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# Voter Guide

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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](http://www.nycvotes.org).**

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



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## I need to:

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## Not sure which city council district you live in?

**Check the cover of this Guide:** Your district numbers are printed above your name and address. You can also visit [nyc.pollsiteregistration.com](http://nyc.pollsiteregistration.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) and use its poll site locator, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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# Mayor

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

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

» **Republican Primary (R)**  
 John Catsimatidis  
 Joseph J. Lhota  
 George McDonald  
 Sam Sloan\*

» **Independence Primary<sup>†</sup> (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.nycfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycfb.info/voterguide).  
<sup>†</sup>You may vote for a write-in candidate in this primary.



## 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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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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## Democratic Primary | Mayor

## Sal F. Albanese

**Mayor (D)**



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

As Mayor, I will:

- Hire more police officers and assign them to patrol, ensuring that every neighborhood is safe and building trust between police and communities.
- Focus on turning around our public schools so that every student graduates college- and career-ready.
- Restore trust in government by rooting out corruption, eliminating waste, and advancing campaign and election reform.
- Fight to keep our hospitals, libraries, parks, and community centers open and accessible to all.

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

As an independent Democrat, I am liberated to tell the truth and put the interests of New Yorkers ahead of special interests. As a reformer on the City Council, I supported term limits and authored the city's first Living Wage law. As a former public school teacher, I have seen firsthand what our schools need to succeed. As an immigrant, I relate to the challenges faced by the millions who come here to find opportunity. and as a 15-year veteran of the private sector, I know how to protect taxpayer dollars without eroding services.

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**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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## 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 DISTRICR ATTORNEY: BRONX COUNTY< ASST NYC SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER NEW YORK STATE SENATE STAFF AND NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STAFF

### 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 inividual 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 LUNCHES. 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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## Randy Credico

**Mayor (D)**



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

political satirist and activist not a politician

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

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

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

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

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## John C. Liu

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Comptroller, City of New York

**Previous Occupation(s):** Actuary/Management Consultant - PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

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

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

**Prior Public Experience:** New York City Councilmember (2002-2009); Community Board member.

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

Economic recovery with sustained growth is the key issue. These recent years have been perhaps the worst recession since the Great Depression. We must create jobs and diversify our economic base into all neighborhoods of this City.

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

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

**Public Safety:** I'll make sure New York City remains the safest big city in America while we improve police-community relations. We can't afford to take a step back in the fight against crime.

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

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

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## Erick Salgado

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** A full-time candidate who continues to serve as Pastor of Bensonhurst's Iglesia Jovenes Cristianos Church.

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

**Education:** Erick holds a Doctorate in Theological Studies from UTI University.

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

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

I will restore the ranks of the Police Dept. to those of Mayor Giuliani's administration, eliminate quotas & implement additional sensitivity training for all officers. I will continue the Dept.'s initiatives to combat terrorism.

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## Bill Thompson

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# A Few Notes about the Voter Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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## John Catsimatidis

Mayor (R)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

**Education:** NYC public and parochial schools, including Brooklyn Tech; Attended NYU.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Board Member of the Police Athletic League for nearly 30 years, Board of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, the St. Francis Food Pantries and former Vice Chair of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council. I also serve as a Member of the Pension Board of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW.

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

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

Public Safety: Continue the policies that have kept NYC safe from crime and terrorism. I will ensure New Yorkers can continue to walk around their neighborhoods safely. We need a safe city to preserve confidence so that the world continues to invest in New York City.

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

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

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

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

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## 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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## 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

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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### 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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## 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)

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

Reforming education to ensure our young people are prepared to participate in the economy must be a top priority. Education has become more about the needs and wants of a few adults rather than the parents and students who have long been underserved by a failing system.

