



New York City Campaign Finance Board

# Voter Guide

Manhattan Council Districts 7-10

Primary Election | September 10

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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](http://www.nycvotes.org).**

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



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## I need to:

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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.pollsiteregistration.com](http://nyc.pollsiteregistration.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](http://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](http://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](http://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<sup>†</sup> (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](http://www.nycfb.info/voterguide).  
<sup>†</sup>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)**



### 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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**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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## 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)**



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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**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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## 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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## Bill Thompson

**Mayor (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Until running for Mayor, I helped lead one of the nation's 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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## 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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## Republican Primary | Mayor

## 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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### 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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## 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.

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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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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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### 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

### 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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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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## Citywide Candidates

# 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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## 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.

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### 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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## Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

## Catherine Guerriero

Public Advocate (D)



**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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### 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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## 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)

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### 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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## Letitia James

Public Advocate (D)



**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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### 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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## 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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## Citywide Candidates

# 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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## Democratic Primary | Comptroller

## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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.

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### 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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**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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Your **Local** Candidates

# 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

**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.

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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 Rodel 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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**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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**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 7 Democratic Primary (D)**  
 Alicia Barksdale  
 Joyce Johnson  
 Manuel O. Lantigua  
 Mark D. Levine  
 Gary Lyles\*  
 Mark T. Otto  
 Gerard D. Powell  
 Zead Ramadan

David Sasscer-Burgos  
 Luis Tejada  
 Ruben Dario Vargas

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## Democratic Primary | City Council District 7

### Alicia Barksdale 7th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** College Admissions Officer  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Supervisor, Manager, Court Clerk, Legal Administrator, Staffing Officer, Customer Service Rep., Teachers Aide and Community Liaison.  
**Education:** Boricua College A.S 2011, B.A. 2013  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Mid Manhattan NAACP, West Harlem Empowerment Coalition (WHE-C), CB9 Public Volunteer, North River Committee Environmental Review Board (NRCERB), NY Public Library, NY Girl Scouts, Friends@Riverbank State Park Committee.  
**Prior Public Experience:** President of 3333 T.A., Assist and organized 3 housing rally's, my community's 1st "Play Street", Summer Events, Harlem Week, Assisted and organized Senior forums, Youth College Fairs and forums, Health Fairs.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 If elected I would continue to target middle and low income groups, to keep making it affordable to live in the city. Mandate a 60/40 law for any private developer to provide for low and middle income families, seniors and singles in the city housing that is affordable for them, not information gleaned from the census income of the community.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Women and Children's health issues, youth and young adults education and vocational training. Access to free or affordable programs to camps and employment training. Assisting parents and children in exploring, discovering alternative healthy group activities such as PAL, Church Programs and After School Programs.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 My concerns are my community, my first-hand experience and understanding of what my community is facing economically, psychologically and physically. I know firsthand the struggles women are having with health issues, equal salaries, single parenthood, finding and maintaining employment. Currently living and having lived in this community for over forty years, I feel its pulse and readiness to move forward.

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### Joyce Johnson 7th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Management & Organizational Consultant  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Director of Equal Employment Opportunity - Joseph E Seagram & Sons Inc.; President & CEO of Black Equity Alliance.  
**Education:** Howard University, BS Microbiology  
**Organizational Affiliations:** New York Women's Agenda; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Former Chair of Community Planning Board 7, Manhattan; Former Democratic District Leader, 69th AD; Mitchell Llama Residents Coalition.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Director of Business & Community Operations - NYC School Chancellor; Director of Community Relations - NYC Comptroller.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 As a longtime resident of the Upper West Side, I have seen how our city has become increasingly unaffordable for seniors, young families, and everyone in between. I favor inclusionary zoning to require that new developments provide real affordable housing for low and middle income families, and will fight to preserve and maintain public housing. We must also ensure that new developments are environmentally sustainable.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Working families rely on strong public schools. I will oppose cuts to education that will lead to larger class sizes, fewer teachers, and fewer extra-curricular programs. Our children need investment, not just instruction that helps them answer standardized tests. Public transportation, maintaining a fair city tax structure, and access to capital and credit for small businesses are other important issues. Gender equality in the workplace and civil rights have been, and will always be a heartfelt commitment.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 Throughout my career in the public and private sector, and through my involvement with local community groups, I have a track record of bringing people together to solve problems. My attachment and experiences in the community are genuine, not political. City Hall needs a strong and authentic neighborhood voice insisting on common-sense priorities for struggling families, seniors and our most vulnerable.

