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2023 NYC Voter Guide

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

When do I vote?

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

What am I voting for?

Offices

- City Council
- District Attorney
- Civil Court

Party Positions

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

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

Learn more at **nycvotes.org**!

Election Dates and Deadlines

June 12	**Absentee ballot request deadline** (online or by mail)
	*If you mail in your absentee ballot request form, the Board of Elections must receive it by this date.
June 17	**Voter registration deadline**
June 17	**Early voting starts**
June 25	**Early voting ends**
June 26	**Absentee ballot request deadline** (in person at Board of Elections office)
June 27	**Primary Election Day (6:00 am – 9:00 pm)**
	Last date to postmark your absentee ballot or drop it off at a poll site

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Poll Site and Voting Hours

Find your poll site and voting hours:

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

Election Day

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

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

Early Voting

You can vote early in person before Election Day!

What to know

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

Early voting dates

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

Vote by Mail

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

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

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

How to request your absentee ballot:

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

If you are visually impaired or have a disability

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

Track your ballot

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

What to expect at your poll site

Check in when You Arrive

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

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

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

Fill out Your Ballot

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

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

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

Scan Your Ballot

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

Get Your Sticker

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

What are my rights as a voter?

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

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

In any election, you have a right to:

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

Voting rights for people with a criminal or felony conviction:

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

Who to contact if you need support:

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

Accessibility

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

Accessible Absentee Ballot

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

Language & Interpretation Services

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

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

Ballot Marking Device

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

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

The device provides four ways to mark your ballot:

 Touch screen

 Keypad (Braille)

 Sip & puff device

 Rocker paddle

- You may "ZOOM IN" to make the text larger, "ZOOM OUT" to bring the text back to original size or select "HIGH CONTRAST" to display the ballot in white text on a black background.

- You may also repeat and adjust the speed and volume of the audio on the headphones.

- Remember! Your selections are not final until you insert your marked ballot into the scanner and cast your vote.

- If you would like assistance inserting your ballot into the scanner, a poll worker will assist you.

Sample Ranked Choice ballot

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

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

My top choices

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

City Council

1st
2nd
3rd
4th
5th

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

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

Ranked Choice Voting

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

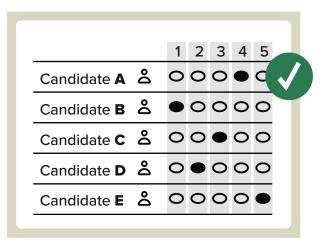## Why are we using Ranked Choice Voting?

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

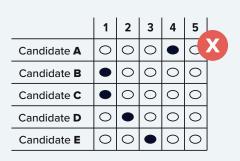## Which offices will I vote for with Ranked Choice Voting?

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

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

1 Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.

2 If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.

3 You can rank up to 5 candidates. However, you can still vote for just one candidate. Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

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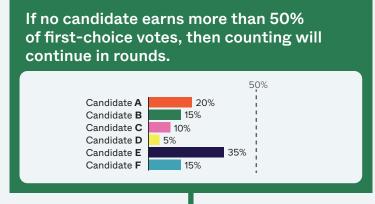

Do **not** give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, **your ballot will not be valid**.
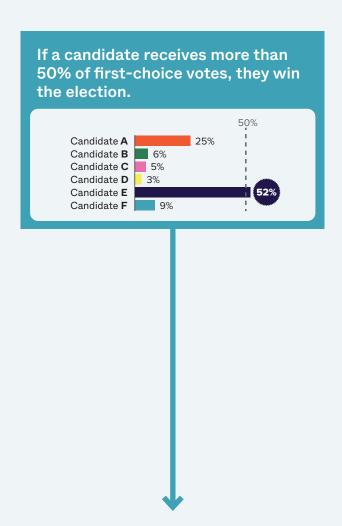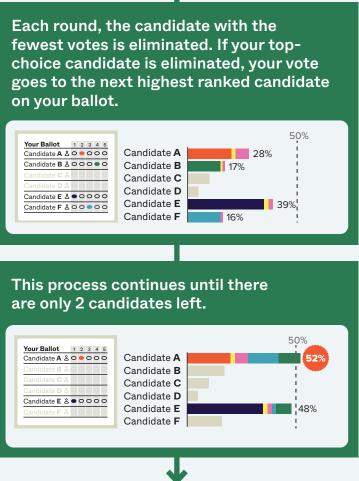

Do **not** rank a candidate more than once. If you do, only your top ranking for them will count.