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

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

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

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

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# Public Advocate

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

» **Democratic Primary (D)**  
 Catherine Guerriero  
 Letitia James  
 Reshma Saujani  
 Daniel Squadron  
 Sidique Wai

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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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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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## Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

### Catherine Guerriero

**Public Advocate (D)**



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

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### 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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### 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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### Letitia James

**Public Advocate (D)**



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

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

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

**Create Affordable Housing:** Build new affordable housing specifically so police officers, teachers, and other city employees working towards public prosperity can afford to live in the neighborhoods where they work. This will foster better working relationships between them and the citizens they serve.

**Better Our Economy:** Cultivate economic development for local businesses, and create jobs by building new transportation and infrastructure through the advancement of green technology. Institute public healthcare options at the city level to ease burdens on businesses and citizens without health insurance.

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

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

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# Comptroller

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

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

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## Scott M. Stringer

**Comptroller (D)**



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

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

I will work tirelessly to ensure the City's fiscal health and safeguard every tax dollar. I will aggressively examine city spending, rooting out waste and inefficiency. I will work to grow our pension funds through responsible investments and strengthen oversight of city contracts to prevent fraud and abuse.

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

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

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

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

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## Democratic Primary | Comptroller

### Eliot Spitzer

**Comptroller (D)**



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

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

Ensuring vigorous oversight of the city's finances and providing financial stability for its long-term health, while also using the city's financial power as a lever to take on the special interests on behalf of the people.

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

As a lifelong New Yorker, I've seen power that rightfully belongs in the hands of the people too often wielded by the special interests.

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But it doesn't have to be that way.

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

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

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

The Comptroller is responsible for protecting the financial health of the city. Dollars you put into the system that fund your services, schools and roads. Dollars that make up your pension plans and your retirement security.

The fundamental question in this election is who do you want fighting for you... because it's your money.

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

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## Republican Primary | Comptroller

### John Burnett

**Comptroller (R)**



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

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

I will ensure that the City's pension plans are managed efficiently to maximum investment returns. Tax dollars are used to fund pension plans when investments do not reach its minimum goals. I want to avoid using tax payer dollars and ensure that the pension funds are invested to maximize returns for retirees.

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

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

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

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

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# Borough President

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

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

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## Melinda Katz

**Queens Borough President (D)**



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

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

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

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

### Tony Avella

**Queens Borough President (D)**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Peter F. Vallone Jr.

**Queens Borough President (D)**



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

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

As people in many communities will tell you, crime is back on the rise. Keeping our streets safe is not only vital to protect ourselves and our families; it is also the key to promoting our economy and all other aspects of our quality of life.

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As Chair of the Public Safety Committee in the City Council, I worked closely with NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly to drive crime down by 35% and to take on terrorists, sex offenders and graffiti vandals. As Borough President, I vow to continue fighting to make Queens the safest borough in the safest city in the country.

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

Right now, our small businesses and homeowners are under attack by the city government. Our stores and restaurants are fined for no reason. Our property taxes and water rates continue to climb. In the City Council, I have passed laws to help our small businesses and have been one of the few members to vote against property taxes. As Borough President, I will continue to protect the homes and businesses that are the lifeblood of Queens.

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

I am the only Democratic candidate in the race who has actual experience both keeping people safe and running a small business. I started my career as a prosecutor and later ran my family's small law firm for 10 years. Government service is noble, but we need leaders with the outside experience and perspective to truly protect what matters to Queens middle class families. Queens voters can trust me because I have been there and understand what's truly important to them.

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### Everly D. Brown

**Queens Borough President (D)**



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

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

Quality of life of Queens Resident. I believe in raising the standard of all Queens Citizens by direct government participation. Reforming the transparency in the borough presidency administration. Creating a task force for education to evaluate and propose changes for improvement in Queens schools. Increasing funding directly related to community clean up. Initially we need pride in Queens and its appearance.

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

Restore integrity in local government. Create and maintain trust within the system through transparency. I intend to invest in a system so that Queens residents can contact the Queens Borough President Directly to voice concerns that will be addressed bi-weekly.

