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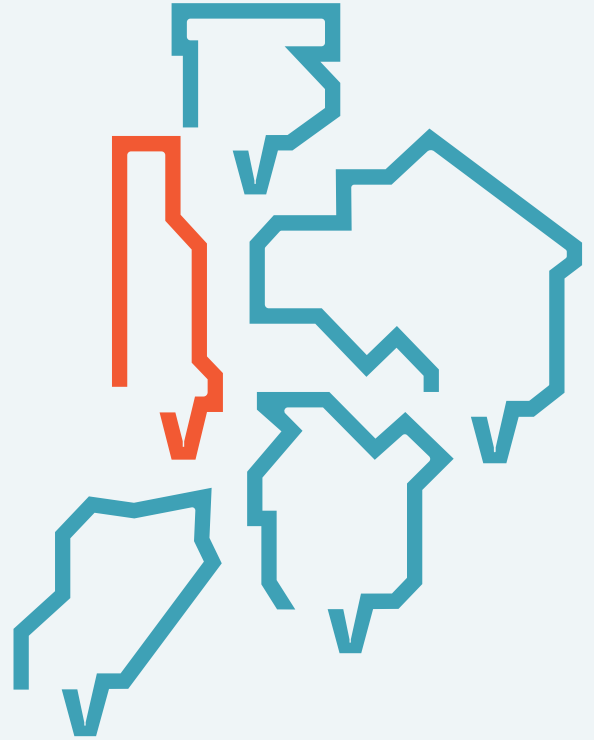
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Election Day

June 27

2023 Primary Election

city council voter guide



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2023 NYC Voter Guide

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

When do I vote?

- The primary election is on Tuesday, **June 27**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **June 17** to Sunday, **June 25**.
- There is no early voting on Monday, **June 26**.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- City Council
- District Attorney
- Civil Court

Party Positions

- Delegates to the Judicial Convention
- Alternate Delegates to the Judicial Convention
- State Committee
- County Committee
- District Leader

The specific offices on your ballot depend on where you live and which political party you belong to. Look up your ballot at nycvotes.org/candidates.

Learn more at nycvotes.org!

Election Dates and Deadlines

June 12 Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail)

*If you mail in your absentee ballot request form, the Board of Elections must receive it by this date.

June 17 Voter registration deadline

June 17 Early voting starts

June 25 Early voting ends

June 26 Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)

June 27 Primary Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm)
Last date to postmark your absentee ballot or drop it off at a poll site



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How to vote

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day, **June 27**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. You must vote at your assigned poll site.

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



Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

What to know

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

Early voting dates

Saturday, **June 17** to Sunday, **June 25**.



Vote by Mail

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

June 12 is the deadline to request your ballot online, or for the Board of Elections to receive your request by mail.

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

How to request your absentee ballot:

- Visit nycabsentee.com.
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.
- Visit your local NYC Board of Elections office. The deadline is **June 26** to submit your request in person.

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

Track your ballot

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

What to expect at your poll site



Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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



Fill out Your Ballot

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the oval next to your choice. When you vote for City Council, you can rank up to five choices instead of choosing just one.

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

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



Scan Your Ballot

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



Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

- You are a registered voter in a party that is holding a primary election in your district.
- You are in line at your poll site by closing time.

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

You can learn which poll sites offer interpreters at nycvotes.org/accessibility. You can also call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)**.

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

Sample Ranked Choice ballot

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

Rank up to 5 choices Mark no more than 1 oval in each column						
Clasifique hasta 5 opciones Marque no más de un óvalo en cada columna						
	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
Candidate A Party Name	A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B Party Name	B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C Party Name	C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D Party Name	D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E Party Name	E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Candidate G Party Name	G	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate H Party Name	H	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate I Party Name	I	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate J Party Name	J	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in candidato por escrito		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

My top choices

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

City Council

1st
2nd
3rd
4th
5th

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

You can preview a sample of your ballot from the Board of Elections at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://www.vote.nyc.gov).

Ranked Choice Voting

NYC uses **Ranked Choice Voting** in primary and special elections for city offices. With Ranked Choice Voting, you can rank up to five candidates in order of preference instead of choosing just one. This gives you more say in who gets elected and can lead to more diverse candidates winning.

