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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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I need to:

- » Register to vote
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- » Change my party enrollment
- » Find out if I’m registered to vote in New York City
- » Ask if my party is having a primary
- » Learn where I vote

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 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.

Many candidates have provided **social media** information in their profiles. Use the addresses below to visit those sites, adding the candidate’s unique identifier at the end of the URL to go directly to that page.

-  [www.facebook.com/](#)
-  [www.twitter.com/](#)
-  [www.youtube.com/](#)
-  [www.linkedin.com/](#)

- » **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.nycclfb.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.

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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 %

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Improve public schools
Massive FDR jobs program
Free Health care and College Ed
progressive real estate tax
affordable housing
taxing private colleges
repeal smoking ban and cabaret laws
protect small businesses d
firing ray kelly
protect teachers
community policing
free bus and subway service
dog runs increase
full list at credico2013.org

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
political satirist and activist not a politician

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Bill de Blasio Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

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

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

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

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

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

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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

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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He Gin Lee Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Registered Architect





Previous Occupation(s): None

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

Organizational Affiliations: American Institute of Architects

Prior Public Experience: None

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

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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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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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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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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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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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Anthony D. Weiner

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Public Servant

Previous Occupation(s):

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

Education:


SUNY Plattsburgh, B.A. in Political Science

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

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



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

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Republican Primary | Mayor

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/UFCV.

Prior Public Experience:

Common sense businessman who built a successful major retail organization from the ground up. Only candidate that has the experience required to manage an organization as large and complex as New York City.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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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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Independence Primary | Mayor

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)

Party Enrolled In:

Unaffiliated

Current Occupation:

Founder/Managing Direct of MetroFutures, LLC.

Previous Occupation(s):

Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager

Education:

Bachelor’s Degree- Kings College; Master’s Degree in Urban Planning- CUNY- Hunter College

Organizational Affiliations:

Morris Heights Health Center, County Executives of America, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Org, Bronx DiVA Talk- Domestic Violence Awareness

Prior Public Experience:

White House Director of Urban Affairs, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Two-term Bronx Borough President, NYC Councilmember, Former President of NALEO (National Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials)



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

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

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

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Citywide Candidates

Public Advocate

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

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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 Steinhart 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 Steinhart 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



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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Citywide Candidates

Comptroller

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

- » Democratic Primary (D)

Eliot Spitzer
Scott M. Stringer
- » Republican Primary (R)

Richard Bozulich*
John Burnett

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Democratic Primary | Comptroller

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

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

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John Burnett

Comptroller (R)

Party Enrolled In:

Republican

Current Occupation:

John is an Advisory Board Member of White Wolf Capital.

Previous Occupation(s):

John has over 20 years of financial services experience and has held domestic and global leadership roles in the areas of compliance, governance, investment oversight and risk management.

Education:

John holds a BS degree with honors in Leadership and Management Studies from New York University and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University.

Organizational Affiliations:

Urban Resource Institute Board Trustee, Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning (P.E.N.C.I.L.), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Life Member, National Association of Black Accountants, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.

Prior Public Experience:

John is actively involved in youth mentoring programs, community service enhancement projects, educational and health programs.



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

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

I want to help restore integrity in public service. I will develop citywide risk assessments and corrective action plans to optimize value, while reducing fiscal waste and fraud in New York City’s government. The cost savings can be reinvested to drive growth, create jobs and invest in a better education system for our future.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

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

Borough President

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

» Democratic Primary (D)

Eric L. Adams
John Gangemi

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Eric L. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

New York State Senator

Previous Occupation(s):

Prior to his election to the New York State Senate in 2006, Eric served as a Captain in the New York City Police Department. Before that Eric was an Officer in both the NYPD and the NYC Transit Police Department.

Education:

Eric Adams holds a Masters in Public Administration from Marist College and is a graduate of New York City Technical College and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Organizational Affiliations:

Co-founder of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care

Prior Public Experience:

New York State Senator (2006-present)



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

The most important issue is to make Brooklyn affordable. That means making sure we create and maintain affordable housing so that our families can afford to stay here.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will make growing our economy a focal point of my Borough Presidency. We need to bring good jobs to Brooklyn that pay a living and provide the benefits our families need.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As a former police officer, community organizer and legislator, I have the experience to deliver for Brooklyn’s families. I was born in Brooklyn and I have watched Brooklyn grow. I make one promise to you as we continue to move our borough from popularity to prosperity: I will be the loudest voice and the hardest working advocate for all of Brooklyn’s working families.
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John Gangemi

Brooklyn Borough President (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Civil Rights and Criminal Law Attorney

Previous Occupation(s):

Entrepreneur and small business owner

Education:

New York Law School, Law degree; Seton Hall University, Bachelors degree; St. Francis Prep. High School; PS 201.

Organizational Affiliations:

Democratic Party

Prior Public Experience:

Kings County Councilman-at-Large, Kings County Assistant District Attorney, New York State Assistant Attorney General and Special Counsel to former Governor Nelson Rockefeller.



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

Responsible Economic Development will be my highest priority. While Brooklyn is currently experiencing a renaissance it is important that residents of Brooklyn be the primary benefactors of such a transformation and not become victims.

