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Districts 33–48

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June 17–25

Election Day

June 27

2023 Primary Election

city council voter guide



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2023 NYC Voter Guide

To see the most up to date list of candidates for your party in your district, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

When do I vote?

- The primary election is on Tuesday, **June 27**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **June 17** to Sunday, **June 25**.
- There is no early voting on Monday, **June 26**.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- City Council
- District Attorney
- Civil Court

Party Positions

- Delegates to the Judicial Convention
- Alternate Delegates to the Judicial Convention
- State Committee
- County Committee
- District Leader

The specific offices on your ballot depend on where you live and which political party you belong to. Look up your ballot at nycvotes.org/candidates.

Learn more at nycvotes.org!

Election Dates and Deadlines

June 12 Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail)

*If you mail in your absentee ballot request form, the Board of Elections must receive it by this date.

June 17 Voter registration deadline

June 17 Early voting starts

June 25 Early voting ends

June 26 Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)

June 27 Primary Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm)
Last date to postmark your absentee ballot or drop it off at a poll site



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How to vote

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day, **June 27**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. You must vote at your assigned poll site.

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



Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

What to know

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

Early voting dates

Saturday, **June 17** to Sunday, **June 25**.



Vote by Mail

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

June 12 is the deadline to request your ballot online, or for the Board of Elections to receive your request by mail.

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

How to request your absentee ballot:

- Visit nycabsentee.com.
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.
- Visit your local NYC Board of Elections office. The deadline is **June 26** to submit your request in person.

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

Track your ballot

You can track your ballot from the NYC Board of Elections at nycabsentee.com/tracking.

What to expect at your poll site



Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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



Fill out Your Ballot

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the oval next to your choice. When you vote for City Council, you can rank up to five choices instead of choosing just one.

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

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



Scan Your Ballot

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



Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

- You are a registered voter in a party that is holding a primary election in your district.
- You are in line at your poll site by closing time.

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

You can learn which poll sites offer interpreters at nycvotes.org/accessibility. You can also call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)**.

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

Sample Ranked Choice ballot

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

Rank up to 5 choices Mark no more than 1 oval in each column						
Clasifique hasta 5 opciones Marque no más de un óvalo en cada columna						
	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción	Choice Opción
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
Candidate A Party Name	A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B Party Name	B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C Party Name	C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D Party Name	D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E Party Name	E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate F Party Name	F	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate G Party Name	G	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate H Party Name	H	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate I Party Name	I	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate J Party Name	J	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in candidato por escrito		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

My top choices

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

City Council

1st
2nd
3rd
4th
5th

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

You can preview a sample of your ballot from the Board of Elections at findmypollsite.vote.nyc.

Ranked Choice Voting

NYC uses **Ranked Choice Voting** in primary and special elections for city offices. With Ranked Choice Voting, you can rank up to five candidates in order of preference instead of choosing just one. This gives you more say in who gets elected and can lead to more diverse candidates winning.

Why are we using Ranked Choice Voting?

New Yorkers elected to use Ranked Choice Voting in a 2019 ballot measure. It passed with 73.5% support.

Which offices will I vote for with Ranked Choice Voting?

You will use Ranked Choice Voting to vote for City Council this June. However, there will likely be other offices on your ballot, like judges, that will not use Ranked Choice Voting since they are not city offices.

How do I fill out my ballot with Ranked Choice Voting?

- 1 Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.
- 2 If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.
- 3 You can rank up to 5 candidates. However, you can still vote for just one candidate. Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

		1	2	3	4	5
Candidate A	👤	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	👤	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	👤	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	👤	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E	👤	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Visit nycvotes.org/rcv-ballot to practice Ranked Choice Voting on a sample ballot.

	1	2	3	4	5
Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do **not** give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, **your ballot will not be valid.**

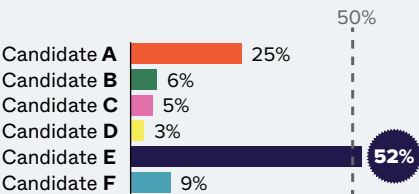
	1	2	3	4	5
Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do **not** rank a candidate more than once. If you do, only your top ranking for them will count.

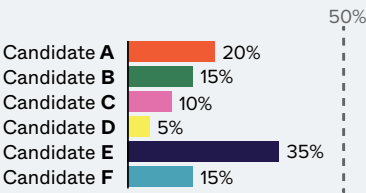
How will my Ranked Choice ballot be counted?

