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Welcome to your NYC Voter Guide

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

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

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

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

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



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Not sure which city council district you live in?

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

For all your voting needs and questions...

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a primary election?

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

Can I vote in the September 10th primary election?

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

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

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

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

What will I be voting on in the primary election?

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

How do I register to vote?

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

Could my registration have expired?

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

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

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

What if they can't find my name on the list when I sign in to vote?

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

What if I can't get to my polling place on Election Day?

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

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

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

Please note: If the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail has passed and you cannot appear at your poll site on Election Day because of an accident or sudden illness, you can send a representative to your BOE borough office with a written letter of authorization to obtain an absentee ballot on your behalf. A completed application and your completed ballot must be returned to **your** BOE borough office by 9:00 p.m. on September 10th.

Your Rights as a Voter

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

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

In any election, you have a right to:

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

You may have to show identification to vote in this election if you are voting for the first time at your polling place.

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

Where Do I Vote?

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

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Mayor

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bill de Blasio

Mayor (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Democratic Primary | Mayor

Sal F. Albanese

Mayor (D)



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

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

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

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

As Mayor, I will:

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

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

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

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Neil Vincent Grimaldi

Mayor (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Randy Credico

Mayor (D)



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

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

reforming ny's criminal justice system

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

Tax Wall Street 1 percent
 LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

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Improve public schools
 Massive FDR jobs program
 Free Health care and College Ed
 progressive real estate tax
 affordable housing
 taxing private colleges
 repeal smoking ban and cabaret laws
 protect small businesses d
 firing ray kelly
 protect teachers
 community policing
 free bus and subway service
 dog runs increase
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3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

political satirist and activist not a politician

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He Gin Lee

Mayor (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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John C. Liu

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Comptroller, City of New York

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Christine C. Quinn

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Speaker

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

Education: B.A., Trinity College

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

Prior Public Experience: See Above

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Erick Salgado

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

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

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

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Bill Thompson

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Few Notes about the Voter Guide

This Guide lists all the candidates who appeared to be on the ballot for the primary election at press time, even if the candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile in time to be included in this printed Guide. Because candidates can be removed from the ballot for legal reasons until just before the election, some candidates listed in this Guide may not appear on the ballot; if all but one candidate seeking the nomination of a party for a particular office is removed from the ballot, no primary election will be held by that party for that office. Visit the online Voter Guide at www.nyccfb.info/voterguide for up-to-date primary election information, or use the BOE's poll site locator at www.vote.nyc.ny.us to view your sample ballot.

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Anthony D. Weiner

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Public Servant

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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John Catsimatidis

Mayor (R)



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

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

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

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

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Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R)



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

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

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

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

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

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George McDonald

Mayor (R)



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

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

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

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

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Independence Primary | Mayor

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)



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

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

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

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

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Public Advocate

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

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

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Reshma Saujani

Public Advocate (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

Catherine Guerriero

Public Advocate (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Professor of Education and Politics at Teachers’ College, Columbia University and the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University.
Previous Occupation(s): Served as Director of Strategic Planning for the Archdiocese of New York and Director of Government Relations for Catholic Charities. As Associate Director for the Archdiocese, coordinated Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 visit. Also ran a strategic planning consultancy for small businesses and non-profits.
Education: Curtis High School, Wagner College, MPA from the Wagner School at NYU and a doctorate in educational administration from the NYU Steinhardt School of Education.
Organizational Affiliations: New Era Democrats, Congress of Italian American Organizations
Prior Public Experience: After 20 years in politics, this is my first run for elected office.

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Daniel Squadron

Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: State Senator
Previous Occupation(s): See below
Education: Yale University
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: Before my election in 2008, I served as a top aide to US Sen. Chuck Schumer and co-authored his book. I also worked to secure \$3 billion for our transit system and move money from the bureaucracy to our public schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Letitia James

Public Advocate (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: NYC Council Member
Previous Occupation(s): Public Defender with Legal Aid Society; Assistant NYS Attorney General; Chief of Staff in NYS Assembly
Education: New York City public schools; CUNY Lehman College; Howard University Law School
Organizational Affiliations: Founded the Urban Network, a coalition of minority professional organizations that raises money and distributes college scholarships to inner city youth.
Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member, 35th District

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Sidique Wai

Public Advocate (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Comptroller

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

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

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Scott M. Stringer

Comptroller (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Democratic Primary | Comptroller

Eliot Spitzer

Comptroller (D)



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

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

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

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

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

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But it doesn't have to be that way.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Republican Primary | Comptroller

John Burnett

Comptroller (R)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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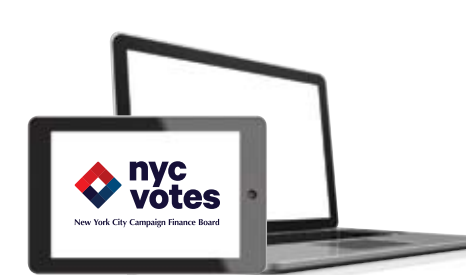
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Borough President

