

Queens Ballot Guide 2026

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Governor and Lieutenant Governor

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Issue	Kathy C. Hochul Democrat	Bruce A. Blakeman Republican
Candidate	Kathy Hochul (incumbent) democrat link Hochul campaign	Bruce Blakeman republican Bruce Blakeman for NY Blakeman campaign
Running mate	Adrienne E. Adams, former New York City Council speaker from Queens. Hochul campaign	Todd Hood, Madison County sheriff with experience in corrections, Syracuse policing and criminal investigations. Queens County Republican Party ; Blakeman campaign
Medicaid and health care	Hochul supports maintaining and funding Medicaid and has opposed federal Medicaid/healthcare cuts. Her FY2027 budget provides \$38.2 billion for New York's Medicaid program, as well as additional funding for safety-net hospitals, hospitals and nursing homes, reproductive healthcare, and mental-health programs. link NY Governor's Office	Blakeman has called for reducing New York Medicaid spending, arguing that state spending is excessive link City & State In June 2026, Blakeman said he wanted to cut New York Medicaid spending in half. He later said the reductions would come from eliminating fraud, waste and abuse while protecting vulnerable patients. City & State
Trump	Hochul is a frequent opponent of Trump administration policies. Her campaign highlights actions against Trump policies involving tariffs, immigration enforcement, abortion rights holding ICE accountable, Helped get back \$187 million in NYPD counterterrorism funding Trump tried to kill. link Hochul campaign	Blakeman is supportive of Trump. In a February 2026 interview, he said he would "always have President Trump's back" and praised Trump's record. More recently, he has continued to emphasize his relationship with Trump, while sometimes declining to defend or discuss particular federal policies because he says he is running on New York issues. link News 12
ICE and immigration	Hochul opposes what she describes as aggressive or unlawful ICE enforcement, but she has not called for abolishing ICE. She says New York can cooperate with federal immigration authorities to remove dangerous criminals while restricting civil immigration enforcement in sensitive locations. Her 2026 laws restrict ICE activity in schools, houses of worship and other sensitive locations and create additional accountability requirements for federal agents. link NY Governor's Office	Strongly supports cooperation with ICE. As Nassau County Executive, Blakeman established cooperation between county law enforcement and ICE. He opposes sanctuary policies and has said that, as governor, New York would no longer operate as a sanctuary state. link News 12

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Housing	Hochul favors increasing the housing supply. Her "Let Them Build" program reduces regulatory and environmental-review delays to make construction faster and less expensive. Her administration also has a \$25 billion affordable-housing plan intended to create or preserve 100,000 affordable homes. link NY Governor's Office	Emphasizes homeownership, private-property rights and reducing property-tax. He opposes policies he argues interfere with private property. link City & State
Public safety and crime	Supports substantial government investment in law enforcement while also emphasizing gun-violence prevention. Her budgets have funded police, prosecutors and gun-violence programs, and the FY2027 budget adds police officers to the subway system and strengthens measures against illegal guns. link NY Governor's Office	Favors a more enforcement-oriented approach. wants to push back against lenient bail processes. Coperate with ICE in crimes that involve mingrants. increase the police budget and higher more law enforment. has a though on crime appoarch. Claims crime is goign up. link FOX 5 NY
Education	Supports increased public-school funding, universal pre-K, universal free school meals, expanded childcare and additional SUNY/CUNY investment. Her FY2027 proposal included what her administration described as the highest level of state school aid in New York history. link NY Governor's Office	Emphasizes merit-based education, expanding Gifted & Talented programs and educational choice. He has also supported allowing NY to participate in a federal scholarship tax-credit program that could benefit private-school students. link wants to give parents more say in what happens in schools link On the Issues ; Nassau County
Local issues	Her current agenda particularly emphasizes affordability, childcare, housing construction, public safety, healthcare, infrastructure, transportation and utility costs New York's governor partnered with Mayor Zohran Mamdani to launch free childcare for two-year-olds through NYC's 2-K program, starting with approximately 2,000 seats this fall toward the goal of universal childcare link For Queens specifically, her 2026 State of the State included \$50 million to advance the redesign of Jamaica Station. link NY Governor's Office	Blakeman claims heavy state regulations, including taxes and climate related mandates like New York's goal for all electric buildings, are raising costs. link wants to get rid of congestion pricing and driver tolls. link On the Issues ; News 12
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, Actors' Equity Association, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, (AFSCME) District Council 37, Aurora (NY) Democrats, Chelsea Reform Democratic Club, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) link Blue Voter Guide	Donald Trump; Puerto Rico Gov. Jennifer González-Colón; TWU Locals 106 & 252; Steamfitters Local 638; Suffolk County GOP; Broome County Conservative Party.
Renewable energy	Her climate agenda includes clean-energy investment and reducing emissions while addressing household utility costs. link NY Governor's Office	Wants to scrap New York's climate law and reverse related regulatory policies. Has criticized subsidies for large solar and wind projects on farmland, arguing that the current approach raises costs and does not make economic sense. WXXI News