For more information about Ranked Choice Voting, see Ranked Choice Voting frequently asked questions on [Page 47](#) or visit [visit nycvotes.org/rcv](https://nycvotes.org/rcv).

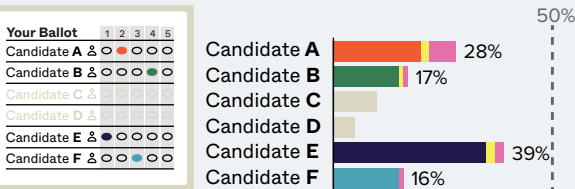
If a candidate receives more than 50% of first-choice votes, they win the election.



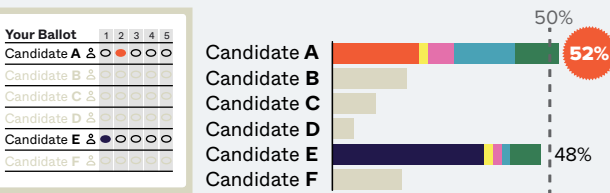
If no candidate earns more than 50% of first-choice votes, then counting will continue in rounds.



Each round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. If your top-choice candidate is eliminated, your vote goes to the next highest ranked candidate on your ballot.



This process continues until there are only 2 candidates left.



The candidate who receives a majority of votes wins!

What do elected officials do?

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

To see the most up to date list of candidates for your party in your district, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

City Offices

City Council

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

- Following the 2020 census, City Council districts were redrawn to adjust for changes in population. Due to this process, Council members elected this year will serve 2-year terms in newly drawn districts. In 2025, 4-year terms will resume.
- Introduce and vote on bills.
- Negotiate and approve the city's budget.
- Monitor city agencies.
- Make decisions about the growth and development of our city.
- Provide support for their constituents.

Find your City Council district at findmypollsite.vote.nyc.

County Offices

District Attorney

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

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

Judges

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Party Positions

These are not governmental positions, but leadership roles in local political parties. Please note that the specific duties of each office below can vary based on your political party and where you live. Depending on your party, there may be multiple party positions on your ballot, divided by gender, to help promote gender equality.

Delegates to the Judicial Convention

Delegates to the Judicial Convention choose their party's nominees for State Supreme Court. The number of delegates you can vote for is determined by your Assembly District. Your ballot will tell you how many Delegates you can select.

- Attend their party's Judicial Convention.
- Choose their party's nominees for State Supreme Court in the general election.
- Alternate Delegates are selected in case Delegates are unable to serve (just like alternates on a jury).

State Committee Member

State Committee Members represent their Assembly District within state political parties. Committee members serve two-year terms.

- Attend their state party's convention and annual meetings.
- Serve as a liaison between their community, local elected officials, city government, and political candidates.

County Committee Member

County Committee Members select county leaders for their political party and their party's candidates for state special elections.

- Select party candidates for state special elections.
- Vote on county leaders for their political party.
- Approve the county party's budget and other internal policies.

District Leader

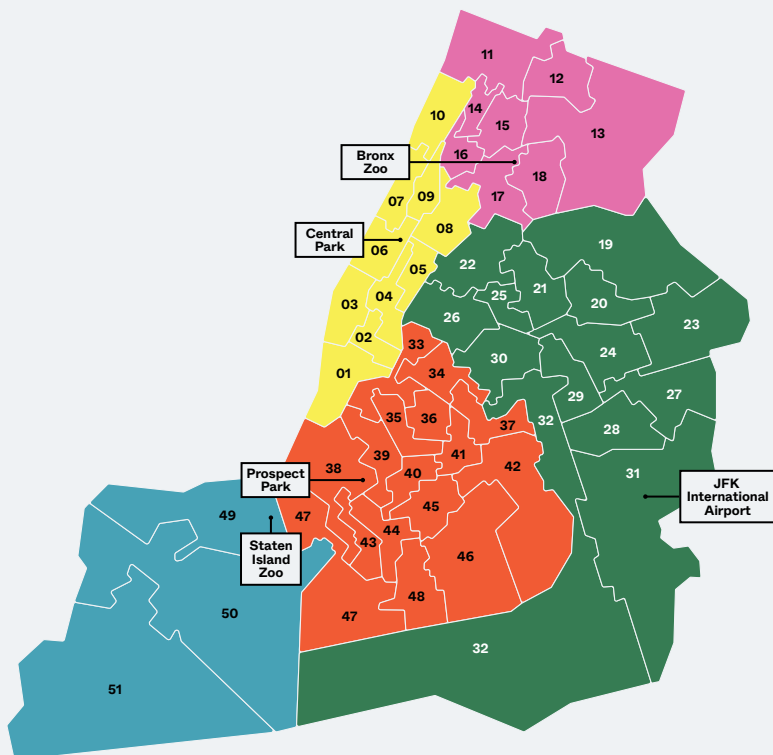
District Leaders help run political parties in each county. District Leaders serve two-year terms.

