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TO YOUR 2017 NYC VOTER GUIDE



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

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

Cast your vote to make a difference!

GO GREEN!

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

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

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

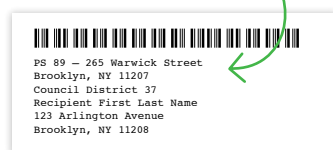
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- ◆ Ask a poll worker or any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), for help. If you need an interpreter, BOE interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information, including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

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

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YOUR POLLSITE!



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ELECTION AT A GLANCE

MAYOR pg 6

The mayor is the leader of city government.



Sal Albanese



Richard S. Bashner



Bill de Blasio



Bob Gangi



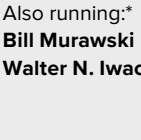
Mike Tolkin



Rocky De La Fuente



Nicole Malliotakis



Also running:*
Bill Murawski
Walter N. Iwachiw

PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 10

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



David C. Eisenbach



Letitia James

COMPTROLLER

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.

There is no primary election for Comptroller.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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

There is no primary election for Brooklyn Borough President.

CITY COUNCIL pg 12

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

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



Justin Brannan
City Council District 43



Kevin P. Carroll
City Council District 43



Vincent Chirico
City Council District 43



Khader El-Yateem
City Council District 43



Nancy Tong
City Council District 43



Liam A. McCabe
City Council District 43



John F. Quaglione
City Council District 43



Lucretia Regina-Potter
City Council District 43

Also running:*
Robert P. Capano
City Council District 43

There is no primary election for City Council member in District 44.



Lou Cespedes
City Council District 45



Ernest Emmanuel
City Council District 45



Jumaane D. Williams
City Council District 45

There are no primary elections for City Council member in Districts 46 and 47.



Chaim M. Deutsch
City Council District 48



Marat Filler
City Council District 48

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✓ VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

MAYOR

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

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

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

COMPTROLLER

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

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

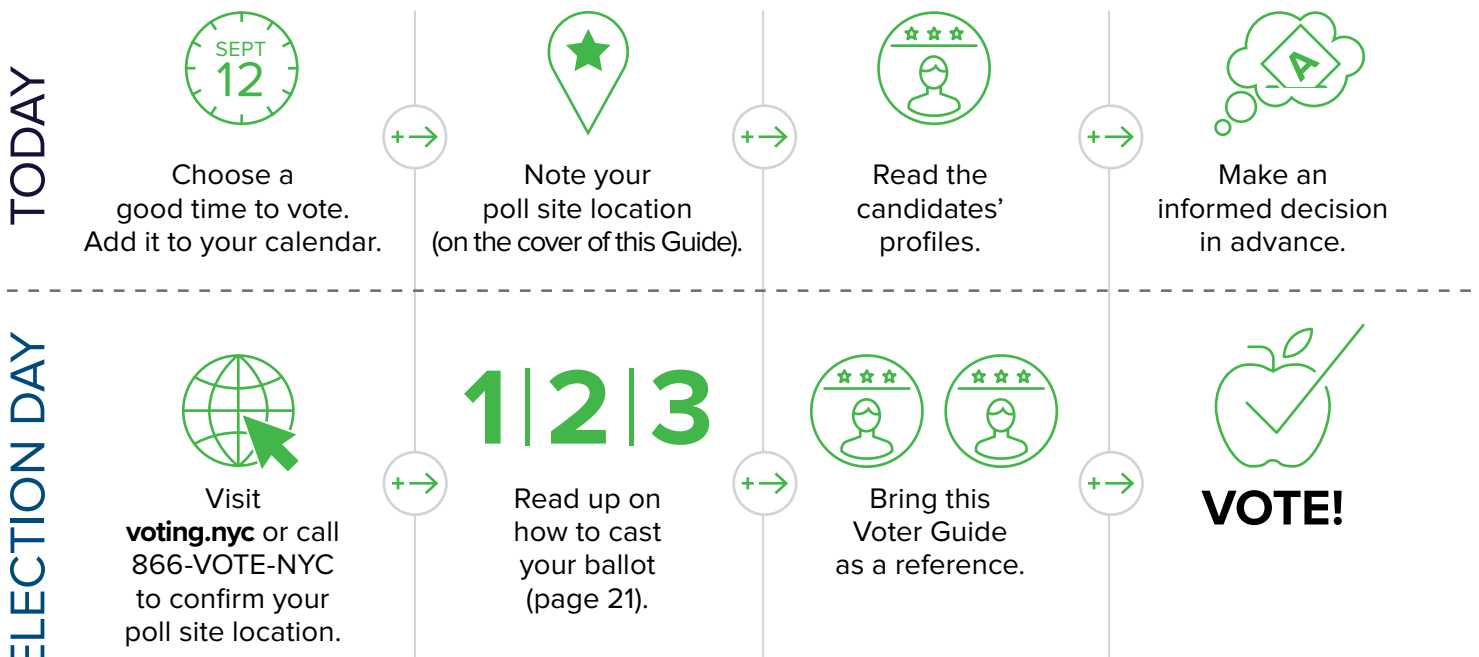
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

