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New York City is one of the greatest and most diverse cities in the country. It leads the nation on issues that matter. That's why it's especially important that you make informed choices about who represents you in city government. While you can't always control what happens nationally, you do have a say about what happens in our city. Your vote has an impact on everything from the quality of city schools to the cost of living and helps create a city that works for everyone.

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 primary election this fall. The Guide provides profiles of candidates seeking your nominations for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council, as well as general info about voting.

Cast your vote to make a difference!

GO GREEN!

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

You have the right to vote in the September 12, 2017 primary election if:

- ◆ You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary (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 September 12th (NYC poll sites open at 6 am).

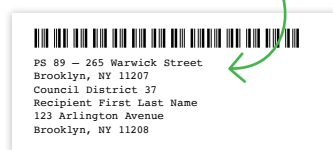
In any election, you have a right to:

- ◆ 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 voting for the first time at your polling place. Otherwise, you do not need to show identification.

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Check the cover of this Voter Guide

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

OR



Call the Board of Elections at 866-VOTE-NYC

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ELECTION AT A GLANCE

MAYOR pg 6

The mayor is the leader of city government.



Sal Albanese



Richard S. Bashner



Bill de Blasio



Bob Gangi



Mike Tolkin



Rocky De La Fuente



Nicole Malliotakis

Also running:*
Bill Murawski
Walter N. Iwachiw

PUBLIC ADVOCATE pg 10

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



David C. Eisenbach



Letitia James

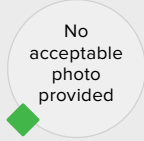
COMPTROLLER

The comptroller is the city's chief financial officer.

There is no primary election for Comptroller.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT pg 12

As the chief executives of their boroughs, the borough presidents make sure that community needs are met.



Everly Brown



Melinda Katz

CITY COUNCIL pg 14

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.



Paul D. Graziano
City Council District 19



Paul A. Vallone
City Council District 19



Peter A. Koo
City Council District 20



Cristina M. Furlong
City Council District 21



Hiram Monserrate
City Council District 21



Erycka Montoya
City Council District 21



Francisco Moya
City Council District 21



Costa Constantinides
City Council District 22

There are no primary elections for City Council member in districts 25, 26, 29, and 31.



Barry S. Grodenchik
City Council District 23



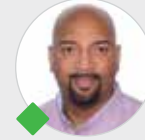
Rory I. Lancman
City Council District 24



Mohammad T. Rahman
City Council District 24



I. Daneek Miller
City Council District 27



Anthony Rivers
City Council District 27



Adrienne Adams
City Council District 28



Richard David
City Council District 28



Hettie V. Powell
City Council District 28



Elizabeth Crowley
City Council District 30



Robert F. Holden
City Council District 30



William Ruiz
City Council District 32



Michael G. Scala
City Council District 32



Helal A. Sheikh
City Council District 32



Antonio Reynoso
City Council District 34



Tommy Torres
City Council District 34

Also running:*
Alison Tan ◆
City Council District 20
Kenneth N. Wynder ◆
City Council District 22
Benny A. Itleera
City Council District 23

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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.

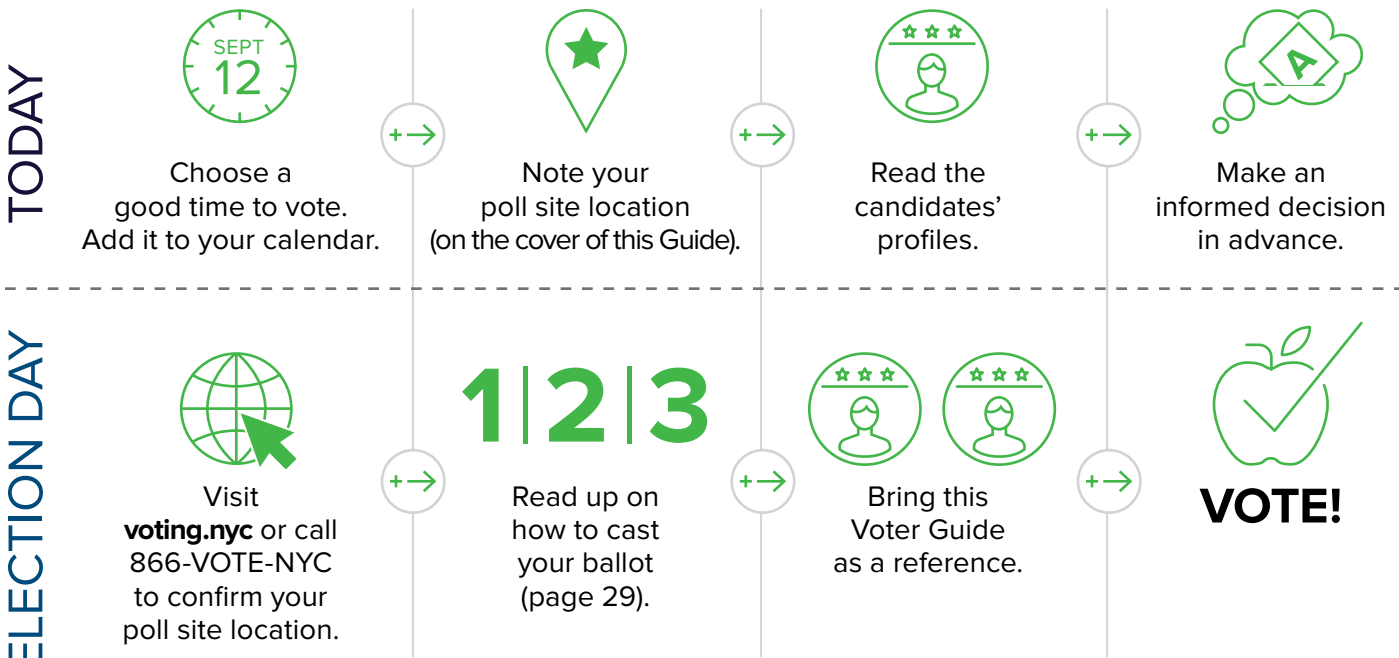
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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.

