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Welcome to your NYC Voter Guide

Make your mark on city government by voting in this year’s primary and general elections! It is a major election year in New York City, with races for **mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council**.

The first step is to help select your party’s nominee for each office in the September 10th Primary Election. You must be a registered voter enrolled with a political party to participate. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, you are eligible to vote in a primary election. We urge you to do so.

This Guide contains information about each candidate’s background and platform so you can cast an informed vote. **Candidate profiles start on page 4.** You will receive another Guide this fall covering ballot proposals and candidates running in the November 5th General Election.

NYC Votes, the Campaign Finance Board’s voter engagement campaign, has many ways for you to learn about the candidates. Tune in to the **video edition of the Voter Guide** on the **NYCgov channel** to watch candidate video statements. Visit the **online Voter Guide** to read candidate profiles, stream their **videos**, check out their **websites** and **social media pages**, and find other web resources for voters. Watch the candidates for citywide office face off in the official **NYC Votes Debates**. On the go? **Get voter information on your smartphone or tablet using our new mobile app at www.nycvotes.org.**

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



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Not sure which city council district you live in?

Check the cover of this Guide: Your district numbers are printed above your name and address. You can also visit nyc.pollsitelocator.com, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

For all your voting needs and questions...

Contact the NYC Board of Elections (BOE) by phone at 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692; **212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired**), online at www.vote.nyc.ny.us, or in person at your local BOE office:

General Office	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	The Bronx	Staten Island
32 Broadway 7th Floor New York, NY 10004 (212) 487-5400	345 Adams Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 797-8800	200 Varick Street 10th Floor New York, NY 10014 (212) 886-2100	126-06 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens, NY 11415 (718) 730-6730	1780 Grand Concourse 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457 (718) 299-9017	1 Edgewater Plaza 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305 (718) 876-0079

The general office (at 32 Broadway) will be open until midnight on **Friday, October 11, 2013** to receive last-minute voter registrations for the **general election**.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a primary election?

A primary election is held when more than one candidate wants a party’s nomination and has successfully completed all the steps to get on the ballot. The winner of a primary election runs as that party’s nominee in the general election held in November. If only one candidate is seeking a party’s nomination, no primary is held for that office.

Can I vote in the September 10th primary election?

You can only vote in a primary election held by the party YOU belong to. For example, if you are a registered member of the Working Families Party, you can only vote in the Working Families Party primary, not the Democratic or Republican primary.

If you are voting from your current address for the first time, you must have registered to vote and chosen a party by **August 16, 2013** to vote in this year’s primary; all other voters must have enrolled in a party by October 12th of last year (2012) to be eligible.

What is a runoff primary election and can I vote in that?

If no candidate for a citywide office (mayor, public advocate, or comptroller) receives at least 40% of the vote in the primary election, a **runoff primary election** is held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The tentative date for a runoff primary election (if necessary) is Tuesday, October 1, 2013. If you were eligible to vote in the September 10th primary, you are also eligible to vote in any runoff primary held by the party you are enrolled in.

What will I be voting on in the primary election?

You will be voting to decide your party’s nominees for the general election. Depending on which party you belong to, you might be choosing a candidate for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and/or City Council member. You might also be voting on races for district attorney or judicial office, although these candidates are not covered by this Guide.

How do I register to vote?

Fill out a voter registration form and submit it in person or by mail with the NYC Board of Elections (BOE). You can download a registration form from the BOE’s website, pick one up at your local BOE office, or call 866-VOTE-NYC to request one by mail. It is too late to register to vote for the primary election, but you have until October 11, 2013 to register for the November 5th general election.

Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration date, but it may have been canceled if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE, if you have not voted in the past two federal elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC or go to <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx> to check.

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

When you move, you must change your address with the BOE within 25 days. You do this by submitting a new voter registration form and filling in the information on the form, including information in the box labeled “Voting information that has changed.” Fill in your new and old address, check the box for the party you wish to be enrolled in (do this even if you were enrolled in a party at your old address), and provide any other requested information. If you moved but you didn’t change your address with the BOE before the deadline, you should go to your NEW polling place and vote by affidavit ballot. Call 866-VOTE-NYC to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

What if they can’t find my name on the list when I sign in to vote?

First, make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. These district numbers are printed on the mailing label of your Voter Guide and on the mailer the BOE sends to all registered voters each August. You can also ask a poll worker for help, or check the poll site locator on the BOE’s website. If you are at the right table but you are not on the poll list, it may be because the BOE did not receive your registration form. If you believe that you are eligible, **you can still vote**. Ask for an **affidavit ballot**, and follow the instructions. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a registration form for future elections.

What if I can’t get to my polling place on Election Day?

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place because of occupation, business, studies, travel, imprisonment (other than for a felony conviction), illness, disability, hospitalization, or if you are a resident in a long-term care facility. There are two ways to vote by absentee ballot: by mail or in person.

To vote absentee **by mail**, call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it at www.vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office. Applications must be **postmarked** by September 3, 2013. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it (postmarked by September 9, 2013) to your BOE borough office.

Absentee voting in person: Absentee voting in person begins as soon as the ballots are available (at least 32 days before an election) and ends on Election Day. It is conducted at your BOE **borough office** Mon.-Fri. and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Election Day.

Please note: If the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail has passed and you cannot appear at your poll site on Election Day because of an accident or sudden illness, you can send a representative to your BOE borough office with a written letter of authorization to obtain an absentee ballot on your behalf. A completed application and your completed ballot must be returned to **your** BOE borough office by 9:00 p.m. on September 10th.

Your Rights as a Voter

You have the right to vote in the September 10, 2013 primary election if:

- » You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary.
- » You are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on September 10th.

In any election, you have a right to:

- » Be assisted by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker, if you need help to vote. If you need an interpreter, BOE interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information, including which polling sites have interpreters available and for which languages.
- » Ask election workers how to vote.
- » Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide. (Please take these materials away with you when you finish voting.)
- » Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- » Vote by “affidavit ballot” if your name is missing from the list of voters at your polling site.

You may have to show identification to vote in this election if you are voting for the first time at your polling place.

If you cannot or choose not to show identification, you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.

Where Do I Vote?

To find your poll site, visit the BOE’s website at www.vote.nyc.ny.us and use its poll site locator, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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Mayor

The mayor is the chief executive officer of the City of New York, responsible for the effectiveness and integrity of city government operations. Some of the many duties of the mayor include appointing and removing agency heads and commissioners for mayoral agencies; appointing members to many public authorities, commissions, and boards; and proposing a budget for New York City. In addition, the mayor has the power to veto the City Council’s legislation and land-use decisions. The mayor earns an annual salary of \$225,000.

- » **Democratic Primary** (D)

Sal F. Albanese
Randy Credico
Bill de Blasio
Neil Vincent Grimaldi
He Gin Lee
John C. Liu
Christine C. Quinn
Erick Salgado
Bill Thompson
Anthony D. Weiner
- » **Republican Primary** (R)

John Catsimatidis
Joseph J. Lhota
George McDonald
Sam Sloan*
- » **Independence Primary**[†] (I)

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Some candidates listed above may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press.

*Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide, but may have provided social media links and website information for the online Guide; visit www.nycclb.info/voterguide.
[†] You may vote for a write-in candidate in this primary.

Democratic Primary | Mayor

Sal F. Albanese

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation(s): Public school teacher, Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at John Jay College, Managing Director at Mesirow Financial

Education: John Jay High School; B.A. in Education, CUNY-York College; M.A. in Health, NYU; J.D., Brooklyn Law School

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: City Council member, School board member

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
New York faces an affordability crisis that the city’s out-of-touch political class has failed to address. As Mayor, I will create living wage jobs, revolutionize early education, and fight to make our transportation system fair and affordable for all five boroughs.

Randy Credico

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Political satirist, impressionist, consultant

Previous Occupation(s): Director William Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice, campaign consultant

Education: Mt. Sac College Calif.

Organizational Affiliations: Kunstler fund

Prior Public Experience: 0

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
reforming ny’s criminal justice system

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Tax Wall Street 1 percent
LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

Bill de Blasio

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

Previous Occupation(s): Campaign Manager, Hillary Clinton for Senate; Regional Director for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Aide to Mayor Dinkins

Education: M.A. Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; B.A. New York University


Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member District 39 (Brooklyn); Community School Board 15 Member

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
My top priority will be addressing economic inequality. For far too long, City Hall has catered to the elite while middle and working-class families are dismissed or ignored.