How will my Ranked Choice ballot be counted?

For more information about Ranked Choice Voting, see Ranked Choice Voting frequently asked questions on Page 47 or visit **visit nycvotes.org/rcv**.

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

	50%
Candidate **A**	20%
Candidate **B**	15%
Candidate **C**	10%
Candidate **D**	5%
Candidate **E**	35%
Candidate **F**	15%

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

	50%
Candidate A	25%
Candidate B	6%
Candidate C	5%
Candidate D	3%
Candidate E	**52%**
Candidate F	9%

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

Your Ballot 1 2 3 4 5

	50%
Candidate A	28%
Candidate B	17%
Candidate C	
Candidate D	
Candidate E	39%
Candidate F	16%

This process continues until there are only 2 candidates left.

Your Ballot 1 2 3 4 5

	50%
Candidate A	**52%**
Candidate B	
Candidate C	
Candidate D	
Candidate E	48%
Candidate F	

The candidate who receives a majority of votes wins!

What do elected officials do?

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

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

City Offices

City Council

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

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

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

County Offices

District Attorney

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

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

Judges

Civil Court – County & District

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

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

Party Positions

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

Delegates to the Judicial Convention

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

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

State Committee Member

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

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

County Committee Member

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

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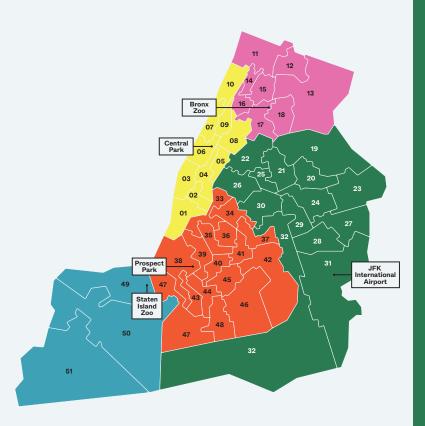- Approve the county party's budget and other internal policies.

District Leader

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

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

New York City Council Map

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

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

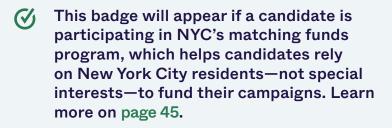# A Day in the Life of a City Council Member

What do City Council members do for you?

- Draft and vote on bills on issues like housing, healthcare, education, public safety, and more. Council members can also join committees on issues ranging from aging to youth services.

- Work with the Mayor to create and approve the city's ~$100 billion budget. Each Council member also manages a budget of ~$5 million to build schools and make improvements in their district, and an additional budget of ~$500,000 to support non-profit organizations.

- Monitor city agencies that serve New Yorkers, including the New York City Police Department and New York City Department of Education.

- Determine building and land use throughout the city, including overseeing zoning for property owners, preserving landmarks, and managing city land and public facilities.

- Assist constituents like you. Council members and their offices can help you with issues like tax preparation, affordable housing, tree planting, dirty sidewalks, potholes, pedestrian safety, and more. Contact your Council member if you need assistance!

City Council District 19

Democratic
- Tony Avella ⊘
- Christopher Bae ⊘
- Paul D Graziano ⊘

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Tony Avella ⊘
Democratic

Top 3 Issues:
1. Reduce crime, including hate crimes
2. Save one-two family homes
3. Immediately repave College Point roads

"My previous experience in City/State government, community activism, and knowledge of Northeast Queens will enable me to start on "Day One" to restore our deteriorating quality of life, help small businesses, and most importantly support the police and reduce crime. I will fight to keep SHSAT, expand Gifted and Talented programs, fund after school programs, expand senior citizen programs and establish new senior centers. I am endorsed by the Queens Democratic Party, State Senator Toby Stavisky, and Assemblymen Ed Braunstein and David Weprin."

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupations: State Senator (2010-2018)

Education: BA Hunter College Political Science

Organizational Affiliations: Member; Knights of Columbus; Knights of Pythias; Masons

Prior Public Experience: City Council Member, Zoning Chair (2001-2009), Aide to Mayors Koch and Dinkins

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Christopher Bae ⊘

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Crime Prevention
2. Public Safety
3. Improve our schools

"As a Queens Native, I had the privilege of working as a career prosecutor in Queens where I prosecuted violent felony offenses and fought for victims' rights. Growing up as a first generation Korean American and the son of an educator and union member, I know how important it is for working families to be properly represented. I am running to deliver a safer and stronger Queens for everyone."

