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# General Election **Voter Guide**

**Bronx Council Districts 8, 11-12**

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# Welcome

## to your NYC Voter Guide

### Make your mark on city government by voting in this year's general election!

It is a major election year in New York City, with races for **mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council**.

This Guide contains information about each candidate's background and platform so you can cast an informed vote.

**Candidate profiles start on page 4.** It also covers this year's state ballot proposals on pages 18-19 (for expanded coverage, visit the online Guide at [www.nyccfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nyccfb.info/voterguide)).

**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 **NYC gov 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, including information about other races on the ballot. Watch the candidates for citywide office face off in the last of the official **NYC Votes General Election Debates**. On the go? **Get voter information on your smartphone or tablet using our new mobile app at [www.nycvotes.org](http://www.nycvotes.org).**

Learn more about NYC Votes and the Campaign Finance Board on page 20.



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## Your Rights as a Voter

### You have the right to vote in the November 5, 2013 general election if:

- » You are a registered voter.
- » You are inside your polling place no later than 9:00 p.m. on November 5th.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us), or in person at your local BOE office:

#### General Office

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

#### Brooklyn

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

#### Manhattan

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

#### Queens

126-06 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415  
(718) 730-6730

#### The Bronx

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

#### Staten Island

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

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a general election?

A general election is when nominees from various political parties compete for government office. This includes winners of the September 10th primaries and candidates running on independent party lines.

New York City has many political parties, and as a voter you must decide which candidate will best serve your interests.

Can I vote in the November 5th general election?

If you are registered to vote in New York City, you can (and should) vote on November 5th. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Registered voters receive a notice in the mail from the BOE with the address of their poll site and other information about voting. If you didn't get a notice, you might not be registered. You can check by calling 866-VOTE-NYC or look up your registration online at [voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us](http://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us).

What are ballot proposals?

A ballot proposal is a question placed on the ballot for voters to decide. This year, there are six proposed amendments to the New York State Constitution on the ballot. The State Senate and Assembly have passed these amendments but they are subject to the will of the voters, meaning you can vote to accept or reject them. Learn more about each proposal on pages 18-19.

What will I be voting on in the general election?

You will be voting to elect the mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council member in your district. You may also be voting in other races not covered in this Voter Guide, such as Assembly member or District Attorney.

You can vote for any candidate running on any party line for these offices, no matter what party you are enrolled in.

You will also be voting on six NYS ballot proposals that will amend the State Constitution in various ways if approved by the voters.

How do I register to vote?

It is too late to register to vote in this year's general election (the deadline was October 11, 2013). But if you aren't registered, please register now for future elections! 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.

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, or if you have not voted in the past two federal elections. Call 866-VOTE-NYC or check online at [voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us](http://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us).

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 above your name 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 [nyc.pollsitelocator.com](http://nyc.pollsitelocator.com).

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](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us). Fill out the application and mail it to your BOE borough office. Applications must be **postmarked** by October 29, 2013. The BOE will send you an absentee ballot. Fill it out and mail it (postmarked by November 4, 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 November 5th.

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](http://nyc.pollsitelocator.com), call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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Party Key

These abbreviations appear near each candidate's name to indicate which party line(s) they are running on.

AL	Abiodun Laurel-Smith	LBT	Libertarian
AT	Affordable Tmrw	P	Populist
CV	Civic Virtue	PR	Progressive
CS	Common Sense	REF	Reform
C	Conservative	RTH	Rent is 2 Damn High
D	Democratic	R	Republican
DD	Dump The Dump	S2A	Save 2nd Avenue
FV	Faith and Values	SC	School Choice
FE	Flourish Every Person Can Shine Like the Sun	SW	Socialist Worker
FB	ForwardBrooklyn	SF	Students First
F	Freedom	TWS	Tax Wall Street
G	Green Party	T2H	Taxes 2 High
I	Independence	U	Unity
JE	Jobs & Education	WV	War Veterans
L	Liberal	WF	Working Families

Party names may have been changed after this Guide went to press. Check [www.nyccfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nyccfb.info/voterguide) for updated information.



# About the Voter Guide

This Guide lists all the candidates who appeared to be on the ballot for the general 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 a primary race was too close to call at press time, or if a runoff election was anticipated, more than one candidate may be listed as running on a particular party line, with a footnote indicating why. However, only one candidate per party line will appear on the General Election ballot. Visit the online Voter Guide at [www.nycfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycfb.info/voterguide) for up-to-date general election information, or use the BOE’s poll site locator at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) to view your sample ballot.

The profiles and photos in this Guide were submitted to the CFB by the candidates. All the candidates have affirmed under penalty of perjury that the information in their profiles is true to the best of their knowledge. The information provided by the candidates is reprinted as it was supplied to the CFB, except in the case of egregious errors and minor formatting issues, which may be corrected by the CFB prior to publication. The views expressed in the candidate statements do not represent those of the New York City Campaign Finance Board.

## Citywide Candidates

# 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.

- Bill de Blasio (D)

Joseph J. Lhota (R, C, SF)

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Joseph G. Melaragno (AT)\*

George McDonald (CS)

Michael J. Dilger (FE)\*

Michael K. Greys (F)\*
- Jack D. Hidary (JE)

John Catsimatidis (L, T2H)

Michael Sanchez (LBT)\*

Carl Person (REF)

Jimmy (rent is too damn high) McMillan (RTH)

Erick Salgado (SC)

Dan Fein (SW)

Randy Credico (TWS)

Sam Sloan (WV)\*

The ballot was not final at press time. Some candidates may have been removed after this Guide went to press, and candidates may appear in a different order than listed above.

\*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.nycfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nycfb.info/voterguide).

## 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.

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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Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R, C, SF)

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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Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)

Party Enrolled In: Unaffiliated

Current Occupation: Founder/Managing Direct of MetroFutures, LLC.

Previous Occupation(s): Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager

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

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

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



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**1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?**  
Reforming education to ensure our young people are prepared to participate in the economy must be a top priority. Education has become more about the needs and wants of a few adults rather than the parents and students who have long been underserved by a failing system.

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

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

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Anthony Gronowicz

Mayor (G)

Party Enrolled In: Green Party


Current Occupation: CUNY Professor

Previous Occupation(s): CUNY Professor

Education: BA Columbia College; PhD in New York City Political History, University of Pennsylvania

Organizational Affiliations: American Historical Association; Organization of American Historians

Prior Public Experience: Green Party of NYS State Committee Representative



**1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?**  
Environmental degradation is the most pressing issue facing all New Yorkers. As a New York City native, I recognize, especially after Superstorm Sandy and the 2008 economic collapse, that housing, health care, jobs and education are all impacted by the quality of the environment. A sustainable environment is key to a long and prosperous life for the average New Yorker.