✓ MAKE A VOTING PLAN



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

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ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPT
05

- Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

SEPT
11

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

SEPT
12

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

OCT
13

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

NOV
07

- General election



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COME TO A VAAC MEETING

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

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

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

MAYOR

Sal Albanese

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: lawyer

Previous Occupation: teacher, City Council member

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

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party

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

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

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Richard S. Bashner

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MAYOR

Bill de Blasio

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Mayor

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

Education: New York University; Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: See above

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

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Bob Gangi

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

Previous Occupation: Director of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Education: BA from Columbia University

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

Prior Public Experience: none

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

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MAYOR

Mike Tolkin

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Prior Public Experience: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Hi, I'm Mike!

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

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

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

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

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Rocky De La Fuente

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

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

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Businessman, Infrastructure Developer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MAYOR

Nicole Malliotakis

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: NY State Assemblymember

Previous Occupation: Public Affairs Manager

Education: BA, Seton Hall; MBA Wagner College

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

Prior Public Experience: NYC Liaison for Governor George Pataki

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

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

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Also running for Mayor:*

Bill Murawski

Democratic

Walter N. Iwachiw

Republican

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

David C. Eisenbach

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: History Professor

Previous Occupation: Special Ed. Teacher

Education: Columbia University BA, MA, MPhil, PhD

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

Prior Public Experience: N/A

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

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

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

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

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Letitia James

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

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

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

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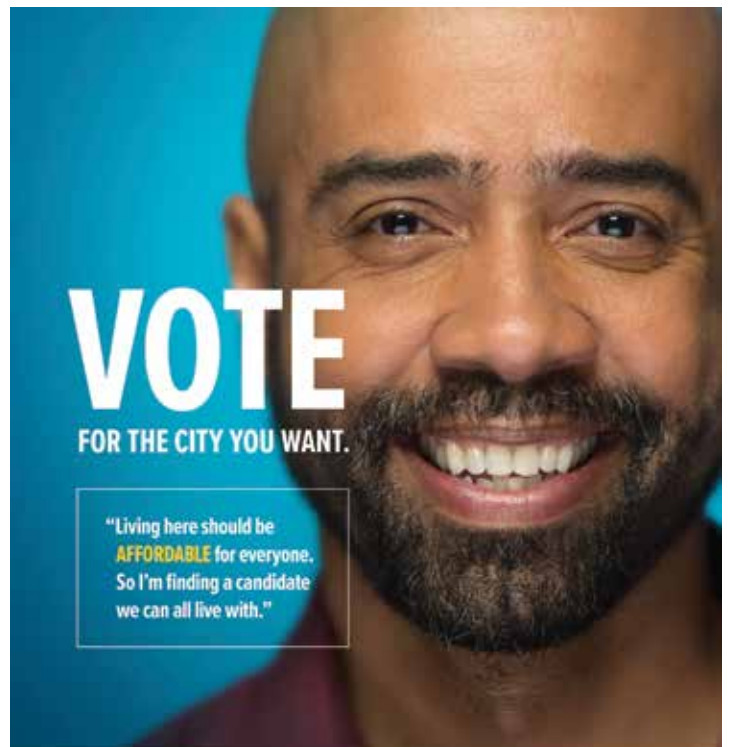
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FOR:

**COMPTROLLER
BROOKLYN
BOROUGH PRESIDENT**



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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 43

Justin Brannan

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Build more public schools
- 2 Improve subway & bus service
- 3 Keep neighborhood safe & clean