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Your **Local** Candidates

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 33
Democratic Primary (D)
Stephen T. Levin
Stephen E. Pierson

» Council District 34
Democratic Primary (D)
Vito J. Lopez
Antonio Reynoso
Gladys Santiago
Humberto Soto
Tommy Torres

» Council District 35
Democratic Primary (D)
Olanike T. Alabi
Laurie A. Cumbo
Ede S. Fox
Frank Richard Hurley
Jelani Mashariki

» Council District 36
Democratic Primary (D)
Robert E. Cornegy Jr.
Kirsten John Foy
Reginald Swiney*
Conrad Tillard
Robert M. Waterman

Working Families Primary* (WF)
Antonio Reynoso

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Stephen T. Levin

33rd City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

City Council Member, District 33

Previous Occupation(s):

NY State Assembly, 2006-2009; Bushwick Lead Safe House Program, 2005-2006

Education:

Brown University

Organizational Affiliations:

New York City Council Progressive Caucus

Prior Public Experience:

Current City Council Member



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 33 you would address if elected?

My top priority since becoming a City Council Member in 2010 has been education. In my time as a member of the Education and General Welfare Committees I fought to hold the Bloomberg Administration accountable. I helped save thousands of child care slots, sponsored legislation that rid our schools of toxic PCBs and passed a Council resolution mandating that kindergarten be available to all children across New York City. There is much work left to be done and this district needs a Council Member who has a proven record of making our schools safer and more accessible.
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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I am proud to serve on the Committees on Environmental Protection, Economic Development, Lower Manhattan Redevelopment and Land Use. These committees give me the opportunity to fight for everyday New Yorkers and make sure that everyone has access to the resources our city has to offer. All New Yorkers deserve to share in our city’s prosperity and I am proud to have had the chance to help this district’s neighborhoods thrive. I plan to continue that work in my second term.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

My record on the City Council proves that I can produce results for our neighborhoods. In addition to improvements in our schools, the work I’ve done in my first term has made our streets safer by bringing the first neighborhood slow zone in the borough to Boerum Hill and I have pushed for more red light and speed cameras in residential areas. I was able to protect and restore open spaces in our district, from new pathways in McCarren Park to a new Eco-Dock at Brooklyn Bridge Park. I will continue to deliver real results like these if I earn a second term to represent our neighborhoods.
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Stephen E. Pierson
33rd City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Founder & Executive Director of a Brooklyn-based non-profit organization

Previous Occupation(s): Journalist

Education: BA, Brown University

Organizational Affiliations: New Kings Democrats

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 2 - Youth, Education & Cultural Affairs, Kings County Democratic Committee



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 33 you would address if elected?

As the son of two high school teachers, access to comprehensive education is extraordinarily important to me. For the past eight years I’ve run a non-profit organization that tutors at-risk 7th-10th graders. I’ve seen firsthand how life-altering after-school hours are. **I am committed to expanding after-school programs, ensuring universal access to pre-K, fighting school overcrowding, and giving public school parents a voice.**

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Vito J. Lopez
34th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: State Committeeman/Male District Leader, 53rd Assembly District

Previous Occupation(s): Social Worker; Professor

Education: Wurzwiler School of Social Work,Yeshiva University, 1970; BS, Long Island University, 1964

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Unidos, Founder; Southside Taskforce, Founder; North Brooklyn Public Housing Coalition, Founder; Bushwick Parent Coalition, Founder;

Prior Public Experience: New York State Assemblyman, 53rd Assembly District



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 34 you would address if elected?

Affordable Housing. I have been a champion of Affordable Housing throughout the State of New York. In the 53rd Assembly District, I helped develop over 1000 units of truly affordable housing. I have been able to bring together groups of all different beliefs to promote one common cause: Affordable Housing. Under my leadership

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

Our district needs a genuine commitment to affordable housing. Plenty of politicians say the right things, then deliver few affordable units. **I will be a tough negotiator who demands that developers make strong commitments to affordable housing.** I will also ensure that these commitments are backed by stiff financial penalties for developers who break their agreements.

A new political scandal comes to light every week. Enough is enough. **I will work hard every day to deserve your trust.** I will also solicit community input on all aspects of government, so that cronyism and backroom deals will no longer be possible.

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

My commitment to honesty, reform, and public service is why I have been endorsed by Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, Congressman Major Owens, District Leaders Jo Anne Simon and Chris Owens, and New Kings Democrats President Alex Low. **I will work tirelessly to preserve our libraries and hospitals, expand our educational opportunities, and build a less corrupt government.** As an educator, non-profit director, and father of one daughter (with another on the way), there is nothing that is more important to me than building a better community for our children.

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as Chair of the Assembly’s Housing Committee, I addressed and legislated on issues ranging from rent to loft law protections.

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

As your Councilman, I will continue to fight for the important things in this community: access to job training and employment programs, improve our education system, and delivering services that will better our environment. Moreover, for too long we have been ignored in City Hall. We need a Council representative that will bring more services to our community. I will work to build on the coalitions that I have created throughout Brooklyn and extend these services to Ridgewood.