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**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
More than 53,000 children in this city lack a permanent home – a 500% increase over 2008. 5% of public school students live in shelters. The majority of these students are Latino and African-American. Many of these students face the prospect of being stopped and frisked by a police department whom the richest mayor in history called “my own army.” If elected, I would halt this outrageous practice. In Los Angeles, New Orleans, Dallas and Baltimore, violent crime is down even further in percentage terms than in NYC, without violating numerous provisions of our Bill of Rights. Another key issue is divestment from fossil fuels, essential in stemming the rise in asthma and other respiratory diseases affecting our children. In order to provide a better education, I would cap classroom size at 20, heavily invest in pre-school programs for every child, and bring back gym, art and music. Closing public hospitals and public schools is unacceptable.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
I have dedicated my life to serving the needs of the average New Yorker. My concern is steadfastly for the 99%, not the 1% who have disproportionately benefited from an economy based on finance and not one aimed at providing full employment with full benefits.

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# Abiodun Samuel Laurel-Smith

Mayor (AL)



**Party Enrolled In:** Independence

**Current Occupation:** Artist, writer, publisher

**Previous Occupation(s):** Artist, writer, publisher

**Education:** Studied Fine Art at The Polytechnic Ibadan, Nigeria, then History of Art, Society and Print at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford. UK and History of Art and Heritage Management at The University of Buckingham, UK.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Friends Of Smithies New York (FoSNY)

**Prior Public Experience:** Government service (MOD)

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

First is create alternative source of revenue for the city through safety and SECURITY. Then bring back research, tech. and service industries to the city.

[www.smithiesny.com](http://www.smithiesny.com)

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

Better education at all levels through “HOMEWORKNY” parents and immigrant families could update their skills, assist their kids better at homework and meet the demands of a fast paced and digitally challenging society of now. Provide an after school internet access and hook up for kids from low income families, so they could study after school.

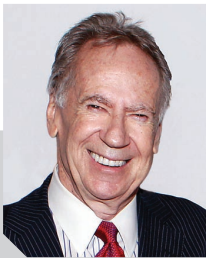
## 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Best because I will continue the non partisan way of Mayor Bloomberg. Will improve by generating revenue for the city through a new source – research, human resources, service sector and technology. Affordable housing developments and problems of health care will be address block by block – that way, my administration will know who lives where and thrives under what condition.

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# George McDonald

Mayor (CS)



**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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# Jack D. Hidary

Mayor (JE)



**Party Enrolled In:** None

**Current Occupation:** Entrepreneur

**Previous Occupation(s):** Chairman and CEO of Dice.com (NYSE: DHX)

**Education:** Studied at Columbia University, Stanley Fellowship in Clinical Neuroscience at the National Institute of Health (NIH)

**Organizational Affiliations:** XPrize.org, Google X Labs, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), East Side Community High School

**Prior Public Experience:** None

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

Too many New Yorkers are out of work, or are struggling to make ends meet with low-paying jobs. NYC has an unemployment rate of over 9%, which is higher than the national average. My five-point plan will create thousands of new jobs in NYC and provide training for New Yorkers to upgrade to high-paying positions.

[www.hidaryfornyc.com](http://www.hidaryfornyc.com)

As an entrepreneur, I have the unique experience needed to grow New York’s economy. My first company, Dice.com, has connected more than five million people to their jobs. As a Brooklyn native I believe that we must create economic opportunity not only in the five boroughs.

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

For NYC to continue to grow, we also need great schools, a safe city and affordable housing. A great education is the key to every child’s future, but our schools are failing too many of our kids. Having spent years working in education, my plan will innovate the classroom experience and deliver job-ready graduates. A safe city is key to maintaining a record 52 million tourists coming to New York each year and fueling our economy. Finally, affordable housing is critical to keeping low and middle-income families in NYC who are being squeezed out by the high cost of living.

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

I am not a career politician. I am an entrepreneur who has launched and run several successful business including the nation’s leading IT job website, which is a publicly listed company. My strong management experience, combined with my work in schools and low-income economic development has prepared me to lead NYC into an exciting future.

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# John Catsimatidis

Mayor (L, T2H)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.

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

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

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

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

Public Safety: Continue the policies that have kept NYC safe from crime and terrorism. I will ensure New Yorkers can continue to walk around their neighborhoods safely. We need a safe city to preserve confidence so that the world continues to invest in New York City.

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

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

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

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

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# Carl Person

Mayor (REF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** Attorney representing homeowners and small businesses in defending against foreclosures and for other debt relief; and small businesses in commercial litigation

**Previous Occupation(s):** Created a career field and related instruction (600,000 paralegals) by founding and managing for 18 years the 1st paralegal school in the US open to college graduates. School was licensed and accredited to teach broad-based technology

**Education:** High school dropout. After 3 years in Army, graduated magna cum laude from LIU in Brooklyn; then from Harvard Law School, with "Wall Street" tax and business course electives

**Organizational Affiliations:** Loose alliances with organizations to assist in debt relief; and to create jobs, small business opportunities and prosperity for individuals and small communities

**Prior Public Experience:** Came in 3rd for NYS Attorney General with 37,000 votes during 2010, and sought a nomination for US President during 2012

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

Offering free 1-year training to all NYC residents (high school seniors, and for all adults, in an adult education program) to enable graduates to obtain jobs anywhere in the US at \$25-60/hr (or \$80-\$100/hr as independent contractors). New internet and computer technology require public schools to change their curriculum to enable NYC residents and small businesses to obtain good jobs, have small business opportunities, and prosper. Curriculum at [carlperson.com/resume03](http://carlperson.com/resume03)

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

Reduced business regulation. Financial transparency with all payments fully disclosed in a website. Workable public campaign financing. Free public transportation (paid from resulting revenues).

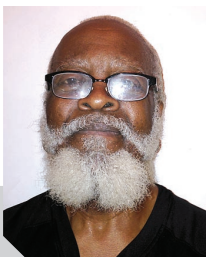
**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**

I've had 50 years of experience in small business and career-oriented education, and understand the education program needed in NYC to create good paying jobs for NYC's residents. To solve the economic problems for most NYC residents, we should create good jobs first, then worry about college.

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# Jimmy (rent is too damn high) McMillan

Mayor (RTH)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Founder of the Rent Is Too Damn High Party

**Previous Occupation(s):** Postal Worker, Veteran of United States Army, Independent Undercover Investigator

**Education:** Graduate of Barkley PSI

**Organizational Affiliations:** None

**Prior Public Experience:** None

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

Rent Reduction

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

Education  
Working Families  
Poverty

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

I am the voice of the People, and the voice of the forgotten people in New York City: the young, the poor, working families, and the disabled.

