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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 23-24.



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- » 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.

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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
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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.nycctfb.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.

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 %

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.

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.

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/UFCV.

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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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)

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 Steinhart 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 Steinhart 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

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.



1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
- I will ensure that the City’s pension plans are managed efficiently to maximum investment returns. Tax dollars are used to fund pension plans when investments do not reach its minimum goals. I want to avoid using tax payer dollars and ensure that the pension funds are invested to maximize returns for retirees.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
- I want to help restore integrity in public service. I will develop citywide risk assessments and corrective action plans to optimize value, while reducing fiscal waste and fraud in New York City’s government. The cost savings can be reinvested to drive growth, create jobs and invest in a better education system for our future.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
- The New York City Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The duties of the office consist of overseeing the performance of pension funds, audit city agencies and advise on financial matters. I am asking New York City voters to hire me as Comptroller to do what I have been doing for the last 20 years, which is oversee investment portfolios, audit, compliance, contract administration, budgeting and finance.
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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.

» **Democratic Primary (D)**

Eric L. Adams
John Gangemi

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John Gangemi

Brooklyn Borough President (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Civil Rights and Criminal Law Attorney

Previous Occupation(s): Entrepreneur and small business owner

Education: New York Law School, Law degree; Seton Hall University, Bachelors degree; St. Francis Prep. High School; PS 201.

Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party

Prior Public Experience: Kings County Councilman-at-Large, Kings County Assistant District Attorney, New York State Assistant Attorney General and Special Counsel to former Governor Nelson Rockefeller.



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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.

» **Council District 41 Democratic Primary (D)**

Kathleen Daniel
Al Jackson
Stanley Kinard*
Darlene Mealy
Byron J. Wright*

» **Council District 42 Democratic Primary (D)**

Christopher Banks
Inez D. Barron
Donnezetta Brown*

» **Council District 43**

No primary

» **Council District 44 Democratic Primary (D)**

Jacob M. Flusberg*
David G. Greenfield

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Sean K. Henry
Prince D. Lewis*
Nikki Lucas
Leon B. Miles
Regina Powell
John C. Whitehead

Eric L. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: New York State Senator

Previous Occupation(s): Prior to his election to the New York State Senate in 2006, Eric served as a Captain in the New York City Police Department. Before that Eric was an Officer in both the NYPD and the NYC Transit Police Department.

Education: Eric Adams holds a Masters in Public Administration from Marist College and is a graduate of New York City Technical College and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Organizational Affiliations: Co-founder of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care

Prior Public Experience: New York State Senator (2006-present)



1. What is the most important issue in Brooklyn you would address if elected?
- The most important issue is to make Brooklyn affordable. That means making sure we create and maintain affordable housing so that our families can afford to stay here.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
- I will make growing our economy a focal point of my Borough Presidency. We need to bring good jobs to Brooklyn that pay a living and provide the benefits our families need.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
- As a former police officer, community organizer and legislator, I have the experience to deliver for Brooklyn’s families. I was born in Brooklyn and I have watched Brooklyn grow. I make one promise to you as we continue to move our borough from popularity to prosperity: I will be the loudest voice and the hardest working advocate for all of Brooklyn’s working families.
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Kathleen Daniel

41st City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: Candidate for City Council, 41st District

Previous Occupation(s): Community Activist

Education: SUNY Albany & New York University

Organizational Affiliations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Democracy for America, Thomas Boyland Democratic Club

Prior Public Experience: Borough President Appointee, Community Education Council in Bedford Stuyvesant



1. What is the most important issue in Council District 41 you would address if elected?
- My purpose is to build, restore and safeguard the communities of the 41st District. A good, public education for our children is a civil right. I will continue my work to improve schools, encourage the development of better options, and attract new schools focused on science, technology and art. Education is the greatest deterrent to crime. Schools in our neighborhoods don’t receive the kind of support others get. I will fight to change that and strengthen the parent voice across the city.
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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
- Part of my three-pronged approach to build, restore and safeguard the community is to address two urgent problems: gun violence and unemployment. The residents of the 41st have been suffering with a 20% unemployment rate. I will work to create jobs by attracting new businesses, and organizations devoted to job training. There is no advancement in quality of life without the preservation of life. This year’s first summer days saw 25 senseless shootings. Passing stronger gun laws and improving enforcement is a necessity.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
- In District 41, we are in crisis. I’ve spent a career serving my community with non-profit and healthcare organizations. I’m raising two kids here just as my Caribbean parents raised me. Our quality of life is held hostage by crime, poor schools, unemployment and failed leadership. We deserve better. I am committed to building our community through education skills building, restoring jobs and safeguarding our streets from the horror of gun violence. With stronger leadership and collaboration, together we can build a brighter future for our families.
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Al Jackson
41st City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Founder and Bishop of Greater Highways & Hedges Church. General Overseer of Highways & Hedges Worldwide Fellowship of Churches, Inc.
Previous Occupation(s): Advertising Executive, Print Production Manager, Graphic Designer.
Education: Brooklyn Tech H.S. Hunter College.
Organizational Affiliations: Highways & Hedges Worldwide Fellowship of Churches, Inc.
Prior Public Experience: Ordained clergyman. Founder of the Life Empowerment Center.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 41 you would address if elected?
On day one my primary focus would be to address the dire condition of our youth. Drug dealing and using, sex trafficking and abuse, gang participation and violence, education and job-readiness are but a few of the areas of concern that would