Current Occupation: Full Time Candidate

Previous Occupations: Assistant District Attorney, Queens DA

Education: SUNY Binghamton, CUNY Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Board Member, Asian American Bar Association of New York; Board Member, Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York; Member of the National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association

Prior Public Experience: Community liaison for the Queens DA Office of Immigrant Affairs

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Paul D Graziano ⊘

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Protecting our Low-Density Zoning
2. Crime/Public Safety
3. Educational Challenges & Opportunities

"It all starts with our homes. If our neighborhoods get ruined, the rest doesn't matter.'

In 2022, Gov. Kathy Hochul tried to destroy our 1-family neighborhoods statewide & give blanket amnesty for all illegal conversions in NYC - and she's trying to do it again.

As Statewide leader in this fight, I stopped her then - and I'll stop her now.

For 30 years, I have been protecting our neighborhoods in NE Queens. I will always fight to maintain our quality of life and property values."

Current Occupation: Urban Planning/Land Use/Historic Preservation Consultant

Previous Occupations: Same

Education: MS Urban Affairs, Hunter College/BA Comparative Literature, UMASS/Bx HS of Science

Organizational Affiliations: Multiple Civic/Homeowner Associations in northeast Queens

Prior Public Experience: Consultant to dozens of organizations/ multiple elected officials

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Compare Candidates

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	Tony Avella ⊘ Democratic	Christopher Bae ⊘ Democratic
Crime	I support the police and would vote against any attempt to defund the NYPD. I support and would fund creation of a new police precinct in Northeast Queens and doubling the penalties for hate crimes to address the increase in anti-Asian, anti-Semitic, and anti-LGBTQ+ attacks.	As a prosecutor in Queens, I fought for crime victims every single day for the past seven years. The rule of law is essential for our community members to have confidence in our criminal justice system and to deter bad actors from committing crime.
Inflation	To help residents deal with inflation, I support a reduction in gasoline taxes, homeowner/condo/co-op property taxes, and small business taxes, with savings passed on to the consumer. I also support creating assistance programs to reduce the high cost of prescription medications.	Working class families are the backbone of our community and rising inflation has made it difficult for families to make ends meet. Our leaders should work together to fight inflation to make sure that our children don't go hungry or that home ownership is unattainable.
Protecting Democracy	Protecting voting systems/election officials from political interference is key to preserving our democracy. Protecting voting rights/making voting easier is also crucial. I also believe in prohibiting campaigning on election days at polling sites to stop voter intimidation.	There's been a lack of integrity in the political process. When unqualified candidates use lies to enter public office, and when our elected officials support those candidates, our communities lose faith in the political process. I'm the new sensible voice to restore democracy.

Paul D Graziano ⊘
Democratic

Crime/public safety is one of the top 3 issues in the 19th CD. Our city is less safe than it was before the Pandemic and the crimes being committed are increasingly brazen, targeted and hateful. We need more police and I support splitting the 109th into two new precincts.

In the last year, inflation has increased to a 40-year high, harming lower-income families. In NYC, this has meant a decrease in purchase power of the current $15/hour minimum wage (same since 2019). My solution to help those in need is to peg minimum wage increases to inflation.

My wife Elzbieta grew up under Communism in Poland and has described to me what life was like living in a totalitarian regime. While our democracy is resilient, we have also recently seen that it is fragile. We must *always* ensure the continued peaceful transfer of power.

practice ranked choice voting

Try ranking your choices on our online practice ballot! We'll let you know if your ballot is filled out correctly or how to fix it if you make an error.
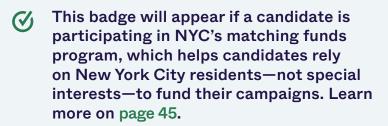
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City Council District 20

Jin Liang Dany Chen ✅

Republican

Top 3 Issues:
1. Community Safety
2. Increase police coverage and funding
3. Reduce traffic congestion

"I have been a fighter and advocate for our community. From fighting to preserve the SHSAT to working to change an improperly planned shelter in College Point, I have been there to stand up for the people and defend our community values and quality of life. I will continue to fight for the people of this community as your representative in the city council."

