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# Voter Guide

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# Welcome to your NYC Voter Guide

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

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

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

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

Learn more about NYC Votes and the Campaign Finance Board on pages 23-24.



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## I need to:

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## 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.

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

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

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a primary election?

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

### Can I vote in the September 10th primary election?

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

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

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

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

### What will I be voting on in the primary election?

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

### How do I register to vote?

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

### Could my registration have expired?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Your Rights as a Voter

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

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

### In any election, you have a right to:

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

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

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

## Where Do I Vote?

To find your poll site, visit the BOE's website at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) and use its poll site locator, call the voter hotline at **866-VOTE-NYC**, or contact the BOE office in your borough.

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# 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.

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

» **Republican Primary (R)**  
 John Catsimatidis  
 Joseph J. Lhota  
 George McDonald  
 Sam Sloan\*

» **Independence Primary<sup>†</sup> (I)**  
 Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

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

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



## 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.

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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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## Democratic Primary | Mayor

## Sal F. Albanese

**Mayor (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Attorney  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Public school teacher, Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at John Jay College, Managing Director at Mesirow Financial  
**Education:** John Jay High School; B.A. in Education, CUNY-York College; M.A. in Health, NYU; J.D., Brooklyn Law School  
**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A  
**Prior Public Experience:** City Council member, School board member

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

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

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

As Mayor, I will:

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

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

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

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## Neil Vincent Grimaldi

**Mayor (D)**

**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** ATTORNET : CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES AUTHOR OF A GUIDE TO LIFE AND OTHER BOOKS BUSSINESS OWNER  
**Previous Occupation(s):** ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL NARCOTIC PROSECUTOR< PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE ONE REMEDIAL READING TEACHER AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL I WAS A CLERK WITH DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION AND SANITATION AND A CAR CLEANER OF TRAIN CARS AS WELL I WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER FROM 12 TO 20 YEARS OLD  
**Education:** GEORGETOWN SCHOOKL OF FOREIGN SERVICE ST JOHN LAW SCHOOL FORDHAM UNIVERSITY EDUCATION CREDITS TO BE NYC TEACHER SEMINARY  
**Organizational Affiliations:** LAW BAR ASSOCIATIIONS FREE INDEPENDENT MASONS  
**Prior Public Experience:** ASSISTANT DISTRICR ATTORNEY: BRONX COUNTY< ASST NYC SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER NEW YORK STATE SENATE STAFF AND NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Randy Credico

**Mayor (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Political satirist, impressionist, consultant  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Director William Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice, campaign consultant  
**Education:** Mt. Sac College Calif.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Kunstler fund  
**Prior Public Experience:** 0

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

reforming ny's criminal justice system

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

Tax Wall Street 1 percent  
 LOWER TAXES ON THE 99 %

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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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## He Gin Lee

**Mayor (D)**

**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Registered Architect  
**Previous Occupation(s):** None  
**Education:** New York Institute of Technology, Institute of Design and Construction  
**Organizational Affiliations:** American Institute of Architects  
**Prior Public Experience:** None

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## John C. Liu

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Comptroller, City of New York

**Previous Occupation(s):** Actuary/Management Consultant - PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

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

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

**Prior Public Experience:** New York City Councilmember (2002-2009); Community Board member.

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

Economic recovery with sustained growth is the key issue. These recent years have been perhaps the worst recession since the Great Depression. We must create jobs and diversify our economic base into all neighborhoods of this City.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Christine C. Quinn

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** New York City Council Speaker

**Previous Occupation(s):** NYC Council Speaker 2006-Present; Councilmember 1999-Present; Exec. Director, NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project; Chief of Staff, Tom Duane; Tenant Organizer

**Education:** B.A., Trinity College

**Organizational Affiliations:** NARAL Pro-Choice NY; GLID; Chelsea Reform Democratic Club; Stonewall Democrats

**Prior Public Experience:** See Above

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

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

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

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

**Public Safety:** I'll make sure New York City remains the safest big city in America while we improve police-community relations. We can't afford to take a step back in the fight against crime.

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

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

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## Erick Salgado

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** A full-time candidate who continues to serve as Pastor of Bensonhurst's Iglesia Jovenes Cristianos Church.

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

**Education:** Erick holds a Doctorate in Theological Studies from UTI University.

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** N/A

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

I will restore the ranks of the Police Dept. to those of Mayor Giuliani's administration, eliminate quotas & implement additional sensitivity training for all officers. I will continue the Dept.'s initiatives to combat terrorism.