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

» **Democratic Primary (D)**
 Gale A. Brewer
 Robert Jackson
 Jessica S. Lappin
 Julie Menin

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Democratic Primary | Borough President

Gale A. Brewer Manhattan Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: NYC Councilmember Dist 6; Chair, Cmte. on Operations; Member: Finance, General Welfare, Housing, Mental Health, Technology, Transportation, Waterfront, Higher Education. Co-Chair: Manhattan Delegation; Memb: Budget Negotiation Team & Rules Reform Cmtes.
Previous Occupation(s): Adj. Prof CUNY & Barnard Coll.; Director, NYC Non-Profits Proj.; Telesis Non-Profit Housing Corp.; NYC Deputy Public Advocate; Director, NYC Mayor's Federal Off.; NYC Comm. on the Status of Women; Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Ruth Messinger; Office of the NY State Lt Governor.
Education: MPA, Kennedy School, Harvard Univ.; BA, Columbia Univ. & Bennington College
Organizational Affiliations: Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Cmte; Advisory Cmtes. to John Jay & McCaulay Honors Colleges; NY Acad. of Medicine Age-Friendly Bd.; Columbus Ave & Lincoln Square BIDs
Prior Public Experience: Chair, NYS Nat'l Women's Political Caucus; Vice-Chair, Comm. Bd 7; service on numerous non-profit boards

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

The city must grow, but to preserve our neighborhoods and quality of life, development has to strengthen communities, protect and add affordable housing, enable seniors to age in place, build quality public schools and parks, create small business, fund the arts, and protect our security and civil rights.

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

1. Do near & long-term planning to "storm-proof" the shoreline and infrastructure;
2. Keep us secure, and ensure that the rights of all New Yorkers are protected and respected;
3. Get the Borough President's office into every community;
4. Promote sustainability, including recycling, equal access to nutritious food, new, environmentally sensitive open space, and enhanced public transportation.

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

A 40 year unmatched record of tireless service, leadership and results, not promises: Human Rights, Paid Sick Time, the Open Government Data Law, Protective Zoning for Small Businesses, Environmental Protection, Landmarking and Historic Preservation, tireless advocacy for Renters and Owners, building Schools, Affordable Housing & Parks, leading the push for Big Apps and .nyc. I am the most qualified, hardest working, innovative, and committed public servant running for Manhattan Borough President.

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Robert Jackson Manhattan Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: City Councilmember
Previous Occupation(s): Director of Field Services, NYS Public Employees Federation (PEF)
Education: SUNY New Paltz
Organizational Affiliations: Co-Founder, Campaign for Fiscal Equity; Co-Chair, City Council Black, Latino and Asian Caucus; Chair, City Council Education Committee
Prior Public Experience: President, Community School Board 6 (CSB6)

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

Education. It is the key to opportunity and can change everything. We must place it in the hands of every child. I will continue my work to give every child the opportunity for the best education possible.

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

Strengthening our economy and creating opportunities so progress is shared by all; Protecting our seniors, and making sure Manhattan stays affordable, and that we don't squeeze out the middle and working class, so hard working and older Manhattanites can stay here and young people can start here; Fighting for justice and equality for all and against bigotry and intolerance everywhere; and above all, protecting the safety and security of our people, both from crime on the street and from natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy.

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

I am a product of NYC's public schools; a former Community School Board President who sued the State to fix a broken school funding formula that cheated our children, walked 150 miles to Albany to build support for the cause and won a court judgment that brought home \$16 billion for NYC public school children; and a City Council leader who has taken on the tough fights and gotten results. I know Manhattan -- its people, its problems and its promise. I am ready to lead this borough and be an advocate for our children, a fighter for our neighborhoods and an energetic leader for all of Manhattan. Many can talk the talk, but you can count on me to walk the walk -- to stand on principle, take on the status quo and fight for you. That is what I've done. That is what I will do as your Manhattan Borough President.

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Jessica S. Lappin Manhattan Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: New York City Councilmember; Chair, Committee on Aging; Co-Chair, Women's Caucus.
Previous Occupation(s): District Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor, Councilmember Gifford Miller, 1998-2005.
Education: Regents Diploma, Stuyvesant High School; B.A., Georgetown University.
Organizational Affiliations: Sutton Place Synagogue, former Planned Parenthood Clinic Escort, Aspen Institute Rodell Fellow.
Prior Public Experience: See above.

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

As Borough President, my number one priority would be making Manhattan more affordable for middle-class and working families. That means focusing on housing, jobs and our public schools. On the City Council, I've been a pro-tenant leader. I'll continue to fight both to preserve our affordable housing and create more.

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I helped lead the charge to bring the Cornell NYC Tech campus to Roosevelt Island to create 38,000 good-paying jobs. As a Stuyvesant graduate and public school parent, I know firsthand how important quality schools are to the middle class. I've successfully fought to open five new school buildings to reduce overcrowding, expanded pre-K and created more gifted and talented slots. As Borough President, I'll work hard to make sure that all students have access to good public schools, regardless of where they live.

