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GO VOTE NOVEMBER 7, 2017

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WELCOME TO YOUR 2017 NYC VOTER GUIDE



As a New Yorker, you care about your community and take pride in knowing that you live in one of the greatest, most diverse cities in the country. But our city is only as strong as its citizens' voices. Voting is one of the best ways for you to say that you care about the future of our city. Voting has an impact on a wide range of issues that affect you every day—from jobs and wages, to education, to housing, and more—and your vote can help make our city even better.

Be sure to take this Voter Guide, NYC's official nonpartisan guide to city elections, with you when you cast your vote in the citywide general election this November. The Guide contains profiles of candidates seeking your vote for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council, information about the three proposals on the ballot, and everything you need to know about voting.

Now more than ever, we need to make sure that all our voices are heard at the polls so we can build a city that works for everyone!

GO PAPERLESS!

Prefer to read your Voter Guide online? Sign up at nyccfb.info/gopaperless to be notified when future editions of the online Voter Guide go live.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

You have the right to vote in the November 7, 2017 general election if:

- ◆ You are a registered voter (check voting.nyc if you're not sure if you're registered).
- ◆ You are at least 18 years old and a US citizen.
- ◆ You are not currently serving time for a felony or on parole.
- ◆ You are in line at your poll site by 9 pm on November 7th (NYC poll sites open at 6 am).

In any election, you have a right to:

- ◆ Ask a poll worker or any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), for help. 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.
- ◆ Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide (please take any 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 newly registered or recently moved and are voting for the first time at your polling place. Otherwise, you do not need to show identification.

KNOW WHERE TO GO

YOUR POLL SITE!



OR



OR



Check the cover of this Voter Guide (confirm at voting.nyc before you vote)

Check voting.nyc and click "Where Do I Vote?"

Call the Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC

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ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

OCT 13

- ◆ Last day to register to vote for the general election by mail and in person
- ◆ Last day to change your party affiliation to vote in next year's primary elections, if already registered to vote in New York

OCT 18

- ◆ Last day to submit a change of address

OCT 31

- ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

NOV 06

- ◆ Last day to apply for an absentee ballot application in person
- ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by November 14)

NOV 07

- ◆ Election Day

MAKE A VOTING PLAN

TODAY



Choose a good time to vote. Add it to your calendar.



Note your poll site location (on the cover of this Guide).



Read the candidates' profiles.



Make an informed decision in advance.

ELECTION DAY



Visit voting.nyc or call 866-VOTE-NYC to confirm your poll site location.



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Read up on how to cast your ballot (page 24).



Bring this Voter Guide as a reference.



VOTE!

VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Voting in local elections has a real effect on our day-to-day lives. The people we elect make decisions that affect our neighborhoods, schools, jobs, and quality of life every day.

MAYOR

As the leader of city government, the mayor sets city policy and impacts the day-to-day lives of New Yorkers by creating the budget, appointing the heads of boards and agencies like the NYPD or the Department of Education, signing or vetoing bills from City Council, and issuing executive orders.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

As the people's representative in city government, the public advocate can investigate complaints and make recommendations about city services, provide information that allows New Yorkers to protect themselves (such as the Worst Landlords Watchlist), and introduce and co-sponsor bills. The public advocate is responsible for acting as the mayor if the mayor is absent or unable to perform his or her duties.

COMPTROLLER

As the chief financial officer, the comptroller issues and sells city bonds, which are used to finance public projects like roads and bridges, and monitors the city's spending by conducting audits and reports. The comptroller also

manages the funds in NYC's pension system, the largest public city employee retirement system in the country, by making sure that they are protected and invested wisely.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

While borough presidents can't create or pass laws, they can fund organizations in their boroughs (about \$4 million of the city budget is set aside for this purpose); make land use decisions; appoint members of local Community Boards and the City Planning Commission, who advise on land and neighborhood needs; and advocate for residents of their boroughs.

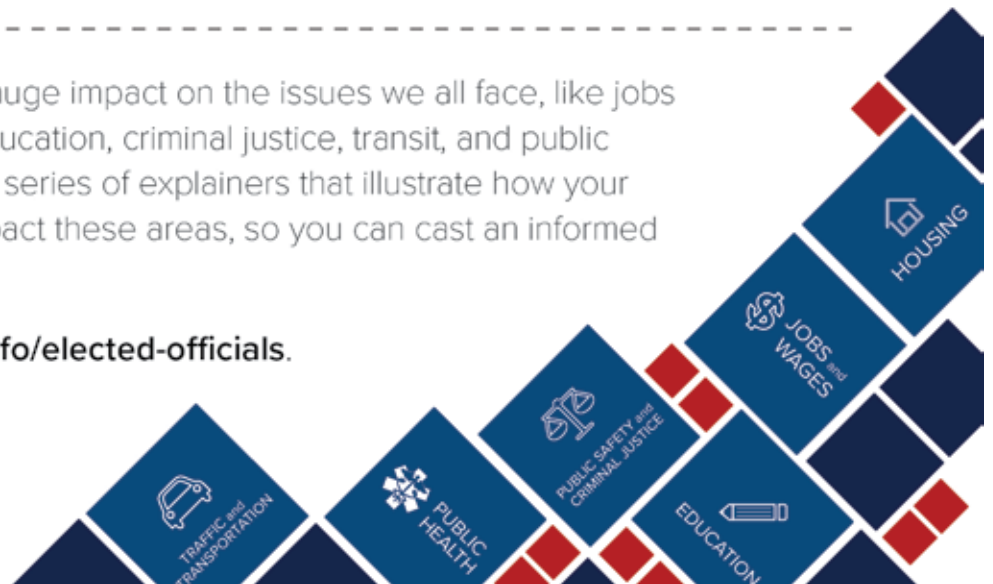
CITY COUNCIL

City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government, responsible for negotiating and approving the mayor's budget, making and passing laws, deciding how to use land throughout the city, and making sure agencies are serving the people of NYC. Each City Council member represents one of the city's 51 City Council districts.

WHAT CAN MY ELECTED OFFICIALS DO?

Local elections have a huge impact on the issues we all face, like jobs and wages, housing, education, criminal justice, transit, and public health. We've created a series of explainers that illustrate how your elected officials can impact these areas, so you can cast an informed vote this November.

Learn more at nyccfb.info/elected-officials.



ELECTION AT A GLANCE

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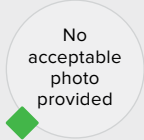
The mayor is the leader of city government.



Bill de Blasio



Nicole Malliotakis



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PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 9

The public advocate is the people's representative in city government.



Letitia James



Juan Carlos Polanco



Michael A. O'Reilly



James C. Lane



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COMPTROLLER pg 12

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.



Scott M. Stringer



Michel J. Faulkner



Julia Willebrand



Alex Merced

BOROUGH PRESIDENT pg 14

As advocates for their boroughs, the borough presidents make sure that community needs are met.



Gale Brewer



Brian W. Waddell

Also running:*
Frank Scala
Daniel Vila Rivera

CITY COUNCIL pg 16

The City Council is the law-making branch of the city's government. **Check the cover of your Voter Guide to find your Council district.**



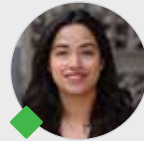
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City Council District 1



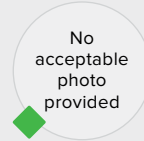
Christopher Marte[†]
City Council District 1



Aaron Foldenauer
City Council District 1



Carlina Rivera
City Council District 2



Jimmy McMillan
City Council District 2



Jasmin Sanchez
City Council District 2



Don Garrity
City Council District 2



Corey Johnson
City Council District 3



Marni Halasa
City Council District 3



Keith Powers
City Council District 4



Rebecca Harary
City Council District 4



Rachel L. Honig
City Council District 4

Also running:*
Bryan Jung
City Council District 1
Manuel S. Cavaco
City Council District 2

[†]The Democratic primary in City Council District 1 was too close to call at press time. Check voting.nyc for updates.