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## Bill Thompson

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# A Few Notes about the Voter Guide

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## Anthony D. Weiner

Mayor (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Public Servant

**Previous Occupation(s):** 12 years - US Congressman, representing Brooklyn and Queens; 7 years - NY City Council Member representing Brooklyn; 6 years - Aide to then-Rep. Charles Schumer

**Education:** SUNY Plattsburgh, B.A. in Political Science

**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A

**Prior Public Experience:** U.S. Representative, NY 9th district; City Council Member, NYC 48th district

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## John Catsimatidis

Mayor (R)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican  
**Current Occupation:** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Successful independent businessman. CEO of Red Apple Group.  
**Education:** NYC public and parochial schools, including Brooklyn Tech; Attended NYU.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Board Member of the Police Athletic League for nearly 30 years, Board of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, the St. Francis Food Pantries and former Vice Chair of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council. I also serve as a Member of the Pension Board of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Common sense businessman who built a successful major retail organization from the ground up. Only candidate that has the experience required to manage an organization as large and complex as New York City.

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

Mayor (R)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican  
**Current Occupation:** As Founder and President of the Doe Fund, one of the country's most celebrated nonprofit organizations, George McDonald has proven that providing paid work opportunities to individuals can transform their lives. Together with his wife Harriet and fueled by the belief that "work works." the Doe Fund has helped more than 18,000 individuals from returning veterans to the formerly incarcerated reclaim their lives.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Apparel industry executive with McGregor Sportswear.  
**Education:** Throughout his career McDonald has received numerous accolades including the Manhattan Institute's William E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award in Social Entrepreneurship and an Honorary Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** ABO  
**Prior Public Experience:** In 2005, George chaired the NYS Independent Committee on Reentry & Employment. He currently sits on Gov. Cuomo's Work for Success Executive Committee.

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

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 The most important job of the Mayor is to keep our city safe. To do that, we must preserve but also improve the implementation of Stop, Question and Frisk.

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

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## Joseph J. Lhota

Mayor (R)



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican  
**Current Occupation:** Full-time candidate  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Deputy Mayor and Budget Director, Giuliani Administration; Executive Vice President, Madison Square Garden & Cablevision; Investment Banker  
**Education:** Georgetown University, BS 1976; Harvard Business School, MBA 1980  
**Organizational Affiliations:** CUNY, Member Board of Trustees  
**Prior Public Experience:** Budget Director and Deputy Mayor for Operations, Giuliani Administration; Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**1. What is the most important issue in the city you would address if elected?**  
 Creating jobs and a vibrant, diversified economy is the key to our City's success. Government can't create jobs, but it is responsible for creating an environment for job growth. Our government must operate more efficiently while reducing taxes

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

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Reforming government must be a top priority. We need ethics reform to get rid of corrupt politicians and educational reform to improve our schools. Public safety is also critical to our quality of life. We must ensure the NYPD has the necessary tools and resources to keep us safe from terrorists and violent criminals.

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

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## Independence Primary | Mayor

## Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

Mayor (I)



**Party Enrolled In:** Unaffiliated  
**Current Occupation:** Founder/Managing Direct of MetroFutures, LLC.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Small Business Owner, NYC Public School Teacher, City Planner, Community Board Manager  
**Education:** Bachelor's Degree- Kings College; Master's Degree in Urban Planning- CUNY- Hunter College  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Morris Heights Health Center, County Executives of America, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Org, Bronx DiVA Talk- Domestic Violence Awareness  
**Prior Public Experience:** White House Director of Urban Affairs, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Two-term Bronx Borough President, NYC Councilmember, Former President of NALEO (National Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials)

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

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

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

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## Primary Election | Tuesday, September 10

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Runoff Primary Election (if necessary) | Tuesday, October 1

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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.

» **Democratic Primary (D)**  
 Catherine Guerriero  
 Letitia James  
 Reshma Saujani  
 Daniel Squadron  
 Sidique Wai

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## Reshma Saujani

**Public Advocate (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Founder, Girls Who Code  
**Previous Occupation(s):** NYC Deputy Public Advocate, Attorney  
**Education:** J.D. Yale Law School; M.A. Harvard Kennedy School of Government; B.A. University of Illinois  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Board Member, Bronx Academy of Software Engineering  
**Prior Public Experience:** NYC Deputy Public Advocate

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

Education is the issue I would focus on the most because it is the pathway to jobs and economic security. We must provide our teachers and schools the necessary resources for our kids to be prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Democratic Primary | Public Advocate

### Catherine Guerriero

**Public Advocate (D)**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Professor of Education and Politics at Teachers’ College, Columbia University and the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Served as Director of Strategic Planning for the Archdiocese of New York and Director of Government Relations for Catholic Charities. As Associate Director for the Archdiocese, coordinated Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 visit. Also ran a strategic planning consultancy for small businesses and non-profits.  
**Education:** Curtis High School, Wagner College, MPA from the Wagner School at NYU and a doctorate in educational administration from the NYU Steinhardt School of Education.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** New Era Democrats, Congress of Italian American Organizations  
**Prior Public Experience:** After 20 years in politics, this is my first run for elected office.

