, Food Stamp Program and the repeal of C.P.L. Article 240.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I was born and raised in New York City. I am 50 years old and have been married for 29 years. I have 3 children and 1 grandchild. I joined the NYPD in July of 1984 and retired July of 2004. While fighting crime and making sure New Yorkers were safe was very important, also and equally as important was fighting racism and corruption in NYPD. I did both during my service and I continue this very important work today. Unfortunately, I think there is still corruption in our city government and it needs to be exposed and the ones responsible arrested. I know that police racism and city government corruption are not the only challenges we face, however together we as a people are catching hell at the moment. Someone has to truly stand up for the poor and middle class. We need to create safe havens for our young people so that they could be nurtured in the right direction and not racially profiled by NYPD. Our seniors need to honored and respected not caged in their homes. We need to support our good police officers and arrest the bad ones. These are just a few of the challenges we face everyday and this must end. I am in no way professing to be a savior, however if elected by the people I vow to stand-up and fight for your rights and equality for all. May God Bless You.

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Vanessa L. Gibson 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Member of the NYS Assembly, 77th District, Bronx County. Elected in a special election in June 2009.
Previous Occupation(s): Intern, Legislative Aide, District Office Manager for former Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene.
Education: Master's in Public Administration, CUNY Baruch College, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, SUNY Albany.
Organizational Affiliations: Female District Leader, 77th District, Member, Bronx Democratic County Committee, Executive Member, Bronx Unity Democratic Club.
Prior Public Experience: N/A

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

Jobs! Economic Development which creates employment opportunities to strengthen families and provide long term sustainability. The Bronx continues to experience

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high unemployment and I am committed to supporting projects that provide jobs that pay union and prevailing wages so men and women can afford to live & take care of their families.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Education is the gateway to the future and will allow our youth to be the successful leaders they deserve to be. Early education, full day pre-kindergarten, daycare, mentoring programs, after-school, recreational programs & a re-focus on trades and vocational instruction, all serve as major components to provide academic enrichment for our school children. Housing is a right & not a luxury and I am committed to supporting incentives and creative approaches to promote affordable housing for homeless families, domestic violence victims, seniors, youth aging out of foster care & disabled veterans to name a few.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

While being a legislator for 4 years, I have over 10 years of experience in state government which I believe will be an asset in the City Council. The growth I have experienced as a policy maker and working with colleagues, advocates, educators, labor leaders, clergy & constituents on issues of mutual concern is an opportunity to continue to serve in the best interests of my constituents as a Member of the City Council.

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Daryl L. Johnson 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: President Morris Ave Tenants Coalition
Previous Occupation(s): Former Assistant to Executive Editor of the Associated Press. Prior executive with MMC and Anheuser-Busch Companies in New York.
Education: Immaculate Conception; USC Irvine; Cornell University. Frank Zagari Memorial Award for Leadership
Organizational Affiliations: Family Care Giver, National MS Society, AHRC Family Board Member, 504 Democratic Club, Democratic National Committee, HBA
Prior Public Experience: Tenant organizer and prior Public Policy and Planning Board Member

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

Our District has many challenges to confront, all of which deserve priority attention. Affordable housing, senior services, gun violence and education are among the most critical.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Our community which is among New York's most diverse, has many urgent needs. Too many of our schools are failing. Asthma rates are soaring. Shootings (gun violence) and felony crimes remain high. We are among the poorest urban Districts in the United States and we deserve better. Affordable housing; Healthcare and chronic illness long-term jobs and economic development; senior services; education; public safety, sustainability and disaster preparedness.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I'm running to serve, to give each of you a voice. Most importantly I will always believe in this community and make our needs, not any political ambition, the driving force of my service. Together, we will create lasting solutions that will be a model for the entire City. **Faith. Honesty. Leadership. Community. Responsibility. Progress.**

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Naaimat Muhammed 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Motivational speaker for youth, young women, and distraught families in the community.