Neil Vincent Grimaldi

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: ATTORNET :CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES AUTHOR OF A GUIDE TO LIFE AND OTHER BOOKS BUSSINESS OWNER

Previous Occupation(s): ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL NARCOTIC PROSECUTOR< PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE ONE REMEDIAL READING TEACHER AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL I WAS A CLERK WITH DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION AND SANITATION AND A CAR CLEANER OF TRAIN CARS AS WELL I WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER FROM 12 TO 20 YEARS OLD

Education: GEORGETOWN SCHOOKL OF FOREIGN SERVICE ST JOHN LAW SCHOOL FORDHAM UNIVERSITY EDUCATION CREDITS TO BE NYC TEACHER SEMINARY

Organizational Affiliations: LAW BAR ASSOCIATIIONS FREE INDEPENDENT MASONS

Prior Public Experience: ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: BRONX COUNTY< ASST NYC SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER NEW YORK STATE SENATE STAFF AND NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STAFF

He Gin Lee

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Registered Architect

Previous Occupation(s): None

Education: New York Institute of Technology, Institute of Design and Construction

Organizational Affiliations: American Institute of Architects

Prior Public Experience: None

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
There are many issues the City is currently dealing with. The issue that stands out the most is the City’s economic health. On the heels of the destruction of Hurricane Sandy, many parts of the City have been slow to recover. As a result, the City’s economy has suffered mightily. I have a plan to develop parts along the East River in the outer boroughs over the next 10 to 15 years. This project will provide the City with many jobs, affordable housing and an economic boost it desperately needs.

To tackle economic inequality, we must strengthen our education system, expand and protect affordable housing, and create strong jobs across all five boroughs. I am the only candidate who has a plan to create universal early education and after-school programs by asking the wealthiest to pay a little more in taxes.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I understand how fragile police-community relations can put both residents and officers at risk, and I have called for true reform of Stop and Frisk and strong legislation to ban racial profiling. I also believe that immigrants have always been an essential part of our city and the next administration must embrace and support our vital immigrant communities.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have dedicated my career to taking on the elite and powerful, and standing up for taxpayers, families, and everyday New Yorkers. As an outer-borough working dad and public school parent, I care deeply about the everyday issues that are front-and-center to families: economic fairness, job creation, early education and after-school programs, child care, a real living wage, effective and respectful policing, and affordable housing.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
i want to develop a holistic education system and a character |emphasis development educational system that includes all views of god and teaches spiritual inndividual development, self love and inner happiness.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
HARMONY BETWEEN ALL GROUPS, BETTER JOBS AND PAY, EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN, A MORE AFFORDAABLE CITY AND A FUN LIFE FOR ALIL END OPPRESSIVE POLICIES AGAINST RESTAURANTS AND CAR DRIVERS COMMERCIAL RENT CONTROL REASONABLY SET, ALSO BETTER MASS TRANSIT AND EASIER TRANSIT MUCH MORE CONSTRTION JOBS, MORE MUSEUMS, BETTER SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, HEALTHIER SCHOOL LUNCHESES. AND TREAT TEACHERS MORE APPRECIABLY AND KINDLY FOR I WAS A TEACHER TOO.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I AM AN INTERFAITH REVEREND AND RELIGIOUS PERSON WHO WOULD A GREATER SPIRITUAL ELEMENT TO EDUCATION AND WOULD HAVE A MORE OPEN LOVING AND OPERRSONAL CVARING ATTITUDE

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
The issue of the lack of affordable housing has plagued the City for much too long. New York City is becoming more and more difficult to live in due to the rising costs of living. Before building up and developing areas, I want to first utilize our buildings and spaces better. One way to do this is by legalizing the use and rental of homeowners’ basement floors. Currently, the City does not allow homeowners to utilize their basement and cellar floors to live in. The renovation costs are small compared to the benefits homeowners, potential tenants and the City will receive. This simple yet effective idea will make living in New York City more affordable.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am the best candidate for New York City Mayor because I am not a politician. I am a New Yorker who sees the City going in the wrong direction. With my experience dealing with the City as a licensed architect and businessman, I have the knowledge and skills to lead this City to greater heights. I will not stand idly as fellow New Yorkers continue to struggle to survive in this City. I want to fight for common New Yorkers because I, myself am a common New Yorker. This is why I’m the best candidate for New York City Mayor.

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John C. Liu

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Comptroller, City of New York

Previous Occupation(s):

Actuary/Management Consultant - PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Education:

Proud product of public schools from kindergarten through college, including Hunter College High School, the Bronx High School of Science, then earned his B.S. in Mathematical Physics from Binghamton University (SUNY).

Organizational Affiliations:

John is an awardee/honorary member of hundreds of civic, professional and advocacy organizations.

Prior Public Experience:

New York City Councilmember (2002-2009); Community Board member.



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Economic recovery with sustained growth is the key issue. These recent years have been perhaps the worst recession since the Great Depression. We must create jobs and diversify our economic base into all neighborhoods of this City.

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Christine C. Quinn

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

New York City Council Speaker

Previous Occupation(s):

NYC Council Speaker 2006-Present; Councilmember 1999-Present; Exec. Director, NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project; Chief of Staff, Tom Duane; Tenant Organizer

Education:

B.A., Trinity College

Organizational Affiliations:

NARAL Pro-Choice NY; GLID; Chelsea Reform Democratic Club; Stonewall Democrats

Prior Public Experience:

See Above



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
As Mayor, my top priority will be keeping the city a place for the middle class and everyone struggling to join it. That starts with creating thousands of new manufacturing, tech, and green jobs in all five boroughs. It means making sure that every neighborhood has **quality public schools** that focus on college and career-readiness, not teaching to the test. And it means **expanding affordable**

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To do so, let’s eliminate big corporate giveaways, help grow small businesses/ entrepreneurship, and fund youth development and job training programs. Let’s reform our personal income tax rates to be fairer so that those who make over \$500,000 annually pay slightly higher rates, while those below get a *reduction* in their tax bill.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Education is the best long-term investment our City can make. Let’s restore the learning environment in our schools instead of running them as subsidiaries of a DoE Corporation. To reduce crime, let’s bring police personnel back to pre-Bloomberg days, do away with Stop-and-Frisk, and implement community policing measures.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As an immigrant growing up in New York City, I never dreamed that I would ever run for office. Unlike my rivals, my background is not in politics nor government, so I have a very fresh perspective about what government should do and what it should not do. As a husband and father, I have a very personal stake in our collective future, and will do my utmost to give back to a City that gave me and my family tremendous opportunities to pursue the American Dream.

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housing with the most ambitious middle-class housing plan in city history. You can **download my Ideas App** on your smartphone to see all of my ideas and full vision for the city.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Public Safety: I’ll make sure New York City remains the safest big city in America while we improve police-community relations. We can’t afford to take a step back in the fight against crime.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
New Yorkers need a Mayor who doesn’t just talk about delivering for the middle class, but one who has a real record of getting results. That’s what I’ve done as Speaker: passing seven on-time balanced budgets that protected teachers and kept firehouses and libraries open, expanding pre-K with 10,000 new class slots, helping small businesses create jobs, protecting a woman’s right to choose with groundbreaking clinic access legislation, standing up for tenants, and passing living wage legislation to put more money in the pockets of working New Yorkers and that’s what I’ll do as Mayor. The middle class built our city and I’ll work hard for them every single day.

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Erick Salgado

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

A full-time candidate who continues to serve as Pastor of Bensonhurst’s Iglesia Jovenes Cristianos Church.

Previous Occupation(s):

Erick started a bookstore & grew it into a 4 borough chain. He also founded a radio network & was president of Radio Cantico Nuevo, Inc. until last Dec. Erick has devoted thousands of hours over the last 24 years to working with the people living in NYC’s diverse communities.

Education:


Erick holds a Doctorate in Theological Studies from UTI University.

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

N/A



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will restore the ranks of the Police Dept. to those of Mayor Giuliani’s administration, eliminate quotas & implement additional sensitivity training for all officers. I will continue the Dept.’s initiatives to combat terrorism.

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Bill Thompson

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Until running for Mayor, I helped lead one of the nations premier, minority owned municipal investment firms. We helped cities around America finance their public projects, like building schools, bridges and parks.