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### Daniel Squadron

**Public Advocate (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** State Senator  
**Previous Occupation(s):** See below  
**Education:** Yale University  
**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A  
**Prior Public Experience:** Before my election in 2008, I served as a top aide to US Sen. Chuck Schumer and co-authored his book. I also worked to secure \$3 billion for our transit system and move money from the bureaucracy to our public schools.

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

I’ll fight to make our city more livable and affordable so more people can make a life here, especially the most vulnerable.

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**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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### Letitia James

**Public Advocate (D)**



**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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**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** NYC Council Member  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Public Defender with Legal Aid Society; Assistant NYS Attorney General; Chief of Staff in NYS Assembly  
**Education:** New York City public schools; CUNY Lehman College; Howard University Law School  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Founded the Urban Network, a coalition of minority professional organizations that raises money and distributes college scholarships to inner city youth.  
**Prior Public Experience:** NYC Council Member, 35th District

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### Sidique Wai

**Public Advocate (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Administrative Staff Analyst/Advisor to the NYC Police Commissioner.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Division Chief of Resident Support Services, NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA); Community Liaison to Andrew Stein, President of the NYC Council; Community Liaison, Howard Golden, Brooklyn Borough President.  
**Education:** BA, Political Science, Fordham University; MPA Candidate, Robert Wager School of Public Service (NYU).  
**Organizational Affiliations:** President/National Spokesperson, United African Congress; 2nd Vice Chair, African Union Diaspora Task Team.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Founded Wai Associates, a healthcare advocacy public relations firm.

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

We must do a much better job of fostering more open and honest communication

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

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

**Create Affordable Housing:** Build new affordable housing specifically so police officers, teachers, and other city employees working towards public prosperity can afford to live in the neighborhoods where they work. This will foster better working relationships between them and the citizens they serve.

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

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

My breadth of experience in the areas of public safety, community empowerment, healthcare, housing and civil rights, and my commitment to advancing a more intimate sense of community between people of all races and classes, as well as new immigrants assimilating into our city.

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# 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.

- » **Democratic Primary (D)**  
Eliot Spitzer  
Scott M. Stringer
- » **Republican Primary (R)**  
Richard Bozulich\*  
John Burnett

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## Scott M. Stringer

**Comptroller (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present  
**Previous Occupation(s):** New York State Assemblymember, District 67  
**Education:** B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
**Organizational Affiliations:** N/A  
**Prior Public Experience:** Manhattan Borough President, 2006 to present; New York State Assemblymember, District 67, 1992 to 2005

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

I will work tirelessly to ensure the City's fiscal health and safeguard every tax dollar. I will aggressively examine city spending, rooting out waste and inefficiency. I will work to grow our pension funds through responsible investments and strengthen oversight of city contracts to prevent fraud and abuse.

### 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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## Democratic Primary | Comptroller

### Eliot Spitzer

**Comptroller (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Businessman  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Journalist, Elected Official of New York, Prosecutor  
**Education:** Law School  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NY Bar  
**Prior Public Experience:** Governor and AG NYS, Prosecutor Manhattan DA's Office

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

Ensuring vigorous oversight of the city's finances and providing financial stability for its long-term health, while also using the city's financial power as a lever to take on the special interests on behalf of the people.

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

As a lifelong New Yorker, I've seen power that rightfully belongs in the hands of the people too often wielded by the special interests.

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But it doesn't have to be that way.

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

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

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

The Comptroller is responsible for protecting the financial health of the city. Dollars you put into the system that fund your services, schools and roads. Dollars that make up your pension plans and your retirement security.

The fundamental question in this election is who do you want fighting for you... because it's your money.

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

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## Republican Primary | Comptroller

### John Burnett

**Comptroller (R)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Republican  
**Current Occupation:** John is an Advisory Board Member of White Wolf Capital.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** John has over 20 years of financial services experience and has held domestic and global leadership roles in the areas of compliance, governance, investment oversight and risk management.  
**Education:** John holds a BS degree with honors in Leadership and Management Studies from New York University and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University.  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Urban Resource Institute Board Trustee, Public Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning (P.E.N.C.I.L.), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Life Member, National Association of Black Accountants, One Hundred Black Men, Inc.  
**Prior Public Experience:** John is actively involved in youth mentoring programs, community service enhancement projects, educational and health programs.