- Work with the city Board of Elections to nominate poll workers.
- Nominate candidates for judgeships in Civil and Supreme Court.
- Vote for their party's leadership and rules.

New York City Council Map

- NYC has 51 City Council districts
- ~170,000 voters live in each district
- The City Council approves NYC's ~\$100 billion budget

Find your City Council district at findmypollsite.vote.nyc.



A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

What do City Council members do for you?

- Draft and vote on bills on issues like housing, healthcare, education, public safety, and more. Council members can also join committees on issues ranging from aging to youth services.
- Work with the Mayor to create and approve the city's ~\$100 billion budget. Each Council member also manages a budget of ~\$5 million to build schools and make improvements in their district, and an additional budget of ~\$500,000 to support non-profit organizations.
- Monitor city agencies that serve New Yorkers, including the New York City Police Department and New York City Department of Education.
- Determine building and land use throughout the city, including overseeing zoning for property owners, preserving landmarks, and managing city land and public facilities.
- Assist constituents like you. Council members and their offices can help you with issues like tax preparation, affordable housing, tree planting, dirty sidewalks, potholes, pedestrian safety, and more. Contact your Council member if you need assistance!

There are no Primary Elections in City Council District 33

Primary elections only occur when more than one candidate runs for their party's nomination. However, there will be a general election for this City Council district in November.

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compare candidates

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



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City Council District 34

Democratic

- Jennifer Gutierrez ✓
- Paperboy L Prince*
- Angel Santiago*



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



Jennifer Gutierrez ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Universal Child Care
2. Strengthen and expand tenant protections
3. Environmental Justice

Jennifer Gutiérrez is an organizer, activist, and ally. For over a decade, Jennifer has been involved in the issues affecting families that she now represents. Born and raised in Queens to Colombian immigrants, Jennifer grew up in a one-bedroom apartment and attended public schools. She has been an advocate from a young age when her father became disabled and fought with insurance companies and accompanied her mother to cleaning gigs to interpret and negotiate her wages. In her time in office she has fought for affordable housing, to keep schools and daycares funded, broadband equity and access, and fighting against social service budget cuts that our communities desperately need.

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Chief of Staff

Education: University at Albany


Organizational Affiliations: NA

Prior Public Experience: NA

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Compare Candidates

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

	Jennifer Gutierrez 	Paperboy L Prince*	Angel Santiago*
	Democratic	Democratic	Democratic
Crime	We need to focus on getting guns out of the hands of our children, and increase funding for community resources we know work: mental health and substance abuse services, dignified housing and violence interruption in schools.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	Everyday New Yorkers have been struggling to make ends meet in our city; rent has skyrocketed and the price of milk and eggs are at an all-time high. Right now, we need to focus on strong social service investment across the government to support families who need it most.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	I have long been an advocate of My City My Vote, and believe that every New Yorker, regardless of immigration status, should be able to cast their vote in our City. I also will continue to push the state to implement same day voter registration.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

There are no Primary Elections in City Council Districts 35, 36, and 37

Primary elections only occur when more than one candidate runs for their party's nomination. However, there will be a general election for these City Council districts in November.

**plan your
ballot**



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

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plan-your-ballot](https://nycvotes.org/plan-your-ballot)

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There are no Primary Elections in City Council Districts 38, 39, and 40

Primary elections only occur when more than one candidate runs for their party's nomination. However, there will be a general election for these City Council districts in November.

watch candidate videos



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

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City Council District 41

Democratic

- Reginald Bowman ✓
- Isis McIntosh Green* ✓
- Darlene Mealy ✓
- Joyce D Shearin



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Reginald Bowman ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Housing Infrastructure & Modernization
2. Senior Healthcare & Human Services
3. Youth Education & School Choice

"REGINALD BOWMAN, Brownsville's Seth Low Houses Most Notable Resident is the Senior Member of the NYCHA Citywide Council of Presidents (CCOP) since 1995. Mr. Bowman is the President of CCOP Brooklyn East District and President of Seth Low Houses Resident Association. He is the former President of Remeeder Houses, a 260-unit Section 8-Project-based Rental Assistance Program Development in East New York. Mr. Bowman was elected to 3 terms as President of CCOP from 2007–2015. He served as a Member of Community Board 16 and as President of Community School Board 23."