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

Protecting Seniors: As Chair of the Aging Committee, I led the fight to save 100 senior centers and to preserve funding for Meals on Wheels. **Defending Our Right to Choose:** I helped pass the city's clinic access law and wrote the law, praised by *The New York Times* and NARAL, to stop anti-abortion extremists from luring women into fake family planning clinics.

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

I offer a progressive vision, independence, and the strongest record of getting results on issues that Manhattan Democrats care about -- from promoting tenants' rights and public education to protecting the environment and a woman's right to choose. I hope to earn your vote on September 10th.

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Julie Menin Manhattan Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Candidate for Manhattan Borough President
Previous Occupation(s): Chairperson Community Board 1, President & Founder, Non-Profit, Small Business Owner, Regulatory Attorney, Host of NBC's Give & Take
Education: J.D., Northwestern University, B.A., Columbia University
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member: Municipal Arts Society, Downtown Hospital, 9/11 Memorial, Women's Campaign Fund, and Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, WTC Performing Arts Center
Prior Public Experience: Seven-year Chairperson, CB1, President & Founder of Non-Profit, Member of Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and Governor's Island.

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

I will implement a comprehensive master plan, similar to other major cities, that will ensure development addresses the need for more affordable housing on site and that Manhattan stays affordable for teachers, seniors and working families. In addition, it is imperative that we use an "all of the above" strategy, including policy and legal options, to preserve the existing stock of affordable housing.

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

A comprehensive master plan for Manhattan would ensure that development addresses the need to build the requisite number of schools, parks, transit improvements and other infrastructure. Schools are overcrowded in Manhattan and my plan would require that new development address the need to build school seats. The plan would also ensure that large scale development creates jobs in the community and utilizes women and minority owned businesses.

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

I chaired Community Board 1 for seven years, helped build three new public schools, helped lead the revitalization of Lower Manhattan after 9/11 where we successfully fought the insurance companies, led the charge for approval of the Islamic cultural center, and won \$200 million for my community against Con Ed.

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City Council Member

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

- » **Council District 1 Democratic Primary (D)**
Margaret S. Chin
Jenifer Rajkumar
- » **Council District 2 Democratic Primary (D)**
Richard (Rick) Del Rio
Rosie Mendez

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Richard (Rick) Del Rio 2nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Community Organizer, Entrepreneur and Pastor
Previous Occupation(s): N/A
Education: Zion Bible College ('73)
Organizational Affiliations: Senior Pastor & Founder, Abounding Grace Ministries since 1982; President & Owner, various business since 70; NYPD Clergy Liaison since 96; 20/20 Vision for Schools since 2008; Latino African American Chaplaincy Association since 12
Prior Public Experience: Coordinated largest Sandy relief site in Manhattan (12); Co-Founder & Chair, Generation Xcel (96-10); one of the first clergy responders on 9/11; Co-convenor & Co-chair of Ground Zero Clergy Task Force (01-03)

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 2 you would address if elected?

Housing & Economic Development must grow and strengthen community, not displace it. As councilman, I will embrace CD2's economic diversity rather than

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squeeze the poor and middle class; fight to ensure affordable housing for families and living wage jobs for the underemployed; and reject developments that destroy the character of neighborhoods and threaten public spaces.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Youth & Education. I will invest in outcomes-based youth programs and public-private partnerships that empower students and community groups as change agents in their schools and neighborhoods; promote after school and summer programs and arts; and create opportunities for disconnected youth.
Safety. I will increase community policing and NYPD transparency; expand liaison programs for grassroots peacemakers; grow transitional programs and jobs for ex-offenders; and expand gun buy-back programs.
Seniors. I will provide safe spaces for children, families, and seniors to thrive; protect community centers and heritage centers and foster efficiencies among them; and combat fraud and waste in Medicare, Medicaid, and other entitlements.

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

I am a political outsider but community insider, who has given all for sustainable change in CD2 for more than 30 years. My opportunity agenda rejects *status quo* politics and promotes change from the inside out.

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Margaret S. Chin 1st City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Council Member, District 1
Previous Occupation(s): Educator, Community Activist, Nonprofit Administrator
Education: P.S. 130, JHS 65, Bronx Science High, City College NY - BS Education
Organizational Affiliations: Alumni Association of City College of NY, NY Immigration Coalition
Prior Public Experience: Community Boards 1 & 3, NYS Democratic Committee

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

As a community activist and the first Asian American woman elected to the City Council, I've been a strong advocate of affordable housing. I negotiated the construction of over 500 new permanently affordable housing units for low and middle-income families and seniors in the LES. I also secured the preservation of hundreds of affordable housing units in the Village, Chinatown, and Tribeca.

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I have the proven track record of standing up for tenants' rights and advocating for repairs in a community where market rents are ever increasing.

