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November 5

2024 General Election

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Welcome to Your 2024 NYC Voter Guide!

Vote Smart with NYC Votes! Read about what’s on the ballot and the different ways to cast your ballot.

When do I vote?

- The New York State general election will take place on Tuesday, **November 5**.
- You can vote early from Saturday, **October 26** to Sunday, **November 3**.
- There is no early voting on Monday, **November 4**.

What am I voting for?

Offices

- President
- Vice President
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State Assembly

Judges

- NYS Supreme Court
- Civil Court
- Surrogate's Court

Other

- Ballot Proposals

Election Dates and Deadlines

Oct 26	Voter registration deadline Mail ballot request (online or by mail) Early voting begins
Nov 3	Early voting ends
Nov 4	Absentee ballot request deadline (in person at Board of Elections office)
Nov 5	Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm) Last date to postmark your absentee ballot or drop it off at a poll site

To learn about the candidates on your ballot, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

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How to vote

Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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



Vote by Mail

There are two vote by mail options: 'absentee' and 'early mail'. If you have a reason which includes illness or travel, you can request an absentee ballot. If you do not have a reason, then you can request an early mail ballot.

October 26 is the deadline to request your ballot online, or for the Board of Elections to receive your request by mail. Only request a mail ballot if you plan to use it. Due to a new State law, if you choose to vote in person after requesting a mail ballot, you'll have to vote with an affidavit ballot at your poll site.

How to request your vote by mail ballot:

- Visit requestballot.vote.nyc.
- Call the NYC Board of Elections at **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or **TTY 212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired.
- Visit your local NYC Board of Elections office. The deadline is **November 4** to request your ballot in person.

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

If you are permanently ill or disabled, you can receive an Absentee Ballot for every election without the need to re-apply. File an application with your county board of elections indicating permanent illness or physical disability as your reason.

Track your ballot

You can track your ballot from the NYC Board of Elections at requestballot.vote.nyc/tracking.



Vote Early

You can vote early in-person before Election Day!

What to know

- Early voting poll sites and Election Day poll sites are usually different.
- Hours vary each day, so make sure to check your poll site and confirm their hours before you go.

Early voting dates

Saturday, **October 26** to Sunday, **November 3**. There is no early voting on Monday, **November 4**.



Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day, **November 5**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. You must vote at your assigned poll site.

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

What to expect at your poll site



Check In When You Arrive

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

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

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



Fill Out Your Ballot

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the oval next to your choice.

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

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



Scan Your Ballot

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



Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

- You are a registered voter in NYC.
- You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- You are in line at your poll site by closing time.

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

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

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:



Touch screen



Keypad (Braille)



Sip & puff device



Rocker paddle

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

Sample ballot

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

	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Council	Candidate A Party 1	Candidate B Party 2
District Attorney Bronx, Queens, Staten Island	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
State Supreme Court Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
Civil Court Judges	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2
Surrogate's Court Brooklyn	<input type="radio"/> Candidate A Party 1	<input type="radio"/> Candidate B Party 2

My ballot choices

Once you've learned about the ballot proposals, use this page to list your choices. You can bring this with you to your poll site to reference while filling out your ballot.

Ballot Proposal

Proposal 1 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal 2 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal 3 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal 4 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal 5 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal 6 ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

What do elected officials do?

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

To learn about candidates, visit nycvotes.org/candidates.

Federal Offices

U.S. Senate

The Senate is the upper chamber of the U.S. Congress. There are 100 members of the Senate, with two from each state. They serve six-year terms.

A bill becomes law when it passes a vote in the Senate and House and is signed by the President.

- Draft, debate, and vote on legislation.
- Confirm Presidential appointments such as members of the cabinet, Supreme Court justices, and federal judges.
- Conduct oversight of all branches of government.

U.S. House of Representatives

The U.S. House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the U.S. Congress. There are 435 members, with each state represented by a number in proportion to their share of the U.S. population. They serve two-year terms.

A bill becomes law when it passes a vote in the Senate and House and is signed by the President.

- Draft, debate, and vote on legislation.
- Conduct oversight of all branches of government.

State Offices

State Senate

The State Senate is the upper chamber of the State Legislature. There are 63 members. State Senators serve two-year terms, with no term limits.

- Writes and votes on legislation.
- Approves state spending levels.
- Upholds or overrides the Governor's vetoes.

- Confirms the Governor's appointments of state officials and court judges.

State Assembly

The State Assembly is the lower chamber of the State Legislature. There are 150 members. Members serve two-year terms, with no term limits.

