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Welcome to your NYC Voter Guide

Make your mark on city government by voting in this year’s primary and general elections! It is a major election year in New York City, with races for **mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council**.

The first step is to help select your party’s nominee for each office in the September 10th Primary Election. You must be a registered voter enrolled with a political party to participate. If you received this Voter Guide in the mail, you are eligible to vote in a primary election. We urge you to do so.

This Guide contains information about each candidate’s background and platform so you can cast an informed vote. **Candidate profiles start on page 4.** You will receive another Guide this fall covering ballot proposals and candidates running in the November 5th General Election.

NYC Votes, the Campaign Finance Board’s voter engagement campaign, has many ways for you to learn about the candidates. Tune in to the **video edition of the Voter Guide** on the **NYCgov channel** to watch candidate video statements. Visit the **online Voter Guide** to read candidate profiles, stream their **videos**, check out their **websites** and **social media pages**, and find other web resources for voters. Watch the candidates for citywide office face off in the official **NYC Votes Debates**. On the go? **Get voter information on your smartphone or tablet using our new mobile app at www.nycvotes.org.**

Learn more about NYC Votes and the Campaign Finance Board on pages 15-16.



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- » Find out if I’m registered to vote in New York City
- » Ask if my party is having a primary
- » Learn where I vote

Not sure which city council district you live in?

Check the cover of this Guide: Your district numbers are printed above your name and address. You can also visit nyc.pollsitelocator.com, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a primary election?

A primary election is held when more than one candidate wants a party’s nomination and has successfully completed all the steps to get on the ballot. The winner of a primary election runs as that party’s nominee in the general election held in November. If only one candidate is seeking a party’s nomination, no primary is held for that office.

Can I vote in the September 10th primary election?

You can only vote in a primary election held by the party YOU belong to. For example, if you are a registered member of the Working Families Party, you can only vote in the Working Families Party primary, not the Democratic or Republican primary.

If you are voting from your current address for the first time, you must have registered to vote and chosen a party by **August 16, 2013** to vote in this year’s primary; all other voters must have enrolled in a party by October 12th of last year (2012) to be eligible.

What is a runoff primary election and can I vote in that?

If no candidate for a citywide office (mayor, public advocate, or comptroller) receives at least 40% of the vote in the primary election, a **runoff primary election** is held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The date for a runoff primary election (if necessary) is Tuesday, October 1, 2013. If you were eligible to vote in the September 10th primary, you are also eligible to vote in any runoff primary held by the party you are enrolled in.

What will I be voting on in the primary election?

You will be voting to decide your party’s nominees for the general election. Depending on which party you belong to, you might be choosing a candidate for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and/or City Council member. You might also be voting on races for district attorney or judicial office, although these candidates are not covered by this Guide.

How do I register to vote?

Fill out a voter registration form and submit it in person or by mail with the NYC Board of Elections (BOE). You can download a registration form from the BOE’s website, pick one up at your local BOE office, or call 866-VOTE-NYC to request one by mail. It is too late to register to vote for the primary election, but you have until October 11, 2013 to register for the November 5th general election.

Could my registration have expired?

Your registration has no expiration date, but it may have been canceled if you moved and did not update your address with the BOE, if you have not voted in the past two federal elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC or go to <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx> to check.

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

When you move, you must change your address with the BOE within 25 days. You do this by submitting a new voter registration form and filling in the information on the form, including information in the box labeled “Voting information that has changed.” Fill in your new and old address, check the box for the party you wish to be enrolled in (do this even if you were enrolled in a party at your old address), and provide any other requested information. If you moved but you didn’t change your address with the BOE before the deadline, you should go to your NEW polling place and vote by affidavit ballot. Call 866-VOTE-NYC to find out whether your change of address has been processed.

What if they can’t find my name on the list when I sign in to vote?

First, make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. These district numbers are printed on the mailing label of your Voter Guide and on the mailer the BOE sends to all registered voters each August. You can also ask a poll worker for help, or check the poll site locator on the BOE’s website. If you are at the right table but you are not on the poll list, it may be because the BOE did not receive your registration form. If you believe that you are eligible, **you can still vote**. Ask for an **affidavit ballot**, and follow the instructions. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a registration form for future elections.

What if I can’t get to my polling place on Election Day?

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place because of occupation, business, studies, travel, imprisonment (other than for a felony conviction), illness, disability, hospitalization, or if you are a resident in a long-term care facility. There are two ways to vote by absentee ballot: by mail or in person.

To vote absentee **by mail**, call 866-VOTE-NYC to request an absentee ballot application or download it at www.vote.nyc.ny.us. Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office. Applications must be **postmarked** by September 3, 2013. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it (postmarked by September 9, 2013) to your BOE borough office.

Absentee voting in person: Absentee voting in person begins as soon as the ballots are available (at least 32 days before an election) and ends on Election Day. It is conducted at your BOE **borough office** Mon.-Fri. and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Election Day.

Please note: If the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail has passed and you cannot appear at your poll site on Election Day because of an accident or sudden illness, you can send a representative to your BOE borough office with a written letter of authorization to obtain an absentee ballot on your behalf. A completed application and your completed ballot must be returned to **your** BOE borough office by 9:00 p.m. on September 10th.