State Comptroller

Issue	Thomas P. DiNapoli Democrat	Joseph Hernandez Republican
Experience	State comptroller since 2007; previously served in the Assembly and on the Mineola school board. NY State Comptroller	Biotechnology entrepreneur and investor seeking to bring private-sector financial experience to state oversight. Hernandez campaign
Fraud and Medicaid	Uses audits and investigations to identify improper spending and pursue recovery of public money. NY State Comptroller	Proposes a fraud task force, pre-payment monitoring and intensive audits of Medicaid and home-care spending. His platform focuses on improper payments. Hernandez campaign
Pensions and investment	Oversees the state pension fund and invests in New York businesses while managing retirement assets. NY State Comptroller	Wants lower investment fees and a \$10 billion Empire Opportunity Fund for financially competitive investments in New York businesses and infrastructure. Hernandez campaign
Climate and energy	Targets a pension portfolio with net-zero emissions by 2040 and divests from companies judged unprepared for a low-carbon economy. NY State Comptroller	Opposes using pension investments or divestment for political purposes, including fossil-fuel divestment; says financial returns and retirees' interests should guide decisions. AllOtsego
Taxes and spending	Audits agencies and local governments; publishes research on household costs and public finances. NY State Comptroller	Supports the property-tax cap, stronger review of state contracts and MTA spending, and tighter control of government costs. Hernandez campaign

Attorney General

Issue	Letitia A. James Democrat	Saritha Komatireddy Republican
Experience	Attorney general since 2019; previously NYC public advocate, a Brooklyn councilmember and a Legal Aid public defender. NY Attorney General	Former federal prosecutor and DEA chief of staff; handled terrorism, drug-trafficking, cybercrime and fraud cases. Komatireddy campaign
Health care and fraud	Has pursued opioid manufacturers and nursing homes over harm to patients and residents. Her office reports over \$3 billion in opioid settlements and over \$70 million from nursing homes. NY Attorney General	Calls for investigating fraud involving Medicaid and other taxpayer-funded services. Her stated focus is enforcement against fraud; that does not establish a position supporting reductions in Medicaid eligibility or benefits. New York Post
Public safety	Her office reports removing over 9,500 guns from New York streets and taking enforcement action against ghost-gun sellers. NY Attorney General	Emphasizes criminal prosecution, repeat offenders, residential treatment for severe mental illness, and stronger enforcement against corruption and fraud. Komatireddy campaign
Trump	Has led multistate lawsuits challenging Trump administration actions affecting civil rights, health care and federal funding. Argues those actions exceed federal authority or violate New Yorkers' rights. NY Attorney General	Endorsed by Trump in August 2026. Trump previously nominated her for a federal judgeship in 2020; she was not confirmed. She welcomed his endorsement and has criticized Letitia James's legal actions against him. The American Bazaar ; New York Post
Consumer protection	Has backed stronger protections against predatory lending, abusive debt collection and deed theft, and pursued restitution for consumers harmed by fraud. NY Attorney General	Cites her cybercrime and financial-crime prosecutions and recovery of stolen funds; proposes using the attorney general's office to pursue fraud. Komatireddy campaign

