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November 7

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2023 NYC Voter Guide

You are receiving this Voter Guide because you are a registered voter and have voted in a recent election. To see the most up to date list of candidates for your district, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

When do I vote?

- The general election is on Tuesday, **November 7**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **October 28** to Sunday, **November 5**. There is no early voting on Monday, **November 6**.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- City Council
- District Attorney (Bronx, Queens, Staten Island)
- State Supreme Court Justices (Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn)
- Civil Court Judges
- Surrogate's Court (Brooklyn)
- Ballot Proposals

The offices on your ballot can vary depending on where you live. Look up your ballot at vote.nyc/page/find-your-poll-site.

Learn more at nycvotes.org!

Election Dates and Deadlines

Oct 23	Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail) *If you mail in your absentee ballot request form, the Board of Elections must receive it by this date.
Oct 28	Voter registration deadline Early voting starts
Nov 5	Early voting ends
Nov 6	Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)
Nov 7	General Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm) Last date to postmark your absentee ballot or drop it off at a poll site

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How to vote

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day, **November 7**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. You must vote at your assigned poll site.

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



Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

What to know

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

Early voting dates

Saturday, **October 28** to Sunday, **November 5**.



Vote by Mail

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

October 23 is the deadline to request your ballot online, or for the Board of Elections to receive your request by mail.

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

How to request your absentee ballot:

- Visit nycabsentee.com.
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.
- Visit your local NYC Board of Elections office. The deadline is **November 6** to submit your request in person.

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

Track your ballot

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

What to expect at your poll site



Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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



Fill out Your Ballot

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the oval next to your choice.

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

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



Scan Your Ballot

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



Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

- You are a registered voter.
- You are in line at your poll site by closing time.

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

You can learn which poll sites offer interpreters at vote.nyc. You can also call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)**.

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

Sample ballot

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

City Council	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
District Attorney Bronx, Queens, Staten Island	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
State Supreme Court Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
Civil Court Judges	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
Surrogate's Court Brooklyn	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2



My top choices

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

City Council

Ballot Proposals

Proposal 1

Proposal 2

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

You can preview a sample of your ballot from the Board of Elections at findmypollsite.vote.nyc.

What do elected officials do?

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

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City Offices

City Council

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

Following the 2020 census, City Council districts were redrawn to adjust for changes in population. Due to this process, Council members elected in 2021 and 2023 will serve 2-year terms in newly drawn districts. In 2025, 4-year terms will resume.

- Introduce and vote on bills.
- Negotiate and approve the city's budget.
- Monitor city agencies.
- Make decisions about the growth and development of our city.
- Provide support for their constituents.

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

County Offices

District Attorney

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

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

Judges

State Supreme Court

Justices of the State Supreme Court oversee large felony and civil cases within their counties. The Supreme Court is the trial court in New York State; the Court of Appeals is the highest court. They serve 14-year terms.

- Presides over divorce, separation, and annulment proceedings.
- Handles criminal prosecutions of felonies (for which a sentence of more than a year may be imposed).
- Decides civil matters, such as contract and tort claims.

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Surrogate's Court

Surrogate Court judges decide cases involving the estates of county residents after their death. They serve terms of 14 years and hear cases including:

- The affairs of the deceased such as wills and the administration of estates.
- Adoptions.
- Guardianships.