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### Manuel O. Lantigua 7th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** RETIRED  
**Previous Occupation(s):** BODEGA ATTENDANT, CAB DRIVER, POLICE OFFICER-SERGEANT.  
**Education:** CUNY: LIBERAL ARTS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. POLICE ACADEMY: POLICE SCIENCE, LAW, SOCIAL SCIENCE, COMMUNITY POLICING, GANG PREVENTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, N.Y. DOMINICAN OFFICERS ORGANIZATION, NYDO FOUNDATION, N.Y. TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION, IMPACT LIONS CLUB.  
**Prior Public Experience:** 2 YEARS AS A HEAD START TEACHER. 23 YEARS IN THE NYPD-THE LAST 13 AS A SERGEANT.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL MUST BE A TOP PRIORITY. THOUSANDS OF OUR KIDS ARE NOT GETTING THE EDUCATION THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN COLLEGE, AND MANY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING A COLLEGE CAREER AND WIND UP ON A CORNER SELLING DRUGS, GETTING ARRESTED OR KILLED.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 WE NEED TO WORK TO HAVE "REAL AFFORDABLE" HOUSING CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE DISTRICT, SAVE SMALL BUSINESSES IN ORDER TO CREATE JOBS, TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE PROJECTED DEFICIT IN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS BEDS, BRING THE BICYCLE SHARE PROGRAM TO THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS SOURCES OF ALTERNATE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 HAVING NO ATTACHMENTS TO ANY "SPECIAL INTERESTS" AND OUR PROVEN HONESTY, SHOULD COUNT FOR SOMETHING. WHAT NEW YORKERS NEED IS ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTED TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I DID FOR 23 YEARS IN THE NYPD, AND CONTINUE TO DO ON A DAILY BASIS. A LIFETIME COMMITMENT TO SERVE CAN'T BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANYTHING.

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### Mark D. Levine 7th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Consultant to education and economic development non-profits.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Bilingual math and science teacher at JHS149 in the South Bronx.  
**Education:** Earned a B.A. in Physics from Haverford College, and a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Founder of Neighborhood Trust, an upper Manhattan community development credit union. Executive Director of Teach For America-New York and Executive Director of the Center for After-School Excellence.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Democratic District Leader since 2007. Founder of Barack Obama Democratic Club of Upper Manhattan. Former Chair of Transportation Committee of Community Board 12. Former Board Member of Fresh Youth Initiatives.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 Affordable housing is in desperately short supply in the 7th District. To protect tenants I will fight for stronger rent laws, better enforcement against abusive landlords, and more legal assistance for tenants in housing court. We need to build more new affordable housing as well, especially through inclusionary zoning.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 As a former public school teacher and current public school parent, I will fight to improve local schools. I support universal pre-K, robust professional development for teachers, expanded after-school opportunities, and reduced emphasis on high-stakes standardized tests.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I have been working on behalf of our community for two decades. I founded upper Manhattan's first and only community development credit union, Neighborhood Trust, which has made \$15 million in small loans to low-income families, helping them buy home computers, pay for education, and start small businesses. As a District Leader and founder of a local Democratic Club, I have fought for marriage equality, women's reproductive rights, more funding for mass transit, safer streets for bicyclists, banning hydrofracking, increased services for seniors, and more.

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**Mark T. Otto**  
**7th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Assistant Principal: Facing History High School in Manhattan  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Special Education Teacher  
**Education:** MA in Education Leadership at NYU; MA in Special Education at SUNY New Paltz; BA in Elementary Education SUNY New Paltz  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Harlem Pride, Facing History and Ourselves  
**Prior Public Experience:** I have never held prior public office.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 Our education system is the foundation of our city, and the greatest issue facing us – the future of our children. We need to invest more in NYC schools to give our children the best chance to succeed. We need to do more than just increase funding for schools – we need to reduce class sizes, provide social services and community resources within schools for students, and provide development for our teachers. As an educator, I will use my experience to improve education – and our city.

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**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 New York must create more affordable housing by improving older housing and incentivizing new construction. We must modernize the city’s outdated infrastructure to make our utilities and public transit systems truly work for us. We must create jobs by supporting small businesses, and ending the burdens they face. We must protect the most vulnerable among us by providing resources for LGBT youth.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I want to take my experience as an educator to ensure a better future for our communities. We cannot fix NYC public schools by relying on career politicians; we cannot fix our city’s problems by relying on the same old politics and the same old ideas. As a resident of West Harlem, I see everyday how difficulties within the community translate to problems in the classroom; I see every day how all the issues we face interact and feed into each other. We need to foster stronger neighborhoods to help grow stronger students, and together, we can make this city a city for all New Yorkers.

