

VOTER GUIDE

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TO YOUR 2017 NYC VOTER GUIDE



New York City is one of the greatest and most diverse cities in the country. It leads the nation on issues that matter. That's why it's especially important that you make informed choices about who represents you in city government. While you can't always control what happens nationally, you do have a say about what happens in our city. Your vote has an impact on everything from the quality of city schools to the cost of living and helps create a city that works for everyone.

Be sure to take this Voter Guide, NYC's official nonpartisan guide to city elections, with you when you cast your vote in the citywide primary election this fall. The Guide provides profiles of candidates seeking your nominations for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council, as well as general info about voting.

Cast your vote to make a difference!

GO GREEN!

Sign up at nycvotes.nycfb.info to receive email alerts about city elections and find out when future online editions of the Guide go live.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

You have the right to vote in the September 12, 2017 primary election if:

- ◆ You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary (check **voting.nyc** if you're not sure if you're registered).
- ◆ You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- ◆ You are not currently serving time for a felony or on parole.
- ◆ You are in line at your poll site by 9 pm on September 12th (NYC poll sites open at 6 am).

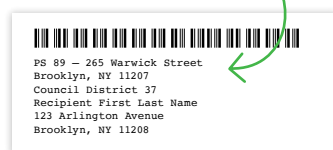
In any election, you have a right to:

- ◆ Ask a poll worker or any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), for help. 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.
- ◆ Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide (please take any 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. Otherwise, you do not need to show identification.

KNOW WHERE TO GO

YOUR POLLSITE!



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Check **voting.nyc** and click "Where Do I Vote?"

OR



Call the Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC

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ELECTION AT A GLANCE

MAYOR pg 6

The mayor is the leader of city government.



Sal Albanese



Richard S. Bashner



Bill de Blasio



Bob Gangi



Mike Tolkin



Rocky De La Fuente

Also running:*

Bill Murawski

Walter N. Iwachiw



Nicole Malliotakis

PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 10

The public advocate is the people's representative in city government.



David C. Eisenbach



Letitia James

COMPTROLLER

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.

There is no primary election for Comptroller.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

As the chief executives of their boroughs, the borough presidents make sure that community needs are met.

There is no primary election for Manhattan Borough President.

CITY COUNCIL pg 12

The City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government.

Check the cover of your Voter Guide to find your Council district.



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City Council District 01



Aaron Foldenauer
City Council District 01



Dashia Imperiale
City Council District 01



Christopher Marte
City Council District 01



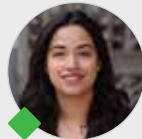
Ronnie Cho
City Council District 02



Erin Hussein
City Council District 02



Juan Pagan
City Council District 02



Carlina Rivera
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Jasmin Sanchez
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Mary Silver
City Council District 02



Jorge L. Vasquez
City Council District 02



Vanessa Aronson
City Council District 04



Maria Castro
City Council District 04



Alec Hartman
City Council District 04



Rachel L. Honig
City Council District 04



Jeffrey S. Mailman
City Council District 04



Keith Powers
City Council District 04



Bessie R. Schachter
City Council District 04



Barry Shapiro
City Council District 04



Marti Speranza
City Council District 04



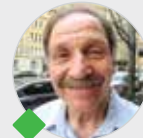
Patrick Bobilin
City Council District 05



Gwen E. Goodwin
City Council District 05



Ben Kallos
City Council District 05



Cary Goodman
City Council District 06



Helen Rosenthal
City Council District 06



Mel Wymore
City Council District 06



Mark D. Levine
City Council District 07



Thomas Lopez-Pierre
City Council District 07

There is no primary election for City Council member in District 3.

*Candidates did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide.

✓ VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Voting in local elections has a real effect on our day-to-day lives. The people we elect make decisions that affect our neighborhoods, schools, jobs, and quality of life every day.

MAYOR

As the leader of city government, the mayor sets city policy and impacts the day-to-day lives of New Yorkers by creating the budget, appointing the heads of boards and agencies like the NYPD or the Department of Education, signing or vetoing bills from City Council, and issuing executive orders.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

As the people's representative in city government, the public advocate can investigate complaints and make recommendations about city services, provide information that allows New Yorkers to protect themselves (such as the Worst Landlords Watchlist), and introduce and co-sponsor bills. The public advocate is responsible for acting as the mayor if the mayor is absent or unable to perform his or her duties.

COMPTROLLER

As the chief financial officer, the comptroller issues and sells city bonds, which are used to finance public projects like roads and bridges, and monitors the city's spending by conducting audits and reports. The comptroller also

manages the funds in NYC's pension system, the largest public city employee retirement system in the country, by making sure that they are protected and invested wisely.

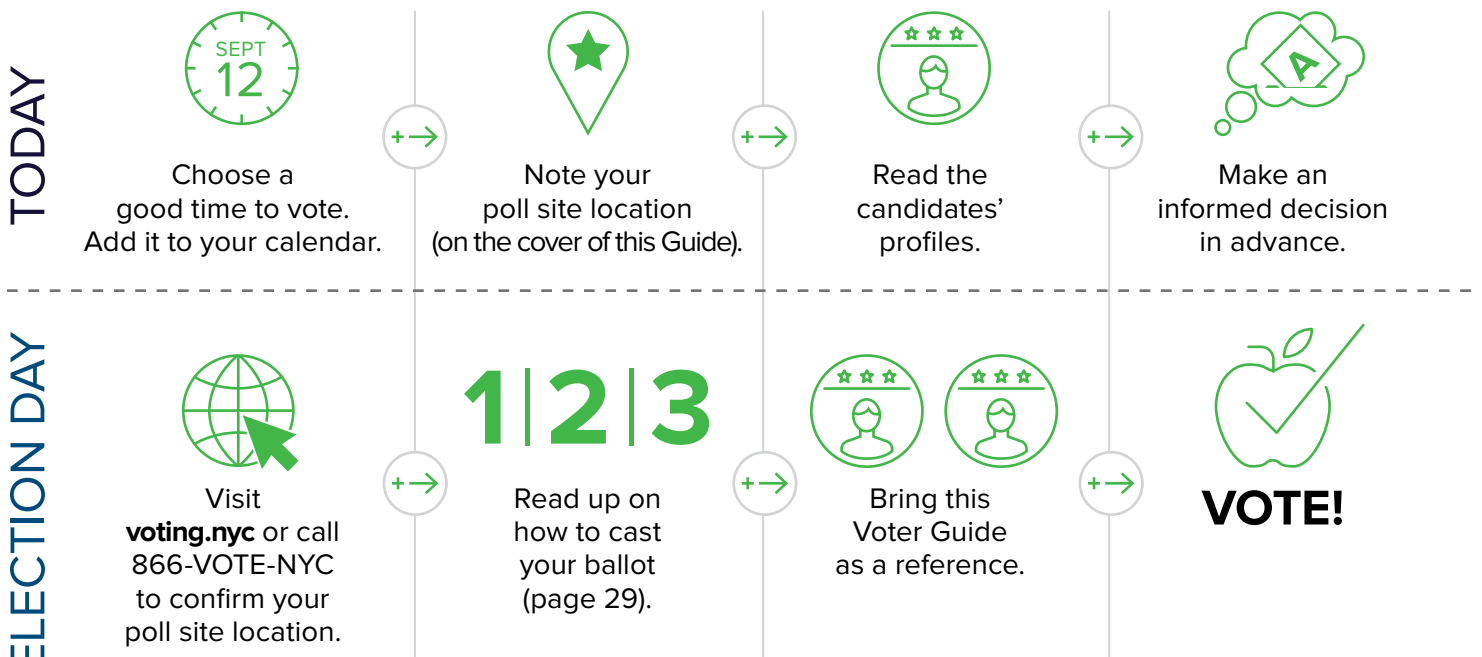
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

While borough presidents can't create or pass laws, they can fund organizations in their boroughs (about \$4 million of the city budget is set aside for this purpose); make land use decisions; appoint members of local Community Boards and the City Planning Commission, who advise on land and neighborhood needs; and advocate for residents of their boroughs.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government, responsible for negotiating and approving the mayor's budget, making and passing laws, deciding how to use land throughout the city, and making sure agencies are serving the people of NYC. Each City Council member represents one of the city's 51 City Council districts.