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receive my staff’s immediate attention. I would continue the Town Hall model that we’ve instituted to garner community feedback and support.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Affordable housing, Safe neighborhoods, Job-readiness and Job-creation, Senior Care, Building first-class entertainment venues (movie theater, sound-stage, bowling ally)

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am the best candidate for this office because I was born in the trenches here. I have risen above the trenches here. And I have remained here to bring my fellow citizens up to a better place. We can do better. When I sit in the living room of tenants and hear about landlords who knock on the door for rent but neglect to collect the mold growing on kitchen walls, I know we can do better. When I view the vacant lots in my district where the rats play hopscotch while our children jump over used condoms from the prostitution trade on Broadway, I know we can do better. I seek to not merely win a campaign, but to start a movement of change. We can and we WILL do better.

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Darlene Mealy
41st City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Presently, NYC Councilmember, 41st District, Brooklyn, Chair of the Contract Committee, Co-Leader of Brooklyn Delegation, On NYC Budget Negotiation Team To Balance the 73 Billion City Budget. Committee’s Finance, Transportation and Youth Services. Passed Legislation for MWBEs & Unions. To make sure the City do not Outsourcing Jobs & Land Use.
Previous Occupation(s): NYC Transit Authority for 17 years.
Education: Boro of Manhattan Community College and Cornell for Labor Women’s Studies, High School G.W. Wingate High School, I.S. 271 / P.S. 28.
Organizational Affiliations: Council’s Black, Latino and Asian Caucus, the Women’s Caucus, Founder & Executive Member of the New Grassroots Dem. Club, Member Pilgrim Church, Arch Bishop Roy E. Brown, Former Board Member Neighborhood Housing Services.
Prior Public Experience: Founder & Past President of 9 Block Associations known as FARR/ Former 81st Pct. Board Member/ Lifetime Community Activists.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 41 you would address if elected?
IF RE-ELECTED I will continue to focus on Affordable Housing and Jobs, I have created 10,000 real affordable units of housing in the last 8 years, which has lead to hundreds of jobs throughtout the 41st District.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I will continue to provide & empower Principals & Teachers with the necessary resources to create the best environment for our students. Includes after school program funding like (Arts, Theater, Music and Dance). **I will continue** to address the need of Child Care Centers as part of all New Affordable Housing Developments. **I will continue** to explore building more Senior Housing with Adult Day Senior Programs for all Seniors. **I will continue** to Advocate for Paid Sick Leave.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am the best candidate, I’ve allocated Millions to Schools for Laptops, Smart Boards, Science Labs, A/C in Classrooms. Millions for Parks in 41st, in Brownsville’s Betsy Head Park is the Second **“Imagination Playground in the Nation”**. Passed Historic Living Wage Bill out of Contract Committee, Legislation for MWBEs increase the limit from \$1 million to \$15 million. Fight to prevent Senior Centers from closing, fund New Senior Housing. Created Affordable Housing Child Care on Premises. I have a proven record of great accomplishments.

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Christopher Banks
42nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Christopher Banks is the Executive Director /Founder East New York United Concerned Citizens, Inc.
Previous Occupation(s): Former Director of Louis H. Pink Cornerstone Beacon Program, Youth Liaison of the PAL In Step Program
Education: CUNY of John Jay College, Government Major
Organizational Affiliations: ENY Coalition, Van Siclen Block Association, Inc. East New York, Brownville Non- profit Commission, Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club, 218 PAL Beacon Advisory Board, Pink Houses Community Center Advisory Board, National Association of Black Business and Professional Women’s Club Youth Division (Brooklyn Club), Project Mentor Council, Inc., Arts East New York, Inc., WE the Kids, Inc., East New York United Concerned Citizens, Inc. 75TH Precinct Police Council, Seniors for East New York.
Prior Public Experience: Community Board # 5, Democratic County Committee member, Alternate- Judicial Delegate for Democratic County, Former NYS Assembly Candidate

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Inez D. Barron
42nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: NYS Assemblymember
Previous Occupation(s): NYC Principal; Asst. Principal; Teacher Trainer; Reading Specialist; Math Lab Teacher; Teacher
Education: BA, Hunter College (Physiology); MS, Bank Street College of Education (Reading and Special Education)
Organizational Affiliations: The House of the Lord Church; Operation POWER
Prior Public Experience: State Committeewoman