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

As a founding member of the Council's Progressive Caucus, I've supported paid sick days and the Community Safety Act. I've sponsored legislation to strengthen small businesses, improve indoor air quality, and enhance government transparency. I'll continue to fight to slow down the NYCHA infill plan until residents are able to have greater input. I'll continue to push for baselining of after school, childcare programs and senior services, and I'll fight for more school seats until overcrowding has been addressed.

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

I've advocated for over 30 years on quality of life issues, expansion of voter access, civil rights, and affordable housing. My passion for standing up for our community comes from living in our district for 50 years. My family stayed in the community after 9/11 and I helped fight for a 9/11 health program in the years following. I have fought hard for my district: for the set aside of space for two new schools and development of two locally-sourced food markets and new community facilities.

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Rosie Mendez 2nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: NYC Council Member
Previous Occupation(s): Chief of Staff, Former NYC Councilwoman Dist. 2; Public Interest Career Counselor, Rutgers Law School; Attorney/IOLA Fellow, Legal Services; Tenant/Community Organizer.
Education: Bohnett Fellow, Harvard Univ; Revson Fellow, Columbia Univ; Rutgers Law School - JD; NYU - BA; NYC public schools (K-12); Headstart
Organizational Affiliations: Former member UAW-NOLSW; Former board member: Neighborhood Advisory Board 3, LES United for Peace & Justice, and LES Peoples Federal Credit Union
Prior Public Experience: Councilwoman (2005-13); Chief of Staff to Councilwoman (2000-03); Democratic District Leader 74th AD (1997-05 & 2009-13)

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 2 you would address if elected?

Extreme development pressure threatens our community's character with luxury high-rises and hotels, the expansion of institutional facilities, and the disappearance of affordable housing. NYC Housing Authority developments are also currently threatened by the "infill" proposal to build market rate housing on site. During my tenure I have fought such threats through the adoption of community-based rezoning plans and historic districts and the insistence on strict enforcement of building height and density limits.

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

During the next four years I will continue to work on improving our public schools and ensuring that students are taught in well-maintained and adequately sized facilities. Also critical is the proliferation of bars and restaurants that squeeze other small businesses, and when irresponsibly run, detract from residents' quality of life with excessive noise, traffic etc.

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

I have been an effective legislator for the past 8 years and an advocate and community organizer for over 25. I have a proven record of accomplishment throughout my diverse district and have earned dozens of endorsements from local residents, political organizations and unions - see my website for a complete list. I hope I can count on your vote.

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Jenifer Rajkumar 1st City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Civil Rights Lawyer at Sanford Heisler LLP
Previous Occupation(s): National Women's Law Center, Law Fellow
Education: Stanford Law School (with pro bono distinction), University of Pennsylvania (magna cum laude, phi beta kappa)
Organizational Affiliations: WIN (Young Woman of Achievement Award Winner 2012), City & State Rising Stars (Named a 2012 "Rising Star"), Women's Campaign Fund (National Board of Directors Emeritus), Downtown Independent Democrats, Battery Park City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Save Our Seaport, CAAN 2031, SoHo Alliance, Friends of Petrosino Square, Village Independent Democrats, Village Reform Democrats
Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 65th Assembly District

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

The need for a **strong, active council member** who will fight for working families in **all the many diverse neighborhoods across Lower Manhattan**. We need a council member who champions **participatory democracy**, and who tackles Lower Manhattan's issues with a **collaborative approach**.

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

I will **prepare Lower Manhattan for future hurricanes** in our Sandy affected district. I will work to **build more schools** so that all children can attend quality schools near where they live. I will continue to be a **strong advocate against Stop, Question, and Frisk, against the NYU 2031 expansion plan**, and against any BID plan which places the interests of outside business ahead of residents. I will also fight to make **safe, affordable housing** a reality for all New Yorkers downtown.

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

I have been a courageous voice for the disenfranchised my entire career, and I will continue to be a courageous voice for our community in City Council. As a **civil rights lawyer** from a national law firm, I have the **tough negotiating skills** needed to fight for Lower Manhattan in City Hall. As a **local district leader**, I have built the community relationships needed to effectively deliver results for our community in the City Council.

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City Council Member

» **Council District 3**
Democratic Primary (D)
 Corey D. Johnson
 Yetta Kurland

» **Council District 4**
 No primary

» **Council District 5**
Democratic Primary (D)
 Ed Hartzog
 Ben Kallos
 Micah Z. Kellner

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 3

Corey D. Johnson 3rd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Chair, Manhattan Community Board 4
Previous Occupation(s): Director of Media Programs, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
Education: Masconomet High School
Organizational Affiliations: Hudson Yards Development Corporation, Moynihan Station Community Advisory Committee, Hudson River Park Strategic Planning Task Force, Ali Forney Center for homeless LGBT youth, Council of Chelsea Block Associations, Save Chelsea, and Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century.
Prior Public Experience: Co-Chair, Community Board 4 Education & Quality of Life Committee