✓ MAKE A VOTING PLAN



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This Guide lists all the candidates who were expected to be on the ballot at the time of publication. Some candidates may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press. Check the online Guide at nycfb.info/voterguide for the most up-to-date information, as well as taped candidate video statements.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to the CFB by the candidates, all of whom have affirmed 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 CFB.

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ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPT
05

- ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

SEPT
11

- ◆ Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person
- ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by Sept. 18)

SEPT
12

- ◆ Primary election
- ◆ Last day to deliver an absentee ballot in person

OCT
13

- ◆ Last day to register to vote for the general election by mail and in person
- ◆ Last day to change your party affiliation to vote in next year's primary elections in person

NOV
07

- ◆ General election



Our city elections can make a difference in your everyday life. When everyone participates, we can build a city that works for all of us.

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COME TO A VAAC MEETING

The CFB's **Voter Assistance Advisory Committee (VAAC)** holds public meetings throughout the year to solicit testimony from elected officials, good government groups, and New Yorkers about how to improve voting in our city.

Voting is how you can make a difference on the issues that matter to you. Share your NYC voting experience at a VAAC meeting and help us reform our election laws so that all New Yorkers can get registered and cast a ballot that counts. Meetings are open to the public and livestreamed. To view past meetings, visit nycfb.info/live.

For a list of upcoming meetings, please visit nycfb.info/about/calendar/.

MAYOR

Sal Albanese

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reform legally corrupt political system
- 2 Build REAL affordable housing
- 3 Rebuild, properly fund the MTA



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: lawyer

Previous Occupation: teacher, City Council member

Education: B.A. in Education from CUNY York College, an M.A. in Health Science from NYU, and a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party

Prior Public Experience: City Council member, representing the 43 CD (Bay Ridge, Brooklyn) from 1982-1997

We must fix our broken political system, where an atmosphere of “legal corruption” has been created & only those who “pay” have the right to “play.” I pledge not take campaign contributions from Big Real Estate or lobbyists. I also want to be known as the “mass transit Mayor” and will work with the Governor to improve the system. I will triple the amount of money that the City pays into the system to \$1 billion. As Mayor, I promise to ride mass transit, at least sometimes, so that I can personally experience what’s happening. Housing is also a major issue in NYC. Everyone wants affordable housing, but what is being touted as “affordable” is far from it. The current plan has been rejected universally throughout the City because it’s “one size fits all.” Additionally, inappropriate and out-of-scale development is rampant. I will work to create individualized housing plans that serve the needs of each community yet preserves its character.

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Richard S. Bashner

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transparent effective leadership
- 2 Protect neighborhoods and improve schools
- 3 Actually implement progressive solutions



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: N/A

Education: JD New York University School of Law; BA in Psychology Harvard College

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Community Board 6; 78th Precinct Youth Council Recreational Basketball Coach

Prior Public Experience: Chair Brooklyn Community Board 6 (4 yrs); CB6 Executive Committee (15 yrs); CB6 Chair of Community Development Committee

I’m running for mayor because I’ve lost faith in our leaders.

Now, more than ever, New York needs transparent government which represents all New Yorkers.

We need government that focuses on our communities, rather than serving real estate developers, campaign contributors, and lobbyists.

We must protect our public assets, our historic districts, light and air, landmarks, libraries and tenants from destabilizing real estate projects.

We must embrace technology to make city services more accessible, accountable and efficient.

I’m running for mayor to protect all New Yorkers from the destructive policies of Donald Trump.

Everyone should have the security of a safe place to live, access to necessary services, quality education, and the ability to live as themselves.

A vote for Richard Bashner is a vote for real progressive democratic leadership for New York.

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MAYOR

Bill de Blasio

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 A great education for all
- 2 Making the City more affordable
- 3 Increased safety, police-community relations



Party Enrolled: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Mayor

Previous Occupation: NYC Public Advocate; NYC Councilmember; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director; Hillary Clinton for U.S. Senate Campaign Manager

Education: New York University; Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: See above

As Mayor of New York City, I have made it my mission to fight for our progressive values and make this a place for everyone through real reforms that lift people up and improve the lives of every New Yorker — because this is your city. That includes expanding pre-K for every four-year-old in the City, expanding our paid sick leave law to cover hundreds of thousands more workers, and raising the minimum wage for tens of thousands more. My administration has dramatically reduced stop and frisk and brought the police and community closer together — while at the same time driving crime to record lows. In my first term, we've built and preserved affordable housing at a record pace, while taking on the landlord lobby, and had two years of rent freezes so that more New Yorkers can afford to stay in their homes.

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Bob Gangi

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 End abusive and discriminatory policing
- 2 Homes for Homeless New Yorkers
- 3 Small classes in public schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

Previous Occupation: Director of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Education: BA from Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: Chair of the board of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Prior Public Experience: none

To enact fundamental changes to achieve social, racial, and economic justice for all New Yorkers, including: ending broken windows policing; providing for small classes in all public schools; providing housing in low-income communities that is truly affordable for the people living there; closing Rikers within a year without building new jails, and providing free public transportation fares for low-income New Yorkers; decriminalizing fare evasion, sex work, marijuana possession/use; providing free tuition at CUNY schools for low and middle-income New Yorkers; establishing public works projects aimed at promoting green energy and providing living-wage jobs; increase the number of licenses available for street vendors; end abusive treatment of homeless LGBTQI youth; end abuse against trans women of color by the NYPD; end workplace discrimination against marginalized New Yorkers including disabled people.

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MAYOR

Mike Tolkin

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Economy, Jobs and Education
- 2 Transportation and Quality of Life
- 3 Human Rights and Sustainability

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

Previous Occupation: Tech Entrepreneur and Innovator - Founder/CEO, IMAX Labs; Founder/CEO, Rooms.com; Founder/CEO, Merchant Exchange; Director of Corporate Development and Strategy, IMAX; Management Consultant, Oliver Wyman; Founder, ReimagineNYC; Founder, NoMad Walk; Startup Investor and Advisor

Education: BS of Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

Organizational Affiliations: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Prior Public Experience: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Hi, I'm Mike!

I'm running for Mayor because we need big ideas and bold action now more than ever.

We face big challenges. Our wages are too low and our rent is too high. Our rights are being threatened. Our jobs are going away. Our subway system is falling apart. And our government simply isn't serving us as well as it can be.

I'm a tech entrepreneur and innovator – I solve problems for a living. So I'm assembling a diverse team of experts and leaders, and we're preparing an ambitious long-term plan to upgrade our services and infrastructure, create new job opportunities, equip our children for future jobs, and reinforce New York City's legacy as the gateway to the American Dream.

Please join our movement and share your voice. I look forward to collaborating with you!

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Rocky De La Fuente

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Jobs Growth & Upward Mobility
- 2 Housing Access Increase Supply
- 3 Grow Maximize Infrastructure

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Businessman, Infrastructure Developer

Previous Occupation: Owner/Operator, Automobile Franchises (28), Banks (3)

Education: Physics & Math, Magna Cum Laude, IP UNAM; Business Administration, Accounting; Doctor Honoris Causa, UNESCO; Advanced Studies Le Franc

Organizational Affiliations: Chairman Mexican American Foundation; Delegate at Large New York 1992

Prior Public Experience: Presidential Candidate 2016; Otay Mesa Dev. Council

As an American who is a proud son of immigrants, I am living proof that the American dream can be achieved. I want everyone that works hard to have the opportunity to share in that same dream.

I am convinced that New Yorkers will lead the world again. Street smarts, logic, and common sense will drive this vital transformation.

I will assemble a team of the best and the brightest NYC has to offer, and together we will pave a path to new and better-paying jobs and address our transportation challenges by building new tunnels, cutting-edge subways and above-ground transit. We will develop affordable housing, assist our homeless, resolve our health-related challenges including sanitation and waste management, expand school choice and work to create a drug-free environment for our children.