Your Rights as a Voter

You have the right to vote in the September 10, 2013 primary election if:

- » You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary.
- » You are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on September 10th.

In any election, you have a right to:

- » Be assisted by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker, if you need help to vote. If you need an interpreter, BOE interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information, including which polling sites have interpreters available and for which languages.
- » Ask election workers how to vote.
- » Bring materials with you, including this Voter Guide. (Please take these materials away with you when you finish voting.)
- » Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- » Vote by “affidavit ballot” if your name is missing from the list of voters at your polling site.

You may have to show identification to vote in this election if you are voting for the first time at your polling place.

If you cannot or choose not to show identification, you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.

Where Do I Vote?

To find your poll site, visit the BOE’s website at www.vote.nyc.ny.us and use its poll site locator, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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For all your voting needs and questions...

Contact the NYC Board of Elections (BOE) by phone at 866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692; **212-487-5496 for the hearing impaired**), online at www.vote.nyc.ny.us, or in person at your local BOE office:




General Office	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	The Bronx	Staten Island
32 Broadway 7th Floor New York, NY 10004 (212) 487-5400	345 Adams Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 797-8800	200 Varick Street 10th Floor New York, NY 10014 (212) 886-2100	126-06 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens, NY 11415 (718) 730-6730	1780 Grand Concourse 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457 (718) 299-9017	1 Edgewater Plaza 4th Floor Staten Island, NY 10305 (718) 876-0079

The general office (at 32 Broadway) will be open until midnight on **Friday, October 11, 2013** to receive last-minute voter registrations for the **general election**.

Mayor

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

Many candidates have provided **social media** information in their profiles. Use the addresses below to visit those sites, adding the candidate’s unique identifier at the end of the URL to go directly to that page.

-  [www.facebook.com/](#)
-  [www.twitter.com/](#)
-  [www.youtube.com/](#)
-  [www.linkedin.com/](#)

- » **Democratic Primary (D)**

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

John Catsimatidis
Joseph J. Lhota
George McDonald
Sam Sloan*

» **Independence Primary[†] (I)**

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Some candidates listed above may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press.

*Candidate did not submit a complete profile in time for inclusion in this printed Voter Guide, but may have provided social media links and website information for the online Guide; visit [www.nycclfb.info/voterguide](#).
[†] You may vote for a write-in candidate in this primary.

Democratic Primary | Mayor

Sal F. Albanese

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Attorney

Previous Occupation(s): Public school teacher, Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at John Jay College, Managing Director at Mesirow Financial

Education: John Jay High School; B.A. in Education, CUNY-York College; M.A. in Health, NYU; J.D., Brooklyn Law School

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: City Council member, School board member

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

New York faces an affordability crisis that the city’s out-of-touch political class has failed to address. As Mayor, I will create living wage jobs, revolutionize early education, and fight to make our transportation system fair and affordable for all five boroughs.

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

As Mayor, I will:

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

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

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

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Randy Credico

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Political satirist, impressionist, consultant

Previous Occupation(s): Director William Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice, campaign consultant

Education: Mt. Sac College Calif.

Organizational Affiliations: Kunstler fund

Prior Public Experience: 0

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

reforming ny’s criminal justice system

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

Tax Wall Street 1 percent

LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

Improve public schools

Massive FDR jobs program

Free Health care and College Ed

progressive real estate tax

affordable housing

taxing private colleges

repeal smoking ban and cabaret laws

protect small businesses d

firing ray kelly

protect teachers

community policing

free bus and subway service

dog runs increase

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

political satirist and activist not a politician

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Bill de Blasio

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: New York City Public Advocate

Previous Occupation(s): Campaign Manager, Hillary Clinton for Senate; Regional Director for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Aide to Mayor Dinkins

Education: M.A. Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; B.A. New York University

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: New York City Council Member District 39 (Brooklyn); Community School Board 15 Member


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

My top priority will be addressing economic inequality. For far too long, City Hall has catered to the elite while middle and working-class families are dismissed or ignored.

 [www.billdeblasio.com](#) |  [bill.deblasio](#) |  [deblasionyc](#) |  [NYForDeBlasio](#)

Neil Vincent Grimaldi

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: ATTORNET :CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES AUTHOR OF A GUIDE TO LIFE AND OTHER BOOKS BUSSINESS OWNER

Previous Occupation(s): ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL NARCOTIC PROSECUTOR< PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE ONE REMEDIAL READING TEACHER AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL I WAS A CLERK WITH DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION AND SANITATION AND A CAR CLEANER OF TRAIN CARS AS WELL I WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER FROM 12 TO 20 YEARS OLD

Education: GEORGETOWN SCHOOKL OF FOREIGN SERVICE ST JOHN LAW SCHOOL FORDHAM UNIVERSITY EDUCATION CREDITS TO BE NYC TEACHER SEMINARY

Organizational Affiliations: LAW BAR ASSOCIATIIONS FREE INDEPENDENT MASONS

Prior Public Experience: ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: BRONX COUNTY< ASST NYC SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER NEW YORK STATE SENATE STAFF AND NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STAFF

To tackle economic inequality, we must strengthen our education system, expand and protect affordable housing, and create strong jobs across all five boroughs. I am the only candidate who has a plan to create universal early education and after-school programs by asking the wealthiest to pay a little more in taxes.