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Chief of Staff Councilman Vincent Gentile

Previous Occupation: Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Department of Education

Education: Fordham University and College of Staten Island

Organizational Affiliations: Bay Ridge Democrats, Bay Ridge Cares

Prior Public Experience: NA

I'm running for council because I want to preserve what's so great about our neighborhoods – good schools, great parks, and safe streets. And to fight for what we need – better public transit options, after-school opportunities for our kids, ensuring our newest neighbors are welcomed and protected, and making sure our neighborhoods remain affordable for young families and seniors. I'm running because I know how to get things done and cut through the red tape and bureaucracy – whether that's getting potholes filled, making sure your kid gets into the school she wants, or making sure we have enough cops on the beat, I will work hard to get the job done for you.

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Kevin P. Carroll

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Protecting Education for All
- 2 Defending and Expanding Affordable Housing
- 3 Government Reform



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Aide

Previous Occupation: NA

Education: McKinley JH, Fort Hamilton HS, College of Staten Island (CSI)

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Democrats for Change, Bay Ridge Community Council, Dyker Heights Civic Association, 68 Police Community Council, Brooklyn Irish American Parade

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader 64th Assembly District, Community Board 10

I was born and raised a Brooklyn Democrat and have been engaged in public service my entire life. As District Leader, I've been a strong voice throughout Southern Brooklyn.

The 43rd district and much of the rest of the city are being challenged by poorly maintained transit systems, overcrowded schools, and thinly stretched government services. Once I'm elected to City Council, I'll work vigorously with community members and City Council members to improve our transit system, defend our public schools, fight for more affordable housing and improve government services for the vulnerable.

As a seasoned elected official, I will be in the best position to advocate for additional resources and improved delivery of city services to increase the quality of life for the 43rd District. I hope you'll consider joining our campaign, email me kevin@kevinpetercarroll.com for more information.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 43

Vincent Chirico

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Secure resources for our Community
- 2 Reduce burdens on small businesses
- 3 Improve public transportation



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Peter Abbate

Education: John Jay College B.A.; New York Law School J.D.

Organizational Affiliations: Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow - Board Chair; AMICO Senior Center - Board President; Dyker Heights Athletic Association - Vice President

Prior Public Experience: Community Board #11 - Chair, Committee on Health, Social Services, and Seniors

Throughout the past 30 years, I have fought for our community as both an attorney and a public advocate, and now seek to tackle problems on a broader stage in the City Council. I will continue the fight to provide resources our community deserves to fully fund our schools, parks and libraries, to stand up for our first responders who keep our neighborhoods safe, and to help small businesses thrive by reducing unfair government burdens. My family immigrated from Italy when I was 7 years old, and this community gave me the chance to succeed. In the City Council, I will fight to ensure that everyone who calls South Brooklyn home can have the same chance at realizing the American dream.

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Khader El-Yateem

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Ensure fair and affordable housing
- 2 Modernize and expand public transit
- 3 Combat opioid epidemic among youth



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Salam Arabic Lutheran Church

Previous Occupation: Patient Liaison at Maimonides Medical Center

Education: M.Div., Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; B.A., Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 10 (12 Years), St. Nicholas Home (20 Years), Lutheran Augustana Center for Extended Care (16 years), NYPD Clergy Liaison (5 Years), Young Mens Initiative Advisory Board (2 Years)

Prior Public Experience: Prior Board Member of: Arab American Association of New York (10 Years), Chairperson for the Multicultural Affairs Unit for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (8 Years), Fort Hamilton Citizen Action Committee (3 Years)

My name is Khader El-Yateem and I am a pastor, husband, and father of four that has lived in the district for 22 years. I believe our neighborhoods must be affordable, and we must ensure that residents, especially seniors, can stay put and thrive. We need to invest in public transit for improved accessibility and performance. We need to combat the illegal drug use that is destroying our youth. And we need to make sure everyone in the city is treated with dignity and respect. I am running to build bridges, and put people above politics.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 43

Nancy Tong

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 More funding for public schools
- 2 Increase access to affordable housing
- 3 Halt waste transfer station operations



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Community Relations Director at Assemblyman Office