Current Occupation: Director of Asian Marketing–Prohealth Solutions

Previous Occupations: n/a

Education: n/a

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of Chinese American Alliance of USA Founder of College Point Residents Coalition

Prior Public Experience: Facilitated the setup of a Gender Shelter Conversion in College Point, NY

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Yu-Ching James Pai ⊘

Republican

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Supporting Small Businesses
3. Education

"Let's help and support small businesses and improve the quality of life for the hard working individuals and families that live and work here. Public safety is a major concern. Our kids deserve quality education and the opportunity to exhibit their full potential through specialized high schools and gifted and talented programs. We need change, and change will come, give me this opportunity, support my campaign, and vote for me. 'Change is coming your way.'"

Current Occupation: Self-employed Certified Public Accountant

Previous Occupations: Accountant at CPA firms

Education: State University of New York - Albany (BS in Accounting) - 1996

Organizational Affiliations: Flushing Central Lions Club, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of New York Inc, Chinese American Society of CPAs

Prior Public Experience: None

Party Enrolled In: Republican

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	Jin Liang Dany Chen ⊘ Republican	**Yu-Ching James Pai** ⊘ Republican
Crime	Reduce crime by increasing funding, adding more police on the street, and a satellite precinct station to reduce response time.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	Protect Democracy by improving the demographic coverage of voters to have a better voice of the people.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

watch candidate videos

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

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City Council District 21

Democratic

- Hiram Monserrate* ⊘
- Francisco P Moya ⊘

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

Francisco P Moya ⊘
Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable housing
2. School funding
3. Protecting workers

"I have been honored to represent East Elmhurst, LeFrak City and Corona in the City Council since 2018. I have fought for working New Yorkers, advocated for immigrants, stood up for seniors, and delivered billions to public schools. I am proud to be delivering thousands of affordable housing units, new schools, a senior center, and good-paying jobs to our community. I am investing in resources to make our streets safer. We need experienced and dedicated leadership to ensure that all of our voices are heard."

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member, District 21

Previous Occupations: NY State Assemblymember; Government Relations

Education: BA, St.John's University, National Urban Fellow, MPA Baruch College

Organizational Affiliations: Corona Lions Club; St. Leo's Golden Age Club

Prior Public Experience: NY State Assemblymember; Democratic District Leader

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	Hiram Monserrate* ⊘ Democratic	**Francisco P Moya** ⊘ Democratic
Crime	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	Making our community safe is a top priority. We need to invest in programs to keep youth from joining gangs, treat the addiction and mental health epidemic, and build trust between law enforcement and our community while also holding them accountable.
Inflation	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	We all see the reality of inflation at the grocery store. Prices go up, but wages are stagnant. We need to protect consumers from price gouging- that's why I took on delivery apps and capped the fees they could charge so that average New Yorkers weren't being ripped off.
Protecting Democracy	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	We need to increase access and participation in government. One way is to increase voting access. I was proud to sponsor the municipal voting law allowing non citizens to vote in New York City elections.

City Council District 22

Tiffany L Caban ✅

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Evidence-based public safety strategies
2. Pedestrian/cyclist-friendly streets
3. Permanently affordable housing

"In her years as a public defender, Tiffany fought for New Yorkers with no one else in their corner. Now she serves all District 22 residents. In her first term, she brought increased trash pick-up, street safety improvements and subway upgrades to the district, approved over 300 units of affordable housing and a new waterfront park, and passed seven pieces of impactful legislation. She co-chairs the Council's LGBTQIA+ Caucus."

Current Occupation: NYC Councilmember

Previous Occupations: Senior Strategist, Working Families Party; Public Defender, Legal Aid Society & NY Co. Defender Services

Education: NY Law School, JD. Penn State, BA. St. Francis Prep, JHS210, PS62

Organizational Affiliations: Working Families Party, Local Progress, Democratic Socialists of America, Mijente, LGBT, NYC & Puerto Rican Bar Assns.