- Writes and votes on legislation.
- Approves state spending levels.
- Upholds or overrides the Governor's vetoes.

Judges

State Supreme Court

Justices of the State Supreme Court oversee large felony and civil cases within their districts. The Supreme Court is the trial court in New York State; the Court of Appeals is the highest court. These judges serve 14-year terms.

- Presides over divorce, separation, and annulment proceedings.
- Handles criminal prosecutions of felonies.
- Decides civil matters over \$50,000.

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Surrogate's Court

Surrogate Court judges decide cases involving the estates of county residents after their death. They serve terms of 14 years and hear cases including:

- Cases involving the affairs of the deceased such as wills and the administration of estates.
- Adoptions
- Guardianships

Fall 2024 Ballot Proposals

Ballot Proposal 1

Adds Certain Protections to the State Bill of Rights

Why is this proposal on the ballot:

Ballot proposal 1 is on the ballot this year because the New York State Legislature passed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in two consecutive legislative sessions. Now it is up to New Yorkers to directly vote on whether to amend the State Constitution.

What this proposal says:

Adds anti-discrimination provisions to the State Constitution. Covers ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. Also covers reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

A “**YES**” vote puts these protections against discrimination in the New York State Constitution.

A “**NO**” vote leaves these protections out of the State Constitution.

What this proposal means:

The proposal adds protections to the State Constitution’s Bill of Rights to prohibit discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, origin, age, disability, and sex — including sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes. It would also protect New Yorkers who seek access to reproductive healthcare from discrimination on that basis.

If this proposal passes:

New Yorkers would be protected under the law from discrimination based on these criteria.

Why are these next 5 proposals on the ballot:

The 2024 Charter Revision Commission reviewed the New York City Charter to ensure its efficiency and responsiveness to all New Yorkers, held public hearings and conducted outreach to solicit public input, and offered the following five suggested changes.

Ballot Proposal 2

Cleaning Public Property

What this proposal says:

This proposal would amend the City Charter to expand and clarify the Department of Sanitation's power to clean streets and other City property and require disposal of waste in containers.

Voting “**Yes**” will expand and clarify the Department of Sanitation's power to clean streets and other City property and require disposal of waste in containers. Voting “**No**” leaves laws unchanged.

What this proposal means:

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) would have increased authority to keep all city property clean, including parks and highway medians, and to hold street vendors accountable for following rules at those locations. It would also allow DSNY to regulate how New Yorkers put out their garbage for collection.

If this proposal passes:

It would clarify the DSNY's authority and jurisdiction to keep the city clean and make rules about how garbage is put out for collection.

Ballot Proposal 3

Additional Estimates of the Cost of Proposed Laws and Updates to Budget Deadlines

What this proposal says:

This proposal would amend the City Charter to require fiscal analysis from the Council before hearings and votes on laws, authorize fiscal analysis from the Mayor, and update budget deadlines.

Voting “**Yes**” would amend the City Charter to require additional fiscal analysis prior to hearings and votes on local laws, and update budget deadlines. Voting “**No**” leaves laws unchanged.

What this proposal means:

The City Council provides cost estimates of proposed laws before voting on them. The proposal would give the Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget the opportunity to provide its own cost estimates for proposed laws and require the Council to publish their cost estimates before public hearings on proposed laws. This proposal would also require the Council to formally notify the Mayor’s office before holding public hearings or votes on proposed laws. Lastly, this proposal would extend the deadline for certain budget reports in the first year of a new Mayoral administration, and permanently extend the deadline for the Mayor to publish their annual City budget.

If this proposal passes:

It would establish a new role for the Mayor in assessing the cost of laws before they are passed and require that cost estimates from the Council and Mayor are available before proposed laws are considered at public hearings. It would also give the Mayor some more time to prepare the City’s annual budget before it is presented to the City Council.

Ballot Proposal 4

More Notice and Time Before Votes on Public Safety Legislation

What this proposal says:

This proposal would require additional public notice and time before the City Council votes on laws respecting the public safety operations of the Police, Correction, or Fire Departments.

Voting “**Yes**” will require additional notice and time before the Council votes on laws respecting public safety operations of the Police, Correction, or Fire Departments. Voting “**No**” leaves laws unchanged.

What this proposal means:

The Council must give 30 days notice before voting on public safety laws that impact the Police Department, Department of Correction, or the Fire Department. During this time, the Mayor and affected City agencies may also hold public hearings to hear additional public input.