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

I will ensure that the City's pension plans are managed efficiently to maximum investment returns. Tax dollars are used to fund pension plans when investments do not reach its minimum goals. I want to avoid using tax payer dollars and ensure that the pension funds are invested to maximize returns for retirees.

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

I want to help restore integrity in public service. I will develop citywide risk assessments and corrective action plans to optimize value, while reducing fiscal waste and fraud in New York City's government. The cost savings can be reinvested to drive growth, create jobs and invest in a better education system for our future.

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

The New York City Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The duties of the office consist of overseeing the performance of pension funds, audit city agencies and advise on financial matters. I am asking New York City voters to hire me as Comptroller to do what I have been doing for the last 20 years, which is oversee investment portfolios, audit, compliance, contract administration, budgeting and finance.

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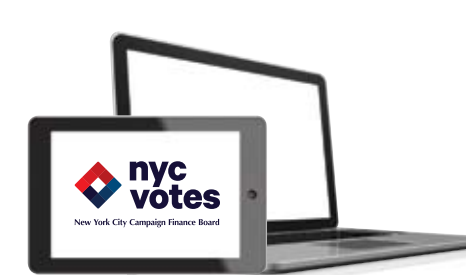
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# Borough President

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

» **Democratic Primary (D)**  
 Ruben Diaz Jr.  
 Mark Escoffery-Bey

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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 Democratic Primary (D)**  
 Ralina Cardona  
 Sean Gardner  
 Gwen Goodwin  
 Tamika Humphreys  
 Melissa Mark Viverito  
 Angel D. Molina  
 Manuel Onativia\*  
 Edward Santos

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## Democratic Primary | Borough President

Ruben Diaz Jr.  
**Bronx Borough President (D)**



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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**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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## Democratic Primary | City Council District 8

Ralina Cardona  
**8th City Council District (D)**



**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

**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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Mark Escoffery-Bey  
**Bronx Borough President (D)**



**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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**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.

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Sean Gardner  
**8th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Senior Pastor - Marine; Col.  
**Previous Occupation(s):** NYPD Detective, NYTPD Police Office, Metropolitan Police Dept. Washington, DC Police Officer  
**Education:** Richmond VA Seminary Doctoral Degree in Ministry, Litchburg VA Seminary Doctoral Degree in Divinity, Christian Bible Institute and Seminary Master of Divinity, Carolina University BA Biblical Studies & Christian Counseling  
**Organizational Affiliations:** NAACP, 100 Black Men in Law Enforcement, NOBLE, 369th Veteran Association, UMBA, National Baptist Convention, NYS Missionary Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches USA  
**Prior Public Experience:** Police Officer and Pastor

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

Job Creation - Living Wages / Equal access to Quality Education

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

Reduce Crime - Creating a safe havens for Seniors and the Youth / Green Initiatives

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

I am the People's Candidate who is not a politician but running in this race so that I can be a voice for the people of City Council District 8. My ultimate goal is to bring this community together by erecting bridges between the community and public service agencies. I will be the catalysis for empowering the people of this jurisdiction into being a part of the solutions needed for today and future generations. After 20 years of Civil Service, I am prepared to serve the Constituents of City Council District 8. It's my relationships with people of all racial ethnicity and racial backgrounds that will enable me to be a representative of each constituent. We Vote, We Count, We Win! Sean Gardner for City Council District 8.

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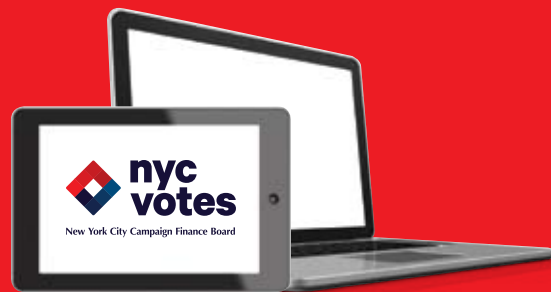
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Mayor	Public Advocate	Comptroller
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 10, 7pm</b>	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7pm</b>
<i>TV</i> CBS 2 News (English) WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)	<i>TV</i> NY1 (English) NY1 Noticias (Spanish)	<i>TV</i> NY1 (English) NY1 Noticias (Spanish)
<i>Radio</i> 1010 WINS WCBS Newsradio 880	<i>Radio</i> WNYC	<i>Radio</i> WNYC
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7pm</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct. 19, 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 24, 7pm</b>
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## Gwen Goodwin

### 8th City Council District (D)



Initiated E. Harlem Bus Stop challenging the reopening of the 100 St. Bus Depot.