Previous Occupation(s): Community Outreach Liaison for current District 16 Council member Helen Diane Foster

Education: Master's in Public Administration with a track in government from Pace University

Organizational Affiliations: None

Prior Public Experience: None

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

The most important issue is community development and bringing opportunities and programming to the community.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Youth Development

Public Safety

Family Values

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am a product of the district. I am born and raised in the area so I know the issues first hand as to how they affect our livelihood and the survival and upbringing entailed. I have grown into leadership.

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Walter L. Newsome 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Community Organizer

Previous Occupation(s): Project Manager - Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker; Special Projects Coordinator - Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County; Paralegal - Office of the District Attorney Bronx County; Paralegal - Law Office of Michael Doyle

Education: Concordia College - B.S., Business Administration; Touro College - J.D., Corporate Law

Organizational Affiliations: NAACP - Award Recipient; American Bar Association - Member; Miss Bronx Pageant - Executive Director; The Bronx Sharks Athletic Club, Founder; Democratic National Committee - Member, Convent Avenue Baptist Church - Member

Prior Public Experience: Bronx County Democratic Committee

requires that our residents & law enforcement have the tools and technology needed to maintain quality of life. We must also be willing to be socially responsible to ourselves and neighbors. Throughout our community, we hear the same things: more opportunities for our youth. The Bronx is on its way to becoming the green leader in New York City, with many firsts. I have ideas to reduce our carbon footprint and make the 16th District sustainable, all while providing jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities for our residents.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Improved use of community & park space to best suit our needs; a different approach to communication with the district's NYPD commanders & residents; introduction of "Team NYCHA & Multiple family building initiative," which is currently documenting conditions, repair requests; security and quality of life issues throughout the district; bring back Midnight Basketball and alternative recreation centers throughout the district; Improve social services and resource access to everyone, especially the homeless, seniors and the disabled.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Your issues are my issues. A healthy community benefits from participation, shared ideas, respect and home pride. Our district finds itself at a crossroads. We can maintain the status quo or we can seize the opportunity to make bold changes with a fresh vision that ensures our prosperity.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

We all desire to live in a clean, safe and peaceful community. The size of our district

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Bola Omotosho 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Clinical Researcher

Previous Occupation(s): Clinical Research Coordinator in Hematology and Oncology Trials. Direct Patient Management, Director of a Chemical Dependency and Substance Abuse treatment Center. Residence Manager at a Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability facility.

Education: CCRP, MBChB 1986, (Doctor of Medicine) - University of Ife, BS Health Sciences 1981 University of Ife Ile-Ife Nigeria.

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 5 - Chairperson, Mount Hope Housing Company - President Board of Directors, Harrison Home Owners Association - President, Bronx Multi-Faith Advisory Group - Vice Chair, New York Police department Citizen' Academy Alumni, New York Office Federal Bureau of Investigation citizens' Academy Alumni Team - Humanitarian Award recipient and Class 2009 secretary, Black United Leadership of the Bronx - Active member, Local Board Member of the State of New York Selective Service System, New York Metro InfraGard, Bronx HIV Provider Network Member,

National Cancer Institute, Society of Clinical Research Associates. Zeta Kappa Phi International Alumni Secretary, Grace Temple International. Ife University Medical Student Association Alumni, Ipoti Ekiti Unity Club of New York - Social Secretary.
Prior Public Experience: Community Board 5 - Chairperson since 2007, Health Committee Chairperson - 2002-2007, Education Committee Chairperson - 2000-2002, housing and Economic Development Committee Chairperson since 2007, Community Advisory Board - North Central Bronx Hospital - Chairperson 2005-2006.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

Economic Development and Job creations

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Health Care (Obamacare) Implementation, Education, Public safety, Housing and Quality of life in all our neighborhoods

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

The Heart of Selfless Service to Humanity. With my medical background and the start of Obamacare next year, I am well qualified to provide leadership on the City Council on the implementation of this important program which will surely improve the health disparity in District 16. Also wealth of experience and understanding of our community issue having served in various capacity at the Community Board makes me ready for this office from day 1.