Current Occupation: President of NYCHA Brooklyn East Council of Presidents Brooklyn East District

Previous Occupations: N/A

Education: N/A

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Member, Community Board 16; President of Community School Board 23 in Ocean Hill-Brownsville

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Darlene Mealy ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Food Insecurities
2. Crime
3. Affordable Housing & Small Businesses

"I have over 12 years of governmental office experience with proven results in being a pioneer of positive change for the lives of youth, adults & seniors of the 41st Council District."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: New York City Transit Authority, DC 37

Education: George W. Wingate, High School, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Cornell University

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Democratic Party Executive Committee, New Grassroots Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member 41st District, 3 Terms, New York State-State Committeewoman and Female District Leader, 55th Assembly District

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Joyce D Shearin

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. work on shaping good policies
2. beautification of my area
3. voice for a better usa

"I hope I am your choice for a better usa voice of the people vet extra actress designer inventor."

Current Occupation: author veteran

Previous Occupations: clerk pollworker

Education: legal/medical/realestate salesperson graduate

Organizational Affiliations: Naacp

Prior Public Experience: govt worker military

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	<div>Reginald Bowman</div> <div>Democratic</div>	<div>Isis McIntosh Green*</div> <div>Democratic</div>
Crime	Crime in the City of New York,	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

Darlene Mealy

Democratic

Mealy for the people will align and support Crisis Management Organizations, Mental Health Initiatives and Rehabilitation Programs to aide in bringing the level of crime to an all time low in the 41st Council District.

Inflation is at an all time high due to the pandemic. I will align and provide support to initiatives provided by the city and the federal government to aide in lowering the debt ceiling.

When re-elected I will continue to fight to ensure that our democracy is fair and balanced not for some but for "all people"!

Joyce D Shearin

Democratic

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City Council District 42

Democratic

- Chris Banks ✓
- Charles Barron ✓
- Jamilah Rose ✓



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Chris Banks ✓

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"As a lifelong resident of District 42's East New York, I will combine my lived experience, and relationships throughout the district working collaboratively with all stakeholders to address the issues facing our community. The challenges our community faces can be resolved through a collectively shared vision and the creation of partnerships with those who are committed to improving the future of the district we call home."

Top 3 Issues:

1. Addressing Public Safety Concerns
2. Creating Truly Affordable Housing Options
3. Creating Senior and Youth Programs

Current Occupation: Self Employed

Previous Occupations: ED, East New York United Concerned Citizens Inc.

Education: AA in Judicial Studies, John Jay College

Organizational Affiliations: Board Chair, Boulevard Houses Nursery Day Care, President Van Siclen Block Assoc.

Prior Public Experience: Pres. 75th Precinct Council, Sgt. at Arms & past co-chair of the Aging, Transportation, and Education committees, BK CB5

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Charles Barron ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. eliminating poverty and unemployment
2. combatting homelessness with affordabl
3. quality affordable healthcare

"My accomplishments include having secured funding for renovation of 6 parks, construction of 3 new schools and a new community center, and securing over 2,000 jobs. I prioritize political independence, economic self-determination, restorative justice, and the empowerment of the disenfranchised people of Black and Brown communities. Political power is the great equalizer for eradicating poverty and ending mass incarceration. Funding for senior and youth programs; reparations; freedom for political prisoners; and ending police brutality and the wrongful use of deadly force are other priorities"

Current Occupation: NYC Councilmember

Previous Occupations: NYS Assemblymember

Education: Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree

Organizational Affiliations: Operation POWER

Prior Public Experience: Director of Voter Registration

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Jamilah Rose ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing and NYCHA
2. Public Safety, Quality of Life
3. Education, Youth and Senior Programs

"I am a social justice advocate that was born and raised in East New York. I have run youth and senior programs in the district for decades. I have been fighting for affordable housing to be built in the district and for local people to be prioritized for the apartments. I have been fighting for better living conditions in public housing and for safe streets."

