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Districts 49–51

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Oct 28–Nov 5

**Election Day**  
November 7

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# 2023 NYC Voter Guide

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

## When do I vote?

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

## What am I voting for?

### Offices

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

The offices on your ballot can vary depending on where you live. Look up your ballot at [vote.nyc/page/find-your-poll-site](https://vote.nyc/page/find-your-poll-site).

Learn more at [nycvotes.org](https://nycvotes.org)!

## Election Dates and Deadlines

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

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# How to vote

## Poll Site and Voting Hours

### Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



## Election Day

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

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



## Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

### What to know

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

### Early voting dates

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



## Vote by Mail

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

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

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

### How to request your absentee ballot:

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

### If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

### Track your ballot

You can track your ballot from the NYC Board of Elections at [nycabsentee.com/tracking](https://nycabsentee.com/tracking).

# What to expect at your poll site



## Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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



## Fill out Your Ballot

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

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

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



## Scan Your Ballot

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



## Get Your Sticker

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

# What are my rights as a voter?

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

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

## In any election, you have a right to:

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

## Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

## Who to contact if you need support:

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

# Accessibility

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

## Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

## Language & Interpretation Services

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

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

## Ballot Marking Device

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

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

## The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

# Sample ballot

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

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



## My top choices

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

### City Council

### Ballot Proposals

Proposal 1

Proposal 2

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

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

# What do elected officials do?

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

To see the most up to date list of candidates in your district, visit [nycvotes.org/candidates](https://nycvotes.org/candidates).

## City Offices

### City Council

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

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

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

Find your City Council district at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).

## County Offices

### District Attorney

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

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

## Judges

### State Supreme Court

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

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

### Civil Court – County & District

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

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

### Surrogate's Court

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

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



# A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

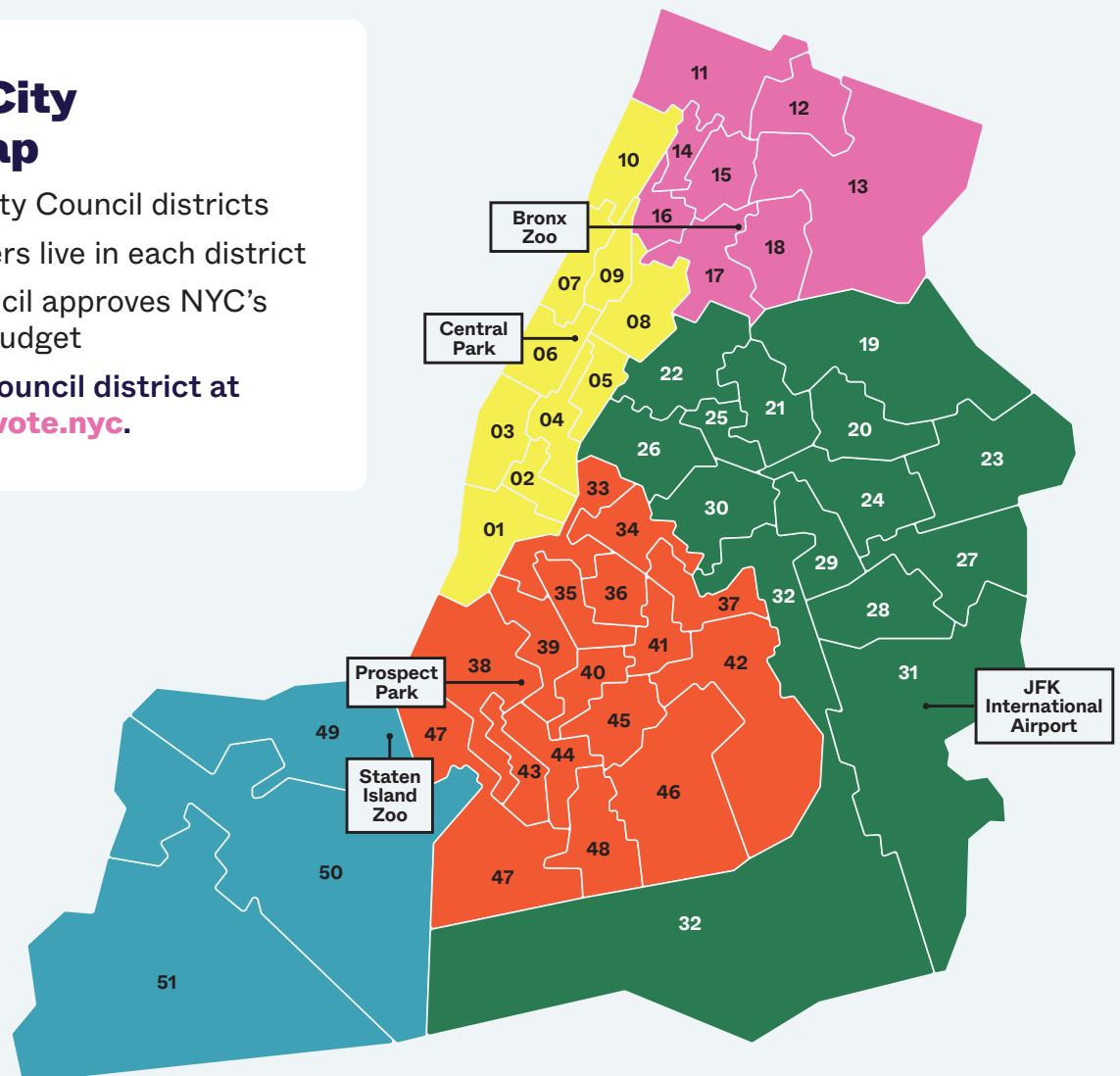
## What do City Council members do for you?