Previous Occupation(s):

Prior to running for Mayor in 2009, I served for eight years as the New York City Comptroller, where I strengthened the City’s pension funds, encouraged business development and held City Hall accountable by uncovering waste and abuse.

Education:


I am a proud son of NYC public schools, and a graduate of Midwood High School in Brooklyn. I went to college at Tufts University.

Organizational Affiliations:

I have served as the Chair of Governor Cuomo’s task force on Minority and Women Owned Business. I also have served as the Chairman of the Battery Park City Association.

Prior Public Experience:

I was City Comptroller from 2002-2010. Prior, I was the President of the NYC Board of Education, where I was the first person to truly open the financial books of the BOE and bring accountability to our school system.



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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
1. New Yorkers need jobs that pay a livable wage. I’ll remove bureaucratic obstacles that prevent many businesses from thriving, eliminate out of date regulations, put as much of the permitting process as possible online, provide tax incentives to encourage the creation of new jobs, make NY businesses a priority in the City’s Request For Proposals process & use tax incentives to entice additional businesses to NYC. 2. The Department of Education must meet the students’ needs immediately. I’ll increase parental involvement, including a grade from parents on teachers’ evaluations. I’ll also conduct a system-wide audit to determine which programs are successful & disseminate that info to teachers & principals. I’ll work to reestablish elected community school boards throughout NYC.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I’m the only candidate who’ll represent all of NYC’s different ethnic & religious communities & will not dictate how they should live their lives. I’m also the only candidate who holds traditional family values dear & who will fight for the best education for our young people even if it means taking on the teachers’ union.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I believe that moving our city forward begins with creating great schools in every community - schools where teachers are respected and given the support and tools they need to help children succeed. I know that if we put our minds to it, NYC is going to have the best schools in the world. Together, we are going to make New York the education city it should be, and will be.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Working families are being priced out of New York City, and that is unacceptable. I will establish a school-to-jobs pipeline that creates long-term, good paying-jobs. I will expand affordable housing so working class New Yorkers have a place to live. With safer streets, better schools, and higher paying jobs New Yorkers will have more opportunity for success than ever before.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have spent my life serving the public in roles that have prepared me for exactly the challenges that we face right now. We need a sound financial manager with the right temperament to get things done. City Hall needs someone who wants to build stronger partnerships with communities and parents. I will be the leader who brings these ideas back to NYC government.

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A Few Notes about the Voter Guide

This Guide lists all the candidates who appeared to be on the ballot for the primary election at press time, even if the candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile in time to be included in this printed Guide. Because candidates can be removed from the ballot for legal reasons until just before the election, some candidates listed in this Guide may not appear on the ballot; if all but one candidate seeking the nomination of a party for a particular office is removed from the ballot, no primary election will be held by that party for that office. Visit the online Voter Guide at www.nyccfb.info/voterguide for up-to-date primary election information, or use the BOE’s poll site locator at www.vote.nyc.ny.us to view your sample ballot.

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

Anthony D. Weiner

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Public Servant

Previous Occupation(s):

12 years - US Congressman, representing Brooklyn and Queens; 7 years - NY City Council Member representing Brooklyn; 6 years - Aide to then-Rep. Charles Schumer

Education:


SUNY Plattsburgh, B.A. in Political Science

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

U.S. Representative, NY 9th district; City Council Member, NYC 48th district



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will be a **fighter for the middle class and those struggling to make it** there. I grew up a middle-class kid in Brooklyn and went to public schools my whole life. My mom was a public school teacher for 31 years. I know how important education is and what it means for our future. I will ensure we train and pay our teachers well,

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ensure they have the **tools to enforce better discipline**, engage parents in a more meaningful way, and focus on early education.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I put out a book with **64 ideas to help small businesses, lower taxes, protect our neighborhoods, and fix our healthcare system**. I’ll cut **income taxes by 10% for anyone making \$150,000 or less a year**, paid for by increasing taxes by a reasonable 1% on the wealthiest. I’ll cut red tape for small businesses by reducing fines and fees. New York will feature the **first single-payer laboratory** that will lower costs and provide quality, affordable **healthcare for everyone**. My 60-20-20 plan will ensure that **at least 20% of all new housing is for the middle class** and 20% is for those struggling to make it. We will continue to fight crime by using GPS technology to track sex offenders and using DNA testing to track criminals. I will stand up to Albany and Washington to **ensure New York City gets its fair share**.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have a proven record of leadership over two decades that will mean results for all New Yorkers. In Washington, I fought for more funding to keep our communities safe, to protect food stamps, and for better healthcare for all. **I’m a proven fighter for New Yorkers** and I have specific plans to keep our city the capital of the middle class.

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John Catsimatidis

Mayor (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.
Previous Occupation(s): Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.
Education: NYC public and parochial schools, including Brooklyn Tech; Attended NYU.
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member of the Police Athletic League for nearly 30 years, Board of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, the St. Francis Food Pantries and former Vice Chair of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council. I also serve as a Member of the Pension Board of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW.
Prior Public Experience: Common sense businessman who built a successful major retail organization from the ground up. Only candidate that has the experience required to manage an organization as large and complex as New York City.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Public Safety: Continue the policies that have kept NYC safe from crime and terrorism. I will ensure New Yorkers can continue to walk around their neighborhoods safely. We need a safe city to preserve confidence so that the world continues to invest in New York City.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Jobs and the economy: I am the only candidate in this race with a proven record of creating jobs right here in New York City and I will continue creating jobs as Mayor; Education: Cut the almost 40% dropout rate by increasing vocational programs and providing every student the tools necessary to succeed.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am a successful independent businessman with a proven record of creating jobs in New York City. I have been a CEO for over 40 years and am the only candidate who is qualified to manage the \$70 billion organization that is our city. I grew up on 135th Street in Harlem and have never forgotten where I came from. I have raised millions of dollars for education and I am running for mayor because I believe that every New Yorker deserves the opportunities I had.

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Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: Full-time candidate
Previous Occupation(s): Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Deputy Mayor and Budget Director, Giuliani Administration; Executive Vice President, Madison Square Garden & Cablevision; Investment Banker
Education: Georgetown University, BS 1976; Harvard Business School, MBA 1980
Organizational Affiliations: CUNY, Member Board of Trustees
Prior Public Experience: Budget Director and Deputy Mayor for Operations, Giuliani Administration; Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Creating jobs and a vibrant, diversified economy is the key to our City’s success. Government can’t create jobs, but it is responsible for creating an environment for job growth. Our government must operate more efficiently while reducing taxes

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and the burdensome regulations and fines that are strangling small businesses. We must focus on fostering emerging industries to create quality, good-paying jobs in all five boroughs.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Reforming government must be a top priority. We need ethics reform to get rid of corrupt politicians and educational reform to improve our schools. Public safety is also critical to our quality of life. We must ensure the NYPD has the necessary tools and resources to keep us safe from terrorists and violent criminals.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
The next Mayor needs to have the experience and vision to lead New York City on Day One. Our City is a \$70 billion enterprise with more than 300,000 employees. I am the only candidate with vast experience leading complex organizations in both the private and public sectors. I have been fortunate to serve the people of this City through some of our best times of growth and transformation, but also through some of our biggest challenges, like 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. I believe our best days are ahead and as Mayor, I will use my common sense, my vision and my experience to lead New York City forward.

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George McDonald

Mayor (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: As Founder and President of the Doe Fund, one of the country’s most celebrated nonprofit organizations, George McDonald has proven that providing paid work opportunities to individuals can transform their lives. Together with his wife Harriet and fueled by the belief that “work works.” the Doe Fund has helped more than 18,000 individuals from returning veterans to the formerly incarcerated reclaim their lives.
Previous Occupation(s): Apparel industry executive with McGregor Sportswear.
Education: Throughout his career McDonald has received numerous accolades including the Manhattan Institute’s William E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award in Social Entrepreneurship and an Honorary Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.
Organizational Affiliations: ABO
Prior Public Experience: In 2005, George chaired the NYS Independent Committee on Reentry & Employment. He currently sits on Gov. Cuomo’s Work for Success Executive Committee.