Congressional District 3

Issue	Thomas R. Suozzi Democrat	Michael J. LiPetri Jr. Republican
Candidate	NY-3 Thomas Suozzi Democrat link Rep. Suozzi's office	Former state assemblymember running against Suozzi. He emphasizes support for law enforcement and opposition to policies he considers too far left. Queens County Republican Party
Medicaid and health care	Opposes policies that increase healthcare costs or reduce insurance coverage. In 2026 he introduced a measure to reverse a Trump administration ACA rule that he said would raise premiums and cause people to lose coverage. link Rep. Suozzi's office	Supports Trump's 2025 tax-and-spending law, which reduced federal Medicaid funding and added eligibility requirements. LiPetri was not in Congress when it passed. Fox News ; KFF
Trump	Opposes a number of Trump administration policies but generally presents himself as a more centrist and bipartisan Democrat. He has criticized Trump policies on healthcare and other issues while emphasizing cooperation with Republicans when possible. AP news Associated Press	Trump-endorsed; highlights tax deductions for working people. Fox News
ICE and immigration	Supports immigration enforcement against people who commit serious crimes but argues ICE should have stronger oversight and due-process protections link . He complimented Trumps treatment on the mexican boarder and activlty wants to coperate with Trumps Ideas on immigration link Rep. Meeks's office ; Problem Solvers Caucus	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. LiPetri campaign
Housing	Suozzi supports expanding affordable housing but has emphasized local control over zoning. He opposed a statewide proposal that would have required municipalities to permit accessory dwelling units, arguing that housing changes should not override local land-use authority. link NY1	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. LiPetri campaign
Public safety and crime	Supports law enforcement funding. His district funding has included police technology and equipment. positions him self as a "pro-law enforcement" person. link CBS News	Emphasizes support for law enforcement, drawing on his record as a former state assemblymember. Queens County Republican Party
Education	Supports strengthening public schools and improving affordability for families. He has emphasized education as part of rebuilding the middle class and has argued that education must better prepare young people for the economy. link Rep. Suozzi's office	No specific education position located in the candidate materials reviewed. LiPetri campaign

Issue	Thomas R. Suozzi Democrat	Michael J. LiPetri Jr. Republican
Local issues	A major theme is bringing federal tax dollars back to New York. His recent funding has focused on drinking water, sewer systems, environmental cleanup, police equipment, infrastructure, and local affordability. link Rep. Suozzi's office	Emphasizes reducing living costs and supporting police, drawing on his experience in the State Assembly. His campaign highlights tax deductions for working people. Queens County Republican Party ; LiPetri campaign
Endorsements	NY State AFL-CIO, NYSUT, Teamsters, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NY League of Conservation Voters, NY State Nurses Association, 1199SEIU, 32BJ SEIU, Giffords PAC, Brady PAC, among others. link Suozzi campaign	Donald Trump. Fox News
Renewable energy	No specific renewable-energy proposal identified in Paul's profile.	Supports the overall 2025 law, which ended residential clean-energy credits early and shortened wind and solar eligibility. A separate endorsement of those provisions was not verified. IRS ; Fox News

Congressional District 5

Issue	Gregory W. Meeks Democrat	George Marsh Republican
Candidate	NY-5 Gregory Meeks Democrat link Rep. Meeks's office	Rockaway Park resident challenging Meeks. In recent public remarks, he criticized the incumbent's accessibility and handling of immigration and cost-of-living concerns. The Rockaway Times
Medicaid and health care	Supports protecting the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Medicaid and says healthcare is a human right. He opposes cuts to Medicaid and supports investment in mental-health services, maternal care, hospitals, and community health centers. link Rep. Meeks's office	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed.
Trump	Frequently opposes Trump administration policies. In 2026 he criticized Trump's healthcare policies, immigration enforcement, tariffs, and foreign-policy actions. link Rep. Meeks's office	At an August 2026 town hall, disputed Meeks's criticism of Trump over gas prices and living costs, saying the incumbent should take more responsibility. The Rockaway Times
ICE and immigration	Supports immigration enforcement against people who commit serious crimes but argues ICE should have stronger oversight and due-process protections. He has criticized what he describes as ICE brutality and opposes enforcement that broadly targets immigrant communities. link Rep. Meeks's office	Criticized Meeks over what Marsh described as open-border policies. A detailed proposal on ICE enforcement or legal status was not located. The Rockaway Times
Housing	Supports affordable and public housing. His recent federal funding included millions for NYCHA safety, building improvements, water systems, and housing infrastructure. link Rep. Meeks's office	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed.
Public safety and crime	Wants to creat strong gun restriction.His policies are more focused on preventing crime rather than just addressing crimes when they happen. link Rep. Meeks's office	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed.
Education	Supports federal education investment and has opposed efforts to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education. He has also secured funding for York College research and educational programs. link Rep. Meeks's office	No specific education position located in the candidate materials reviewed.