MAKE A VOTING PLAN



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This Guide lists all the candidates who were expected to be on the ballot at the time of publication. Some candidates may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press. Check the online Guide at nycffb.info/voterguide for the most up-to-date information, as well as taped candidate video statements.

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ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

- SEPT
05

 - ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot application

- SEPT
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 - ◆ Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person
 - ◆ Last date to postmark absentee ballot (must be received by city BOE by Sept. 18)

- SEPT
12

 - ◆ Primary election
 - ◆ Last day to deliver an absentee ballot in person

- OCT
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 - ◆ 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 in person

- NOV
07

 - ◆ General election

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COME TO A VAAC MEETING

The CFB's **Voter Assistance Advisory Committee (VAAC)** holds public meetings throughout the year to solicit testimony from elected officials, good government groups, and New Yorkers about how to improve voting in our city.

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/.

MAYOR

Sal Albanese

Democratic

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 Ridge, 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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Richard S. Bashner

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Transparent effective leadership
- 2 Protect neighborhoods and improve schools
- 3 Actually implement progressive solutions



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: N/A

Education: JD New York University School of Law; BA in Psychology Harvard College

Organizational Affiliations: Brooklyn Community Board 6; 78th Precinct Youth Council Recreational Basketball Coach

Prior Public Experience: Chair Brooklyn Community Board 6 (4 yrs); CB6 Executive Committee (15 yrs); CB6 Chair of Community Development Committee

I’m running for mayor because I’ve lost faith in our leaders.

Now, more than ever, New York needs transparent government which represents all New Yorkers.

We need government that focuses on our communities, rather than serving real estate developers, campaign contributors, and lobbyists.

We must protect our public assets, our historic districts, light and air, landmarks, libraries and tenants from destabilizing real estate projects.

We must embrace technology to make city services more accessible, accountable and efficient.

I’m running for mayor to protect all New Yorkers from the destructive policies of Donald Trump.

Everyone should have the security of a safe place to live, access to necessary services, quality education, and the ability to live as themselves.

A vote for Richard Bashner is a vote for real progressive democratic leadership for New York.

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MAYOR

Bill de Blasio

Democratic

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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Bob Gangi

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 End abusive and discriminatory policing
- 2 Homes for Homeless New Yorkers
- 3 Small classes in public schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Candidate for Mayor

Previous Occupation: Director of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Education: BA from Columbia University

Organizational Affiliations: Chair of the board of the Police Reform Organizing Project

Prior Public Experience: none

To enact fundamental changes to achieve social, racial, and economic justice for all New Yorkers, including: ending broken windows policing; providing for small classes in all public schools; providing housing in low-income communities that is truly affordable for the people living there; closing Rikers within a year without building new jails, and providing free public transportation fares for low-income New Yorkers; decriminalizing fare evasion, sex work, marijuana possession/use; providing free tuition at CUNY schools for low and middle-income New Yorkers; establishing public works projects aimed at promoting green energy and providing living-wage jobs; increase the number of licenses available for street vendors; end abusive treatment of homeless LGBTQI youth; end abuse against trans women of color by the NYPD; end workplace discrimination against marginalized New Yorkers including disabled people.

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MAYOR

Mike Tolkin

Democratic

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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Rocky De La Fuente

Republican

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Jobs Growth & Upward Mobility
- 2 Housing Access Increase Supply
- 3 Grow Maximize Infrastructure

Party Enrolled In: Republican

Current Occupation: Businessman, Infrastructure Developer

Previous Occupation: Owner/Operator, Automobile Franchises (28), Banks (3)

Education: Physics & Math, Magna Cum Laude, IP UNAM; Business Administration, Accounting; Doctor Honoris Causa, UNESCO; Advanced Studies Le Franc

Organizational Affiliations: Chairman Mexican American Foundation; Delegate at Large New York 1992

Prior Public Experience: Presidential Candidate 2016; Otay Mesa Dev. Council

As an American who is a proud son of immigrants, I am living proof that the American dream can be achieved. I want everyone that works hard to have the opportunity to share in that same dream.

I am convinced that New Yorkers will lead the world again. Street smarts, logic, and common sense will drive this vital transformation.

I will assemble a team of the best and the brightest NYC has to offer, and together we will pave a path to new and better-paying jobs and address our transportation challenges by building new tunnels, cutting-edge subways and above-ground transit. We will develop affordable housing, assist our homeless, resolve our health-related challenges including sanitation and waste management, expand school choice and work to create a drug-free environment for our children.

Help me UNITED New York. LET'S SAVE NEW YORK TOGETHER.

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MAYOR

Nicole Malliotakis

Republican

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 Causus 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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Also running for Mayor:*

Bill Murawski

Democratic

Walter N. Iwachiw

Republican

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE

David C. Eisenbach

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Save Small Business
- 2 Stop Big Real Estate Giveaways
- 3 Pay-to-Play Corruption



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: History Professor

Previous Occupation: Special Ed. Teacher

Education: Columbia University BA, MA, MPhil, PhD

Organizational Affiliations: Small Business Congress, NYers for a Human-scale City

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I'm a history professor running for office because the city I love is vanishing and given another 4 yrs of the same leadership - it will be gone.

We all know there's a small business crisis. 4 yrs ago when de Blasio and James ran for office they both supported the Small Business and Jobs Survival Act, a bill to protect small businesses from predatory landlords. But after the election, they abandoned the bill. Why the flip flop?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I'll call for a public hearing on SBJSA and make sure it gets a vote.