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Independence Primary | Mayor

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)



Party Enrolled In: Unaffiliated
Current Occupation: Founder/Managing Direct of MetroFutures, LLC.
Previous Occupation(s): Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager
Education: Bachelor’s Degree- Kings College; Master’s Degree in Urban Planning- CUNY- Hunter College
Organizational Affiliations: Morris Heights Health Center, County Executives of America, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Org, Bronx DiVA Talk- Domestic Violence Awareness
Prior Public Experience: White House Director of Urban Affairs, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Two-term Bronx Borough President, NYC Councilmember, Former President of NALEO (National Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials)

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Jobs, jobs, jobs! Every NYC resident who wants a job should have one, making a dramatic impact on every aspect of city life. As we seek to continue to make our city safer, a job is the last frontier of public safety. As we work to pay for new spending priorities, jobs are the best way to grow city revenues without raising taxes. Finally, by growing jobs and opportunity we can balance our budget by avoiding the costs of entitlement programs.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
The most important job of the Mayor is to keep our city safe. To do that, we must preserve but also improve the implementation of Stop, Question and Frisk.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
25 years ago I went to Grand Central for 700 nights in a row to help feed the homeless. While they appreciated the sandwiches what they said they really needed was “a room and a job to pay for it.” I listened and have worked hard everyday since to deliver for them the opportunity to transform their lives through work. As Mayor, I will do the same for all the people of NYC.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Reforming education to ensure our young people are prepared to participate in the economy must be a top priority. Education has become more about the needs and wants of a few adults rather than the parents and students who have long been underserved by a failing system.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
New York City must remain affordable for the middle class and those who would come here to make a better life. It also must be a business-friendly city that acts as an incubator for the industries and jobs of the future. We do that by NOT raising taxes and treating our people and businesses like the government’s ATM. Our city must be a safe city and a place where innovation creates opportunity.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I will bring the experience, common sense ideas and independent leadership New Yorkers want and deserve to City Hall. New Yorkers have had enough of special interests and the political establishment running the show. Our city is ready for real results and a bold vision for a New York that works better for everyone. It is the mayor’s duty to make decisions that improve the lives of New Yorkers. The decisions are never easy, but my track record shows that putting the people first delivers results.

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Public Advocate

As the city’s “ombudsman,” or go-between, the job of the public advocate includes monitoring the operation of the public information and service complaint programs of city agencies, and investigating, and trying to resolve complaints about many city services. In the mayor’s absence, the public advocate acts as the mayor; in the case of a vacancy, the public advocate acts as mayor until a special election is held. The public advocate is also responsible for presiding over City Council meetings and can sponsor local legislation. The public advocate earns an annual salary of \$165,000.

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Democratic Primary (D)

Catherine Guerriero
Letitia James
Reshma Saujani
Daniel Squadron
Sidique Wai
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Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

Catherine Guerriero Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Professor of Education and Politics at Teachers’ College, Columbia University and the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University.
Previous Occupation(s): Served as Director of Strategic Planning for the Archdiocese of New York and Director of Government Relations for Catholic Charities. As Associate Director for the Archdiocese, coordinated Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 visit. Also ran a strategic planning consultancy for small businesses and non-profits.
Education: Curtis High School, Wagner College, MPA from the Wagner School at NYU and a doctorate in educational administration from the NYU Steinhardt School of Education.
Organizational Affiliations: New Era Democrats, Congress of Italian American Organizations
Prior Public Experience: After 20 years in politics, this is my first run for elected office.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Our city faces key challenges. Unemployment is unbearable. People are losing their homes. The strength of our schools is at stake. Businesses are overwhelmed by bureaucratic paperwork. We are losing confidence in our leaders. I am running to give voice to everyone from each of our boroughs, from the threatened middle class to the most vulnerable New Yorkers - the poor, the newly arrived. The voices of all New Yorkers matter and I’ll make sure that they are heard so that all get the city services they deserve.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

We must address education as part of the whole life of the child; we must focus on the issue of housing for both our middle class and our most vulnerable, and we must protect both our union members and our small business owners. New leadership is needed now.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As a mother, university professor, small business owner and athlete, I know and love New York, and I will fight to keep our city great. As Public Advocate I will work to keep New York a safe and affordable city where all New Yorkers from each of our five boroughs are treated with dignity and respect, where all people have an equal voice in our great city’s future and where all children have access to quality education and resources they need to succeed in life.

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Letitia James Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: NYC Council Member
Previous Occupation(s): Public Defender with Legal Aid Society; Assistant NYS Attorney General; Chief of Staff in NYS Assembly
Education: New York City public schools; CUNY Lehman College; Howard University Law School
Organizational Affiliations: Founded the Urban Network, a coalition of minority professional organizations that raises money and distributes college scholarships to inner city youth.
Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member, 35th District

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

My top priority will be to fight for a great education for all our children. Through the Public Advocate’s office I will demand that the City’s focus is on improving the quality of education and I will engage the community and families to ensure that our students are prepared for college and the real world, not just taught to the test.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will fight for good jobs that include fair wages and benefits for workers, affordable housing, consumer protections, access to health care and public safety.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I’ve stood up for progressive causes my entire career. As Public Advocate, I will continue to push for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers by fighting for good schools, good-paying jobs, affordable housing, and the interests of the City’s working and middle class.

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Reshma Saujani Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Founder, Girls Who Code
Previous Occupation(s): NYC Deputy Public Advocate, Attorney
Education: J.D. Yale Law School; M.A. Harvard Kennedy School of Government; B.A. University of Illinois
Organizational Affiliations: Board Member, Bronx Academy of Software Engineering
Prior Public Experience: NYC Deputy Public Advocate

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

Education is the issue I would focus on the most because it is the pathway to jobs and economic security. We must provide our teachers and schools the necessary resources for our kids to be prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

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Daniel Squadron Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: State Senator
Previous Occupation(s): See below
Education: Yale University
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: Before my election in 2008, I served as a top aide to US Sen. Chuck Schumer and co-authored his book. I also worked to secure \$3 billion for our transit system and move money from the bureaucracy to our public schools.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

I’ll fight to make our city more livable and affordable so more people can make a life here, especially the most vulnerable.

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Sidique Wai Public Advocate (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Administrative Staff Analyst/Advisor to the NYC Police Commissioner.
Previous Occupation(s): Division Chief of Resident Support Services, NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA); Community Liaison to Andrew Stein, President of the NYC Council; Community Liaison, Howard Golden, Brooklyn Borough President.
Education: BA, Political Science, Fordham University; MPA Candidate, Robert Wager School of Public Service (NYU).
Organizational Affiliations: President/National Spokesperson, United African Congress; 2nd Vice Chair, African Union Diaspora Task Team.
Prior Public Experience: Founded Wai Associates, a healthcare advocacy public relations firm.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?

We must do a much better job of fostering more open and honest communication
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I founded a national non-profit Girls Who Code that gives girls from underserved communities opportunities to learn high-tech skills, and I’ve seen how those skills can give entire families access to the American Dream.

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

I will create New York’s first-ever Seniors Advocate to stand up for our senior population; provide free legal housing services to protect tenants and help families avoid foreclosure; designate a Women’s Advocate to fight for equal pay for equal work and combat sex trafficking; and appoint a Jobs and Economy Advocate to create and protect jobs by expanding our small business, tech and manufacturing sectors. Wherever and whenever Albany and City Hall fail, I’ll step into the fight and demand the accountability we deserve.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I bring a new and outside perspective on how to make government work best for the people, will be the voice for all New Yorkers and will hold government and politicians accountable. As the daughter of immigrants who taught me to fight for every possibility until it is achieved, I know how to deliver real change for our kids, our seniors, and our communities. I have a track record of real results and a plan for real action. I will always stand up and fight to create real opportunities for all New Yorkers and will not stop until the job gets done.

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

As a new father, I want every child to have the opportunity for a better future. I’ve fought for more funding and accountability in public schools, and will make sure parents have a voice, the city protects kids in foster care, and no child goes to bed hungry. I wrote legislation that banned military-style assault weapons like the one used in Newtown. I have a perfect 100% record on gun control, standing up to the NRA. I’ll fight to get illegal guns off our streets and keep New Yorkers safe. When Sandy struck, I set up relief sites and delivered food to stranded seniors and others in need. I fought for tax relief for homeowners who lost everything. As Public Advocate I’ll make sure we’re safe and prepared for the next disaster.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I have a proven track record of getting results for everyday New Yorkers - fighting corruption, writing landmark new gun laws, and advocating for affordable housing, parks, and public transportation. I’ll make the Public Advocate’s office a more effective force for children, seniors, and regular families who need a voice. I’m endorsed by Chuck Schumer, both former Public Advocates, and leaders around the city.