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Carlos M. Sierra 16th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Carlos Sierra works for The City University of New York Citizenship NOW! as a Community Liaison.

Previous Occupation(s): Carlos has worked several jobs in order to make ends meet, from cab driver to grocery store clerk to bike courier.

Education: Due to financial circumstances Carlos Sierra was forced to drop out of high school. He earned his G.E.D. from the Job Corp. followed by an Associates from CUNY Bronx Community College in 2003 and a Bachelors from CUNY Lehman in 2006.

Organizational Affiliations: Carlos is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of the Dominican American National Round Table and President of the Education Council for League of United Latin Citizens.

Prior Public Experience: Carlos was elected Chair of the University Student Senate of the City University of New York in 2005 and became a member of the CUNY Board of Trustees. He was appointed to Community Board 4 in 2008 prior to that he was Chair of the Department of Youth and Community Development - Board 4.

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Maria del Carmen Arroyo 17th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member - 17th District, Bronx (2005 - Present).

Previous Occupation(s): Administrator with nearly 30 years of managerial experience. Prior to serving in the City Council, was Executive Director at Segundo Ruiz Belvis D&TC where she began as a receptionist. Served as Director of Operations for Narco Freedom, Inc., Division of Health Care Services. Served as Executive Director of the South Bronx Community Corporation, a volunteer position.

Education: Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters - Metropolitan College of New York, June 2013; Masters of Public Administration - New York University, Robert Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, May 1994; Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Administration, Herbert H. Lehman College, CUM LAUDE, 1991; Associate in Arts, Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College, January 1989.

Organizational Affiliations: None

Prior Public Experience: Nearly 25 years of public service prior to the 2005 election to the New York City Council plus eight years serving as Council Member representing the 17th District.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 16 you would address if elected?

Education! Many of our schools are constantly threatened with closures and loss of funding. We can not afford to play politics with the future of our community which is our children. My goal is to improve and expand public education options in the District.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Housing, good paying jobs and safety. Working families have enough stress to deal with and we must improve and expand housing options for all residents, from young families to senior citizens. It is a top priority for me to bring good paying jobs to the District. Minimum wage will not cut it. Safety starts with better police-community relations.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am from the people and for the people. I have been dealing with ALL of the issues which my neighbors deal with. We are in this together and I understand that very well. I want a better future for my family and all the families and individuals of the 16th District.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 17 you would address if elected?

Three of the most pressing are; helping to mitigate the negative environmental impact the many waste transfer stations, the DEP sewage water treatment plant and the sewage treatment facility have on the community; the need for affordable housing for senior citizens and working families; providing opportunities to make our public housing developments safer for residents and the surrounding communities by designating capital funding for the installation of security cameras; and designating capital funding to upgrade our community parks.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Other issues include the need to make available more green open spaces, parks and recreational facilities; job training and readiness programs for the unemployed and underemployed; improving technology in our schools; and working on police/community relations.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have lived and worked in the community I represent for 46 years and have a deep commitment to providing the best level of service to my neighbors. I have great ability to work in collaboration with all stakeholders affected by issues or concerns and have a collaborative approach to problem solving and negotiations.

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Julio Pabón 17th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Self Employed

Previous Occupation(s): Dir. Latino Affairs for City Council President, Residential Dir., South Bronx Job Corps; Edu. Dir., South Bronx Job Corps, Executive Director for Assemblyman Serrano's constituents office; Dir. of the Harlem office for the Recruitment & Training Program; Special Edu. Teacher, IS 184 South Bronx.

Education: PS 51, JHS 38, Aviation High School, Lehman College, Graduate MPA program NYU

Organizational Affiliations: Lehman Latino Alumni Asso, Latino Sports Writers & Broadcasters Association, Retire 21 Campaign, So Bx Community Congress, National P. R. Business Council, So Bx Community Association, Boricuas for a Positive Image.