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# Erick Salgado

Mayor (SC)



**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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**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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# Dan Fein

Mayor (SW)



**Party Enrolled In:** Independent

**Current Occupation:** mechanical assembler at electronics plant

**Previous Occupation(s):** assembler at lighting factory

**Education:** University of California

**Organizational Affiliations:** Socialist Workers Party

**Prior Public Experience:** SWP candidate for New York governor in 2000

**1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?**  
The Socialist Workers Party candidates are setting an example for workers of the need to break from the Democratic, Republican, and other capitalist parties, and set a course for independent working-class political action.

The most important issue in the city, and the country, is unemployment. The division in the working class between those working and those not can be overcome by the labor movement fighting for a government-funded public works program to put millions

to work building affordable housing, child care centers, and other things that workers need

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
For working-class unity. Stop the deportations. For a big raise in the minimum wage. Organize the unorganized into fighting unions.

Free the Cuban 5. Five Cuban revolutionaries jailed in the U.S. since 1998 on trumped-up charges of “conspiracy” for gathering information on activities of Cuban-American counterrevolutionary groups operating on U.S. soil with impunity.

Defend a woman’s right to choose abortion. No to Washington’s wars. For withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Afghanistan, Korea, Guantanamo and elsewhere in the world. Eliminate stop and frisk. I have joined protests demanding prosecution of the killer of Trayvon Martin.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
I am the mayoral candidate for the only workers party in the election -- the Socialist Workers Party. I walked the picket line and marched with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181 during the school bus drivers and matrons strike last winter. I have a decades-long record of participating in union strikes and struggles against attacks by the bosses and their government.

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# Randy Credico

Mayor (TWS)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Political satirist, impressionist, consultant

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

**Education:** Mt. Sac College Calif.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Kunstler fund

**Prior Public Experience:** 0

**1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?**  
reforming ny’s criminal justice system

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Tax Wall Street 1 percent  
LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

Improve public schools  
Massive FDR jobs program  
Free Health care and College Ed  
progressive real estate tax  
affordable housing  
taxing private colleges  
repeal smoking ban and cabaret laws  
protect small businesses d  
firing ray kelly  
protect teachers  
community policing  
free bus and subway service  
dog runs increase  
full list at credico2013.org

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
political satirist and activist not a politician

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# 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.

- Letitia James (D<sup>†</sup>, WF)

Daniel Squadron (D<sup>†</sup>)

Robert Maresca (C)\*

James Lane (G)

Michael K. Lloyd (F)\*
- Alex Merced (LBT)\*

Tyrrell L. Joiner-Eiland (RTH)

Deborah Liatos (SW)

Mollena G. Fabricant (SF)\*

Irene E. Estrada Rukaj (WV)\*

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Letitia James

Public Advocate (D, WF)



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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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.

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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# James Lane

Public Advocate (G)

**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party


**Current Occupation:** Vice President of Client Solutions, 24/7 Media; Founder, Hot Indie Media; Bassist, Black Dawn

**Previous Occupation(s):** Global Accounts Analyst, Reuters Financial; Staff Accountant, Reuters Health; Billing Coordinator; Partners In Care; Senior Patient Accounts Representative, Visiting Nurse Service of New York

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

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

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



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

Improving the health and social well being of all people regardless of economic status by bringing their voices to the government leaders that have been neglecting us for too long.





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

Adoptee Rights, Affordable Housing, Consumer Rights, Ecological Wisdom, Grassroots Democracy, Higher Education, Mass Transit, Nonviolence, Public Health, and Social Justice.

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

I’m not a career politician, I’m a lifelong resident of New York City that was born in Flushing, raised in Harlem, matured in Hells Kitchen and currently living in Park Slope. I am married with a young child in our city’s public school system. During the past 30 years I have maintained leadership roles in military, corporate and internet technology jobs while doing whatever I could in my free time to help promote a secure, sustainable future. As the Green Party candidate for Public Advocate I pledge to serve as the people’s watchdog over the mayor and city government because I feel having someone from outside the major two party system will be helpful for a true democracy.

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# Tyrrell L. Joiner-Eiland

Public Advocate (RTH)

**Party Enrolled In:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Senior Pastor | Greater Church of God Pentecostal, Inc.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Project Manager, D.C. Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Architect Intern | Allstate Insurance Co. Minority Outreach & Development | Blue Cross Blue Shield, Urban League of Pittsburgh, Principal | Environmental Architectural Concepts, Principal | GB Hospitality Group, National Green Charrette Facilitator | Enterprise Foundation Inc.

**Education:** Organizational Behavior-New York University, Architecture-Howard University, Fundraising Management-Indiana University, Protocol | Protocol School of Washington

**Organizational Affiliations:** Member | Kiwanis International, U.S. Delegate | World Union of Jewish Students | Greater Fellowship NYU, Associate | American Institute of Architects, Committee Member | U.S. Green Building Council, Pentecostal Churches of Jesus Christ, Mount Calvary Holy Churches of America, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

**Prior Public Experience:** Intern, White House | U.S. Department of State, Member | Westchester County Council on Urban Youth



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

Housing has been a major issue for New Yorkers. From overcrowded shelters, outrageous rent hikes, and now Hurricane Sandy our City needs a strong Advocate who will deal with the shortage of affordable housing dead on. I believe every citizen of this City should have a place to lay their heads and a stable place to call home.



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

Infrastructure and storm preparedness needs to become a priority for our City, we need to have a clear solution to protect our shores and minimize the damage done by natural disasters. Education reform needs to also be a top priority for the Advocate, we are not in a position to just sit back on our laurels and watch our students revert back into old systems and patterns. Our aim should be to keep the momentum of educational achievement and excellence going from this current administration to the next. Our youth are losing an uphill battle, with little to keep them occupied, they are turning to gangs, drugs, and crime. We need a solution.

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

I’ve suffered loss and understand the needs of the people of the true meaning of being an advocate. I believe I not only bring a unique style of leadership to the office, but I know what the people need and require, because I have been in their shoes.

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# Deborah Liatos

Public Advocate (SW)

**Party Enrolled In:** Socialist Workers Party


**Current Occupation:** mechanical assembler in electronics factory

**Previous Occupation(s):** factory worker

**Education:** high school

**Organizational Affiliations:** Socialist Workers Party

**Prior Public Experience:** SWP candidate for 13th C.D. in 2012 elections



For a big increase in the minimum wage, which would increase the wage level for all working people. Organize and unionize unorganized workers. Defend a woman’s right to choose abortion. Eliminate stop and frisk.

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

One important priority is joining the campaign to free the Cuban Five — Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, and René González — Cuban revolutionaries framed up in 1998 on conspiracy charges. All but one remain in U.S. prisons today. The Five were gathering information on activities of Cuban-American counterrevolutionary groups operating on U.S. soil with impunity. Their case has been winning growing support. They are an example of the kind of men and women who made and have defended the Cuban Revolution for over five decades and that will build a revolutionary party that can help lead a working-class fight for political power here.