Previous Occupation: Community Liaison at Assemblyman Office

Education: High School

Organizational Affiliations: United Progressive Democratic Club Co-President

Prior Public Experience: None

I am running for city council because I wish to serve the community by resolving the issues many residents face. Seniors need assistance in applying for rent assistance programs and parents need assistance with finding Pre-K programs for their children. As city councilwoman, I will fight and advocate on behalf of all residents to fund organizations that provide essential services to the community. My experience with helping over 10,000 constituents has taught me that many seniors and minorities lack the necessary support from the community. For instance many of them have difficulty with applying and learning of various government programs that improve their quality of life. Lastly an issue that I've strongly fought against is the construction and operation of the Southwest Marine waste transfer station. It is unacceptable that residents living in areas of Bath Beach and Gravesend Bay should be subjected to the toxic fumes that will be emitted once the station is operating.

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Liam A. McCabe

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Illegal Home Conversions, Affordable Housing
- 2 Transportation and Infrastructure
- 3 Crime and Quality of Life



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Driver

Previous Occupation: Constituent Services

Education: Bachelor of Science

Organizational Affiliations: BRAVO, Knights of Columbus, Sons of the American Legion, Freemasons, Ancient Order of Hibernians

Prior Public Experience: U.S. Congress, staff

My neighborhood raised me up when I was down and serving in the City Council is my opportunity to give back.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 43

John F. Quaglione

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Make our neighborhoods safer
- 2 Stop excessive ticketing
- 3 Incorporate Participatory Budgeting



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Deputy Chief of Staff/Press Secretary, Senator Marty Golden

Previous Occupation: Aide, Councilman Marty Golden

Education: B.A., Political Science, American University

Organizational Affiliations: Chairman of the Board of Directors, Saint Anselm Catholic Academy; March of Dimes of New York Brooklyn Committee Co-Chair; Former Community Board Advisory Member of the Guild for Exceptional Children; Member of Shore Road Parks Conservancy

Prior Public Experience: Council Aide

As a lifelong resident, I am passionate about our future. We must insure our streets remain safe by increasing staffing in the 62nd and 68th Pcts. I have proposed "Eyes on the Street", a city-wide photo & video database, to help fight crime. The database would be accessible to everyone and involve the community in policing.

NYC should stop using its citizens as "ATMs," through the excessive ticketing of businesses and residents. We've all gone to our cars after stopping in a store to find an orange envelope on our windshield. As soon as you see that, you know the City is after your money. They also make it hard to fight tickets. I'll work to bring back "night court" at PVB in the outer-boroughs.

Finally, taxpayers should decide how City funding is spent and I'll introduce participatory budgeting in our district.

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Lucretia Regina-Potter

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 STOP ILLEGAL CONVERSION OF HOMES
- 2 EXPANSION OF SMALL BUSINESSES
- 3 EXPAND SCHOOL CHOICE FOR PARENTS



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: DESIGN CONSULTANT

Previous Occupation: DESIGN CONSULTANT

Education: GRADUATE OF BISHOP KEARNEY HS, B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Organizational Affiliations: FIORELLO LAGUARDIA REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER KINGS COUNTY GOP

Prior Public Experience: FEMALE REPUBLICAN DISTRICT LEADER 46 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, FORMER FEMALE REPUBLICAN DISTRICT LEADER 49 AD

I am running for the office of City Council because I feel the needs of the people in the district are not being addressed. I am very familiar with the many changes that have been taking place in the community. The illegal conversion of homes in the district into multi-family dwellings poses great danger, risk, and reduces the quality of life to all those that live and work here. The over assessment of our properties and the great increases in real estate taxes are also proving to be a financial drain on the community. As a small business manager, I have seen the increase of the city raising revenue through fines, and imposed wage increases, which erode our bottom line, and reduce job creation in the neighborhood. I will see that small business receive the help they need. I am a hard-working woman who will make sure our needs are addressed!