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between the NYPD and the citizen’s they protect. As a law enforcement official, and a ranking civilian in the department, it is my job to build bridges between communities throughout the 5 boroughs and the NYPD. I will continue in this role as Public Advocate. We can stay committed to reducing crime, while ensuring that fair civil rights and liberties are enjoyed by people and families throughout our city.

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

Create Affordable Housing: Build new affordable housing specifically so police officers, teachers, and other city employees working towards public prosperity can afford to live in the neighborhoods where they work. This will foster better working relationships between them and the citizens they serve.
Better Our Economy: Cultivate economic development for local businesses, and create jobs by building new transportation and infrastructure through the advancement of green technology. Institute public healthcare options at the city level to ease burdens on businesses and citizens without health insurance.

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

My breadth of experience in the areas of public safety, community empowerment, healthcare, housing and civil rights, and my commitment to advancing a more intimate sense of community between people of all races and classes, as well as new immigrants assimilating into our city.
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Comptroller

The comptroller is the city’s chief financial officer. The comptroller’s responsibilities include: keeping the mayor and the City Council informed about the city’s financial condition; making recommendations about the operations, fiscal policies, and financial transactions of the city; auditing city agencies and investigating all matters concerning the city’s finances; registering and auditing contracts; issuing and selling city bonds; managing the city-held sinking funds and other trust and pension funds; and performing analysis to eliminate waste and fraud in city operations. The Comptroller earns an annual salary of \$185,000.

- » **Democratic Primary (D)**
Eliot Spitzer
Scott M. Stringer
- » **Republican Primary (R)**
Richard Bozulich*
John Burnett
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Scott M. Stringer Comptroller (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present
Previous Occupation(s): New York State Assemblymember, District 67
Education: B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present; New York State Assemblymember, District 67, 1992 to 2005

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will work tirelessly to ensure the City’s fiscal health and safeguard every tax dollar. I will aggressively examine city spending, rooting out waste and inefficiency. I will work to grow our pension funds through responsible investments and strengthen oversight of city contracts to prevent fraud and abuse.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I will bring new standards of transparency and accountability to government, as I have done throughout my career in public service. From critical oversight of the city budget to auditing agency performance, I will ensure government is working in the best interest of tax payers. I will work to diversify our economy and create jobs for middle class and working families in all five boroughs by finding new ways to support growth opportunities.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
Throughout my 20 years in public service, I have been a progressive, reform Democrat who has achieved real results. As Borough President, I exposed out-of-control city spending on outside consultants that cost New Yorkers millions. I uncovered serious failures by the Department of Education in forecasting student enrollment, spurring the construction of badly needed new schools. In a victory for tenants, millions of dollars were secured to repair elevators in public housing after I exposed that 75 percent were failing inspections. As Comptroller, I will bring this same integrity, independence and commitment to standing up for the people of this City.

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Democratic Primary | Comptroller

Eliot Spitzer Comptroller (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Businessman
Previous Occupation(s): Journalist, Elected Official of New York, Prosecutor
Education: Law School
Organizational Affiliations: NY Bar
Prior Public Experience: Governor and AG NYS, Prosecutor Manhattan DA’s Office

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Ensuring vigorous oversight of the city’s finances and providing financial stability for its long-term health, while also using the city’s financial power as a lever to take on the special interests on behalf of the people.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
As a lifelong New Yorker, I’ve seen power that rightfully belongs in the hands of the people too often wielded by the special interests.

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But it doesn’t have to be that way. The Comptroller oversees \$140 billion in assets that are invested with big Wall Street banks. These funds are the people’s money and they should be used to advance the people’s interests, not Wall Street’s.

By transforming the Comptroller’s office into an advocate for the people we will hold the special interests accountable for responsible corporate governance, rein in CEO pay and make sure Wall Street titans are acting fairly and honestly.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
The Comptroller is responsible for protecting the financial health of the city. Dollars you put into the system that fund your services, schools and roads. Dollars that make up your pension plans and your retirement security. The fundamental question in this election is who do you want fighting for you... because it’s your money.

Whether it was government corruption, Wall Street banks or insurance industry giants, I’ve spent my career taking on the powerful interests on behalf of working New Yorkers. I will bring that same fighting approach to the Comptroller’s office. If you want someone willing to take on a fight looking out for your money, I ask for your vote.

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Republican Primary | Comptroller

John Burnett Comptroller (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: John is an Advisory Board Member of White Wolf Capital.
Previous Occupation(s): John has over 20 years of financial services experience and has held domestic and global leadership roles in the areas of compliance, governance, investment oversight and risk management.
Education: John holds a BS degree with honors in Leadership and Management Studies from New York University and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University.
Organizational Affiliations: Urban Resource Institute Board Trustee, Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning (P.E.N.C.I.L.), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Life Member, National Association of Black Accountants, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.
Prior Public Experience: John is actively involved in youth mentoring programs, community service enhancement projects, educational and health programs.

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will ensure that the City’s pension plans are managed efficiently to maximum investment returns. Tax dollars are used to fund pension plans when investments do not reach its minimum goals. I want to avoid using tax payer dollars and ensure that the pension funds are invested to maximize returns for retirees.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I want to help restore integrity in public service. I will develop citywide risk assessments and corrective action plans to optimize value, while reducing fiscal waste and fraud in New York City’s government. The cost savings can be reinvested to drive growth, create jobs and invest in a better education system for our future.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
The New York City Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The duties of the office consist of overseeing the performance of pension funds, audit city agencies and advise on financial matters. I am asking New York City voters to hire me as Comptroller to do what I have been doing for the last 20 years, which is oversee investment portfolios, audit, compliance, contract administration, budgeting and finance.

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Borough President

The borough presidents are the chief executives of each borough. They have the power, for their boroughs, to consult with the mayor in the preparation of the annual executive budget; to make recommendations on budget priorities, capital projects, and other matters; to review land-use decisions and proposed sites for city facilities; to monitor the delivery of city services and the performance of contracts; and to have legislation introduced in the City Council. Borough presidents earn an annual salary of \$160,000.

» **Democratic Primary (D)**
Tony Avella
Everly D. Brown
Melinda Katz
Peter F. Vallone Jr.

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Democratic Primary | Borough President

Tony Avella
Queens Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: State Senator
Previous Occupation(s): City Council Member 2002-2009
Education: BA Hunter College
Organizational Affiliations: Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, Masons, NAACP, Sierra Club, Kiwanis
Prior Public Experience: Queens Representative for Mayor Ed Koch, former member, Community Board #7

1. What is the most important issue in Queens you would address if elected?
Queens has not received its fair share of City services - that must change. As Borough President, I will fight to ensure that every neighborhood receives the resources to maintain and enhance our quality of life. I will work to improve our schools including access to computers and Smartboards and end “teaching to the test.” Queens needs more healthcare facilities, mass transit and funding for parks, tree prunings, curbs, libraries and youth, senior citizen and veteran’s programs.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Queens is a residential borough. As Borough President, I will work to preserve the character and uniqueness of every community, end overdevelopment and restore the Rockaways. Queens is the home of the City’s two airports, yet we receive nothing in return but airplane noise. I will fight to change that and reduce the noise. Using the Borough President’s land use role, I will involve civic groups, community boards and residents in the planning process so that everyone has a say in what happens in their neighborhood. No one knows their block better than those who live there - it is about time that the City listens to you. Queens is the most diverse county in the Country. As I have done as Senator, I will work to bring together the different ethnic and religious groups and ensure each community is part of the governmental process and access to funding.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
In a City where the Mayor controls services, it is essential we have a strong independent Borough President to fight for Queens. My proven record as a reformer and independent leader demonstrates my readiness to take on the Mayor, Council Speaker or Governor to fight for our needs. For example, as Council Member, I voted to reaffirm the will of the people by voting against extending term limits. I also voted to protect homeowners and tenants by voting against the 18.49% property tax increase, the largest increase in the City’s history.

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Everly D. Brown
Queens Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Developer, Foreclosure consultant, Financial consultant and Investor. Community Organizer. Queens Business Owner.
Previous Occupation(s): Developer, Foreclosure consultant, Financial consultant and Investor.
Education: St. Francis College pursue bachelors degree, Washington Business Institute Associates degree in Business Administration. Dale Carnegie Institute Studied Public speaking, College of Arts, Science and Technology Jamaica WI Business studies, St. John University Basic Real Estate law.
Organizational Affiliations: National Auction Network, various civic associations and charities.
Prior Public Experience: candidate for NY State assembly, NYC Council, NYS Senate.