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

Myself and the other Socialist Workers candidates are setting an example for workers of the need to break from the Democratic, Republican and other capitalist parties, and set a course for independent working-class political action. Read more about the campaign and these political issues in The Militant newspaper. Contact our campaign office at 212-736-2540 or [newyorkswp@mac.com](mailto:newyorkswp@mac.com)

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# 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.

Scott M. Stringer (D, WF)  
John Burnett (R, C, SC)  
Julia Willebrand (G)

Hesham El-Meligy (LBT)\*  
John Studer (SW)\*  
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## Scott M. Stringer Comptroller (D, WF)

**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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**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, C, SC)

**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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Julia Willebrand

Comptroller (G)


Party Enrolled In: Green Party

Current Occupation: Activist committed to replacing the corporate dominated NY “two-party” electoral system with a system which reflects the social justice, environmental and economic values of all New Yorkers.

Previous Occupation(s): Bookkeeper, waitress, private investigator and model. But most of my work life was spent in education as a Fulbright Professor, Hungary; English Department Chair, SUNY Labor College; ESL Coordinator, Jersey City State College; Staff Development Supervisor, Welfare Education Program, Teacher, PS 84.

Education: St Jean Baptiste High School; BA CCNY, American Studies; MA Columbia University, Adult Education; Ed.D Columbia University, TESOL

Organizational Affiliations: US Green Party International Committee Co-chair; Federation of Green Parties of the Americas US Delegate; Sierra Club Corporate Accountability Task Force Member; Appalachian Mountain Club Conservation Chair; United Federation of Teachers Delegate; OWS Alternative Banking Group



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**Prior Public Experience:** Chair, Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board

1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?
- Ending NYC subsidies to corporations such as NYCHA’s plan to sell housing project playgrounds to developers for high rise luxury apartments and the Board of Education’s proposal to demolish schools to provide land for luxury housing development.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
1. Assist in establishing a state bank on the North Dakota model to reduce banking costs and interest on NYC bonds. 2. Clawback multiple tax subsidies to corporations given in anticipation of jobs never created. 3. Recommend NYC Pension Funds divest shares in fossil fuel corporations to abate climate crisis.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
- As the mother of 2 Public School educated children, born in Bklyn, daughter and grand daughter of NY roofers, raised in Queens, educated in Manhattan and a worker in the Bronx, I know the city well and across many class lines. I have the vision to use the independent power of the office to benefit every New Yorker and not just the 1%.
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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.

Ruben Diaz Jr. (D, WF)  
Elizabeth Perri (R, C)\*  
Mark Escoffery-Bey (I, WV)  
Carl Lawrence Lundgren (G)

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Ruben Diaz Jr.

Bronx Borough President (D, WF)

Party Enrolled In: Democratic


Current Occupation: Bronx Borough President

Previous Occupation(s): New York State Assemblyman

Education: B.A., Lehman College

Organizational Affiliations: N/A

Prior Public Experience: Bronx Borough President (2009-present); New York State Assemblyman (1996-2009)



1. What is the most important issue in the Bronx you would address if elected?
- The most important issue we continue to face is the economy. In my first four years as Borough President, we’ve taken great strides to bring new business to the Bronx and to make it easier for our existing businesses to stay and grow. We’ve helped create thousands of new jobs in every corner of the Bronx, while ensuring that those jobs are developed in a green, sustainable way. My office played a key role in the passage of the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act – ensuring that heavily-subsidized projects pay their employees a living wage.
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- My record on the economy is clear, and during my next term, we will continue to strengthen our business climate.
2. What other important issues would you address if elected?
- I will continue my advocacy on the East Bronx Metro-North expansion project, which has the potential to completely transform several of our largest communities by bringing new transportation options to our borough. As Borough President, I’ve funded dozens of our community’s public schools, and my office will continue to use our capital funds to give the children of the Bronx the best possible education. We will also continue our focus on environmentally-friendly development. My office will only fund projects which include a strong “green” component – this has been one of the hallmarks of my administration.
3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?
- I hope my last four years as your Borough President has earned your vote. During the last four years, I’ve put forward a strong agenda in education, health and economic development. Over the next four years, we will do even bigger and better things. With the help and support of my neighbors – the great people of the Bronx – we’ll have a great next four years as we advance our agenda and build a New Bronx.
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## Mark Escoffery-Bey Bronx Borough President (I, WV)

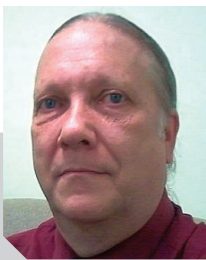


**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Small Businessman  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Small Businessman  
**Education:** Attended Walton High School and Bronx Community College  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NAACP, Jamaican Progressive League, African Diaspora Parade & Festival, AFUS (Africa Friends of United States).  
**Prior Public Experience:** Assembly 77 Democratic District Leader, Public School Parent Association. President, Public School School Leadership Team Member, FLIA After-School drug prevention Program President, African Diaspora Outreach Director.

- 1. What is the most important issue in the Bronx you would address if elected?**  
Education and Economics
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Political integrity and accountability  
Unfair Ballot bumping  
Unfair political dynasty
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
I am not part of the political machinery which does not serve our community. I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart, the wisdom and courage of my mind, the strength and vigor of my body in the service of my fellow citizen; to stand up for justice, brotherhood and peace, work diligently and creatively, think generously and honestly to advance the welfare of the people of the Bronx. I trust in God, I love The Bronx and respect its laws. I will work hard and strive for all to get ahead, but get ahead or not, I will always do my best. I am a fighter that is powerful, inspiring and unstoppable who will relentlessly fight for the people of The Bronx.  
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## Carl Lawrence Lundgren Bronx Borough President (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party  
**Current Occupation:** Architectural Drafting  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Sales Associate and/or buyer with Strauss Auto Parts, Butler Lumber, Century Lumber, Metropolitan Lumber; Kitchen Designer with Metropolitan Lumber and Tarallo Distributors; Paraprofessional, NYC Dept. of Education  
**Education:** James Monroe High School - Academic Diploma and recipient of Regents Scholarship; 2 years at Herbert Lehman College (Liberal Arts); 5 years at New York Institute of Technology (Architectural Design and Technology)  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Former Chair, current Secretary - Bronx Greens; Steering Committee member - Shut Down Indian Point Now!; Member, Eco-action Committee - Green Party of the United States  
**Prior Public Experience:** Green Party of NYS State Committee Representative (2004-2010); Chair, Bronx County Green Party (2008-present); 2010 Green Party candidate for NYS Assembly; 2012 Green Party candidate for NYS Senate.