Why are we using Ranked Choice Voting?






New Yorkers elected to use Ranked Choice Voting in a 2019 ballot measure. It passed with 73.5% support.

Which offices will I vote for with Ranked Choice Voting?

You will use Ranked Choice Voting to vote for City Council this June. However, there will likely be other offices on your ballot, like judges, that will not use Ranked Choice Voting since they are not city offices.

How do I fill out my ballot with Ranked Choice Voting?

- 1 Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.
- 2 If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.
- 3 You can rank up to 5 candidates. However, you can still vote for just one candidate. Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

	1	2	3	4	5
Candidate A 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B 	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D 	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Visit nycvotes.org/rcv-ballot to practice Ranked Choice Voting on a sample ballot.

	1	2	3	4	5
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Candidate B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do **not** give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, **your ballot will not be valid.**

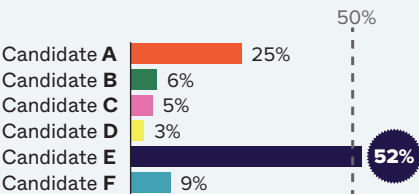
	1	2	3	4	5
Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do **not** rank a candidate more than once. If you do, only your top ranking for them will count.

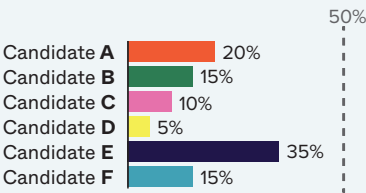
How will my Ranked Choice ballot be counted?

For more information about Ranked Choice Voting, see Ranked Choice Voting frequently asked questions on [Page 39](#) or visit [visit nycvotes.org/rcv](https://nycvotes.org/rcv).

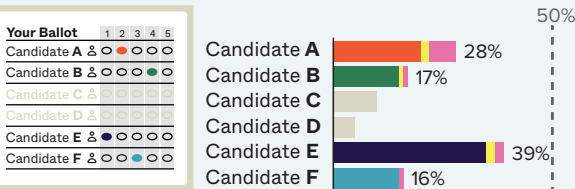
If a candidate receives more than 50% of first-choice votes, they win the election.



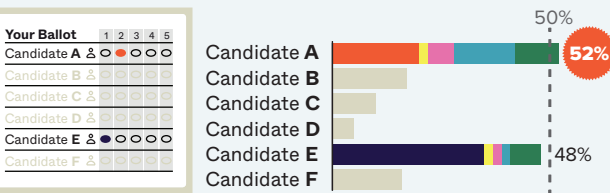
If no candidate earns more than 50% of first-choice votes, then counting will continue in rounds.



Each round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. If your top-choice candidate is eliminated, your vote goes to the next highest ranked candidate on your ballot.



This process continues until there are only 2 candidates left.



The candidate who receives a majority of votes wins!

What do elected officials do?

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

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

City Offices

City Council

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

- Following the 2020 census, City Council districts were redrawn to adjust for changes in population. Due to this process, Council members elected this year will serve 2-year terms in newly drawn districts. In 2025, 4-year terms will resume.
- Introduce and vote on bills.
- Negotiate and approve the city's budget.
- Monitor city agencies.
- Make decisions about the growth and development of our city.
- Provide support for their constituents.

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

County Offices

District Attorney

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

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

Judges

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Party Positions

These are not governmental positions, but leadership roles in local political parties. Please note that the specific duties of each office below can vary based on your political party and where you live. Depending on your party, there may be multiple party positions on your ballot, divided by gender, to help promote gender equality.

Delegates to the Judicial Convention

Delegates to the Judicial Convention choose their party's nominees for State Supreme Court. The number of delegates you can vote for is determined by your Assembly District. Your ballot will tell you how many Delegates you can select.

- Attend their party's Judicial Convention.
- Choose their party's nominees for State Supreme Court in the general election.
- Alternate Delegates are selected in case Delegates are unable to serve (just like alternates on a jury).

State Committee Member

State Committee Members represent their Assembly District within state political parties. Committee members serve two-year terms.