**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Organizer/Activist  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Make-Up Artist  
**Education:** College Grad  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Award from Historic District Council for work to save PS 109. Award from Uniform Fire Fighters for A Breath of Fresh Air Campaign. Lead Plaintiff with W. Harlem Environmental Action and Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund opposing MTA environmental racism. Coordinated with Met Council on Housing for free bus rides from E. Harlem to Albany to lobby to protect Rent Stabilization. Co-Plaintiff with Business and Residents Alliance opposed to East River Plaza eminent domain abuse. Worked with Coalition to Save Harlem to fight gentrification in 125 St. River-to-River Rezoning. I was a steady presence at Occupy Wall Street.  
**Prior Public Experience:** Spearheading the Coalition to Save PS 109, stopping its demolition, replacing its roof at \$5 million, landmarking it, and fighting for 12 years to restore it as a public school. Created A Breath of Fresh Air Campaign sending 400 Fire Fighters for mini-vacations in Cape May, after 9/11.

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?**  
 End NYCHA INFILL plan to lease public housing land to developers for luxury housing. Save Public Housing.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Amending the Tenant Protection Act to **really protect** tenants. End public school closures and privatization. Repeal 125 St. rezoning. List all discretionary funding on NYC.gov. No domestic drones in NYC. \$12 minimum wage. Label genetically modified food. Work to end human trafficking. Discontinue ritalin and other behavior modification drugs in public schools. Expand phys-ed and after school activities. Build more rent-stabilized and low and middle-income housing. Support immigrant rights. Enforce Constitutional limits on Stop-and-Frisk. Inspector General on Police abuse.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 I am a resident of East Harlem for 28 years, and the only candidate that took action to defend the community against school destruction, pollution and displacement. I have done all my activism without pay. East Harlem and NYC are at a crossroads. I have a consistent record or true community preservation. I have not sold out to the big money 1% who put profits before people. the 99%

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## Tamika Humphreys

### 8th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** President of East Harlem Insurance Brokerage and East Harlem Tax Service  
**Previous Occupation(s):** PartyLite Consultant  
**Education:** BS Paralegal Studies, AS Medical Billing  
**Organizational Affiliations:** IIABNY Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, NATP, Quickbook Pro Advisor  
**Prior Public Experience:** This is my first time running for office but here's my public experience. I've been a Girl Scout volunteer for over 10 years, an Ambassador for Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

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

No child should be denied the opportunity to learn and succeed academically. As a City Councilwoman, I will work with the Department of Education to make sure that our teachers have all the resources they need to teach our children.

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Everyone deserves clean streets and a safe living environment. As a City Councilwoman, I will work with local businesses and residents to beautify our neighborhood and improve sanitation for cleaner and safer streets. I will work with various organization to reduce the number of gun violence in our neighborhood in a creative and effective way.

**2. What other important issues would you address if elected?**  
 Small businesses are the foundation of our community. As a City Councilwoman, and small business owner, I will work on behalf our of our businesses to help small business owners flourish.

**3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?**  
 What makes me the best candidate for District 8 is my drive, passion that I have for my district. I believe each member of my district plays an active part on making our District the best District it can be. When I reach out to my district, I can see that we want the same thing, reduce gun violence, safe streets, steady employment, small businesses need help. I want to see my district back like it was previously, where everyone helped each other and our community was better. This is why I am running.

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## Melissa Mark Viverito

### 8th City Council District (D)



**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

**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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Angel D. Molina  
8th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Distinguished 20 year career in public service with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Presently serve as Senior Public Health Educator with HIV Epidemiology and Field Services Program.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Self-employed, freelance photographer, carpenter, instructor.

**Education:** National Urban Fellow. Master's degree in Public Administration, Baruch College. Bachelor of Fine Arts, Pratt Institute.

**Organizational Affiliations:** National Urban Fellows, Bar Starz, South Bronx Dog Owners Group, Community Board 1 (Bronx), 40th Precinct Community Council.

**Prior Public Experience:** None.

and/or private properties to develop/manage them through a Community Land Trust (CLT). All CLT properties would permanently belong to the community, never to be sold for profit and would solve our homeless and affordable housing problem in NYC.

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

**HIP HOP MUSEUM/SCHOOL.**

To celebrate the importance of Hip Hop music in our culture, as Councilman, I will work to establish a state-of-the-art, internationally renowned museum and school in the South Bronx, that honors the genre and would include certificate programs for music production and lighting, recording studios for the public and a performance venue that will attract tourism worldwide, generate investment, create jobs and educate our youth.