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

## New York City Council Map

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

Find your City Council district at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).



# plan your ballot

Finished choosing your candidates? Save your picks to take with you to your poll site!



Scan here or visit  
[nycvotes.org/  
plan-your-ballot](https://nycvotes.org/plan-your-ballot)

# compare candidates



Visit our online Voter Guide to see where candidates stand on the issues that matter most to you, and then compare their views side by side.

Scan here or visit [nycvotes.org/compare](https://nycvotes.org/compare)

# City Council District 49

## Democratic

- Kamillah Hanks ✓

## Safe Streets SI

- Ruslan Shamal ✓

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## Kamillah Hanks ✓

Democratic

### Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Economic Development
3. Workforce Development

*"As the Council Member for the 49th District, I'm focused on bringing resources to my district, protecting public safety, promoting smart development to reflect the needs of the North Shore, upgrading infrastructure, and providing constituent services."*

**Current Occupation:** City Council Member 49th District

**Previous Occupations:** Community Partnership, Executive Director of Staten Island YouthBuild Program

**Education:** College of Staten Island

**Organizational Affiliations:** Staten Island Advance 2020 Woman of Achievement; Young, Gifted, & Black Entrepreneur Award, SIPCW Award

**Prior Public Experience:** President of Van Duzer Street Civic Association, Founder of Historic Tappen Park Community Partnership, Founder of YouthBuild Staten Island

**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic



**Ruslan Shamal** ✓

Safe Streets SI

**Top 3 Issues:**

- 1. Public Safety and Law Enforcement
- 2. Revitalization of North Shore Economy
- 3. Family involvement in education

*"I am running for City Council to represent the North Shore of Staten Island because city government's priorities have gotten all out of balance. Starting with public safety, New York's Democratic Party no longer represents the common sense values of Staten Island families."*

**Current Occupation:** Radio Host  
**Previous Occupation:** e-commerce  
**Education:** Mogilev State University  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Verrizzano Kiwanis  
**Prior Public Experience:** none  
**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**watch candidate videos**



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

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# Compare Candidates

This year, we asked candidates to share their positions on the eight issues that New Yorkers said were most important to them in a recent poll from Quinnipiac University: crime, inflation, protecting democracy, abortion, affordable housing, homelessness, racial inequality, and climate change. To compare candidates' responses on these issues, visit [nycvotes.org/compare](https://nycvotes.org/compare). Find your City Council district at [findmypollsite.vote.nyc](https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc).

**Kamillah Hanks** ✓  
Democratic

**Ruslan Shamal** ✓  
Safe Streets SI

Crime	As the Chair of the City Council Committee on Public Safety, my priority is to ensure New Yorkers and our visitors are kept safe. Public Safety is achieved by working with the NYPD, as well as Crisis Management System partners throughout the City.	Law enforcement is the bedrock of what makes communities safe. Safe streets, safe commutes, safe playgrounds - these are the anchors of everything good. Broken Windows policing works and must be aggressively returned. We prevent serious crime by cracking down on all crime.
Inflation	he rising cost of living is becoming more than many can afford. The price of groceries, gas, and other basic necessities continues to rise with little relief in sight. Government must do all it can to fight rising inflation, starting with reducing unnecessary spending.	Economic stability depends on how businesses and families really budget, not political fantasies. What works for working families, not just the rich, is how sensible policies succeed. And in everything, protecting the vulnerable and seniors and veterans is our priority.
Protecting Democracy	We can protect democracy by encouraging participation, protecting freedom of speech and the press, upholding the rule of law, and ensuring fair and free elections. These measures are essential to safeguarding democratic values and institutions.	Democracy depends on robust civic institutions, access to information about issues and access to voting. I support all of these foundational municipal virtues. Truly diverse participation in NYC also includes New Americans, faith communities and foreign-language speakers.