- Attend their state party's convention and annual meetings.
- Serve as a liaison between their community, local elected officials, city government, and political candidates.

County Committee Member

County Committee Members select county leaders for their political party and their party's candidates for state special elections.

- Select party candidates for state special elections.
- Vote on county leaders for their political party.
- Approve the county party's budget and other internal policies.

District Leader

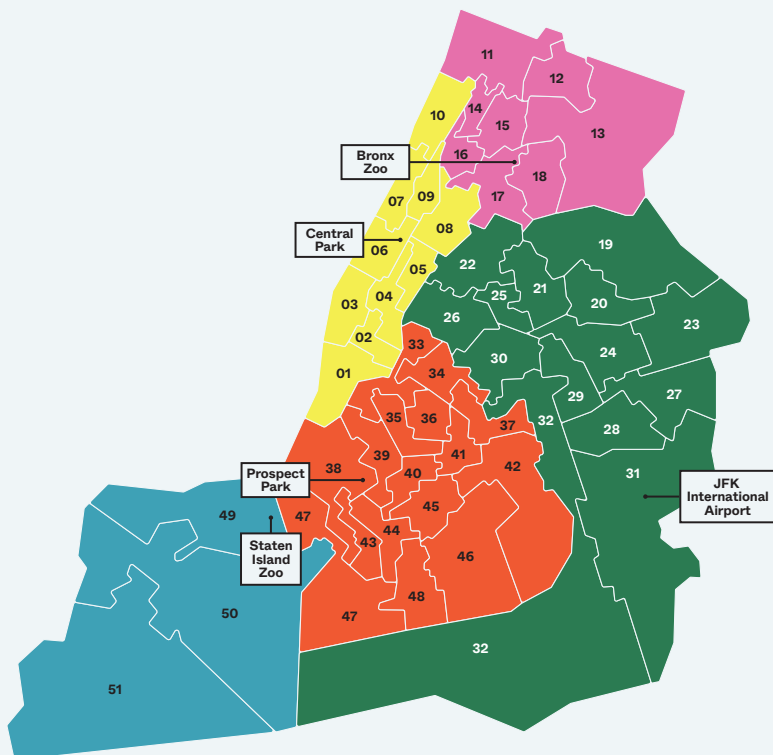
District Leaders help run political parties in each county. District Leaders serve two-year terms.

- Work with the city Board of Elections to nominate poll workers.
- Nominate candidates for judgeships in Civil and Supreme Court.
- Vote for their party's leadership and rules.

New York City Council Map

- NYC has 51 City Council districts
- ~170,000 voters live in each district
- The City Council approves NYC's ~\$100 billion budget

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



A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

What do City Council members do for you?

- Draft and vote on bills on issues like housing, healthcare, education, public safety, and more. Council members can also join committees on issues ranging from aging to youth services.
- Work with the Mayor to create and approve the city's ~\$100 billion budget. Each Council member also manages a budget of ~\$5 million to build schools and make improvements in their district, and an additional budget of ~\$500,000 to support non-profit organizations.
- Monitor city agencies that serve New Yorkers, including the New York City Police Department and New York City Department of Education.
- Determine building and land use throughout the city, including overseeing zoning for property owners, preserving landmarks, and managing city land and public facilities.
- Assist constituents like you. Council members and their offices can help you with issues like tax preparation, affordable housing, tree planting, dirty sidewalks, potholes, pedestrian safety, and more. Contact your Council member if you need assistance!

watch candidate videos

Visit our online Voter Guide to learn more about candidates! Enter your address to find the candidates on your ballot, and then visit their profiles to see candidate videos.



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City Council District 1

Democratic

- Ursila Jung ✓
- Susan Lee ✓
- Christopher Marte ✓
- Pooi Stewart



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Ursila Jung ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public safety and government accountability.
2. Parents deserve high quality schools.
3. Neighborhood stores make NYC great.