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

In the 1970’s Bushwick was on it’s knees as it burned. For weeks I met with community leaders day and night to organize Bushwick and bring the community to where it is today. My reputation as a tough advocate has earned me some critics, but I know that the work that I have done speaks volumes for Bushwick. I will bring that toughness to City Hall to ensure that our daycare centers maintain their doors open, that the schools in Williamsburg get equal funding and that Ridgewood isn’t ignored.

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Antonio Reynoso
34th City Council District (D, WF)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Chief of Staff, NYC Council Member Diana Reyna

Previous Occupation(s): Community Organizer

Education: Le Moyne College, Syracuse NY, BS in Political Science

Organizational Affiliations: New Kings Democrats

Prior Public Experience: Before serving as Chief of Staff to Council Member Diana Reyna, I worked as a community and labor organizer for child care workers across New York City.



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 34 you would address if elected?

Working families are struggling to pay bills and keep up with rising costs. That’s why from day one, I’ll work on improving New York’s economy by fighting for living-wage jobs, and expanding opportunities for affordable housing.

New York City must remain a place of opportunity, where families like mine can work hard and build a better life for their children. I’ll use every tool at my disposal to achieve equitable and sustainable solutions.

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

As Council Member, I will fight for our children and seniors across to ensure they have a voice in City Hall. I’ll work on improving the infrastructure of our public schools and expand on the funding necessary for early childhood education. I am committed to ensuring that seniors have the financial security they need to live with dignity. Also, I’ll invest in senior center’s services for seniors on fixed incomes. Send me to City Hall, and I’ll ensure government works for everyone – not just the wealthy and well-connected.

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

I was born and raised in this community and am focused on serving the people of the 34th District. I’ve lived and worked here my whole life, so I know our community and its challenges better than anyone. I know we need more affordable housing, better schools, and robust employment opportunities to ensure New York City remains a land of opportunity for everyone. Our community deserves strong leadership that has integrity and experience to deliver for the neighborhoods of Williamsburg, Bushwick and Ridgewood.

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Gladys Santiago
34th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: working with the community

Previous Occupation(s): home health aid

Education: Bushwick High School and N.Y.C.C.C.

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board #1, 4 and 5. Make the Road New York and 7a Administer by the courts.

Prior Public Experience: District Leader in the 54th in 2002 Assembly District and a Delegate to the Democratic Party in Brooklyn in Nov. 1986



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 34 you would address if elected?

Affordable, safe housing also Child Care to better the health program, balance the working family for a better future, the Seniors needs the right to choose the best treatments. And most of all we can’t forget our Youth’s we must make a better tomorrow for them and to fight to keep the fire house open, and to fight for our right to get school funds, keep the senior center open.

Humberto Soto
34th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Boricua College - Admissions Department - Officer, Brooklyn, NY

Previous Occupation(s): Property Management - Director - Brooklyn, NY

Education: Masters in Latin American and Caribbean Studies - Boricua College, New York, NY - Bachelors in Science - Boricua College, New York, NY - Operating Room Technician - Bella Vista Hospital - Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Organizational Affiliations: President / Founder - Puerto Rican State Parade and Festival of New York Inc. - www.puertoricandayparadeofny.com - from 2005-Present - President / Founder - New York Latino Independent Democratic Club Inc. www.latinovoteny.org

Prior Public Experience: Volunteer, Hospital, School and churches in New York City.



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

I will keep and do my best to bring better health care for the children and Seniors to strengthening our community to be in good health and education to success in school and make sure their are Jobs for them went they finish School.

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

I’m always fighting for affordable housing, child care, education, jobs and to make my community safe. I’m always there went they need me I never say no to anyone. I try my best to bring programs if i Win this Election, i would make the best Candidate for this office because I never say no to anyone. And i wii be there Win or Loss This is why i make the best candidate

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 34 you would address if elected?

Most important issue for me is Housing, the rent is out of control in New York City.

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

Other important issues is the education, is a serious problem, especially in my community.

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

My experience in the community, working hard for 29 years.

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Tommy Torres
34th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public School Teacher

Previous Occupation(s): N/A

Education: St. Francis College 1996 B.A. Business Management, Mercy College 2002 M.A. Elementary Education, College of St. Rose 2006 Certificate School Supervision and Administration, Grover Cleveland HS 1991, JHS 126, PS 132

Organizational Affiliations: Community Advisory Board Woodhull Hospital Brooklyn, Grand Street Campus Wolves Baseball, Williamsburg Baseball League, New York State Empire State Games NYC Region, Brooklyn Three Kings Day Parade Inc., Borinquen Senior Center, NYC WolfPack Football, NYC On Point Basketball, 5 Boro Basketball League, National Latino Officers Association, Somos El Futuro

Prior Public Experience: N/A



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 34 you would address if elected?

The most pressing issue is the Preservation and creation of affordable housing.

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

There are several important issues in the 34th Council district. Education is fundamental to my platform. As a teacher I understand the importance of securing resources for our classrooms, and what that ultimately means for our community. The impact of the decisions made at City Hall for our future generation, and teachers. Protecting and expanding senior services is a priority. Seniors are the backbone of our community. They have molded the neighborhood into the vibrant community people enjoy. Job creation is critical, unemployment is at an all time high, and job creation is at historic lows. I firmly believe small business is the way to solvency, and I will work to strengthen them.