If this proposal passes:

The Mayor and affected agencies could use the 30-day period to hold public hearings on the proposal.

Ballot Proposal 5

Capital Planning

What this proposal says:

This proposal would amend the City Charter to require more detail in the annual assessment of City facilities, mandate that facility needs inform capital planning, and update capital planning deadlines.

Voting “**Yes**” would require more detail when assessing maintenance needs of City facilities, mandate that facility needs inform capital planning, and update capital planning deadlines. Voting “**No**” leaves laws unchanged.

What this proposal means:

The City must assess the cost of maintaining city facilities, infrastructure, and investments and publish these assessments in capital planning reports.

If this proposal passes:

It would expand criteria used to assess maintenance costs for city property. The proposal would also change the due date for capital planning reports and the date for the associated public hearing.

Ballot Proposal 6

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBES), Film Permits, and Archive Review Boards

What this proposal says:

This proposal would amend the City Charter to establish the Chief Business Diversity Officer (CBDO), authorize the Mayor to designate the office that issues film permits, and combine archive boards.

Voting “**Yes**” would establish the CBDO to support MWBEs, authorize the Mayor to designate the office that issues film permits, and combine two boards. Voting “**No**” leaves laws unchanged.

What this proposal means:

The proposal would create a new role to support MWBEs, allow the Mayor to designate which agency issues film permits, and merge two boards that manage city records into one.

If this proposal passes:

It would revise the Charter to make these changes.

About NYC Votes

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

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

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

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

Matching Funds Program

Donate to the local candidates you support so they can run effective campaigns throughout the city.

Your donation allows candidates to hire staff, create campaign materials, and reach more voters in your community. Your contribution goes even farther when you support candidates who participate in the city's matching funds program. Donations from city residents to participating candidates can be matched 8-to-1. That means when you contribute \$10, the candidate receives \$90.

Learn more about the matching funds program.

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



Contribute at
contribute.nycvotes.org

Frequently Asked Questions

General

I just voted in April and/or June. How is the November 5 election different?

Earlier this year, NYC held primary elections to decide which candidates would represent their political parties in the November 5 general election. Only members of political parties were eligible to vote in the primary election. In the general election, NYC voters will decide which candidates will hold office starting in January.

All registered NYC voters are eligible to vote on November 5.

What is a general election?

In the general election, candidates from different parties compete to win elected office. You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for each office on the ballot. You can also vote “yes” or “no” on ballot proposals. All voters who registered by the deadline are eligible to vote in a general election.

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

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

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

When you move, you should change your address with the Board of Elections by submitting a new voter registration form. Your change of address must be received by the Board of Elections by October 26, 2024. Call **866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692)** or TTY **212-487-5496** for the hearing impaired to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

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

Vote by Mail

Am I still eligible to vote in person if I request a vote by mail ballot?

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

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

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

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

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

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit requestballot.vote.nyc/tracking.

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

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

Have more questions?

Visit nycvotes.org/faqs! You can also email us at nycvotes@nyccfb.info, or message us on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook (@nycvotes).

Update your info with the Board of Elections

We got your name and address from the list of registered voters maintained by the New York City Board of Elections. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail but you are not the addressee, or if the addressee has moved or is deceased, notify the Board of Elections so they can correct their records.

About the Voter Guide

By law, NYC Votes is required to send a Voter Guide to every household with a registered voter in New York City for city elections. We send a guide in English and Spanish to every registered voter, and in Chinese, Korean, and Bengali to voters in targeted areas based on census data.

Visit nycvotes.org/candidates to learn about the candidates on your ballot.

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Contact the Board of Elections

The Board of Elections administers our elections and is responsible for maintaining the database of registered voters, overseeing polling places, counting ballots, and reporting election results. You can update your voter registration, apply for an absentee ballot, apply to be a poll worker or language interpreter, and more with the New York City Board of Elections. We are not a part of the Board of Elections.

Visit vote.nyc to learn more.

Regular hours of operation

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and during the weekend prior to and on Election Day. Check vote.nyc for hours of operation or call **866-VOTE-NYC** or **(TTY 212-487-5496)** for the hearing impaired).

	Address	Phone Number
General Office	32-42 Broadway, 7th Floor New York, NY 10004	212-487-5400
Bronx	1780 Grand Concourse, 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457	718-299-9017
Brooklyn	345 Adams Street, 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	718-797-8800
Manhattan	200 Varick Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10014	212-886-2100
Queens	118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375	718-730-6730
Staten Island	1 Edgewater Plaza, 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305	718-876-0079