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

I understand how fragile police-community relations can put both residents and officers at risk, and I have called for true reform of Stop and Frisk and strong legislation to ban racial profiling. I also believe that immigrants have always been an essential part of our city and the next administration must embrace and support our vital immigrant communities.

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

I have dedicated my career to taking on the elite and powerful, and standing up for taxpayers, families, and everyday New Yorkers. As an outer-borough working dad and public school parent, I care deeply about the everyday issues that are front-and-center to families: economic fairness, job creation, early education and after-school programs, child care, a real living wage, effective and respectful policing, and affordable housing.

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

i want to develop a holistic education system and a character |emphasis development educational system that includes all views of god and teaches spiritual inndividual development, self love and inner happiness.

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

HARMONY BETWEEN ALL GROUPS, BETTER JOBS AND PAY, EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN, A MORE AFFORDAABLE CITY AND A FUN LIFE FOR ALIL END OPPRESSIVE POLICIES AGAINST RESTAURANTS AND CAR DRIVERS COMMERCIAL RENT CONTROL REASONABLY SET, ALSO BETTER MASS TRANSIT AND EASIER TRANSIT MUCH MORE CONSTRTION JOBS, MORE MUSEUMS, BETTER SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, HEALTHIER SCHOOL LUNCHESES. AND TREAT TEACHERS MORE APPRECIABLY AND KINDLY FOR I WAS A TEACHER TOO.

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

I AM AN INTERFAITH REVEREND AND RELIGIOUS PERSON WHO WOULD A GREATER SPIRITUAL ELEMENT TO EDUCATION AND WOULD HAVE A MORE OPEN LOVING AND OPERRSONAL CVARING ATTITUDE

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He Gin Lee

Mayor (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Registered Architect

Previous Occupation(s): None





Education: New York Institute of Technology, Institute of Design and Construction

Organizational Affiliations: American Institute of Architects

Prior Public Experience: None

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

There are many issues the City is currently dealing with. The issue that stands out the most is the City’s economic health. On the heels of the destruction of Hurricane Sandy, many parts of the City have been slow to recover. As a result, the City’s economy has suffered mightily. I have a plan to develop parts along the East River in the outer boroughs over the next 10 to 15 years. This project will provide the City with many jobs, affordable housing and an economic boost it desperately needs.

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

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

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

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

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John C. Liu

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Comptroller, City of New York

Previous Occupation(s):

Actuary/Management Consultant - PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Education:

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

Organizational Affiliations:

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

Prior Public Experience:

New York City Councilmember (2002-2009); Community Board member.

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Economic recovery with sustained growth is the key issue. These recent years have been perhaps the worst recession since the Great Depression. We must create jobs and diversify our economic base into all neighborhoods of this City.

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Christine C. Quinn

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

New York City Council Speaker

Previous Occupation(s):

NYC Council Speaker 2006-Present; Councilmember 1999-Present; Exec. Director, NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project; Chief of Staff, Tom Duane; Tenant Organizer

Education:

B.A., Trinity College

Organizational Affiliations:

NARAL Pro-Choice NY; GLID; Chelsea Reform Democratic Club; Stonewall Democrats

Prior Public Experience:

See Above

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
As Mayor, my top priority will be keeping the city a place for the middle class and everyone struggling to join it. That starts with creating thousands of new manufacturing, tech, and green jobs in all five boroughs. It means making sure that every neighborhood has **quality public schools** that focus on college and career-readiness, not teaching to the test. And it means **expanding affordable**

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Erick Salgado

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

A full-time candidate who continues to serve as Pastor of Bensonhurst’s Iglesia Jovenes Cristianos Church.

Previous Occupation(s):

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

Education:

Erick holds a Doctorate in Theological Studies from UTI University.

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

N/A

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will restore the ranks of the Police Dept. to those of Mayor Giuliani’s administration, eliminate quotas & implement additional sensitivity training for all officers. I will continue the Dept.’s initiatives to combat terrorism.

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To do so, let’s eliminate big corporate giveaways, help grow small businesses/ entrepreneurship, and fund youth development and job training programs. Let’s reform our personal income tax rates to be fairer so that those who make over \$500,000 annually pay slightly higher rates, while those below get a *reduction* in their tax bill.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Education is the best long-term investment our City can make. Let’s restore the learning environment in our schools instead of running them as subsidiaries of a DoE Corporation. To reduce crime, let’s bring police personnel back to pre-Bloomberg days, do away with Stop-and-Frisk, and implement community policing measures.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As an immigrant growing up in New York City, I never dreamed that I would ever run for office. Unlike my rivals, my background is not in politics nor government, so I have a very fresh perspective about what government should do and what it should not do. As a husband and father, I have a very personal stake in our collective future, and will do my utmost to give back to a City that gave me and my family tremendous opportunities to pursue the American Dream.

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

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Public Safety: I’ll make sure New York City remains the safest big city in America while we improve police-community relations. We can’t afford to take a step back in the fight against crime.