Help me UNITED New York. LET'S SAVE NEW YORK TOGETHER.

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MAYOR

Nicole Malliotakis

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transportation & Traffic
- 2 Jobs & Affordability
- 3 Quality of Life



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: NY State Assemblymember

Previous Occupation: Public Affairs Manager

Education: BA, Seton Hall; MBA Wagner College

Organizational Affiliations: National Hispanic Causus of State Legislators, National Foundation of Women Legislators

Prior Public Experience: NYC Liaison for Governor George Pataki

I am running to restore accountability to New York City government and improve quality of life for residents. We must address traffic congestion, failing schools, transit nightmares, homeless crisis, and the rise in rape and sex crimes. The city is not investing in infrastructure to accommodate long term population growth and economic development. We should be investing in Smart Light technology to ease traffic flow and protect pedestrians and upgrading subway signals to end delays and overcrowding. We can pay for it if we stop wasteful spending, reform or eliminate programs that aren't producing results, and reduce bureaucracy.

As Mayor, I will give the NYPD the tools needed to do its job, expand vocational training opportunities to help people obtain skills to get good paying jobs, assist those struggling with addiction/mental illness, proactively address root causes of homelessness, provide parents with more schools choice, ensure that education dollars reach classrooms, cap spending and reduce taxes where possible.

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Also running for Mayor:*

Bill Murawski

Democratic

Walter N. Iwachiw

Republican

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

David C. Eisenbach

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Save Small Business
- 2 Stop Big Real Estate Giveaways
- 3 Pay-to-Play Corruption



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: History Professor

Previous Occupation: Special Ed. Teacher

Education: Columbia University BA, MA, MPhil, PhD

Organizational Affiliations: Small Business Congress, NYers for a Human-scale City

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I'm a history professor running for office because the city I love is vanishing and given another 4 yrs of the same leadership - it will be gone.

We all know there's a small business crisis. 4 yrs ago when de Blasio and James ran for office they both supported the Small Business and Jobs Survival Act, a bill to protect small businesses from predatory landlords. But after the election, they abandoned the bill. Why the flip flop?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I'll call for a public hearing on SBJSA and make sure it gets a vote.

Under the guise of "affordable housing" de Blasio allowed developers to build massive luxury towers that destroy neighborhoods and overwhelm infrastructure, including schools. He's given away playgrounds, greenspaces, hospitals and libraries. Meanwhile, developers laugh all the way to the bank. Why?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I promise to appoint a City Planning Commissioner who is NOT a REBNY puppet. We'll work together to bring transparency to the CPC.

The P.A. is supposed to be a check on Mayor- regardless of party allegiance. That's what I'll do every day.

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Letitia James

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Promote economic equality for women
- 2 Reform child and family welfare
- 3 Preserve and expand affordable housing



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

Previous Occupation: New York City Council Member, 35th District; Chief of Staff & Counsel, New York State Assembly; Public Defender, Legal Aid Society

Education: Howard University School of Law, J.D.; Lehman College, B.A.

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member, 35th District; Chief of Staff & Counsel, New York State Assembly

Four years ago, I set out to distinguish the Public Advocate's Office as a vehicle for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers. In my time in office, we have accomplished a great amount. From my groundbreaking legislation to ban questions about salary history in job interviews, bringing us one step closer to closing the wage gap; to securing universal school lunch for every child in middle school, bringing a nutritious meal to over 10,000 children every day; to expanding the Worst Landlords List as a tool and resource for tenants and advocates. If given the opportunity to serve for another four years, I will continue working to ensure that every child has the opportunity for a better future, that every family has the chance to not just survive but thrive, and that every New Yorker has access to the possibilities our City has to offer.

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THERE ARE NO PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR:
COMPTROLLER
MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 01

Margaret S. Chin

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
- 2 Fight for Our Seniors
- 3 Improve Residents' Quality of Life



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Educator, Community Activist

Education: P.S. 130, JHS 65, Bronx Science, City College of New York – BS in Education

Organizational Affiliations: Alumni Association of City College of New York

Prior Public Experience: Community Boards 1 & 3, NYS Democratic Committee

As a longtime community activist, I am fighting to build and preserve affordable housing, expand worker protections, and increase funding for schools, seniors, and youth jobs. The issues that I work on everyday are personal to me. When I came to America as a child, my family moved into an affordable walk-up in Little Italy. I went to public school and my mother, a seamstress, joined a union to create a middle-class life for my family.

As the first Asian American woman elected to the City Council, I helped create hundreds of units of affordable housing, ensured permanent affordability for residents at 505 LaGuardia, and negotiated an additional 40 years of affordability at Lands End I and II. I expanded paid sick leave and increased fines for tenant harassment. As chair of the Aging Committee, I expanded the NYC Rent Freeze Program and this year, I successfully fought for a \$23 million increase in baselined senior funding, the largest single-year increase in over a decade.

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Aaron Foldenauer

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Preserve Our Historic, Affordable Neighborhoods
- 2 Prevent Displacement of Small Businesses
- 3 Protect the Environment



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education: J.D., University of Virginia School of Law; B.A., Economics, Hampden-Sydney College

Organizational Affiliations: Diversity Committee, Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Litigation Committee, New York City Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Pro Bono Litigation and Advice

I am a successful litigator and practiced at some of the leading law firms in New York City for over a decade. For years, I have advocated for the most vulnerable among us and have conducted significant pro bono legal work in the community and for a number of low-income artists.

Protecting the environment at the local level is a key priority. I will plant hundreds of additional trees, convert vacant lots into urban farms, and install compost bins in restaurants, office towers, and residential buildings to reduce the mountains of food waste sent to landfills from New York City.

As your next City Council member, I will restrict over-development and protect our parks and neighborhoods. Furthermore, I will protect our small businesses from being displaced and prevent the suburbanization of our historic neighborhoods caused by the proliferation of chain retail outlets.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 01

Dashia Imperiale

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Stop predatory development deals
- 2 Stop overdevelopment
- 3 Preserve our historical neighborhoods



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Life-Long Artist

Previous Occupation: Artist

Education: Some College in Fashion Design

Organizational Affiliations: Grand Street Guild Association, Screen Actors Guild, Actors Equity

Prior Public Experience: Former President of Grand Street Guild Tenant Association

Our district is being sold off to big developers. Long time residents, workers, and small businesses are being pushed out by luxury mega towers. Our limited green spaces are being taken away. Public land is being privatized and sold. Our culture, environment, and livelihoods are being destroyed so that corporations and developers can profit. This oligarchy has to end!

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Christopher Marte

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Community-based land use policy
- 2 Participatory budgeting and transparency
- 3 Waterfront resiliency



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Consultant at Conbody, Researcher at immigration law firm, retirement fund analyst

Education: Long Island University Global College

Organizational Affiliations: Endorsed by Downtown Independent Democrats, Village Independent Democrats, Village Reform Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Researcher at Brooklyn DA's office, prior candidate for State Committee

I am running for City Council District 1 because it is where I was born and raised. Growing up in the Lower East Side, I was given many opportunities by my community. I attended public schools and afterschool programs, and my family lived in a rent-stabilized apartment. Now these opportunities are diminishing. Luxury towers are built across the District at an alarming rate, often without full union labor, and without truly affordable units offered to the residents who made this community. There has not been a Town Hall meeting in 7 years, depriving residents of a platform to express their concerns. I have accepted no special interest money, and I work to engage the politically disenfranchised each day of this campaign. I will stand as a proactive advocate for those facing displacement, and for the preservation of the historical landmarks and immigrant communities that built Lower Manhattan.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Ronnie Cho

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable Rent
- 2 Great Public Schools
- 3 Immigration & Diversity



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NA

Previous Occupation: VP of Public Affairs, MTV;
Associate Director Obama White House

Education: ASU

Organizational Affiliations: Creative Council Emily's List;
Mentor, Turn 2 Foundation; Board Member, Alliance of
Youth Organizing

Prior Public Experience: Associate Director of Public
Engagement, Obama White House; Program Analyst, National
Broadband Plan, Federal Communications Commission

A son of immigrants and a product of public education, I was raised with a devotion to public service and to improve the lives of others. The first in my family to attend college, I worked in Obama's White House and I am Emmy-winning producer at MTV— committed to creating opportunity and advancing progressive values.