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 3 you would address if elected?
 Protecting existing affordable housing and creating new programs to stimulate the creation of additional affordable units throughout the city. All those who work in our

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communities should afford to reside in them as well.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 I live 3 blocks from the former St. Vincent’s Hospital site and used the emergency room on 3 separate occasions. The Lower West Side deserves a full service public hospital with a Level 1 trauma center. I testified at the City Council against the Rudin development plan to replace a 161 year institution that served our community. I believe that the absence of a hospital is a public health crisis and will continue to fight for one.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 I have been endorsed by Congressman Jerry Nadler, former State Senator Tom Duane, State Senator Brad Hoylman, Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal, Assembly Member Dick Gottfried, the United Federation of Teachers and hundreds of local leaders. In a progressive district, as an 8 year member of Community Board 4, the past 2 as its Chair, I represent experience in this race. I have proven myself capable of working with the community, both residents and businesses, agencies and elected officials alike to best represent the interests of Greenwich Village, Chelsea and Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen. I will bring that same vibrancy and commitment to all the communities of the 3rd district.

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Yetta Kurland 3rd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Civil Rights Attorney, The Kurland Group
Previous Occupation(s): Founder/Educator, Hello World Language Center. Radio Host, Yetta Kurland LIVE!, Adjunct Prof. NYU School of Education
Education: JD, Brooklyn Law School 1997. MA US-Asian Studies, SUNY Buffalo 1993. BA Women’s Studies, SUNY Buffalo 1990
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member, Marriage Equality USA. Founder, Coalition for a New Village Hospital. Exec Committee, Nat’l Lawyers Guild NYC. Member, Beit Simchat Torah Synagogue
Prior Public Experience: Delegate, NY County Judicial Convention

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 3 you would address if elected?
 Restoring a hospital for the West Side to replace St. Vincent’s.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 Affordable housing, job creation, more and better schools. I’ll fight library, post office and school closures, and work to protect our neighborhoods.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have a proven record of accomplishment for our neighborhoods. I’ve worked to empower people in Chelsea, West Village, and Hell’s Kitchen for two decades. **As a Civil Rights Attorney,** I fought the closure of St. Vincent’s Hospital, represented West Side tenants against predatory landlords, won same-sex couples the right to share a last name, settled a major sex discrimination case at FDNY and sued to stop the SPECTRA gas pipeline. **As an Educator,** I founded a NYC language and culture school and trained fellow educators to teach in NYC Public Schools. **As a West Side Community Activist,** I organized hundreds of volunteers to reach thousands of West Side seniors during Hurricane Sandy, built bridges between LGBTQ communities, communities of color, and others on issues like Stop and Frisk reform and fought NYU’s massive development plan. I’m endorsed by NOW-NYC, Emily’s List, Ansonia Ind Democrats, Chelsea-Midtown Democrats, McManus Democrats, DC 37, TWU 100, CWA 1180, and many more. **I’ve proven I can stand up to powerful special interests on healthcare, affordable housing, parks and schools.** I’ll continue to be *your* advocate in City Hall.

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Ed Hartzog 5th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Attorney
Previous Occupation(s): Founder/Exec Dir, Kids Voting NYC; Staff, US House Comm on Interior & Insular Affairs; Law Clerk, US Attorney, WDKY
Education: JD, Indiana U Law School; MPA - Environmental/Economic Policy, Maxwell School, Syracuse U; BA, Randolph-Macon College
Organizational Affiliations: Carl Schurz Park Assoc, Central Park Conservancy, City Bar of NY, Am Soc for Public Admin, Residents for Sane Trash Solutions, Pledge 2 Protect
Prior Public Experience: Community Board 8 (Committees - Youth/Education, Environment/Sanitation); Steering Comm, NY Democratic Lawyers’ Council

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 5 you would address if elected?
 Development is out of control. As your Council Member, I will continue to advocate against the overdevelopment choking the Upper East Side & Roosevelt Island.

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As a member of the Environment & Sanitation Committee of CB8, I voted against the East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station because it will flood our neighborhoods with trucks and smog and harm our children. I have led the fight against wasteful public financing of private development on York Ave.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 Overdevelopment has robbed us of our open and green spaces. I want to build out the East River Esplanade and create other public areas. I will improve our quality of life, including placement of an NYPD precinct house on Roosevelt Island. I will bring greater transparency to government by keeping the community informed at all times. Learn more at my website, www.edforcouncil.com, or by downloading my Android/iPhone app.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 I will be independent. I have been a strong voice for residents and I have 20 years of public service experience. Most importantly, I am raising my family here. The issues I care about - overdevelopment, green space, transparency - directly impact the future for both my family and yours. I would be honored to have your vote for City Council.