"I am running to represent District 1 because I believe we can do better! As a parent, a New Yorker and a community member, I believe we need strong leadership to have a safe, clean city where we are not afraid for our kids. We deserve affordable housing, better schools and vibrant neighborhoods. The time for extreme politics is over. Despite the extreme polarization we see in the media, like most of this country, I am a centrist and I believe we need to work together towards bringing NYC back."

Current Occupation: None

Previous Occupations: Private Investor

Education: Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Community Education Council

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Susan Lee ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protect communities from rising crime
2. Improve Quality of Public Schools
3. Endure economic opportunities for all

"I am a community advocate, a non-profit leader, and a moderate Democrat that have never shied away from standing up for those in need."

As a lifelong New Yorker, I have seen the best of times and the worst of times. And I also know our city will recover but it will take hard work and dedication. In a time of unprecedented challenges, strong, effective leadership is more critical than ever. I will never stop working to make the district a better place for all, I hope to earn your vote this election."

Current Occupation: Consultant

Previous Occupations: Consultant

Education: BA-Barnard College 2000; MPA-NYU Wagner School of Public Service 2005

Organizational Affiliations: Founding Board Member-Nomi Network; Founding President-Alliance for Community Preservation & Betterment; Founding Board Member and VP of SDR Park Alliance

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Christopher Marte ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Stop the displacement crisis
2. End sweatshop conditions in NYC
3. Enforce responsible environmental resiliency plans

"It's an honor representing the communities that raised me at City Hall. In one year, we've secured over \$15M for public housing improvements, expanded street cleaning, new parks, and public school repairs. Instead of meeting with lobbyists, we've written legislation to end 24 hour workdays for home attendants, faced down billionaire developers from the Seaport to Two Bridges, and are serving thousands of people at our storefront office on East Broadway. We have hit the ground running, but we are only just getting started!"

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupations: New York Director; Arena. Pension Fund Manager; IBM

Education: Global College, LIU Brooklyn

Organizational Affiliations: Co-Founder: Neighbors United Below Canal

Prior Public Experience: Democratic State Committee Member (2018-22)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Pooi Stewart

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improve Public Safety
2. Create Better Schools
3. Bring Jobs Back to NYC

"Pooi Stewart is a first-generation immigrant and came to the United States as a Dreamer. Pooi's top priority is to fight for public safety and clean up the subway system. She is married to a train operator and knows what it's like to struggle. A mother of three children, Pooi teaches in the New York City public school system and has a degree in Special Education. She sees how our school system is failing our children and will work hard to create better schools. Pooi will fight for our small businesses, and work to ensure their safety. Pooi sees many people struggling to make ends meet and will fight to bring jobs back to our City and Lower Manhattan."

Current Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Previous Occupations: Public School Teacher

Education: Master's, Special Education, Touro College

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Scan here or visit
[nycvotes.org/
stay-informed](https://nycvotes.org/stay-informed)

Compare Candidates

This year, we asked candidates to share their positions on the eight issues that New Yorkers said were most important to them in a recent poll from Quinnipiac University: crime, inflation, protecting democracy, abortion, affordable housing, homelessness, racial inequality, and climate change. To compare candidates' responses on these issues, visit nycvotes.org/compare.

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

Ursila Jung ✓

Democratic

Susan Lee ✓

Democratic

Crime

NYC needs to rebuild its reputation as a safe city. There is no place here for guns, petty crime, or racist attacks. The NYPD must be provided with training for community policing and tools they need to engage with communities productively to provide the protection we deserve.

I support community policing which will create opportunities for police and the community to engage in positive ways. We also need to increase training for our police and demand transparency and accountability. We need to fund for social workers, and mental health professionals.

Inflation

Every resident of NYC is feeling inflationary pressure. While many of these are global issues, at the local level we need to lower the cost of government NOT cut services. These savings need to be passed on to businesses and consumers to help create a stronger economy.

Inflation is a macroeconomic policy that must be addressed from the federal level, such as raising interest rates to curb spending. With the price of everyday goods increasing, I will work with my colleagues in government to provide services to bridge the gap for those in need.