A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

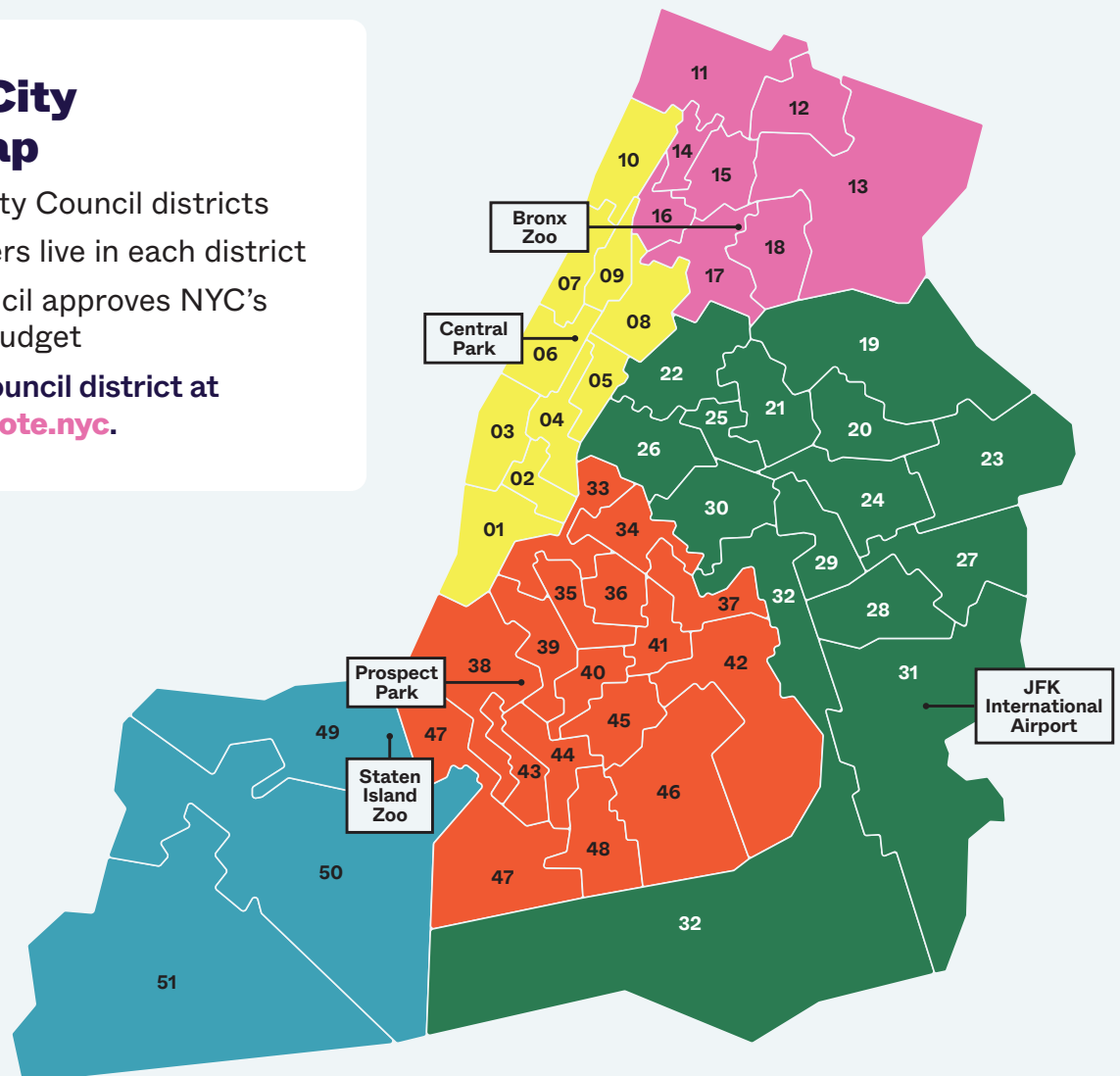
What do City Council members do for you?

- Draft and vote on bills on issues like housing, healthcare, education, public safety, and more. Council members can also join committees on issues ranging from aging to youth services.
- Work with the Mayor to create and approve the city's ~\$107 billion budget. Each Council member also manages a budget of ~\$5 million to build schools and make improvements in their district, and an additional budget of ~\$500,000 to support non-profit organizations.
- Monitor city agencies that serve New Yorkers, including the New York City Police Department and New York City Department of Education.
- Determine building and land use throughout the city, including overseeing zoning for property owners, preserving landmarks, and managing city land and public facilities.
- Assist constituents like you. Council members and their offices can help you with issues like tax preparation, affordable housing, tree planting, dirty sidewalks, potholes, pedestrian safety, and more. Contact your Council member if you need assistance!