Current Occupation: Program Director, Grant Writer

Previous Occupations: Social Justice Advocate

Education: Masters in Business Administration

Organizational Affiliations: Parent Teacher Association

Prior Public Experience: Social Justice Advocate

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Chris Banks

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Charles Barron

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Crime

Crime is a top concern of many District 42 residents & stakeholders. We can't simply police our way to safety. Fighting crime requires a common sense approaches where law enforcement sees residents as partners they are accountable to.

The root causes of crime are poverty, unemployment, and inadequate funding for mental health services. Billions of dollars must be allocated for anti-poverty, workforce development, and mental health.

Inflation

Inflation has a severely negative impact on communities like District 42 where many seniors reside and live on a fixed income. Government must use every tool in the legislative arsenal to combat inflation and make our communities as affordable as possible.

Regulating corporate price control of their product, not raising the interest rate I is the best solution for inflation.

Protecting Democracy

Our democracy is the foundation on which our society is built. It has come under direct threat and attack in the recent past and must be protected at all costs.

Regulating voting rights, fighting against racially-motivated redistricting to reduce the representation of Black and Brown communities and ensuring that workers are able to secure living wages, safe workplace environments, healthcare, and pension benefits.

Jamilah Rose ✓

Democratic

I have been fighting for safer streets by promoting more and better youth and young adult programs. I have also worked with improving our schools. And I believe we must improve community police relations.

The price of eggs, milk and rent is sky-rocketing. It is harder for us to just survive. I will fight for fair prices and better wages.

I have been fighting more access to the ballot. I support early voting, access to absentee ballot and better access to voter registration.

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City Council District 43

Democratic

- Wai Yee Chan ✓
- Stanley M Ng Mr ✓
- Susan Zhuang ✓



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Wai Yee Chan ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Increasing public safety.
2. Ensuring high-quality education.
3. Protecting and expanding senior services.

"I immigrated to NYC with one suitcase to pursue the American Dream. Since then I've dedicated my life to ensuring southern Brooklyn gets the resources it needs. I'm running for City Council because I believe every New Yorker deserves to live in a safe community with great schools and opportunities for people at all stages of life."

Current Occupation: Executive Director at Homecrest Community Services

Previous Occupations: Director at Chinese-American Planning Council, Teacher at New York Chinese School

Education: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, BFA. Columbia University, MA.

Organizational Affiliations: Asian Affairs Advisory Council for the Office of Mayor Eric Adams, Alliance for Families with Developmental Needs

Prior Public Experience: Director of Community Engagement in the Office of Councilman Justin Brannan

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Stanley M Ng Mr ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Education Choice, School Funding
3. Food and Housing Affordability

"My name is Stanley Ng and I am running for city council district 43. I am a retired computer programmer, father of 3 children and have lived in Dyker for 30+ years. I decided to run to make city hall accountable to you, the voters. I am not a career politician and do not represent the political clubs or work for the political machines in city hall. I am running on three major platforms, Public Safety, School Excellence, and Everyday Affordability. I want to fully fund our local schools, make sure residents feel safe in their community and reduce costs of housing and basic food staples."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupations: Computer Programmer

Education: MS Computer Methodology

Organizational Affiliations: UA3, COPO

Prior Public Experience: District 20 CEC Community Education Council CCHS Citywide Council for High Schools

Party Enrolled In: Democratic



Susan Zhuang ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Making our neighborhoods safer.
2. Ensuring quality education for all.
3. Improving our quality of life.

"As a mother of two young children, a public-school parent, and as Chief of Staff for Assemblyman William Colton. I have been fighting for community issues in South Brooklyn for years. We need a fighter to make our communities safer, strengthen our schools, and ensure we can all thrive."