Issue	Gregory W. Meeks Democrat	George Marsh Republican
Local issues	His recent Queens funding shows a strong emphasis on NYCHA/public housing, transportation, pedestrian safety, infrastructure, and neighborhood improvements. In one FY2026 package alone, he secured \$8.25 million for 10 local projects. link Rep. Meeks's office	Criticized Meeks's accessibility to constituents and called for a public debate. Marsh is a Rockaway Park resident who began campaigning in February 2026. The Rockaway Times
Endorsements	NY State AFL-CIO, NYSUT, Teamsters, DC37, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NY League of Conservation Voters. link Blue Voter Guide	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed.

Congressional District 6

Issue	Grace Meng Democrat	Joseph Chou Republican
Candidate	NY-6 Grace Meng Democrat link Rep. Meng's office	Republican challenger to Grace Meng. His published party profile emphasizes work, self-reliance, and immigrant integration into American society. Queens County Republican Party
Medicaid and health care	Grace Meng opposes medicaid cuts and want to make it more affordable as she puts importance for government programs like SNAP (link) NY State Senate	Supports better access to health care, affordable child care, and parental decisions about children's health. Does not specify a Medicaid funding proposal. Chou campaign
Trump	Frequently opposes Trump administration policies	No candidate-specific Trump endorsement verified in the reviewed materials. Chou campaign
ICE and immigration	Grace Meng supports the negative claims against ICE saying things like "ICE agents have been causing chaos in our communities for months," (link). She is also working on a bill to protect immigrants from ICE (link). Rep. Meng's office	Calls for secure borders and cooperation among local, state and federal agencies against serious criminal threats, combined with humane immigration procedures. Chou campaign
Housing	Supports major federal investment in affordable housing and homelessness prevention. Cosponsored the Housing Is a Human Right Act, which would provide hundreds of billions of dollars for affordable housing, supportive services, and homelessness programs. She has also secured/sought federal funding for NYCHA developments in Queens, including repairs and improvements at Pomonok, Bland Houses, and Latimer Gardens, and supports federal fair-housing protections. housing is a human right link funding for queens organizations Rep. Jayapal's office ; Rep. Meng's office	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Chou campaign
Public safety and crime	Grace Meng focuses on combating hate crimes at home she is strongly concerned about terrorism, supporting bills that crack down on foreign threat influence link Rep. Meng's office	Proposes reviewing cashless bail, balancing community protection with rehabilitation, and improving agency cooperation against serious criminal threats. Chou campaign

Issue	Grace Meng Democrat	Joseph Chou Republican
Education	Wants to create equal access and opportunity for education. Supported broadband accessibility and closing the homework gap for students by creating the Emergency Connectivity Fund to provide internet access to students throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond Wants to increase funding for education and says that education is underfunded link Rep. Meng's office	Supports public, private and alternative education; vocational, arts and science instruction; and fair student-loan interest rates. Chou campaign
Local issues	Meng's local funding record emphasizes a variety of issues like education and youth programs, public safety, community/social services, and infrastructure improvements, with federal funds frequently directed to Queens public institutions and nonprofit organizations. link Grace meng will not put a stop to the construction of the \$8 billion casino in flushing Rep. Meng's office	His published statements emphasize work, self-reliance, immigrant integration, neighborhood safety and economic opportunity. He says his policies should serve the district's diverse communities. Chou campaign; Queens County Republican Party
Endorsements	NY State AFL-CIO, NYSUT, Teamsters, DC37, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NY League of Conservation Voters. link Blue Voter Guide	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Chou campaign