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Melinda Katz
Queens Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Full-time candidate for Queens Borough President.
Previous Occupation(s): New York City Council Member (2002-2009); Director of Community Boards, Queens Borough President’s Office (1999-2002); New York State Assembly Member (1994-1998); Attorney
Education: J.D., St. John’s University School of Law; B.A., University of Mass., Hillcrest High School
Organizational Affiliations: former Board Member, Queens Symphony Orchestra; former Board Member, Queens Jewish Community Council; District Leader, Robert F. Kennedy Democratic Club
Prior Public Experience: Council Member and Chair of Land Use Committee; Director of Community Boards, Queens Borough President’s Office; New York State Assembly Member.

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Peter F. Vallone Jr.
Queens Borough President (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: City Council Member, District 22; Chair, Public Safety Committee
Previous Occupation(s): Prosecutor, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office; Partner, Vallone & Vallone
Education: Graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Fordham College and Fordham Law School
Organizational Affiliations: CHOKe; Tamiment Democratic Club; Astoria Civic Association; Sharing & Caring
Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member since 2001

1. What is the most important issue in Queens you would address if elected?
As people in many communities will tell you, crime is back on the rise. Keeping our streets safe is not only vital to protect ourselves and our families; it is also the key to promoting our economy and all other aspects of our quality of life.

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1. What is the most important issue in Queens you would address if elected?
We need to make Queens a great place for middle-class families to live, work and raise a family. That means **creating good jobs in all parts of Queens** by revitalizing vacant industrial areas, **making sure we have high-performing schools and homes that are affordable** for seniors and middle-class families.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Smartly rebuilding in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy will have to be a top priority, so our communities are prepared for the next storm. We also need to **make sure our streets are safe** by reducing gangs and gun violence, **giving kids good after-school options** and **reforming current stop-and-frisk policies** to make them effective and fair. Finally, I will use my experience as Chair of the Council’s Land Use Committee to **create more affordable housing** while preserving the character of our neighborhoods.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As someone who was born and raised in Queens, I’m **deeply connected to our borough and happy to be raising my two young boys here**. I’ve served in City and State government, and worked as Director of Community Boards under Borough President Claire Shulman. **I am dedicated to bringing Queens’ varied communities together, finding common ground and delivering progressive solutions that work.**

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City Council Member

The City Council is the legislative, or law-making, branch of New York City’s government. The City Council is responsible for passing local laws, making decisions about land use, investigating and overseeing city agencies, and approving the city’s budget. Each Council member represents one of the 51 New York City Council districts. Council members receive an annual base salary of \$112,500. Council leaders and chairs of committees receive additional pay. Council members may hold other jobs in addition to their Council seats.

- » **Council District 19 Democratic Primary (D)**
John F. Duane
Paul D. Graziano
Austin I. Shafran
Paul A. Vallone
Chrissy Voskerichian
- » **Council District 21**
No primary
- » **Council District 22 Democratic Primary (D)**
John J. Ciafone
Costa Constantinides
Constantinos Prentzas
- » **Council District 20**
No primary

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 19

John F. Duane
19th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Father, attorney and consumer advocate
Previous Occupation(s): Small business owner, Assistant Attorney General, Assemblyman
Education: Holy Cross High School, Colgate University and Columbia Law School
Organizational Affiliations: I have been involved in numerous local organizations including the Westmoreland Civic Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Little Neck Douglaston Historical Society, the Alley Pond Environmental Center, the Queens Historical Society, and a former Vice President of the Little Neck Community Association. In 2011, I was honored with the Little Neck Douglaston Memorial Day Parade Community Service Award. I coached little league and created Services Now for Adult Persons that provided vital services and hot meals to thousands of seniors. I am the grandson of immigrants who understands the struggles facing new Americans and values the contributions they make to our society.

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Prior Public Experience: As a former Assistant Attorney General, I took on Con Ed winning a \$30 million settlement for taxpayers. In my time serving as a state Assemblyman, I authored 22 laws including the Vietnam Veterans Tuition Assistance Law.

1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 19 you would address if elected?**
I will serve my community as a full-time City Council member and my focus will be our overall quality of life and the complex factors that determine it. Results count.
2. **What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Over-development, job creation, education, public safety and official corruption are all areas where we can, and must, do better.
3. **What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
I was born and raised in Northeast Queens and I raised my family here, for a time as a single father. I am committed to improving this special place I call home. I have dedicated my life’s work to challenging powerful, special interests on behalf of those who often do not have a voice. I’ll put that experience to work on behalf of my constituents and strive to make our city, and Northeast Queens in particular, a better place to live, work and raise a family.

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Paul D. Graziano
19th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Urban Planning/Historic Preservation Consultant and Advocate
Previous Occupation(s): Same
Education: M.S. in Urban Affairs - Hunter College (CUNY) 1999; B.A. in Comparative Literature, University of Massachusetts at Amherst 1993; Bronx High School of Science 1988
Organizational Affiliations: Save Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens Civic Congress, Historic Districts Council, Fort Totten Conservancy, North Flushing Civic Association
Prior Public Experience: Planning, preservation and land use consultant to then-City Councilmember/Zoning Committee Chair Tony Avella (now State Senator) as well as to the civic/homeowner associations in the 19th Council District.

1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 19 you would address if elected?**
The #1 issue that has affected the 19th Council District for decades: Overdevelopment,
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which negatively impacts our schools, infrastructure, traffic and general quality of life. As the author of the R2A “anti-McMansion” zone and designer of the neighborhood-wide downzonings that have been adopted throughout the 19th Council District since 2004, I will continue to use my expertise to protect and preserve our neighborhoods through zoning reform, landmarking and parkland acquisition.

2. **What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Meaningful education reform for School Districts 25 and 26. This includes an end to the Department of Education and creation of a decentralized system that will ensure parents in northeast Queens have a significant say in our children’s futures. **Protecting our public parkland** from commercialization and public acquisition of remaining undeveloped land for parkland in northeast Queens, including wetlands in Udalls Cove, the old Flushing Airport and the remainder of Cresthaven in Whitestone, is critical. **Landmarking our historic neighborhoods**, such as Broadway-Flushing, Beech Court and Bellcourt. **Infrastructural upgrades**, including sewers, roads and (after the tornado and Superstorm Sandy) placing electrical lines underground.

3. **What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
During the past two decades, I’ve helped protect our neighborhoods from being overdeveloped by making our voices heard. I have a proven track record of being able to deliver results in a timely manner and in consultation with civic leaders - and the homeowners and residents - who live in northeast Queens.

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Austin I. Shafran
19th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Candidate for City Council District 19 (Queens)
Previous Occupation(s): Vice President of Public Affairs, Empire State Development, Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Press Secretary, New York State Senate Democratic Conference; Director of Media Relations, Sheinkopf Ltd.; Communications Director, NYC Council Finance Chair David Weprin; Community Liaison, US Congressman Gary Ackerman
Education: Queens College, City University of New York
Organizational Affiliations: Democratic District Leader
Prior Public Experience: Vice President of Public Affairs, Empire State Development, Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Press Secretary, New York State Senate Democratic Conference; Communications Director, NYC Council Finance Chair David Weprin; Community Liaison, US Congressman Gary Ackerman

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Paul A. Vallone
19th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Managing Partner of Vallone & Vallone, LLP
Previous Occupation(s): N/A
Education: JD, St. John’s Law School Class of 1992; BA, Fordham University Class of 1989
Organizational Affiliations: Pres. of the Clinton Democratic Club, First Pres. & founding member of the Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club, counsel & Bd. Member to Auburndale Soccer Program & St. John’s Preparatory School, Community Board 7 Member, Queens County Bar Assoc., Knights of Columbus #569, St Andrew Finance Committee & Co-Pres. of the Men’s Guild, Scholarship Chairman of Kiwanis & Judge Vallone Scholarship Program, Dir. of Queens Folk Group and CYO Soccer Coach
Prior Public Experience: NYC Board of Corrections

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1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 19 you would address if elected?**
My top priority is improving educational equality and outcomes for our children by increasing parental, community and educator input in policy planning, stopping over-crowding in our schools, and reducing the misguided reliance on high-stakes testing.

2. **What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Other priority issues include protecting our neighborhoods from corporate over-development, cutting taxes for middle-class families, securing more funding for our senior centers, parks and libraries, and banning all outside income and employment for Council Members to end the cycle of pay-to-play corruption.