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?
Adequate resources for our community is the undergirding factor that will help to improve conditions in our neighborhoods. I will work to strengthen community institutions, local policy boards, area councils, and block associations, so that we increase our influence and power to ensure that we receive appropriate services and resources.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?
My main concern in regards to the 42nd district is the transparent and unacceptable lack of economic development.
My plan of action will ensure that community residents receive a living wage and that local job creation and venues for local business will flourish. This is the only way to bring about sustainable economic development.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
As it stands public records show that the 42nd Council District in particular is oversaturated with shelters by a statistically unsettling degree. We must provide the homeless with quality affordable housing. We must invest in our community existing public land space which will help bring jobs in a comprehensive and environmentally friendly way. More real affordable housing according to our communities’ medium incomes is the only ansver. Other issues include increased access to public transportation, creation of new youth and senior community centers, and improved educational facilities and libraries.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have lived in the 42nd my entire life and I have seen no change. I am committed to helping to create a bigger, brighter and better community. We must move forward together.
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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Some of the critical issues in our community are affordable housing; education excellence; accessible healthcare; job development; human/civil rights and services for seniors and youth.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have an effective and proven record of accomplishments. As the State Assemblymember, I currently represent most of East New York, and portions of Brownsville and Canarsie, in the state legislature. Working with residents, tenant leaders, Senator Schumer, Congressman Towns and Councilmember Barron, I authored the State law which keeps Starrett City (Spring Creek) in Mitchell-Lama, which guarantees affordable rent protection for the next 30 years. I also authored the law which prevents additional points from being added at home sales closings. My office has assisted over 100 families in keeping their homes from foreclosure. Several years of working jointly with the present Council Member has afforded me the integral knowledge and ability to continue the policy of establishing affordable rents for newly constructed buildings, have critical involvement in development of Gateway II, and mixed-use economic development projects. I have lived here since 1963. Since that time, I have worked with various organizations and community groups to improve our neighborhoods. We have successfully fought to keep schools from being closed (JHS 166). We kept P53 in tact. We kept a wood-burning facility out of our community. I pledge to continue to work on behalf of our community.
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A Few Notes about the Voter Guide

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 poll site locator at www.vote.nyc.ny.us to view your sample ballot.

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Sean K. Henry
42nd City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Candidate for New York City Council
Previous Occupation(s): Sean served as Client Manager (CFO) for Hudson Guild BTQ Financial. In this role, Sean was responsible for all aspects of financial management for Hudson Guild. Prior to joining BTQ, Sean worked for over 8 years at the NYC Department of Homeless Services proving a broad range of programmatic oversight of homelessness prevention programs. Sean administered numerous programs with not-for-profit organizations serving over 40,000 households with a 97% success rate.
Education: Sean holds a Masters in Public Administration (M.P.A) with a focus in Public Management from New York University and a B.A. in Political Science from Southern Illinois at Carbondale.
Organizational Affiliations: Democratic Party, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, NYU Alumni Association, NAACP.
Prior Public Experience: NYC Department of Homeless Services, 2003 to 2011. United States S Army, 1995-2003.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?
The most important issue facing my district is economic security. I will fight for jobs that pay a living wage so that families and individuals can make ends meet and enjoy the American Dream.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
We need safer and affordable housing. We need to work to reduce crime and make our streets safer. Our schools need to perform better so that our kids are equipped with the tools needed to succeed. Our community needs better access to healthcare. If elected, I will fight to revitalize our neighborhoods and restore a better quality of life.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I will provide a fresh start, bold ideas, and a new perspective on how to solve our problems. I grew up in poverty and I know what it takes to overcome that and succeed. Everyone should have any opportunity to grow and prosper!
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Nikki Lucas
42nd City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Management Consultant
Previous Occupation(s): Owned and operated a music store in East NY, Brooklyn, ‘Nikko’s in The Mix’. Worked as a Partnership and Recruitment Clerk for the U. S. Census Bureau.
Education: Received a liberal arts degree from the Borough of Manhattan Community College and continued studies towards a bachelor’s degree at Syracuse University, majoring in policy studies and conflict resolution.
Organizational Affiliations: Kings County Committee person, Alternate Judicial Delegate and V.P. of the Rosetta Gaston Democratic Club and member of the Thomas Jefferson club. Correspondence Secretary for Churches United for Worldwide Action, Inc. Founding member of the Family Engagement Committee, Chairperson of the School Leadership Team, a NYC Public School Learning Leader and a parent volunteer of the Starrett City Girls Scout Assoc. Served as the V.P. of the Delegate Agency Policy Committee of the McDonough Street Head Start Program.




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Prior Public Experience: Partnered with agents at New York Life to provide Photo Id for the youth of East NY and to provide Medical Alert Id for the senior citizens of Brownsville and East NY. Partnered with Bright Future International to provide free theater tickets to families throughout NYC Public Schools and Churches. Worked with organizations to provide toys to children and to deliver food to senior citizens.

- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?**
Restructuring the management of the educational system: 1) collocation 2) overcrowded classrooms 3) developing parent learning centers 4) after-school academic and enrichment programs.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Improve Policing and relationships with the police and the community, More affordable housing addressing different family sizes and the growing need for senior housing and Increasing access to quality healthcare.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
My ability to build relationships with community leaders, businesses and residents to create alternative means to provide resources for the community.
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John C. Whitehead
42nd City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Sanitation Worker
Previous Occupation(s): Security Supervisor; Steel Worker; Youth Counselor; United States Army / Reserves - Honorably Discharged in 1989
Education: Educated in the NYC Public School System - Graduate of Boys and Girls High School
Organizational Affiliations: Member, Uniformed Sanitationmen’s Association Local 831/ International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Co-Founder and President, Black Men Who Care, Inc.; Chairman of the Sanitation and Environmental Committees for Community Board No. 5; President, Zone 3 Precinct Council 75th Precinct; Co-Founder and Member, Brooklyn Postal Customer Advisory Council; Co-Founding Member, Black Watch, Committee to Honor Black Heroes; Former Vice President, Spring Creek Gardens Tenant Association; Former Vice President and Shop Steward, United Steel Workers Union Local 2; and Former Member, 32BJ SEIU and YMCA Board.