Congressional District 7

Issue	Claire Valdez Democrat	Melvin Rivera Republican
Candidate	NY-7 Claire Valdez Democrat link Valdez campaign	Brooklyn community activist and tenant organizer. His campaign emphasizes public safety, government accountability, and economic opportunity for working families. Rivera campaign
Medicaid and health care	Supports Medicare for All and says she would sponsor it immediately in Congress. She supports universal healthcare funded in part through higher taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations and opposes restrictions on Medicaid and Medicare funding. link Valdez campaign	Calls for more senior and disability services, cooling centers, lead protection and clean air. Does not specify Medicaid eligibility or funding changes. Rivera campaign
Trump	Strongly opposes Trump. Her campaign criticizes his policies on immigration, Medicaid, Medicare, housing, LGBTQ rights, military spending, and social programs. link Valdez campaign	No candidate-specific Trump endorsement was verified in the reviewed campaign materials. Says his campaign emphasizes policies and results across party affiliations. Rivera campaign
ICE and immigration	Supports abolishing and dismantling ICE. She also supports expanding paths to permanent residency and citizenship, increasing immigration judges and processing staff, and investigating alleged abuses by ICE personnel. link Valdez campaign	Supports enforcement focused on criminal offenders, proper warrants and protections at houses of worship and civic appointments. Proposes faster green cards for law-abiding, taxpaying residents of at least ten years. Rivera campaign
Housing	Supports universal rent control, expanded public/social housing, fully funded housing vouchers, tenant protections, landlord accountability, and greater NYCHA investment. link Valdez campaign	Supports tenants' first opportunity to buy buildings, assistance arranging purchases, an anti-flip tax and expanded homeowner protections. Rivera campaign
Public safety and crime	Her broader approach emphasizes addressing poverty, housing insecurity, healthcare access, and other underlying causes of instability rather than relying primarily on policing or incarceration. Her immigration platform also calls for investigations when federal officers are accused of unlawful conduct. link Valdez campaign	Supports full police funding, higher officer salaries, mental-health support for officers and more community policing. Rivera campaign
Education	Supports tuition-free higher education, expanded federal funding for colleges, better compensation and union protections for educators, and reducing dependence on student loans. She also supports a moratorium on generative AI use in early and developing education. link Valdez campaign	Supports trade schools, apprenticeships and industrial high schools, financial-literacy and entrepreneurship instruction, and greater control for parents and communities. Rivera campaign

Issue	Claire Valdez Democrat	Melvin Rivera Republican
Local issues	Valdez has focused locally on tenant protections, constituent services and community outreach. She introduced legislation inspired by Sunnyside residents displaced by a major apartment fire, established mobile office hours in Ridgewood, held community town halls and has advocated for community and cultural investments in Long Island City link QNS	Proposes small-business loans, MTA audits, expanded Fair Fares, water-system investment, climate adaptation and flood protection. Rivera campaign
Endorsements	UAW Region 9A, NYC-DSA, Justice Democrats, Sunrise Movement, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Our Revolution, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, NY State AFL-CIO and NYSUT, among others. link Valdez campaign	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Rivera campaign
Energy and climate	Supports a Green New Deal, freezing electricity rates, clean-energy investment and infrastructure that protects neighborhoods from flooding and extreme heat. Valdez campaign	Supports climate adaptation, flood resilience and tighter air-quality and lead standards. Rivera campaign