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

MAYOR

Bill de Blasio

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 A great education for all
- 2 Making the City more affordable
- 3 Increased safety, police-community relations



Party Enrolled: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Mayor

Previous Occupation: NYC Public Advocate; NYC Councilmember; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Director; Hillary Clinton for U.S. Senate Campaign Manager

Education: New York University; Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: See above

As Mayor of New York City, I have made it my mission to fight for our progressive values and make this a place for everyone through real reforms that lift people up and improve the lives of every New Yorker — because this is your city. That includes expanding pre-K for every four-year-old in the City, expanding our paid sick leave law to cover hundreds of thousands more workers, and raising the minimum wage for tens of thousands more. My administration has dramatically reduced stop and frisk and brought the police and community closer together — while at the same time driving crime to record lows. In my first term, we've built and preserved affordable housing at a record pace, while taking on the landlord lobby, and had two years of rent freezes so that more New Yorkers can afford to stay in their homes.

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Nicole Malliotakis

Republican, Conservative,
Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transportation & Traffic
- 2 Jobs & Affordability
- 3 Quality of Life



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: NY State Assemblymember

Previous Occupation: Public Affairs Manager

Education: BA, Seton Hall; MBA Wagner College

Organizational Affiliations: National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, National Foundation of Women Legislators

Prior Public Experience: NYC Liaison for Governor George Pataki

I am running to restore accountability to New York City government and improve quality of life for residents. We must address traffic congestion, failing schools, transit nightmares, homeless crisis, and the rise in rape and sex crimes. The city is not investing in infrastructure to accommodate long term population growth and economic development. We should be investing in Smart Light technology to ease traffic flow and protect pedestrians and upgrading subway signals to end delays and overcrowding. We can pay for it if we stop wasteful spending, reform or eliminate programs that aren't producing results, and reduce bureaucracy.

As Mayor, I will give the NYPD the tools needed to do its job, expand vocational training opportunities to help people obtain skills to get good paying jobs, assist those struggling with addiction/mental illness, proactively address root causes of homelessness, provide parents with more schools choice, ensure that education dollars reach classrooms, cap spending and reduce taxes where possible.

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MAYOR

Akeem Browder

Green

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Are the disenfranchised considered, how
- 2 The homeless population in NYC
- 3 Children, how we view them



Party Enrolled In: Green

Current Occupation: Public SPeaker

Previous Occupation: Electronic Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, Electro-mechanic

Education: Bachelors of Civil Engineering

Organizational Affiliations: Exodus Transitional Services, Justice League NYC, Shutdownrikers

Prior Public Experience: Activist

Every problem in New York has an inherent problem and that problem is New York's stance on allowing the Department of Justice to have a hand in Our every aspect of living. You can't arrest your way out of community issues. We must be different in our approach, quicker in our decisions and more aware on what accountability really looks like!

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Sal Albanese

Reform

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reform legally corrupt political system
- 2 Build REAL affordable housing
- 3 Rebuild, properly fund the MTA



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: lawyer

Previous Occupation: teacher, City Council member

Education: B.A. in Education from CUNY York College, an M.A. in Health Science from NYU, and a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party

Prior Public Experience: City Council member, representing the 43 CD (Bay Rldge, Brooklyn) from 1982-1997

We must fix our broken political system, where an atmosphere of "legal corruption" has been created & only those who "pay" have the right to "play." I pledge not take campaign contributions from Big Real Estate or lobbyists. I also want to be known as the "mass transit Mayor" and will work with the Governor to improve the system. I will triple the amount of money that the City pays into the system to \$1 billion. As Mayor, I promise to ride mass transit, at least sometimes, so that I can personally experience what's happening. Housing is also a major issue in NYC. Everyone wants affordable housing, but what is being touted as "affordable" is far from it. The current plan has been rejected universally throughout the City because it's "one size fits all." Additionally, inappropriate and out-of-scale development is rampant. I will work to create individualized housing plans that serve the needs of each community yet preserves its character.

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MAYOR

Bo Dietl

Dump the Mayor

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Create new and sustainable jobs
- 2 Enhance Security
- 3 Create additional educational opportunities



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: CEO

Previous Occupation: NYPD Detective, Iron worker
Union Member

Education: High School Graduate

Organizational Affiliations: Over the years Bo has taken an active interest in many charities and continues to endorse and support such foundations

Prior Public Experience: NYPD Detective

I'm running for mayor because this city can do much better. I've spent my entire life in public service. I bring leadership and integrity to the table. I speak to both Democrats and Republicans. My vision is socially inclusive and fiscally conservative. Curbing wasteful spending and creating jobs are at the center of all my plans. We will offer incentives to the best and brightest start-up companies to move to under served neighborhoods and create great jobs. Our infrastructure is aging poorly. I'll re purpose vacant city properties to use as homeless rehabilitation centers instead of paying for fancy hotels. Instead of spending \$10B to build new jails in your neighborhood, lets overhaul the DOC and fix Rikers Island. We'll use our police department — the best in the world — to make sure another innocent child doesn't die at the hands of ACS.

The city is sinking fast, but with your support, we will bring it back!

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Aaron A. Commey

Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Complete Criminal Justice Reform
- 2 Improved Education Curriculum
- 3 Fighting Poverty



Party Enrolled In: Libertarian

Current Occupation: Porter

Previous Occupation: Machine Operator; Ged Tutor;
Law Library Clerk

Education: GED; Milwaukee Area Technical College

Organizational Affiliations: Libertarian Party of New York

Prior Public Experience: None

I am running for Mayor because it's time for someone to put the people of New York ahead of the special interests and big money donors. I'm not a career politician and that's a good thing because I am committed to fighting for the people of New York and against constant political corruption which has left so many of us behind. I want to implement economic policies that give struggling, hardworking New Yorkers a chance to get out of poverty and provide better lives for themselves and their families. I'm running to put an end to short sighted criminal justice policies which make all us less safe and destroy entire communities. And I want to make sure that our schools are teaching finance, economics, business management and entrepreneurship so our kids leave school able to provide for themselves and not struggling in low wage jobs. I'm fighting against the status quo because the status quo isn't helping the little guy. So please support me for New York City Mayor and support changing the way politics run in this city and who politics help.

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MAYOR

Mike Tolkin

Smart Cities

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Economy, Jobs and Education
- 2 Transportation and Quality of Life
- 3 Human Rights and Sustainability



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

Previous Occupation: Tech Entrepreneur and Innovator - Founder/CEO, IMAX Labs; Founder/CEO, Rooms.com; Founder/CEO, Merchant Exchange; Director of Corporate Development and Strategy, IMAX; Management Consultant, Oliver Wyman; Founder, ReimagineNYC; Founder, NoMad Walk; Startup Investor and Advisor

Education: BS of Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

Organizational Affiliations: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Prior Public Experience: ReimagineNYC, NoMad Walk

Hi, I'm Mike!

I'm running for Mayor because we need big ideas and bold action now more than ever.

We face big challenges. Our wages are too low and our rent is too high. Our rights are being threatened. Our jobs are going away. Our subway system is falling apart. And our government simply isn't serving us as well as it can be.