Under the guise of "affordable housing" de Blasio allowed developers to build massive luxury towers that destroy neighborhoods and overwhelm infrastructure, including schools. He's given away playgrounds, greenspaces, hospitals and libraries. Meanwhile, developers laugh all the way to the bank. Why?...PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION. I promise to appoint a City Planning Commissioner who is NOT a REBNY puppet. We'll work together to bring transparency to the CPC.

The P.A. is supposed to be a check on Mayor- regardless of party allegiance. That's what I'll do every day.

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Letitia James

Democratic

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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THERE ARE NO PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR:

COMPTROLLER

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN DISTRICT 25

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN DISTRICT 26

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN DISTRICT 29

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN DISTRICT 31

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Everly Brown

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Stop Foreclosures and Shelters
- 2 Affordable Housing including the homeless
- 3 Local Job Development

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provided

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Businessman...Community Activist

Previous Occupation: Foreclosure Consultant and Investor

Education: Bachelors from St. Francis College

Organizational Affiliations: National Action Network, various civic associations and charities

Prior Public Experience: Community Advocate for over 20 years

I lived in the Borough of Queens for over 40 years. I love Queens and want the best quality of life for our residents. We need safer neighborhoods...gang prevention...better schools...cleaner environment...stop the over saturating of homeless shelters in minority neighborhoods which drive the property down...to stop big developers from taking over NYCHA houses and dis-place residents just to build housing for the wealthy. We need local job development so our residents can survive in the inflated economy.

I will make sure minority businesses will get a fair share of business in Queens. I will be a fair Elected Official...who works for the best interest of all our residents...regardless of their race...religion...color...or creed. We need to stand for RACIAL JUSTICE and SOCIAL EQUALITY.

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Melinda Katz

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Create good-paying jobs
- 2 Protect affordable housing
- 3 High-achieving schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Queens Borough President

Previous Occupation: NYC Council Member (2002-2009); Director of Community Boards, Queens Borough President's Office (1999-2002); NYS Assembly Member (1994-1998); Attorney

Education: M.B.A. J.D., St. John's University School of Law; B.A., University of Mass., Hillcrest High School

Organizational Affiliations: former Board Member, Queens Symphony Orchestra & Queens Jewish Community Council

Prior Public Experience: Council Member and Chair of Land Use Committee; Director of Community Boards, Queens Borough President's Office; New York State Assembly Member

When I became Queens Borough President, it was important to me that the world knew the wonders of Queens. We know that diversity means strength, opportunity, and economic growth. We are the home of entrepreneurs and small businesses. We're smart, with great public schools, and world class colleges, universities and research institutions. We have great arts and culture, beautiful parks and beaches, and restaurants and nightlife. We still have our challenges, and I'm dedicated to fixing them: easing school overcrowding, protecting affordable housing, and making sure our seniors can afford to stay in the communities they've known all their lives.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 19

Paul D. Graziano

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Overdevelopment/
Quality-of-Life
- 2 Education
- 3 Protection of Public Land/Parks



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Urban Planner

Previous Occupation: 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: Land Use Consultant to State Senator Tony Avella/other elected officials

For two decades, northeast Queens has been experiencing a serious problem, increasing to near-crisis levels since 2013: overdevelopment and a resulting loss in our quality-of-life.

Due to corruption/lack of enforcement at the Buildings Department, we have seen rampant overdevelopment of our neighborhoods, resulting in illegal conversions of single-family homes and inappropriate construction. We have also seen a marked deterioration in basic services and infrastructure, all at the expense of our hard-earned tax dollars.

I've dedicated my life to protecting northeast Queens from these kinds of abuses and fought consistently for our neighborhoods, including downzoning most of our Council District a decade ago; stopping the current Councilmember in 2015 from erecting a 6-story, 800-student high school at the former Bayside Jewish Center against the community's wishes; and, on June 6th, halting the theft of 45 acres of public parkland to build a megamall in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

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Paul A. Vallone

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Secure Funding for Schools
- 2 Continue Preserving Quality of Life
- 3 Fight for Seniors and Veterans



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member, 19th District

Previous Occupation: Managing Partner, Vallone & Vallone, LLP.

Education: J.D., St. John's University School of Law, B.A., Fordham University

Organizational Affiliations: Immediate Past Pres. of the Clinton Democratic Club, First Pres. & founding member of the Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club

Prior Public Experience: Council Member of 19th District & NYC Board of Corrections

As Council Member, my primary focus from day one was to put District 19 back on the map, and by working together with our fellow elected officials, schools, sports groups, non-profits and every civic and cultural association, we have done just that. Throughout the first four years of my tenure, District 19 has received almost \$65 million in funding, a number that completely eclipses the previous twelve City budgets combined. Our schools, parks and libraries have been revitalized due to millions of dollars that had never been allocated before. Continuing to fight for funding to modernize and support our schools, passing legislation and working with city agencies to preserve our quality of life, and ensuring that our seniors and veterans receive the best possible services from our city are the cornerstones of my re-election campaign.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 20

Peter A. Koo

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

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



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Councilman

Previous Occupation: Pharmacist

Education: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of the LaGuardia Community College Foundation; President of Flushing Rotary Club; Board Member of the American Cancer Society

Prior Public Experience: Member of Community Board 7

When I first took office, I made it my mission to bring results back home. And I'm proud to say we've made real progress.

I stood up to REBNY, and reformed the City's landmarking process, making it more accountable for all parties involved.

We worked to reopen the 149th street bridge; we repaved Main Street, Roosevelt Ave, College Point Boulevard, and around Kissena Corridor Park.

We're widening the sidewalks on Main Street, to increase pedestrian safety, and we've launched the "Keep Flushing Clean Campaign."

I worked to create affordable housing in our district and hit the streets door-to-door to make sure tenants in rent-stabilized buildings know their rights. I also supported and passed the illegal conversions legislation to protect our families and neighborhoods.