Congressional District 14

Issue	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Democrat	Diamant Hysenaj Republican
Candidate	NY-14 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) democrat link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	Immigrant entrepreneur and small-business owner challenging Ocasio-Cortez. He emphasizes public safety, support for small businesses, and more accessible local representation. Hysenaj campaign
Medicaid and health care	supports H.R.1976: Medicare for All Act of 2021, which creates a single-payer system that guarantees healthcare for all, regardless of income or employment status, while eliminating copays and premiums. In other words AOC wants free care. link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	Proposes reducing health-care costs by eliminating waste and fraud and directing savings to patients. His published platform does not specify Medicaid cuts, eligibility changes or a replacement insurance system. Hysenaj campaign
Trump	A strong opponent of Trump and his administration's policies. Her office has specifically criticized Trump-backed cuts to Medicaid, food assistance, student aid, and energy programs.	No candidate-specific Trump endorsement verified in the reviewed materials. Hysenaj campaign
ICE and immigration	wants to make obtaining citizenship easier. Strongly opposes the actions that ICE is currently taking. AOC see's immigrants as one of the core positives of America. Her campaign argues that the immigration system should emphasize humanitarian protections and legal status rather than expanded immigration enforcement. link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	Supports secure borders, faster citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and neighborhood support. Cites his experience as an immigrant and the delays and paperwork involved in obtaining legal status. Hysenaj campaign
Housing	Treats housing as a human right. Supports repairing and fully funding NYCHA, expanding public and affordable housing, protecting tenants, and repealing federal limits on constructing additional public housing. link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	Emphasizes affordable rents and improved housing conditions. Cites his experience owning a construction business, building homes and creating jobs in the district; does not publish a detailed housing-finance proposal. Hysenaj campaign
Public safety and crime	Her platform favors what she calls “real public safety,” emphasizing investment in vulnerable communities and social services rather than relying primarily on incarceration. She supports federal gun-control legislation. she wants to rehabilitate fromer convicts. link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	Makes safe streets a campaign priority, including children's ability to play outside; the published plan does not provide a detailed criminal-justice proposal. Hysenaj campaign
Education	Supports greater public investment in education and student assistance. Her broader platform links education affordability with reducing economic inequality and expanding government investment in working families. link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	No specific education position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Hysenaj campaign

Issue	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Democrat	Diamant Hysenaj Republican
Local issues	Her community-project funding tends to emphasize food access, schools, workforce training, public infrastructure, environmental improvements, healthcare training, and community programs. link Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's office	Emphasizes small-business support and job creation, neighborhood cleanliness and improved local conditions. His platform ties these priorities to economic opportunity for district residents. Hysenaj campaign
Endorsements	NY State AFL-CIO, NYSUT, Teamsters, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, DC37, NYC-DSA, 1199 SEIU, UAW Region 9A, 32BJ SEIU, Sunrise NYC, Sierra Club, Working Families Party, among others. link Ocasio-Cortez campaign	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Hysenaj campaign

Senate District 11

Issue	Toby Ann Stavisky Democrat	Pamela H. Michos Republican
Candidate	NYS-11 Toby Ann Stavisky democrat link NY State Senate	Business leader and parent challenging Stavisky. Her party profile emphasizes the pressures facing working families and her experience overcoming financial hardship. Queens County Republican Party
Medicaid and health care	Stavisky has made legislation that provides access to medical products without people needed to meet specific requirements. link NY State Senate	Has worked in health literacy and nutrition education. Her published endorsement profile does not specify a Medicaid funding or eligibility proposal. NY Young Republican Club
Affordability	focuses heavily on housing affordability. supporting increased affordable-housing construction, rental assistance for low-income and housing-insecure New Yorkers, and tax relief programs for qualifying co-ops and condos. link NY State Senate	Supports expanded subsidized maternity leave and worker protections. Says family finances should be protected when parents need to care for children. NY Young Republican Club
ICE and immigration	Stavisky is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted and held accountable for their actions. co-sponsored bill against ICE NY State Senate — S1424	Calls for diverting state spending on undocumented immigration to family housing assistance. The reviewed profile does not detail a separate ICE enforcement plan. NY Young Republican Club
Housing	Stavisky focusing a helping people who can't afford housing: Supports rental assistance through HAVP and said the state should substantially increase funding to help people who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes. link improving resident living situations: sponsored legislation involving the J-51 program, which provides incentives connected to rehabilitation/improvement of NYC residential buildings. The governor signed it. link NY State Senate	Proposes redirecting spending on undocumented immigration toward a down-payment assistance program for young families, according to her endorsement profile. NY Young Republican Club
Public safety and crime	focuses on tackling hate crime: S6570/A1202 — Hate-crime prevention Requires people convicted of hate crimes to undergo mandatory hate-crime prevention training or counseling, in addition to other penalties. Stavisky sponsored the Senate bill after increases in hate-related attacks, including anti-Asian violence. link focuses on giving victims power: S611 — “Emma’s Law” Would guarantee victims of certain misdemeanor crimes the opportunity to give a victim-impact statement at sentencing. It arose from a reckless-driving case in which the victim’s family couldn’t address the court because the conviction was a misdemeanor. link NY State Senate — S6570 ; NY State Senate — S611	No specific criminal-justice position located in the candidate materials reviewed. NY Young Republican Club