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Ben Kallos 5th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Good Government Advocate, Tech Entrepreneur and Attorney
Previous Occupation(s): EffectiveNY.org (Good Government Group), Executive Director
Education: SUNY Buffalo Law School, SUNY Albany, Bronx Science
Organizational Affiliations: N.Y. Democratic Lawyers Council, Statewide Voter Protection Coordinator; Asphalt Green, Triathlon Club; Park East Synagogue
Prior Public Experience: Public Advocate Mark Green, Policy Director; Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, Chief of Staff; Community Board 8

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 5 you would address if elected?
Transparency and accountability are crucial for **eliminating government waste and corruption.** I put elected officials’ voting records online to increase transparency in the legislature. Now I have an **Open Platform** at KallosforCouncil.com, where you can submit and vote on solutions for a better city.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 Transparency can deliver more **jobs, better education, affordable housing, senior services, and responsible development,** meaning: **opposing Marine Transfer Stations** in residential districts; **supporting small business and residents** along the 2nd Ave Subway construction; and ensuring new development supports local infrastructure such as schools, parks, and transportation. For me, senior services are not just a budget line. I support my mother, who raised me and still lives in the district in her valiant fight against Parkinson’s Disease. I will fight to **protect seniors** and their caregivers so we can all **maintain our health and independence.**

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 I have a vision for the future and the experience to get it done. I have delivered results, including: **put voting records online** for a more transparent legislature, launched a portal so millions could **verify their voter registration,** and **defeated corrupt Senator Espada.** I grew up on the Upper East Side with my grandparents and my mother who still lives here. I care deeply for our community. Join me in building a better city at KallosforCouncil.com or call toll-free **855-2-KALLOS.**

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Micah Z. Kellner 5th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: NYS Assembly Member, 2007-present
Previous Occupation(s): Staff, Comptroller Bill Thompson; Staff, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney
Education: New York University, BFA
Organizational Affiliations: Pledge2Protect NYC, Residents for Sane Trash Solutions, Carl Schurz Park Conservancy, E. 84th St. Block Association; East Side Esplanade Task Force
Prior Public Experience: Staff, Comptroller Bill Thompson; Staff, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 5 you would address if elected?
 I’ll work to make New York more livable. I’ll continue to lead opposition to the proposed E. 91st St. 10-story garbage dump at Asphalt Green; support affordable housing; help create new jobs with initiatives like Roosevelt Island’s Cornell-Technion School; and fight for better public education, mass transit and public health.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
 On the Council, I’ll keep fighting to improve our quality of life. I have a record in public service of delivering effectively: helping bring the East Side 4 new public schools; leading the fight against the City’s proposed E. 91st St. dump, in which I’m lead plaintiff in 2 lawsuits; fighting for moderate and low-income tenants; standing up for women’s right to choose; securing tougher air quality regulations on the 2nd Ave. Subway; and delivering capital funds for public space like Roosevelt Island’s FDR 4 Freedoms Park. An experienced legislator, I’ve written laws to crack down on drivers injuring pedestrians; make it illegal for insurance companies to unfairly raise prescription costs; and introduced the Public Corruption Prevention Act to levy tough criminal penalties on crooked officials. I’ll continue to help lead the fight for equal rights, including for people with disabilities and LBGT persons.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
 I have a proven track record of making difference when it matters most. I’ve helped deliver 4 new public schools to the East Side, sued the City over its proposed E. 91st St. garbage dump, fought for tougher environmental controls on the 2nd Ave. Subway, and passed important laws. As a champion of middle class New Yorkers, better schools, mass transit, the environment, and affordable housing, and the candidate with years of public service experience, I am best able to fight and deliver for the 5th Council District.

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City Council Member

» **Council District 6 Democratic Primary (D)**
 Ken Biberaj
 Aaron Braunstein*
 Debra Cooper
 Noah Gotbaum
 Marc A. Landis
 Helen K. Rosenthal
 Mel Wymore

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 6

Ken Biberaj
6th City Council District (D)



and a fresh perspective to address overcrowding in schools, affordable housing for seniors, and support the small businesses that are the fabric of our community.

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

I want to support the quality of life of the Upper West Side (UWS). I will help small businesses that make up the unique fabric of our neighborhood. I will focus on affordable housing, helping seniors and young families stay on the UWS. Additionally, I want to invest in our community's future. This means bringing new energy and ideas to strengthen our infrastructure, fight for mass transit funding, and improve energy efficiency, and help local businesses create good-paying jobs for working families. Lastly, I want to stand for the progressive values of our neighborhood. I understand that the UWS strength comes from the progressive values we share. That's why I'll fight to improve the quality of our local schools, stand for women's rights and keep the UWS age-friendly, family-friendly, and pet-friendly.

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

The leadership on the Upper West Side has not kept up with the changes on the West Side. I am running to bring a fresh perspective to the challenges the city will face in the future. The government will not be able to solve all the problems we face, that is why I believe we need leaders who can forge solutions by capitalizing on the resources of government, the good will of non-profits and the skills of the private sector.