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 43

Also running in City Council District 43:*

Robert P. Capano ◆

Republican

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

THERE IS NO
PRIMARY ELECTION
FOR:
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
IN DISTRICT 44**

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 45

Lou Cespedes

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Diversify Investment in Commercial Corridors
- 2 Greater Access to Home Purchasing
- 3 Providing Magnet After School Education

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Building Designer and Urban Planner

Previous Occupation: NA

Education: Pratt Institute B. Arch 2000

Organizational Affiliations: Pratt Center for Community Development Community Board 17 Transportation Housing and Land Use Committee

Prior Public Experience: NYCHA, Consultant to State of Jalisco, Mexico

I have worked as a design and construction professional in New York for over 20 years. My knowledge of management and business development will drive my vision for leadership our community. I am running because I can bring about the changes we need through the unique skillset I have developed throughout my career. I will bring bold thinking and problem-solving skills to improve transportation, housing, community planning, education and our environment. I will work to provide greater diversity of businesses and new investment into commercial and industrial corridors, create models and implement after-school "magnet" education teens, and develop new models to secure existing affordable housing, expanding access to home purchasing, better zoning, and greater renting alternatives within existing buildings. It will be challenging work, but with the help of our residents I am ready to lead an incredible transformation in the 45th District.

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Ernest Emmanuel

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable Housing for all
- 2 Improve Public Schools
- 3 Jobs, Jobs, Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Housing Specialist for 32 years.

Previous Occupation: N/A

Education: BA in Economics and Business Mgmt @ St Francis College

Organizational Affiliations: Caribbean Political Action Committee, Caribbean Chamber of Commerce, One Hundred Black Men, Haitian Political Action Committee

Prior Public Experience: Not holding public office yet

Your vote is very important this year. You can change the leadership style in the 45th Council District by electing a truly outstanding candidate. Ernest Emmanuel has been an active member of the community for decades, including the bad times. He has been there for you, speaking on behalf when others were silent. He is the Voice of the Least Among You. Do the right thing. Emmanuel continuously advocates for housing reform and for changes to the City Rent Laws, seeking better services for both owners and tenants. He is an outspoken and honest critic of injustice. He understands your problems and he is sensitive to the ethnic differences of our city. He will be a voice of reason and sanity at City Hall. Emmanuel is an immigrant and knows first-hand the hardships of the immigrant experience. Emmanuel is a Civil Rights Advocate and Pro Choice. Ernest Emmanuel for years has been a tried and tested leader in our community. Send him to City Hall on September 12, 2017.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 45

Jumaane D. Williams

Democratic



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Decreasing Gun Violence
- 2 Protecting & Creating Affordable Housing
- 3 Criminal Justice Reform

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation: Executive Director, New York State Tenants and Neighbors; Housing Director, Flatbush Development Corporation; Interim Executive Director, Flatbush East Community Development Corporation; Assistant Director, Greater Flatbush Beacon School

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Brooklyn College; Master's Degree in Urban Policy and Administration, Brooklyn College

Organizational Affiliations: Ernest Skinner Political Association; Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Board Member, Community Board 18

DURING MY TENURE AS YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER, I'VE FOUGHT TO DECREASE GUN VIOLENCE, REFORM COMMUNITY POLICING, PROTECT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND INCREASE SUMMER YOUTH JOBS.

AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING COMMITTEE, I'VE FOUGHT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE AND INCOME-TARGETED HOUSING IN OUR CITY. AND AS A LEADER IN THE COUNCIL, I'VE PASSED LANDMARK LEGISLATION LIKE THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT & FAIR CHANCE ACT.

I AM MOST PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THROUGH MY EFFORTS, OVER 50 MILLION IN FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED TO BUILD THE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM COMMUNITY CENTER IN TILDEN PARK.

I'M PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS DISTRICT TOGETHER. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, I ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO COMPLETE OUR WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

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THERE ARE NO
PRIMARY ELECTIONS
FOR:

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
IN DISTRICT 46**

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
IN DISTRICT 47**

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 48

Chaim M. Deutsch

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improve Our Quality of Life
- 2 Fight for South Brooklyn's Seniors
- 3 Protect Our Families' Health, Safety



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member, 48th District

Previous Occupation: Constituent liaison for Councilman Lloyd Henry, Chief of Operations for Councilman Michael Nelson

Education: South Fallsburg Yeshiva, Sullivan County, NY. Chafetz Chaim, Rochester, NY.

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of Flatbush Shomrim Safety Patrol; Served as Vice President of Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush; Board Member of Home Sweet Home; Board Member of Chaim Meir Camp Fund; Board Member of Community Hospital; Founder of Community for Community

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member, 48th District

I have been a tireless advocate for our community. I have fought for resources for our children's schools, services for our seniors, and safer, cleaner streets. I know how necessary it is to have access to elected officials and I make myself available at all hours to assist constituents in need.