I'm running because I have the experience and fresh perspective to enact lasting change in District 2. My bold progressive agenda will live up to the needs and dreams of NYers:

- Push for single-payer healthcare
- Ensure every student reaches their full potential
- Increase affordable housing
- Punish slumlords who harass tenants
- Preserve our neighborhoods
- Upgrade NYCHA
- Support groups protecting women, people of color, immigrants & LGBTQ communities
- Fight for a prevailing wage & protections against worker exploitation

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Erin Hussein

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Contextual Rezoning
- 2 School Reform
- 3 Small Business Crisis



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Writer/Homemaker

Previous Occupation: Commercial and Real Estate
Finance Attorney, Shearman & Sterling

Education: J.D. Columbia Law School; B.A., English,
Columbia College

Organizational Affiliations: NYC Indivisible

Prior Public Experience: President, Board of Directors,
Stewart House

District 2 is at a tipping point. Inappropriate zoning encourages overdevelopment from 5th Avenue to 1st Avenue. This threatens the residential quality of our neighborhoods, puts stress on our public areas and affordable housing and drives up rent prices. I will fight for proper rezoning of all our streets and avenues. Our public schools are overcrowded and often segregated. They rely on punishment-based discipline, fueling the school-to-prison pipeline. I will be an advocate for restorative justice to ensure that our students learn social, emotional, and behavioral skills. This builds resiliency, creates a more orderly classroom and paves the way for academic achievement. I also support the use of school wide enrichment to develop the talents of all of our children. Empty storefronts blight our streets, reducing public safety and denying the American dream to small business owners. I will fight to ensure that good commercial tenants have access to long-term leases. I also pledge to hold Town Halls in all of our neighborhoods.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Juan Pagan

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable Housing
- 2 Public Education
- 3 Closing Rikers Island



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupation: NYS Dept of Correctional Services; NYS Division for Youth; Director for NYCHA’s children’s after-school and summer day camp, and Teen programs; Administrative Assistant at Baruch College

Education: Educated in NYC Public Schools in the Lower East Side; High School of Music & Art; John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Manhattan Representative, NYCDOE City Wide Council on High Schools

The pressing issues in our district are many: affordable housing, homelessness, senior citizens, public education, the environment, children and families, crime and safety. And now with the 10-year plan to close Rikers Island adds a new challenge to the ones we are already facing. With its goal to release half of the inmate population and build new jails in each of the five boroughs, the closing of Rikers Island will affect us all. Formally educated in criminal justice coupled with my years of experience working in the State’s prison system, and with ex-offenders and teen-age felony offenders, I will create a committee in City Council devoted solely to the task; to enact the recommendations made by the commission that would truly be effective in keeping our city safe while being more humane to those in custody awaiting trial and their families.

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Carlina Rivera

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable housing for all incomes
- 2 Support to age in place
- 3 Better-funded, diverse schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Full-time campaign

Previous Occupation: Legislative Director for Councilwoman Rosie Mendez, Director of Programs and Services at Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES), Program and Administrative Assistant at Lawyers Alliance for New York, Academic Manager at Kaplan K12 Learning Services

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Marist College, 2006

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 3 Manhattan member, Bellevue Hospital Community Advisory Board, Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 74th Assembly District, Part A, Community Board 3 Manhattan member

Fighting for our community my entire life, I provided direct service at local non-profit Good Old Lower East Side and pushed for progressive laws as Legislative Director for Councilmember Rosie Mendez. The Working Families Party, hundreds of community leaders, and progressive elected officials are standing with me because I have delivered real results in my career in public service. On my Community Board, at GOLES and in City Hall, I have helped seniors, veterans, children, families and victims of Hurricane Sandy access the services they needed. I will advocate for our neighborhoods and defend us against special interests and the Trump agenda. I look forward to working with you.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Jasmin Sanchez

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Low Income Housing
- 2 Education
- 3 Mental Health



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Program Director

Previous Occupation: Program Director

Education: Stony Brook University

Organizational Affiliations: Girls Scouts, NAACP, LASO, Susan G. Komen

Prior Public Experience: Community Liaison for NYS Senator Daniel Squadron and Paraprofessional

"We the People." Not: Partisanship, Corporations, Special interests.

For too long constituents have felt abandoned by their elected officials & our District has seen the same leadership for 20 years. In 2017, we must say never again.

District 2 is home to the world's most innovative & hard-working people, yet we're crushed by murder in the streets, substandard schools, dilapidated housing, mom & pop shops disappearing, displacement; lack of open spaces & lack of safety in our community. District 2 can change. That's the genius of our District.

I have ideas. I will put them into action. I will: Implement Participatory Budgeting; Commit funds to provide new or reclaimed low & moderate income housing & fight the zoning laws that jeopardize them; Explore the Low Income Housing Tax Credit; Restore school budgets; Commit to community & mental health centers; Improve our ability to respond to public health emergencies; Support reentry programs & Support the SBJSA.

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Mary Silver

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improving local public schools
- 2 Easing the affordability crisis
- 3 Protecting our quality of life



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Previously worked at KPMG, NYU School of Continuing & Professional Studies, NYU School of Law, and the law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

Education: BA Hofstra University, JD and PhD from New York University

Organizational Affiliations: Active member of Metropolitan Synagogue, the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association and the Gramercy Neighborhood Association. Additionally, I am a member in good standing of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Prior Public Experience: Member of Community Board 6, Member of Community Education Council (District 2), Community Advisory Board for the 30th Street Men's Shelter

I have spent the past 20 years as a progressive activist: boosting capital funding for local public schools, working with law enforcement to protect our community, and finding real solutions for rising homelessness and our affordability crisis. As a public school parent, I served as PTA president and as a leader on the Community Education Council. I am running for City Council to stand with parents and teachers fighting for quality and equity in our public schools, to ensure that seniors and young families can stay in New York City, and to protect our progressive values from attacks in Washington.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Jorge L. Vasquez

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Housing Affordability and Protect Tenants
- 2 Protect Diversity of our Neighborhoods
- 3 Championing Small Business and Jobs



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: NYC Commission on Human Rights, Legal Services NYC, Judicial Law Clerk

Education: JD Seton Hall University School of Law, LL.M Temple University, BA and MA from the University at Albany

Organizational Affiliations: HNBA, NYCLA, MBBA, Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

Prior Public Experience: See previous occupation

I am running to effectuate real change in District 2. I am born and raised in District 2, and for the past 20 years I have seen neighborhoods ignored as we continue to lose resources. We have lost hospitals, community centers, senior centers, small businesses, and jobs. Quality of life has suffered and our residents are disproportionately affected by it. In addition, parts of our District lack transportation services, which disproportionately affects our seniors and disabled residents. It is time this stops!

If elected I will listen to everyone's concerns and make myself available to anyone who wants to talk. I will ensure that every part of the District is treated equally. Most importantly, I will share resources throughout the District equally, and focus on using our current laws to empower our neighbors, and advocate for our beloved District 2. Let us work together to unify our District and bring about real change.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Vanessa Aronson

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordability for Residents and Merchants
- 2 Safe, Accessible, and Reliable Transportation
- 3 Protect and Strengthen Public Education

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: NYC Public School Teacher (Math and Science); U.S. Economic Officer to UN; U.S. Cultural Attache, Vietnam and Indonesia

Education: Master in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; MA, Teaching, Relay Graduate School of Education NYC; BA, Political Science, University of Chicago

Organizational Affiliations: Park Avenue Synagogue - Chair of Social Justice Committee, HKS Alumni Board, Arc Stages Community Board, TFA Junior Board, National Women's Political Caucus, Dare to Run Board, Lexington Democratic Club, Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

Prior Public Experience: Foreign Service Officer, U.S. State Department

I will work to make New York more affordable, supporting tenants and small businesses. In the face of federal cuts, I will protect public funding for housing, schools, and healthcare. I will hold the MTA accountable for improving services for all, including people with disabilities. I will ensure bicyclists, vehicles, and pedestrians safely share our streets. As a former teacher, I will be a strong advocate for all students, including those with special needs, and the hardworking teachers across our city. I will use my policy training and experience to stand up for New York and the East Side.