New York City Council Map

- NYC has 51 City Council districts
- ~172,000 voters live in each district
- The City Council approves NYC's ~\$107 billion budget

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



City Council District 8

Democratic

- Diana I Ayala ✓

Republican

- Exodus M Gary*

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Diana I Ayala ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

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

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

Current Occupation: Full time candidate

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

Education: A. D. Human Services

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Compare Candidates

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Diana I Ayala ✓
Democratic

Exodus M Gary*
Republican

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

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City Council District 11

Democratic

- Eric Dinowitz ✓

Republican, Conservative, Medical Freedom

- Robert J Caemmerer

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Eric Dinowitz ✓

Democratic

"Born and raised in the Bronx, my wife and I are now raising our twin boys here. As your Councilmember, I've fought for our children, working families, older adults, and people with disabilities. I have been their voice as we increase equity and fight cuts to vital services. From ensuring our communities are safe to increasing transportation to responding to the climate crisis, there is so much work to be done – and I'm ready to keep fighting for the North Bronx."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Quality education
2. Safe communities across the Bronx
3. Supporting older adults & PWD

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation: Special Education Teacher

Education: BA SUNY Binghamton; MS CUNY Hunter

Organizational Affiliations: UFT

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader; Chair of the Aging Committee, Bronx CB8

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Robert J Caemmerer

Republican, Conservative,
Medical Freedom

Top 3 Issues:

1. Reversing the globalist totalitarian agenda.
2. Every other issue stems
3. from #1, above.

"Obviously, the city, state, country and world are on a very bad trajectory, which, if left unchecked, will take us to an Orwellian nightmare scenario on steroids."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupation: Independent Contractor

Education: Some college

Organizational Affiliations: Society of White Light,
Medical Freedom Alliance

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Eric Dinowitz

Democratic

Robert J Caemmerer

Republican, Conservative,
Medical Freedom

Crime

We cannot compromise when it comes to our safety. From combating hate crimes to getting illegal guns off our streets to expanding the B-Heard pilot program which utilizes mental health professionals in mental health emergencies, I've been working to make the North Bronx safer.

It's bad. Everybody knows it is. Get the criminals off the street & make New York a civilized place once again.

Inflation

Inflation has hit us all hard, but while working families are struggling, corporations are making record profits. I have always stood up against corporate interests when they are in conflict with our community's needs – and the current economy only makes that more critical.

You mean you don't like paying 20, 30, 40% more for everything? The media would have you believe that it's cooling off. Really? Have you been to the supermarket lately? It's designed poverty by attrition. The incredible shrinking dollar.

Protecting Democracy

As your District Leader and Councilmember, I've fought to make voting easier for all, from instituting vote by mail and early voting to ensuring consistent poll sites and adding early voting sites. I'll continue to work to make voting easier and fight misinformation in New York.

If we maintain our freedoms, democracy will take care of itself. If we relinquish our freedoms, democracy & the republic will be lost.

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City Council District 12

Democratic

- Kevin Riley ✓

Republican

- Dewayne R Lee*

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Kevin Riley ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Property Tax Reform
2. Universal Childcare
3. Investing in our Schools Infrastructure

"My name is Kevin Riley, a Bronxite born and raised in the 12th Council District. My wife and I raise our beautiful children, 2 girls and 1 boy, here in the heart of our district. Since being elected in 2020, I have partnered with my neighbors to bring our community together with resources and essential services. We must continue to fight for and preserve affordable housing and homeownership."