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

As a Puerto Rican descendant, product of NYC public schools, raised in public housing by a single parent, I am sensitive to the needs of my constituents because of my first-hand experiences. As Councilman, I will fight to do whatever is necessary to help improve the quality of life for all district residents by securing affordable housing, help small businesses grow, increase access to quality health care and break the cycle of poverty through education and job pipeline programs.

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

As Councilman, I would sponsor a bill to convert vacant or under utilized city-owned  
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Edward Santos  
8th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** Consultant in the Office of Achievement Resources at the Department of Education

**Previous Occupation(s):** Math for America, Program Associate - New York Region; Math Teacher, Central Park East High School

**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Statistics, University of Michigan; Masters of Science in Secondary Mathematics, Pace University

**Organizational Affiliations:** Board of Directors, Union Settlement Association

**Prior Public Experience:** Treasurer of Manhattan Community Board 11 and Chair of Licenses and Permits Committee

Broadly speaking, I think the most important reform necessary to improving the educational landscape in NYC is providing universal pre-kindergarten to all 4 year olds so that our young people can get into the habit of learning early.

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

If elected, I would work to address economic development, housing and public safety - all critical issues throughout NYC and in District 8 neighborhoods in Mott Haven and East Harlem. I understand how important small businesses are to the community. As councilman, I'll work to end burdensome mandates and fines on businesses so that they aren't used as an ATM for the city and can instead grow and prosper. The more good paying jobs there are the more people there will be at work instead of on the streets, which will create a community where it is more affordable and safer to live.

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

I believe I'm the best candidate for city council in District 8 because I am an educator. Just 3 out of 51 council members have experience working in NYC public schools. As a former public school teacher I would bring a needed perspective to the discussion on the future of education in NYC.

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 8 you would address if elected?**  
As a former public school teacher in East Harlem, I believe the most important issue facing New York City is education. Underperforming schools are the biggest obstacle to long-term prosperity in New York City. They hurt families and fail to create jobs.

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City Council Member

» **Council District 11 Democratic Primary (D)**  
Andrew Cohen  
Cheryl Keeling  
Francisco Spies\*  
Clifford Stanton

» **Council District 12 Democratic Primary (D)**  
Lenford Edie\*  
Pamela A. Johnson  
Andy L. King  
Adeyemi LaCrown  
Olorunfoba (Toba)

» **Council District 13**  
No primary

» **Council District 14 Democratic Primary (D)**  
Fernando Cabrera  
Jessica Viguera

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Democratic Primary | City Council District 11

Andrew Cohen  
11th City Council District (D)



**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

**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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**Cheryl Keeling**  
11th City Council District (D)



**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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**Clifford Stanton**  
11th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** I am President and CEO of United Snacks, Inc., which supplies wholesale food to hundreds of vendors to enable them to run their own businesses.

**Previous Occupation(s):** Assistant Campaign Manager to Fernando Ferrer for Mayor, Leader of the Big Apple Food Vendors Assn, and Loan Analyst for Comerica Bank, Detroit.

**Education:** PS 95, JHS 143, and The Bronx HS of Science. I studied Political Science and earned a BBA in Finance at the University of Michigan.

**Organizational Affiliations:** PA Co-President, PS 24; PA Safety Chair, PS 24 and Bronx HS of Science; Treasurer and Board Member, Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corp; Board Member, Tech International Middle School; Member, Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Assn; Charter Member, Riverdale Riverfest; Little League Coach

**Prior Public Experience:** Chief of Staff to NYC Council Member Noach Dear

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 11 you would address if elected?**

We need new leadership that can articulate a vision for our community, challenge us to reach higher, and work together to get things done. I am dedicated to securing essential services for our neighborhoods and encouraging a spirit of civic innovation.

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

I will create and maintain exceptional educational opportunities for our families, restore senior center funding, and focus on job creation. I will foster a dynamic environment for business, make the NW Bronx a leader in renewable energy initiatives, safeguard our neighborhoods, fund domestic abuse shelters, introduce reforms to avert corruption, and implement participatory budgeting.

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

A strong record of achievement for our community. I am the only candidate who has recruited a new middle school, created a neighborhood watch and a free transportation corps for seniors, developed plans to activate our commercial corridors, secured a Neighborhood Slow Zone, and submitted two legislative proposals: 1) to create safety zones around all schools and senior centers; 2) to mandate school security cameras.