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- Prior Public Experience:** N/A
- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?**
Stop and Frisk.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Senior Citizen programs, recreation centers for the youth, job creation, economic development and health services.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
I am experienced in dealing with many aspects of the NYC government. As a Community Activist for over 25 years and a Teamster for the last 20 years, I am able to tap into resources to get things done in my district.
As a member of the Community Board, I have been instrumental in addressing the needs of my community by: Bringing the issues to elected officials and ACORN concerning the potential sale of Starrett City to ensure that with their help the complex remained affordable, bringing new transportation to the new Gateway Mall and making sure that the residents had a fair chance for new housing being built in the community by encouraging a lottery system. I have a solid record of accomplishments and will continue the work that is needed to bring funding and services to the district.
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Democratic Primary | City Council District 44

David G. Greenfield
44th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: New York City Councilman
Previous Occupation(s): Attorney; former Executive Vice President, Sephardic Community Federation
Education: J.D., Georgetown University Law Center; B.A., Touro College
Organizational Affiliations: Co-Chair, New York City Council Brooklyn Delegation
Prior Public Experience: New York City Councilman (2010-present); former Member, Mayor’s Non-Public Schools Standing Committee; former Member, Community Board 12.




- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 44 you would address if elected?**
Fines, Fees & Taxes. Over the last decade, fines, fees and taxes have gone up. Since I was elected three years ago, I have been writing and passing laws to end “gotcha” tickets, address unfair fines on small business and prevent raising taxes. As a law-abiding citizen, you just can’t catch a break. I’m working to end that.

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- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
I will continue my mission to improve the “quality of life” of our community. I’ve secured \$15 million to fix every single park in our community. I’ve obtained funding to clean our streets. I’ve kept our senior centers open and thriving. I’ve secured millions each year for our schools--from new gyms to security to after-school programming. I have literally helped thousands of community residents with every imaginable problem--from potholes to taxes to fixing traffic signs. I will continue to be the most responsive elected official in our community.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
I was born and raised in our community, and my wife and I are proud to live and raise our young children here. I understand the challenges you face, because I face them myself--from the high cost of rent, to unfair parking tickets to the expense of our children’s education. Because I experience these challenges every day, I work harder than anyone else to solve these problems. And I have the experience and proven track record of getting things done for us.
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Leon B. Miles
42nd City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Disability Advocate for Veterans since 2001.
Previous Occupation(s): Property Manager for over 200 low income housing units in Brooklyn.
Education: A.A.S- Computer Information Systems, Sullivan Community College (Class of 1991) B.S.- Forensic Psychology John Jay (Class of 1997)
Organizational Affiliations: N/A
Prior Public Experience: Youth Minister at Metropolitan Community United Methodist Church (Harlem, NY 1996-2001)




- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?**
Family Dynamics: Strengthening the parent child relationship by incorporating the traditional family values.
Reentry Programs: More than 30% of Blackmen and 2% of blackwomen in zipcodes 11207,11208,11212 are on Probation or Parole.
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- Within community boards 5 & 16 when I am elected to the city council we will help implement programs to help reentry back to the Brownsville and East New York communities less of a burden for those in our community whom want to do the right thing but need the local programs in place to do so.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
Stop and Frisk: From our walks and talks within the New nd District some folks we spoke with support it and some folks oppose it. If elected to the city council I would vote for a Police Commissioner that ensures all communities are treated the same.
Public Schools: The Mayor will control our Public school system until June 30, 2015 when the present law expires.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
My background as a trouble teenage whom was convicted of Att. Murder in 1985 and served 9 years in prison for protecting my sister from an abusive boyfriend. In 1993 then Gov. Mario Cuomo approval for myself to participate in the NYS work release program as I was one of the few NYS inmates to receive a dual A.A.S degree in Computer Information Systems/Legal Studies. I was able to turn my life around and give back to the community via public service. Our youth need mentors and direction from someone that is able to relate to them through their own experiences!!!
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Regina Powell
42nd City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Parent Coordinator New York City Department of Education and Community Activist
Previous Occupation(s): Teacher, Paraprofessional, Day Care Provider, Computer Operator for the New York City Public Library
Education: LaGuardia Community College A.A. Computer Science, York College- CUNY- B.A. Elementary Education, The College of New Rochelle- M.A. Teaching English as a Second Language
Organizational Affiliations: Member of Greater Light Baptist Church
Prior Public Experience: Established a non-profit organization called G.I.N.A.- Get Involved Now Association, Opened Linden Plaza Afterschool Literacy Tutoring Program; ages 8 through 16 years; P.A.C. President of Cypress Day Care,



- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 42 you would address if elected?**
I see the following issues as my most important priorities: Education, Crime, Employment, availability of Healthy Food Choices, Senior Citizen Advocacy,
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- and affordable Housing as motivators in my run for office. Additionally I want to address the following community concerns such as Stop and Frisk (District 42 has the highest incidents in the five boroughs).
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
I find the following issues to be important; as a parent coordinator; Parental Accountability/Involvement is an issue that is not addressed to its fullest potential. During my tenure in the NYC DOE I see firsthand the results of a lack of parental involvement. I know for a fact that this has always been the leading key factor in low academic performance of students across the city. I want to ensure parents voices are heard within the halls of City Hall; as a city council member I will make sure they are heard.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
As a resident of the East New York community for over 30 years as an activist, teacher, and leader I know exactly what changes need to take place to improve the opportunities available to the members of my community. After a second place showing in the 2009 election I am primed and even more dedicated to win the 2013 election. With the support of the community, I will bring their issues to the newly elected Mayor and make sure their voices and pertinent issues are heard throughout the city.
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Many candidates have provided social media information in their profiles. Use the addresses to the right to visit those sites, adding the candidate’s unique identifier at the end of the URL to go directly to that page.

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City Council Member

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Jean H. Similien
Godwin Williams*
Jumaane D. Williams
- » **Council District 46 Democratic Primary (D)**
Alan Maisel
Mercedes Narcisse
- » **Council District 47 Democratic Primary (D)**
Todd Dobrin
John Lisysanski
Connis Maurice Mobley
Mark Treyger
- » **Council District 48 Democratic Primary (D)**
Natraj Bhushan
Chaim M. Deutsch
Ari Kagan
Igor Oberman
Theresa R. Scavo

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*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.nycctfb.info/voterguide.

Democratic Primary | City Council District 45

Jean H. Similien
45th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: WORKS AT NYC/HRA OVER 20 YEARS/UNION DELEGATE LOCAL 371 AND CURRENT MEMBER OF DC37
Previous Occupation(s): N/A
Education: MA/POLITICAL SCIENCES AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS/BA IN ECONOMICS AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE/STUDIES IMMIGRATION & TAXATION LAW AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU).
Organizational Affiliations: PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY CENTER/FORMER PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION (AMNY)
Prior Public Experience: N/A

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Jumaane D. Williams
45th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Council Member, 45th District
Previous Occupation(s): Executive Director, New York State Tenants and Neighbors; Housing Director, Flatbush Development Corporation; Interim Executive Director, Flatbush East Community Development Corporation; Assistant Director, Greater Flatbush Beacon School
Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, Brooklyn College; Master’s Degree in Urban Policy and Administration, Brooklyn College
Organizational Affiliations: Founding Member, Political Power Through Organizing (P2O); Member, Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club
Prior Public Experience: Board Member, Community Board 18

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 45 you would address if elected?
Since my election in 2009, the primary goal for my office has been to ensure that all young people have a safe place to learn and grow. This means advancing public safety through a reduction of gun violence and improved police-community relations,

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Alan Maisel
46th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: New York State Assemblyman
Previous Occupation(s): Assistant Principal, New York City Public School; Chief of Staff, former Assemblyman Frank Seddio; Administrative Assistant, former Congressman Charles Schumer.
Education: B.A. (History) and M.A. (Urban Studies), Long Island University; Advanced Certificate of Administration and Supervision in Education, Brooklyn College
Organizational Affiliations: Involved in civic and community affairs for over 35 years, including: Kings Plaza-Canarsie Kiwanis Club; Canarsie Lions; Brooklyn Division of the NAACP; former Chairman of NYC Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith Coordinating Committee; former Executive Vice President of Brooklyn-Staten Island Council of B’nai B’rith.
Prior Public Experience: Assemblyman 2006-present; Member of Community Board 18; President of Community School Board 22.

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Mercedes Narcisse
46th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Business owner
Previous Occupation(s): Registered Nurse
Education: Registered Nurse
Organizational Affiliations: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Brooklyn Chapter. Member Community Board 18, Member National Association for the Advancement of Haitian People, Member Canarsie Bridges
Prior Public Experience: None, First time candidate

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 46 you would address if elected?
Maintaining essential services and making necessary community improvements while our City continues its economic recovery. This means involving people in determining how City budget funds are spent in our community.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Fiscal Responsibility: I have worked to cut middle-class taxes, including lowering the State income tax to the lowest in 58 years, and ending the State sales tax on clothing under \$110. In the Council, I will work to ensure on time, balanced City budgets with no tax increases.

Better Schools: I worked to put hundreds of millions in State budgets for our schools. I will work with parent associations and school officials to identify the improvements needed in our local schools and to secure funds in City budgets.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I am a problem solver with a strong record of results as an educator, community activist and Assembly Member. I know that I can have an even greater impact in improving neighborhoods as our Council Member, and I will be a full-time Council Member.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 46 you would address if elected?
Small Business Development, Growth and Protection. Job Creation and Healthcare.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Environmental protection, Women Issues and Poverty Alleviation and Youth Criminality.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As a mother of five, a Registered Nurse for over 20 years and a successful business owner, I bring a mix of experience and skills that will benefit the district. I will put children and families first. I will bring a unique women’s perspective to the district that is 54 percent female and has never been represented by a Woman. I also bring an immigrant perspective to the job that separates me from the other candidate(s).