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member

Previous Occupation: Community Relations Director
NYS Assembly

Education: B.A Politics Economics and Law 2010; Masters in Public Administration 2017

Organizational Affiliations: The Dad Gang, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc

Prior Public Experience: Male District Leader for 83rd Assembly District

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Kevin Riley 
Democratic

Dewayne R Lee*
Republican

Crime	In order to fight crime and the root causes of crime, we must invest in social services and public infrastructure to prevent disenfranchisement. We must ensure we are providing economic opportunities and being intentional in connecting directly to those considered at-risk. To res	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Since the pandemic, food, housing, and overall cost of living has clearly gone up. Policy is necessary to ensure corporations act in good faith and provide accountability measures to prevent price gouging and educate the community on how to make such reports. It is also crucial t	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	We must ensure constitutional rights are protected in the court system and be supportive of self-led efforts by marginalized groups to defend their access to our core freedoms. Initiatives to restore ballot access to those currently disenfranchised, such as the accessibility of p	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

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City Council District 13

Democratic

- Marjorie Velazquez ✓

Republican, Conservative

- Kristy Marmorato ✓

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Marjorie Velazquez ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Safer Neighborhoods
2. Better Schools
3. Affordable Housing for Seniors/Veterans

"I spend the most time as CM in committees and conducting constituent services, because I know I can deliver for my community by doing what matters most. That's the spirit I bring to City Hall: How can I deliver wins that the people of East Bronx can see and feel in their everyday lives? We've done a lot in my first term, but there is much more to do. I'm seeking re-election to ensure kids growing up in District 13 have a future to look forward to, workers have union jobs to rely on, and seniors can retire with dignity and an investment in them that reflects the investment they made in The Bronx."

Current Occupation: Councilmember

Previous Occupation: Accountant

Education: BS in Accounting & Finance, NYU

Organizational Affiliations: Chippewa Democratic Club, Liberty Democratic Association

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, CB 10

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Kristy Marmorato ✓

Republican, Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Fight crime keep streets safe
- 2. Oppose over development
- 3. Protect and support small businesses

"Kristy was born, raised, and educated here in the Bronx. I am a wife, mother and healthcare worker who served this district for 16 years. I will protect our quality of life"

Current Occupation: Radiologic Technologist

Previous Occupation: none

Education: Associates Degree

Organizational Affiliations: American Society of Radiologic Technologist

Prior Public Experience: Lifetime of serving the public in a healthcare setting

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Marjorie Velazquez 

Democratic

Kristy Marmorato 

Republican, Conservative

Crime	I believe that every resident of our city deserves to live and work in a safe neighborhood. That's why I have helped provide funding and training to local law enforcement, and supported legislation aimed at getting illegal guns off our streets.	Even though we live in a big city, the 13th district still has small town needs. Crime is spinning out of control and we need to keep our streets safe. I will always back the blue and ensure our police officers have the resources and training to keep the rest of us safe.
Inflation	When families are struggling to buy basic necessities it's our duty as elected officials to act. That's why I support holding price-gouging companies accountable, raising the minimum wage and will continue to create good-paying union jobs that protect workers.	While our leaders in Albany & DC make inflation worse with partisan platitudes, City Hall MUST make it easier to raise a family here. City Hall has to learn to do more with less-just like the rest of us. We can streamline services, reduce spending & hold our leaders accountable.
Protecting Democracy	Around the country, attacks on Democracy are becoming more and more common. New York has stood strong in the face of these attacks, but I want us to lead the nation by making it as easy as possible to vote legally in New York City.	Protecting Democracy begins with protecting We the People. There's never been a wider disconnect between the people and our elected leaders, and it's We the People who suffer for it. When I am your City Councilwoman, We the People of the 13th District will ALWAYS come first.

City Council District 14

Democratic, Working Families

- Pierina Ana Sanchez ✓

Republican

- Amelia Rose*

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Pierina Ana Sanchez ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing and Home Ownership
2. Economic Opportunity, Kingsbridge Armory
3. Education and Youth Justice

"I am our Bronx people's Council Member, born and raised in the Northwest Bronx by a resilient family of Dominican immigrants. I have dedicated my life to serving our community.

I am running for re-election to continue delivering for our community, fighting for affordable housing and home ownership, jobs including the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, and youth opportunities at all our schools and community centers."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Urban planner, civil servant

Education: Harvard University (BA), Princeton University (MPA)

Organizational Affiliations: I have been active in local community work, including mentorship, board service, etc.