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

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

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

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Bill Thompson

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

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

Previous Occupation(s):

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

Education:

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

Organizational Affiliations:

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

Prior Public Experience:

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

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Anthony D. Weiner

Mayor (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Public Servant

Previous Occupation(s):

12 years - US Congressman, representing Brooklyn and Queens; 7 years - NY City Council Member representing Brooklyn; 6 years - Aide to then-Rep. Charles Schumer

Education:

SUNY Plattsburgh, B.A. in Political Science

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

U.S. Representative, NY 9th district; City Council Member, NYC 48th district

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will be a **fighter for the middle class and those struggling to make it** there. I grew up a middle-class kid in Brooklyn and went to public schools my whole life. My mom was a public school teacher for 31 years. I know how important education is and what it means for our future. I will ensure we train and pay our teachers well,

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Republican Primary | Mayor

John Catsimatidis

Mayor (R)

Party Enrolled In:

Republican

Current Occupation:

Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

Previous Occupation(s):

Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

Education:

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

Organizational Affiliations:

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

Prior Public Experience:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Public Safety: Continue the policies that have kept NYC safe from crime and terrorism. I will ensure New Yorkers can continue to walk around their neighborhoods safely. We need a safe city to preserve confidence so that the world continues to invest in New York City.

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

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

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Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R)

Party Enrolled In:

Republican

Current Occupation:

Full-time candidate

Previous Occupation(s):

Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Deputy Mayor and Budget Director, Giuliani Administration; Executive Vice President, Madison Square Garden & Cablevision; Investment Banker

Education:

Georgetown University, BS 1976; Harvard Business School, MBA 1980

Organizational Affiliations:

CUNY, Member Board of Trustees

Prior Public Experience:

Budget Director and Deputy Mayor for Operations, Giuliani Administration; Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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

Creating jobs and a vibrant, diversified economy is the key to our City’s success. Government can’t create jobs, but it is responsible for creating an environment for job growth. Our government must operate more efficiently while reducing taxes

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and the burdensome regulations and fines that are strangling small businesses. We must focus on fostering emerging industries to create quality, good-paying jobs in all five boroughs.

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

Reforming government must be a top priority. We need ethics reform to get rid of corrupt politicians and educational reform to improve our schools. Public safety is also critical to our quality of life. We must ensure the NYPD has the necessary tools and resources to keep us safe from terrorists and violent criminals.

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

The next Mayor needs to have the experience and vision to lead New York City on Day One. Our City is a \$70 billion enterprise with more than 300,000 employees. I am the only candidate with vast experience leading complex organizations in both the private and public sectors. I have been fortunate to serve the people of this City through some of our best times of growth and transformation, but also through some of our biggest challenges, like 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. I believe our best days are ahead and as Mayor, I will use my common sense, my vision and my experience to lead New York City forward.

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George McDonald

Mayor (R)

Party Enrolled In:

Republican

Current Occupation:

As Founder and President of the Doe Fund, one of the country’s most celebrated nonprofit organizations, George McDonald has proven that providing paid work opportunities to individuals can transform their lives. Together with his wife Harriet and fueled by the belief that “work works.” the Doe Fund has helped more than 18,000 individuals from returning veterans to the formerly incarcerated reclaim their lives.

Previous Occupation(s):

Apparel industry executive with McGregor Sportswear.

Education:

Throughout his career McDonald has received numerous accolades including the Manhattan Institute’s William E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award in Social Entrepreneurship and an Honorary Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Organizational Affiliations:

ABO

Prior Public Experience:

In 2005, George chaired the NYS Independent Committee on Reentry & Employment. He currently sits on Gov. Cuomo’s Work for Success Executive Committee.

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

Jobs, jobs, jobs! Every NYC resident who wants a job should have one, making a dramatic impact on every aspect of city life. As we seek to continue to make our city safer, a job is the last frontier of public safety. As we work to pay for new spending priorities, jobs are the best way to grow city revenues without raising taxes. Finally, by growing jobs and opportunity we can balance our budget by avoiding the costs of entitlement programs.

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

The most important job of the Mayor is to keep our city safe. To do that, we must preserve but also improve the implementation of Stop, Question and Frisk.

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

25 years ago I went to Grand Central for 700 nights in a row to help feed the homeless. While they appreciated the sandwiches what they said they really needed was “a room and a job to pay for it.” I listened and have worked hard everyday since to deliver for them the opportunity to transform their lives through work. As Mayor, I will do the same for all the people of NYC.

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Independence Primary | Mayor

Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)

Party Enrolled In:

Unaffiliated

Current Occupation:

Founder/Managing Direct of MetroFutures, LLC.

Previous Occupation(s):

Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager

Education:

Bachelor’s Degree- Kings College; Master’s Degree in Urban Planning- CUNY- Hunter College

Organizational Affiliations:

Morris Heights Health Center, County Executives of America, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Org, Bronx DiVA Talk- Domestic Violence Awareness

Prior Public Experience:

White House Director of Urban Affairs, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Two-term Bronx Borough President, NYC Councilmember, Former President of NALEO (National Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Citywide Candidates

Public Advocate

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

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Democratic Primary (D)

Catherine Guerriero
Letitia James
Reshma Saujani
Daniel Squadron
Sidique Wai
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Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

Catherine Guerriero

Public Advocate (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Professor of Education and Politics at Teachers’ College, Columbia University and the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University.