I have also allocated millions of dollars to local parks, playgrounds, hospitals and schools, as well as to non-profit organizations in South Brooklyn. I have secured funding for local sanitation garages and police precincts, to ensure that they are equipped with the proper tools to keep our streets safe and clean.

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Marat Filler

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Health care and elder issues
- 2 Education
- 3 Job creation and small businesses



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Catering Business Owner

Previous Occupation: Pizza Store Owner

Education: Brooklyn College - Political Science; Yeshivat Aish HaTorah

Organizational Affiliations: United Jewish Appeal, Russian-American Jewish Experience, Shorefront Y

Prior Public Experience: Volunteered for multiple political campaigns

Where was your Councilman when your child's school needed help? Was he there to help a local small business owner you know get a permit needed to operate and create jobs? Did you notice any improvement since the last election in the local public transportation or the quality of our roads? If not, then it's time to make a change!

I understand that elected officials can make a huge difference in your life. I understand the importance of public schools and will fight for our teachers and students. I will also work to help our local private and religious schools provide the best education because our future depends on our children getting a proper education.

As your Councilman, I will make sure that New York City will lower taxes and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy to help stimulate jobs. I will fight to ensure that the next City budget will invest in the local infrastructure to improve our neighborhoods and create quality jobs.

I will be your voice in the City Council!

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THE DEBATE PROGRAM

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

PRIMARY DEBATE SCHEDULE

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



THE VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

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

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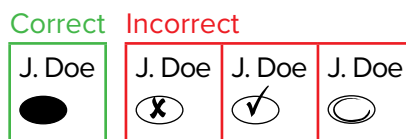
HOW TO VOTE

1 GET YOUR BALLOT

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

2 MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.



- ◆ Do NOT use an “x” or a “√”, circle the oval, or make stray marks.

- ◆ For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate's name.
- ◆ Do NOT fold your ballot.
- ◆ Do NOT sign or write your name.

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

3 SCAN YOUR BALLOT

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

CONTACT THE NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BOE)

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



visit **vote.nyc.ny.us**

OR



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

OR



visit your BOE office

GENERAL OFFICE

32-42 Broadway
7th Floor
New York, NY 10004
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BRONX

1780 Grand Concourse
5th Floor
Bronx, NY 10457
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BROOKLYN

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4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
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QUEENS

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Forest Hills, NY 11375
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MANHATTAN