I'm a tech entrepreneur and innovator – I solve problems for a living. So I'm assembling a diverse team of experts and leaders, and we're preparing an ambitious long-term plan to upgrade our services and infrastructure, create new job opportunities, equip our children for future jobs, and reinforce New York City's legacy as the gateway to the American Dream.

Please join our movement and share your voice. I look forward to collaborating with you!

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Letitia James

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Promote economic equality for women
- 2 Reform child and family welfare
- 3 Preserve and expand affordable housing



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

Previous Occupation: New York City Council Member, 35th District; Chief of Staff & Counsel, New York State Assembly; Public Defender, Legal Aid Society

Education: Howard University School of Law, J.D.; Lehman College, B.A.

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member, 35th District; Chief of Staff & Counsel, New York State Assembly

Four years ago, I set out to distinguish the Public Advocate's Office as a vehicle for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers. In my time in office, we have accomplished a great amount. From my groundbreaking legislation to ban questions about salary history in job interviews, bringing us one step closer to closing the wage gap; to securing universal school lunch for every child in middle school, bringing a nutritious meal to over 10,000 children every day; to expanding the Worst Landlords List as a tool and resource for tenants and advocates. If given the opportunity to serve for another four years, I will continue working to ensure that every child has the opportunity for a better future, that every family has the chance to not just survive but thrive, and that every New Yorker has access to the possibilities our City has to offer.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Juan Carlos Polanco

Republican, Reform,
Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Education & School Choice
- 2 Stop Neighborhood Jails Plan
- 3 Reform Administration for Children's Services



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Attorney & Educator

Previous Occupation: Social Studies Teacher,
Harry S Truman H.S.

Education: JD, Fordham University School of Law;
MBA, Fordham University Graduate School of Business;
BA, University at Albany; Fordham Preparatory

Organizational Affiliations: New York County Lawyers
Association, Bronx County Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Commissioner at the New York City
Board of Elections

My name is J.C. Polanco. I'm a lifelong New Yorker, a dad,
an attorney, a Regional Director of the New York State
Assembly Minority, and a former commissioner at the
New York City Board of Elections.

I am also an educator, who has spent the last 17 years
teaching in New York City public schools, and now at CUNY.

I'm running for Public Advocate because I love New York
City, and I want to continue serving your families.

I will work to expand charter school enrollment and give
parents more options over where to send their kids to school.

I will fight against mismanagement at ACS.

I'll bring common sense to City Hall, and fight any plan
that calls for replacing Rikers with jails in our backyards.

I will work to give hard-working residents in NYCHA
housing a chance at owning their units. It is time for more
New Yorkers to have their shot at the American Dream.

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Michael A. O'Reilly

Conservative

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Eliminating Pay to Play Policies
- 2 Reforming the ACS
- 3 Eliminating Sanctuary Cities



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Gallant Capital Market -
Regulatory Attorney

Previous Occupation: Pilot with Delta Airlines; Marine

Education: Bachelor of Science - Florida Institute of
Technology; JD - New York Law School

Organizational Affiliations: President of the Rockaway
Republican Club; Member of the Broad Channel
Civic Association

Prior Public Experience: Former CD 5 Congressional
Candidate

Michael O'Reilly is an attorney, former airline pilot, and
proud Marine. Mike is also a New Yorker who is fed up
with the self-dealing political climate that currently governs
our great City.

For the past four years our city has been plagued by an
incompetent Mayor and a do-nothing City Council. The status
quo is unacceptable. Our elected officials sit idly by as the
ACS' inefficient operation leaves our City's children dead.
These same elected officials, then, willfully break federal
immigration laws, and allow for the harboring of individuals
who have come into our country illegally and who have then
committed serious crimes. All on the backs of, us, the taxpayer.

Our City deserves leaders who will stand up to corrupt,
pay-to-play policies, and who will fight for justice for all
New Yorkers. Especially the most vulnerable among us,
the children of New York. Mike O'Reilly, will be that leader.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

James C. Lane

Green

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transform Our Electoral Processes
- 2 Create More Affordable Housing
- 3 Community Control Over Policing



Party Enrolled In: Green

Current Occupation: Technical Account Manager

Previous Occupation: Vice President of Client Solutions

Education: U.S. Army Signal School, Electronics/Communications Technician; High School of Art & Design, Commercial Arts/Graphic Design

Organizational Affiliations: Black Caucus Member, Green Party of the United States; State Committee Member, Green Party of New York

Prior Public Experience: All my work to improve my community has been as volunteer and not in a paid government position. Issues regarding an adoptees rights to know about their origins, reducing our bloated military budget, a ban on hydrofracking and improving recycling efforts are just a few on my list.

As Public Advocate, I will create the resources we need to help the many communities around our city that have been repeatedly neglected by City Hall and its various agencies.

In education, I will fight to reduce class sizes, make schools safer, prevent funding cuts and ensure that our children are treated as more than just test scores.

As the Green Party candidate for Public Advocate it is my belief that all New Yorkers, despite their socioeconomic status, deserve, as a basic right, a clean safe environment, living wage jobs, truly affordable housing and free healthcare, just to name a few.

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Devin Balkind

Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Smartphone App-Enabled Public Participation Processes
- 2 Faster, Better, Cheaper Government Services
- 3 People Over Politics and Party



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: President, Sahana Software Foundation

Previous Occupation: Information Management Consultant, Sarapis; CEO, BEEExtraordinary

Education: B.S., Film & History, Northwestern University

Organizational Affiliations: Free Software Foundation, Occupy Sandy

Prior Public Experience: NA

My goal is to distribute the power of the politicians to every New Yorker. We're doing this by building smartphone apps, establishing a livestream channel, and organizing public events that allow you, the people of New York, to work together to solve our city's problems.

How? We've developed a unique 7-step process that enables New Yorkers to turn conversations into proposals, to legislation, to law, to budget commitments, project tracking and outcome analysis. You can learn more at votedevin.com.

I'm not waiting to get elected before getting to work. We've already produced a first version of our smartphone app, and we did it with 1/10th of 1% of the current Public Advocate's budget. Imagine what we could do with a full budget!

My campaign isn't about individual issues: it's about building a process that puts New Yorkers where they should be — in control. This is precisely what the Public Advocate should do.

Let's take this next step. Together.

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COMPTROLLER

Scott M. Stringer

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Make NYC More Affordable
- 2 Strengthen our Public Schools
- 3 Quality Housing People Can Afford



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Comptroller

Previous Occupation: Manhattan Borough President

Education: B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Borough President; Assemblymember

We've got to do more to make sure working families can afford to live in New York—and that means focusing on housing costs and the quality of our public schools, and creating more good-paying jobs.

As Comptroller, I helped lead the Fight for 15 to make the minimum wage a living wage. And I've identified more than 1,000 vacant city-owned lots that we can turn into affordable housing, so more families can afford to stay here.

We've also got to make it easier to live here—which means investing in our subways and buses again and ending the annoying delays, expanding access to child care, and making sure there are great public schools in every zip code.

As manager of the city's pension funds, I've fought for reform, whether it's demanding greater diversity in boardrooms or forcing action on important social issues—from climate change to private prisons. And through audits and investigations, I've worked hard to hold city government accountable.

On Nov. 7, I hope you'll give me the chance to keep working to make New York a place we can all afford to call home.