Protecting Democracy

1) Strengthen voting security against foreign interference, expand ways to vote, & engage with voters. 2) Speed up the process of determining results including legislation & continue with best practices of transparency and trust building 3) Engage with the media to ensure removal

Democracy is the foundation of our country. I will ensure democracy is not compromised and will promote it in all aspects of my work. My office will engage with members of the community on civic activities and conduct voter registration-as voting is one of our fundamental rights.

Christopher Marte

Democratic

Reducing crime means stopping it before it happens, not just reacting after. We have partnered with the Manhattan DA to crack down on issues like illegal smoke shops and also funded stronger social service networks to prevent people from making choices that can ruin lives.

The rising cost of living drives displacement. If we supported small businesses the way we supported big companies, we'd have more economically resilient communities with stores people can afford. Costs of housing, healthcare, and childcare are within our control to reduce.

Locally, we must protect our elections from being bought by special interests. Last year, real estate developers spent \$70K on a shadow campaign mailing baseless attacks against me to tens of thousands of people. Keep lobbyists and their clients out of elections and government.

Pooi Stewart

Democratic

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

City Council District 2

Democratic

- Carlina Rivera ✓
- Allie L Ryan ✓



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Carlina Rivera ✓

Democratic

"As a lifelong New Yorker raised in Section 8 housing, I know my neighbors' struggles. From affordable housing to reproductive rights to the climate crisis, I have a record of results. I'm running for re-election to continue addressing healthcare, public safety, and equitable economic growth. I'll continue to expand the services you expect from the city, such as safe, clean streets, accessible parks, and dignified housing."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Expand Affordability for Basic Needs
2. Invest in Inclusive Economic Growth
3. A Cleaner and Greener City

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Legislative Dir., Councilwoman Rosie Mendez; Dir. of Programs & Services, Good Old Lower East Side; Program Assistant, Lawyers Alliance for New York

Education: BA in Journalism, Marist College

Organizational Affiliations: Commission on Gender Equity; local Democratic clubs

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 74th Assembly District; Manhattan Community Board 3

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Allie L Ryan ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Save Small Businesses & Jobs
2. Listen and Serve the Community
3. Preserve Affordable Housing/ NYCHA

"I am running for City Council to represent East Village, Lower East Side, NoHo, Greenwich Village, Union Square, Kips Bay and Gramercy because I am one of many people who have been adversely affected by policies approved by our current council members, such as the devastation and deforestation caused by the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project and the loss of small businesses."

Current Occupation: Mom, Community Activist, Documentary Film Producer

Previous Occupations: Artist, Archivist

Education: Mary Baldwin College, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Organizational Affiliations: Metro Area Governors Island Coalition, East River Park Action, Citywide Peoples Land Use Alliance, CUE-UP NYC, LUNGS, Coalition to Save Manhattan Small Businesses, Friends of Tompkins Square Park

Prior Public Experience: School Leadership Team Parent Member

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Carlina Rivera ✓

Democratic

Allie L Ryan ✓

Democratic

Crime

Every New Yorker has the right to feel safe in their community and their home. As the Chair of the Council Committee on Criminal Justice, I'm committed to taking a common-sense approach that includes community-level programs and violence interrupters focusing on long term safety.

Many residents of the Lower East Side still remember the past corruption of the 9th Precinct, the Tompkins Square Park Riots and the crackdowns on free assembly. Yet, many residents tell me that they feel unsafe and want to move forward and improve relations with the NYPD.

Inflation

New York has been unaffordable for years, but recent inflation has worsened the problem. I am proud to be standing up to big corporations and large special interests to stop price gouging, put more in the hands of working families, and build a more affordable, just city for all.

City Hall holds a big responsibility for the high cost of living by supporting a pro-wealthy economic policy that has made a few wealthy. The result is sky high rents, the cost of everything going up. A trickle down economy must be replaced by a small business economy.

Protecting Democracy

Across the US, extremists are undermining our democracy. New Yorkers will not allow a dangerous minority to rule over the many. I'm committed to using every tool in our arsenal to combat misinformation, defend voting rights, and call out people that seek to destroy our values.

Endorsements reveal lobbyists' access to City Councilmembers who approve lobbyists-created rezonings and legislation despite residents who voice their dissent and offer alternative plans in public hearings. Public servants must be held accountable & serve residents not lobbyists.