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

As a resident and local leader in Queens for the last thirty years I have in-depth, nuanced insight into the issues affecting the Queens residents. I specialized in community building, during my time as a community organizer and believe in Queens and its citizens. I have the drive and motivation to work tirelessly on behalf of my constituency.

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# City Council Member

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

- » **Council District 28 Democratic Primary (D)**  
Eugen Walter Evans\*  
David Kayode  
Joseph R. Marthone  
Breina Payne  
Frank Perero\*  
Hettie V. Powell  
Ruben Wills  
Christina Winslow\*
- » **Council District 29**  
No primary
- » **Council District 30**  
No primary

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## Breina Payne 28th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Works for an organization in Jamaica, Queens called Tender Care Human services that provides services for children with developmental disabilities and autism.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** see below;  
**Education:** Received her Associates from LaGuardia Community College in mental health. Received her Bachelor's degree from York College in psychology and completed over half the credits needed to obtain a Master's degree in creative writing, at City College the City University of New York.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Founder and director of the S.H.O.U.T. program for talented teens. Founder of the non-profit organization, "Daughters of a Thousand Generations," an organization that focuses on guiding struggling women with children into positive directions. Active member of the O.E.S. Vashti Grand Chapter Lodge an Organization that focuses on helping the community.

**Prior Public Experience:** Served as part of the PTA board at London B. Johnson Elementary School (PS223). President of Baisley Park Garden's Tenant's Association (2005). Mentored and Tutored College students at LaGuardia Community College. Published Author, "Crossing the Line" (2008) Nonfiction Novel.

- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 28 you would address if elected?**  
Education: If elected I would address and implement old strategies in these new times, which I feel is the most important issue for education in this time.
  - 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
If elected the next important issue that I would address would be the rise of Violence.
  - 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
Finding resolutions to the many issues that our community faces, instead of holding a meeting every month on these issues that we already know exist, makes me the best candidate for this office.
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## Democratic Primary | City Council District 28

### David Kayode 28th City Council District (D)



Also require businesses that receive assistance from the city to implement labor/management training programs to ensure career ladders for workers.  
**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Sustainable Job and Economic Developments; Access to Quality Education and Healthcare; Tax Breaks, Incentives, and Opportunities for small businesses; Foreclosures prevention and mortgage remediation; Access to enhanced services for senior citizens; and Better programs and centers for youth development.  
**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
I have lived in Queens for about 20 years and have dedicated my life to being an advocate for public service and human welfare. I know firsthand what it takes to create a better flowing community where there are sustainable jobs, affordable housing, and an enhancement youth development to keep them off the streets.  
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**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Minister at Maranatha Baptist Church and Counselor-Addiction Treatment, DHS NYC  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Associate Director of Harlem Southern Baptist Ministry  
**Education:** West Virginia University of Technology (BS), Kean University NJ (MA)  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Delegate- DC 37 Local 371 and Trustee for United African Congress  
**Prior Public Experience:** NYC Legislative Aid for Late Councilman Thomas White Jr. and Member of Community Board 12

- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 28 you would address if elected?**  
I would tap the City's economic power to end poverty. The city can use it's economic leverage to insist that recipients of tax break and economic development subsidies create family-sustaining jobs. This can be achieved by requiring businesses receiving financial incentives to provide living wage jobs that include benefits and training.  
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### Hettie V. Powell 28th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Managing Attorney, Queens Law Associates  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Attorney, The Legal Aid Society, Teacher, Jamaica WI  
**Education:** JD, CUNY School of Law, BS, (Magna Cum Laude) John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Queens County Women's Bar Assoc., Macon B. Allen Black Bar Assoc., Fred Wilson Democratic Club  
**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

