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November 8

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Welcome to your 2022 NYC Voter Guide!

Learn how to vote and what's on the ballot.

When do I vote?

- The New York State general election will take place on Tuesday, **November 8th**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **October 29** to Sunday, **November 6**.
- There is no early voting on Monday, November 7th.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Comptroller
- State Senate
- State Assembly

Judges

- NYS Supreme Court
- Civil Court
- Surrogate's Court

Other

- Ballot Proposals

To learn about the candidates on your ballot, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

Election Dates and Deadlines

October 14 Voter registration deadline

October 24 Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail)

October 29 Early voting begins

November 6 Early voting ends

November 7 Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)

November 8 **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**.



Vote by Mail

All NYC voters can vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot. **October 24** 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. Due to a new State law, 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 7** 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 at nycabsentee.com/tracking.



Vote Early

You can vote early in-person before Election Day!

What to know

- You have an assigned early voting location, 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 29** to Sunday, **November 6**.
There is no early voting on Monday, November 7.



Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day, **November 8**, 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!

What are my rights as a voter?

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

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

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

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

Ballot Marking Device

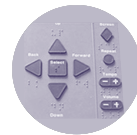
Ballot marking devices (BMD) are available at all poll sites to provide better accessibility for voters, including those who are blind, visually impaired, or have a disability or condition that make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot with a pen.

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

What do elected officials do?

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

To learn about candidates, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

Federal Offices

U.S. Senate

The Senate is the upper chamber of the U.S. Congress. There are 100 members of the Senate, with two from each state. They serve six-year terms.

A bill becomes law when it passes a vote in the Senate and House and is signed by the President.

- Draft, debate, and vote on legislation.
- Confirm Presidential appointments such as members of the cabinet, Supreme Court justices, and federal judges.
- Conduct oversight of all branches of government.

U.S. House of Representatives

The U.S. House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the U.S. Congress. There are 435 members, with each state represented by a number proportional to their share of the U.S. population. In 2023 New York will have 26 representatives. They serve two-year terms.

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- Draft, debate, and vote on legislation.
- Conduct oversight of all branches of government.

State Offices

Governor

The Governor is the chief executive of New York. They serve four-year terms.

- Sign or veto legislation.
- Set the state's yearly budget.
- Appoint the leaders of state agencies such as the Department of Education.
- Grant pardons and commutations for state offenses.

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor is the second-highest ranking executive in New York behind the Governor. They serve for four-year terms.

- Serve as President of the State Senate.
- Become Governor if the Governor leaves office before the end of their term.

Attorney General

The Attorney General is the state's chief legal officer. They serve four-year terms.

- Guard the legal rights of the citizens of New York, its organizations and its natural resources.
- Provide legal counsel to the Executive Branch of state government.
- Oversee the investigations of the New York State Organized Crime Task Force and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Comptroller

The Comptroller is New York's chief fiscal officer. They serve four-year terms.

- Ensure that state and local governments use taxpayer money effectively and efficiently to promote the common good.
- Administer the state's retirement system for public employees.

- Maintain the state's accounting system and payroll.
- Review State contracts and audits payments.

State Senate

The State Senate is the upper chamber of the State Legislature. There are 63 members. State Senators serve two-year terms, with no term limits.

- Writes and votes on legislation.
- Approves state spending levels.
- Upholds or overrides the Governor's vetoes.
- Confirms the Governor's appointments of state officials and court judges.

State Assembly

The State Assembly is the lower chamber of the State Legislature. There are 150 members. Members serve two-year terms, with no term limits.

- Writes and votes on legislation.
- Approves state spending levels.
- Upholds or overrides the Governor's vetoes.

Judges

State Supreme Court

Justices of the State Supreme Court oversee large felony and civil cases within their districts. 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.
- Decides civil matters over \$50,000.

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

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.

Meet the candidates

To learn about the candidates on your ballot, visit NYC's official Voter Guide at nycvotes.org/candidates.