Current Occupation: Chief of Staff for New York State Assemblymember William Colton

Previous Occupations: Market Research Analyst

Education: Southern Indiana University, MBA in Data Analysis SUNY-Oswego, BA Degree in Finance and Applied Statistics

Organizational Affiliations: Board Member–Asian American Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association, Board Member–AAGG PAC, Founder–Leaders of Tomorrow, Former VP–Brooklyn United Progressive Democratic Club, Former VP/Founder–Young Democrats of Southern Brooklyn Political Club

Prior Public Experience: community activist

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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Wai Yee Chan ✓

Democratic

Stanley M Ng Mr ✓

Democratic

Crime	Ensuring our community feels safe is my top priority. I will fully fund our police to ensure they're able to solve and stop crime, work to get illegal guns off our streets, and will increase our city's investment in mental health services to help stop crime before it happens.	Residents don't feel safe. I will work to strengthen public safety, reduce violent crime, and protect all New Yorkers. Specifically, I will work with law enforcement, legislators, and prosecutors to address the disturbing rise in Anti Asian Hate Crimes across our city.
Inflation	We must address inflation at all levels of government. At the local level I would expand property tax rebates to middle-class homeowners, the Fair Fares program, and the Emergency Food Assistance Program to keep money in the pockets of New Yorkers.	There is an affordability crisis here in NYC. Inflation is hitting New Yorkers, particularly at the grocery store. I want to establish a permanent food bank in our district to provide free and low-cost food options to working families and elderly residents on a fixed income.
Protecting Democracy	Ensuring our democracy is fair and the results are respected shouldn't be up for debate. I serve on the Language Assistance Advisory Committee to develop and implement poll site language assistance and advance language justice in our city's elections. Every voice should be heard.	Every citizen deserves the right to vote. I will ensure people have access to the ballot and protect the voters exercising their most basic rights and freedoms. I will ensure more bilingual voter guides and materials in Mandarin and Cantonese to promote higher voter turnout.

Susan Zhuang ✓

Democratic

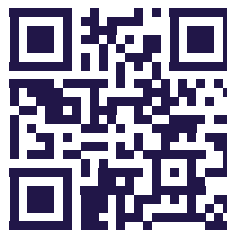
We must make our city safer. We need to partner with local anti-violence groups to get the guns off our streets, address the mental health crisis, create tougher penalties to stop hate crimes and bias attacks, and support law and enforcement.

We need to hold companies and utilities accountable for price gouging and ensure they are not taking advantage of consumers. We must also rein in inflation that harms working families the most.

The attempts by Trump and rightwing zealots to overturn free and fair elections should be a wake-up call to everyone who cares about democracy. We must increase access and ease of voting and protect every eligible voter's right to vote.

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City Council District 44

Republican

- Heshy Tischler ✓
- Kalman Yeger* ✓



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



Heshy Tischler ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Support our Police
2. Eliminate Bureaucracy and Reduce Taxes
3. Protect Liberty and Religious Freedom

"Heshy Tischler's campaign is about changing the status quo in New York City. He will shrink government, cut red tape, and eliminate the threat of hate crimes. Heshy firmly believes in our personal liberties, and COVID showed us how easily they can be taken away. Heshy will continue to support our Men and Women in Blue so that they can keep our streets safe. The City Council often passes useless legislation that doesn't represent the interests of our constituents. When elected, Heshy is going to put a stop to this. Born and bred in Brooklyn where he raised his three boys and lives with his life of 32 years, Linda, Heshy Tischler is the people's candidate."

Current Occupation: Expeditor

Previous Occupations: Contractor

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Talmudical Academy of New Jersey

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Heshy Tischler ✓
Republican

Kalman Yeger* ✓
Republican

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Inflation	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

There are no Primary Elections in City Council Districts 45 and 46

Primary elections only occur when more than one candidate runs for their party's nomination. However, there will be a general election for these City Council districts in November.

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City Council District 47

Republican

- Anna Belfiore-Delfaus ✓
- Ari Kagan ✓
- Avery N Pereira ✓
- Michael Ragusa ✓



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Anna Belfiore-Delfaus ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Merit based education
2. Public safety.
3. Improve overall quality of life.

"My name is Anna Belfiore-Delfaus. I am a NYC public school special education teacher by profession, and currently a stay at home mom to my 3 children."

Current Occupation: Stay at Home Mom

Previous Occupations: NYC Public School Special Education Teacher

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Double Masters Degrees in Special Education

Organizational Affiliations: NA

Prior Public Experience: NA

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Ari Kagan ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Merit-Based School Education
3. Sanitation

"I am Republican Councilman Ari Kagan running for re-election. I came to America from Belarus 30 years ago with no money and no English. Now I am living my American Dream as your Councilman. I am a husband and a proud father of two children. I graduated from Baruch College working during the day and studying at night. I've been working as a TV & Radio host while volunteering for the community.