- day programs. Our schools need new technologies with teacher training and industry partnerships, so that graduates can secure jobs.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Economic development, job creation, job training as well as initiatives for women and minority business owners are vital. Small business owners need reductions in taxes and loan assistance. Too many homeowners are facing foreclosures. Business owners and home owners are burdened with heavy taxes and unreasonable fines for minor violations. Additionally, we need to get guns off the street. I will support measures that will do that. I will work to create educational, vocational and recreational programs for our youth, just like I did when I founded the Rochdale Village Youth Council – an organization that gives youth alternatives to help them stay out of trouble.
  - 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
I have lived in this district for 31 years and served on the board of Rochdale Village for over 15 years. My 20 years as a public defender, fighting for the Constitutional Rights of Queens Residents, has prepared me for City Hall. I will deliver funding that will provide jobs, job training, foreclosure assistance, youth and senior programs, and help to keep our streets safe. Our children will get the resources they need for the best education possible and children with special needs will get services right here in their own neighborhood. I have the education, experience and most importantly, the integrity to serve my community and bring transparency back to city government.  
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- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 28 you would address if elected?**  
Quality education for children in District 28 is most important. Resources are needed for schools to develop strategies to address the needs of all children, including children with special needs and autism. I will support funding for early childhood development and afterschool programs. I will fund enrichment programs, tutoring and extended  
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### Joseph R. Marthone 28th City Council District (D)



- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 28 you would address if elected?**  
Education
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Jobs
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
Understanding & compassionate.  
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**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Accountant / Financial Consultant  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Accountant, Auditor, Manager  
**Education:** B.A. from Queens College in Accounting, Taxation & Finance. A.A. from Queensborough Community College in Art, Advertising & Lay-Out  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Various  
**Prior Public Experience:** None

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### Ruben Wills 28th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Council Member  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Small Business Owner Consultant  
**Education:** Degree in Social Science Sullivan Comm College; Graduate Studies in Political Science & Urban Planning Empire State College  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NAACP, Christian Basketball League Inc, New York 4 Life Inc  
**Prior Public Experience:** Chief of Staff Sen Shirley Huntley, Special Asst to Council Member Leroy Comrie

- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
I am working to curb the proliferation of gun and gang violence that is permeating communities across the city. We need to get to the root cause of crime and provide needed services.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
My history in this community has made me sensitive to the issues. I have been in elected office for 2 1/2 years during which we have fought cuts to our senior and daycare centers and won; delivered millions to upgrade technology in all my local public schools; fought the closures of PS 30 and August Martin HS — and won the fight to keep PS 40 open. I have also secured funding for non profits that provide vital services.  
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- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 28 you would address if elected?**  
An important factor that impedes our growth is the lack of sustainable and long term economic development. By addressing the void of economic development and by expanding job opportunities the benefit will result in a decrease in crime and an overall increase in the quality of life.

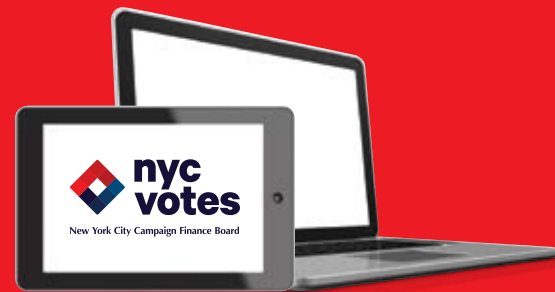
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<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7pm</b>	<b>Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:30am</b>	<b>Monday, Sept. 23, 7pm</b>
TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)	TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)	TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
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Mayor	Public Advocate	Comptroller
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 10, 7pm</b>	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7pm</b>
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<b>Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7pm</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct. 19, 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 24, 7pm</b>
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# City Council Member

- » **Council District 31 Democratic Primary (D)**  
Ricardo A. Brown  
Michael R. Duncan  
Donovan Richards
  - » **Council District 32 Democratic Primary (D)**  
William Ruiz  
Lew M. Simon
  - » **Council District 34 Democratic Primary (D)**  
Vito J. Lopez  
Antonio Reynoso  
Gladys Santiago  
Humberto Soto  
Tommy Torres
- Working Families Primary<sup>†</sup> (WF)**  
Antonio Reynoso