Prior Public Experience: City Council Presidents office, State Assemblyman Serrano's office

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 17 you would address if elected?

The district has the worst social indicators like unemployment, HS dropout rate, worst asthma, child obesity rate, AIDS, diabetes, gun violence & lack of affordable housing. The office will be not only address constituents concerns, but will also become a hub for training local organizers to address the various problems affecting the district.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a product of the public school system I would be interested in finding ways to improve the high drop out rate. The fact that we have more security personnel in our schools than Guidance counselors is a major concern that needs to be addressed.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I came from poverty, raised by a single parent and avoided becoming one of the many negative statistics that are prevalent in the district then & today. I have raised three children in the South Bronx. I have developed small businesses and organizations that are still providing services and employment. Finally, I am not interested in a career in politics, therefore my one and only concern and reason for being a council person is to serve out my term/s representing the district better than they ever have and empowering a new generation of younger leaders.

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William Russell Moore
18th City Council District (D)



Coordinator and an Ombudsman Officer, I solved boroughwide problems. NYC Councilwoman Una S. T. Clarke (D 40) hired me as her Chief of Staff and Communications Director to manage her City Council and District Offices.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Systems Representative for Johnson Controls, Inc. and President of District's 18's Community Action Group.

Previous Occupation(s): Chief of Staff to Councilwoman Una Clarke, Deputy Press Secretary and Community Coordinator for former Bronx Borough Presidents Fernando Ferrer, and Budget Coordinator under Aldolfo Carrion, Jr. respectively.

Education: I have an Associated Degree in Computer Information Systems and a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Farmingdale and Stony Brook in Long Island.

Organizational Affiliations: NY Urban League; The National Action Network's Bronx Chapter; NACCP; The Rainbow PUSH Coalition and BLUB.

Prior Public Experience: Special Assistant to Commissioner Richard Murphy at NYC Department of Youth Services. I was tapped by Mayor David N. Dinkins to work in his Press and Speech Writing Offices. Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer hired me as one of his Deputy Press Secretaries, Community

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Annabel Palma
18th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: I am currently the proud representative of the 18th Council District in the Bronx.

Previous Occupation(s): Prior to serving in the New York City Council, I worked at St. Vincent De Paul Senior Residence, where I became a practicing CNA and was elected as a union representative in 1994. In 1999, I was asked to join the staff at 1199 SEIU as a full time organizer, where I trained thousands of union members on health and safety issues. I was first elected to the New York City Council in a special election in the fall of 2003 and re-elected to my first full term in 2005.

Education: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) from Bronx Community College; Business Administration from Monroe College.

Organizational Affiliations: Bronx County Democratic Committee, Emily's List, Working Families Party, NYC Black Latino and Asian Caucus.

Prior Public Experience: I am honored to have served the people of the 18th Council District since January 2004.

www.palma2013.com

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 18 you would address if elected?

I have travelled District 18 by foot and have knocked on doors, sometimes by myself in many New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) projects at night and residents have told me to my face that they feel abandoned and forgotten by the incumbent. I live here too and I will fight to improve our quality of life, securing tax abatements and lower property taxes.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will create: Jobs, Affordable Housing and Homeownership opportunities for local residents. I will rid our schools of bullies who threaten our kid's general welfare and education.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I will not forget those who elect me to office. I know what it means to be raised by a single mother on welfare, go to college, graduate and come back to my community to help improve the quality of life for local residents. I will fight for the voiceless and give residents a renewed sense of hope and opportunity. I am a brother, who is not afraid to make a difference in tough neighborhoods. I will keep my word and fight for you.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 18 you would address if elected?