Previous Occupation(s):

Served as Director of Strategic Planning for the Archdiocese of New York and Director of Government Relations for Catholic Charities. As Associate Director for the Archdiocese, coordinated Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 visit. Also ran a strategic planning consultancy for small businesses and non-profits.

Education:

Curtis High School, Wagner College, MPA from the Wagner School at NYU and a doctorate in educational administration from the NYU Steinhardt School of Education.

Organizational Affiliations:

New Era Democrats, Congress of Italian American Organizations

Prior Public Experience:

After 20 years in politics, this is my first run for elected office.

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

Our city faces key challenges. Unemployment is unbearable. People are losing their homes. The strength of our schools is at stake. Businesses are overwhelmed by bureaucratic paperwork. We are losing confidence in our leaders. I am running to give voice to everyone from each of our boroughs, from the threatened middle class to the most vulnerable New Yorkers - the poor, the newly arrived. The voices of all New Yorkers matter and I’ll make sure that they are heard so that all get the city services they deserve.

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

We must address education as part of the whole life of the child; we must focus on the issue of housing for both our middle class and our most vulnerable, and we must protect both our union members and our small business owners. New leadership is needed now.

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

As a mother, university professor, small business owner and athlete, I know and love New York, and I will fight to keep our city great. As Public Advocate I will work to keep New York a safe and affordable city where all New Yorkers from each of our five boroughs are treated with dignity and respect, where all people have an equal voice in our great city’s future and where all children have access to quality education and resources they need to succeed in life.

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Letitia James

Public Advocate (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

NYC Council Member

Previous Occupation(s):

Public Defender with Legal Aid Society; Assistant NYS Attorney General; Chief of Staff in NYS Assembly

Education:

New York City public schools; CUNY Lehman College; Howard University Law School

Organizational Affiliations:

Founded the Urban Network, a coalition of minority professional organizations that raises money and distributes college scholarships to inner city youth.

Prior Public Experience:

NYC Council Member, 35th District

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

My top priority will be to fight for a great education for all our children. Through the Public Advocate’s office I will demand that the City’s focus is on improving the quality of education and I will engage the community and families to ensure that our students are prepared for college and the real world, not just taught to the test.

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

I will fight for good jobs that include fair wages and benefits for workers, affordable housing, consumer protections, access to health care and public safety.

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

I’ve stood up for progressive causes my entire career. As Public Advocate, I will continue to push for economic and social justice for all New Yorkers by fighting for good schools, good-paying jobs, affordable housing, and the interests of the City’s working and middle class.

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Reshma Saujani

Public Advocate (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Founder, Girls Who Code

Previous Occupation(s):

NYC Deputy Public Advocate, Attorney

Education:

J.D. Yale Law School; M.A. Harvard Kennedy School of Government; B.A. University of Illinois

Organizational Affiliations:

Board Member, Bronx Academy of Software Engineering

Prior Public Experience:

NYC Deputy Public Advocate



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Education is the issue I would focus on the most because it is the pathway to jobs and economic security. We must provide our teachers and schools the necessary resources for our kids to be prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

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Daniel Squadron

Public Advocate (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

State Senator

Previous Occupation(s):

See below

Education:

Yale University

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

Before my election in 2008, I served as a top aide to US Sen. Chuck Schumer and co-authored his book. I also worked to secure \$3 billion for our transit system and move money from the bureaucracy to our public schools.



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I'll fight to make our city more livable and affordable so more people can make a life here, especially the most vulnerable.

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Sidique Wai

Public Advocate (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Administrative Staff Analyst/Advisor to the NYC Police Commissioner.

Previous Occupation(s):

Division Chief of Resident Support Services, NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA); Community Liaison to Andrew Stein, President of the NYC Council; Community Liaison, Howard Golden, Brooklyn Borough President.

Education:

BA, Political Science, Fordham University; MPA Candidate, Robert Wager School of Public Service (NYU).

Organizational Affiliations:

President/National Spokesperson, United African Congress; 2nd Vice Chair, African Union Diaspora Task Team.

Prior Public Experience:

Founded Wai Associates, a healthcare advocacy public relations firm.



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
We must do a much better job of fostering more open and honest communication

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I founded a national non-profit Girls Who Code that gives girls from underserved communities opportunities to learn high-tech skills, and I've seen how those skills can give entire families access to the American Dream.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I will create New York's first-ever Seniors Advocate to stand up for our senior population; provide free legal housing services to protect tenants and help families avoid foreclosure; designate a Women's Advocate to fight for equal pay for equal work and combat sex trafficking; and appoint a Jobs and Economy Advocate to create and protect jobs by expanding our small business, tech and manufacturing sectors. Wherever and whenever Albany and City Hall fail, I'll step into the fight and demand the accountability we deserve.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I bring a new and outside perspective on how to make government work best for the people, will be the voice for all New Yorkers and will hold government and politicians accountable. As the daughter of immigrants who taught me to fight for every possibility until it is achieved, I know how to deliver real change for our kids, our seniors, and our communities. I have a track record of real results and a plan for real action. I will always stand up and fight to create real opportunities for all New Yorkers and will not stop until the job gets done.