Prior Public Experience: Appointed member of Bronx Community Board 5. I have also served in City Hall, the Obama White House, and the City Council District 14 Office.

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Pierina Ana Sanchez ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Amelia Rose*
Republican

Crime	Poverty drives crime. Inequality drives crime. Lack of opportunity drives crime. Violence is not a problem law enforcement alone can solve. I am committed to supporting efforts to interrupt violence and get guns off our streets now, and investing in opportunity long term.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Inflation hits struggling, working families the hardest. We must fight to increase wages so families can put food on their tables, roofs over their heads. That's why I am fighting for transformational job-creating projects like redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	An open and fair democracy is the bedrock of our society. We must ensure that every New Yorker can participate in our democracy, and fight against any efforts to stifle the voting rights of our neighbors.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

compare candidates

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compare](https://nycvotes.org/compare)

City Council District 15

Democratic

- Oswald Feliz* ✓

Republican

- Erica Elias*

Conservative

- Jose A Padilla Jr

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Jose A Padilla Jr

Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

1. Stability
2. Crime/Public Safety
3. Economic Development

"A Successful Son of the Bronx who has been a long term fighter, activist, & advocate involved in some of the biggest causes, issues, & cases affecting both our District Residents & Bronxites Overall, not only to better the lives of others but to seek Justice, I have Honorably served our District as an Elected District Leader, Community Board Member, Chairman of its Public Safety Committee, & represented the Poor on the Old Area Policy Board.

I now seek your Vote to go to City Hall."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupations: Compliance/Investigations Agent; Law Enforcement Officer; Labor Standards Investigator

Education: B.S. Police Science; Professional Designation Radio & Television Broadcast Announcer


Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Former Elected Male Democratic District Leader

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	Democratic	Republican
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Protecting Democracy	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

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Conservative

While Crime has shown Downward trends in Homicides & Shootings compared to previous years it remains a serious threat for many, particularly vulnerable seniors, in our District. Police precincts covering the Council District see higher Crime Rates than Overall Citywide Rate.

With Interest Rates @ a 22 Year high after the latest .25 % interest hike, to between 5.25 - 5.5%, the 11th since March 2022 the Federal Reserve continues to fight inflation. While it has dropped in the last year slow economic growth is expected; Not a good sign for Borrowers

In recent years measures have been passed to expand the ability of Members of the Public to register and vote early. Despite this; We continue to see only 5 - 10% of eligible voters casting and exercising their right to vote in elections.

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City Council District 16

Democratic

- Althea V Stevens

Republican

- Tanya Carmichael

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Althea V Stevens

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Housing as a Human Right
2. Expanding Workforce Opportunities
3. Healthy Communities

"I'm running to ensure my community has the resources and services it needs to thrive - affordable housing, funding for crisis intervention and youth programs, living wage jobs, & healthy food. I'm committed to hearing the needs of my community and bringing our issues to City Hall. I'm dedicated to building unity & power in the Bronx; let's use our voices and our votes to demand the Bronx we deserve."

Current Occupation: City Council Member for District 16

Previous Occupation: Youth Developer

Education: Long Island University, Bachelor's of Art in Political Science; CUNY Hunter College, Master's in Urban Affairs

Organizational Affiliations: Residents to Preserve Public Housing, Gang Policing Coalition, Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Prior Public Experience: Current City Council Member

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Tanya Carmichael

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Education
- 2. Accessible for all people
- 3. Crime

"If I am elected, my top priorities will be tackling crime, addressing inflation, and ensuring wheelchair accessibility for all. Crime rates have been on the rise in our community, and it is crucial that we take immediate action to create a safer environment for our residents. By prioritizing the safety and well-being of our community, we can create a thriving environment where everyone feels secure. My other priority will be committed to addressing the issue of inflation that affects the cost of living for our residents. I strongly believe in the importance of wheelchair accessibility in our community."