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There are no Primary Elections in City Council Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6

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City Council District 7

Democratic

- Shaun Abreu ✓
- Keith Harris*



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Shaun Abreu ✓

Democratic

"I am running for reelection to continue to represent the place I've known and loved my whole life. I grew up in the Upper West Side and Washington Heights, and I built a career defending our communities as a tenant rights lawyer. Since joining the City Council, I've fought for affordable housing, gun violence prevention, restoration of our green spaces, safer streets for pedestrians, and funding for key city services. It would be an honor to continue the fight."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Expanding access to affordable housing.
2. Tackling rats, trash, and scaffolding.
3. Funding schools and legal services.

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Tenant Rights Lawyer

Education: JD, Tulane University; BA, Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: Former Member, Manhattan Community Board 9

Prior Public Experience: National Labor Relations Board

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Shaun Abreu ✓
Democratic

Keith Harris*
Democratic

Crime	We need to tackle crime in a comprehensive way--including expansion of affordable and supportive housing, funding for mental health services and stabilization beds, youth programming, and resources for the NYPD to target violent crime.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	I support investments in programs aimed at addressing inflation and reducing the costs where New Yorkers feel the burden of inflation the most, including housing, food, and transportation.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	We need to make it easier for people to vote. I support same-day registration, maintaining early voting, and funding for organizations that register voters. To protect democracy, we must protect the democratic process.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

City Council District 8

Democratic

- Diana I Ayala ✓
- Antoinette Glover*



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Diana I Ayala ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Defend and expand Affordable Housing
2. Mental Health & Criminal Justice
3. Workforce Development

"The South Bronx and East Harlem community are struggling and in need of continued leadership that puts them first. As the current representative, I have fought hard to deliver desperately needed resources to the district, and look forward to continuing to do that during the next 2 yrs"

Current Occupation: Full time candidate

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

Education: A. D. Human Services

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Diana I Ayala ✓
Democratic

Antoinette Glover*
Democratic

Crime	Crime is the symptom of years of disinvestment. In order to address crime, we need to chop away at the root cause. We need to adequately fund workforce development and create pipelines to the middle class.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Rising inflation rates translate into increased costs in food, housing, fuel and much more. Families are food insecure and unable to make ends meet. We have a responsibility to ensure easy access to safety net services that keep people fed and housed.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	If we are truly interested in protecting our democracy, we need to attract and retain the confidence of our voting communities. The voice and the issues of everyday New Yorkers need to be front and center with the community leading the way.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

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City Council District 9

Democratic

- Inez E Dickens ✓
- Kristin Richardson Jordan ✓
- Yusef Salaam
- Al Taylor ✓



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Inez E Dickens ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable housing
2. Public safety
3. Education

"As a lifelong resident of Harlem, I am fully invested in my community and our values. It is the community that has called on me to help save the neighborhoods of Harlem, East Harlem and Morningside Heights from the current misguided representation that occupies the seat of power on the city council. I am ready to redirect our compass towards a brighter and safer future."

Current Occupation: New York State Assembly Member

Previous Occupations: District 9 City Council Member

Education: Howard University

Organizational Affiliations: Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club and NA

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council, New York State Assembly, District Leader

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Kristin Richardson Jordan ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Actually Affordable Housing
2. Increased Police Accountability
3. Environmental Justice

"My name is Kristin Richardson Jordan, and I have been your City Councilmember since 2022. As your City Councilmember I have been proud to fight for the issues listed above and many more. I am a cosponsor on over 300 proposed laws, run a constituent outreach team to proactively address community issues, and run task forces run of, by, and for the community."

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: Teacher, Artist, Author

Education: Brown University

Organizational Affiliations: SWER Coalition (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change, Democratic Socialists of America, LT-ACT (Lenox Terrace Tenants Association), and Soka Gakkai International

Prior Public Experience: Community Organizer

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Yusef Salaam

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Building more affordable housing
2. Reduce pathways to crime
3. Improving public school education

"This campaign is not about a moment, but rather a movement. A movement that shows how far this city has come and will go. I am a son of Harlem and I look forward to serving my community and representing New York City Council's 9th District."