Prior Public Experience: NYC Councilmember

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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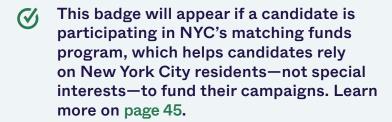
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	Tiffany L Caban ⊘ Democratic	**Charles Castro*** ⊘ Democratic
Crime	We need to invest in what we know works to reduce violence: affordable housing, good jobs, abundant mental health services, and proven violence prevention programs. It's time to divest from failed policing and carceral strategies that only perpetuate trauma and criminalization.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Inflation	I have spoken out forcefully against ConEd rate increases and Rent Guidelines Board hikes. Working class New Yorkers are struggling to make ends meet. Forcing them to pay more will only drive them out and make New York even more of a playground for the ultra-rich.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.
Protecting Democracy	My office runs a robust Participatory Budgeting process precisely because we believe that democracy is the key to a livable city. I believe not just in democracy on Election Day, but every day and everywhere, from the job site to the school building.	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.

City Council District 23

Democratic

- Steve Behar ✓
- Linda Lee ✓
- Rubaiya Rahman ✓

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Steve Behar ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Education
3. Quality of Life

"My family moved to my community when I was 6 years old. I graduated from PS 46, MS 74 and Cardozo High School.

I have been a community leader for decades and spent 6 years as Counsel to Council Member Grodenchik."

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupations: International Corporate Finance Attorney; Counsel in NYC Council; Counsel in NYS Senate; Small Business Owner; College Professor

Education: Georgetown University Law School, LL.M (Master of Laws), Securities and Financial Regulation; Tulane University, JD; Tulane University, MBA, Finance and General Management; University at Albany, B.A., Economics and Political Science

Organizational Affiliations: Member NYS Bar Association, Member Montana Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Attorney, U.S. Securities Exchange Commission; Counsel in NYS Senate; Counsel in NYC Council

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Linda Lee ⊘

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Making our communities safer.
2. Increasing access to quality education.
3. Improving our quality of life.

"I'm proud to represent Eastern Queens-- it's home to diverse working-class families, small business owners, young professionals, and many seniors. But we have problems that require real and responsive leadership. Property taxes are rising, small businesses are struggling, and our infrastructure needs upgrades as we clearly saw after Hurricane Ida. We need to ensure that community voices are at the forefront of all the issues we are addressing at the local level.

Since I took office last year, I have always tried to push legislation and funding that will have a direct and positive impact on our communities by making us safer and improving our quality of life."

Current Occupation: Councilmember
Previous Occupations: CEO @KCS
Education: BA Barnard; MSW Columbia
Organizational Affiliations: PS203, NVCC
Prior Public Experience: CB11, Fmr Comm'er @NYCCEC
Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Rubaiya Rahman ⊘

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improving disability services and rights
2. Youth and community mental health
3. Senior care and retiree

"I'm Rubaiya Rahman and I'm running for City Council District 23. I'm proud to say that I'm focused on one issue - my community. Too often, the voices of ordinary people are drowned out by more powerful interests. When we prioritize the needs of the most challenged members of our community, we set a moral compass for our values and priorities. By putting their needs at the forefront, we can ensure that our budget dollars are spent where they matter the most. That's why I'm running for office - to fight for our children and put our community at the forefront of decision-making."

Current Occupation: Current Executive Director ASHO
Previous Occupations: Legal Assistant
Education: Master NYU School of Law
Organizational Affiliations: ASHO
Prior Public Experience: Field manager
Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	Steve Behar ⊘ Democratic	**Linda Lee** ⊘ Democratic
Crime	There is nothing more important than public safety. I want more cops on our streets. I believe in community policing. I was instrumental in the creation of the new 116th Precinct that will take the pressure off the 105th Precinct & put more cops on the streets of Eastern Queens.	I am a strong supporter of fully funding our law enforcement officers while having transparency and accountability. We need to lower crime, first and foremost by getting guns off our streets, addressing the mental health crisis, and attacking the increase in hate and bias crimes.
Inflation	Inflation destroys working families' earnings and savings. Current inflation is caused by restarting the post-pandemic economy and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Federal Reserve is working to lower inflation and our supply chain and supply and demand issues are subsiding.	While dealing with inflation is primarily handled at the federal level, we must do everything we can to help low and middle-income families who are dealing with the rising cost of gas and groceries. We must also hold companies and utilities accountable for price-gouging.
Protecting Democracy	The January 6th insurrection at our Capitol showed us how fragile democracy is. The U.S. has been the world's beacon of democracy but the actions on Jan 6th has caused harm to our reputation. Elected officials must do everything possible to protect our democratic institutions.	January 6th showed us how fragile our democracy is. We need to expand access to the ballot box, make it easier for people to vote the way they choose - early, via mail, or on election day with same day voter registration.