Issue	Toby Ann Stavisky Democrat	Pamela H. Michos Republican
Education	She chairs the State Senate Higher Education Committee and has sponsored numerous measures dealing with SUNY/CUNY, tuition assistance and student support. link NY State Senate	Has served as PTA president at a Greek Orthodox school in Flushing. The reviewed profile describes her school leadership but does not specify a statewide education program. NY Young Republican Club
Local issues	Higher education, Northeast Queens environmental/flood protection, housing affordability and services for seniors are prominent in her recent work. link NY State Senate	Whitestone finance professional and community volunteer. Her public priorities focus on household costs, assistance for young families and scrutiny of state spending. NY Young Republican Club
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, (AFSCME) District Council 37, (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, (CSA) Local 1 PAC, Eleanor's Legacy, LIUNA-NY, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, NYC LaborVotes!, Planned Parenthood Empire State Votes, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY PAC	Endorsed by the New York Young Republican Club. NY Young Republican Club

Senate District 12

Issue	Aber Kawas Democrat	Han-Khon To Republican
Candidate	NYS-12 Aber Kawas democrat link Kawas campaign	Vietnam-born candidate with experience in hospital phlebotomy and public-health laboratory work. He has also served as a notary public for more than two decades. Queens County Republican Party
Medicaid and health care	wants to Pass the NY Health Act, so every New Yorker has free, comprehensive healthcare at the point of service regardless of their employment, income, or immigration status link Kawas campaign	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party
Affordability	Aber wants to invest in green energy to lower cost for many factors of life Make power a public good by using the Build Public Renewables Act to take on monopoly utilities — lowering bills, creating union jobs upgrading HVAC systems, building rooftop solar aims to make buses free link lower the rent burden, increase workers' wages, and target corporations by increacing corporate taxes and tackling price gouging. link Kawas campaign ; NYC Votes	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party
ICE and immigration	Aber wants to End New York's collaboration with ICE by passing New York For All, ending state and local law enforcement collusion. Aber overall wants to protect immigrants from the detention system and believes they should be able to live as free as a US citizen link Kawas campaign	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party
Housing	Aber wants to create and fund social housing projects. Create the Social Housing Development Authority to construct tens of thousands of new, union-built housing units that are permanently affordable. Reform zoning laws so more affordable housing goes up everywhere, while ensuring that new developments are transit-oriented. link Fully implement Good Cause Eviction protections so tenants can renew their leases without unreasonable rent hikes. wants to protect tenets agaisnt landlords from rasing rent and evicting them. make it easier for tenant unions to be formed. link Kawas campaign	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party

Issue	Aber Kawas Democrat	Han-Khon To Republican
Public safety and crime	Wants to hold police accountable and push back against surveillance. wants to make the city more walkable to reduce car accidents. wants to tackle the root causes of crime. investments in education to keep young people in school, ensure access to free public colleges, and support them in securing employment. Reduce poverty, inequality, and homelessness to prevent crime. link NYC Votes	No specific public-safety position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party
Education	support funding to NYC schools to guarantee smaller class sizes, universal afterschool programs, college prep support, & more. Wants to address childrens home life by supporting families by tackling the affordability crisis to give parents more time with their kids. link NYC Votes	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party
Local issues	lower the rent burden, increase workers' wages, and target corporate greed link NYC Votes	His published candidate biography describes work in hospital phlebotomy, a city public-health laboratory and notary services. A detailed local policy agenda was not located. Queens County Republican Party
Endorsements	Zohran Mamdani; NYC-DSA; NYS AFL-CIO; UAW Region 9A; NYSUT; Make the Road Action NY; Planned Parenthood; JFREJ; Jewish Voice for Peace Action; CAIR Action link Blue Voter Guide	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens County Republican Party