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Michel J. Faulkner

Republican, Conservative, Reform, Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improve NYCHA Maintenance System
- 2 Property Tax Reductions for Middle-Class
- 3 Federal Tax and Spending Fairness



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Pastor

Previous Occupation: Assistant Dean of Students and Vice-President of Urban Ministry, Liberty University/Entrepreneur

Education: BA in Communications and Masters in Education and Career Counseling, Virginia Tech

Organizational Affiliations: Founder - Institute for Leadership, 2005

Prior Public Experience: Co-Chairman of NYC Board of Education's HIV/AIDS Task Force, Task Force on Police Community Relations under Rudy Giuliani, Commissioner for the City Charter Revision Commission

I believe that the incumbent has done an adequate job as Comptroller, in terms of making reports and conducting audits, but he has not taken his role seriously enough in terms of getting results. It's important to note that the Comptroller's office has 750 employees that physically create the reports and audits. The comptroller is an elective office where vision and activism and energy are required. We don't need just another elected bureaucrat. We need a vibrant watchdog. I'm going to bring a new spirit to this office in 2018 and hold the City Council and the Mayor accountable to taxpayers and residents alike.

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COMPTROLLER

Julia Willebrand

Green



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 End NYC financed corporate subsidies
- 2 Reinstate stock transfer tax
- 3 Promote establishing a municipal bank

Party Enrolled In: Green

Current Occupation: Activist

Previous Occupation: Bookkeeper, waitress, private investigator, Fulbright Professor to Hungary; SUNY Labor College, English Department Chair; Jersey City State College, ESL Department, Coordinator; Teacher, PS 84

Education: BA, American Studies, City College NY; MA, Adult Education, Teachers College, Columbia U.; Ed.D TESOL, Teachers College, Columbia U.

Organizational Affiliations: US Green Party, NYS National Delegate; Federation of Green Parties of the Americas US Delegate; Sierra Club, former Atlantic Chapter, Conservation Chair; Appalachian Mountain Club former Conservation Chair; United Federation of Teachers Delegate; OWS Alternative Banking Group

Prior Public Experience: Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, Chair

As the mother of 2 Public School educated children, born in Bklyn, daughter and grand daughter of NY roofers, raised in Queens, educated in Manhattan and a worker in the Bronx, I know the city well and across many class lines. I have the vision to use the independent power of the office to benefit every New Yorker and not just the 1%.

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Alex Merced

Libertarian



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Safer Management of Pension Funds
- 2 Auditing Spending of Taxpayer Funds
- 3 Maintain and Improve Credit Rating

Party Enrolled In: Libertarian

Current Occupation: Financial Training Specialist

Previous Occupation: Retail Store Owner

Education: B.A. from BGSU

Organizational Affiliations: Libertarian Party of New York

Prior Public Experience: Candidate for U.S. Senate 2016, Candidate for Public Advocate 2013

As the next Comptroller of NYC, I want to focus my time on making sure the dollars of NYC taxpayers are spent wisely, and the pension dollars of NYC workers are invested prudently. The management of the NYC Pension Funds is a top priority as it secures the retirement of NYC workers but also mismanagement results in catch-up payments that cost the NYC taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars.

I hope to focus on protecting the wallets of taxpayer dollars and not playing political optics for higher office like our current Comptroller. Please visit AlexMercedforNY.com to learn about my plans to protect NYC Pensioners and Taxpayers.

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MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Gale Brewer

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Increase affordable housing stock
- 2 Improve technology in schools
- 3 Expand constituent services



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Manhattan Borough President

Previous Occupation: New York City Council Member; Deputy Public Advocate

Education: Columbia University, BA; Harvard University Kennedy School of Public Policy, MPA

Organizational Affiliations: n/a

Prior Public Experience: Member, Community Board 7

I'm proud of the record I've built as Borough President.

The City Charter defines a B.P.'s central role in land use decisions and distribution of city capital funds. I've expanded the office's land use staff to exhaustively research every new development proposal and call for improvements. I've directed over \$131 million in capital funding to projects ranging from new school science labs and internet infrastructure to improving parks and cultural institutions.

I've conducted extraordinary outreach to inform Manhattanites on issues ranging from arts education and small business preservation to nutritious food and age-friendly policies. I've opened the first storefront office ever for a B.P., and my staff has helped solve thousands of constituent problems.

Still, there's more to do. We must improve ability of schools to teach computer science and prepare students for digital jobs; make faster improvements to public transit to serve record high ridership; and help protect and encourage small businesses.

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Brian W. Waddell

Reform, Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Cut \$20 million from budget
- 2 Don't harm any programs
- 3 Repeal the borough presidency



Party Enrolled In: Libertarian

Current Occupation: Photographer

Previous Occupation: Restaurant Manager

Education: BFA

Organizational Affiliations: None

Prior Public Experience: None

How would you like to cut \$20 million from the city budget without harming a single program that the city currently has, or has planned for? You can. Help me repeal the borough presidency and replace it with a cheaper, more efficient, and decentralized office of grants and land use in each borough. As this office would report to the borough board rather than the borough president, the people would have a louder voice in important granting and land questions.

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MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Also running for Manhattan Borough President:*

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Republican

Daniel Vila Rivera
Green

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 01

Margaret S. Chin

Democratic, Working Families

(The Democratic primary was too close to call at press time. Check voting.nyc for updates.)



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
- 2 Fight for Our Seniors
- 3 Improve Residents' Quality of Life

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Educator, Community Activist

Education: P.S. 130, JHS 65, Bronx Science, City College of New York – BS in Education

Organizational Affiliations: Alumni Association of City College of New York

Prior Public Experience: Community Boards 1 & 3, NYS Democratic Committee

As a longtime community activist, I am fighting to build and preserve affordable housing, expand worker protections, and increase funding for schools, seniors, and youth jobs. The issues that I work on everyday are personal to me. When I came to America as a child, my family moved into an affordable walk-up in Little Italy. I went to public school and my mother, a seamstress, joined a union to create a middle-class life for my family.

As the first Asian American woman elected to the City Council, I helped create hundreds of units of affordable housing, ensured permanent affordability for residents at 505 LaGuardia, and negotiated an additional 40 years of affordability at Lands End I and II. I expanded paid sick leave and increased fines for tenant harassment. As chair of the Aging Committee, I expanded the NYC Rent Freeze Program and this year, I successfully fought for a \$23 million increase in baselined senior funding, the largest single-year increase in over a decade.

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Democratic

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TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Community-based land use policy
- 2 Participatory budgeting and transparency
- 3 Waterfront resiliency

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: Consultant at Conbody, Researcher at immigration law firm, retirement fund analyst

Education: Long Island University Global College

Organizational Affiliations: Endorsed by Downtown Independent Democrats, Village Independent Democrats, Village Reform Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Researcher at Brooklyn DA's office, prior candidate for State Committee

I am running for City Council District 1 because it is where I was born and raised. Growing up in the Lower East Side, I was given many opportunities by my community. I attended public schools and afterschool programs, and my family lived in a rent-stabilized apartment. Now these opportunities are diminishing. Luxury towers are built across the District at an alarming rate, often without full union labor, and without truly affordable units offered to the residents who made this community. There has not been a Town Hall meeting in 7 years, depriving residents of a platform to express their concerns. I have accepted no special interest money, and I work to engage the politically disenfranchised each day of this campaign. I will stand as a proactive advocate for those facing displacement, and for the preservation of the historical landmarks and immigrant communities that built Lower Manhattan.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 01

Aaron Foldenauer

Liberal

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Preserve Our Historic, Affordable Neighborhoods
- 2 Prevent Displacement of Small Businesses
- 3 Protect the Environment



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education: J.D., University of Virginia School of Law; B.A., Economics, Hampden-Sydney College

Organizational Affiliations: Diversity Committee, Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Litigation Committee, New York City Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Pro Bono Litigation and Advice

I am a successful litigator and practiced at some of the leading law firms in New York City for over a decade. For years, I have advocated for the most vulnerable among us and have conducted significant pro bono legal work in the community and for a number of low-income artists.