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

As a lifelong resident of the district, A NYC public school teacher, and community leader, I know the challenges our neighborhoods face. We need a representative that is not just a representative of the community but an engaged member. It is not enough to wear a title or sit in an office, we need someone who is ready to roll up his sleeves, deliver, and be held accountable. I do not think backroom deals should award anyone the next City Council candidacy, I believe your merit should earn you one. I believe in the Democratic process, and in grass-roots campaigns. I exemplify one. I understand the issues, can articulate the needs, and I am prepared to fight the battles for the 34th District.

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Olanike T. Alabi
35th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: N/A
Previous Occupation(s): Legislative Assistant to a Member of the New York City Council, District Manager of Community Board #2 (Brooklyn), 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East
Education: Temple University, University of London, School of Industrial & Labor Relations - Cornell University
Organizational Affiliations: League of Women Voters of the City of New York, Church Women United, Board for the Education of People of African Ancestry, Community Advisory Board (CAB) of the Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Emmanuel Baptist Church (Clinton Hill).
Prior Public Experience: State Committeewoman (District Leader) - 57th A.D.



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Laurie A. Cumbo
35th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Candidate for 35th District City Council
Previous Occupation(s): Founder and Executive Director of Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA). Graduate Professor at Pratt institute of the Arts and Cultural Management Program
Education: Berkley College Day School for Middle School, Brooklyn Technical High School, Spelman College, Masters Degree from New York University
Organizational Affiliations: Member of ARTTABLE, the American Association of Museums, the National Alliance of African and African American Art Support Groups, the Cultural Equity Group, the Downtown Brooklyn Arts Alliance and the Spelman College Alumni Association.
Prior Public Experience: Founded Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts which provides gallery and public art exhibitions as well as outdoor film festivals, musical performances, programs in NYCHA developments, after-school programming, seniors and children workshops, as well as cultural tours.



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Ede S. Fox
35th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Candidate for the 35th Council District
Previous Occupation(s): NYC Council, Chief of Staff and Legislative & Budget Director; SEIU 1199, New Organizing
Education: UCLA, M.A. 1995; University of Michigan, B.A, 1993, Vassar College 1989-91, & Brearley School, 1989.
Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Community Board 8 Member and Chair, Environmental/Sanitation committee; President, Prospect Heights Democrats for Reform; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Prior Public Experience: County Committee Member, Kings County Democratic Party 2010-2014



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 35 you would address if elected?
Affordable housing: advocate redefining “affordable” so families earning \$30,000 to \$50,000 can afford to live here, increase the number of units developers are required to set aside as affordable from 20% to 50%, build for families not just studio and one

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 35 you would address if elected?
Education

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Employment, Housing, Development, Healthcare, Public Safety, Youth, Traffic & Transportation, Seniors, Immigration, Small Business

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
My professional experience, public service and accomplishments in the 35th Council District I believe make me the best candidate. Also, I’m a champion for justice, a strong advocate for social justice, the labor movement and community empowerment who has been supportive of progressive legislation and movements to bring about change that will have a positive impact upon others.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 35 you would address if elected?
I most want to address issues of equity. I believe that addressing equity is the way to combat issues such as poverty, gun violence, lack of affordable housing, poor performing schools, and many other issues that adversely effect the future and vitality of New York City.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
The immediate issues that I would address would be to raise the minimum wage and index it for inflation, provide real paid sick leave for all employees, and negotiate the important contracts that are so over due for labor and union employees for the benefit of our hard working citizens.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As a former museum director, college educator, and small business owner, I am the only candidate with a tangible and visual track record for leadership in Brooklyn, NY. I believe I am in a unique position to represent the people of the 35th Council District and I will bring creativity and innovation to the City Council to discover new ideas and possibilities to make New York City a more equitable place.

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bedroom units, build 202 housing for seniors and bring 2500 new units of affordable housing to the 35th district in my first term. Support mandatory inclusionary zoning to ensure affordable housing is evenly distributed across the district, home rule to bring housing laws back to NYC Council not the State Legislature, and limiting the loss of rent stabilized/controlled apartments.


2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Jobs: Bring light manufacturing to the 35th District for more jobs, create more office spaces to attract small businesses, and implement new technology incubators. Small business: eliminate/reduce convenience fees and fines, set up a revolving loan fund, and create a fund for seed money for start ups. Education: Stop school closings and provide more funds. Transit: Advocate for more bus service in Brooklyn. Seniors: increase funding for senior centers.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
Six years experience in the City Council distinguishes me from my opponents and will enable me to bring resources to the 35th District to solve basic problems such as the lack of affordable housing and quality education, unemployment and limited support for small businesses.