I delivered funding for our schools including the construction of a new wing at P.S. 24, and a new annex for Francis Lewis high school.

Serving our community has always been my first priority, and I'm committed to continuing to bring progress to Flushing.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 21

Cristina M. Furlong

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Housing: Affordability at every level
- 2 Education: Equal opportunities, less crowding
- 3 Safety: Human Rights, Infrastructure, Crime



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Tour Guide, writer and outreach advocate for Make Queens Safer

Previous Occupation: Corporate video producer; Post 9/11 FEMA disaster assistance worker

Education: MA CUNY School of Journalism, BA Hunter College

Organizational Affiliations: Make the Road- Parents in Action Committee, QNS. Bike Initiative NYCGrow to Learn

Prior Public Experience: PTA President and School Leadership Team member

My only focus is the concerns of the people of D21. Not money, fame or party politics. I've done years of unpaid work in service to the district and will not stop.

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Hiram Monserrate

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Creating Affordable Housing
- 2 A New Willets Point Plan
- 3 Ease Overcrowded Schools



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupation: State Senator and City Council Member, NYPD Police Officer, US Marines

Education: Political Science degree from Queens College

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: State Senator and City Council Member

We all know that we are living in difficult times. Difficult times calls for strong leadership. As a former City Councilmember and State Senator I provided leadership that brought in monies for schools, senior centers and to help keep our streets clean and safe. During these times where many things we hold dear are under threat, I will stand for all of us and help move our community forward. Real results are what matter and not empty political promises. I will deliver again and do so with integrity and the wisdom that I have accumulated both in government and on this journey called life. I ask for your vote and opportunity to serve you again.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 21

Erycka Montoya

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Create Quality Affordable Housing
- 2 Support Local Schools
- 3 Women's Rights & Equality



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: N/A

Previous Occupation: Community Engagement Manager, FHL

Education: B.A., Political Science - Drew University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Community Organizer

I am Erycka Montoya. I will put my diverse experience to work and properly represent you in City Council District 21. Growing up in Lefrak, I dreamt big but overcrowded schools almost made me just another number in the long list of New Yorkers who fail to live the American Dream. From cleaning bathrooms, serving fries with a smile at McDonalds to perfecting the denim wall at Old Navy, I went on to become an agent of change. In the New York City Council I became intimately familiar with the different quality of life issues that impact the community. I guided constituents through the CCRB process, navigated Tenants' Rights, and advocated for many individual NYCHA cases as increasing rents became unaffordable. A passionate advocate for youth engagement and community education, I developed a 6-month teen job program specifically for NYCHA residents. I am a mother, the daughter of a single mother who migrated from Colombia and I understand the issues that immigrant and middle class families face on a day to day basis. I believe that we can thrive as a more engaged and informed community, together.

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Francisco Moya

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TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Stronger Tenant Protections and Affordability
- 2 Improving Our Local Schools
- 3 Protecting Seniors and Preventing Cuts



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NY State Assemblymember

Previous Occupation: Government Relation

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: Democratic District Leader; Chair, Congressman Joe Crowley's Latino Affairs Committee

I am a lifelong resident of Corona who began organizing in my community as a teenager, by helping found the Corona Gardens Neighborhood Association—which started a block-watch program and took care of the neighborhood aesthetics. Building on this early activism, I went to work for Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez to deliver for our community, and helped expand healthcare access at Elmhurst Hospital.

I have dedicated my life to honest public service—expanding opportunity in our neighborhoods and standing up for seniors. In the Assembly, I have delivered good-paying jobs, safer streets, increased school funding, and greater protections for immigrants. I am proud of raising the minimum wage and criminal justice reform. I will continue Julissa's legacy of service of reducing homeowner costs, expand Pre-K and after school programs, and give us a voice in City Hall. We have to move forward and stand up to Trump and corruption.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 22

Costa Constantinides

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Protecting our Environment
- 2 Promoting Science Education
- 3 Revitalizing our Parks



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation: Deputy Chief of Staff

Education: Graduated Cum Laude from Cardozo Law School

Organizational Affiliations: Multiple organizational affiliations throughout Astoria and NYC

Prior Public Experience: Incumbent Council Member

During my first term as Council Member, I made it my goal to transition our city away from the dangers and pollution of fossil fuels and towards a renewable and sustainable future. In 2014, the City Council unanimously passed my bill to reduce carbon emissions 80% by 2050. To pursue this, we have passed my bills to increase use of solar power, geothermal energy, biofuels, sustainable heating, and electric vehicles. The Council also passed my resolution calling for climate science to be taught as part of the K-12 curriculum.

As part of our city's annual budget, I have secured funding for STEM labs and science classrooms in public schools. I have also provided funding for an interactive kayak launch at Hallet's Cove, where students will be able to study marine life. I have invested millions of dollars to enhance our parks and playgrounds throughout our district. I fought to bring the ferry back to this neighborhood, providing a much-needed transportation option to Western Astoria.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 23

Barry S. Grodenchik

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Keep our schools great
- 2 Keep our streets safe
- 3 Lower Property Taxes



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Councilmember

Previous Occupation: NY Assembly, Deputy Queens Borough President

Education: B.A., Birmingham University (State University of New York)

Organizational Affiliations: no

Prior Public Experience: Three Decades of Dedicated Public Service

I'm proud to be Eastern Queens' City Councilman and I'm proud of what we've achieved in such a small time. I want to keep working for you. That's why I'm asking for your vote on Tuesday November 7th.

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Democratic

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 24

Rory I. Lancman

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reducing Burden on Middle Class
- 2 Criminal Justice Reform, Public Safety
- 3 Improving Public Schools

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member

Previous Occupation: Assembly Member 2007-2012, Attorney in private practice representing victims of workplace discrimination and harassment, wage theft, and serious injury from defective products

Education: Queens College of the City University of New York (B.A.); Columbia Law School (J.D.)