Protecting the environment at the local level is a key priority. I will plant hundreds of additional trees, convert vacant lots into urban farms, and install compost bins in restaurants, office towers, and residential buildings to reduce the mountains of food waste sent to landfills from New York City.

As your next City Council member, I will restrict over-development and protect our parks and neighborhoods. Furthermore, I will protect our small businesses from being displaced and prevent the suburbanization of our historic neighborhoods caused by the proliferation of chain retail outlets.

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Also running in City Council District 1:*

Bryan Jung

Republican

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Carlina Rivera

Democratic, Working Families

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable housing for all incomes
- 2 Support to age in place
- 3 Better-funded, diverse schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Full-time campaign

Previous Occupation: Legislative Director for Councilwoman Rosie Mendez, Director of Programs and Services at Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES), Program and Administrative Assistant at Lawyers Alliance for New York, Academic Manager at Kaplan K12 Learning Services

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Marist College, 2006

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 3 Manhattan member, Bellevue Hospital Community Advisory Board, Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 74th Assembly District, Part A, Community Board 3 Manhattan member

Fighting for our community my entire life, I provided direct service at local non-profit Good Old Lower East Side and pushed for progressive laws as Legislative Director for Councilmember Rosie Mendez. The Working Families Party, hundreds of community leaders, and progressive elected officials are standing with me because I have delivered real results in my career in public service. On my Community Board, at GOLES and in City Hall, I have helped seniors, veterans, children, families and victims of Hurricane Sandy access the services they needed. I will advocate for our neighborhoods and defend us against special interests and the Trump agenda. I look forward to working with you.

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Jimmy McMillan

Republican, Rent 2 High

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Prohibitive and inflated housing cost
- 2 Discrimination in City housing
- 3 Gentrification



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Veteran

Previous Occupation: United States Vietnam Veteran

Education: High School

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of "The Rent is too damn High Party"

Prior Public Experience: Candidate for City Council District 2.

The housing situation in New York City is nightmarish for all residents; Whites, Blacks, Latino, people of color and those of diverse gender orientation. The cost of housing is prohibitive and is inflated by high level bureaucracy. I will fight for fair wages for minority workers so that they can afford to stay in the District they are living in today and be able to enjoy the home they are raising their families in, they must be encouraged and nurtured so they can give their best. I will fight for affordable housing for the residence of District 2. We must be visionaries in New York City Council and stand for our seniors, our youth and those with mental illness. We should take care of those in need. We must train our youth in the skills of workers required by our entrepreneurs and push for apprentice programs for College graduates. Everyone must be engaged in the business of city building and be made to be a part of our progress. I would fight to stop the wanton discrimination in New York City housing against white, black, Latino, and LGBT.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Jasmin Sanchez

Liberal

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Low Income Housing
- 2 Education
- 3 Mental Health



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Program Director

Previous Occupation: Program Director

Education: Stony Brook University

Organizational Affiliations: Girls Scouts, NAACP, LASO, Susan G. Komen

Prior Public Experience: Community Liaison for NYS Senator Daniel Squadron and Paraprofessional

“We the People.” Not: Partisanship, Corporations, Special interests.

For too long constituents have felt abandoned by their elected officials & our District has seen the same leadership for 20 years. In 2017, we must say never again.

District 2 is home to the world’s most innovative & hard-working people, yet we’re crushed by murder in the streets, substandard schools, dilapidated housing, mom & pop shops disappearing, displacement; lack of open spaces & lack of safety in our community. District 2 can change. That’s the genius of our District.

I have ideas. I will put them into action. I will: Implement Participatory Budgeting; Commit funds to provide new or reclaimed low & moderate income housing & fight the zoning laws that jeopardize them; Explore the Low Income Housing Tax Credit; Restore school budgets; Commit to community & mental health centers; Improve our ability to respond to public health emergencies; Support reentry programs & Support the SBJSA.

New Leadership Delivering Results for Our District: Commitment. Leadership. Educate. Empower. Action. Responsibility.

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Don Garrity

Libertarian

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Empower small businesses
- 2 Reduce job-stifling regulations
- 3 Reduce onerous licensing requirements



Party Enrolled In: Libertarian

Current Occupation: Nutritionist, Registered Dietitian

Previous Occupation: Actor

Education: BA, English, Kean University; Registered Dietitian Certification, Hunter College

Organizational Affiliations: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, SAG-AFTRA

Prior Public Experience: None

I think our local government is too big, tries to do far too much, and when it does do something worthwhile, it does so inefficiently.

Let’s ease the regulatory burden on small businesses so that instead of shelling out money for fees and fines to the city, they can direct that money to provide better products and services to consumers.

Let’s also fix a warped tax code system whereby commercial landlords can double or triple a tenant’s rent and then leave the space empty for months or years, harming our neighborhoods by creating a visual landscape of economic uncertainty.

One of the best things I love about NYC is its diversity. But if 48 out of 51 councilmembers are Democrats espousing big government initiatives like more taxing, spending, licensing and regulating, how can that fit into this wonderfully diverse human narrative that is New York? I will inject a new vision with a less-is-more approach to government so that individuals can pursue their professional and personal dreams without continual government meddling.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 02

Also running in City Council District 2:*

Manuel S. Cavaco

Green

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 03

Corey Johnson

Democratic, Working Families



TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Affordable housing
- 2 Protecting vulnerable communities in NYC
- 3 Transportation and quality of life

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Community Activist, Sydell Group, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation [GLAAD]

Education: Masconomet High School

Organizational Affiliations: -

Prior Public Experience: Council Member since 2014, Chair of Community Board 4

I am running for reelection as your Council Member for District 3, and I am asking for your vote.

I'm really proud of what my team and I have been able to accomplish. We've been able to win new public open spaces for the community, new affordable housing, park and playground upgrades, transportation and pedestrian improvements and resources for our seniors and our children.

Down at City Hall, I'm proud to have passed more legislation than nearly any other member of the City Council.

I know our community is going through a difficult time. We have rents spiraling up and up. Our neighborhoods have been transformed in recent years and we're struggling desperately to retain their character and spirit. Our neighborhood small businesses and affordable supermarkets are closing at an alarming rate.

And that is why I am so motivated to seek another term to represent you. It has been the honor of my life to work and fight for our neighborhoods, and I'm asking for your support so I can do it for another four years.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 03

Marni Halasa

Eco Justice

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Gentrification/Affordable Housing
- 2 Universal Basic Income
- 3 Election Integrity/Voter Suppression



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Professional Figure Skater & Skating Coach

Previous Occupation: Legal and Financial Journalist

Education: M.S. Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, J.D. University of Pittsburgh School of Law, B.S. Carnegie Mellon University

Organizational Affiliations: United States Figure Skating Association, Professional Skaters Association, Alternative Banking Group

Prior Public Experience: Revolution Is Sexy Protest Consulting, Collective Organization of Independent Contractors, NYC Parade Personality

I am running because ordinary citizens should run for office. As a resident of Clinton/Chelsea, the fight against our community's gentrification that displaces local residents and businesses, and destroys the character of our neighborhood must be won. I advocate for more affordable housing and less tax breaks to profit-focused developers. I also support a Universal Basic Income of \$2,500 a month to help eradicate poverty and homelessness, as well as to rejuvenate the fading middle-class. Additionally, we need a system of election integrity and protect the right to vote. The 126,000 New Yorkers that were knocked off the voter rolls in the last primary election shows we need a genuinely transparent process that safeguards citizens' voices and makes a true democracy possible.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Keith Powers

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Fighting for Affordable Housing
- 2 Supporting Quality Public Education
- 3 Strengthening Public Transportation



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate

Previous Occupation: State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, and Constantinople & Vallone

Education: CUNY Graduate Center, University of Dayton

Organizational Affiliations: Stuyvesant Town & Peter Cooper Village Tenants Association, Community Board 6, League of Conservation Voters, and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, and Community Board 6

Keith Powers is a third-generation resident of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, where he grew up in a rent stabilized apartment. He is the son of a registered nurse and a small business owner.