Current Occupation: Author

Previous Occupations: Wireless Communications Administrator at Northwell Health

Education: Dutchess Community College - Associate of Arts and Sciences in Social Sciences 1991-1993

Organizational Affiliations: Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Activist

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Al Taylor ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Economic and Educational Opportunity
3. Investing in Community Safety

"We need a new vision for our city and our community - a vision of renewal, equity, and peace. We have endured dark times for the past few years, and we face great challenges - challenges in affordability, in opportunity, and in safety. But in these difficult times, I have faith and I believe in Harlem; I believe in our community and our ability to overcome and to grow stronger. In order to do that, we need to make sure that our government is working for us, hearing our voices, meeting our needs. That is why I am running for city council."

Current Occupation: NYS Assemblymember

Previous Occupations: Denny Farrell's Chief of Staff

Education: Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: Tioga Carver Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: NYS Assembly

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Inez E Dickens ✓
Democratic

Kristin Richardson Jordan ✓
Democratic

Crime	I believe crime should be addressed using the a multi-pronged system including the community, organizations, leaders, and police coming together to address the needs within the community to reduce violence and crime.	Crime cannot and will not be solved through increased policing. We have to tackle the root causes of crime: unaffordable housing, failing schools, under on unemployment, and a lack of community to prevent crime in the first place.
Inflation	Lower income neighborhoods feel the greatest impacts of inflation. I believe we should increase minimum wage to a livable wage. However, there should be policy in place to protect small businesses.	There is not much the City Council can do for inflation directly, but we as a city must come together to help all of those who are struggling. Wages stay the same, but everything else goes up. We must fight for better compensation and greater assistance to those who need it.
Protecting Democracy	All people who are eligible should be involved in our democracy. There should be more policy in place to expand eligibility to participate in voting and our democracy.	Protecting our democracy needs to be at the front of all of our minds this and every election. As we grow more and more divisive, those who wish to do away with our democracy get stronger and stronger. We must fight against misinformation and for better civic engagement.

Yusef Salaam

Democratic

Harlem deserves safe streets. Yet we cannot chase quick fixes to feel safe at the expense of justice, we must invest in resources Harlem needs to be safe. We must enact equitable safety measures that keep Harlem secure while ensuring the rights of our village are respected.

Prices are much too high, but inflation is a national problem that the City Council can do little to control. If elected, I will work closely with our federal officials to urge action on interest rates and supply chain issues that will have a meaningful effect on the problem.

We protect democracy by expanding access to it. We must allow voting by all individuals, including those who are incarcerated or undocumented, allow for automatic voter registration, and expand the use of absentee ballots.

Al Taylor

Democratic

Everyone deserves to be safe in their communities and I will work tirelessly to end the scourge of violence in our neighborhoods. I also support reinvesting in our communities and in community-based interventions, trained mental health interventions, and many other kinds of non-p

Rising prices have continued to hurt all residents and small businesses. We need to make the city more affordable for everyone. I will work to lower costs for our working people, provide more support for struggling communities, and bring down the costs of housing, healthcare, and

We need to do everything to protect the right to vote and ensure that every voter has the ability and access to make their voice heard. Generations have fought for this right and I will continue the fight and protect our democracy.

City Council District 10

Democratic

- Carmen N De La Rosa ✓
- Guillermo A Perez*



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Carmen N De La Rosa ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protecting tenants and halting displacement.
2. Access to quality education.
3. Worker's rights.

"Carmen De La Rosa emigrated from the Dominican Republic as a child and grew up in Inwood. In 2016, Carmen was elected Assembly Member of the 72nd District. She passed the New York DREAM ACT and the Excluded Workers Fund at \$2.1 billion.

In 2021, Carmen became the first woman elected to represent District 10 at City Hall. She is fighting to protect our community from displacement, dismantle flaws in our criminal justice system, expand our social safety net, fix our education system, and protect frontline workers and small businesses."