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**Zead Ramadan**  
**7th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Owner of X-Caffe  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Financial Director at Weil, Gotshal, & Manges LLP  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Stony Brook University  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Founding Chair of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, Board Member of West Harlem Development Corporation, Former Chair of the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, Board of Directors of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, Vice Co-Chair of the Washington Heights and Inwood Chamber of Commerce, Former Chair of the New York Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations  
**Prior Public Experience:** Former Chair of Community Board 12-Manhattan (Twice Elected), Member of Community Board 12-Manhattan

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 Economic development that benefits the community is vital for the 7th City Council District. We deserve decent wages, job training, and the ability to provide our families with a standard of living. We must promote cultural and ethnic diversity in our businesses. Economic opportunity will help sustain strong communities and stronger families.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Access to good quality education is an absolute priority. We must also ensure income targeted housing for our residents. Our families have to be knowledgeable about their rights to affordable housing and be protected.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I possess a proven record that sets me apart from any other candidate seeking to represent the 7th City Council District. I successfully advocated for millions of dollars in resources to directly empower small businesses, support the work of artists and arts organizations, and fund vital programming for our senior and youth centers. I have lived in and served my Northern Manhattan community for over 40 years. I grew up in Washington Heights and at the age of 16 attended the City College of New York. As a Councilmember, I hope to continue to serve the diverse and unique community that is the 7th City Council District.  
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**Gerard D. Powell**  
**7th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** RETIRED  
**Previous Occupation(s):** EDUCATION/HUMAN SERVICES  
**Education:** UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE DEGREES  
**Organizational Affiliations:** GENERAL GRANT HOUSES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, BROADWAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1st VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD 5-MANHATTAN, NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS  
**Prior Public Experience:** COUNTY COMMITTEE, SCHOOL BOARD

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 The most important issues that I will address when I am elected is EDUCATION, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 The other issues I will address when I am elected are: HEALTHCARE, STOP AND FRISK, AGING

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 Based upon my record of experience, my community activism, and record of accomplishment I will be BEST able to represent the diverse constituencies of the 7th District.

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**David Sasscer-Burgos**  
**7th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** David is a project manager focusing on sustainability and energy efficiency. For the last six years, David has been on the board of Visionary Media, an organization dedicated to providing opportunities in the media and arts to people who are blind and visually impaired. He has also taught English as a second language.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** David began his career as a design engineer and has founded and managed several start-up engineering and media companies.  
**Education:** MBA from Columbia University Business School and a Mechanical Engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Visionarymedia.org  
**Prior Public Experience:** None

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 Affordable Housing: The City Council must ensure that middle and low income residents can afford to live and thrive in the community. David will use his professional experience and community connections to ensure that this happens.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Education  
 Noise and environmental pollution  
 Energy/sustainability  
 Disabilities  
 Social Justice

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 David is the only candidate who represents the people and is fully qualified to address the issues facing our district. He was raised in Puerto Rico but has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years; his mother was born and raised on West 106th Street. His experience in energy efficiency plus his not for profit and teaching experience gives him an insight into the issues facing our community that will allow him to find true, lasting, solutions.  
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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.nycfcfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycfcfb.info/voterguide) for up-to-date primary election information, or use the BOE’s poll site locator at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) to view your sample ballot.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to the CFB by the candidates. All the candidates have affirmed under penalty of perjury that the information in their profiles is true to the best of their knowledge. The information provided by the candidates is reprinted as it was supplied to the CFB, except in the case of egregious errors and minor formatting issues, which may be corrected by the CFB prior to publication. The views expressed in the candidate statements do not represent those of the New York City Campaign Finance Board.

**Luis Tejada**  
**7th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Running for City Council for District 7.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Executive Director of Mirabal Sisters Cultural and Community Center (MSCCC), Mathematics Professor at Boricua College, Math teacher at Norman Thomas High School, and George Washington High School, New York city cab driver and Building Superintendent.  
**Education:** Electrical Engineer, Technologist on Electronic Engineering, Master Degree in Math, Post-graduate courses in Spanish Linguistic, Poet, writer and acrylic painter on canvas and paper.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Founder of Non-Profit Organization Mirabal Sisters Cultural and Community Center  
**Prior Public Experience:** Founder of Grassroots organization Mirabal Sisters Cultural and Community center (MSCCC). MSCCC is an organization which educates, mobilizes and organizes tenants to fight for basic housing rights and living conditions as well as fights for quality education for our community’s youth.