I am a strong supporter of NYPD, merit-based education and parental choice. I was able to deliver millions of dollars to community projects & helped thousands of constituents.

I am asking for your vote in the Primary, June 27."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: TV & Radio Host

Education: Baruch College, Bachelor in Business Administration

Organizational Affiliations: Verrazzano Republicans

Prior Public Experience: District Director, CD 47

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Avery N Pereira ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Crime Quality of Life
2. Economy Affordability
3. Education and Seniors

"I'm running for City Council because we need real change and new leadership. Our C"

Current Occupation: Teacher

Previous Occupations: Consultant

Education: BA, MA

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: District Leader

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Michael Ragusa ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Crime
2. Homelessness
3. Education

"The city is spiraling out of control due to bail reform and incoming migrants. We have almost 80,000 New Yorkers living on the streets, but yet this current council chooses to ignore them. As an FDNY EMT, I served all New Yorkers, no matter what creed, color, or sex. I know what real New Yorkers want, and its not the current state of this City. If elected, I will use my resources as a current city employee to improve my district."

Current Occupation: Investigator for Correctional Health Services

Previous Occupations: FDNY EMT

Education: High School

Organizational Affiliations: Friars Club, LEGA

Prior Public Experience: City Employee

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Anna Belfiore-
Delfaus

Republican

Ari Kagan

Republican

Crime	I am pro law enforcement and will never call to defund the police. Our city has reached a point that public safety is now affecting everyone. People from every walk of life are being attacked, and at all times of the day. The NYPD needs to be able to perform their job.	I am a strong supporter of NYPD & law enforcement. Criminals should face consequences for their actions. We need to fund youth programs, vocational training & career coaching.
Inflation	Inflation has hit every middle and lower income New Yorker. When people struggle to buy groceries and to pay their necessary bills due to rising costs, it suggests we are in an impending crisis.	We need to spend taxpayers' money wisely fighting waste, fraud & abuse. We need to reduce exorbitant utility costs, unnecessary fees and property taxes, making it easier for small businesses to succeed. I am against congestion pricing which is another tax on working New Yorkers.
Protecting Democracy	Our country was founded on the very foundation of democracy. Democracy must be protected as we set the global standard for a model system. Our country thrives off of being able to express a difference of opinions, and that creates the very balance that constitutes success.	We need to prevent voter fraud, to clean voters lists from ineligible voters, to require ID at poll sites & to create better civic awareness.

Avery N Pereira ✓

Republican

Safe neighborhoods. Increase funding for NYPD and respect our Police. Get Albany to repeal cashless bail.

Inflation ravaging working class middle class families. Profligate wasteful spending not helping. I have a comprehensive plan to combat inflation including helping small business and breaking abuse by monopolies.

Voting and participation in Democratic Process sacred. We need Voter ID.

Michael Ragusa ✓

Republican

I work on the frontlines of Rikers Island. Bail reform has ruined this city and its time for a change. NYPD needs to be able to do their job without being scrutinized. This city spiraled out of control at the heads of Mayor de Blasio for 8 years.

We need to work with our state and federal legislators to provide relief for all New Yorkers. People are leaving this great City and State for Florida, we need to bring them back.

Most people associate republicans with January 6th and that's a shame. There are many of us out there who believe that day should of never happened, and we need to live with the choice our voters made. That's what makes this country great.

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City Council District 48

Republican

- Igor Kazatsker ✓
- Inna Vernikov ✓



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Igor Kazatsker ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improve feelings of public safety
2. Less talk, more clean streets
3. Great small businesses in 48

"Out with 'talking heads', in with 'working hands.'"

Current Occupation: Russian Promotion Corp., President

Previous Occupations: Engineer; Journalist; Case Manager; Immigration Paralegal; Recreational Therapist

Education: Mechanical Engineer; Journalist

Organizational Affiliations: Odessa Community of New York, President; American Association of the Jews from the former USSR, Vice President

Prior Public Experience: As the host of the daily program "New York City News", on Russian radio, interactively communicated with radio listeners

Party Enrolled In: Republican



Inna Vernikov ✓

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

- 1. Protecting citizens before protecting criminals
- 2. Fighting all forms of discrimination
- 3. Supporting small businesses

"I have been blessed during my first term in the City Council to have great partners to work with in helping me accomplish many of our goals for the community. I am running for re-election because there's still much work to be done and many goals to accomplish."