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Frank Richard Hurley
35th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Attorney at Law
Previous Occupation(s): Not Applicable
Education: Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law 1990; Pace University Graduate 1984
Organizational Affiliations: None
Prior Public Experience: Assistant District Attorney Queens, New York; Assistant Counsel Chancellor Fernandez of the Board of Education; Administrative Law Judge presiding over parking tickets




1. What is the most important issue in Council District 35 you would address if elected?
JOBS - Brooklyn is the hottest town in the world and everyone wants to live here, it’s a brand name. The developers are coming in here to give Brooklyn a new skyline. This is a great opportunity to put Brooklyn back to work. Crime will be impacted by reduction and the economy will grow with production. “If you build in Brooklyn, You must hire from Brooklyn.” That simple!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Jelani Mashariki
35th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Director, Pamoja House Men’s Shelter
Previous Occupation(s): U.S. State Department Cultural Ambassador; Operations Manager, Pamoja House; Americorps/ HIV Outreach Volunteer; Asst. Football Coach, Brooklyn Technical H.S.
Education: B.A., Brooklyn College/C.U.N.Y.; NYC Public Schools: P.S. 321K, J.H.S. 51, Brooklyn Technical H.S.; Certification: North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP)
Organizational Affiliations: Interfaith Medical Center Community Advisory Board; United Nations Alliance of Civilizations; Global Block Foundation; Black Veterans for Social Justice; New York Communities for Change; Coalition for Public Education; ‘Sandy’ Relief Volunteer Coordination; Plural Plus Youth Video Film Festival
Prior Public Experience: NO



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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
AFFORDABLE HOUSING - The towers theses developers plan on building shall have at least 25% affordable to the community that already lives here. They are planning to build sixteen 16 towers in downtown Brooklyn to make room for people that are not even here yet. What about “US”!!!!!! Make room for those of us who already live here and have been here for years.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am an experienced lawyer and I believe I am the only lawyer running for this seat. The City Council is the only branch of the City Government that can make laws. We can end up with another Barclays Center result. The promises of jobs never came true. We need someone who is trained at law. I believe I am the only married candidate and the only one who raised a family and now is a grandfather. As a family man, I see the world differently. I have been with my wife for 28 years. That is steady and reliable.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 35 you would address if elected?
The most important issue I would address is housing. My focus is preserving housing and protecting the rights of long-time district residents and ensuring that the rights of new residents are protected as well. Key housing issues are: maintaining existing affordable housing; ensuring developers include permanent affordable housing units; revamping NYCHA governance and addressing its poor building management; and exposing illegal rental practices used by Real Estate agencies and management companies.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Education and jobs are the other important issues. Please go to the ISSUES section of my website, www.peopleforjelani.com, to read the details.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
Key qualities for this office are: a deep-rooted understanding of the entire district; a social inclusion and cultural diversity advocate; commitment to community to resolve issues. My social services and social justice activism lie in tenants rights, veterans support, parent involvement in education, saving hospitals and coordinating Sandy relief. My ability to negotiate with agencies and governments is acknowledged. My background shows I am the best candidate to serve the people of the 35th Council District.

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Robert E. Cornegy Jr.
36th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Legislative Policy Analyst
New York City Council on Aging and Veterans Committee
Previous Occupation(s): Director of Programs, Campaign Manager
Education: B.S. Organizational Management M.S. Organizational Management
Organizational Affiliations: Vanguard Independent Democratic Association (VIDA) - President, Community Board 3 - Vice Chair of the Health and Social Services Committees
Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader/State Committeeman 56th Assembly District, 2012 Presidential Delegate



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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 36 you would address if elected?
Small business, Economic development and Job creation

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Affordable housing, Education Reform and Public Safety

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am the best candidate for this office based on my long term commitment to service, my consistent and unwavering passion for improved quality of life of all residents of the district coupled with my relationship building skills. This is the recipe needed for the future of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights.

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Kirsten John Foy
36th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Advisor, International President of the Amalgamated Transit Union

Previous Occupation(s): Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for and Director of Community affairs, Office of the Public Advocate; National Director of the Criminal Justice Initiative of the National Action Network

Education: New York City public schools; Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn College

Organizational Affiliations: Abiding Love Ministries; National Action Network

Prior Public Experience: Director of Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, Office of the Public Advocate



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 36 you would address if elected?
My first priority would be to pass a legislative package that: Creates a progressive residential tax rebate and abatement program to stabilize local housing markets and provides security for the most vulnerable longtime residents and homeowners;

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creates community development funds to stimulate responsible local economic development and activity in order to grow businesses and create jobs; creates additional community-based courts, including a Central Brooklyn Community Justice Center to impact the way in which our communities interact with the criminal justice system and reduce crime.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I would prioritize a youth development agenda that helps create a more equitable public school system, expands early childhood and after-school programs, and invests in educational and employment training opportunities for disconnected youth. I would also focus on building the capacity of our health care institutions to meet community needs, including the expansion of access to primary care and addressing gun violence and HIV/AIDS as major public health issues.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am a community organizer with a proven track record of achieving public policy change from both inside and outside of government. I can utilize this expertise to tackle the most pressing issues facing our district and city, and also engage our younger generations to help move our community forward.

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Conrad Tillard
36th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Sr. Minister, Nazarene Congregational Church (UCC)

Previous Occupation(s): Interim Pastor, Eliot Congregational Church; Project Dir., New Yorkers for Gulf Coast; Founder, CHHANGE; Minister, NOI; Emmy-nominated Host, WLIB and WBLS; Youth Dir., Rev. Jesse L. Jackson’s ’84 Campaign

Education: B.A., Univ. of Penn; M.Div., Union Theological Sem. (Columbia Univ); TH.M., Princeton Theological Sem; Pursued graduate studies at John F. Kennedy School of Govt. and Harvard Divinity School

Organizational Affiliations: Adv. Boards, Boys and Girls H.S. and Bedford Academy H.S.; Stakeholders Comm.