3. **What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
I was born and raised in Northeast Queens and have spent my entire life working to make the only place I have ever called home a better place to live, work and raise a family. With a decade of experience working in the city, state and federal government, I know what it takes to improve our schools, protect our neighborhoods, improve senior services, and build an economy that produces jobs and reduces taxes for working families.

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1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 19 you would address if elected?**
We must reclaim our local council office and recreate the bond of accountability and trust. Once we restore and unite the district we must fight to protect and preserve our quality of life while remaining safe in our homes. We must support our local precincts as well as all of our NYPD, FDNY and all emergency services. The restoration and increase of the size of our police force while expanding local police resources within our community.

2. **What other important issues would you address if elected?**
The demands our small businesses face have forced this critical component our local economy to the brink of closing. I will stand with my fellow small businesses against unfair regulations, abusive fines, and work with the city to develop tax-free zones and zero percent loans to new businesses to help with the start up costs that prevent many new businesses.

3. **What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
As a father, husband, and small business owner in our community, I have worked hand in hand with my community’s organizations. As a member of the Community Board 7, first Pres. and founding member of the Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club, Pres. of the Clinton Dem. Club, CYO soccer coach, counsel and board member of the Auburndale Soccer Club, has helped me every day to stand with our community and fight for issues that effect all of us.

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Chrissy Voskerichian
19th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Chrissy is a mom, wife, civic leader, and NYPD Council President.
Previous Occupation(s): Chrissy started working when she was just 16 years old, and she quickly rose through the ranks of the telecommunications industry. She retired as Director of Global Sales Operations for one of the largest communications firms in the world. She regularly worked with global partners to expand their businesses, as well as managed 50 employees and oversaw a multi-million dollar budget.
Education: After graduating high school a year early, Chrissy put herself through college and the Gibbs School of Business at night, while working a full time job.
Organizational Affiliations: After spending 31 years in business, Chrissy retired to focus on her neighborhood. When businesses were getting out of control, Chrissy co-founded the Station Road Civic Association in 2008 in order to create a working relationship between residents and the neighboring businesses.

Prior Public Experience: In 2009 Chrissy was elected President of the 109th Precinct Community Council and grew it to one of the largest in the City. Chrissy also went to work for the New York City Council as Director of Constituent Services and eventually as Chief of Staff where she oversaw one of the most proactive constituent service teams in the City.

1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 19 you would address if elected?**
We must work hard to protect our quality of life and to ensure our public safety. We have to give police officers and firefighters the tools they need to keep us safe. Further, we cannot afford more budget cuts to our schools, parks, and senior centers.

2. **What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Government should be more responsive to its citizens. I promise to focus on serving the district and addressing the needs of the residents. Helping others is my passion, and through constituent services I believe that we can do a lot of good for many people.

3. **What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
My 31 years of business experience and passion for helping people make me the best candidate for City Council. When I founded my civic association it was not because I hoped to one day run for office it was because I saw a problem and someone needed to step up and fix it. That is the same mentality I will bring to the Council; hard work and a dedication to do what’s right.

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John J. Ciafone
22nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Attorney & Counselor at Law, Certified Arbitrator and Mediator
Previous Occupation(s): Bank teller
Education: PS 85, JHS 141, Long Island City HS, New York University B.A. Juris Doctor St. John’s Law School
Organizational Affiliations: Executive Leader Aldos Democratic Club, Atty for NYS Fraternal Order of Police, NYS Bar Assoc. NYS Certified Arbitrators Assoc. Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens.
Prior Public Experience: President of Community School Board 30, Treasurer of Community School Board 30, Judicial Delegate, Certified Arbitrator and Mediator, Comm. of Deeds. Interned for Governor Mario Cuomo& NYC Council Legal Div. Intern to Justice Schmidt

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 22 you would address if elected?
There is no affordable housing. Targets of cuts are libraries and parks. There is a lack

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of funding for PreK, beacon programs, and after school programs. The City has created a difficult and hostile environment for businesses. There are too many fines, fees costs and taxes on small businesses. Small homeowners can not afford the increasing taxes and water and sewer fees. Our children graduate without jobs. Senior Centers are being axed.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Our crime rate will increase and seniors, women and children will be victims because of the Council legislation to Shackle Stop & Frisk. The local hospital has an emergency room that places beds in the hallway. There is a real problem with the priorities of this City when parents who drop off their children to school in the morning get parking tickets from swarming traffic agents trying to increase the revenue for the City.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I was born, raised and schooled in this community and continue to live and work here. I was elected twice to community school board 30 with the highest number of votes. While on the Board I had a nearly perfect attendance record in the entire city of NY. I fought and implemented several safety measures for our children like speed bumps and obtained more school safety officers, cameras and security devices. I fought and obtained more funding to build new public schools and increase the number of seats for children in District 30. I am not obligated to special interests.

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Costa Constantinides
22nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Deputy Chief of Staff, NYC Council
Previous Occupation(s): Legislative Director, NYC Council; Store Manager, KB Toy Stores, Adjunct Lecturer, Queens College
Education: Graduated from P.S. 84, P.S. 122, and Bryant High School. Graduated Cum Laude from Queens College, and received a law degree from Cardozo Law School.
Organizational Affiliations: Democratic District Leader, United Community Civic Association, Asgata Association, Long Island City Alliance
Prior Public Experience: Legislative Director, NYC Council

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 22 you would address if elected?
We must work together to create a better and safer Western Queens. That means hiring more police officers and fire fighters to build a safer community, and improving access to health care by expanding Mt. Sinai Hospital. It means eliminating overcrowding in public schools, and expanding public transit options.

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As your city councilman I will fight everyday for the people of Western Queens.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
As a father, I care deeply about improving our community’s environment. I will work hard to reduce air pollution from dirty power plants and protect our drinking water from hydrofracking. I will also work to expand and improve Western Queens’ green space.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I grew up in this neighborhood, and I have a story for every corner. Now that I’m raising my own family here, I want to ensure that this is the best neighborhood in the city. As a District Leader, I helped save the Grand Avenue Post Office, improved traffic safety, and protected valuable schools and education programs. As a member of the UCCA, I’ve worked for responsible development and to protect our environment and quality of life. As a City Council staffer I worked to pass legislation to reduce air pollution and improve our drinking water quality. As your City Councilman, I will bring that experience and proven leadership to fight every single day for a better, safer community.

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Constantinos Prentzas
22nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Small Business owner
Previous Occupation(s): Small Business owner
Education: Bryant H.S. and Queens College
Organizational Affiliations: Kiwanis Club of LIC, United Community Civic Association, 30th Avenue Business Association, Community, Astoria-LIC Business Group, Tamiment Democratic Club
Prior Public Experience: Community Board 1, State Commiteeman, PTA President

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 22 you would address if elected?
Crime and Safety. I want to continue to build on the work of my predecessor, making Northwestern Queens a safe place to work and raise a family. Now is not the time to reduce the size of our police force further. I support increasing the size of our police force and ensuring that they have the resources to continue to make NYC the safest big city in America.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Education. I want to help make the system more focused on the individual child. At present, public education is more about “the system” than our children as individuals. One problem in that regard is that standardized testing has become too much of the focus of our public education system and I’d like to change that. Also, as a PTA President, I understand the importance and want to cultivate more parental involvement in our schools.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I understand the issues facing the community and have dedicated myself to making our community better for over 25 years. As a small business owner, we need our representative in the city council to understand how to create jobs during this time of economic difficulty. Along with my private sector experience, I also bring to the table knowledge of the political process through my experience on our community board and other civic organizations.