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Maria Castro

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Healthcare, Housing, Education and Transportation
- 2 Environment
- 3 Economic Development

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Consultant

Education: College

Organizational Affiliations: Delegate, DNC for Congressional District 12NY & NYS Judicial Convention Assembly District 75

Prior Public Experience: NYS Supreme Court, SCAR Hearing Officer

I am Maria Castro, running to represent you in the City Council District 4. I have been in the district over 25 years, I am a grandmother, business professional and not a career politician.

Last year, I was elected as a delegate for the DNC and the NYS Judicial Convention and have maintained an appointment from the NYS Supreme Court since 2001. I am the candidate with the most experience to hit the ground running on day one. I will fight hard for you, as you are my only special interest.

I am a pioneer member of the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Program since the early 1980's and have led various initiatives to assist my community, all-inclusive.

One of my top priorities will be our most pressing quality of life issues, like transportation, housing, education, healthcare, the environment, economic development, maintaining sanctuary city status and catering to the NORC for the aging population. And like many of you, do not want to be priced out of this amazing city!

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Alec Hartman

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improving East Side Public Schools
- 2 Investing in Mass Transit Now
- 3 Keeping NYC Affordable



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: CEO of TechDay (startup event that brings thousands of entrepreneurs together) and Co-Founder of DigitalOcean

Previous Occupation: CEO of TechDay (startup event that brings thousands of entrepreneurs together) and Co-Founder of DigitalOcean

Education: Emory University

Organizational Affiliations: Lenox Hill Democratic Club, TechStars, Temple Emanu-el, and the Bermuda Tourism Advisory Board

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I'm a progressive Democrat, and I'm running for City Council to use my experience in the tech sector to help find ways to make our neighborhoods better and fix the city's pressing problems—like the constant delays on our subways. I'll make sure we prioritize investing in mass transit again, so we have easier and faster commutes.

I'll also prioritize public education and getting more pre-K seats on the East Side.

Unlike Donald Trump and the Republicans in Washington, I believe climate change is real, I strongly support Planned Parenthood, and I'll resist as hard as I can the terrible changes they're trying to make to our health care.

Dan Garodnick has given us 11 years of incredibly thoughtful and independent leadership.

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Rachel L. Honig

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Small Business Displacement
- 2 Affordable Housing and Stable Neighborhoods
- 3 Utilization of Parks and Waterways



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Marketing Agency Owner

Previous Occupation: Art Administrator, Sotheby's; Director, Special Projects, New York State Council on the Arts

Education: BA, Smith College Art History & Ethics

Organizational Affiliations: Friends of the UES Historic Districts; East River 50s Alliance; Turtle Bay Association; Central Park Conservancy; Advisory Board, MA in Communications, Baruch/CUNY; Board Member Emeritus, Advertising Women of NY

Prior Public Experience: Director, Special Projects, New York State Council on the Arts

City Hall doesn't need more lobbyists and more of the same. We need real people and real solutions. As your Council advocate, I will work tirelessly to ensure that we stop the rapid loss of our small businesses, that we swiftly address the rising homeless numbers, and that we rapidly abate the lead in the water of our public schools. I will champion quality of life initiatives such as the East Side Waterway and continued support of the Arts and will fight for transportation improvements citywide. I will be a fiercely independent voice on the City Council challenging my colleagues and the Mayor each day to bring transparency to City Hall. With your support, I look forward to bringing forth both my public and private sector experience to benefit District 4.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Jeffrey S. Mailman

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Enhance and promote public safety
- 2 Address quality of life issues
- 3 Establish diverse programs for seniors



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Counsel & Legislative Director to Council Member Elizabeth Crowley

Previous Occupation: Attorney; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law at Cardozo Law School

Education: S.U.N.Y. Binghamton, B.A. in Economics, magna cum laude; Cardozo Law School, J.D., Notes Editor of the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution

Organizational Affiliations: Turtle Bay Association, Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York County Lawyers Association, Temple Emanu-El

Prior Public Experience: Public Service Fellow in the N.Y.S. Attorney General's Office; Full Board Member and Public Member of Community Board 6, Health & Education Committee

I am running to use my advocacy skills as an attorney and my six years of City Council experience to represent District 4 residents most effectively from day one. I have an extensive track record of legislative and budgetary accomplishments in fields ranging from emergency medical care to women's health to public safety, to name a few. Providing constituent services will be a priority along with protecting tenants' rights, investing in mass transit and traditional public schools, assisting small businesses, and addressing pedestrian safety issues. I am a passionate public servant who can get things done and I would be honored to have your support.

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Keith Powers

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Fighting for Affordable Housing
- 2 Supporting Quality Public Education
- 3 Strengthening Public Transportation



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, and Constantinople & Vallone

Education: CUNY Graduate Center, University of Dayton

Organizational Affiliations: Stuyvesant Town & Peter Cooper Village Tenants Association, Community Board 6, League of Conservation Voters, and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, and Community Board 6

Keith Powers is a third-generation resident of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, where he grew up in a rent stabilized apartment. He is the son of a registered nurse and a small business owner.

As a native New Yorker, Keith has spent his life thinking about ways in which we can build a better, brighter future for our city. He hopes to bring new ideas to the City Council like innovative mixed-income housing programs, new strategies to protect small businesses, improving diversity in the public school system, and supporting eco-friendly transportation.

Keith has worked for State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, and Constantinople & Vallone, where he advocated on behalf of organizations like the LGBT

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Bessie R. Schachter

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Audit of our Housing Programs
- 2 Sustainable Neighborhoods & Community Services
- 3 Education Funding and Quality Instruction



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: N/A

Previous Occupation: Director of Community Outreach with Senator Liz Krueger's Office, staff for elected officials since 2009

Education: Masters in Politics from NYU, BA from University of Texas at Austin

Organizational Affiliations: Gray Panthers, Congregation Emanu El of New York, League of Women Voters, Lexington Democratic Club, MET Council on Housing

Prior Public Experience: Democratic State Committee Member for the 73rd Assembly District

A mom, wife, and public servant, Bessie has been a community resident and leader for over a decade. Through her position at Senator Liz Krueger's office and elected office at the Democratic State Committee, Bessie has proven to be a fighter for every citizen. Endorsed by Assemblyman Dan Quart, Bessie now wants to be our voice in City Hall, demanding responsible City Planning, sustainable development, reinvigorated education, robust senior centers, verdant open spaces, and efficient transportation of which we can be proud.

Bessie is running because it is time to audit affordability programs that spend billions subsidizing developers without accountability. It is time to help our mom and pop shops struggling from red tape and city barriers. It is time for our City Council to be a force for harmony and for good.