The most important issue has been, and will continue to be, improving the community I've lived in my entire life. I want nothing more than to continue working for, and with, my community and to continue fighting for better and increased access to affordable housing, great public schools, and good jobs that pay a living wage with benefits.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will continue to advocate for social justice, worker's rights, safer schools and a cleaner environment. I will continue to focus my efforts in the City Council towards ensuring that our libraries, community centers, senior centers and programs and local small businesses flourish.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I understand what it's like to struggle every single day to build a better life for your family – to not have health care or to know how you're going to meet this month's bills. And I've been the single parent rushing home from work to make it to the teacher conference. These are the reasons why I first ran for City Council – to make government more responsive to the needs of families in our community – and that is why I fight every single day to make sure government is doing all that it can to deliver the affordable housing, good schools and good jobs that our neighborhoods need.

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Citywide Debates Schedule

Upcoming Primary Debates

Mayor Democratic	Mayor Republican	Mayoral Runoff Democratic*
Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7pm TV CBS 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish) Radio WOR Radio	Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:30am TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish) Radio WOR Radio	Monday, Sept. 23, 7pm TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio 1010 WINS WCBS Newsradio 880 *If necessary.

General Election Debates

Mayor	Public Advocate	Comptroller
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7pm TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio 1010 WINS WCBS Newsradio 880	Thursday, Oct. 10, 7pm TV NY1 (English) NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio WNYC	Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7pm TV NY1 (English) NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio WNYC
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7pm TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish) Radio WOR Radio	Saturday, Oct. 19, 7pm TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish) Radio WOR Radio	Thursday, Oct. 24, 7pm TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio WCBS Newsradio 880

If only one candidate meets the debate criteria, the debate will be canceled.

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Check out the candidates online

Many candidates have provided social media information in their profiles. Use the addresses to the right to visit those sites, adding the candidate's unique identifier at the end of the URL to go directly to that page.

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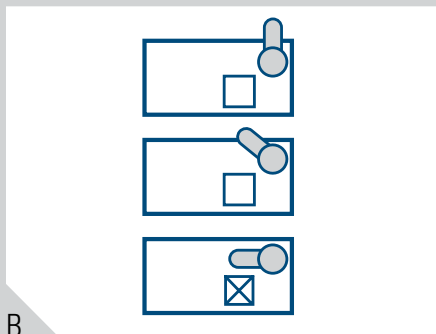
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How to Vote



Separate the voting machine curtains and enter. (The curtains will be closed when you enter and will stay closed.) Pull the large red handle to the right **(A)**. Do not move the large red handle again until you finish making all your choices.



Push down the lever next to each candidate you want **(B)**. An "X" will appear in the box next to your choice. If you make a mistake, push the lever back up and push down the correct lever.



When you finish making all your choices, leave the levers down and pull the large red handle all the way to the left **(C)**. The levers will return to their original positions, and your vote will be counted. Leave the booth through the closed curtains.

For this primary election, including any required runoff primary, the City BOE has been approved to use **lever voting machines** instead of the paper ballots and scanners introduced in 2010.

Write-in Candidate

For most offices, you may vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot (a "write-in" candidate). There is a button above the column of the numbered slots all the way to the left of the voting machine. Push that button and hold it while you open the slot opposite the office for which you wish to write in a candidate's name. In the slot, write in the name of the candidate you want. A pencil is provided inside the voting machine on the left. Cast your vote for other offices in the usual way. For further information, ask a poll worker or call **866-VOTE-NYC**.

Ballot Marking Devices

Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) are also available at polling sites to assist voters, especially those with disabilities, to vote independently and privately. BMD ballots will be counted with paper ballots.

Voters access the ballot on a BMD either by seeing the ballot on the display screen or by listening to the ballot with headphones, and mark the ballot using:

- » touch screen key pad (similar to an ATM, with Braille-embossed keypad buttons)
- » sip & puff device, or
- » rocker paddle

Poll workers will be available to assist voters using BMDs. Voters also may vote by absentee ballot if eligible (see page 3 for the information on voting by absentee ballot). For more information about BMDs, call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired).

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