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## Democratic Primary | City Council District 31

### Ricardo A. Brown 31st City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** President and CEO of Brown Young & Co., CPAs and Consultants.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Former Director of Finance/CFO for a major non-profit on Long Island. Former Controller of a pension plan. Supervising Senior at top four accounting firm. Audit Staff at a mid-sized accounting firm.  
**Education:** Associates Degree in Applied Science in Accounting from CUNY at LaGuardia Community College. Bachelors Degree in Accounting from SUNY College at Old Westbury. CPA since 2001 and in 2012 I became a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).  
**Organizational Affiliations:** I am a member of the Springfield/Rosedale Civic Association. Member of the NYS Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. I serve on the Investments Committee of the NYSSCPA.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Served in various volunteer positions over the years, including the grass roots organizing that supported then candidate Obama become President. I have been involved in planting community gardens and clean up efforts in the local area.

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 31 you would address if elected?

- (1) Re building the areas affected by Sandy and accountability for FEMA funds.
- (2) Jobs for the Youth including volunteer services for those still studying.
- (3) Access to quality care and recreation for Seniors.

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

- (1) More collaboration between the community and the police.
- (2) Creating a civilian patrol team in each section of the district organized by the local Associations.
- (3) Increase the efforts by DEP to clean up the drainage in the community to reduce flooding.

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

I am a financial executive and business owner. A job creator keen on serving the community. I understand the struggles of working families and the need for services to maintain the community. We need better schools and safer streets with summer opportunities for the youth. Seniors need to have access to care and recreation.

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### Michael R. Duncan

#### 31st City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Business Owner, Jamaica Breeze Restaurant  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Tax Preparer  
**Education:** B.B.A, Accounting, Baruch College (CUNY)  
**Organizational Affiliations:** UNIA-ACL, Rosedale Soccer Club  
**Prior Public Experience:** Chief of Staff, District 31

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 31 you would address if elected?

After school education, which is supposed to supplement the regular education, is lacking in our community though there are many school buildings. Arts, music, and cultural programs are almost nonexistent. I absolutely plan to invest a lot of my expense funding into creating such programs because they are a necessity for the total development of our children.

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

Economic opportunities for adults throughout the year and for teenagers during the summer months are very critical for the community. As we now, employment and economic growth are interrelated: employment contributes to economic growth. Employed workers spend more money in the society which in turn creates more jobs and economic stability. This is why I want to introduce as many self-reliant opportunities in the community.

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

I am a servant of the community - having served the youth of Southeast Queens for more than 18 years through the Rosedale Soccer Club, having led the fight against the "Hot Sheets" Motel (across the street from the high school and middle school), having been the PTA President at PS 195, JHS 231, and Springfield Gardens High School, having provided immigration services to those less fortunate, having been Chief of Staff to District 31, and being the Business Owner of Jamaica Breeze Restaurant whereby I create jobs and continuing to be the grassroots community activist have all led me to this voyage. I embrace and espouse economic self reliance and this is why I want to give back to the community.

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## Donovan Richards

### 31st City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** New York City Council Member, District 31  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Chief of Staff for New York City Council Member James Sanders Jr., District 31  
**Education:** Associate's degree in Aviation Management from Vaughn College of Aeronautics.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A  
**Prior Public Experience:** Chief of Staff for New City Council Member James Sanders Jr., District 31.

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 31 you would address if elected?

The most important issue for residents of City Council District 31 is improving our economy locally and citywide. One of the most effective ways to address this issue would be by creating local jobs for district residents.

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

Of course, the continued recovery for Hurricane Sandy is a top priority. Alongside that, we must see that the city re-invests in our public schools and libraries. We must also continue our fight to keep neighborhoods safe for our children, remove guns off our streets and fight to end the Stop-and-Frisk policy that is hurting our community and targeting our youth.