Prior Public Experience: Entire career



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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 36 you would address if elected?
As a **father of 5 public school children**, I believe that **education is the most determinative factor in an individual’s life**. I would work to **end mayoral control** and **support the proposed moratorium on school co-locations and closings** so that the parents of the district will have more control over the education of their children.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I would focus on economic development, support for seniors, youth development, housing, and public safety.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have **30 years of experience** that highlight my ability to bring people together to address deeply entrenched challenges. **From my time as the “Hip Hop Minister,” working with youth in crack era New York City, to the present as a minister in Bed-Stuy**, I have worked to empower my community, and **I am an independent voice**.

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Robert M. Waterman
36th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: 5th grade Public School Math Teacher, Current Pastor of 11 years at Antioch Baptist in Brooklyn, Sober Cafe owner

Previous Occupation(s): Mechanical Engineer

Education: Earned undergraduate degrees in Public Administration, Political Science, Philosophy from The City University, Hunter College, Master, NYTS, Doctorate, Drew University

Organizational Affiliations: NAACP, Chair of the African American Clergy and Elected Officials Organization (AACEO), 77th, 79th, and 81st Precinct Clergy Council, Community Board No.3, Watchful Eyes, BLCA, Central Brooklyn Flu Steering Committee, Interfaith Community Advisory Board (Interfaith Hospital)

Prior Public Experience: A Community Pastor/Organizer/Educator, I worked to create programs like Rebounding Math, using basketball as a tool to teach math to students. I also created a number of programs such as Youth Entrepreneurship & Homework Hoops geared towards education and mentoring our youth.



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Host Safe Surrender and participated in Gun Buy Back programs

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 36 you would address if elected?
Addressing problems facing our youth is top priority. Creating new programs aimed at keeping our children off the streets providing them with a structured, well rounded environment that will work towards building a safer, more prosperous community.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Education is a important issue, I would continue my work in the community by creating social service programs such as food drives, youth & senior programs, as well as health screenings targeting cancer, HIV, hypertension, cholesterol, and diabetes.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
Nearly 12 years I’ve helped hundreds of families in our community gain access to food, shelter, job training programs, spiritual guidance. My first hand knowledge of the issues that matter to real people sets me apart and equally, I am proud to have been touched by so many lives in our community. Being a member of the City Council will allow me to further my ability to serve my community in a larger capacity.

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- » **Council District 37 Democratic Primary (D)**
Kimberly Council
Rafael L. Espinal Jr.
Heriberto Mateo
Mike Nieves
Helal A. Sheikh

» **Council District 38 Democratic Primary (D)**
Sara M. Gonzalez
Carlos Menchaca

» **Council District 40 Democratic Primary (D)**
Mathieu Eugene
John Grant
Sylvia G. Kinard
Saundra Thomas

» **Council District 39**
No primary

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Kimberly Council
37th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Reference Librarian at a Wall St. Law Firm.

Previous Occupation(s): Information Assistant, McKinsey & Company

Education: North Carolina Central University, B.A. Political Science. Pratt Institute M.S. Library Science

Organizational Affiliations: American Association of Law Librarians, Law Library Association of Greater New York, Local Development Corporation of East New York, East New York Housing Development Corporation, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Associate Minister, Berean Baptist Church of Brooklyn NY.

Prior Public Experience: N/A



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 37 you would address if elected?
Unemployment and underemployment plague my community and the city as a whole.

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We have to address this issue, we have to be bold and innovative in our approach. One way to do this is to provide incentives for companies particularly small businesses located in the district that hire local residents. We also need to train and retrain the unemployed and underemployed to be prepared to enter a 21st Century Job market.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
New York City struggles to provide affordable housing for our low-income residents. We have to restructure the selection process, clearly define affordable and make sure low-income residents are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am a compassionate leader with demonstrated commitment to community empowerment. As Vice President of the East New York Housing Development Corporation, I was instrumental in implementing 200 plus units of affordable housing in East New York. I am committed to youth empowerment and have advocated for changes to the juvenile justice system so our youth have the opportunity to reenter their communities through rehabilitative and community based programming. I reside in Cypress Hills with my daughter and son, I am fully vested in making our community the best place to live, where all of our children have access to a quality education, and every resident has the best possible quality of life, access to affordable housing and the ability to earn a sustainable living wage.

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Rafael L. Espinal Jr.
37th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: Assembly Member, 54th District (Cypress Hills, Bushwick, ENY, Citi-line, and Bed-Stuy)

Previous Occupation(s): ESL Teacher, Chief of Staff to City Councilman Erik Martin Dilan

Education: Graduate of Franklin K. Lane High School and earned a Bachelor’s in English at Queens College

Organizational Affiliations: Parishioner of St. Rita’s Church and member of the 54th Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Served as Chief of Staff to City Councilman Erik Martin Dilan



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 37 you would address if elected?
The most important issue I would address if elected to the City Council is the immense need for better education. Coming from a working immigrant family, as well as previously being an educator to children with similar stories as myself,

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I believe that the best way to brighten the future of our great city is by enhancing educational opportunities for all.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Other important issues that need to be addressed include protecting day-care centers, senior centers and after-school programs from budget cuts. I also want to raise awareness about and support free local screenings for fatal diseases such as Cancer, HIV and Diabetes.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I believe I am the best candidate for this office because I believe that with the right resources all men, women and children can thrive in Brooklyn. Being that I was born and raised in the district, I know first hand the struggle of the average New Yorker and I believe I can continue to address these issues with the passion, and the dedication that this position requires to help my constituents. I have a proven track record of getting results stemming from my time as a member of the New York State Assembly and look to bringing my experience to the City Council.