As a native New Yorker, Keith has spent his life thinking about ways in which we can build a better, brighter future for our city. He hopes to bring new ideas to the City Council like innovative mixed-income housing programs, new strategies to protect small businesses, improving diversity in the public school system, and supporting eco-friendly transportation.

Keith has worked for State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Jonathan Bing, and Constantinople & Vallone, where he advocated on behalf of organizations like the LGBT

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 04

Rebecca Harary

Republican, Reform,
Stop de Blasio

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Quality of life
- 2 Homelessness
- 3 Small Business Closures



Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Activist, Mom, Problem Solver

Previous Occupation: Executive Director

Education: M.S. Nonprofit & Business Mgmt., Columbia U

Organizational Affiliations: Imagine Academy, Metropolitan Republican Club, Propel Network, AIPAC

Prior Public Experience: Worked w/elected officials for numerous nonprofits

Married 34 years. Mother of 6. Activist. I solve problems. I am concerned about quality of life & safety for all NYers. We must find more resources for our 1st responders. I owned a small business, creating dozens of jobs. I also founded 4 nonprofits for: kids w/autism, students w/learning challenges, a community center, & opportunities for women entering the workforce. A focused approach to education & community is the key to success. Catch someone a fish, you've fed him a meal. Teach someone to fish, you've fed him for life. The deterioration of our quality of life, education system, homelessness, and the closings of small businesses are unacceptable. Politicians are buying votes in exchange for the equivalent of handing voters a rotten fish. NYers deserve better. It's not about which party a voter belongs to. It's about common sense, competence, & confidence. It's about the courage to act & not accept the status quo. Ultimately, it's about creating an engine for change so we can improve our lives. Let's do this, together.

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Liberal

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Small Business Displacement
- 2 Affordable Housing and Stable Neighborhoods
- 3 Utilization of Parks and Waterways



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Marketing Agency Owner

Previous Occupation: Art Administrator, Sotheby's; Director, Special Projects, New York State Council on the Arts

Education: BA, Smith College Art History & Ethics

Organizational Affiliations: Friends of the UES Historic Districts; East River 50s Alliance; Turtle Bay Association; Central Park Conservancy; Advisory Board, MA in Communications, Baruch/CUNY; Board Member Emeritus, Advertising Women of NY

Prior Public Experience: Director, Special Projects, New York State Council on the Arts

City Hall doesn't need more lobbyists and more of the same. We need real people and real solutions. As your Council advocate, I will work tirelessly to ensure that we stop the rapid loss of our small businesses, that we swiftly address the rising homeless numbers, and that we rapidly abate the lead in the water of our public schools. I will champion quality of life initiatives such as the East Side Waterway and continued support of the Arts and will fight for transportation improvements citywide. I will be a fiercely independent voice on the City Council challenging my colleagues and the Mayor each day to bring transparency to City Hall. With your support, I look forward to bringing forth both my public and private sector experience to benefit District 4.

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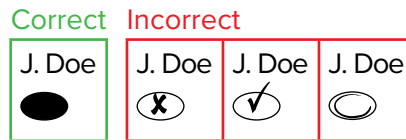
HOW TO VOTE

1 GET YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Sign in at the correct table for your Assembly District/Election District (these numbers are printed on the cover of your Voter Guide).

2 MARK BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.
- ◆ For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate's name.



- ◆ Do NOT fold your ballot.
- ◆ Do NOT sign or write your name.
- ◆ Do NOT use an “x” or a “√”, circle the oval, or make stray marks.

If you need assistance filling in your choices, ask a poll worker about using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD).

3 SCAN YOUR BALLOT

- ◆ Take your marked ballot to the scanner area.
- ◆ Select your language of choice by touching the corresponding button on the screen.
- ◆ Insert your marked ballot into the scanner to cast your vote. The scanner accepts ballots in any direction and reads both sides. The scanner will notify you when your vote has been cast.

BALLOT PROPOSALS

On November 7th, New Yorkers will vote on three statewide ballot proposals. These votes give you a chance to have a direct say on important issues that can make a difference for you and your neighbors. Below, you can find the text of each question as it will appear on your ballot; a summary of the issues prepared by the CFB; and reasons to vote yes or no, which are based on public commentary and may not necessarily reflect all the reasons to support or oppose each proposal.

To read statements from organizations and individuals who support or oppose these proposals, visit the online Voter Guide at nyccfb.info/voterguide.

PROPOSAL 1

CALLING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?

CFB SUMMARY

Every 20 years, voters are given the opportunity to decide whether a convention should be held to revise or even entirely replace the New York State constitution.

If a majority of New Yorkers votes NO, there will be no convention.

If a majority votes YES, voters will elect delegates to a constitutional convention in November 2018.

The 204 delegates—three from each state senate district and 15 at-large statewide delegates—will assemble in April 2019 to review the state constitution and suggest amendments. Delegates can recommend changes to any part of the constitution, or even rewrite the entire constitution. They will vote on the proposed amendments. Amendments that are approved by a majority of delegates will be placed on the ballot for voters to decide after the convention adjourns.

Amendments approved by voters statewide will take effect on January 1st of the following year. Amendments that are not approved by New York voters will not be enacted.

REASONS TO VOTE “YES”

- ◆ We need a constitutional convention because the state legislature has failed to act on the issues we care about. Our state constitution is badly out of date, and needs to be simplified and modernized for the 21st century.
- ◆ It's too difficult to change the constitution through legislation; it requires that a constitutional amendment be passed by two consecutive legislatures before the public can vote to adopt it. A convention is our best chance to enact the changes we need.
- ◆ The potential benefits outweigh the costs and the risks. Every amendment the convention proposes must be approved by a majority of voters before it takes effect, so unpopular ideas are unlikely to be enacted.
- ◆ We need a convention to amend the constitution to enact strong ethics reforms that will put an end to corruption in Albany and achieve a more open state government.
- ◆ Our election system is broken and outdated. Important solutions like no-excuse absentee voting, same-day registration, and other election reforms require changes to the state constitution.
- ◆ We must make changes to the constitution in order to reorganize and modernize our outdated court system, which would eliminate case backlogs and save money.
- ◆ All of our children deserve a great education, and we need the constitution to guarantee that public schools across the state are funded equitably.
- ◆ The constitution should reflect our priorities, such as protections for our environment and civil rights. We need an environmental bill of rights and stronger civil rights provisions in the constitution.
- ◆ The growing burdens of our public pension system are too high. We need flexibility to ensure the state can continue to meet its obligations to retirees, but the constitution makes changes to the pension system extremely difficult.