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

In the few short months since I won the special election, I have proven that I am able to get results for our district. I've proposed city legislation that would create transparency and track relief funding to ensure that the money goes where it's most needed and that local jobs are created from Sandy recovery efforts. I've also worked with the MTA to restore the A train, providing service for our constituents. There is a lot more work to do. My proven track record of fighting for our neighborhoods demonstrates that I have the leadership ability to continue to advocate on behalf of my constituents in the City Council.

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## Democratic Primary | City Council District 32

## William Ruiz

### 32nd City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Property Manager  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Housing Advocate  
**Education:** BS Human Services  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Chairman of Board of Directors, Highland Park CDC Org  
**Prior Public Experience:** Housing Liaison between landlord and tenants

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 32 you would address if elected?

Halal meals served in the Board of Education schools.

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

Public Safety  
 Housing  
 Employment  
 Two Eid Holidays per year followed by the lunar calendar  
 After School programs  
 Senior citizen programs

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

I believe that I am the best candidate for this District because of my education and past experiences. I have worked with various organizations to which I am affiliated with. I have the willingness to continuously assist in the growth of my community. I understand the cultural values amongst my community and have listened to their needs and wants. Being elected as City Councilman, I know that I could work with the communities in my District.

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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

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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## Lew M. Simon

### 32nd City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Private school teacher  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Community liaison for New York State Senate  
**Education:** Graduate Beach Channel High School, attended Brooklyn College  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Executive Member Good Government Regular Democratic Club, Board of Directors Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
**Prior Public Experience:** Assembly District Leader 1994-present

#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 32 you would address if elected?

**Rebuilding and Repair** After hurricane Sandy devastated much of my district, we are in need of strong leadership to make sure that we get the needed protection in the areas affected. We need seawalls, new boardwalk, floodgates in Jamaica Bay, double dune systems and Hesco barriers.

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

**Transportation** We will work to reopen the old Rockaway Beach LIRR line, get express

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buses to Manhattan 20 hours a day, elimination of the Crossbay Bridge toll for all Queens residents, a free or \$2.00 ferry from Howard Beach and Rockaway to run 7 days a week. Get rid of camera lights on Crossbay and Woodhaven Boulevards, and HOV lanes during peak hours.

**Education** Build enough schools so every family will have a good neighborhood school for all their children. Middle and high schools must be old fashioned, **community zoned schools**, making that bullying is ended. Stop the closing of schools and the shuffling of students and teachers. Give resources for improvement.

**Health Care** We need a new state of the art community hospital in the Rockaways.

**Seniors** No closing or cuts for senior centers.

**Quality of life** Assign one building inspector to each community board to stop illegal conversions.

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

**PERSONAL SERVICE WORKING 25 HOURS A DAY.** No phone call goes unreturned. I have established great working relationships with city, state and federal agencies to get immediate assistance. Street lights, potholes, water bills, Social Security, NYC Buildings Dep't, Rapid Repair etc. We attend all meetings and community events and make myself available to assist with fundraising. I am probably the most accessible elected official. As your elected Councilman with a staff, I will be able to do 10 times more. My heart is big, but I am a pitbull fighting for your needs. I never stop until I win.

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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.

#### 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 will be there Win or Loss This is why i make the best candidate

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## 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.

### 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

### 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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# Primary Election Tuesday, September 10

Polls are open from 6am to 9pm

Runoff Primary Election (if necessary)  
Tuesday, October 1

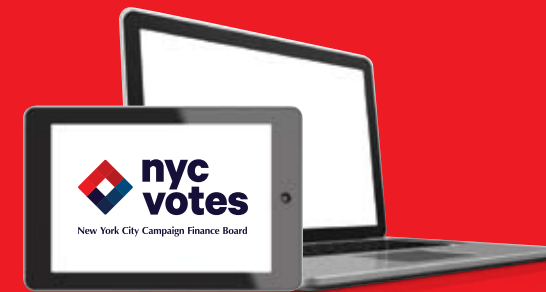
## Not sure where to vote?