Organizational Affiliations: See below

Prior Public Experience: Prior to be elected to public office, Rory served on numerous boards, including Community Board 8, the Queens Hospital Center Community Advisory Board (Chair), the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the Brandeis Bar Association, and the Queens Jewish Community Council. Rory also served as a New York City Civil Court Small Claims Arbitrator, a volunteer coach in the Auburndale Soccer League, and as an Infantry Officer in New York's own 42nd Infantry Division.

This community has been my home for over 40 years, and I'm proud to be our Council Member. I've allocated funds to our schools, libraries, parks and senior centers to improve our quality of life and serve our community. We've established universal Pre-K for our kids and added 1,300 cops to keep us safe. And we've reduced fines on our small businesses. With your support, I can continue to fight for our community at City Hall.

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Mohammad T. Rahman

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Immigration rights
- 2 Public Safety
- 3 Senior services

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Retired

Previous Occupation: Case Manager, Supervisor, NYC Department of Social Services

Education: B.S. in Psychology

Organizational Affiliations: NYC Bangladeshi Civil Service Society Inc., Vice-President Darus Salaam Masjid NY inc.

Prior Public Experience: NYC Department of Social Services

For far too long our district has been represented by career politicians who are part of the problem, not part of the solution. It is time that all of the communities of our district get their fair share of city funding and services. Our community only sees its elected officials at election time, when they are asking for our financial support and our votes. Then they disappear until the next election cycle. If elected I will represent all of the people of District 24, not just a select few, and be available to everyone, all of the time.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 27

I. Daneek Miller

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Resources for Southeast Queens Schools
- 2 Transportation Equity for Southeast Queens
- 3 Make housing affordable; end foreclosures



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: City Council Member, 27th District

Previous Occupation: President, Amalgamated Transportation Union 1056; Co-chair, MTA Labor Coalition)

Education: Cornell School of Labor Relations, University Transportation Research Institute National Labor College

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Leader, 33rd A.D. Southern Queens Parks Association United Black Men of Queens Douglass-King, Guy R. Brewer & United for Progress Democratic Clubs

Prior Public Experience: City Council Member; Chair, Committee on Civil Service & Labor; Member, Committees on Contracts, Economic Development, Finance, & Transportation

Councilman Miller's accomplishments and advocacy demonstrates his commitment to working families. He works with principals, teachers, and parents to provide our young scholars the resources they need for a successful future. His advocacy for transportation equity resulted in the MTA adopting his Freedom Ticket proposal for Southeast Queens, which will reduce LIRR fares and provide free bus or subway transfers. Families kept their homes through a first of its kind mortgage buyback program. He increased affordable housing, protected workers, saved thousands of good-paying union jobs, and refuses to vote for property tax increases.

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Anthony Rivers

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Development of community housing units
- 2 Quality education and afterschool programs
- 3 Comprehensive programs for seniors



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Financial Services Rep.

Previous Occupation: NYPD Lieutenant, United States Marine Corp

Education: Attended SUNY Empire State College

Organizational Affiliations: Founder of People for the Neighborhood, St. Albans Civic, and Community 1st

Prior Public Experience: 23 Years of Community experience throughout Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx

The quality of housing in Southeastern Queens is being negatively impacted by the excessive placement of hotel shelters in our community. Shelters are not a solution for homelessness. People need jobs with a living wage and access to housing units they can afford. I believe the closing of senior centers, privatization of our schools, and unaffordable housing is undermining the stability of the neighborhood and the future of all residents. Southeastern Queens residents should have quality public schools, supportive service centers that offer comprehensive programs for seniors, physical and educational enhancing experiences for children and adolescents, as well as locations for community forums and services from all city agencies. A Community is as good as the services it offers its residents. I'm not afraid to fight for our community. I have a different vision for this community. The time to make a stand is now!

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 28

Adrienne Adams

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Housing Equity Over Hotels
- 2 Eradicate Illegal Dumping
- 3 Penalize Illegally Parked Trucks



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Chairperson, Queens Community Board 12

Previous Occupation: Corporate Trainer, Child Development Associate Instructor

Education: B.A. Psychology, Spelman College

Organizational Affiliations: NAACP, National Action Network, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Prior Public Experience: Board of Trustees, Queens Public Library, Education Chair, Community Board 12

District 28 is under served. Our population has increased but resource allocation has not matched the growth. The need for Participatory Budgeting is very prevalent as funding for technology and infrastructure upgrades in schools and senior citizen facilities remain sparse. Policies' to warehouse displaced individuals and families in hotels is a failing practice - there is a lack of impartiality and equity concerning these facilities. SEQ houses the highest homeless population in the Borough and is disproportionately prone to the expansion of shelters. Illegal dumping is yet another issue. A comprehensive enforcement plan working hand in hand with the community is necessary. City agencies must be held accountable for their part in eradicating this blight. Finally, higher fines, summonses and mandatory towing of illegally parked trucks are a must. Penalties for these violations must be increased and maximized to address this epidemic.

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Richard David

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Centers for Youth and Seniors
- 2 Affordable Housing, Lower Property Taxes
- 3 Education, Jobs, Immigration, Public Safety



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Chief of Staff, NYC Administration for Children's Services

Previous Occupation: Executive Director - NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, Vice President - NYC Economic Development Corporation, Executive Director - Indo-Caribbean Alliance, Public Service Scholar - NY Industrial Retention Network

Education: Master in Public Administration from New York University, Bachelor of Arts from Hunter College - CUNY, John Jay College - CUNY, John Bowne High School

Organizational Affiliations: Community Board 9, Indo-Caribbean Alliance, Queens County Young Democrats, Guy R. Brewer Democratic Club, NAACP - Jamaica

Prior Public Experience: First time running for public office

I'm honored to have this opportunity to represent my neighbors. Local government has been virtually absent in our district. We have been locked out of vital decisions, we don't have a respected voice fighting to bring more resources into the community and the quality of life has decreased. We need a fresh start, now.