Current Occupation: City Council Member, Minority Whip

Previous Occupations: Attorney

Education: Nefesh Academy, Baruch College, Juris Doctorate

Organizational Affiliations: Asian Community Watch, Americans Against Antisemitism, Legion Self Defense

Prior Public Experience: City Council Member & Minority Whip; Special Assistant to former Assemblyman Dov Hikind; Campaign assistant manager to former State Senator David Storobin; Chair of Women's Committee for Americans Against Anti-Semitism; Chair of Legion Self Defense

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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Igor Kazatsker ✓

Republican

Inna Vernikov ✓

Republican

Crime

It is important that every New Yorker feels safe everywhere - at home, on the streets, on the subways. We need to have enough police officers patrolling. We need to see a uniform everywhere in the community and we must do everything possible to keep the criminals in jail.

We should protect law-abiding citizens, not violent criminals. Bail-reform is a reckless policy that leads to more violence. I believe in second chances & applaud programs reintegrating previously incarcerated people into society but we can't just eliminate consequences.

Inflation

Considering an influence of inflation on the city's economy the Council can come to the rescue of the average New Yorker by lowering taxes, fees & fines, and decreasing bureaucracy. Thus, the Council may secure more efficient, more economical needed government services.

Inflation is the predictable result of irresponsible policy decisions: Pouring excess money into the economy; squashing small business; reckless spending and runaway inflation hurt everyone from the bottom up.

Protecting Democracy

America's wonderful way of life is embedded in the foundation of democracy. The Council must never encroach on the freedoms that are an important part of our democracy. It must use its powers to make sure that New Yorkers live their lives the way our Constitution guarantees.

I immigrated to NYC from the former Soviet Union to escape communism and take part in the American Dream: Work hard, earn money, and live freely. Our current leaders are trying to rob us of those basic rights, which is why I entered politics.

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

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

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

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

Matching Funds Program

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

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



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Frequently Asked Questions

General

What is a Primary Election?

It's the election before the election. In primary elections, you decide which candidate will be your party's nominee for the general election. You must be a member of a political party to vote in a primary.

Can I vote in the June 27 primary election?

You can vote if you are registered in New York to a party holding an election. The deadline to register is **June 17**.

How can I check if I'm registered to vote?

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

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

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by **June 12**. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

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

Vote by Mail

What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

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

Veterans Health Administration Hospital, or if you are imprisoned or awaiting trial. You can mark your reason on your absentee ballot request form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit nycabsentee.com/tracking.

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

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

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Ranked Choice Voting

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

You can rank up to five candidates in order of preference, instead of choosing just one. If a candidate receives more than 50% of first-choice votes, they are the winner. If no candidate earns more than 50% of first-choice votes, then counting will continue in rounds. At the end of each round, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated. If you ranked that candidate first, your vote will go to the next ranked candidate on your ballot. This process will continue until there are two candidates left. The candidate with the most votes wins.

Can I still vote for just one candidate?

Yes. If you prefer, you can still vote for just your first-choice candidate. However, ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice. If your only choice is eliminated, your vote will have no influence on the outcome of the election.

Do I have to rank a total of 5 candidates?

No. You can rank up to five candidates, but you do not need to rank a total of five.

Can I rank my favorite candidate more than once?

No. If you rank your preferred candidate more than once, for example as your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th choice, then only your first ranking will count. There is no strategic benefit to giving the same candidate multiple rankings.

Can I rank multiple candidates as my first choice?

No. You can only choose one candidate for each ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, your ballot will not be valid.

If I rank five candidates, do five votes get counted?

No. You only get one vote counted. Your vote will only count toward your highest ranked candidate who has not been eliminated. If your top choice candidate gets eliminated, your vote will then count toward your next highest ranked candidate.

When can I expect results in Ranked Choice Voting elections?

It is likely that final results in Ranked Choice elections will not be known until all absentee and military ballots are counted, which could take several weeks after Election Day.

How do I vote for a write-in candidate with Ranked Choice Voting?

To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, write their name on the "Write-in" line, and fill in the oval to rank your write-in choice.

Will the voting machine tell me if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you vote in person, the voting machine will let you know if you give multiple candidates the same ranking when you scan it in. If you make a mistake, you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot. The voting machine will not let you know if you skip rankings or rank the same candidate multiple times, since your top-choice vote will still count in those situations.

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