What you will see:

- Candidate profiles for political offices
- Links to candidates' social media and websites
- Ballot proposal summaries
- Translations of all content in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Bengali
- And more!



Ballot Proposal 1

Clean Water, Clean Air, And Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

What you will see on the ballot

To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022" authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects.

Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?

Proposal Summary:

This proposal would allow for state bonds to be sold to fund environmental projects. These projects are intended to mitigate flood damage, protect natural resources, conserve land and natural spaces, and improve water quality and infrastructure.

If this Proposal Passes:

- New York State could allocate \$4,200,000,000 from creating state debt and selling state bonds to protect New York's natural resources and reduce the impact of climate change.
- The state Comptroller would be authorized to issue and sell bonds up to \$4,200,000,000.
- Money would be allocated for specific purposes:
 - At least \$1,100,000,000 for restoration and flood risk reduction.
 - At least \$650,000,000 for open space land conservation and recreation.
 - Up to \$1,500,000,000 for climate change mitigation.
 - At least \$650,000,000 for water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure.

Ballot Proposal 2

Add a Statement of Values to Guide Government

What you will see on the ballot

This proposal would amend the New York City Charter to:

Add a preamble, which would be an introductory statement of values and vision aspiring toward “a just and equitable city for all” New Yorkers; and

Include in the preamble a statement that the City must strive to remedy “past and continuing harms and to reconstruct, revise, and reimagine our foundations, structures, institutions, and laws to promote justice and equity for all New Yorkers.”

The preamble is intended to guide City government in fulfilling its duties.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

Proposal Summary:

This proposal would add introductory text, known as a preamble, to the New York City Charter. This preamble would serve as a guiding principle for city government to promote justice and equity for all New Yorkers.

If this Proposal Passes:

- The city charter would add a preamble since it does not currently have one.
- The preamble would acknowledge historical injustices, embrace the city’s diversity, recognize what residents need to thrive, and establish values grounded in equity and justice that shape our city.
- The preamble would guide how the city government operates.

Ballot Proposal 3

Establish a Racial Equity Office, Plan, and Commission

What you will see on the ballot

This proposal would amend the City Charter to:

Require citywide and agency-specific Racial Equity Plans every two years. The plans would include intended strategies and goals to improve racial equity and to reduce or eliminate racial disparities;

Establish an Office of Racial Equity and appoint a Chief Equity Officer to advance racial equity and coordinate the City's racial equity planning process. The Office would support City agencies in improving access to City services and programs for those people and communities who have been negatively affected by previous policies or actions, and collect and report data related to equity; and

Establish a Commission on Racial Equity, appointed by City elected officials. In making appointments to this Commission, elected officials would be required to consider appointees who are representative of or have experience advocating for a diverse range of communities. The Commission would identify and propose priorities to inform the racial equity planning process and review agency and citywide Racial Equity Plans.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

Proposal Summary:

This proposal would create an Office of Racial Equity, require a citywide Racial Equity Plan every two years, and create a Commission on Racial Equity. New York City does not currently have a government agency focused on creating and promoting equity. This proposal establishes how the city government can advance equity, with a particular focus on racial equity.

If this Proposal Passes:

- The city would create an Office of Racial Equity, led by a Chief Equity Officer appointed by the Mayor. This office would:
 - Develop a citywide Racial Equity Plan every two years based on Racial Equity Plans produced by each city agency.
 - Support city agencies in measuring and collecting data on wellbeing across racial, ethnic, and other communities.
 - Identify “priority neighborhoods” to be highlighted in Racial Equity Plans.
 - Establish a Citywide Access Design

program to increase access and reduce barriers to city programs, services, communications, and decision-making.