Look up your poll site and see your sample ballot at [nyc.pollsitelocator.com](http://nyc.pollsitelocator.com), or call 866-VOTE-NYC



## tv and video voter guide & debates

Check broadcast schedules on the right



## online voter guide

Candidate profiles and videos, voting information, and more at [www.nycffb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycffb.info/voterguide)



## mobile app

Voting information on the go – visit [www.nycvotes.org](http://www.nycvotes.org) from your mobile device

## Video Voter Guide Schedule

The Video Voter Guide will air on **NYC gov** at 7pm every night, with a different borough featured each night of the week starting on **September 2nd**.

Brooklyn	Bronx	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island
Monday Sept. 2nd	Tuesday Sept. 3rd	Wednesday Sept. 4th	Thursday Sept. 5th	Friday Sept. 6th
Followed by Queens Bronx Staten Island Manhattan	Followed by Staten Island Manhattan Brooklyn Queens	Followed by Brooklyn Queens Bronx Staten Island	Followed by Bronx Staten Island Manhattan Brooklyn	Followed by Manhattan Brooklyn Queens Bronx

Find NYC gov on Cablevision and Time Warner Cable Channel 74, RCN Channel 81, or Verizon FiOs Channel 24.

### Did you miss a broadcast?

Stream all the candidate videos at [www.nycffb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycffb.info/voterguide)



## Citywide Debates Schedule

### Upcoming Primary Debates

Mayor   Democratic	Mayor   Republican	Mayoral Runoff   Democratic*
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7pm</b>	<b>Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:30am</b>	<b>Monday, Sept. 23, 7pm</b>
TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)	TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)	TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio WOR Radio	Radio WOR Radio	Radio 1010 WINS WCBS Newsradio 880 *If necessary.

### General Election Debates

Mayor	Public Advocate	Comptroller
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 10, 7pm</b>	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7pm</b>
TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)	TV NY1 (English) NY1 Noticias (Spanish)	TV NY1 (English) NY1 Noticias (Spanish)
Radio 1010 WINS WCBS Newsradio 880	Radio WNYC	Radio WNYC
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7pm</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct. 19, 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 24, 7pm</b>
TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)	TV NBC 4 New York (English) Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)	TV CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio WOR Radio	Radio WOR Radio	Radio WCBS Newsradio 880

If only one candidate meets the debate criteria, the debate will be canceled.

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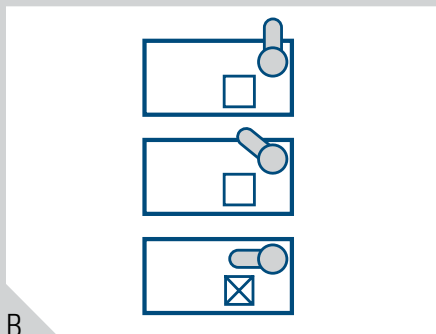




## How to Vote



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.



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



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

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

### Write-in Candidate

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

### Ballot Marking Devices

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

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

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

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

## New York City Campaign Finance Board

The **Campaign Finance Board** is a nonpartisan, independent city agency that enhances the role of New York City residents in elections. The CFB's mission is to increase voter participation and awareness, provide campaign finance information to the public, enable more citizens to run for office, strengthen the role of small contributors, and reduce the potential for actual or perceived corruption.

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

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If you are interested in running for city office, or in learning more about how the CFB helps make NYC elections in New York more open and democratic, please check out our website at [www.nyccfb.info](http://www.nyccfb.info) or **contact the CFB** at 40 Rector St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10006. You can also email us at [info@nyccfb.info](mailto:info@nyccfb.info).

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