

What's on the ballot in the November Election?



On November 2, New Yorkers will vote in an important citywide General Election. The election will decide the outcome of:

- Mayor
- Public Advocate
- Comptroller
- Borough Presidents
- City Council
- District Attorney (Manhattan & Brooklyn)
- NYS Supreme Court
- Civil Court
- Surrogate Court (Brooklyn)
- Ballot proposals

These key governmental positions will affect our daily lives and determine how we address issues that matter most to New Yorkers, including housing, education, jobs, how the City spends its money, and public safety.

★ Request an absentee ballot by Oct. 18

★ Vote Early: Oct. 23 - 31

★ Election Day: Nov. 2

What is a ballot measure?

- A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that appears on a statewide or local ballot for voters of the jurisdiction to decide. Most ballot questions and measures are asking to approve laws.
- In this year's General Election New Yorkers will be voting for **five statewide ballot measures** on the back of the ballot. These five measures ask New Yorkers to decide on redistricting, elections, environmental and judiciary issues.
- You will vote YES or NO.

Don't forget to flip your ballot!

Ballot Measure 1: Redistricting Changes Amendment

- Require that incarcerated persons be counted at the place of their last residence for redistricting --- where they lived before they were incarcerated.
- Require the state to count all residents, including people who are residents but not citizens, should the federal census fail to do so.
- Cap the number of state senators at 63.
- Move up the timeline for redistricting.
- Change the vote thresholds when one political party controls both legislative chambers.

Ballot Measure 2: Environmental Rights Amendment

- If voted “yes” by a majority of voters, it would add the right to clean water, clean air, and a healthful environment to the New York Constitution’s Bill of Rights.
- This will enable New Yorkers to take legal action for a clean environment if the government fails to consider it in policy making.

Ballot Measure 3: Allow for No Excuse Absentee Voting Amendment



- Currently the New York Constitution requires voters to be absent from their home county, ill, or physically disabled to vote with an absentee ballot.
- This measure would eliminate this requirement and could lead to the State enacting no-excuse absentee voting, which would permit any registered voter to request and vote with an absentee ballot.
- New York is one of 16 states that still require voters an excuse to vote by absentee ballot.

Ballot Measure 4: Allow for Same Day Voter Registration



- New York State law currently requires that a person must register to vote at least 25 days before an election, and the Constitution requires registration 10 days before an election. If this ballot measure is adopted, it would enable the State Legislature to permit same-day voter registration.
- As of now, 20 other states and D.C. allow same-day voter registration.

Ballot Measure 5: NYC Civil Court Jurisdiction

- If voted “yes” by a majority of voters, the measure would amend the New York Constitution to INCREASE New York City Civil Court’s jurisdiction over lawsuits involving claims for damages from \$25,000 or less to \$50,000.
- As of now, the NYC Civil Court could hear cases related to landlord-tenant disputes, claims for damages up to \$25,000, and small claims up to \$10,000.

Ballot proposals are important because the people get to make decisions on legislation that directly affect their community.

Make Your Plan to Vote

There are three ways to ensure your voice is heard at the ballot box: choose the option that works best for you!



Vote by Mail:

Request an absentee ballot by **October 18**

If you would like to vote by mail you can request an absentee ballot online at:

nycabsentee.com
or call **1-866-868-3692**.



Vote Early:

October 23 - 31

Every election will now have 9 consecutive days of early voting, starting 10 days before Election Day! This includes two weekends, early mornings, and late nights.



Vote on Election Day:

November 2

You can also vote in person on Election Day. Polls are open from 6 AM - 9 PM.



Accessibility at the Polls

To request an accessible absentee ballot visit **nycabsentee.com/accessibility**. For more information about voter accessibility and using the ballot marking device, please go to **on.nyc.gov/VoteAccess**.



Do I need an ID to vote?

NY does not require an ID to vote. If you are a first time voter or if you did not fill in the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number or state DMV number on your voter registration form, we recommend bringing an official photo ID with you to the polls.



Language Assistance

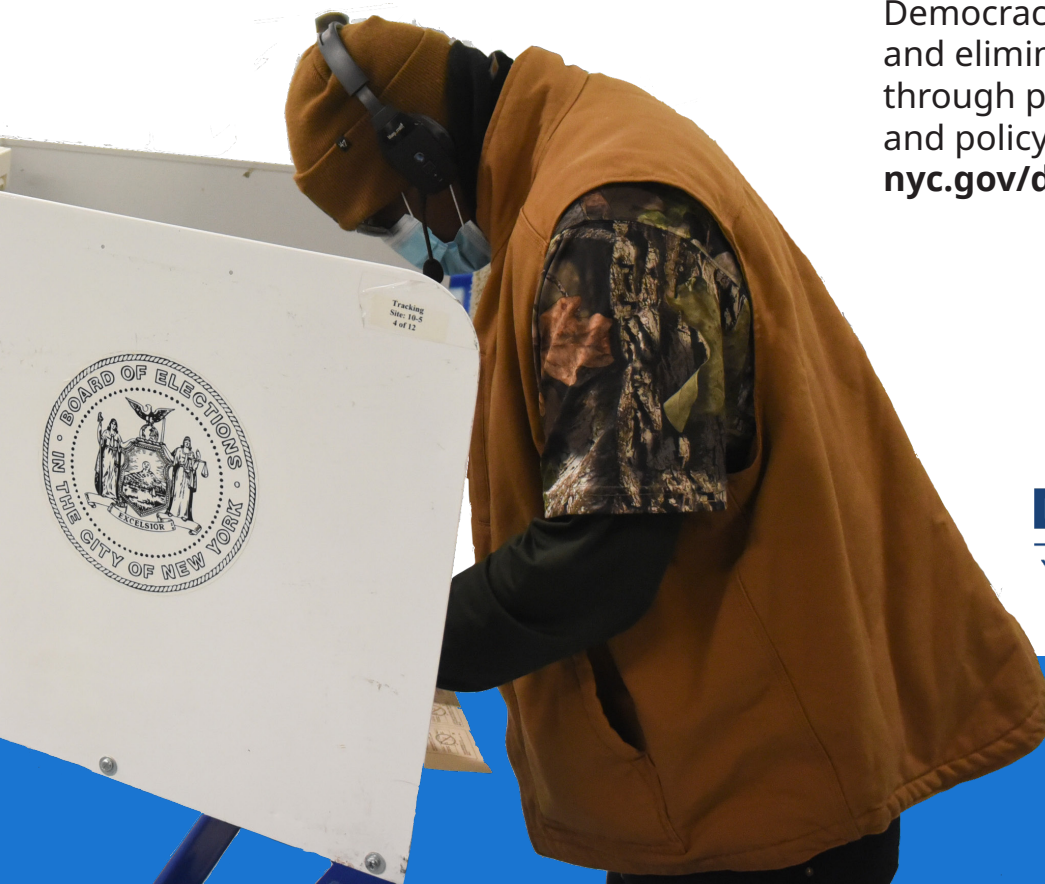
The Board of Elections provides language assistance at select poll sites in Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Punjabi, and Spanish. The NYC Civic Engagement Commission offers language assistance at some poll sites in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Urdu, and Yiddish. For more information visit on.nyc.gov/PollLangAssist.

If you need help with reading your ballot you may be assisted by a person of your choice (other than your employer or union representative) when you go to vote.



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