- Help city agencies address marginalization of individuals and communities.
- Codify the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity, which would provide policy advice to the Chief Equity Officer and coordinate governmental efforts to increase racial equity.
- Every two years the Mayor would create a citywide Racial Equity Plan and city agencies would create their own Racial Equity Plans. These plans would inform the city's budget planning.
- The city would create a Commission on Racial Equity with 15 members appointed by the Mayor and City Council Speaker. The Commission would:
 - Propose community priorities to inform the racial equity planning process.
 - Review citywide Racial Equity Plans.
 - Track agency compliance with racial equity planning.
 - Receive public complaints about city agencies that are creating racial disparities.

Ballot Proposal 4

Measure the True Cost of Living

What you will see on the ballot

This proposal would amend the City Charter to:

Require the City to create a “true cost of living” measure to track the actual cost in New York City of meeting essential needs, including housing, food, childcare, transportation, and other necessary costs, and without considering public, private, or informal assistance, in order to inform programmatic and policy decisions; and

Require the City government to report annually on the “true cost of living” measure.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

Proposal Summary:

This proposal would require the city to measure the actual cost of living for city residents to meet essential needs. This measurement is intended to focus on dignity rather than poverty.

If this Proposal Passes:

- Beginning in 2024, the city would be required to track the actual cost of living for housing, childcare, child and dependent expenses, food, transportation, healthcare, clothing, and more.
- Findings would be reported alongside metrics used to measure poverty or set eligibility for public benefits.

Want a Second Opinion on Ballot Proposals?

We asked NYC Voters to share their reasons for supporting or opposing each proposal. See their responses at nycvotes.org/ballot-proposals.



About NYC Votes

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

General

I just voted in June and August. How is the November 8 election different?

On June 28 and August 23, NYC held primary elections to decide which candidates would represent their political parties in the November 8 general election. Only members of political parties were eligible to vote in those primary elections. In the general election, NYC voters will decide which candidates will hold office starting in January.

All registered NYC voters are eligible to vote on November 8.

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?

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

Will NYC use Ranked Choice Voting in this election?

No. In NYC, Ranked Choice Voting is only used in primary and special elections for city offices. Since November 8 is a general election, you will select just one candidate for each office.

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

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by October 19, 2022. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

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

Vote by Mail

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

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

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

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

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

Yes! You can drop off your completed absentee ballot at any NYC poll site. 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? How?

The Board of Elections is required by law to notify you if there is a curable error on your ballot envelope, such as a missing or incorrect signature. If there is a fixable error on your ballot, they will contact you by mail, email, and phone (if available) within 1 day of discovering the error. You will then have up to 7 days to correct the error by returning a signed affirmation.

Have more questions?

Visit nycvotes.org/faqs!
You can also email us at nycvotes@nyccfb.info, message us on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook ([@nycvotes](https://www.instagram.com/nycvotes)).

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About the Voter Guide

By law, NYC Votes is required to send a Voter Guide to every household with a registered voter in New York City for city elections. We send a guide in English and Spanish to every registered voter, and in Chinese, Korean, and Bengali to voters in targeted areas based on census data.

Visit nycvotes.org/candidates to learn about the candidates on your ballot.

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Update your info with the Board of Elections

We got your name and address from the list of registered voters maintained by the New York City Board of Elections. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail but you are not the addressee, or if the addressee has moved or is deceased, notify the Board of Elections so they can correct their records.

Contact the Board of Elections

The Board of Elections administers our elections and is responsible for maintaining the database of registered voters, overseeing polling places, counting ballots, and reporting election results. You can update your voter registration, apply for an absentee ballot, apply to be a poll worker or language interpreter, and more with the New York City Board of Elections.

Visit vote.nyc to learn more.

Regular hours of operation

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and also during the weekend prior to and on Election Day. Check vote.nyc for hours of operation.

866-VOTE-NYC (TTY **212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired)

	Address	Phone Number
General Office	32-42 Broadway, 7th Floor New York, NY 10004	212-487-5400
Bronx	1780 Grand Concourse, 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457	718-299-9017
Brooklyn	345 Adams Street, 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	718-797-8800
Manhattan	200 Varick Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10014	212-886-2100
Queens	118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375	718-730-6730
Staten Island	1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305	718-876-0079