- 1. What is the most important issue in the Bronx you would address if elected?**  
The Bronx is the poorest county in the US. It's the place one uses to get somewhere else. It's been used as a dumping ground in both the literal and figurative sense. When not ignored, it's been exploited by political and corporate forces from without, and plundered by it's own elected officials from within. Our biggest challenge is to stand up for ourselves and demand the resources and services we're denied.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Divestment from fossil fuels and nuclear energy, investment in green, sustainable energy; oversight of the police, an end to stop and frisk; strengthen tenants rights; elected community, school and planning boards.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
My life is the Bronx. My family came here in 1898. I've lived in Unionport since I was 14 months old. I went to school here from kindergarten to college. Most of my jobs have been here. I've ridden on every bus and subway line, driven on every highway, crossed every bridge, biked on every major road, and have been on (and sometimes in) every waterway here. I know the Bronx.  
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# 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 8**  
Melissa Mark Viverito (D, WF)  
Ralina Cardona (R)  
Christopher R. Giattino (LBT)\*

» **Council District 12**  
Andy L. King (D, WF)  
Robert Diamond (R, C)\*  
Trevor Archer (G)

» **Council District 11**  
Andrew Cohen (D, WF)  
Patricia Brink (R)\*  
William Kalaidjian (C)\*  
John H. Reynolds (G)  
Cheryl Keeling (SC)

The ballot was not final at press time. Some candidates may have been removed after this Guide went to press, and candidates may appear in a different order than listed above.

\*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](http://www.nycctfb.info/voterguide).

## General Election | City Council District 8

### Melissa Mark Viverito 8th City Council District (D, WF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** New York City Councilwoman, 8th Council District.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Strategic Organizer for 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Worker’s East; Director of the Hispanic Education and Legal Fund (HELP); Deputy Director of ASPIRA of New York  
**Education:** Columbia University, BA; Baruch College, MPA; National Urban Fellow  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NY City Council Progressive Caucus, co-founder and co-Chair; NY City Council Parks Committee, Chair; Women of El Barrio, founding member; Community Board 11, past member; Community Board 2, past member  
**Prior Public Experience:** Elected to the New York City Council in 2005 and 2009

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?

I currently represent the most affordable and rent stabilized housing units of any member of the city council. Though there are many issues and policy items that are important to me, I am running for re-election in order to continue my work as the voice to protect housing affordability.

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

I have fought hard to ensure our students have the best facilities available to get a great education and have been successful keeping closing schools open, directing over \$5 million to district schools and securing science labs, playgrounds and technology upgrades for 40 of our schools. But there’s still more to do. I am running for re-election so I can continue to go to the mats for the young people in my district.

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

From affordable housing, to paid sick leave, to good schools and open government, there is no one on this race with the experience and progressive track record to represent the Bronx and Manhattan communities in my district.

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### Ralina Cardona 8th City Council District (R)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Entrepreneur-transformative behavior and community development  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Singer, producer  
**Education:** Fieldston High School, Boston University-School of Fine Arts, Berklee College of Music, Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University, CUNY School of Professional Studies.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** New York State Director-League of United Latin American Citizens, Chairperson-Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs, Treasurer-East Harlem Business Capital Corp., Trustee-Boricua College, Member-New York Yankee Council, Member Board of Advisors American Cancer Society-Bronx Region  
**Prior Public Experience:** Judicial Delegate

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#### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?

District 8 has one of the highest saturations of public and subsidized housing in the country. Housing not only provides necessary shelter, it should build economic and demographic growth to make our district a vibrant community.

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

Local Economy-I will develop a strategy focused on helping our local entrepreneurs become more successful to bring more wealth into the community.

Youth-“Our Youth Are Not Bad...They Are Bored” If we don’t keep them busy others will.

Education-Create strategic partnerships to build curriculums that stimulate and encourage learning

Health-Address the epidemic of diseases by preventive medical options and interventions

Elderly-They took care of us, we must take care of them

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

I was born and raised in the district. I chose to stay, I own a home on the block where I grew up. I lived through the South Bronx Fires and helped rebuild the district. My service and love of my community, training and global initiatives have prepared me for this position.

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Andrew Cohen  
11th City Council District (D, WF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Attorney in my own practice and an adjunct assistant professor at CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Principal Law Secretary, NYS Supreme Court; Court Attorney, NYC Civil Court; Legislative Counsel, NYC Council and NYS Assembly.

**Education:** Attended NYC public schools, SUNY New Paltz and Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

**Organizational Affiliations:** Board Member, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park; Coach, Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Association; Member, Bronx County Bar Association; Member, Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club

**Prior Public Experience:** Bronx Community Board 8 Aging Chair and former Youth Committee Chair; small claims court arbitrator

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- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 11 you would address if elected?**
- The most important issue is reforming government to be more responsive to the needs of my district in the city. Specifically, giving parents a greater voice in education; expanding the universal pre-k program; improving accountability in the City Council through the elimination of lulus, providing equitable distribution of member item money and common sense procedures to get legislation to the floor; and fostering sensible economic development.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
- I would work to maintain and enhance quality of life in the district through the effective provision of essential government services. For example, we need to adequately staff our police precincts; keep our fire houses open; maintain funding for our libraries; improve our parks; expand services for seniors; and expand Select Bus Service.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
- I believe I am the best candidate because in addition to my experience and record of service, I have the ability to bring people together as evidenced by the broad coalition of elected officials, labor organizations, and community leaders that are supporting my candidacy.
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John H. Reynolds  
11th City Council District (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** Green Party

**Current Occupation:** Management Consultant

**Previous Occupation(s):** Software and Systems Design and Development; Finance

**Education:** CCNY

**Organizational Affiliations:** SDIPN!

**Prior Public Experience:** Peace and justice activist, organizer, issues advocate

- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 11 you would address if elected?**
- Serve the people. Basic reform of dysfunctional Council and city govt.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
- Genuine campaign finance reform, fiscal equity, human rights

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- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
- We have a municipal government that is worthy of Wall St, not of a free & democratic people. It is a govt which serve the interests of big real estate, not of us ordinary working folks. Elections are no substitute for local grassroots organizing, or mass social movements; but as a long-time Green and Socialist activist, I know that we ordinary working people cannot cede any arena, including elections to the plutocrats and malefactors of great wealth. I stand for revolutionary reform of city govt, and for revolt in the City Council against the dictatorial powers of the Speaker; and to lift up and move forward an agenda of workers', civil, women's, and immigrant rights; and human rights; and an agenda of environmental, social, and economic justice. Where initiatives exist in the Council on human rights issues, I will sponsor them, and move to break the logjam imposed by the Speaker, on voting these bills out of committee. Where such initiatives need to be codified in a Council bill / resolution, I will introduce it.
- Since I run in the traditions of Gene Debs – elected to Indiana Senate, 8th Dist.; and of Vito Marcantonio (elected to Congress 7 times, ran for mayor in 1949, on ALP line) I am running to win. But I also run to lift up social, economic and environmental justice for the NW Bronx and all the Bronx, to reignite a socialist vision, build an ecosocialist movement, and to these ends, defend the Green ballot line.
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Cheryl Keeling  
11th City Council District (SC)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Businesswoman 34 years, Real Estate Investments. Fieldston School Varsity Track and JV Tennis Coach. Strength Trainer for High Performance Tennis Players. NYC Certified PS Teacher.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Law Clerk to Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Manhattan. Motown Records, Writer Coordinator, Publishing Department.