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Barry Shapiro

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Residential Rent Regulation "Home Rule"
- 2 Quality of Life, 311 Complaints
- 3 Education, Small Business & Homelessness



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupation: IT Enterprise Architect, Project Manager, Business Systems Analyst, Film Editor, Writer

Education: BA University of Connecticut (Literature); MA Indiana University (Literature); MFA NYU (Film)

Organizational Affiliations: Self

Prior Public Experience: None

I'm budgeting my primary campaign at less than \$300. It says I will owe no special favors and will never be owned by the NYC Real Estate Industry. To strengthen rent stabilization and affordable housing I intend to advocate for local "Home Rule" (not State Rule) for all NYC residential housing regulation. I will charge the NYS Democratic party to get its house in order, to offer strong state senatorial political challenges to renegade Democrats who have been making self-serving deals with the GOP. I intend to improve the delivery of city agency services by working with Community Boards and city agencies to strengthen 311 complaint reporting and tracking, ensuring effective remediation by following up on all constituent complaints personally. I intend a vigorous probing and re-evaluation of all programs and initiatives serving Education, Small Business, the Homeless and Quality of Life including a review of codes having to do with litter, dogs and bicycles.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Marti Speranza

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Protect and create affordable housing
- 2 Empower small businesses
- 3 Address quality of life issues



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Community Activist

Previous Occupation: Director of Women Entrepreneurs NYC, Director of Strategic Initiatives for NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, Small Business Owner

Education: M.B.A, Harvard University; B.A., Economics and Political Science – University of Pennsylvania

Organizational Affiliations: President of Gramercy Stuyvesant Independent Democrats, Board of Directors Habitat for Humanity NYC, NYC Health + Hospitals Bellevue Community Advisory Board

Prior Public Experience: Democratic State Committeewoman for the 74th Assembly District, Manhattan Community Board 5

The only way to address the issues in our district and citywide is with a community-led approach. I believe in solving problems from the bottom up, and I have done so throughout my professional career: working in city government, as a former small business owner, and as a Habitat for Humanity activist, organizing to make affordable housing a priority. My record of serving this city gives me the perspective and experience needed to represent our district. As your Council Member, I will carry on my practice of collective problem solving, whether we're challenging an unfairly sited sanitation garage, pushing back on rezonings that don't offer anything to our community, or fighting for more school seats.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 05

Patrick Bobilin

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reform affordable housing
- 2 Lead contamination in public schools
- 3 Safety, 91st Street Waste Station



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Engineer and Artist

Previous Occupation: Videographer, Teacher, Web Designer, Warehouse shipping, Barista, Wendy's night manager

Education: MA Curatorial Studies, MFA Film/Video, BA Physics/Film/Philosophy

Organizational Affiliations: DSA

Prior Public Experience: Member of town planning committee (Amherst, MA)

Patrick Bobilin is a resident of Yorkville, a political activist, educator, engineer and proud DSA organizer.

Patrick is the first member of his family in a generation who has been able to afford to move back to Manhattan, where they came from Bayamon, Puerto Rico in the 1950s. He watched as, one-by-one, his family was forced to relocate further uptown, Bronx and even upstate because of affordability issues.

Inspired by Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, Patrick has decided to turn his motivation as a concerned citizen and perennial protester into becoming an engaged political actor. He will fight for the rights of the 99%, stand up to real estate developers to demand truly affordable housing. Together, we will have schools with safe drinking water and challenge a city administration who felt comfortable green-lighting a 24-hour waste transfer station on the East River and 500 feet from a playing field and affordable housing.

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Gwen E. Goodwin

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Zoning, Housing & Infill
- 2 Small Biz Rent Regulation
- 3 Senior Housing Tenant Protection



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Organizer/Activist

Previous Occupation: Makeup Artist

Education: College Grad

Organizational Affiliations: The First Recipient of Award from Historic District Council for work to save PS 109. Award from Uniform Fire Fighters for A Breath of Fresh Air Campaign (400 free Cape May minivacations for 911 first responders). 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. Worked on the entire Bernie Sanders Campaign. I was a steady presence at Occupy Wall Street.

Prior Public Experience: Marched in Million Women's March. Fighting Infill-luxury highrises amidst NYCHA public housing-for last 9 years. 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 (see above). Initiated E. Harlem Bus Stop challenging the reopening of the 100 St. Bus Depot.

I fight the good battles and win. Vote for me, Gwen Goodwin

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 05

Ben Kallos

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 More School Seats and STEM
- 2 Traffic Safety and Improving Commutes
- 3 Fighting Corruption and the MTS



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member, District 5

Previous Occupation: Good Government Advocate, Tech Entrepreneur and Attorney

Education: SUNY Buffalo Law School, SUNY Albany, Bronx Science

Organizational Affiliations: Park East Synagogue, East River Fifties Alliance, East 72nd and East 79th Street Neighborhood Associations, Conservancies for Sutton Place Parks and East River Esplanade

Prior Public Experience: Former Public Advocate Mark Green, Policy Director; Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, Chief of Staff; Community Board 8

Endorsed by The New York Times for his “fresh ideas” and elected in 2013, Ben Kallos grew up on the Upper East Side with his grandparents who fled anti-Semitism in Europe and his mother who still lives here. As your Council Member he has won 400 pre-k seats, secured \$150 million for the East River Esplanade, opened the 2nd Ave Subway with Governor Cuomo, brought SBS to the M79 & M86, won 79 new M15 buses, cleaned up the neighborhood with 300 new trash cans, banned outside income and “legal bribery” in the Council, investigated the Rivington nursing home scandal, won two rent freezes, and continues to fight the Marine Transfer Station. Join his open office monthly for First Friday and Brainstorm with Ben, or gather ten neighbors for Ben In Your Building.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 06

Cary Goodman

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Endangered public parkland
- 2 segregation of public education
- 3 senior services



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Executive Director, 161st Street BID

Previous Occupation: teacher, professor, organizer, advocate

Education: B.A. Colgate, M.A. Columbia, Ph.D. Union Institute

Organizational Affiliations: SAVE OUR PARK

Prior Public Experience: NYC Councilman's staff

I am a park advocate campaigning to save Teddy Roosevelt Park from the museum of natural history's land grab. I am a former public school teacher and parent upset about school segregation. I am a forty year resident of the district concerned about the loss of community commerce. I am a citizen who feels betrayed by public officials who make private deals that compromise our democracy. I have been inspired to run by President Obama's call to action and encouraged by the enthusiasm of the Women's March. I am an environmentalist who thinks we need more recycling and fewer luxury buildings. I am a former union shop steward who cares about worker safety and pay equity. I am husband, father and grandfather who wants the Upper West Side to be the Upper Best Side for seniors, adults, teens and children. I am a renter who cares about tenant harassment and eviction. I am a commuter who wants cleaner, less-crowded subways and discount fares for the working poor.

I am a Jew who abhors all forms of prejudice and hatred.

I am a neighbor who enjoys good neighbors.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 06

Helen Rosenthal

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Pedestrian Safety
- 2 School Integration
- 3 Affordable Housing



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member for District 6

Previous Occupation: Assistant Director, NYC Office of Management and Budget

Education: MPH, Yale University; B.A., Michigan State University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member District 6, CB7 Chair

When you elected me to the City Council, I promised to focus on things that would make a difference. It's a promise I've kept. I helped save the City \$627 million by compelling the DOE to re-bid a huge, wasteful contract – enough money for Pre-K for 65,000 kids. Because “separate is never equal”, I supported parent leaders who voted 9-1 to adopt the first UWS public school integration plan in 50 years, relieving overcrowding and concentrated poverty. This plan was endorsed by The NY Times. My office has ranked “top five” in constituent cases handled: each year, we provide direct services helping thousands of residents. I'm asking for your vote to keep me in the Council, to keep doing things like this. But there's another issue in this race. And that involves women's voices and valuing women's work. Right now, women make up more than half of city voters – but only a quarter of the council members. With retirements, those numbers may fall to 1 in 5. You can help fix this. I hope you'll join Gale Brewer, NOW, Tenants PAC, and the UFT in supporting me.

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Mel Wymore

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Save Our Local Small Businesses
- 2 Expand Senior Housing and Services
- 3 Fight for Great Local Schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Writer, Executive Director of TransPAC

Previous Occupation: Small Business Owner, Engineer

Education: Masters in Systems Engineering

Organizational Affiliations: Ethical Culture Fieldston School PTA Chair; West Side YMCA Board Chair

Prior Public Experience: 22 Years & Twice-Elected Chair of Community Board 7; Co-Founded or Chaired Over 30 Community Organizations

In the last election, I won the endorsement of the New York Times for my 30-year record of tangible gains in our community.