REASONS TO VOTE “NO”

- ◆ A convention is unnecessary, because there is a process for the legislature to amend the constitution. In fact, while voters have approved over 200 amendments to the state constitution in the last 100 years, only six of them came from a constitutional convention; the rest were put before the voters by the state legislature. If legislators do not respond to our concerns, we should elect new legislators who will.
- ◆ A convention would be expensive, and it will be dominated by political insiders. Legislators can run to be delegates, and if elected they will be paid double. Delegates can hire staff, which will create patronage jobs for the well-connected.
- ◆ A convention will benefit special interests, not the public, because the delegate selection process is flawed. Candidates for delegate must collect a large number of petition signatures and raise funds to finance their campaigns. Lobbyists for special interests will target delegates at the convention to try to get good deals for their clients.
- ◆ Even though the proposed amendments have to be approved by the voters, we shouldn't risk losing some of the important protections in our constitution.
- ◆ The constitution keeps our state forest preserves “forever wild.” If those protections are weakened, developers and energy companies could be allowed to build on lands reserved for forest and wildlife conservation.
- ◆ Our constitution's commitment to a free public education for all our children and its promise to care for the needy could be subject to attack.
- ◆ The constitution's protection of pensions for public workers could be threatened, and its protections for all workers, including benefits for injured workers and the right to organize and bargain collectively.

PROPOSAL 2

ALLOWING THE COMPLETE OR PARTIAL FORFEITURE OF A PUBLIC OFFICER'S PENSION IF HE OR SHE IS CONVICTED OF A CERTAIN TYPE OF FELONY

The proposed amendment to section 7 of Article 2 of the State Constitution would allow a court to reduce or revoke the pension of a public officer who is convicted of a felony that has a direct and actual relationship to the performance of the public officer's existing duties. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

CFB SUMMARY

Currently, the New York State Constitution protects the pensions of public officers even when they have been convicted of serious crimes. This constitutional amendment would allow a court to reduce or revoke a public officer's pension after he or she has been convicted of a felony directly relating to the performance of his or her job. The court would hold a hearing to consider the seriousness of the crime and determine whether the loss of the pension would result in significant hardship for the public officer's dependents.

If a majority of New Yorkers votes YES, the legislature will write the law to put this proposal into effect, and it would apply only to crimes committed on or after January 1, 2018.

The "public officers" covered under this amendment are:

- ◆ Elected officials within the state;
- ◆ Officials appointed by the governor;
- ◆ Managers and chief financial officers of counties, cities, towns, and villages;
- ◆ Heads of state and local government departments, divisions, boards, commissions, bureaus, public benefit corporations, and public authorities;
- ◆ Judges and justices of the state court system; and
- ◆ State employees who are designated by law as policy-makers.

REASONS TO VOTE "YES"

- ◆ A public official who has committed a felony in connection with his or her job has violated the public trust, and does not deserve a taxpayer-funded pension.
- ◆ Officials are less likely to commit crimes if they know they run the risk of losing their pensions.

REASONS TO VOTE "NO"

- ◆ Convicted officials already face punishment for their crimes under the law, and they shouldn't be punished a second time by having their pension revoked or reduced.
- ◆ This amendment does not go far enough. It should apply to all state and local public employees, not just high-level elected or appointed officials. Any public servant convicted of a serious work-related crime should lose his or her pension.

PROPOSAL 3

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FOREST PRESERVE LAND FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES

The proposed amendment will create a land account with up to 250 acres of forest preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using forest preserve land to address specific public health and safety concerns; as a substitute for the land removed from the forest preserve, another 250 acres of land, will be added to the forest preserve, subject to legislative approval. The proposed amendment will also allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specified highways that cross the forest preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

CFB SUMMARY

The “forever wild” provision in the New York State Constitution protects the Adirondack and Catskill parks by banning any new development unless it is specifically approved by state voters through a constitutional amendment.

The proposed amendment would create two exceptions. First, it would create a land bank of up to 250 acres of forest preserve land. A town, village, or county could make a financial contribution to a forest preserve expansion account and apply to the Department of Environmental Conservation to use forest preserve land, if it has no viable alternative, for the following health and safety purposes:

- ◆ To address bridge hazards or eliminate dangerous curves or grades on specified highways.
- ◆ To relocate, reconstruct, or maintain highways (with relocation limited to one mile of road).
- ◆ For water wells within 530 feet of a specified highway, to meet drinking quality standards.

Second, it would allow bicycle paths and public utility lines to be located within the widths of specified highways that cross forest preserve lands, and the addition of stabilization devices (such as guy wires) for existing utility poles if no other viable option exists. The amendment requires that such work minimize the removal of trees and vegetation, and it prohibits the construction of any new intrastate gas or oil pipeline that was not approved at the state and local level prior to June 1, 2016.

The state will acquire 250 acres to add to the forest preserve to replace the land placed in the health and safety account, subject to approval by the Legislature.

REASONS TO VOTE “YES”

- ◆ Communities in the parks need the ability to repair their decaying infrastructure and access new services like broadband internet.
- ◆ Any loss of preserved lands will be offset by the land bank’s purchase of new lands to add to the forest preserve.
- ◆ The amendment allows use of the land bank for a narrow set of specifically designated purposes, thereby safeguarding against abuse of the process. The size of the land bank, which will be a maximum of 250 acres, will protect against over-development.
- ◆ The flexibility created by the amendment would allow local governments to respond to crises such as the loss of a potable water source more quickly than through the current amendment process.

REASONS TO VOTE “NO”

- ◆ The current process requiring a constitutional amendment to develop “forever wild” lands ensures that voters can control the process and assess the costs and benefits of each specific development project.

THE DEBATE PROGRAM

The CFB partners with media, educational, and civic organizations to sponsor the Debate Program, which allows New Yorkers to hear directly from the candidates for mayor, public advocate, and comptroller, and compare them side-by-side as they discuss issues. Two debates are held before each primary and general election, and an additional debate is held in case of a runoff election. All candidates for citywide office who are participating in the Campaign Finance Program, are on the ballot, and meet a minimum financial threshold are required to take part in at least one debate. Candidates who are not participating in the matching funds program may also be invited to join the debate, provided they meet the same nonpartisan criteria.

GENERAL ELECTION DEBATE SCHEDULE*

<p>MAYOR Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio: WNYC Sponsors: NY1 Sponsor Group</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE Monday, Oct. 16, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC Sponsors: NY1 Sponsor Group</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 PM TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC Sponsors: NY1 Sponsor Group</p>
<p>MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:00 PM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880 Sponsors: CBS Sponsor Group</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE LEADING CONTENDERS Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:00 AM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880 Sponsors: CBS Sponsor Group</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER LEADING CONTENDERS Sunday, Oct. 22, 8:00 AM TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880 Sponsors: CBS Sponsor Group</p>

* This schedule is subject to change, as debates will only be held if two or more participating candidates meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit nycfb.info/debates2017 for the most up-to-date information.



THE VIDEO VOTER GUIDE

Candidates running for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member are encouraged to prepare a taped video statement to be included in the online Guide and aired on TV. The Video Voter Guide will air on NYC.gov at 7:00 pm every night, October 29th through November 6th, and at 4:00 pm November 7th. Each broadcast will begin with candidates for citywide office, followed by the candidates for borough president and City Council, with a different borough leading off each night. You may also watch each candidates' video statement online at nycfb.info/voterguide.