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MSCCC is not only the fighting champion for immigrant tenants its a place which preserves and promotes the community’s culture.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
 To fight relentlessly until the Salvation Small Business and Job Act is passed and to preserve affordable housing in the community, and ensure that people can live in a clean and safe environment.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Providing Quality education for our children.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I am an immigrant, I know the community’s needs and wants. I am one of them. I truly represent the community and I have a proven-track advocating for tenants, immigrant and the youth of the community.  
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**Ruben Dario Vargas**  
**7th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** U.S. Air Force Retired, USAFR, and NYPD Evidence & Property Specialist.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Center Manager at the NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation.  
**Education:** I graduated from the City College of New York in June 1994 with a B.A. in Political Science, and from the Cornell University Management and Labor Relations Program in June 1999.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** United Democratic Organization  
**Prior Public Experience:** NYC Council Candidate Sept. 2001, 2005 & 2009. U.S. Congress Candidate N.Y. 15th Dist. Sept. 2000, 2004, & 2010.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 7 you would address if elected?**  
**Providing the best possible public education** and increase parent involvement in schools. Also, I will fight bullying by advocating for anti-bullying classes.

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

Public safety, affordable housing, and jobs are in my top priorities. I will fight for safer public transportation, including installing elevators in train stations. In regards to Stop and Frisk: imagine if bad guys would be able to transport dangerous or illegal items, or evidence of a crime committed, at will, knowing that they would not be stopped by the NYPD. This would be reality without Stop and Frisk. Thus, by existing, this tool prevents crimes, which are not reflected in any crime-prevention statistics. That is why Stop and Frisk must remain in place.

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

I am a person of principles and family values. I have been happily married for 23 years to my wife Monika, who works for the NYC Dept. of Education. We have 3 children who were born and raised in Upper Manhattan. Our two daughters attend college in NYC, and our son attends the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. I am proud to have served in the U.S. military and believe I am the only candidate to have done so.

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**Sean Gardner**  
**8th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Senior Pastor - Marine; Col.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** NYPD Detective, NYTPD Police Office, Metropolitan Police Dept. Washington, DC Police Officer  
**Education:** Richmond VA Seminary Doctoral Degree in Ministry, Lurchburg VA Seminary Doctoral Degree in Divinity, Christian Bible Institute and Seminary Master of Divinity, Carolina University BA Biblical Studies & Christian Counseling  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NAACP, 100 Black Men in Law Enforcement, NOBLE, 369th Veteran Association, UMBA, National Baptist Convention, NYS Missionary Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches USA  
**Prior Public Experience:** Police Officer and Pastor

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?**  
 Job Creation - Living Wages / Equal access to Quality Education

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Reduce Crime - Creating a safe havens for Seniors and the Youth / Green Initiatives

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I am the People's Candidate who is not a politician but running in this race so that I can be a voice for the people of City Council District 8. My ultimate goal is to bring this community together by erecting bridges between the community and public service agencies. I will be the catalysis for empowering the people of this jurisdiction into being a part of the solutions needed for today and future generations. After 20 years of Civil Service, I am prepared to serve the Constituents of City Council District 8. It's my relationships with people of all racial ethnicity and racial backgrounds that will enable me to be a representative of each constituent. We Vote, We Count, We Win! Sean Gardner for City Council District 8.

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# City Council Member

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**Gwen Goodwin**  
**8th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Organizer/Activist  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Make-Up Artist  
**Education:** College Grad  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Award from Historic District Council for work to save PS 109. Award from Uniform Fire Fighters for A Breath of Fresh Air Campaign. Lead Plaintiff with W. Harlem Environmental Action and Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund opposing MTA environmental racism. Coordinated with Met Council on Housing for free bus rides from E. Harlem to Albany to lobby to protect Rent Stabilization. Co-Plaintiff with Business and Residents Alliance opposed to East River Plaza eminent domain abuse. Worked with Coalition to Save Harlem to fight gentrification in 125 St. River-to-River Rezoning. I was a steady presence at Occupy Wall Street.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Spearheading the Coalition to Save PS 109, stopping its demolition, replacing its roof at \$5 million, landmarking it, and fighting for 12 years to restore it as a public school. Created A Breath of Fresh Air Campaign sending 400 Fire Fighters for mini-vacations in Cape May, after 9/11.

Initiated E. Harlem Bus Stop challenging the reopening of the 100 St. Bus Depot.

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?**  
 End NYCHA INFILL plan to lease public housing land to developers for luxury housing. Save Public Housing.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Amending the Tenant Protection Act to **really protect** tenants. End public school closures and privatization. Repeal 125 St. rezoning. List all discretionary funding on NYC.gov. No domestic drones in NYC. \$12 minimum wage. Label genetically modified food. Work to end human trafficking. Discontinue ritalin and other behavior modification drugs in public schools. Expand phys-ed and after school activities. Build more rent-stabilized and low and middle-income housing. Support immigrant rights. Enforce Constitutional limits on Stop-and-Frisk. Inspector General on Police abuse.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I am a resident of East Harlem for 28 years, and the only candidate that took action to defend the community against school destruction, pollution and displacement. I have done all my activism without pay. East Harlem and NYC are at a crossroads. I have a consistent record or true community preservation. I have not sold out to the big money 1% who put profits before people. the 99%