# City Council District 50

## Republican, Conservative

- David M Carr ✓

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**David M Carr** ✓

Republican, Conservative

### Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Improving Quality-of-Life Neighborhood Issues
3. Property Tax Reform

*"As a Council Member for the past 2 years, I have been fighting the good fight for the people of Staten Island & Brooklyn, and fought successfully on key issues: restored funding for the NYPD; the first property tax rebate in over a decade; and pushed alongside the Common Sense Caucus in ending the NYC COVID mandates. There's still more work to be done, and I would be honored to continue to serve for another term."*

**Current Occupation:** City Council Member District 50

**Previous Occupations:** Chief of Staff, Council Member Steve Matteo

**Education:** BA Government, Georgetown University

**Organizational Affiliations:** Staten Island Republican Party, Staten Island Young Republicans

**Prior Public Experience:** Chief of Staff to Minority Leader Steven Matteo (2014-2021); Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Joe Borelli (2013); Constituent Services Rep, US Congress (2011-2013)

**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

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## David M Carr ✓

Republican, Conservative

Crime	I am an avid supporter of law enforcement. If we let the NYPD do the job we know they can do, then we can be the safest big city in America again.
Inflation	The federal government needs to get its budget under control. Failure to control the deficit and investing in domestic energy production has created the conditions for runaway inflation.
Protecting Democracy	We need voter ID laws. We also need to repeal or prevent bad policies in our elections: no-excuse absentee voting, shielding absentee ballots from judicial review, and noncitizen voting.

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# City Council District 51

## Republican, Conservative

- Joseph C Borelli ✓

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## Joseph C Borelli ✓

Republican, Conservative

### Top 3 Issues:

1. Rising Crime
2. Broken Property Tax System
3. Economic Development in My District

*"I have spent nearly two decades in public service - first as the chief of staff for former Minority Leader Vinny Ignizio, then as a state Assembly Member and now as the leader of the largest Republican delegation in the City Council in over 20 years. I have a long record of results - from getting toxic chemicals in our schools removed, to getting property tax relief for homeowners - and I have been a strong, unwavering voice for my constituents and conservatives in this city."*

**Current Occupation:** New York City Council Member

**Previous Occupations:** New York State Assembly Member

**Education:** BA, MA

**Organizational Affiliations:** National Forum of Republican Mayors, City Council Members & County Commissioners; Former spokesman for the New York State Republican party

**Prior Public Experience:** New York State Assembly, 62nd District

**Party Enrolled In:** Republican



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## Joseph C Borelli ✓

Republican, Conservative

Crime	The rise in crime in NYC over the past three years has been the predictable result of disastrous laws such as “bail reform” and “raise the age.” Progressive Democrats have set us back on crime by decades, and they should be challenged on this issue at every turn
Inflation	This a question better put to a federal legislator. That said, the exorbitant cost of living in NYC, including skyrocketing property and income taxes, does not help
Protecting Democracy	Common sense measures like voter ID and ending no excuses absentee ballots would help protect the integrity of our elections

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



# Fall 2023 Ballot Proposals

## What are ballot proposals?

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

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

## Why are these proposals on the ballot?

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

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# Ballot Proposal 1

## Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

### What you will see on the ballot

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

### Proposal Summary:

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

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

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

### If this Proposal Passes:

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

# **Ballot Proposal 2**

## **Extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limit**

### **What you will see on the ballot**

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

### **Proposal Summary:**

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

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

### **If this Proposal Passes:**

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

# About NYC Votes

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

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

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

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

## Matching Funds Program

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

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



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**[contribute.nycvotes.org](https://contribute.nycvotes.org)**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## General

### What is a General Election?

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

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

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

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

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by **October 23**. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

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

## Vote by Mail

### What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit [nycabsentee.com/tracking](https://nycabsentee.com/tracking).

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

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

# have more questions?

Visit [nycvotes.org/faqs](https://nycvotes.org/faqs)!

You can also email us at [nycvotes@nyccfb.info](mailto:nycvotes@nyccfb.info),  
or message us on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook,  
or Reddit ([@nycvotes](#)).

## Update your info with the Board of Elections

We got your name and address from the list of registered voters maintained by the New York City Board of Elections.

If you received this Voter Guide in the mail but you are not the addressee, or if the addressee has moved or is deceased, notify the Board of Elections so they can correct their records.

## About the Voter Guide

By law, the New York City Campaign Finance Board is required to send a Voter Guide to every household with a registered voter in New York City for city elections. We send a guide in English and Spanish to every registered voter, and in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, and Urdu to voters in targeted areas based on census data.

This Guide lists all the candidates who were expected to be on the ballot at the time of publication. For an up-to-date list, visit the online Guide at [nycvotes.org](https://nycvotes.org).

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## Contact the Board of Elections

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

### Regular hours of operation

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and during the weekend prior to and on Election Day. Check [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc) for hours of operation.

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

Visit [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc) to learn more.

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