Rubaiya Rahman ⊘

Democrat

Ensuring public safety in NYC is crucial. The current bail reform act needs reconsideration as it has not been effective in reducing crime. Failure to address this issue can have negative impacts on the economy. Prioritizing effective public safety measures is imperative.

Inflation is harming low-income households, making it hard to afford items like food. I'll work to curb inflation by advocating for affordable housing, quality healthcare, and education. This will build a resilient and equitable community so everyone can thrive.

The danger of authoritarianism is not limited to individual politicians, but from the failure of political parties to uphold democratic principles and fueling polarization. I will work to protect our democracy and safeguard the rights and freedoms of all New Yorkers.

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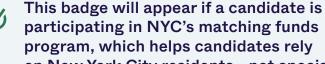
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City Council District 25

Democratic
- Fatima Baryab*
- Shekar Krishnan ✓
- Ricardo J Pacheco ✓

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

Shekar Krishnan ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:
1. Quality health care for all
2. Expand, improve parks/open space
3. Invest in early childhood education

"As your Council Member and the first Indian American ever elected to NYC government, I am running for re-election to keep fighting for the resources our communities deserve and a city that works for everyone.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished, from life-saving investments for Elmhurst Hospital, new programs to support immigrant families, to our community's first public dog run, to the largest budget for parks in city history.

Together, we can build a city where everyone has access to health care, parks and open space, and where all working families have free early childhood care.

That's the future I'll keep fighting for."

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupations: Civil Rights Lawyer

Education: Cooper Union (Engineering), University of Michigan Law School

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Council Member

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Ricardo J Pacheco ⊘

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Education
3. True Green Spaces

"My name is Ricardo Pacheco, and I am running for the City Council seat representing Jackson Heights & Elmhurst.

I am an immigrant; a product of NYC Public School System; proud US Marine Veteran; retired NYPD Sergeant; Current President of SELFHELP/NORC Seniors Advisory Board; President of Jackson Heights Coops Alliance; former PTA President at IS145; Board President for my co-op for 7 years; proud father of one and grandfather of three; proud and out gay Latino man and former VP for Gay Officers Action League.

I am a dedicated and humble member of our community simply seeking change. I am respectfully asking for your VOTE."

Current Occupation: Retired NYPD Sergeant

Previous Occupations: NYPD Sergeant

Education: John Jay College

Organizational Affiliations: NORC, Alliance, GOAL

Prior Public Experience: US Marines, NYPD

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	Fatima Baryab* Democratic	**Shekar Krishnan** ⊘ Democratic
Crime	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	Everyone deserves to feel safe– walking home, on the subway, or at a place of worship. Safety is our government's most important responsibility. We need comprehensive solutions, from mental health & housing to community centers. We keep communities safe by investing in them early.
Inflation	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	When every New Yorker, their family, and their neighborhood has the resources to thrive, our economy does too. The most effective way to address inflation is to build a city where everyone earns a dignified wage and has quality health care, an affordable home, and child care.
Protecting Democracy	The candidate did not submit a response to this question.	Voting is a fundamental right. We protect our democracy by making sure everyone can exercise this right free from discrimination. We must make voting easier and more accessible. As a Council Member, I have fought hard to protect voting rights and will continue to do so.

Ricardo J Pacheco ⊘

Democratic

I support a balanced approach to policing with sufficient resources to keep the public safe coupled with expanded mental health services to serve those in need of those services.

Fixed and Low-Income households spend a larger portion of their income on essentials like housing, electricity, transportation and food.

Provide tax relief to small business and small landlords. Job creation. Affordable transportation

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I support a robust campaign finance system and ensuring that the voting rights of all are protected. Encourage voter participation.

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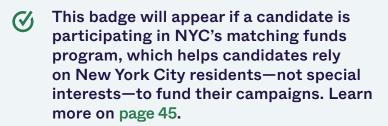
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City Council District 26

Democratic

- Hailie Kim ⊘
- Julie Won ⊘

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Hailie Kim ⊘
Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Restoring Cuts to Education
2. Affordable Housing and Tenant Protection
3. Racial and Economic Justice

"Hailie was born in Seoul, South Korea and raised in Sunnyside, Queens. An educator and activist, Hailie has been fighting for New York families for her entire career. She's the proud daughter of a nail technician and home care worker. Hailie knows the struggles facing working class New Yorkers and understands the role that race and economic status play in deepening those challenges. Hailie will be your family's advocate in City Hall and work tirelessly to reverse the funding cuts to our schools and communities."