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**Pamela A. Johnson**  
12th City Council District (D)



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic

**Current Occupation:** EASTCHESTER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER-Executive Director; URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD EDUC. TECH. FOR YOU 501 c(3) Founder, Executive Dir.; SCHOLARSHIP Scholarshipplady

**Previous Occupation(s):** TRIGEN ENERGY-IT support, WESTON UNITED-Director MIS, WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES Law -Accounting, PACE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL-Admission

**Education:** PACE UNIVERSITY-BS

**Organizational Affiliations:** PILGRIM CHURCH-Deacon, DYCD NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BD-Chair, COMMUNITY BD 12-Educ. Comm., School Board, District Leadership Team, NAACP Williamsbridge-Education-Chair, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR NEGRO WOMEN-Education Co-Chair., League Of Women Voters, 22nd Street Block Assoc.

**Prior Public Experience:** Elected-Citywide Council on HS, Renaissance HS (P/A, SLT, Title 1), Truman HS Learning Leader

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 12 you would address if elected?**  
Education-Increase student achievement, reduce class size, C4E monies, and fund after-school programs. Public Safety; Decrease in crime, gun and domestic violence, increase police patrols in our neighborhood, NYCHA needs repairs, and cameras.

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

Faith Based Initiatives, Affordable housing, Workforce Programs, Equality for Women, Senior/Youth Services and Economic Development. Restore MTA bus service (#26, #28, #38) for Co-op City & #41.

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

**Haven't You Had Enough Of the Corruption!** - I am not a career politician or under investigation. As a Deacon in Pilgrim Church, I'm a servant to God and the Community. Born and raised in a NYCHA Development I will fight for my District! I am the only candidate on the Community Board & School Board that is already working for you. **Being a woman candidate running for the District 12 Council seat, I bring a fresh new perspective and season of opportunities that is needed and has long been awaited.** I live and work in the District. As an employer I have been committed to only hiring residents in district 12 who are veterans, disabled, second chance adults, seniors and youth. As Councilwoman, I will continue to keep fighting hard to support working families, education, parents/youth, seniors and immigrants get the city services they need. Daughter of a Teamster, Wife of a TWU member **I Will Not Sell Out My Constituents, to the highest bidder! Vote Your Choice! For a New Voice!**

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**Andy L. King**  
12th City Council District (D)



**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

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**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.

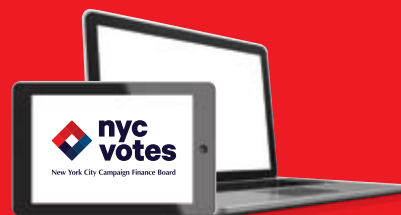
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**Adeyemi LaCrown Oloruntoba (Toba)**  
**12th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Field Representative (CENSUS BUREAU)  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Tax Examiner (IRS) \* Police Officer (NYPD) \* Accounting and Finance Journeyman (USAF)  
**Education:** MSA (Health Services) \* BSc (Gen Bio) – CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
**Organizational Affiliations:** American Legion of Coop City (POST 1871) \* NAACP (Coop City Branch) \* NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD (DIST 12) \* Chairman, Parks & Recreation, Community board 12 \* CERT TEAM (BOARD 12) \* Vice Chairman, AFRICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL to the BRONX BP \* Vice President, ROTARY CLUB, Bronx \* NAT'L COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN (NCNW) \* CLERGY COALITION of the 47th Pct \* The Redeemed Christian Church of God  
**Prior Public Experience:** Volunteer

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**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 12 you would address if elected?**

The issue of **transparency** that characterizes **good governance & true leadership** comes to mind right away. However, my focus & energy will be geared towards **socio-economic community development**. The need of the people are constantly changing, my number one priority will be to **engage the community** in the area of empowerment.

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

**Public Safety** will be addressed & **Education**, the bedrock of our future will be overhauled to meet the challenge of our time. **Lack of engagement/participation** will be restored. **Our seniors** will be protected. **Our youths** will be revitalized to embrace a promising future. **Low cost housing**, rather than affordable housing will champion our conversation.

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

My **military & law enforcement background** makes me a strong advocate of strategy. My rich **cultural background** epitomizes my moral value. My **community involvement** attributable to my scholastic achievement & professional experience speaks volume. As a sculptor among wise men, while the wise men will preserve a piece of marble handed over to them, I will turn the same piece of marble into a masterpiece.