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Primary Election
Tuesday, September 10
Polls are open from 6am to 9pm
Runoff Primary Election (if necessary)
Tuesday, October 1

Todd Dobrin
47th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Professionally; New York City master electrician Personally; Proud father of a beautiful 5 year old girl
Previous Occupation(s): N/A
Education: Associates Degree in Electrical Construction SUNY Alfred. Bachelor’s Degree in Business Economics SUNY Oneonta.
Organizational Affiliations: Member IBEW Local 3. Chairman of Friends of the Boardwalk, established to revitalize and improve the Boardwalk, beach and surrounding neighborhoods.
Prior Public Experience: Member of Community Board 13 working on neighborhood and land use issues for over 10 years.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 47 you would address if elected?
Safe streets and clean neighborhoods. We deserve to be proud of our community and should feel safe while walking through our neighborhoods. I will continue my
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work to keep drugs out of our parks and crime off our streets. I am committed to working with NYPD on programs to reduce crime and increase the security of our homes while not infringing on our civil liberties.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Educate our children and provide for our seniors. Our children are falling behind while schools are underfunded and overcrowded. Valuable senior assistance programs are suffering from unnecessary and unfair budget cuts. I will give a voice to those who need it most.
End waste and deliver resources. City Hall has not provided funding to improving our public transportation, repairing our roads or making enhancements to our neighborhoods. I will listen to the concerns of the community and deliver the capital for projects that will improve our quality of life.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
We need a **representative of the people** that lives in the neighborhood, understands our concerns, and works tirelessly to improve the community we live in. My promise is that as **Your City Councilman** these are my priorities, and this is what I will achieve. With your support I will be **your voice in City Hall** and the representative who works for **you**.

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John Lisyanskiy
47th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Full-time candidate for 47th City Council District
Previous Occupation(s): Financial Analyst - City Council Finance Division 2010 - 2013 / Assistant Legislative Counsel - City Council Speaker’s Office 2000 - 2010
Education: Baruch College School of Public Affairs / Lafayette High School
Organizational Affiliations: Member of Pi Alpha Alpha - National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, Member of Community Board 13 - Brooklyn
Prior Public Experience: Served as a legislative staffer for over 15 years in the City Council. In September 2008, I was featured in City and State’s “40 Under 40 Rising Stars - The Next Generation of Political Leaders in New York”.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 47 you would address if elected?
I believe that Public Safety is one of the most important issues in my district.

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I will work to secure additional funding to add more police officers on our streets to improve our communities’ safety and overall quality of life.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Expand after school programs, reduce overcrowding in our schools, increase parent and community involvement and expand gifted and talented programs. Advocate for responsible economic development to provide good paying jobs in our city and our communities.
Protect small businesses from unfair fines and regulations and facilitate business friendly environment to help nourish their success.
Increase access to affordable housing, healthcare, senior services and public transportation.
Secure funding to rebuild and protect our neighborhoods post Super Storm Sandy.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have been an active member of our community for over a decade, having served on many non-profit boards as well as my local Community Board 13. With over 15 years of experience in the City Council, I know what the job entails and I am ready to serve the people from day one. For me this is not a career change, this is my profession and I hope you will hire me!

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Connis Maurice Mobley
47th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: The Reverend Connis Maurice Mobley is Pastor of the United Community Baptist Church, Inc. in Coney Island, Brooklyn.
Previous Occupation(s): He was a Community Service Representative for the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO; a Professional Tractor Trailer Driver and a Teamsters Union Member for 19 years.
Education: Mr. Mobley attended Epiphany Lutheran Elementary & High School in Brooklyn, New York; The King’s College in Briarcliff Manor, New York; USA Truck Driving School in Newark, Delaware; Cornell University in New York City and Ithaca, New York and Faith Seminary & College in Tacoma, Washington.
Organizational Affiliations: He is affiliated with American Bible Society, Amethyst Women’s Project, Coney Island Generation Gap, Coney Island H.O.P.E. Center, Coney Island Ministerial Alliance, Coney Island Tenants Association, Heart Share Human Services, Metropolitan Interdenominational Ministers Conference, the Department of Youth and Community Development,

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the New York City Department of Corrections, the New York City Housing Authority, the New York City Police Department, Shiloh Bible Institute, Shorefront Democratic Club and Water Bible College.
Prior Public Experience: None

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 47 you would address if elected?
If elected by the voters of City Council District 47, I will address the flooding problems in certain parts of the district after rain storms and I will also address the problem with the area’s crumbling infrastructure.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
I will create an environment that stimulates small business development, builds relationships between the residents and the business community of the district and encourages old and new businesses to invest in the community.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I have been passionately committed to serving the people of Coney Island, and now, I am ready to extend this passion to the people of Bensonhurst, Gravesend, and Marlboro. What distinguishes me from my opponents is that I had the privilege of catering to the needs and the concerns of my community for more than 25 years. I have stood side by side and walked hand in hand with the residents of my community through tragedies and good times, long before I decided to run for the City Council. You Have a Say... Your Vote- Your Voice.