Current Occupation: City Council Member

Previous Occupations: New York State Assembly Member

Education: Fordham University

Organizational Affiliations: Northern Manhattan Democrats for Change

Prior Public Experience: Lifelong public servant working to protect and empower the working class. Former NYS Assembly Member.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Carmen N De La Rosa ✓
Democratic

Guillermo A Perez*
Democratic

Crime	Everyone deserves to live in a safe community. As we fight systemic racism and mass incarceration, we must invest in community-centered public safety initiatives such as violence intervention programs, social services, jobs, and after-school programs for youth.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	The cost of living has skyrocketed. The average apartment in Manhattan has soared to \$5,186 a month. As the number of millionaires increase, working families and immigrant communities struggle to make ends meet. I will continue to prioritize income inequality and social services.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	A recent report ranked the U.S. the 25th most democratic nation, out of 167 countries analyzed, and remains in the “flawed democracy” category. I am committed to governing with the people through a co-governance methodology and resisting the right-wing assault on our democracy.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

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

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

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

Matching Funds Program

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

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



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What is a Primary Election?

It's the election before the election. In primary elections, you decide which candidate will be your party's nominee for the general election. You must be a member of a political party to vote in a primary.

Can I vote in the June 27 primary election?

You can vote if you are registered in New York to a party holding an election. The deadline to register is **June 17**.

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

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

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

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by **June 12**. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

If your address has not yet been updated, you can vote at the poll site assigned to your new address by requesting an affidavit ballot at your poll site.

Vote by Mail

What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

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

Veterans Health Administration Hospital, or if you are imprisoned or awaiting trial. You can mark your reason on your absentee ballot request form.

Am I still eligible to vote in person if I request an absentee ballot?

If you requested an absentee ballot, then you should plan to vote with it. You can drop off your completed absentee ballot at any voting site while polls are open. However, if you choose to vote in person after requesting an absentee ballot, you will have to vote with an affidavit ballot at your poll site. This ballot will look different. Ask a poll worker for help if you need it.

Do I need to use stamps if I'm mailing in my ballot?

No, you do not need to add stamps. However, make sure to mail back your ballot as soon as you can. It must be postmarked by Election Day to be valid.

Can I drop off my absentee ballot at my poll site?

Yes! You can drop off your completed absentee ballot at any NYC poll site or Board of Elections office. Ballot boxes will be available at the front desk. You do not need to add postage.

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

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

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Ranked Choice Voting

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

You can rank up to five candidates in order of preference, instead of choosing just one. If a candidate receives more than 50% of first-choice votes, they are the winner. If no candidate earns more than 50% of first-choice votes, then counting will continue in rounds. At the end of each round, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated. If you ranked that candidate first, your vote will go to the next ranked candidate on your ballot. This process will continue until there are two candidates left. The candidate with the most votes wins.

Can I still vote for just one candidate?

Yes. If you prefer, you can still vote for just your first-choice candidate. However, ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice. If your only choice is eliminated, your vote will have no influence on the outcome of the election.

Do I have to rank a total of 5 candidates?

No. You can rank up to five candidates, but you do not need to rank a total of five.

Can I rank my favorite candidate more than once?

No. If you rank your preferred candidate more than once, for example as your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th choice, then only your first ranking will count. There is no strategic benefit to giving the same candidate multiple rankings.

Can I rank multiple candidates as my first choice?

No. You can only choose one candidate for each ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, your ballot will not be valid.

If I rank five candidates, do five votes get counted?

No. You only get one vote counted. Your vote will only count toward your highest ranked candidate who has not been eliminated. If your top choice candidate gets eliminated, your vote will then count toward your next highest ranked candidate.

When can I expect results in Ranked Choice Voting elections?

It is likely that final results in Ranked Choice elections will not be known until all absentee and military ballots are counted, which could take several weeks after Election Day.

How do I vote for a write-in candidate with Ranked Choice Voting?

To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, write their name on the "Write-in" line, and fill in the oval to rank your write-in choice.

Will the voting machine tell me if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you vote in person, the voting machine will let you know if you give multiple candidates the same ranking when you scan it in. If you make a mistake, you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot. The voting machine will not let you know if you skip rankings or rank the same candidate multiple times, since your top-choice vote will still count in those situations.

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