**Education:** NYC Public Schools; Charles Evans Hughes HS; Ithaca College and London University, BA, Political Science; Valley University School of Law, Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

**Organizational Affiliations:** USATF - USA Track and Field Association; USTA - US Tennis Association; USPLA - US Powerlifting Association; CB 8 Parks and Recreation.

**Prior Public Experience:** Not as an elected official. As a volunteer or paid personnel in NY, Iowa and California I have been involved in Mentoring, Drug Intervention, Legal and Entrepreneurship Programs and Dance Performance Companies.

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- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 11 you would address if elected?**
- Quality of Education and Quality of Life Issues.
- Education - Return Art, Music, Dance and Competitive Physical Education to the schools as After School Programs.
- Quality of Life - Protect seniors from the loss of their homes with a “must renew” clause in the lease and a ceiling on the fees imposed by coops that are burdensome to a vulnerable population. Sizable but sensible deregulation for Small Business Owners; Affordable Housing and a Higher Minimum Wage. This will help re-create a middle class and build more viable communities.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**
- Protection of Human Infrastructure: Quality of air; Locally grown foods; Bike lanes; Conversion of waste to clean energy. Safe Streets and Neighborhoods. Creation of Jobs and Housing by renovating the City’s many vacant units and selling them as affordable housing with low interest loans. NYC jobs for NY residents.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**
- I have lived everything about which I speak. Businesswoman, educator, resident, parent, senior and one who understands we have a duty to take care of the planet.
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Andy L. King  
12th City Council District (D, WF)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** New York City Councilmember, 12th District  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Community Organizer  
**Education:** Evander Childs High School, B.A. in Communications from William Paterson University.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** 1199 SEIU Member; Former Member DC 37 Local 371; Working Families Party; African American Caucus of SEIU; NAACP Member Williamsbridge Chapter; 47th Precinct Clergy Coalition  
**Prior Public Experience:** Incumbent New York City Councilmember, Member of NYPD 47th Community Council, Volunteer Director of the Bronx YEP, Program Director Special Olympics NY, Former President of Parent Advisory Committee of Crawford Day Care Center, Founding member of the Bronx Youth Uptown Developers Coalition

- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 12 you would address if elected?**  
Youth and Education Services.
- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
Advocating for Senior Services; access to Affordable Healthcare and Housing; the public safety of our neighborhoods; small business development; and living wage jobs.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
Within six months of taking office I have co-sponsored the Community Safety Act, added \$300,000 to the NAACP’s Williamsbridge Early Childhood Center, and allocated over \$800,000 in funding to programs which provide nutritional assistance to residents of the community. I have also held a number informational workshops to save residents homes (i.e. home foreclosures and tax lien workshops). In addition I have held a number of neighborhood forums to keep our community informed and engaged (i.e. Small Business forum, NYPD Community Relations Workshop, and Youth Empowerment forums). My office has also assisted over 300 community residents with their citizenship paperwork. I have also worked with a number of city agencies to maintain senior services, affordable housing, and traffic and public safety concerns. Finally, my commitment to the community that educated and raised me will always be the motivating factor in staying true to the service required in representing the residents of the 12th District of the Bronx.
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Trevor Archer  
12th City Council District (G)



**Party Enrolled In:** None  
**Current Occupation:** Retail Merchandising  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Sales  
**Education:** BS in Business Management, SUNY Old Westbury  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Fathers Are Parents Too  
**Prior Public Experience:** Green Party candidate for NY State Assembly, AD83 Bronx (2006, 2010)

- 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 12 you would address if elected?**  
I understand that one of the most important issues of the District is Education. In order to build a solid foundation for the future, our schools must be able to keep up. We have to ensure that parents have a voice and ensure that there are leadership and support for our public schools in order to build a solid foundation for the future.

- 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
The other issues I would like to address is Housing and Health Care. Although new two and three family houses have been added to the area in recent years, there is still a shortage of affordable housing. Real Estate is the biggest business in the city and our people have been disengaged from the process.
- To ensure a strong Health Care system we need to stay informed about the issues that will affect us in the community and to stay informed with elected officials and partner with advocate to foster quality care.
- 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
I am someone whose priorities are to my Council District and not to any one particular party or group of people. I will represent everyone. I understand the problems and the struggles of my community. I have launched this campaign to enact change and get results.
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1 | Get Your Ballot

- » Go to your designated poll site, sign in, and get your paper ballot and voter card from the poll worker.
- » A privacy sleeve will be provided to shield your ballot from view after you have marked it.
- » Go to the privacy booth or request to use the ballot marking device (BMD).

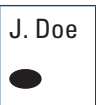


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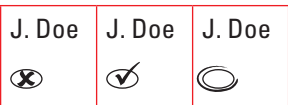
2 | Mark Both Sides of Your Ballot

- » Mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval next to your choice using the pen provided.

Correct



Incorrect



- » Do NOT use an “X” or a “✓”, circle the oval, or make stray marks on the ballot.
- » For a write-in candidate, fill in the appropriate oval and write in the candidate’s name.
- » Do NOT fold your ballot.



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3 | Scan Your Ballot

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

Using the Ballot Marking Device (BMD)



The BMD provides two ways for voters to access the ballot:

1. See the ballot on the display screen.
2. Listen to the ballot through audio headphones.

The BMD provides four ways for voters to mark the ballot:

1. Touch Screen
2. Key Pad (Braille)
3. Sip & Puff Device
4. Rocker Paddle

Follow these steps to mark your ballot using the BMD:

- » Decide how you will access and mark the ballot.
- » Insert your ballot into the feed tray.
- » Select your preferred language.
- » The BMD will guide you through the process of making your choices and reviewing your selections.
- » To change a selection, select the contest or issue you would like to change and reselect the proper choice. Select “NEXT” to return to the summary screen.
- » Select “Mark Ballot” to print your marked ballot.
- » Take your printed ballot and voter card to the scanner area.
- » If you would like assistance inserting your ballot into the scanner, a poll worker will assist you.

Important Notes and Solutions to Common Problems!

Remember...

Turn your ballot over!

There may be candidates and/or ballot proposals to vote for on the back.

Be sure to vote for every office and every ballot question.