As the only candidate who has worked for government for over 10 years, and the youngest, I'm proud to use my public education, community organizing and advocacy background to help my neighbors. I am uniquely qualified to make government work again for all the people of my district.


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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 28

Hettie V. Powell

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Quality Education for all children
- 2 Economic development; Jobs; Affordable Housing
- 3 Youth, Senior Services, Community Policing



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: ATTORNEY

Previous Occupation: Teacher

Education: Juris Doctor, B.S.

Organizational Affiliations: Concerned Cooperators of Rochdale Village, Rochdale Village Social Services, Queens Women Bar Association, Macon B Alen Black Bar Association

Prior Public Experience: none

I am an attorney and I have spent my career representing Queens' residents with family, criminal and immigration issues. District 28, one of the most diverse areas in Queens, is made up of Rochdale Village, South Jamaica, Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park. I am committed to serving all the residents of our district, ensuring that their voices are heard. Important to our community is quality education. I will work to see that our schools get the resources they need. I will also promote economic interests in our district, community partnerships, initiatives for women and minority businesses, small business creation, job training, youth and senior services and affordable housing. I will fight for a fair share of the City's budget for all of the communities in our District. I am committed to honesty, integrity and professionalism in city government. For that reason, I am the best person to represent District 28. I have experience, integrity and a track record of accomplishments.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 30

Elizabeth Crowley

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reliable public transportation, improving traffic
- 2 Improving schools, reducing class sizes
- 3 Public safety, keeping communities safe



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Council Member, 30th District, Queens

Previous Occupation: Worked with the Consortium for Worker Education to keep small businesses open after 9/11 and provided job training services to thousands of New Yorkers. Was a restorative painter for D.C. 9, and worked on numerous construction sites, including renovations at Radio City Music Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Central Synagogue.

Education: M.S. in City and Regional Planning from Pratt Institute Graduate School of Architecture; B.A. in Restoration from SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology.

Organizational Affiliations: D.C. 9, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades; Teamsters Joint Council 16

Prior Public Experience: NYC Council Member; Democratic District Leader, 38th Assembly Part A, NYC Council Chair of the Fire and Criminal Justice Committee, Co-Chair of the NYC Council Women's Caucus, The Commission on Gender Equality Board Member

I wake up each day ready to stand up and fight for our families. It would be my honor to continue this work, and I ask for your vote on Tuesday, September 12th. Thank you.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 30

Robert F. Holden

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Crime/Quality of Life
- 2 Placement of Homeless Shelters
- 3 Overdevelopment/Traffic



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Professor

Previous Occupation: Graphic Designer

Education: MFA

Organizational Affiliations: Juniper Park Civic Assn

Prior Public Experience: Comm. Bd. 5

I have been president of the Juniper Park Civic Association for 25 years. In this role, I worked on downzoning many areas of the district. This led to a reduction in the building of out-of-character structures.

Reduction of crime has been a priority. I have a history of advocating for increases in staffing levels at local precincts.

I led the fight to prevent homeless shelters in the district.

I have worked closely with elected officials from both major parties. I am collaborating with state and federal officials on a plan to reduce noise in the area from roadways and airports.

I believe that all local students should have admission privileges at their local schools and as council member I plan to introduce legislation to ensure that becomes reality.

My proudest achievement has been to convince Keyspan to donate the Elmhurst gas tanks site to the NYC. It has now been converted into a public park for all to enjoy.

There are many outside forces looking to profit off the people and my opponent seems to be easily influenced by them.

Visit my website at holdenforcitycouncil.com to learn more about me. Let's take back our neighborhoods.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 32

William Ruiz

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Housing/Homeless
- 2 Education
- 3 Public Safety



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Property Manager

Previous Occupation: Housing Advocate: Aids of Queens County

Education: B.S. Human Services

Organizational Affiliations: Former Chairman Board of Directors, Highland Park Community Development Corporation and Member, Kiwanis Club

Prior Public Experience: Board Member, Community Board 5, Member, Regular Democratic Club 38th A.D., Vice- President, Liberty Homeowners Association and Member, Brooklyn North Democratic Club

As a long-time resident of the district, I am familiar with all of the issues that have impacted its residents which have changed over time as have its demographics. At this time, I believe we must address the top three issues indicated above. We need to construct affordable housing for many working families who have moved into the district and to control the epidemic of homeless in NYC. We need to open more after schools and tutoring programs to provide our children of working families with a head start to prepare themselves for the newly created high paying jobs, which require high qualifications in specific area and knowledge of the new technology. Last but not least, we must help make our residents and all of NYC residents safe and secure by working with the police and federal officers and providing NYPD with modern equipment needed to protect our communities more effectively against crime.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 32

Michael G. Scala

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Improve and Expand Public Transportation
- 2 Investigate Build It Back
- 3 Innovate After-School Programming



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation: Legislative Director

Education: Juris Doctor, Brooklyn Law School; B.S., Polytechnic Institute of NYU

Organizational Affiliations: First Vice President, Queens Public Transit Committee; Co-chair, Rockaway Ferry Committee

Prior Public Experience: Legal Counsel & Legislative Director, NYS Senate

Mike Scala is a product of south Queens, where he was born and lived most his life, his parents having met on Rockaway Beach. He is an attorney with experience in both the private and public sectors, and a record of getting results.

During the 201st New York State Legislature, Mike served as legal counsel and legislative director in the New York State Senate. His duties included drafting, managing and negotiating proposed laws. Several of them, including an initiative to help veterans find work in the state, passed the Senate.

Another bill, requiring police reports of missing adults, was signed by Governor Cuomo on September 9, 2016, and has become Section 837-F-2 of the Executive Law.