Current Occupation: Adjunct, SUNY Old Westbury

Previous Occupations: Housing Organizer, Minkwon Center for Community Action; Adjunct, Hunter College

Education: MA-Hunter College; BA-SUNY Purchase

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Socialists of America, Working Families Party

Prior Public Experience: N/A

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Julie Won ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Affordable Housing and Comprehensive Planning
2. Investing in Education and Greenspaces
3. Ensuring Community-Based Public Safety

"As Council Member, I am honored to be our community's voice in City Hall! In my first year, I've approved 1,622 units of affordable housing, guaranteed free WiFi, cable, and cell service for all NYCHA residents in district, and secured more than $50 million in funding for our neighborhoods -- including $11 million for our local schools, and $15 million to upgrade our parks. As a local mom, immigrant, and tenant, I am fighting to end the affordable housing crisis, and make city government serve people better."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: Digital Strategy Consultant

Education: Syracuse University

Organizational Affiliations: None as a current Council Member

Prior Public Experience: Community Board 2, Queens Borough President's 2020 Census Complete Count Committee: Founder Technology Action Group

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	Hailie Kim ⊘ Democratic	Julie Won ⊘ Democratic
Crime	We must address the root causes of crime by fighting poverty, providing access to housing, and funding mental health services. Bringing communities together, bystander intervention programs, and improving quality of life issues are key to community safety.	A holistic solution for public safety requires more than just law enforcement. We must treat the root causes of crime by increasing funding for mental health resources, expanding the restorative justice model, increasing job opportunities, and building affordable housing.
Inflation	Many families can't afford basic necessities like healthy groceries as prices climb while wages stagnate. We must immediately direct resources in the city budget towards ensuring the impacts of inflation aren't creating economic devastation for already vulnerable New Yorkers.	As a renter and a parent, I feel the effects of rising rents and the cost of living in our neighborhood constantly going up. That's why I secured over $50 million in city funding directly for our neighborhoods, and fought for historic amounts of deeply affordable housing.
Protecting Democracy	Democracy is under attack in this nation. I will work to ensure New York City is a beacon of inclusive democracy, from voting rights expansion and increased registration rates to improved voter access to the polls.	As Council Member, it is my duty to defend my constituents' right to vote, and clear obstacles on the way to the ballot. I fully support measures to protect voters' rights, expand early voting hours and locations, simplify voting by mail, and more.

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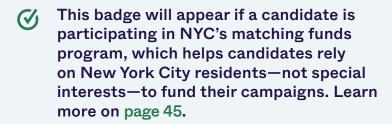**Finished choosing your candidates? Save your picks to take with you to your poll site!**

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City Council District 29

Ethan Michael Felder ✓

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Adequately funding education.
2. Public and traffic safety.
3. New truly affordable housing.

"As a lawyer and community advocate I am proud of this campaign comprised of public school parents, longstanding community leaders, and students engaging neighbors about the change we need to meet the challenges we face."

Current Occupation: Labor Lawyer

Previous Occupations: Corporate Lawyer

Education: JD/MBA Washington University in St. Louis B.A. Cornell University

Organizational Affiliations: Townsend Harris High School Alumni Association

Prior Public Experience: Member, Community Board 6 2016-2022 Elected Democratic Party District Leader 2020-2022

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Lynn C Schulman ⊘
Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. Improving healthcare; building hospital capacity
2. Investing in our local schools
3. Supporting our seniors and retirees

"I am running for re-election to continue making healthcare affordable and accessible to all New Yorkers. In my first term, as Chair of the Health Committee, I helped make the City healthier by enhancing women's health, introducing the first Citywide Diabetes Reduction Plan and improving health options for seniors.

As we recover from the worst public health crisis of our lifetime, now more than ever, it is vitally important to have a strong, independent, voice in the City Council representing Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill and Rego Park."