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Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Ken is Vice President of the Russian Tea Room. Ken is active with the Food Bank for New York, and he is a mentor to first generation college students through New York Needs You.
Previous Occupation(s): Ken worked on John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign as his State Research Director in Florida. He returned home to join his family's business and helped reopen the Russian Tea Room.
Education: Ken earned his B.A. from American University, a Master's from Harvard Kennedy School, and a J.D. from New York Law School.
Organizational Affiliations: Culinary Council at the Food Bank of New York. Mentor at New York Needs You. Restaurant Committee of NYC & Company.
Prior Public Experience: N/A

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?

This is a transformative year for city government. Ken wants to bring new energy

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Debra Cooper
6th City Council District (D)



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

I will promote an agenda to "Fix the Future". This includes working to make sure every child has the chance to get a quality education, protecting tenants and providing for seniors. It also means developing creative solutions to combat the plague of rats, improve infrastructure, promote sustainability and alternative energy sources and address traffic and transportation needs. All to make our community stronger and life better on the Upper West Side.

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

I am an unabashed progressive leader who knows how to get things done on the local, state and national level. I've been an active Board member of NARAL ProChoiceNY for more than 20 years and fought for women's rights, reproductive freedom and healthcare, including working on the landmark NYS and NYC Clinic Access Bills. As a Democratic State Committeewoman, I sponsored the resolution supporting the Millionaires Tax, championed a ban on fracking and worked with local leaders to stop the West Side Stadium and protect "Mom and Pop" stores. With women now making up just one-third of the City Council and the number likely to drop, we need more women on the City Council who understand the challenges middle class families face, will end the gridlock and corruption and put families over politics. I'm proud to be endorsed by leading progressive voices like the Progressive Change Campaign Committee and Blue America to bring this change and work for a better future for our community and our city.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?

We need progressive, forward looking leadership to maintain the character, quality of life and affordability of the Upper West Side to make sure seniors can stay here, young people can start here and the middle class can prosper.

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Noah Gotbaum
6th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Community Education Council District 3 (CEC3); New Spirit Capital, LLC-Managing Member
Previous Occupation(s): New York Cares - Founder/Director; Sprint Recycling, Inc. CEO; Pioneer/Banc One Fund - CEO; Level 3 Communications
Education: Amherst College, BA; Yale School of Management, MBA; Coro Foundation; Public Affairs Fellow; Robert Bosch Foundation Int'l Leadership Fellow
Organizational Affiliations: New York Cares, Inc; Fresh Air Fund, Amnesty International, New York League of Conservation Voters
Prior Public Experience: CEC3 President; CB5 Development Committee Chair, DNC Field Director

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?

Public Education consumes 1/3 of the City budget and is key to our district's viability and future. From Day 1 I will continue my advocacy for real parent/community involvement and local control, investing in community middle and high schools to end overcrowding and the absurd enrollment anxiety, putting an immediate end to high stakes testing, fixing our broken \$3 bln special ed system, and supporting, not blaming teachers.

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

Over development on the West Side must stop and the community will respected. I will continue to fight for affordable housing and solid social service funding so that our seniors and working people can enjoy the diverse community they have built. And we must preserve our environment to sustain that community.

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

As the ONLY candidate in the Democratic primary who is sending his children in our public schools and a recognized education leader, I will bring immediate influence and change to our district and City schools, children, and families. I have created real results in our social service sector as the founder of New York Cares, and as former CEO of Sprint Recycling understand our environmental issues. And I am truly independent of political party structures, and am unafraid to challenge these and monied interests.

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Marc A. Landis
6th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Community activist for economic and social justice, campaign finance reform; progressive Democratic candidate for City Council
Previous Occupation(s): Attorney specializing in affordable housing, small business development, co-ops and condos; honored by NYS Bar Assn, Legal Services of NY for pro bono work for tenants, new Americans, people w AIDS
Education: AB, Princeton; JD, Penn Law; LL.M. in Tax, NYU Law School
Organizational Affiliations: Endorsed by Working Families Party, Citizen Action of New York, 1199 SEIU, SEIU 32BJ, Community Free Dems, Three Parks Independent Dems, Democracy for NYC, many other progressive organizations
Prior Public Experience: Community Board 7 officer and member for 12 years; chair, Citizen Action of NYC; chief of staff and counsel to State Senator; elected Democratic Party district leader; pro bono attorney and organizer for tenant and block assns; organizer of educational forums on NYC budget, electoral reform, international human rights

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?

NYC has become unaffordable for many middle class families and seniors; on the Upper West Side, this is largely due to losing tens of thousands of regulated housing units, and to limited space in our best public schools.

I will continue to work to preserve and expand affordable housing by strengthening rent regulations, including affordable units in new developments, and creating new permanent affordable housing -- including affordable rentals, subsidized condos and limited-equity co-ops. I will continue to work to strengthen our public schools and to reform the Dept of Education.

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

Strengthening the NYC economy; creating good jobs with living wages; fighting for our fair share of education funding; combatting domestic violence; improving mass transit; protecting our quality of life; electoral and governmental reform.