As an engineer and chair of Community Board 7, I forced the biggest developers in the city to pay hundreds of millions for new schools, affordable housing, parks, and centers for seniors and youth. I'll stand up to big real estate to save small businesses, fight school overcrowding, expand affordable housing and services for seniors, and clean up our neighborhood.

I'm asking for your vote again because the job isn't getting done. Unregulated overdevelopment and high costs have hurt seniors, overcrowded our schools, and left storefronts vacant. Rats, dirty streets, and congestion are worse.

We can do better. In these troubling times, it's up to us to reclaim our activist heritage, to fearlessly fight for our community, and to create an Upper West Side that is just and sustainable for all of us.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 07

Mark D. Levine

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Tenants' rights & housing affordability
- 2 Great schools for every child
- 3 Great parks for every neighborhood

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation: Bilingual Math & Science teacher at JHS149 in the South Bronx

Education: B.A. in Physics, Haverford College; Masters in Public Policy, Harvard University

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of Neighborhood Trust, an Upper Manhattan community development credit union; former Executive Director of Teach For America-NY; & former Executive Director of the Center for After-School Excellence

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader; Founder of the Barack Obama Democratic Club of Upper Manhattan; Chair of Community Board 12's Transportation Committee; and Board Member of Fresh Youth Initiatives

It has been a privilege serving the 7th Council District since 2013, and I am proud of all I've been able to accomplish, not just for Upper Manhattan, but for every New Yorker. Since taking office I've led the fight to guarantee free legal representation for tenants facing eviction; successfully fought to invest hundreds of millions dollars in long underfunded community parks across NYC; and secured tens of millions of dollars of funding for schools, libraries, parks, & public housing in Upper Manhattan. I have worked hard to bring real results to our neighborhoods, and I would be honored to continue that work with the community.

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Thomas Lopez-Pierre

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Protect tenants from landlords
- 2 Low income housing
- 3 Expand programs for senior citizens

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Executive Director of Harlem Family Eviction Prevention Fund, Inc.

Previous Occupation: Community Activist

Education: Attended John Jay College/CUNY

Organizational Affiliations: NA

Prior Public Experience: NA

My name is Thomas Lopez-Pierre and I am an affordable housing activist.

I am a 49 year old year Christian of Dominican, Puerto Rican and Haitian descent; and father of 7 year old twin girls and an 11 year old boy from a previous marriage.

I was born addicted to drugs, abandoned at birth, raised in foster care/group homes and on welfare.

As a child, my family and I were evicted.

STOPPING landlords from pushing low-income tenants out to make room for higher income tenants is issue number #1 in Upper Manhattan.

For 10 years, I helped people in homeless shelters and with AIDS find housing. Today, I serve as the Executive Director of the Harlem Family Eviction Prevention Fund, Inc.

In less than 20 years, the Black and Hispanic population in Upper Manhattan dropped from 90% to 65% due to politicians corrupted with landlord political money weakening tenant protection laws.

Politicians corrupted with landlord political money can NOT be trusted to protect tenants from landlords.

VOTE for Thomas Lopez-Pierre, the candidate you can trust NOT to take political money from landlords.

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THE DEBATE PROGRAM

The CFB partners with media, educational, and civic organizations to sponsor the Debate Program, which allows New Yorkers to hear directly from the candidates for mayor, public advocate, and comptroller, and compare them side-by-side as they discuss issues. Two debates are held before each primary and general election, and an additional debate is held in case of a runoff election. All candidates for citywide office who are participating in the Campaign Finance Program, are on the ballot, and meet a minimum financial threshold are required to take part in at least one debate. Candidates who are not participating in the matching funds program may also be invited to join the debate, provided they meet the same nonpartisan criteria.

PRIMARY DEBATE SCHEDULE

MAYOR REPUBLICAN Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio: WNYC	MAYOR DEMOCRATIC Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC	PUBLIC ADVOCATE DEMOCRATIC Monday, Aug. 21, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC	COMPTROLLER DEMOCRATIC Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC
MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS (REPUBLICAN) Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 PM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880	MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC) Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:00 PM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880	PUBLIC ADVOCATE LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC) Saturday, Aug. 26, 9:00 AM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880	COMPTROLLER LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC) Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00 AM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880



THE VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

Candidates running for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member are encouraged to prepare a taped video statement to be included in the online Guide and aired on TV. The Video Voter Guide will air on NYC.gov at 7:00 pm every night, September 4th through September 12th. Each broadcast will begin with candidates for citywide office, followed by the candidates for borough president and City Council, with a different borough leading off each night. You may also watch each candidates' video statement online at nycfb.info/voterguide.

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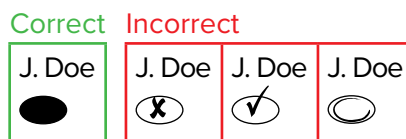
HOW TO VOTE

1 GET YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Sign in at the correct table for your Assembly District/Election District (these numbers are printed on the cover of your Voter Guide).

2 MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.



- ◆ Do NOT use an “x” or a “√”, circle the oval, or make stray marks.

- ◆ For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate's name.
- ◆ Do NOT fold your ballot.
- ◆ Do NOT sign or write your name.

If you need assistance filling in your choices, ask a poll worker about using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD).

3 SCAN YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Take your marked ballot to the scanner area.
- ◆ Select your language of choice by touching the corresponding button on the screen.
- ◆ Insert your marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. The scanner accepts ballots in any direction and reads both sides. The scanner will notify you when your vote has been cast.

CONTACT THE NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BOE)

You can register to vote, change your registration, vote absentee, apply to be a poll worker, and more with the New York City Board of Elections (BOE). Reach the BOE:



visit **vote.nyc.ny.us**

OR



call the voter hotline at
866-VOTE-NYC
(212-487-5496 for the
hearing impaired)