In this capacity, Mike was also involved in the state budget process, which included a \$12.94 million allocation for transportation improvements in Rockaway and \$10.15 million for St. John's Episcopal Hospital.

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Helal A. Sheikh

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Reform Public Education for Children
- 2 Public Safety in all Neighborhoods
- 3 Clean Environment



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Public School Teacher

Previous Occupation: Student

Education: Masters In Math Education

Organizational Affiliations: Local Community Organization

Prior Public Experience: First Elected Southeast Asian Student Body President at City Tech...and numerous political campaigns

I'm a homeowner in the community. My wife is a Doctor and I have three lovely children.

I'm running for office because I'm passionate about improving the quality of living of all the residents of our community. I'm committed to a cleaner environment... safer community...improved public school system... job development...small business expansion through strengthening the SBA (small business association)... funding for home improvements...affordable housing for renters...easier accessibility to your Elected official.

Also...I believe in true empowerment of our community which requires responsibility in addressing our community needs. I will be that one...to bring our community together and heal racial divides. My duties shall go beyond representation. I will bring back our tax dollar and let it work for the betterment of our community. I will bring any additional resources to add as well. I will be the hope for fairness and opportunity. My nature is to find what we have in common...not what divides us. Let's work as one.

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 34

Antonio Reynoso

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Increasing Affordable Housing
- 2 Environmental Justice and Equity
- 2 Criminal Justice Reform



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Council Member

Previous Occupation: Chief of Staff at City Council, Organizer for ACORN

Education: B.A. from LeMoyne College

Organizational Affiliations: N.K.D.

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I have had the honor of serving in the Council for the last 4 years- fighting for the community I grew up in. I've tackled issues facing our families by increasing tenant protections, funding community schools, and leading the fight for criminal justice reform.

I brought Participatory Budgeting to our neighborhoods-encouraging thousands to collectively decide how to spend public funds on community improvements. We've brought millions to schools, NYCHA, parks, and senior centers throughout Williamsburg, Bushwick, and Ridgewood.

I demanded greater police accountability, and was proud to co-sponsor the Right to Know Act. As Co-Chair of the Progressive Caucus, I worked diligently to bring equity and justice to NYC. As chair of the Sanitation Committee, I focused on lessening the burden on North Brooklyn from processing the City's trash.

My work isn't done. I look forward to furthering New York's status as a progressive leader and serve working families by increasing affordable housing, fully funding our schools, addressing income inequality, and standing up for immigrant and women's rights.

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Tommy Torres

Democratic

TOP 3 ISSUES

- 1 Protect school budgets; effective programming
- 2 Affordable Housing reaching more people
- 3 Expand and protect senior programs



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: NYC Public High School Assistant Principal

Previous Occupation: NYC Public School Teacher

Education: MA Education and School Administration, BA in Business Management

Organizational Affiliations: District Leader 53rd AD, Member of Community Board 1, Member of Woodhull Hospital Advisory Council, 90th Precinct Community Council

Prior Public Experience: N/A

I am running because I feel our community needs and deserves a representative at the city level that understands all the challenges facing our community and is willing to stand up to whomever is in power to address these challenges. I will work to: enhance educational opportunities for all students I'll; increase arts, sports, and after school programs; bring more affordable housing into the community for those who need it the most, the elderly, disabled and working class who somehow always seem to fall between the cracks; improve safety on our streets and in our schools; and ensure the maximum delivery of city services to the 34th Council district.

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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.

PRIMARY DEBATE SCHEDULE

<p>MAYOR REPUBLICAN</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias (Spanish) Radio: WNYC</p>	<p>MAYOR DEMOCRATIC</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE DEMOCRATIC</p> <p>Monday, Aug. 21, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER DEMOCRATIC</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: NY1, NY1 Noticias Radio: WNYC</p>
<p>MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS (REPUBLICAN)</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish) Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p>MAYOR LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:00 PM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p>PUBLIC ADVOCATE LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p>Saturday, Aug. 26, 9:00 AM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>	<p>COMPTROLLER LEADING CONTENDERS (DEMOCRATIC)</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00 AM</p> <p>TV: WCBS WLNY-TV 10/55 Radio: 1010WINS NewsRadio 880</p>



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, September 4th through September 12th. 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.

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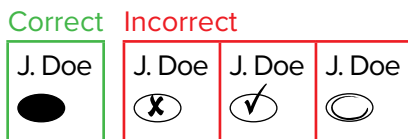
HOW TO VOTE

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

CONTACT THE NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BOE)

You can register to vote, change your registration, vote absentee, apply to be a poll worker, and more with the New York City Board of Elections (BOE). Reach the BOE:



visit vote.nyc.ny.us



OR

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

OR



visit your BOE office

GENERAL OFFICE

32-42 Broadway
7th Floor
New York, NY 10004
(212) 487-5400

BRONX

1780 Grand Concourse
5th Floor
Bronx, NY 10457
(718) 299-9017

BROOKLYN

345 Adams Street
4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 797-8800

QUEENS

118-35 Queens Blvd.
Forest Hills, NY 11375
(718) 730-6730

MANHATTAN

200 Varick Street
10th Floor
New York, NY 10014
(212) 886-2100

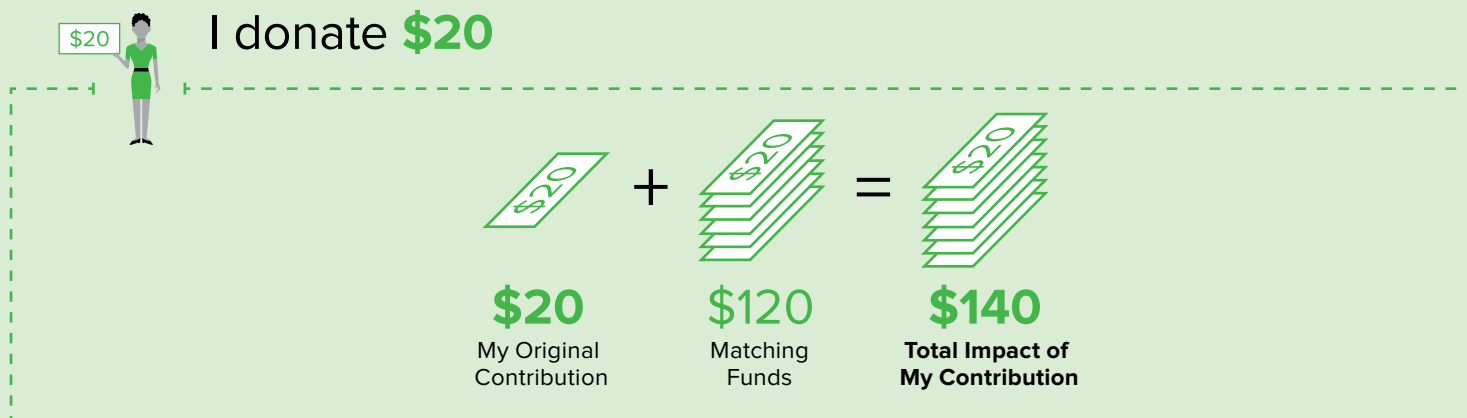
STATEN ISLAND

1 Edgewater Plaza
4th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10305
(718) 876-0079

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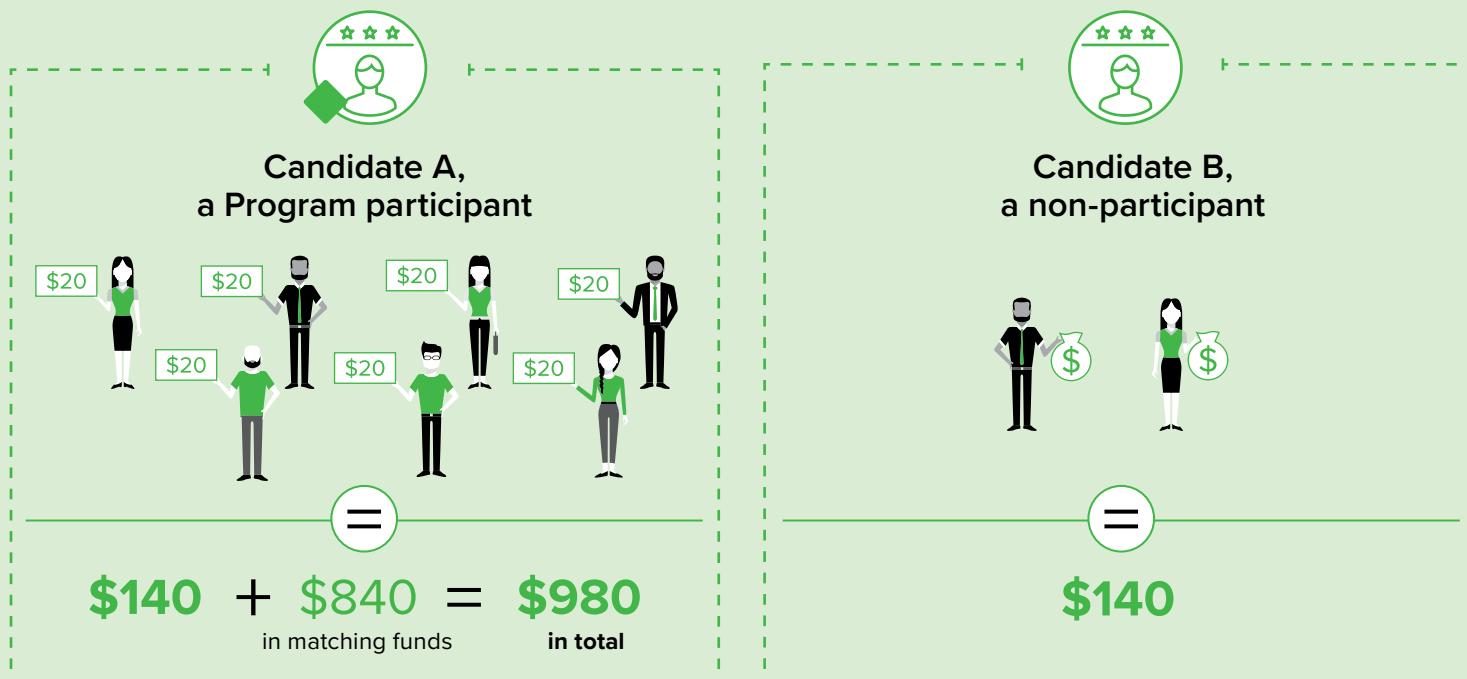
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

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.



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 nyccfb.info/program to learn more.



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](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) to check your registration status online, or call 866-VOTE-NYC (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](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) 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 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](https://www.voting.nyc.gov).

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 5).

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.

BALLOT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Every twenty years, New Yorkers get to vote on whether or not there should be a convention to review and revise the state constitution. This November, you have the power to decide if we should have a constitutional convention in April 2019, with delegates elected in November 2018.

PROPOSAL 2

PENSION FORFEITURE FOR CONVICTED OFFICIALS

New Yorkers will also vote on whether or not to amend the state constitution so that judges can reduce or revoke the pensions of public officials who have been convicted of felonies directly related to their duties.

PROPOSAL 3

ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK IN STATE FOREST PRESERVES

Voters will decide whether to establish a 250-acre land bank which can be used to construct, relocate, and maintain roads in the Adirondack and Catskill parks. It would allow water, sewer, other utility lines, and intrastate gas and oil pipelines to be buried beneath, and bike paths to be established, "within the widths" of park roadways.

To find out more about these upcoming ballot proposals, sign up for election email alerts at nycvotes.nycfb.info and follow us @nycvotes to stay in the know.