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Heriberto Mateo

37th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: Director, NYC Commission on Human Rights

Previous Occupation(s): Clerk, Production Worker, Production and Warehouse Supervisor, Teacher Drama and Physical Education, and Admission and Financial Officer

Education: Kingsborough College, Liberal Arts, NY City College, Sociology

Organizational Affiliations: President, Brooklynite Democrats, Member Local 154, DC 37

Prior Public Experience: President, Community School Board 19, President Board of Directors, Martin De Porres Day Care Center



1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 37 you would address if elected?**
Public Safety
2. **What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Affordable Housing, Education, Employment, Health, and Economic Development.

Mike Nieves

37th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Consultant

Previous Occupation(s): Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of State and Federal Affairs, NYC Council; Principal, Nieves Associates

Education: Brooklyn Technical High School; attended York College

Organizational Affiliations: St. Barbara’s Parish; founding member: New Beginnings Charter School

Prior Public Experience: Elected school board member, District 32; elected member Area Policy Board 4



1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 37 you would address if elected?**
The lack of affordable housing for disadvantaged families is a crucial concern. My goal when elected is to multiply the amount of affordable housing with development projects that benefit both low and middle income families.

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

Heriberto Mateo, has the knowledge, experience and leadership ability to fight for us in these tough times. Heriberto is married to the former Gladys Roman. The Mateo’s reside in the Cypress Hills Section of Brooklyn where they have lived since 1970.

Since Mr. Mateo arrived in New York City, he has deeply involved in community affairs. He has been involved in cultural, social, political as well as charitable activities in East New York, Cypress Hills, and Bushwick. In addition to his work with the Museo del Barrio and Boricua College, Mr. Mateo, along with other community leaders, founded El Teatro Cuatro a theater group which led to El Festival Latino in New York. Also he is a founding member of Pregones, a community organization that provides services to our youth. He was also the president of the Board of Directors of one of the largest City Fund Day Care Centers in Brooklyn, Martin De Porres. The center serves 350 children from the ages of two to eight in the Bushwick community. Mr. Mateo provided the necessary leadership to secure one million dollars funding for the center renovation.

Mateo, has had over 35 years of varied and enriching work experience, much of which was acquired while he attended college.

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

I’m an established local educational leader. Principals deserve the best qualified teachers, teachers and children deserve smaller class sizes. When elected, I will fight to allocate needed funding so principals could maintain the best teachers in our schools with up-to-date computers in every classroom and for every teacher. Public safety is vital for the entire community. As an elected Council Member, police protection is absolutely essential. I advocate the “Hot Spot” policy for police to focus on high crime areas in our neighborhoods. Lastly, high tech training will ensure new jobs with new skills in a new technological age.

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

I’m most qualified for this office because I have served in government for three City Council administrations. My direct community involvement has included becoming an elected local school board member, working as a local church trustee and a founding member of the New Beginnings Charter School. I bring seasoned leadership, proven competence and integrity of character to this office.

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Helal A. Sheikh

37th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: Math Teacher, NYC Dept of Education

Previous Occupation(s): N/A

Education: Master’s Degree, Mathematics Education, Brooklyn College; Bachelor’s Degree, Computer Information, City Tech

Organizational Affiliations: United Federation of Teachers

Prior Public Experience: Student Government Association President, City Tech



1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 37 you would address if elected?**
Supply of affordable housing is by far the most critical issue facing our community; the demand is great. We must **ensure access to housing that is safe, stable, and affordable**. I support reducing the property tax rate, and the continued amendment of the NYC Housing Maintenance Code. The City Council is in a unique position to help people help themselves by ensuring **the most basic type of security**: a place to sleep, safe and sound.

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

Education, Neighborhood Investment, Small Business: As a public school teacher, I know first-hand the struggles facing our education system. Our kids deserve teachers who aren’t strangled by bureaucracy and forced to teach to a test. They deserve after-school programs that tutor, mentor, and instill pride in community, because **the learning that takes place after school is often as influential as learning in the classroom**. Students with religious dietary restrictions deserve Kosher and Halal food that meets their needs. When it comes to neighborhood investment, the city budget is a powerful mechanism to ensure our community’s need are met. This money can be directed at any variety of fundamental community projects, such as roads, parks, housing, and community groups. **I will be a tireless advocate for our fair share**. Lastly, the strongest economic engines in our community are small businesses. I support efforts to **streamline permitting processes, and adjust regressive punitive fines** so that doors stay open.

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

My family experience mirrors that of so many others in this district. My wife and I immigrated to New York City, and my two children are first generation Americans. My wife is a doctor at a local hospital, and my daughters attend public school. This is where we choose to raise our family, so the issues facing our community are very personal for us. **I will fight for all corners of our community. I ask for your vote**.