Oct. 29 & Nov. 3

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 STATEN ISLAND
 BRONX
 BROOKLYN
 QUEENS

Oct. 30 & Nov. 4

BRONX
 BROOKLYN
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 STATEN ISLAND

Oct. 31 & Nov. 5

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 BROOKLYN

Nov. 1 & Nov. 6

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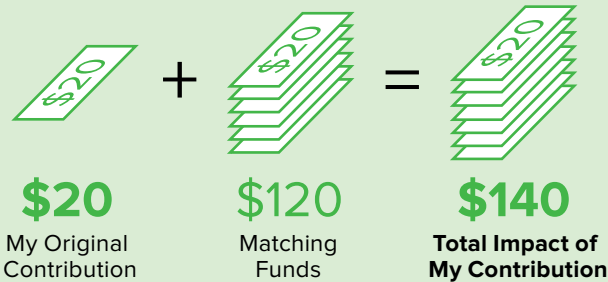
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

NYC's Campaign Finance Program is one of the strongest in the nation. Candidates who qualify and abide by spending limits may receive public funds, matched at a rate of \$6-to-\$1 on the first \$175 of a contribution. This means that when NYC residents donate to local candidates participating in the Program, they can receive \$6 from the city for each dollar contributed.

\$20



I donate **\$20**

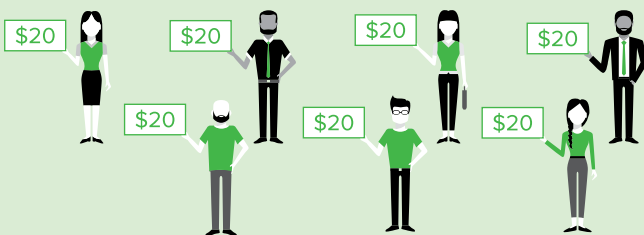


Candidates must collect small-dollar donations from their constituents to qualify for public funds. As a result, candidates in the Program spend more of their time campaigning in their communities, listening to the concerns of average New Yorkers, instead of working for wealthy donors or special interests. Matching funds also help New Yorkers from all backgrounds run for city office, giving us more choices at the polls and ensuring that the diversity that makes our city strong is reflected in our government.

Visit nycfb.info/program to learn more.



**Candidate A,
a Program participant**



\$140 + **\$840** = **\$980**
in matching funds in total



**Candidate B,
a non-participant**



\$140

In addition to receiving matching funds through the program, Candidate A is able to interact with more people in the community, as the program encourages candidates to seek small-dollar donations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING



I DON'T KNOW IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE— HOW CAN I FIND OUT?

Go to **voting.nyc** to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (TTY 212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired) for assistance.

COULD MY REGISTRATION HAVE EXPIRED?

Your registration has no expiration date. However, if you did not vote in the last two federal elections, or you moved without updating your address with the BOE, your registration may be considered “inactive” and your name may not appear in the voter roll at your poll site. You can still vote by affidavit ballot.

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

If you received this Guide in the mail, your poll site location is printed on the cover. You can also check online at **voting.nyc** or call 866-VOTE-NYC.

Remember to confirm your poll site on Election Day.

DO I NEED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?

In most cases, you do not need identification to vote. However, if you are newly registered or recently moved and are voting for the first time at your poll site, you may need to show identification to vote in this election.

WHAT IF I MOVED WITHIN NEW YORK CITY SINCE THE LAST TIME I VOTED?

When you move, New York State law requires you to 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 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 MY NAME IS NOT IN THE VOTER BOOK?

Make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, you can find your district numbers on the cover. You can also find them on the mailer that the BOE sends to all registered voters before each election. Poll workers can look up your name and address and determine which district you live in as well.

You can also check to make sure that you are registered by going to **voting.nyc**.

If you're unable to find your assembly and election district numbers but believe that you are still eligible to vote, ask a poll worker for an affidavit ballot and follow the instructions.

WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?

An affidavit ballot is a paper ballot you can request if you're not listed in the voter book but believe you are eligible to vote and are at the correct polling site (for example, if you moved without updating your address or your address change wasn't processed in time for you to appear in the voter book). Follow the instructions to fill out this ballot and the envelope, and give it to a poll worker when you are done. After the election, the Board of Elections will check its records— if you were eligible to vote, were at the correct poll site, and filled out the ballot and envelope correctly, your vote will be counted. If not, you will receive a notice that your vote did not count.

Your affidavit envelope serves as a registration form for future elections if you were not eligible to vote and you filled it out correctly.

WHAT IF A POLL WATCHER CHALLENGES MY RIGHT TO VOTE?

If a poll watcher challenges your right to vote, e.g., states that you are not the person you claim to be or that you don't live in the district, you can ask a poll worker to administer an oath to you to affirm your qualifications to vote. You will swear under penalty of perjury that you are eligible and qualified to vote, after which you will be permitted to vote on a regular (not affidavit) ballot.

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 due to absence from the county or New York City on Election Day; temporary or permanent illness or physical disability; hospitalization; duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or disabled; or detention in a veterans administration hospital, jail, or prison, awaiting trial or action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense that was not a felony.

By mail: Call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it from the BOE's website, vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office by the deadline. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it by the deadline to your BOE borough office (see "Election Dates and Deadlines" on page 3).

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 Monday–Friday and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 9:00 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 Election Day.

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

If you have been convicted of a felony, you can register and vote after you complete your sentence and/or parole.

CAN I VOTE IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR?

You can register and vote, even from jail, if you have been convicted of only a misdemeanor. The same rules apply whether you were convicted in a New York court, another state's court, or a federal court. You do not need to provide any documentation.

I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS, CAN I VOTE?

Yes, homeless people can register and vote in New York City.



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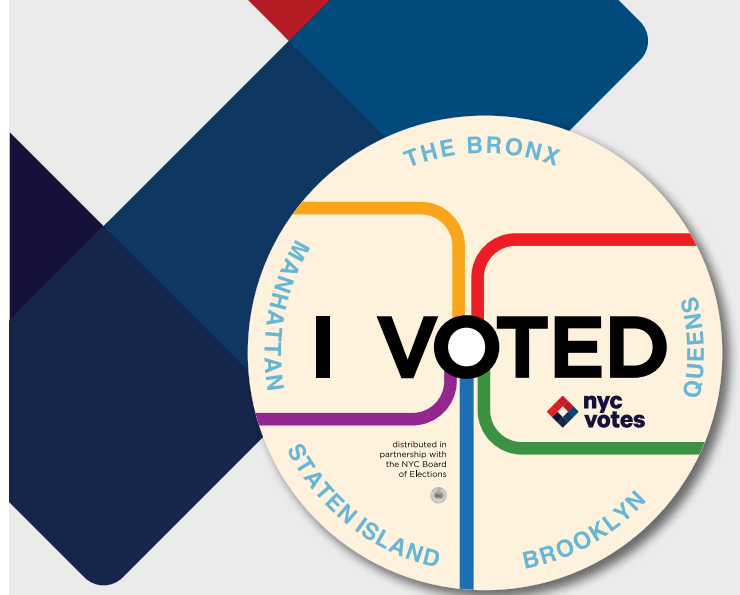
Voting is how you can make a difference on the issues that matter to you. Share your NYC voting experience at a VAAC meeting and help us reform our election laws so that all New Yorkers can get registered and cast a ballot that counts. Meetings are open to the public and livestreamed. To view past meetings, visit nycffb.info/live.

For a list of upcoming meetings, please visit nycffb.info/about/calendar.

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visit vote.nyc.ny.us

OR



call the voter hotline at 866-VOTE-NYC (TTY 212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired)

OR



visit your BOE office

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32-42 Broadway
7th Floor
New York, NY 10004
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BRONX

1780 Grand Concourse
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Bronx, NY 10457
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345 Adams Street
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Brooklyn, NY 11201
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118-35 Queens Blvd.
Forest Hills, NY 11375
(718) 730-6730

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