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
As a new father, I want every child to have the opportunity for a better future. I've fought for more funding and accountability in public schools, and will make sure parents have a voice, the city protects kids in foster care, and no child goes to bed hungry. I wrote legislation that banned military-style assault weapons like the one used in Newtown. I have a perfect 100% record on gun control, standing up to the NRA. I'll fight to get illegal guns off our streets and keep New Yorkers safe. When Sandy struck, I set up relief sites and delivered food to stranded seniors and others in need. I fought for tax relief for homeowners who lost everything. As Public Advocate I'll make sure we're safe and prepared for the next disaster.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have a proven track record of getting results for everyday New Yorkers - fighting corruption, writing landmark new gun laws, and advocating for affordable housing, parks, and public transportation. I'll make the Public Advocate's office a more effective force for children, seniors, and regular families who need a voice. I'm endorsed by Chuck Schumer, both former Public Advocates, and leaders around the city.

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

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Create Affordable Housing: Build new affordable housing specifically so police officers, teachers, and other city employees working towards public prosperity can afford to live in the neighborhoods where they work. This will foster better working relationships between them and the citizens they serve.

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

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
My breadth of experience in the areas of public safety, community empowerment, healthcare, housing and civil rights, and my commitment to advancing a more intimate sense of community between people of all races and classes, as well as new immigrants assimilating into our city.

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Citywide Candidates

Comptroller

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

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Democratic Primary (D)

Eliot Spitzer
Scott M. Stringer
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Republican Primary (R)

Richard Bozulich*
John Burnett

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Democratic Primary | Comptroller

Eliot Spitzer

Comptroller (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Businessman

Previous Occupation(s):

Journalist, Elected Official of New York, Prosecutor

Education:

Law School

Organizational Affiliations:

NY Bar

Prior Public Experience:

Governor and AG NYS, Prosecutor Manhattan DA's Office



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
Ensuring vigorous oversight of the city's finances and providing financial stability for its long-term health, while also using the city's financial power as a lever to take on the special interests on behalf of the people.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
As a lifelong New Yorker, I've seen power that rightfully belongs in the hands of the people too often wielded by the special interests.

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Scott M. Stringer

Comptroller (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present

Previous Occupation(s):

New York State Assemblymember, District 67

Education:


B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Organizational Affiliations:

N/A

Prior Public Experience:

Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present; New York State Assemblymember, District 67, 1992 to 2005



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
I will work tirelessly to ensure the City's fiscal health and safeguard every tax dollar. I will aggressively examine city spending, rooting out waste and inefficiency. I will work to grow our pension funds through responsible investments and strengthen oversight of city contracts to prevent fraud and abuse.

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

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

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
The Comptroller is responsible for protecting the financial health of the city. Dollars you put into the system that fund your services, schools and roads. Dollars that make up your pension plans and your retirement security. The fundamental question in this election is who do you want fighting for you... because it's your money.

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

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

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

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John Burnett

Comptroller (R)

Party Enrolled In:

Republican

Current Occupation:

John is an Advisory Board Member of White Wolf Capital.

Previous Occupation(s):

John has over 20 years of financial services experience and has held domestic and global leadership roles in the areas of compliance, governance, investment oversight and risk management.

Education:

John holds a BS degree with honors in Leadership and Management Studies from New York University and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University.

Organizational Affiliations:

Urban Resource Institute Board Trustee, Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning (P.E.N.C.I.L.), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Life Member, National Association of Black Accountants, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.

Prior Public Experience:

John is actively involved in youth mentoring programs, community service enhancement projects, educational and health programs.



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Your **Local** Candidates

Borough President

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

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Democratic Primary (D)

Lou Liedy

Richard A. Luthmann

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Lou Liedy

Staten Island Borough President (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Retired

Previous Occupation(s):

NYC public school teacher for 33 years at P.S. 22, Graniteville.

Education:

Master of Science in Elementary Education from the College of Staten Island; Bachelor of Science in Elementary Ed from Wagner College; Curtis High School.

Organizational Affiliations:

Amputee Support Group at Staten Island University Hospital; Ancient Order of Hibernians - JFK Division; North Shore Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience:

None! I have real life experience.



1. What is the most important issue in Staten Island you would address if elected?
Our quality of life: we need schools that will provide education leading to careers; we need hospitals that will care for our sick and injured; we need transportation that will get us around safely and reliably; and we need an environmental plan to

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prevent disasters. Our population is growing, now we need our infrastructure to catch up. Let’s get more high schools, more hospitals, a north shore rail line, and a system of earthen berms. As Borough President, I will serve personally on the City Planning Commission, the Panel for Educational Policy, and the boards of our hospitals.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Gun violence: too many of our children are afraid to play in our many parks and playgrounds. I grew up playing ball on the streets and in the parks; no child should be afraid of playing outside. Let’s find out the causes of ‘street crime’ and solve those problems. The bridge tolls are cutting too deeply into the pockets of our citizens who work or care for people in the other boroughs; let’s find ways to reduce that burden. As an experienced teacher, I have an ability to solve tricky problems that others might walk away from.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
Growing up and working on Staten Island, just like my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, has given me what it takes to be a real Staten Islander. Teaching in a Staten Island public school for 33 years has shown me how diverse and fascinating our population is. Belonging to a trade union has taught me how to achieve realistic goals that improve the lives of hard-working people. Playing softball on fields all over Staten Island has made me fall in love with every neighborhood in our borough. I have **real life experience**, and I gained that experience on Staten Island.