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**Democratic Primary | City Council District 14**

**Fernando Cabrera**  
**14th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** NYC Council Member representing the 14th district  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Director for the Mental Health graduate program at Mercy College. Senior pastor of New Life Outreach Intl in the Bronx  
**Education:** B.A. – Southern Cal College, Masters – Liberty Univ and Doctorate – Argosy Univ  
**Organizational Affiliations:** Democratic Party and Working Family endorsed candidate  
**Prior Public Experience:** Senior and community activist for the last 25 years

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 14 you would address if elected?**

Introduced the Tenant Bill of Rights and worked to help tenants received the services they deserved. I will continue to fight for affordable housing and reducing tenant-landlord problems.

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

I was the catalyst in the Kingsbridge Armory redevelopment, which will provide over 200 living wage jobs and thousands of ice skating opportunities. I will continue to make sure other youth organizations will be able to operate in the Kingsbridge Armory.

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

The Many Ways Councilman Cabrera Works for You  
**Crime**  
 Councilman Cabrera coordinated efforts with the NYPD, NYCHA and the Parks Department to bring down the violence.

**Youth**  
 Working to help decrease at-risk behavior in youth, providing them with training and improving their life skills through various organizations like Boys & Girls Club.

**Schools**  
 \$7,918,000 have been designated to help schools such as MS 447, P.S. 386, P.S. 91, P.S. 33, just to name a few.

**Senior Centers**  
 Councilman Cabrera fought to prevent that the City budget were balanced at the expense of cuts to senior programs.

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**Jessica Viguera**  
**14th City Council District (D)**



**Party Enrolled In:** Democratic  
**Current Occupation:** Business Owner-Micro Lending Company/Business & Real Estate Development Consultant  
**Previous Occupation(s):** Red Carpet Host, NY Intl Latino Film Festival; Account Exec & Project Manager in pharmaceutical & communications industries.  
**Education:** MBA, Media Management, MCNY (cum laude); Bachelor of Science, Business Admin/Mgmt and Media Studies/Radio/TV Production, Mercy College (cum laude); Assoc, Riverside Community College, Riverside, CA (cum laude)  
**Organizational Affiliations:** MBA Women International, Founding VP MCNY Chapter; The White House Project; Sigma, Beta, Delta Business Honor Society inductee; Under30CEOs  
**Prior Public Experience:** Volunteer

**1. What is the most important issue in Council District 14 you would address if elected?**

The most important issue facing the 14th is moving families out of poverty & ensuring that ALL residents are equally protected under the law by creating more employment opportunities, job training, improve education & combat overcrowding, women's health, childcare, business development assistance & immigration reform, which I believe are all integral to helping 14th Dist families break the cycle of poverty.

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

Rising crime rates & quality of life crimes prevent people from building businesses or having safe streets & communities. Expand Veterans programs at VA facilities in the District to provide needed employment assistance, business development & supportive services for returning Veterans. Large immigrant communities should be assured that their concerns are equally important. After school tutoring programs & adult academic/financial literacy programs should be expanded.

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

I am exactly like the residents of the 14th, so I understand their hopes & fears. Learning from strong women in my family I stayed focused & worked my way through school to get my MBA & start my own business despite humble surroundings. I will never stop fighting for the 14th District; its time to break the cycle because WE DESERVE MORE.

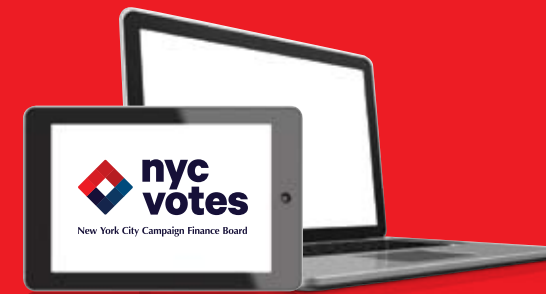
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<b>Monday</b> Sept. 2nd	<b>Tuesday</b> Sept. 3rd	<b>Wednesday</b> Sept. 4th	<b>Thursday</b> Sept. 5th	<b>Friday</b> Sept. 6th
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**Upcoming Primary Debates**

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

**General Election Debates**

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

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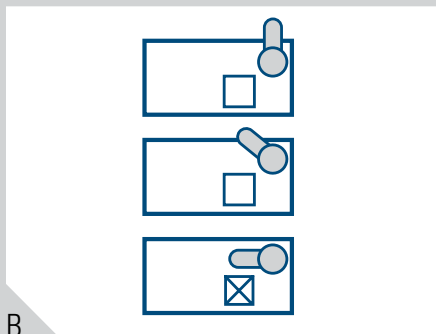




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Separate the voting machine curtains and enter. (The curtains will be closed when you enter and will stay closed.) Pull the large red handle to the right **(A)**. Do not move the large red handle again until you finish making all your choices.



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



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

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

### Write-in Candidate

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

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

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