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

Drawing upon my experience inside and outside government as a grass-roots organizer, reformer, coalition-builder and attorney-activist, I will be the most effective in advancing the progressive agenda.

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Primary Election Tuesday, September 10

Polls are open from **6am to 9pm**

Runoff Primary Election *(if necessary)*
Tuesday, October 1

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Helen K. Rosenthal
6th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Chair, ParentJobNet.Org -- organization that helps public school parents find jobs
Previous Occupation(s): Assistant Director, NYC Office of Management and Budget, 1988-1995. Oversaw health care budgets in three mayoral administrations.
Education: Masters in Public Health, Yale, 1987; BA, Michigan State University, 1982
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member, NARAL ProChoice America (2003-2011)
Prior Public Experience: Community Board 7, Chair (2007-09); Member (2001-Present)

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?

I'm a proud Upper West Side liberal. I believe in supporting middle income people through affordable housing, great public schools, and job creation so that New York remains a city where families can thrive and their children advance. Building on the success of jobs programs I've helped to foster, I support creating a Local WPA modeled after the most successful New Deal agency, to rebuild infrastructure

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while creating sustainable, well-paying jobs.

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

Four years ago we successfully advocated for a new public school, it comes as no surprise that additional middle school seats are needed now. Beyond additional great schools, we must increase affordable housing and strengthen rent laws; support independent businesses with zoning firewalls to maintain the character of our neighborhoods; stand up to big developers who run roughshod over residents; provide universal pre-K and extended after-school programs; protect our environment and be a consistent strong voice for the rights of women and LGBTQ individuals and families.

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

The outsized budget gaps in the next few years must be closed in a way consistent with liberal values and protecting middle-class families, seniors, tenants and public schools. With experience gained after 7 years in the City Budget office and 12 years on Community Board 7, including 2 terms as Chair, I know the UWS, and I know how city government works. I have a solid record of results for the UWS: helping start a new school (PS 452) and defending tenants against a predatory equity landlord. I'll bring that same energy to City Hall, and am proud to have the endorsements of the NYC Chapter of NOW and former District 6 City Councilwoman Ronnie Eldridge.

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Mel Wymore
6th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Entrepreneur, Community Activist
Previous Occupation(s): Systems Engineer
Education: BS/BA University of Arizona '84, MS University of Arizona '87
Organizational Affiliations: Chair, Manhattan Community Board 7 (2-term Chair, 17-year Member); Chair of CB7 Committees/Working Groups: Youth, Parks/Environment, Strategy/Budget, Small Business, Urban Planning, Columbus Redesign, SRO, Riverside Center; Chair, West Side Y; Chair, Ethical Culture/Fieldston School PTA; Founder, West 70th Block Association; Founder, Citizens for an Accessible West Side; Founder, The Carbon Squeeze; Victory Fund; Stonewall Democrats.
Prior Public Experience: Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center: United community stakeholders to envision and fund the reconstruction of the Rec Center, which will serve youth and seniors. ++ West Side Y Community Center Expansion: New early childhood facilities, elder fitness centers, teen center, immigrant services center, and a new community theater on West 63rd St.

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++ Founder, Stratford Arms Community Council: A hot meal and social service program for elderly and at-risk residents of Stratford Arms (70th St.) Single-Room Occupancy hotel. ++ Co-Founder, Citizens for an Accessible West Side: Organized with local activists to develop tools and policy positions that will improve quality of life for disabled residents.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 6 you would address if elected?

Quality of life for all. To achieve this, we need to move from reactive, turf-based policymaking to an inclusive and collaborative process of designing education, housing, local economies, and infrastructure that make New York City work for everyone and for generations to come.

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

My four priorities are: Creating a sustainable model for **public schools** so that no parent has to worry about their child's next step, increasing the availability of **housing for all**, safeguarding **small businesses**, and building and protecting our **infrastructure**.

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

My twenty-five years of action. During just two terms as Chair of CB7, I worked with the community to secure a new 100,000 sq. ft. school, 600,000 sq. ft. of *permanent* affordable housing, the renovation of the 59th Street Recreation Center, and \$20 million of funding for our parks.

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Citywide Debates Schedule

Upcoming Primary Debates

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

General Election Debates

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

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

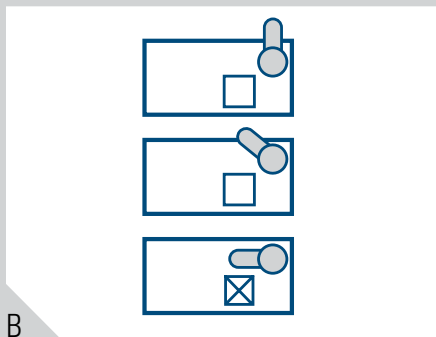
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How to Vote



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



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



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

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

Write-in Candidate

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

Ballot Marking Devices

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

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

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

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