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Sara M. Gonzalez

38th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: City Councilwoman

Previous Occupation(s): Nonprofit Executive, Public Health Organizer

Education: Fort Hamilton High School; Staten Island College; Columbia University School of Business Management

Organizational Affiliations: –

Prior Public Experience: Chairwoman, Community Board 7



1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 38 you would address if elected?**
Affordable housing, public health concerns, maintaining education funding and after school programs, public transportation, ensuring our immigrant populations are treated fairly and receive the support they need to realize the American Dream, and preparing for the long term effects of climate change within our waterfront communities, especially Red Hook.

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Carlos Menchaca

38th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: City Council Candidate

Previous Occupation(s): LGBT & HIV/AIDS Community Liaison, Office of the Speaker of New York City Council, Christine C. Quinn

Education: Jesuit University of San Francisco, Bachelor of Arts, Politics and Bachelor of Arts, Performing Arts and Social Justice

Organizational Affiliations: Red Hook Volunteers Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn, Brooklyn Community Pride Center

Prior Public Experience: LGBT & HIV/AIDS Community Liaison, Office of the Speaker of the New York City Council, Christine C. Quinn. Capital Budget and Policy Coordinator, Chief of Staff Office, Office of the Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz. Fellow in Public Affairs, Coro New York Leadership Center.



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

Strong public schools are the backbone of our community. I led the effort to construct Sunset Park’s first high school, helped bring a new early childhood center to the district and have secured millions of dollars of funding for computer labs, and after-school educational and cultural enrichment programs. As Councilwoman I have fought to bring nearly \$500 million in educational resources to the community and saved hundreds of day care slots.

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

I have served this district as its Councilwoman for the past decade, and long before that as a community and public health activist, helping bring resources and services to vulnerable populations. I’ve lived in this community my entire life, raised my family here and have a track record of over three decades of service to this community. Upon re-election, I will be the senior most member of the City Council, putting em in a position to bring even more resources and services to our community.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 38 you would address if elected?

The most urgent issue affecting the 38th Council District is the need for more education funding. As someone who graduated from public schools and the first in my family to graduate from college, I know the positive impact a high quality, public education has on the lives of young people. Many schools in my district have had numerous programs cut and are overcrowded. Once I am elected, I will fight to bring back programs like Head Start and demand more funding to decrease class room size.

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

In the City Council, I will also fight to protect and expand affordable housing, bring more jobs opportunities to the district and demand that we focus funding on long-term Sandy recovery. I will make sure to revitalize the industrial park, improve environmental protections and increase access to the waterfront.

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

As an experienced advocate and public servant, I know what it takes to deliver real resources to neighborhoods in need. I already have a history of bringing funding to Sunset Park, and organizing relief efforts in Red Hook. I will be a visible and vocal leader who will show up and fight for the 38th Council District.

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Mathieu Eugene

40th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: NYC Councilmember in District 40


Previous Occupation(s): Director of the not for profit organization Youth in Education & Sports and an instructor of Latin, French Literature & Science

Education: Attended the College of Notre Dame & Regina Assumpta College and holds a medical degree

Organizational Affiliations: A member of many national and international organizations including the Aesclepius Medical Society and co-founder of the Committee for the Development of Northern Haiti

Prior Public Experience: Former member of Community Board 14 & community board for in-patients at Maimonides Medical Center



1. **What is the most important issue in Council District 40 you would address if elected?**
Job creation. The economy on the national, state and city levels has changed greatly over the past 5 years, which has resulted in higher unemployment than we
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have seen in the past. Creating employment opportunities happens when there is positive economic development in communities and residents in the neighborhood have the education and skills to capitalize on created jobs.

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

I remain committed to providing our hospitals with the resources that they need to provide excellent medical care to the community at an affordable cost, sponsoring health fairs and symposiums that provide critical information about preventive medicine and fighting to keep our hospitals open. I want to continue providing our public schools with the resources necessary for such vital needs as computer labs, renovations of facilities, playgrounds and to ensure that our public school teachers are not laid off. I will continue to fight for immigration rights, affordable housing, the safety of our streets and the betterment of our community.

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

I am the only candidate running who has a long and proven track record of getting things done for the residents of this district, not only for the past 6 years as a City Councilmember, but almost an additional two decades serving the residents of this district as either a community board member or the founder and director of a not for profit that benefitted thousands of children and their families. To be an effective member of the City Council, you need to understand how city government works and have an unwavering commitment to the constituents you are serving.

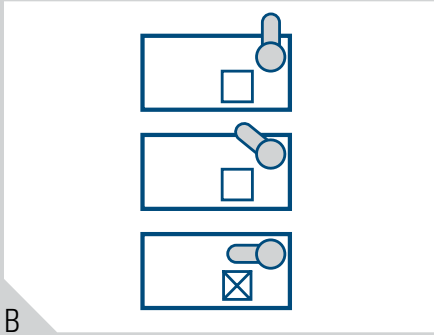
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How to Vote



A

Separate the voting machine curtains and enter. (The curtains will be closed when you enter and will stay closed.) Pull the large red handle to the right **(A)**. Do not move the large red handle again until you finish making all your choices.



B

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.



C

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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