The scanner will not tell you that you failed to mark an oval for one or more races or ballot questions. This is called “undervoting.” Look your ballot over carefully before you scan it. Be sure you voted for every race and every ballot proposal. Once the scanner accepts your ballot, you will not get a second chance to vote.

Fill in the oval completely.

Do not use “X” or “✓” or circle the oval.

Vote for only one person unless instructed otherwise.

In the first column of each row, the ballot will say how many choices you have. In most cases, it will say “Vote for ONE”, but in some cases it may say “Vote for any TWO”, “Vote for any THREE”, etc. Please read the ballot carefully so you do not overvote or undervote.

You can vote for a write-in candidate.

If you want to vote for a candidate who is not listed on the ballot, you must:

- (1) completely fill in the oval in the area provided for write-in candidates and
- (2) write or stamp the name of the candidate in that same box.

There is more than one scanner at most poll sites.

Hand your voter card to the poll worker and he or she will tell you which scanner to use.

Problems & Solutions

I made a mistake marking my ballot.

Do not try to erase or change your ballot. Ask a poll worker for a new ballot. Each voter can request up to 3 ballots total.

I “overvoted” (filled in too many ovals for a contest).

If you overvote, your vote for that office or ballot proposal will not be counted. If you realize you have overvoted before placing your ballot in the scanner, ask a poll worker for a new ballot to fill out. If you insert a ballot with an overvote into the scanner, the display screen will show an error message with two choices. Select “Don’t Cast – Return Ballot”, and the scanner will return your ballot so you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot to fill out. If you choose “Cast Ballot”, the scanner will keep your ballot and your vote will not be counted for the contest in which you overvoted, but the rest of your choices will count.

The text is too small; I can’t read my paper ballot.

There will be a magnifying sheet available. You can also ask to use a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) or ask a friend to help you.

Make sure to vote on all six ballot proposals!

- » The questions may be on the **back**.
- » Vote **YES** or **NO** by filling in the correct oval completely for each question. Go to pages 18-19 to learn more about the ballot proposals.



# New York State Ballot Proposals

On November 5th, you will also be voting **YES** or **NO** on six ballot proposals to amend the New York State Constitution. For each proposal, we have provided the official text of the ballot question; a summary describing it; and reasons to vote yes or no, which were prepared by the CFB based on media coverage and other public commentary and do not necessarily reflect all the reasons to support or oppose each proposal.

For “pro” and “con” statements from organizations and individuals who support or oppose each proposal, visit the online Voter Guide at [www.nyccfb.info/voterguide](http://www.nyccfb.info/voterguide).

### Proposal 1 | Authorizing Casino Gaming

The proposed amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the Constitution would allow the Legislature to authorize up to seven casinos in New York State for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ☐ YES or ☐ NO

An umbrella prohibition against gambling was added to the State Constitution in 1894. The Constitution has since been amended to allow certain forms of gambling – including state lotteries and wagering on horse racing – but casino gambling remains illegal in New York.

This proposal would amend the State Constitution to permit casino gambling at no more than seven facilities statewide for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated. Under a law enacted by the state legislature this year, if the ballot proposal is passed, up to four casinos could be placed right away in three upstate regions: the Hudson Valley-Catskill area, the Capital District-Saratoga area, and the Southern Tier. The law prohibits additional casinos for at least seven years.

Under this law, if this ballot proposal does **not** pass, gambling would be authorized at up to four new video lottery gaming facilities.

### Reasons to Vote **YES**

- » Casinos will jumpstart the economies of economically depressed regions upstate by attracting tourists, creating jobs, and generating revenue.
- » This will generate substantial tax revenues for state and local governments. Most of these revenues would be used to finance public education and lower property taxes.
- » Casino gambling is a fun recreational activity that should be more accessible to New Yorkers.
- » Many state residents already visit casinos in neighboring states such as New Jersey and Connecticut. New York should reap the profits from New York residents’ gambling, not these other states.
- » There should be a coherent, uniform state policy with respect to casino gambling. New York already permits video lottery terminals at racetracks and has five Vegas-style casinos on Native American tribal land, as permitted under federal law.

### Reasons to Vote **NO**

- » Legalized casinos are a predatory scheme to raise money from the poor and vulnerable. They would lead to an increase in compulsive gambling, which has financial and social consequences for victims and their loved ones.
- » Casinos attract illegal activities such as forgery, fraud, theft, embezzlement, and prostitution. These and other problems caused by gambling could cost the state nearly \$400 million per year.
- » We should not permit casinos in New York before we more carefully study their potential impact. Casinos do not guarantee economic development, and sometimes have little overall economic effect.

- » Casinos in New York will not be especially profitable, and will have a limited impact on regional economies, because the Northeast has recently become saturated with casinos.
- » This proposal would have minimal short-term impact downstate because casinos would not be developed in New York City and nearby counties for at least seven years.
- » We’re always promised that new state revenues will go toward education and lowering taxes, but this never seems to happen.

### Proposal 2 | Additional Civil Service Credit for Veterans with Disabilities Certified Post-Appointment

The proposed amendment to section 6 of article 5 of the Constitution would entitle a veteran who has received civil service credit for a civil service appointment or promotion and subsequently is certified as disabled to additional civil service credit at a subsequent appointment or promotion.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ☐ YES or ☐ NO

Under the State Constitution, military veterans receive additional credit on civil service exams: 5 points for an original appointment and 2½ points for a promotion. Veterans certified as disabled receive more credit: 10 points for an original appointment and 5 points for a promotion. Currently, civil service credit for military service is applied only once – if a veteran is classified as disabled at a later date, he or she does not receive the higher amount of credit.

This proposal would allow veterans who are certified disabled after having already received credit at one appointment or promotion to receive additional credit one more time after certification of their disability. After being certified disabled, a veteran would be entitled to an additional grant of credit equal to the difference between 10 and the number of points received at the initial appointment or promotion. This would bring the total additional points of civil service credit a disabled veteran can receive to 10 for a subsequent promotion or appointment.

### Reasons to Vote **YES**

- » It should not matter when a veteran is disabled for calculating civil service credit. This proposal closes that loophole.
- » Our veterans have risked their lives for us and deserve our full support when they come home.

### Reasons to Vote **NO**

- » The civil service system already adequately compensates disabled veterans. More compensation is not needed.

### Proposal 3 | Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage Facilities

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution would extend for ten years, until January 1, 2024, the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ☐ YES or ☐ NO

The State Constitution places limits on the debts that may be incurred by counties, cities, towns, and villages. Currently, debts incurred between 1962 through the end of this year for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities are exempt from constitutional debt limits. The proposal would extend this exemption for another ten years, to include all such debts incurred through the end of 2023.