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Richard A. Luthmann

Staten Island Borough President (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Richard A. Luthmann is an Attorney and Advocate who will seek the Staten Island Borough Presidency. He is an estate planning, tax and elder law attorney who zealously advocates for the rights of individuals, families, charitable organizations and small businesses.

Previous Occupation(s):

N/A

Education:

Richard A. Luthmann is a graduate of P.S. 42, I.S. 75, Msgr. Farrell High School, Columbia University, New York Law School and the University of Miami School of Law. He holds a Master of Laws in Estate Planning.

Organizational Affiliations:

Pro Bono Counsel: Staten Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, NYC Arts Cypher. Member: Richmond County Kiwanis

Prior Public Experience:

N/A



1. What is the most important issue in Staten Island you would address if elected?
Proactive and not Reactive Leadership. We must vigorously attack our failed

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Your **Local** Candidates

City Council Member

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

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Council District 49

No primary

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Council District 50

Democratic Primary (D)

John Mancuso

Mendy Mirocznik

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Council District 51

No primary

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Republican Primary (R)

Lisa Giovinazzo

Steven Matteo

Some candidates listed above may have been removed from the ballot since this Guide went to press.

John Mancuso

50th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In:

Democratic

Current Occupation:

Consultant, Self-Employed

Previous Occupation(s):

Small Business Owner, Silvestro’s Deli & Caterers. Former Chief of Staff, Councilman Vincent Gentile and Vice President of Marketing for Supreme Chocolatier.

Education:

Saint Peter’s Boys High School (1998). Empire State College (2008). Art Institute of New York (2009).

Organizational Affiliations:

NYPD Auxiliary Police, Captain, Highway Patrol #5. Board Member, Community Health Action of Staten Island. Board Member, New York Center for Interpersonal Development.

Prior Public Experience:

Deputy Chief of Staff, Senator Vincent Gentile. Chief of Staff, Councilman Vincent Gentile.



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 50 you would address if elected?
My main focus would be to ensure that Staten Islanders receive their fair share of services from city government. Year after year, our borough is shortchanged and

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our residents are the ones who have to deal with the consequences. From limited transportation options and deteriorating roads to overcrowded classrooms and insufficient health facilities, Staten Island always comes last. I will work to reverse that.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
If elected, I will defend our small businesses against punitive city fines and burdensome taxes, advocate for residents still suffering from Hurricane Sandy, work towards a more efficient education system by investing in our schools, push to increase services for those suffering from prescription drug abuse and for our fair share of health funding.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As someone who was born and raised in the Mid-Island, I know the issues my neighbors face on a daily basis. It’s where I went to school, owned and operated a small business and served as an Auxiliary Police Officer. After working nearly a decade in local government getting results, I have the unique advantage to affect positive change for the Mid-Island in the New York City Council. I love my community, and it would be an honor to represent the hard working people of the 50th Council District.

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Mendy Mirocznik
50th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: A court attorney to an NYS Acting Supreme Court Justice.
Previous Occupation(s): Court attorney.
Education: Bachelor of Arts from Touro College in 1995. He received a Political Science award, and was Suma Cum Laude. Mendy went to CUNY School of Law in 1998. He was admitted to the NY/NJ Bar in 1998. Mendy was admitted to Washington D.C Bar in 1999, and admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 2000.
Organizational Affiliations: Richmond County Bar Association.
Prior Public Experience: Mendy is the president of C.O.J.O of Staten Island, a borough wide civic organization dedicated to providing services to those less fortunate, including housing and a food pantry which provides hundreds of hot meals to our fixed income seniors. Mendy is also a member of Community Board 2.

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Republican Primary | City Council District 50

Lisa Giovinazzo
50th City Council District (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: Lawyer-Law Offices of Lisa Giovinazzo \$ Director of SI Mediation Center
Previous Occupation(s): Anchor-NY1 News, Lawyer, Kuharski, Levitz & Giovinazzo, Anchor Reporter Bloomberg TV, The Economist Magazine/ Bricker & Assoc. PBS” Healthbreak”, WLNy-TV, WHAG TV-Adj. Prof. St. John’s Univ., CSI, Audrey Cohen College MBA Prog.
Education: Touro Law School, NYU Grad School of Arts and Sciences, St John’s University
Organizational Affiliations: Vice Chair of Richmond County Republican Party Board Member: SI Children’s Museum, YMCA Broadway Committee, St. George Theater, NYCID, (former Board member -American Red Cross, SICTV Member: New York Bar, Richmond County Bar Assoc., Staten Island Trial Lawyers, International Assoc. of Collaborative Professionals, NOIAW, Order of the Hibernians.
Prior Public Experience: Dir. of Comm., Office of Borough President Guy V Molinari, and WNYC TV