200 Varick Street
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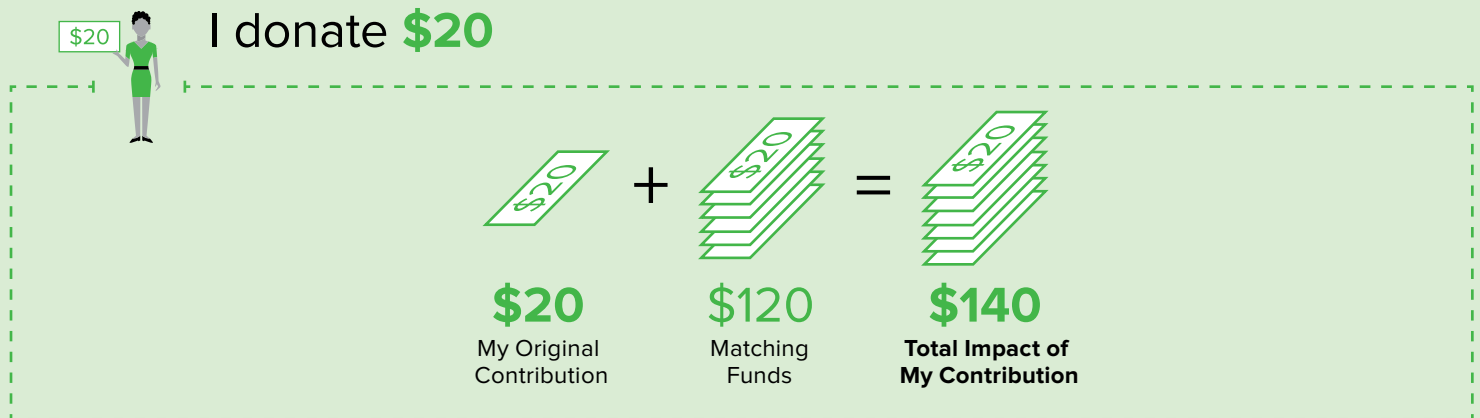
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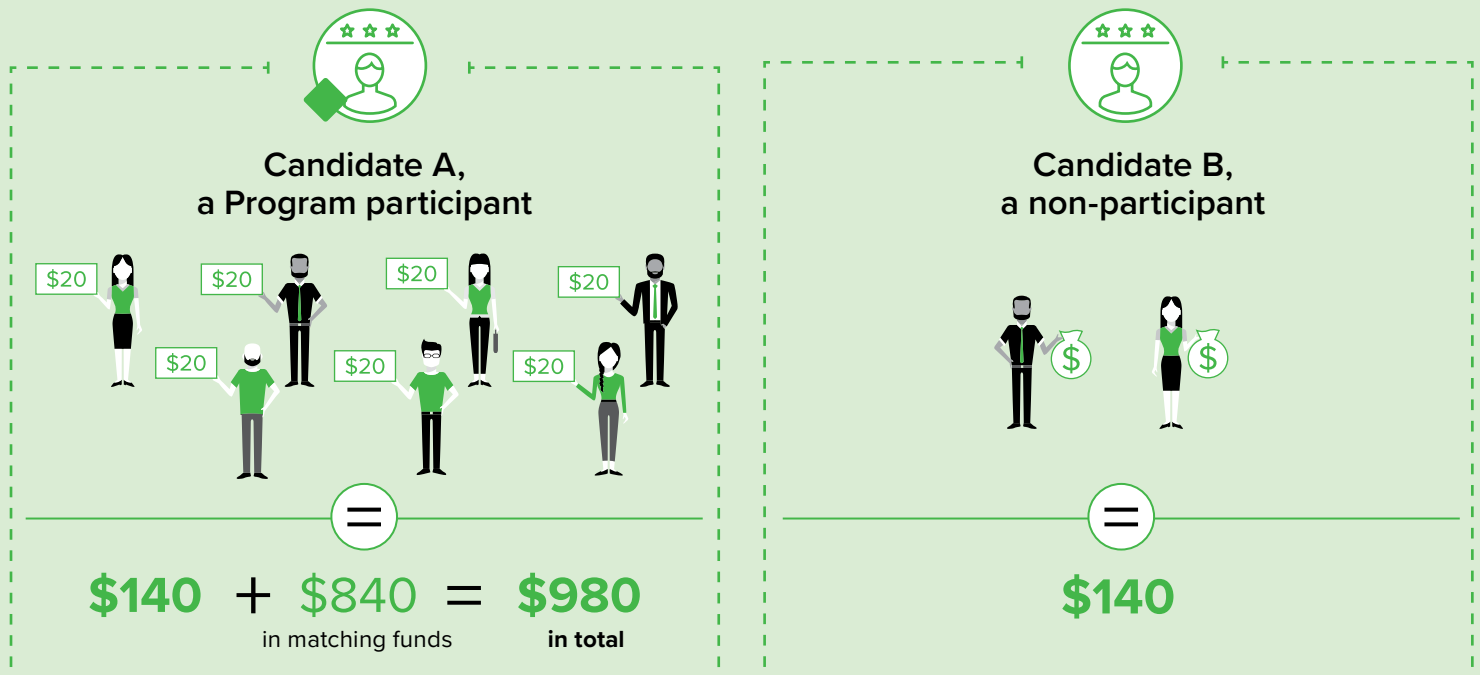
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

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



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

Visit nycfb.info/program to learn more.



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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING



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

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

COULD MY REGISTRATION HAVE EXPIRED?

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

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

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

Remember to confirm your poll site on Election Day.

DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?

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

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

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

WHAT IF MY NAME IS NOT IN THE VOTER BOOK?

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

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

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

WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?

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

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

WHAT IF A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGES MY RIGHT TO VOTE?

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

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

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR?

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

I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS, CAN I VOTE?

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

BALLOT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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

PROPOSAL 2

PENSION FORFEITURE FOR CONVICTED OFFICIALS

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

PROPOSAL 3

ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK IN STATE FOREST PRESERVES

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

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