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City Council Member

- » **Council District 23**
No primary
- » **Council District 24**
Democratic Primary (D)
Rory I. Lancman
Mujib Rahman
Andrea Veras
- » **Council District 25**
No primary
- » **Council District 26**
No primary
- » **Council District 27**
Democratic Primary (D)
Manuel Caughman
Joan Flowers
Greg Mays
I. Daneek Miller
Sondra H. Peeden
Clyde Vanel

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Rory I. Lancman
24th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Attorney
Previous Occupation(s): New York State Assembly Member, 2007-2012 (Chair, Subcommittee on Workplace Safety)
Education: Queens Public Schools; Queens College (B.A.); Columbia Law School (J.D.)
Organizational Affiliations: Queens Jewish Community Council (Bd. Member); Flushing Heights Civic Assoc. (V.P.); Brandeis Bar Assoc. (Bd. Member); NYS Trial Lawyers Assoc. (Bd. Member); Council on Foreign Relations, State & Local Officials Initiative; Council of State Governments (Fellow); Auburndale Soccer (Volunteer Coach)
Prior Public Experience: NYS Assembly Member; Community Board 8, Queens (Member); Queens Hospital Center Community Advisory Board (Chair); Civil Court Small Claims Arbitrator; Infantry Officer, 42nd Infantry Division

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 24 you would address if elected?
Protecting middle class families is the most important issue in the 24th Council District and across New York City. The cost of owning a home and renting an apartment are rising, a college education is becoming unaffordable and the deck seems stacked against ordinary people. When we’ve needed an advocate, I’ve been there – as a lawyer, community leader and Assemblyman – and I will continue to fight for us in the City Council so that every family has a fair shot at success.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Building good neighborhoods starts with a quality education for all our children, in every school. Something is wrong when the majority of New York City public high school graduates require remedial classes before attending college, and when parents have to choose between paying their mortgage and honoring their religious beliefs.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
The City faces enormous challenges at a time when virtually all of City government will be new next year – a new Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, and nearly half the City Council. We need experienced, tested leaders who will fight for our community. With my prior public experience and record of accomplishments, I’m confident that I can meet these challenges.

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Mujib Rahman
24th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Self Employed
Previous Occupation(s): Educator
Education: CUNY Graduate
Organizational Affiliations: Too many to list
Prior Public Experience: Community Activist and organizer

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 24 you would address if elected?
Fight to protect our family and faith values.
Reduce City waste and lower taxes
Create jobs and Revitalize our local Economy
Protect our Senior Citizens
Fight MTA Fare Hikes

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Shares our values of Faith and Family

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am a real fighter for all
And a proven community Activist and Organizer

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Andrea Veras
24th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Legal Support Staff
Previous Occupation(s): Paralegal, Administrative Assistant, Banker
Education: Master of Arts Degree, Urban Affairs, Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies, both from Queens College, NY; Court Interpreter Certificate, New York University, Paralegal Certificate, York College, NY, May 2004
Organizational Affiliations: CUNY Dominican Studies Institute; League of Women Voters; The Journal of Urban Affairs Association; Sierra Club
Prior Public Experience: Grassroots community organizer




1. What is the most important issue in Council District 24 you would address if elected?
Education because the future of our economy depends on a skilled workforce. I support emphasis on increased parental involvement and fiscal oversight through a third party.

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 27

Manuel Caughman
27th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Retired
Previous Occupation(s): Air Veteran, Route Salesman Entenmann’s Bakeries, Business Owner, Community Liaison for Assemblyman William Scarborough
Education: High School Graduate
Organizational Affiliations: Former President of the Brinkerhoff Action Association, Former First Vice President of Community Board 12 and current Member, President of U.S. Postal Service Customer Advisory Committee, Executive Secretary of the Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club.
Prior Public Experience: Mayor Appointee to the Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan Advisory Committee, Mayor Appointee to the Jamaica Bay Empire under the Small Business Administration, Community Liaison for Assemblyman William Scarborough



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I also support the expansion of Pre-K services, smaller class sizes, and quality after-school and summer programs which will promote a healthy development of our youth.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Economic development by promoting the establishment of more job training centers. I would also motivate high-school graduates to learn different trades to help them find employment and contribute to the local economy. I would also address housing, health care, immigration, and safe environment.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am the best candidate because I have already made an impact in my community. As a grassroots organizer, I have made it possible for the members of my community to voice their concerns about safety and environmental issues. I will promote the incorporation of new ideas, transparency and a fresh perspective to city management. I will stand ready to examine my district’s needs and create innovative solutions for our residents and businesses. After many years of dedicated public service, I am offering my passion, and experience, leadership to build a safer, vibrant and thriving environment.

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Joan Flowers
27th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Practicing attorney and local business owner
Previous Occupation(s): Attorney
Education: FIT; St. John’s University, School of Law
Organizational Affiliations: Allen Lawyers Guild; Queens County Bar Association; Macon Allen Black Bar Association
Prior Public Experience: Elected State Committeewoman



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 27 you would address if elected?
I advocate the highest quality education for all our children that deserve the 7.7 billion federal dollars owed to our local schools. I will fight for directing these monies for teacher professional development, up-to-date classroom textbooks, in-class technology equipment and the highest quality teachers our children deserve.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I’m a 30 year local entrepreneur that has birthed one of the largest employee institutions in the community. I will fight for local community empowerment that would include additional tax credits and incentives for local business development.

When elected, I will fight for the necessary safety in our neighborhoods and environment. The NYPD must focus their efforts in combating crime in high crime reported areas.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I’m a long-time community resident, small business owner, community advocate and practicing lawyer for over 25 years. I have served this community working with local senior citizen organizations, local schools and non profit community organizations to improve the quality of life and access to all needed resources for all our people. I will bring this experience and community commitment to City Hall.





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Greg Mays
27th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Founder and Executive Director - A Better Jamaica, Inc.
Previous Occupation(s): Certified Public Accountant w/ Coopers & Lybrand; Ad Director w/ Black Enterprise Magazine; Distribution Executive at Columbia Pictures; Various Positions w/ Internet Start-Ups
Education: P.S. 15; I.S. 59; Bayside High School; Medgar Ever College; BBA in Accounting from Howard University; MBA from Harvard University
Organizational Affiliations: Board Treasurer, Classical Theatre of Harlem; Member, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation; Immediate Past President, Addisleigh Park Civic Organization
Prior Public Experience: Parks Committee Chair, Queens Community Board 12



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 27 you would address if elected?
Education. Less than 50% of 3rd and 5th graders in southeast Queens are passing the English Language Arts exam. The impact of these poor outcomes is dramatically

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reflected in middle and high school under-achievement. Poor academic performance underlies so many other problems. It is the issue that we have the most control over at the local level.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Ongoing support for non-profits in the district is also critically important. Local non-profits address the general needs of the community – from after school and weekend programs for youth, to meeting the needs of senior-citizens. Local non-profits are also excellent at addressing the community’s specific needs – in our case, record foreclosures and a high proportion of disengaged youth. A grant writer on my staff would be charged with providing technical assistance to non-profits. I will address unemployment, another issue in need of attention, as an advocate for job training/readiness and small business creation.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I was born and raised here in Jamaica and have extensive experience developing and implementing solutions for community problems. As a past president of a local civic organization, and as a member of Community Board 12, I have an excellent sense of what it takes to secure better city services.

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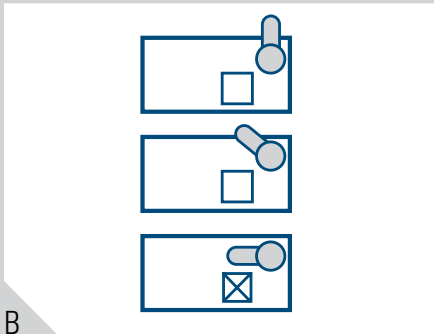
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Push down the lever next to each candidate you want **(B)**. An “X” will appear in the box next to your choice. If you make a mistake, push the lever back up and push down the correct lever.



When you finish making all your choices, leave the levers down and pull the large red handle all the way to the left **(C)**. The levers will return to their original positions, and your vote will be counted. Leave the booth through the closed curtains.

For this primary election, including any required runoff primary, the City BOE has been approved to use **lever voting machines** instead of the paper ballots and scanners introduced in 2010.

Write-in Candidate

For most offices, you may vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot (a “write-in” candidate). There is a button above the column of the numbered slots all the way to the left of the voting machine. Push that button and hold it while you open the slot opposite the office for which you wish to write in a candidate’s name. In the slot, write in the name of the candidate you want. A pencil is provided inside the voting machine on the left. Cast your vote for other offices in the usual way. For further information, ask a poll worker or call **866-VOTE-NYC**.

Ballot Marking Devices

Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) are also available at polling sites to assist voters, especially those with disabilities, to vote independently and privately. BMD ballots will be counted with paper ballots.

Voters access the ballot on a BMD either by seeing the ballot on the display screen or by listening to the ballot with headphones, and mark the ballot using:

- » touch screen key pad (similar to an ATM, with Braille-embossed keypad buttons)
- » sip & puff device, or
- » rocker paddle

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

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

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