Current Occupation: Broad of Elections

Previous Occupation: Home Attendant

Education: Bachelor degree in Business Administration

Organizational Affiliations: Tenant Association

Prior Public Experience: Co-Leader of the 77th Assembly District

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Democratic

Tanya Carmichael

Republican

Crime

We must put the power back in the hands of our communities because we know what we need best. To this end, I have passed Intro 436-2022, establishing a Juvenile Detention Advisory Board to bring impacted youth and families to the table.

If elected as a council member, tackling crime in our community will be one of my top priorities. I firmly believe that every resident deserves to feel safe and secure in their own neighborhood.

Inflation

We cannot deny the impact of inflation on all of our lives, but, yet again, it is hitting already vulnerable communities the hardest. We must make sure to plan ahead to prevent a fiscal cliff, while prioritizing investments in support services to aid those most in need.

As a council member running for office, I recognize the pressing issue of inflation and its impact on the cost of living in our community. If elected, I am committed to implementing strategies that address inflation and ensure economic stability for our residents.

Protecting Democracy

Our young people are the cornerstone of our democracy. We must ensure that all our youth receive comprehensive civic education instruction in school and opportunities to have their voices heard in the operations of our city.

Protecting our democracy is of utmost importance in ensuring a just and equitable society. As a council member running for office, I am committed to upholding the principles that underpin our democratic system and implementing strategies to safeguard integrity.

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City Council District 17

Democratic

- Rafael Salamanca Jr

Republican

- Rosaline Nieves*

Conservative

- Gonzalo Duran ✓

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Rafael Salamanca Jr

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Public Safety
3. Access to Quality Jobs/Education

"Since being elected in 2016, I have fought hard to increase the amount of truly affordable housing for Bronxites, and I am proud to say I have approved 8,000 new units of affordable housing through new construction and preservation."

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

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

Education: Monroe College, Associates Degree

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

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

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Gonzalo Duran ✓

Conservative

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Accessibility to Elected Official
- 2. Youth: employment, recreation and resources
- 3. Community resource accessibility

"Born and raised in the Bronx. I am a former U.S. Marine Sergeant, Iraq veteran, and currently, CEO of a nonprofit helping the community in a variety of aspects. We need new blood in City Council and we need to start repairing our communities now, not later. My campaign is community funded and comprised of all volunteers. I plan to make my office a hub for resources, make myself more accessible to the community, and combat many of the problems facing it directly. My top issues are minimizing gentrification by decreasing crime, and increasing resources for employment, education, housing, and the youth. As well as the needs of my constituents."

Current Occupation: CEO Devil Dog USA Inc

Previous Occupation: US Marine Sergeant

Education: Health Science Fordham University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Bronx 79th District Leader

Party Enrolled In: Conservative

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Rafael Salamanca Jr

Democratic

Rosaline Nieves*

Republican

Crime	Public safety is a fundamental right all New Yorkers should have, and it is at the forefront of issues my constituents raise to me on a daily basis. Listening to my constituents, I am allocating resources to curb the spread of illegal gun violence impacting our community.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Inflation is an issue we feel in every aspect of our life, whether its buying groceries at the supermarket or filling up our gas tanks. Representing a community that is living on a limited fixed income, it is imperative we keep costs down to ensure no one is being left behind.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	The heightened political divide in our nation is a grave threat to the principals our country was founded on. While government allows for differences in opinion, it is important that we remain civil and respectful to preserve the institution of democracy.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

Gonzalo Duran ✓

Conservative

A large portion of crime that happens in many districts are the results of young adults not having anything to do. My goal is to give them something to do such as increasing employment, access to resources, and recreational activities.

We know inflation is going to happen. Our goal should be to correlate a relationship with it. At the same time we need ensure frivolous spending is stopped and educate our residents how to stabilize it where we can.

The biggest problem with democracy in our community is the lack of transparency and visibility from our elected officials. I plan to make my office a second home to my constituents. At the same time, educating them and giving them the resources that are available.