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupations: NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation; FDNY-EMS

Education: Harvard Executive Leadership Program; JD - Brooklyn Law School; BA - NYU

Organizational Affiliations: CB 6, CEC 28, 112th Pct. Council

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council; NYS Assembly;

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Sukhi Singh ⊘
Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

1. NO TO EDUCATIONAL BUDGET CUT
2. COMMIT TO CREATING SAFER STREETS
3. EXPAND RENT STABILIZATIONAL LAWS

"1-VOTE "NO" TO ANY CITY BUDGET CUTS FOR EDUCATION

2-COMMIT TO CREATING SAFER STREETS FOR ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TACKLE HATE CRIMES AND VIOLENCE

3-EXPAND RENT STABILIZED LAWS AND PROTECT BOTH RENTERS AND LANDLORDS BY PROPOSING CHANGES INTO DECADES OLD LAWS THAT DOESN'T WORK NOW

4-ENSURE ALL LANGUAGES ACCESS IN ALL GOV. AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

5-SUPPORT QUEENSLINK TO INCREASE TRANSIT ACCESSIBILITY FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH EASTERN QUEENS"

Current Occupation: IT CONSULTANT

Previous Occupations: IT CONSULTANT

Education: COLLEGE

Organizational Affiliations: The Sikh Cultural Society Inc.

Prior Public Experience: DISTRICT LEADER CANDIDATE 2022

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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	Ethan Michael Felder ⊘ Democratic	**Lynn C Schulman** ⊘ Democratic
Crime	An effective response to crime must include preventive measures to address the root causes of rising violence, proper funding and training of police to carry out their service, and community participation in public safety budgeting decisions.	The first responsibility of government is to make people feel safe. Public safety is a complex issue that requires many levels of investment, including funding for violence interrupters, increased mental health services, NYPD involvement, and input from our community partners.
Inflation	We need to address inflation that has hit family budgets by expanding the capacity of our economy to produce. I will advocate for more investment in revitalizing mass transit, construction of new affordable housing and controlling the rising cost of healthcare.	As we recover from the worst public health crisis of our lifetime, inflation has increased dramatically, hurting working families. I support NYS legislation to raise the minimum wage annually based on the rate of inflation. This would ensure financial stability for working NYers.
Protecting Democracy	For our local democracy to be healthy we neeaccountability for performance or lack thereof from elected officials. Candidacies are often determined on the basis of political connection rather than an evaluation of what has been achieved for our District.	Values of freedom and respect for human rights are essential elements of democracy. Our democratic institutions must be protected from any abuse of power, nationally and locally.

Sukhi Singh ✓

Democratic

COMMIT TO CREATING SAFER STREET FOR ALL COMMUNITIES BY FUNDING DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO TACKLE HATE CRIMES AND VIOLENCE IN GENERAL

WE SHOULD FUND LOCAL FARMERS, MANUFACTURER AND LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO PRODUCE IN HOME RATHER THAN IMPORTING EVERYTHING

WE ARE THE OLDEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD AND TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IT FAIR AND TRANSPARENT WE SHOULD HAVE OUR ELECTION BOARD FULLY RESOURCEFUL BY FUNDED CORRECTLY

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City Council District 34

Jennifer Gutierrez ✅

Democratic

Top 3 Issues:

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

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

Current Occupation: Council Member
Previous Occupations: Chief of Staff
Education: University at Albany
Organizational Affiliations: NA
Prior Public Experience: NA
Party Enrolled In: Democratic

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

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

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

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What is a Primary Election?

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

Can I vote in the June 27 primary election?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote by Mail

What are valid reasons for requesting an absentee ballot?

You can request an absentee ballot if you are away from New York City on Election Day, have an illness or physical disability, are a primary care provider for people who are ill or physically disabled, a resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital, or if you are imprisoned or awaiting trial. You can mark your reason on your absentee ballot request form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can I track my ballot after I return it?

Yes! Visit **nycabsentee.com/tracking**.

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

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

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Ranked Choice Voting

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

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

Can I still vote for just one candidate?

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

Do I have to rank a total of 5 candidates?

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

Can I rank my favorite candidate more than once?

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

Can I rank multiple candidates as my first choice?

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

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

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

When can I expect results in Ranked Choice Voting elections?

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

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

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

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

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

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

NYC VOTES

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 Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, and Urdu to voters in targeted areas based on census data.

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

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.

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.

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