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Mark Treyger
47th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Teacher, Teaching staff developer
Previous Occupation(s): Education Paraprofessional
Education: Edward R. Murrow HS; Brooklyn College (BA in Political Science, MA in Social Studies Education, MA in School Leadership)
Organizational Affiliations: United Progressive Democratic Club-President
Prior Public Experience: Aide to Assemblyman William Colton

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 47 you would address if elected?
Bringing federal recovery dollars to Sandy ravaged homes and businesses in Coney Island and Sea Gate, while opposing the proposed garbage dump in Gravesend Bay that will leave our community vulnerable in future storms. Investment in local infrastructure is desperately needed.

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Natraj Bhushan
48th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: As a private practitioner, I litigate all kinds of cases, which include immigration and landlord/tenant disputes.
Previous Occupation(s): Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association of the City of New York, Coney Island Hospital
Education: CUNY, Brooklyn College, B.A. & CUNY School of Law, J.D.
Organizational Affiliations: Co-founder and Vice-President for Green Clearing-house, a NPO dedicated to providing green technologies to underprivileged communities, member of the Alliance of South Asian Labor (Brooklyn Chapter), and member of the Boy Scouts of America (Troop 376), member of the NYC Bar Association
Prior Public Experience: At NYC Council Member Leory Comerie’s office (27th District), I worked on legislative solutions for a variety of consumer affairs issues and helped coordinate community events. At NYC Council Member Michael Nelson’s office (48th District), I worked mostly on Sandy-related cases -

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2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
Public transportation, taking schools exclusive focus away from testing, creating a vocational training district, and helping students develop the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
As an educator, aide to an elected official, and community organizer, I’ve dedicated the last decade to building active and engaged coalitions to solve neighborhood problems and bring people together. I worked with the community to remove a troubled administration at Lafayette High School to improve student safety, led the effort to restore B-64 bus service between Coney Island and Bensonhurst, and formed a coalition to fight the proposed Gravesend Bay Garbage Dump.

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i.e. FEMA/SBA Appeals, dealing with private insurers and Consolidated Edison. At NYC Council Member Ruben Wills’s office (28th District), I mainly work on real property and foreclosure defense cases.

1. What is the most important issue in Council District 48 you would address if elected?
District 48’s office should recognize that their presence is non-existent in most neighborhoods. Resources are only useful if people know they exist. From Day 1, I plan on re-launching all of our services in several languages and expanding the hours of services from 9am-5pm to 9am-7pm.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
District’s office should incorporate affordable technology in the delivery of its resources. The community will be able to voice its problems and track live progress on neighborhood issues on the online platform we plan to launch. This data-centered approach will lead to smart, inclusive legislation.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
My experiences in working for three current city council members have enabled me to come up with the best approaches to finding real, practical solutions, and I plan to be proactive about finding solutions to better our district.

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Chaim M. Deutsch
48th City Council District (D)



Party Enrolled In: Democratic
Current Occupation: Aide to New York City Council Member Michael C. Nelson. President of Chasa Management, a real estate management company.
Previous Occupation(s): N/A
Education: South Fallsburg Yeshiva, Sullivan County, NY. Chafetz Chaim, Rochester, NY.
Organizational Affiliations: Founder of Flatbush Shomrim Safety Patrol, a civilian patrol most recently responsible for volunteer relief efforts in the wake of hurricane Sandy. Served as Vice President of Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush; Board Member of Home Sweet Home, a group home for troubled teens; Board Member of Chaim Meir Camp Fund, an organization dedicated to sending underprivileged children to summer camps; and Board Member of Community Hospital. Founder of Community for Community, a diverse volunteer organization dedicated to disaster relief efforts.
Prior Public Experience: I have never run for, or held, public office before.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 48 you would address if elected?
Public safety is the cornerstone of any community. From our local economy, to our schools to the value of our homes, a commitment to safer streets positively affects all aspects of our lives. With over 22 years of public safety experience and 17 years in City government, I have the real world expertise and know-how to ensure our neighborhoods are safe places to live, work and raise a family. As your Council Member, I will fight to put more cops on our streets and assign an officer to each neighborhood to address quality of life concerns.

2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
My other priorities include expanding senior housing options, leveraging relationships with federal and state officials to ensure the long-term vitality of our waterfront, working hand-in-hand with parents and educators to expose the reasons behind failing schools and helping small businesses thrive and grow by cutting governmental red tape and eliminating unwarranted fines and unnecessary restrictions.

3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
I believe I am the only candidate in the race who has dedicated decades of volunteer experience to the betterment of our communities. Consequently, I have been endorsed by our current Council Member Michael C. Nelson. Now I’m asking for your support to allow me to take my commitment to another level for the neighborhoods we love.

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Ari Kagan
48th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Journalist (TV, newspaper and radio)

Previous Occupation(s): Assistant to NYC Comptroller John Liu; Assistant to Former Congressman Michael McMahon.

Education: Baruch College, Zicklin School of Business; Lvov Military College, Journalism Department.