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## Democratic Primary | City Council District 8

**Ralina Cardona**  
**8th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Entrepreneur-transformative behavior and community development  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Singer, producer  
**Education:** Fieldston High School, Boston University-School of Fine Arts, Berklee College of Music, Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University, CUNY School of Professional Studies.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** New York State Director-League of United Latin American Citizens, Chairperson-Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs, Treasurer-East Harlem Business Capital Corp., Trustee-Boricua College, Member-New York Yankee Council, Member Board of Advisors American Cancer Society-Bronx Region  
**Prior Public Experience:** Judicial Delegate

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?**

District 8 has one of the highest saturations of public and subsidized housing in the country. Housing not only provides necessary shelter, it should build economic and demographic growth to make our district a vibrant community.

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

Local Economy-I will develop a strategy focused on helping our local entrepreneurs become more successful to bring more wealth into the community.  
 Youth-"Our Youth Are Not Bad...They Are Bored" If we don't keep them busy others will.  
 Education-Create strategic partnerships to build curriculums that stimulate and encourage learning  
 Health-Address the epidemic of diseases by preventive medical options and interventions  
 Elderly-They took care of us, we must take care of them

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

I was born and raised in the district. I chose to stay, I own a home on the block where I grew up. I lived through the South Bronx Fires and helped rebuild the district. My service and love of my community, training and global initiatives have prepared me for this position.

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**Tamika Humphreys**  
**8th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** President of East Harlem Insurance Brokerage and East Harlem Tax Service  
**Previous Occupation(s):** PartyLite Consultant  
**Education:** BS Paralegal Studies, AS Medical Billing  
**Organizational Affiliations:** IIABNY Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, NATP, Quickbook Pro Advisor  
**Prior Public Experience:** This is my first time running for office but here's my public experience. I've been a Girl Scout volunteer for over 10 years, an Ambassador for Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone deserves clean streets and a safe living environment. As a City Councilwoman, I will work with local businesses and residents to beautify our neighborhood and improve sanitation for cleaner and safer streets. I will work with various organization to reduce the number of gun violence in our neighborhood in a creative and effective way.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Small businesses are the foundation of our community. As a City Councilwoman, and small business owner, I will work on behalf our of our businesses to help small business owners flourish.

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

What makes me the best candidate for District 8 is my drive, passion that I have for my district. I believe each member of my district plays an active part on making our District the best District it can be. When I reach out to my district, I can see that we want the same thing, reduce gun violence, safe streets, steady employment, small businesses need help. I want to see my district back like it was previously, where everyone helped each other and our community was better. This is why I am running.

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## Melissa Mark Viverito

### 8th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** New York City Councilwoman, 8th Council District.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Strategic Organizer for 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Worker’s East; Director of the Hispanic Education and Legal Fund (HELP); Deputy Director of ASPIRA of New York  
**Education:** Columbia University, BA; Baruch College, MPA; National Urban Fellow  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NY City Council Progressive Caucus, co-founder and co-Chair; NY City Council Parks Committee, Chair; Women of El Barrio, founding member; Community Board 11, past member; Community Board 2, past member  
**Prior Public Experience:** Elected to the New York City Council in 2005 and 2009

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?

I currently represent the most affordable and rent stabilized housing units of any member of the city council. Though there are many issues and policy items that are important to me, I am running for re-election in order to continue my work as the voice to protect housing affordability.

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

I have fought hard to ensure our students have the best facilities available to get a great education and have been successful keeping closing schools open, directing over \$5 million to district schools and securing science labs, playgrounds and technology upgrades for 40 of our schools. But there’s still more to do. I am running for re-election so I can continue to go to the mats for the young people in my district.

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

From affordable housing, to paid sick leave, to good schools and open government, there is no one on this race with the experience and progressive track record to represent the Bronx and Manhattan communities in my district.

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## Inez E. Dickens

### 9th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Incumbent Member of the New York City Council, 9th District  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Part owner of family business, LLOYD E. DICKENS & COMPANY (not involved in day to day operations)  
**Education:** New York City Public School system (product of P.S. 133 and Julia Richmond High School). Undergraduate studies in land economics at New York University and later Howard University.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club, Lifetime Member NAACP, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women  
**Prior Public Experience:** County Committeewoman; County Judicial Committeewoman; State Committeewoman; First Vice Chair of the New York State Democratic Party; District Leader of the 70th Assembly District Part B.

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 9 you would address if elected?