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Steven Matteo
50th City Council District (R)



Party Enrolled In: Republican
Current Occupation: Chief-of-Staff for Council Member James Oddo
Previous Occupation(s): Deputy Director of Constituent Services for Council Member Oddo
Education: St. Francis College; BA. Touro Law School, JD
Organizational Affiliations: Planning Committee Member for SIEDC’s Health & Wellness Expo
Prior Public Experience: Subcommittee member for SI Growth Management Task Force

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 50 you would address if elected?
Hurricane Sandy devastated many communities in the District. Residents and businesses continue to face hardship, confusion, and uncertainty, and because they are suffering they must be our priority. Therefore, the most important issue facing the District will be efforts to make these communities whole again, and to ensure their future

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 50 you would address if elected?
I would address education to teach our children critical thinking and reasoning, life skills, and I would not not focus on teaching our children test taking. I would focus on instilling a love of learning as opposed to a fear of examination.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Small business, that they should not be burdened by over regulation and unfair fines. I would focus on a positive business environment for our local business owners and entrepreneurs. I would focus on funding health care making certain that hospitals receive enough funding. I would focus on traffic and transportation, to improve public transportation. I would look at intelligent development and well paying union jobs, with proper salary and benefits.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have been involved in the community as a leader, as a member of Community Board 2, serving on it’s Land Use Committee, I have seen first hand all the issues that affect the district, and I am prepared to take it to the next level and actually formulate legislation based upon my experience.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 50 you would address if elected?
My district was greatly affected by Hurricane Sandy so insuring government sponsored rebuilding and remediation proceeds in a timely and fair manner while preventing tax and fee increases is vital.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Traffic, transportation and tolls I will advocate for everything from street widening, to smart lights to new rail possibilities and concentrate heavily on improving the quality of our schools, in particular the ever changing curriculum.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
My 20 + years as an attorney, working as a White house Correspondent reporting from the floor of the NYSE and NASDAQ teaching as an adjunct professor and raising my 2 sons in Staten Island are my *real life experiences* I will draw from making me the best choice for the 50th District.

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safety and security. I will work to rebuild these communities - to do it smart and to do it right.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
With smart planning and creative solutions traffic can be made more bearable, and while tolls are beyond the reach of the City Council, they are harming our economy. I will work with the new Mayor to do whatever can be done to wrestle toll setting authority from the MTA. I will also work with the NYPD and the DA’s office to deal with the prescription drug issue. Finally, I will work to ensure that seniors have the housing and the care they need.

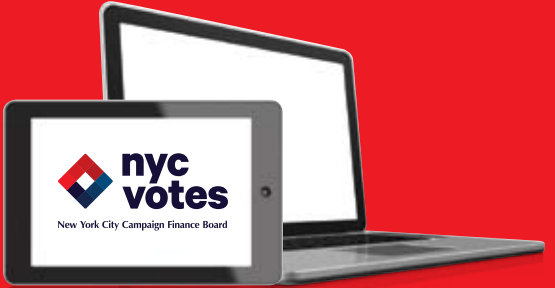
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am the only candidate in this race with city government experience, and I have dedicated my professional life to serving the people of the 50th District. As Chief-of-Staff to the Minority Leader I have been solving constituent problems for much of the past decade. I know all the players in all the agencies, eliminating the kind of learning curve that leaves constituents poorly represented. We are facing problems of extraordinary complexity, and over and over again I have been there finding solutions. I am the only candidate in this race who can hit the ground running, fully familiar with the problems we face, and fully ready to implement the solutions.

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Video Voter Guide Schedule

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

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

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Citywide Debates Schedule

Upcoming Primary Debates

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

General Election Debates

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

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

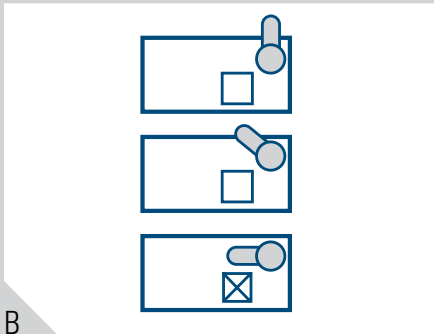
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How to Vote



Separate the voting machine curtains and enter. (The curtains will be closed when you enter and will stay closed.) Pull the large red handle to the right **(A)**. Do not move the large red handle again until you finish making all your choices.



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



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

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

Write-in Candidate

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

Ballot Marking Devices

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

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

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

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

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

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This Guide lists all the candidates who appeared to be on the ballot for the primary election at press time, even if the candidate did not submit a Voter Guide profile in time to be included in this printed Guide. Because candidates can be removed from the ballot for legal reasons until just before the election, some candidates listed in this Guide may not appear on the ballot; if all but one candidate seeking the nomination of a party for a particular office is removed from the ballot, no primary election will be held by that party for that office. Visit the online Voter Guide at www.nyccfb.info/voterguide for up-to-date primary election information, or use the BOE’s pollsite locator at www.vote.nyc.ny.us to view your sample ballot.

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