Organizational Affiliations: Holocaust Memorial Committee; Manhattan Beach Jewish Center; Council for Understanding and Racial Equality; American Brotherhood for Russian Disabled

Prior Public Experience: Democratic District Leader, 45th Assembly District (2012-current)



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Igor Oberman
48th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: Judge for the City of New York

Previous Occupation(s): Community Liaison for Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Administrative Law Judge, and Adjunct Professor at CUNY

Education: Graduated Abraham Lincoln High School 1990, Graduated Kingsborough Community College 1992, and Graduated Cum Laude from Brooklyn College 1994, J.D. from New York Law School 1997.

Organizational Affiliations: United Federation of Teachers, Abraham Lincoln High School Alumni Association, Brooklyn College Alumni Association, Kings Bay Y Community Center, Russian American Bar Association, Brooklyn Bar Association.

Prior Public Experience: Community Liaison for Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.



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Theresa R. Scavo
48th City Council District (D)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic

Current Occupation: I am a retired City School Teacher and a retired Small Business Owner. Today, I spend the majority of my time volunteering in the Community.

Previous Occupation(s): I began my career as an Elementary School Teacher at PS 3 in Manhattan. Then in 1980, I owned and operated a small retail costume jewelry business. In 1996, I opened a shop in the Landmarked Lundy’s Building on Emmons Avenue in Sheepshead Bay until 2008 when I lost my lease.

Education: I am a graduate of Hunter College and received my Master’s Degree from Richmond College.

Organizational Affiliations: I have served on Community Board 15 since 1999. I also hold key positions on the 61st Precinct Community Council and the Coney Island Hospital Advisory Board. In addition, I am deeply involved in the long-term recovery efforts resulting from Hurricane Sandy, including volunteering on the Community Emergency Response Team.

Prior Public Experience: I am the current Chairperson of Community Board 15.



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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 48 you would address if elected?

The first priority for our next Council Member must be helping tenants, homeowners and businesses recover from the devastation Hurricane Sandy caused in our community, and to advocate for resources from the City, State and Federal governments to upgrade our infrastructure, ensuring we’re ready for the next hurricane or storm.

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

Small businesses are the backbone of our community, but too often they’re hit with unnecessary fines, taxes and fees from the city. We need to do more to help them survive and thrive, giving them access to credit and capital, and give them help navigating an often uncaring city bureaucracy. Shareholders’ rights are too often ignored in many co-ops in our district. Affordable housing, senior services, improving quality of public education, health care and transportation are other important issues that must be addressed.

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

Throughout my twenty years working as a journalist, community leader, and assistant to elected officials, I have a record of accomplishments, working with diverse communities that make up this district to solve important problems, both large and small.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 48 you would address if elected?

Housing in our district is a huge issue. I will seek to pass legislation that holds landlords accountable so their properties will not continue to deteriorate at the expense of residents.

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

Being a product of public education, I understand the present needs in our district. Many of our students who have failed at the high school level have demonstrated academic deficiencies in their early years at elementary school. I will work to expand programs to children in their formative years.

I will also work to expand programs for the gifted and talented to more students at a young age so they are put on a path towards success.

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

As a Co-op Board President, a lawyer, a judge, and having worked for Borough President Marty Markowitz, I feel I have a diverse background and come with firm understanding of the legislative process. I believe these tools make me the best advocate for our community at the City Council.

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1. What is the most important issue in Council District 48 you would address if elected?

Rebuilding after the storm. As soon as Sandy hit the District, I have worked tirelessly to help the residents and small business owners in the District. As a City Council Member, I will continue my work and employ every opportunity to the rebuilding effort so our residents and small businesses have a full recovery.

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

As a City Council Member, my top priorities will be equal rights for women, upgrading the District’s infrastructure, beautifying the area’s parks and improving the delivery of services for all residents including police, fire and sanitation.

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

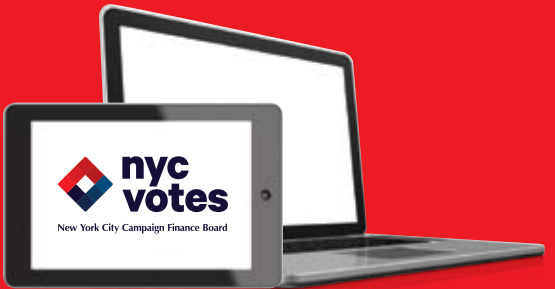
I believe I am the only candidate who is a life-long neighborhood resident, who has run a small business, who has worked in the City schools *and* who is a volunteer in the Community. I will be ready to start on day one and would be honored to represent my friends, family and neighbors in the New York City Council.

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

General Election Debates

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

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

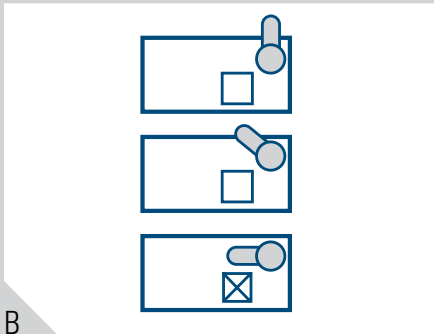
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How to Vote



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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The CFB’s NYC Votes campaign promotes voter registration, voting, and civic engagement through community outreach and partnerships with public and private organizations. For information on programs and events for potential voters, call 212-306-7100 or visit www.nyccfb.info/nycvotes.

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