### Reasons to Vote **YES**

- » This exemption would allow cities and towns to maintain high-quality sewage systems without exceeding their constitutional debt limitations.
- » This proposal would allow municipalities to continue an appropriate financial-management practice that has been in place for over 50 years.

### Reasons to Vote **NO**

- » This proposal would allow municipalities to accumulate excessive debt that could impose crippling obligations on future taxpayers.
- » This exemption sets a bad precedent by allowing municipalities to get around debt limits. If we think the debt limits are too onerous, then we should revise the debt limits.

**Proposal 4 | Settling Disputed Title in the Forest Preserve**

The proposed amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution would authorize the Legislature to settle longstanding disputes between the State and private entities over certain parcels of land within the forest preserve in the town of Long Lake, Hamilton County. In exchange for giving up its claim to disputed parcels, the State would get land to be incorporated into the forest preserve that would benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels currently do.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ☐ YES or ☐ NO

All of the state-owned land within the Adirondacks must be kept “forever wild” under the State Constitution. For more than a century, the titles to parcels of land in the town of Long Lake, Hamilton County have been in dispute, with both the state and private individuals claiming ownership. The state cannot transfer any of these parcels to a private owner without an amendment to the State Constitution. This proposed amendment would allow the state to give up its claim to disputed parcels in exchange for forest land of greater value, which would be added to Adirondack Park. The potential land exchange would occur only if the Legislature determines that the land to be conveyed to the state would benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels do.

**Reasons to Vote ● YES**

- » This proposal would allow residents living on these disputed parcels to remain while adding more beneficial forest land to the Land Preserve for the public to enjoy.
- » Resolving this decades-long land dispute through the courts would be expensive; the state can potentially save these costs if this proposal passes.

**Reasons to Vote ● NO**

- » The state should not give public land to private owners.
- » According to the Constitution, this land is supposed to be kept “forever wild.” If the state gives up its fight for this land, the entire forest preserve is in jeopardy.
- » The Legislature cannot be trusted to obtain land in exchange that will benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels do.

**Proposal 5 | In Relation to a Land Exchange in the State Forest Preserve with NYCO Minerals, Inc.**

The proposed amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution would authorize the Legislature to convey forest preserve land located in the town of Lewis, Essex County, to NYCO Minerals, a private company that plans on expanding an existing mine that adjoins the forest preserve land. In exchange, the NYCO Minerals would give the State at least the same amount of land of at least the same value, with a minimum assessed value of \$1 million, to be added to the forest preserve. When NYCO Minerals finishes mining, it would restore the condition of the land and return it to the forest preserve.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ☐ YES or ☐ NO

All of the state-owned land within the Adirondacks must be kept “forever wild” under the State Constitution. It is thus necessary to amend the state Constitution in order to transfer any of this land to another owner.

This proposal would permit the state to transfer title to approximately 200 acres of Adirondack Park in Essex County to NYCO Minerals, a private mining company that operates a mine adjacent to the forest preserve. In exchange, NYCO Minerals would transfer to the state at least the same quantity of land, with a minimum assessed value of \$1 million, to be added to the forest preserve. When NYCO Minerals finishes mining, the company would restore the condition of the land it received in the exchange and return it to the forest preserve.

The proposed amendment also would allow NYCO Minerals to test to determine the quantity and quality of the mineral to be mined on the land to be exchanged before the exchange occurs. It would require NYCO Minerals to give the State its test results so that the State can use them to determine the value of the land to be conveyed to NYCO Minerals. The proposed amendment also would require that if, after testing, NYCO Minerals does not want the forest preserve land, NYCO Minerals still must give the State at least the same amount of land of at least the same value of the land that was disturbed by the testing. This land would be incorporated into the forest preserve.

**Reasons to Vote ● YES**

- » Allowing NYCO Minerals to use the land could extend the life of its mine by at least a decade, saving more than 100 jobs in the area. The company’s current mine has only three more years of expected life.
- » The Forest Preserve contains the only viable mining location in the region. Other potential mining sites would be much more difficult and costly to mine.
- » The proposal would not diminish the amount of land available for the public to enjoy in the short term, and would ultimately increase the size of the preserve once NYCO Minerals returns the land it received to the State.

**Reasons to Vote ● NO**

- » This sets a bad precedent because it would be the first swap of Adirondack Park land undertaken for private commercial gain.
- » NYCO should not mine on Adirondack Park land when it could mine at an alternate site two miles away called Oak Hill.
- » Mined lands that will be returned to the Park will have suffered ecological destruction.
- » There are a number of scenarios under which NYCO Minerals might never return the exchanged land to the public trust, or might return it in a damaged state, such as if the company were to go out of business. This could make the land unsuitable for public use or require public dollars to rehabilitate.

**Proposal 6 | Increasing Age until which Certain State Judges Can Serve**

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, amending sections 2 and 25 of article 6, would increase the maximum age until which certain state judges may serve as follows: (a) a Justice of the Supreme Court would be eligible for five additional two-year terms after the present retirement age of 70, instead of the three such terms currently authorized; and (b) a Judge of the Court of Appeals who reaches the age of 70 while in office would be permitted to remain in service on the Court for up to 10 years beyond the present retirement age of 70 in order to complete the term to which that Judge was appointed.

Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ☐ YES or ☐ NO

Judges of the Court of Appeals — the state’s highest court — serve 14-year terms, but under the State Constitution, they must retire once they reach the mandatory retirement age of 70, even if they have not served their terms to completion. The proposed amendment would permit a Judge who reaches the age of 70 while in office to remain in service on the Court for up to 10 additional years in order to complete the term to which that Judge was appointed.

Justices of the Supreme Court – the state’s trial and appellate division courts – also must retire at age 70 under the Constitution, but are permitted to serve up to three two-year terms after they reach retirement age if their services are needed and they are deemed competent to perform the full duties of the office. This proposal would permit Supreme Court justices to serve two additional post-retirement terms, also allowing them to serve until age 80.

**Reasons to Vote ● YES**

- » The current mandatory retirement ages were set in 1869. Considering that life expectancy is now much higher and many senior citizens lead active and healthy lives, it no longer makes sense to force judges to retire at age 70.
- » This proposal will allow the most experienced judges to remain on the bench. Older judges may be more effective than younger judges due to their experience and the fact that their decisions may be less influenced by personal career prospects.
- » Four current members of the U.S. Supreme Court are over 70, and have showed no signs of slowing down. If these judges sat on New York State’s highest court, they would have already been forced to retire.

**Reasons to Vote ● NO**

- » We need younger and more diverse judges to bring a fresh perspective to the courts – not older judges serving longer.
- » This proposal could result in judges serving after they are no longer mentally or physically capable.
- » All judges in New York State should be subject to the same mandatory retirement age. This proposal creates a two-tiered system where statewide judges can retire later than judges in local and specialized courts, whose current retirement age of 70 would be unaffected.

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