I have funded organizations like Positive Workforce, the Parent Job Network, and

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the Exodus Transitional Network because creation of jobs in our community is of the utmost importance. I have focused on jobs because, despite our recovering economy, unemployment and underemployment remain significantly high in our community. The lack of jobs is often the underlying factor in the spread of gun and gang violence, difficulty identifying affordable housing, and many of the other issues confronting our district. To make a real impact on these issues we have to focus on improving the economic outlook of individual families. That’s why my vision encompasses job creation, job retention, job retraining, and job reentry for those rejoining our community post incarceration.

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

Pertinent issues I will continue to address include: Affordable housing; Health disparities; Increased MWBE participation in city contracting; Combating domestic abuse and substance abuse; Supporting our places of worship; Spurring economic development; Fully funding public education and stopping unnecessary instances of co-location

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

I believe I am the best candidate for this office because I have a record and not just a resume. My track record proves that I am capable of garnering results for my constituents and will continue to do so as the Council Member representing the 9th District. I was born and raised in this community and am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

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## Angel D. Molina

### 8th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Distinguished 20 year career in public service with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Presently serve as Senior Public Health Educator with HIV Epidemiology and Field Services Program.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Self-employed, freelance photographer, carpenter, instructor.  
**Education:** National Urban Fellow. Master’s degree in Public Administration, Baruch College. Bachelor of Fine Arts, Pratt Institute.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** National Urban Fellows, Bar Starz, South Bronx Dog Owners Group, Community Board 1 (Bronx), 40th Precinct Community Council.  
**Prior Public Experience:** None.

and/or private properties to develop/manage them through a Community Land Trust (CLT). All CLT properties would permanently belong to the community, never to be sold for profit and would solve our homeless and affordable housing problem in NYC.

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

##### HIP HOP MUSEUM/SCHOOL.

To celebrate the importance of Hip Hop music in our culture, as Councilman, I will work to establish a state-of-the-art, internationally renowned museum and school in the South Bronx, that honors the genre and would include certificate programs for music production and lighting, recording studios for the public and a performance venue that will attract tourism worldwide, generate investment, create jobs and educate our youth.

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

As a Puerto Rican descendant, product of NYC public schools, raised in public housing by a single parent, I am sensitive to the needs of my constituents because of my first-hand experiences. As Councilman, I will fight to do whatever is necessary to help improve the quality of life for all district residents by securing affordable housing, help small businesses grow, increase access to quality health care and break the cycle of poverty through education and job pipeline programs.

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?

##### AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

As Councilman, I would sponsor a bill to convert vacant or under utilized city-owned

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## Vince Morgan

### 9th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Community Banker and Consultant  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Community Development Banker for TD Bank in New York.  
**Education:** GED then attended Howard University, obtained a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbia University.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter (Harlem Alphas), \* NAACP, Member \* Community Emergency Response Team, Community Board 10 \* FBI Citizen’s Training Academy \* Friends of Morningside Park, Member \* Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association, Member \* DL21C- Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century \* Council of Urban Professionals \* Black Alumni Council, Columbia University  
**Prior Public Experience:** Community Banker, TD Bank NYC \* Chairman, 125th Street Business Improvement District (BID) \* Director, The Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone \* Member, NY County Democratic Committee

www.morganforharlem.com

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 9 you would address if elected?

The most important issue that us is jobs. I support our local businesses and under-represented citizens. As your next city Councilman, I will only support projects in the district and City of New York that have significant and enforceable goals to provide jobs and contracts for local residents, minority, women and locally owned businesses.

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

As parents of two young people who are now entering the NYC Public Schools, my wife Shola and I are committed to ensuring that every student in Harlem should have access to schools that motivate them. We need to support low-income men and women who have been unable to participate in a traditional academic program and want to enhance their academic skills and obtain a GED.

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

It’s time for new leadership that is committed to serving the residents of Harlem. Over the past few years my family and I have been committed to helping the residents of Harlem, our neighbors improve the community and their lives. LETS BUILD HARLEM TOGETHER.

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## Edward Santos

### 8th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Consultant in the Office of Achievement Resources at the Department of Education  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Math for America, Program Associate - New York Region; Math Teacher, Central Park East High School  
**Education:** Bachelor’s of Science in Statistics, University of Michigan; Masters of Science in Secondary Mathematics, Pace University  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Board of Directors, Union Settlement Association  
**Prior Public Experience:** Treasurer of Manhattan Community Board 11 and Chair of Licenses and Permits Committee

Broadly speaking, I think the most important reform necessary to improving the educational landscape in NYC is providing universal pre-kindergarten to all 4 year olds so that our young people can get into the habit of learning early.

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

If elected, I would work to address economic development, housing and public safety - all critical issues throughout NYC and in District 8 neighborhoods in Mott Haven and East Harlem. I understand how important small businesses are to the community. As councilman, I’ll work to end burdensome mandates and fines on businesses so that they aren’t used as an ATM for the city and can instead grow and prosper. The more good paying jobs there are the more people there will be at work instead of on the streets, which will create a community where it is more affordable and safer to live.