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City Council District 18

Democratic, Working Families

- Amanda Farias ✓

Republican

- Michelle Castillo*

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Amanda Farias ✓

Democratic, Working Families

Top 3 Issues:

1. Housing development, affordability and modernization.
2. Accountability for NYC social services.
3. Creating more employment opportunities.

"Over the last year, I have been investing in the same community that invested in me all my life. I'm fighting for quality jobs and equitable pay, affordable housing we deserve, fully funded public schools, and economic relief for our families and small businesses. That's why I'm running for re-election in the City Council."

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member

Previous Occupation: Assistant Director, Consortium for Worker Education

Education: Saint John's University, Masters Degree in Political Science

Organizational Affiliations: Former President & Co-Founder, Women of Color for Progress Member, NAACP - Parkchester Branch Board of Directors, Riders Alliance Dues-paying member of Teamsters Joint Council 16, Local 210

Prior Public Experience: State Committeewoman of the 87th Assembly District

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Amanda Farias ✓
Democratic, Working Families

Michelle Castillo*
Republican

Crime	Safety is an intersectional issue that requires long-term solutions implemented through a multi-pronged and interagency approach. Invest more money into community-based organizations and shift a number of NYPD's tasks to other agencies.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Ensuring everyday New Yorkers get back to work, with fair wages and benefits are a top priority for me to combat the inflation we are seeing across the five boroughs. I'm centering workforce development priorities and working with Federal partners to alleviate the burdens.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	Candidate development, civic and voter engagement, and election reform offers a multitude of ways for more women, young people, and working families to engage in the health of our democracy. Protecting democracy is the only way to ensure we are uplifting our communities.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

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Fall 2023 Ballot Proposals

What are ballot proposals?

Proposals in this election are for amendments to the State Constitution. There are two statewide proposals on the ballot this fall.

You can vote “Yes” or “No” on each of these proposals. Ballot proposals are approved if they receive a majority of the vote.

Why are these proposals on the ballot?

The New York State Legislature proposes and passes statewide ballot measures for New Yorkers to vote on.

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Ballot Proposal 1

Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

What you will see on the ballot

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Proposal Summary:

This constitutional amendment removes the special debt limit for small city school districts. Debt limits would be established in state law for all school districts.

A small city school district is one that includes at least part of a small city. A small city is a city with less than one hundred twenty-five thousand people.

The State Constitution limits how much debt a small city school district can incur. Their debt cannot be more than five percent of the value of taxable real estate in the district. There are exceptions for certain expenses. Other school districts are not subject to a constitutional debt restriction, but have a different debt limit provided by state law. State law says their debts cannot be greater than ten percent of the value of taxable real property. If this Constitutional Amendment passes, small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit as other school districts enacted via legislative action.

If this Proposal Passes:

Small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit, enacted through statute, as other state school districts.

Ballot Proposal 2

Extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limit

What you will see on the ballot

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Proposal Summary:

The Constitution limits the debt counties, cities, towns and villages can incur. This debt limit does not include debt for sewage treatment and disposal construction projects. The sewer debt exception expires on January 1, 2024. This amendment extends the sewer debt exception for ten more years until January 1, 2034.

The proposed amendment does this by changing section 5 of article 8 of the Constitution.

If this Proposal Passes:

The exclusion of the costs of the treatment and disposal of sewage from the amount of debt the Constitution allows counties, cities, towns and villages to incur would continue for 10 more years.

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NYC Votes is an initiative of the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the independent city agency that ensures local elections are fair, inclusive, and open.

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

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

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

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

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



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What is a General Election?

In the general election, candidates from different parties compete to win elected office. You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for each office on the ballot. You can also vote “yes” or “no” on ballot proposals. All voters who registered by the deadline are eligible to vote in a general election.

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

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

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Vote by Mail

What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

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

imprisoned (for any reason other than a felony conviction) or awaiting trial. You can mark your reason on your absentee ballot request form.

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

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

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

No, you do not need to add stamps. However, make sure to mail back your ballot as soon as you can. It must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the county board by November 14 to be valid.

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

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

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit nycabsentee.com/tracking.

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

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