OR



visit your BOE office

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

QUEENS

118-35 Queens Blvd.
Forest Hills, NY 11375
(718) 730-6730

MANHATTAN

200 Varick Street
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New York, NY 10014
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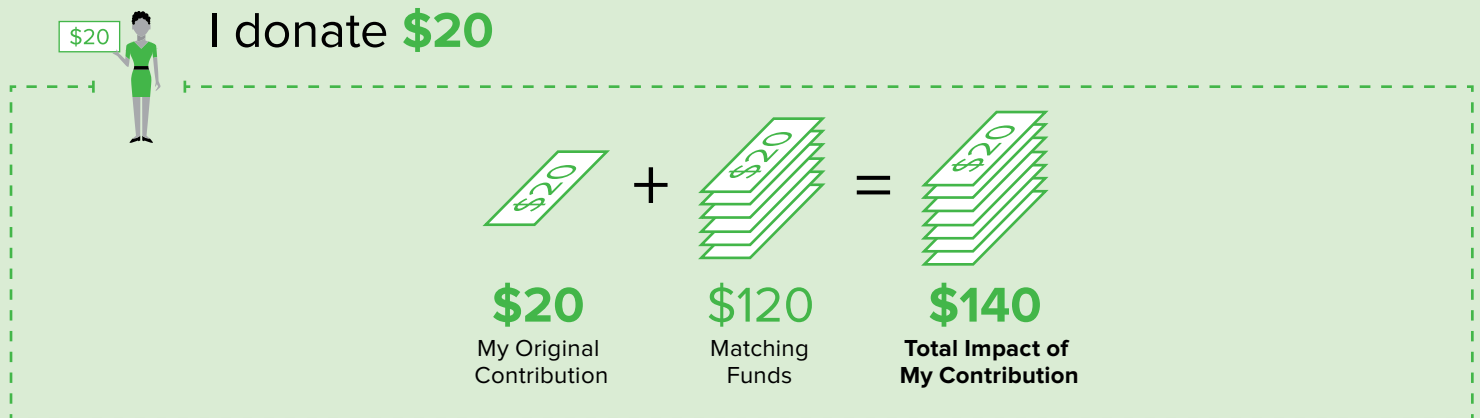
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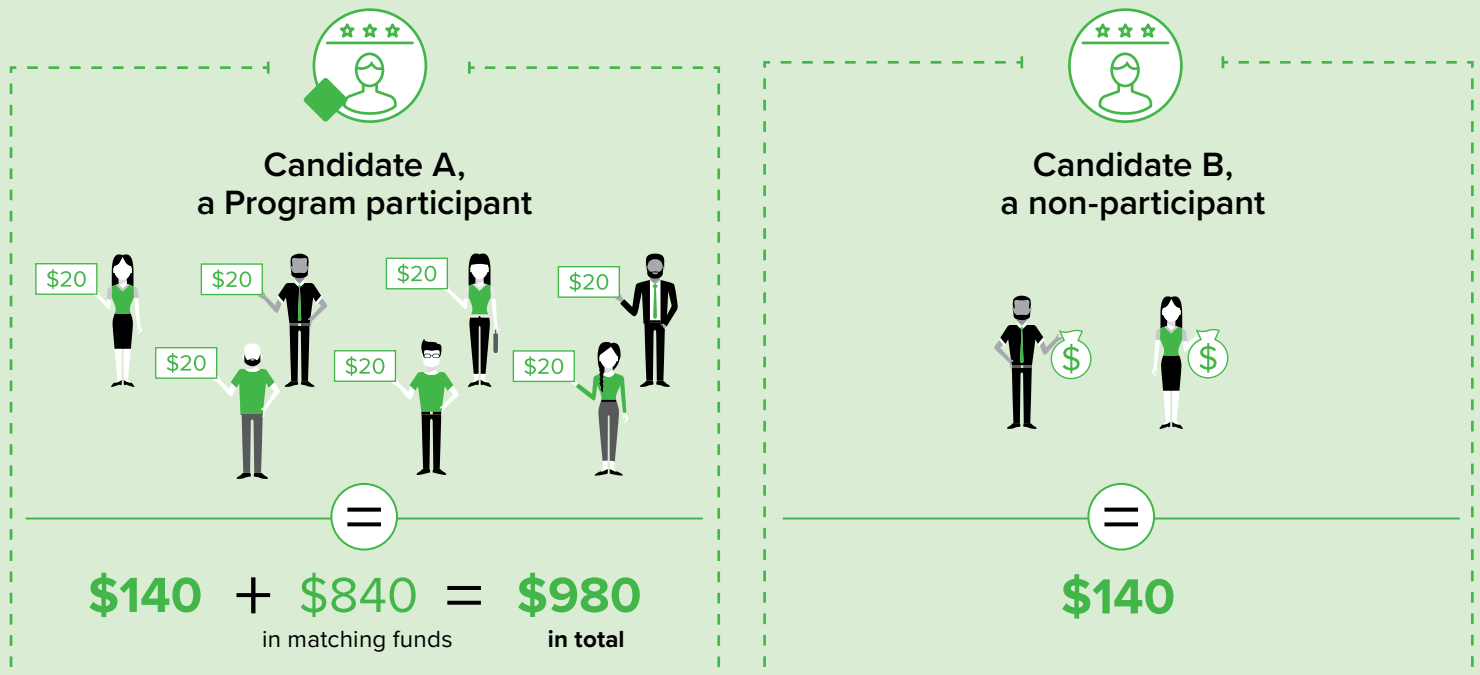
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

NYC's Campaign Finance Program is one of the strongest in the nation. Candidates who qualify and abide by spending limits may receive public funds, matched at a rate of \$6-to-\$1 on the first \$175 of a contribution. This means that when NYC residents donate to local candidates participating in the Program, they can receive \$6 from the city for each dollar contributed.



Candidates must collect small-dollar donations from their constituents to qualify for public funds. As a result, candidates in the Program spend more of their time campaigning in their communities, listening to the concerns of average New Yorkers, instead of working for wealthy donors or special interests. Matching funds also help New Yorkers from all backgrounds run for city office, giving us more choices at the polls and ensuring that the diversity that makes our city strong is reflected in our government.

Visit nycfb.info/program to learn more.



In addition to receiving matching funds through the program, Candidate A is able to interact with more people in the community, as the program encourages candidates to seek small-dollar donations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING



I DON'T KNOW IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE— HOW CAN I FIND OUT?

Go to **voting.nyc** to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) for assistance.

COULD MY REGISTRATION HAVE EXPIRED?

Your registration has no expiration date. However, if you did not vote in the last two federal elections, or you moved without updating your address with the BOE, your registration may be considered “inactive” and your name may not appear in the voter roll at your poll site. You can still vote by affidavit ballot.

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

If you received this Guide in the mail, your poll site location is printed on the cover. You can also check online at **voting.nyc** or call 866-VOTE-NYC.

Remember to confirm your poll site on Election Day.

DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?

In most cases, you do not need identification to vote. However, if you are voting for the first time at your poll site, you may need to show identification to vote in this election.

WHAT IF I MOVED WITHIN NEW YORK CITY SINCE THE LAST TIME I VOTED?

When you move, New York State law requires you to 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 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 MY NAME IS NOT IN THE VOTER BOOK?

Make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, you can find your district numbers on the cover. You can also find them on the mailer that the BOE sends to all registered voters before each election. Poll workers can look up your name and address and determine which district you live in as well.

You can also check to make sure that you are registered by going to **voting.nyc**.

If you're unable to find your assembly and election district numbers but believe that you are still eligible to vote, ask a poll worker for an affidavit ballot and follow the instructions.

WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?

An affidavit ballot is a paper ballot you can request if you're not listed in the voter book but believe you are eligible to vote and are at the correct polling site (for example, if you moved without updating your address or your address change wasn't processed in time for you to appear in the voter book). Follow the instructions to fill out this ballot and the envelope, and give it to a poll worker when you are done. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records—if you were eligible to vote, were at the correct poll site, and filled out the ballot and envelope correctly, your vote will be counted. If not, you will receive a notice that your vote did not count.

Your affidavit envelope serves as a registration form for future elections if you were not eligible to vote and you filled it out correctly.

WHAT IF A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGES MY RIGHT TO VOTE?

If a poll watcher challenges your right to vote, e.g., states that you are not the person you claim to be or that you don't live in the district, you can ask a poll worker to administer an oath to you to affirm your qualifications to vote. You will swear under penalty of perjury that you are eligible and qualified to vote, after which you will be permitted to vote on a regular (not affidavit) ballot.

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 due to absence from the county or New York City on Election Day; temporary or permanent illness or physical disability; hospitalization; duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or disabled; or detention in a veterans administration hospital, jail, or prison, awaiting trial or action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense that was not a felony.

By mail: Call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it from the BOE's website, vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office by the deadline. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it by the deadline to your BOE borough office (see "Election Dates and Deadlines" on page 5).

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 Monday–Friday and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 9:00 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 Election Day.

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

If you have been convicted of a felony, you can register and vote after you complete your sentence and/or parole.

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR?

You can register and vote, even from jail, if you have been convicted of only a misdemeanor. The same rules apply whether you were convicted in a New York court, another state's court, or a federal court. You do not need to provide any documentation.

I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS, CAN I VOTE?

Yes, homeless people can register and vote in New York City.

BALLOT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Every twenty years, New Yorkers get to vote on whether or not there should be a convention to review and revise the state constitution. This November, you have the power to decide if we should have a constitutional convention in April 2019, with delegates elected in November 2018.

PROPOSAL 2

PENSION FORFEITURE FOR CONVICTED OFFICIALS

New Yorkers will also vote on whether or not to amend the state constitution so that judges can reduce or revoke the pensions of public officials who have been convicted of felonies directly related to their duties.

PROPOSAL 3

ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK IN STATE FOREST PRESERVES

Voters will decide whether to establish a 250-acre land bank which can be used to construct, relocate, and maintain roads in the Adirondack and Catskill parks. It would allow water, sewer, other utility lines, and intrastate gas and oil pipelines to be buried beneath, and bike paths to be established, "within the widths" of park roadways.

To find out more about these upcoming ballot proposals, sign up for election email alerts at nycvotes.nycfb.info and follow us @nycvotes to stay in the know.