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

I believe I’m the best candidate for city council in District 8 because I am an educator. Just 3 out of 51 council members have experience working in NYC public schools. As a former public school teacher I would bring a needed perspective to the discussion on the future of education in NYC.

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?

As a former public school teacher in East Harlem, I believe the most important issue facing New York City is education. Underperforming schools are the biggest obstacle to long-term prosperity in New York City. They hurt families and fail to create jobs.

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## Francesca Castellanos-Rodriguez

### 10th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Interpreter  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Case Manager NYC Human Resources Administration. Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation Community Liaison Specialist. Washington Heights-Inwood Coalition Tenants Right Specialist.  
**Education:** Bachelors in Political Science with Minor in Sociology from Herbert H. Lehman College.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Mayors alliance for NYC’s animals, 33rd precinct community council and president of my building tenant association.  
**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 10 you would address if elected?

The lack of affordable housing and the rising rent for commercial space which specifically affects small business owners. Our local merchants lack protection from unreasonable rent increases.

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

The inequality in our public education due to the lack of quality education. The quality of education should be standard and not dependent on your zip code. The reduction in resources for our seniors such as the decrease in hours for home health aide, the reduction of home delivered meals which are a necessity for daily living. The rising health issues due to the lack of preventive health service centers and miss information of the importance of protecting and preserving our environment.

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

Like yourself I have been affected by the inadequate representation of our current local elected officials. An elected official is elected for the purpose of being a representative voice for their constituents, bringing resources to the district and finding a solid and achievable agenda to the immediate issues affecting its residents. I am seeking the position of city council because we deserve better. We deserve someone who truly cares and is committed to our community. We deserve someone who will bring back and not take back from our community. As your city council representative I will utilize my experience and skills to improve the social and economical development of our district. I believe in participative government where city representatives work hand in hand with city residents in addressing the most pressing issues in order to achieve positive change. As stated by Gandhi “You must be the change you wish to see in the world” and your vote is the mechanism by which this can be achieved.

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## Miguel Estrella

10th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Criminologist and MTA employee  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Computer Operator  
**Education:** Dominican Autonomous University; Center For The Media Arts; Computer Learning Center; Journalists Institute Salvador Pitaluga; Henry George Social Science School; John Jay College For Criminal Justice.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** American Criminal Justice Association Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Jon Jay Alumni Society, Chair person of Centro Juvenil Tony Fernandez.  
**Prior Public Experience:** None

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 10 you would address if elected?

The lack of leadership of current incumbent that had not allowed us to bring the necessary funding to solve matters of vital interest for our community. Creation of new jobs; restoration of the small business community through the support of the

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Small Business Survival Act Law; more funding for our schools; reinforcement of public safety in our district; Support for our Livery Taxi Cabs Industry; providing better quality of life for our elderly community.

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

The increase of people between 40 and 60 years of age, suffering for cardiovascular diseases need to be stopped; therefore, I will bring baby boomers and members of the third age portion of the community get involve in the practice of sports such as basketball, softball, tracking, soccer and tennis.

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

My desire for helping my community to reach the level of quality of life that we used to have in the 80's. Also, the leadership that I have been able to establish in the community in the last 28 years, and the independence of my decisions. I will do the best for my community, not the best for any particular politician or any special interest group!

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## Cheryl Pahaham

10th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Director of Planning and Product Development, NYS Comptroller's Office  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Chief Municipal Financial Analyst  
**Education:** Doctorate in Sociology  
**Organizational Affiliations:** ASA, NAACP, WFP  
**Prior Public Experience:** Community Board 12, Manhattan

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 10 you would address if elected?

As Councilwoman, it's my job to make city government work for you. Jobs must be created by helping our small businesses grow. Our existing affordable housing must be protected. Schools must prepare our children to compete in the global marketplace. Everyone must feel safe in their neighborhoods and sheltered from poverty. Seniors must always be treated with dignity and respect.

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

Our City Council is in desperate need of reform. Waste, incompetence and corruption must end. I will not rely on protests and photo opportunities like my opponent. I will work within the system to get results. I will organize a district-wide coalition of renters and tenant organizations to fight for new funding for better housing code enforcement, including NYCHA buildings. I will fight for a 911 system that we can count on, and push for public health programs, including mental and reproductive health. Our district also needs better east-to-west bus service or other transit options. Reclaiming and rehabilitating our waterfront are priorities for our health and the environment.

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

Know-how, leadership and political courage. Independence. Your priority is my priority. Proven track record of reform. I've spent my political and professional life trying to make government more responsive. I will fight for you, not the moneyed interests that dominate New York City politics. I do not accept money from landlords.

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## Ydanis A. Rodriguez

10th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** District 10 City Council Member; Chairman, Higher Education Comm.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Co-founder/teacher, Gregorio Luperon H.S.; co-founder, Health Academy of the Heights, which aims for educational success of new immigrant families.  
**Education:** BA, Political Science; MA, Bilingual Education, City College, CUNY.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Northern Manhattan Dem. for Change, Barack Obama Club, Audubon Reform Dem Club.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Prior to 2009, I worked on issues of educational justice at City College, advocating for the continued access to higher education for middle and low income students. I fought corrupt and abusive landlords to ensure residents' rights were upheld. In the Council, I have been a fierce advocate for early childhood education, improved college readiness, increased availability of affordable housing and community empowerment.

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 10 you would address if elected?

Since my election in 2009, I have worked to build a united Northern Manhattan and identified greater resources and opportunities for our community. I have focused on ensuring a higher quality education for NYC students. My goal is to establish a public school system that would encompass adequate facilities and resources.

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

I believe that a healthy and vibrant community is one with a high quality of life, which means clean and safe streets, pristine parks and low crime rates. I will focus my efforts on securing the right partnerships and necessary funding. Further, it is important that the community has a mutual respect between residents and businesses. This means that small businesses are given the support needed to thrive in Northern Manhattan and work with community members to cater to their needs.

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

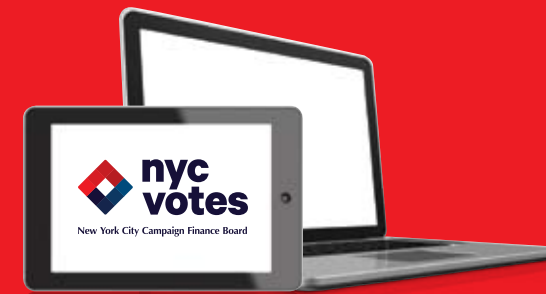
After living and working in Northern Manhattan since arriving in the US, I have dedicated myself to improving conditions for all residents. Over the past 4 years, I have gained valuable experience in addressing the needs of my community, through listening to residents' concerns and following through with results. I have a vision for the future of Northern Manhattan that will create jobs, grow our economy, keep our community safe and increase sustainability for the future.

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Radio WOR Radio	Radio WOR Radio	Radio 1010 WINS WCBS Newsradio 880 *If necessary.

### General Election Debates

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

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

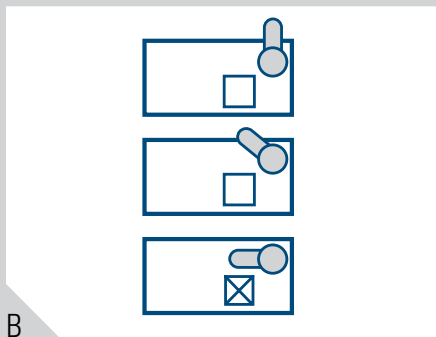
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## How to Vote



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

Poll workers will be available to assist voters using BMDs. Voters also may vote by absentee ballot if eligible (see page 3 for the information on voting by absentee ballot). For more information about BMDs, call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired).

## New York City Campaign Finance Board

The **Campaign Finance Board** is a nonpartisan, independent city agency that enhances the role of New York City residents in elections. The CFB's mission is to increase voter participation and awareness, provide campaign finance information to the public, enable more citizens to run for office, strengthen the role of small contributors, and reduce the potential for actual or perceived corruption.

The CFB's NYC Votes campaign promotes voter registration, voting, and civic engagement through community outreach and partnerships with public and private organizations. For information on programs and events for potential voters, call 212-306-7100 or visit [www.nyccfb.info/nycvotes](http://www.nyccfb.info/nycvotes).

The CFB enforces the Campaign Finance Act, which sets limits and restrictions on campaign contributions to candidates for local office. Candidates are required to disclose exactly where their contributions come from and how the money is spent. The CFB also collects and discloses information about **independent expenditures** in local elections. The CFB makes this information public on its website, [www.nyccfb.info](http://www.nyccfb.info). Candidates must also abide by "Doing Business" restrictions aimed at reducing the perception of "pay-to-play" in local government. Candidates have the option of joining the voluntary Campaign Finance Program, which provides public matching funds to qualified candidates who agree to abide by strictly enforced spending limits. The public matching funds program allows candidates with sufficient public support to run competitive campaigns without seeking out large campaign contributions or relying on personal wealth.

If you are interested in running for city office, or in learning more about how the CFB helps make NYC elections in New York more open and democratic, please check out our website at [www.nyccfb.info](http://www.nyccfb.info) or **contact the CFB** at 40 Rector St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10006. You can also email us at [info@nyccfb.info](mailto:info@nyccfb.info).

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