Senate District 13

Issue	Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas Democrat	John Patrick Healy Republican
Candidate	NYS-13 Jessica González-Rojas democrat link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	Queens native challenging Gonzalez-Rojas. His party profile emphasizes representation for working taxpayers and improving neighborhood conditions. Queens County Republican Party
Medicaid and health care	Supports expanding community-based healthcare in underserved neighborhoods, including building a state-funded primary-care clinic in East Elmhurst, expanding clinics and bilingual/culturally competent care in Corona, and increasing access to maternal, mental-health, urgent, and preventive care. She also supports permanent pandemic-preparedness funding and programs to train local residents for healthcare jobs. link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. NY Young Republican Club
Affordability	supports universal child care. for childcare workers, she guarantee pay parity with public school teachers, including benefits, paid leave, and professional development link expand SNAP for immigrants and make it give more from \$23 to \$100 a month. link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	Emphasizes representation for working taxpayers and scrutiny of government waste. The available detailed endorsement describes his 2025 Council campaign. NY Young Republican Club
ICE and immigration	preventing state/local collaboration and data sharing with ICE. legal representation in deportation cases; and protections for immigrant students. believes Immigrants are the backbone of Queens. will pursue access health care, food assistance, housing support, and emergency services without fear of immigration enforcement approaching them. link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	No specific immigration-enforcement position located in the candidate materials reviewed. NY Young Republican Club
Housing	Has a detailed five-point plan including a new Mitchell-Lama-style program, a social-housing authority, full HAVP funding, co-op assistance and safe legalization of basement/cellar apartments. link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	His 2025 Council campaign raised concerns about overdevelopment and neighborhood character. A detailed 2026 State Senate housing proposal was not located. NY Young Republican Club
Public safety and crime	supports a prevention-oriented approach involving mental-health crisis response, youth programs, violence interruption, street safety and sanitation. link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	His earlier campaign emphasized safer, cleaner streets and stronger responses to repeat offenders; he leads the Sunnyside Republican Club. NY Young Republican Club

Issue	Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas Democrat	John Patrick Healy Republican
Education	Supports increased public-school investment, school meals, after-school programs and adequate resources for educators. has a 5-point Universal After-school plan for every family. The plan guarantees access for after school and reduce the cost of sending kids to afterschool. link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	No specific education position located in the candidate materials reviewed. NY Young Republican Club
Local issues	wants to create elevators in 5 subway stations that do not have ones link Supports residential parking permits that prioritize local residents. Proposes affordable/free permits for working-class households and revenue reinvested into public transit. link wants to tax the rich to fund legislation. supports the metropolitan casino that is proposed to be built in flushing. interview Gonzalez-Rojas campaign; NY1	His earlier campaign identified traffic congestion and inaccessible parking as neighborhood problems and called for improved quality of life. NY Young Republican Club
Endorsements	NY Attorney General Letitia James; 1199 SEIU; NYS AFL-CIO; AFSCME DC 37; NYSUT; CWA Local 1180; Make the Road Action; Planned Parenthood Bernie Sanders, Letitia James, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez ,Nydia Velázquez,Jumaane Williams,Donovan Richards ,Jabari Brisport, Catalina Cruz and more link Gonzalez-Rojas campaign	The New York Young Republican Club endorsed his 2025 City Council campaign. A separate 2026 State Senate endorsement was not located in the reviewed materials. NY Young Republican Club

Assembly District 23

Issue	Pesach Osina Democrat	Thomas P. Sullivan Republican
Candidate	NYA-23 Pesach Osina democrat link Osina campaign	Business owner, financial-services professional, and retired Army Reserve colonel. He emphasizes reducing crime and taxes, limiting government waste, and enforcing immigration laws. Queens County Republican Party
Medicaid and health care	Osina proposes stronger oversight of health-insurance rate increases and measures to reduce prescription-drug costs. For seniors, he specifically says he wants to lower healthcare and prescription costs. link Osina campaign	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Sullivan campaign
Affordability	greater scrutiny of insurance and utility rate hikes, expanded childcare tax credits, a larger Empire State Child Tax Credit, higher income limits for tax relief, and opposition to new taxes and fees that increase living costs. link PoliticsNY	Emphasizes lower taxes, less government waste and conditions that support small businesses, drawing on his financial and business experience. Queens County Republican Party
ICE and immigration	No clear position found	Supports border security and enforcement of immigration laws. His public priorities connect stronger immigration enforcement with his broader emphasis on public safety. Queens County Republican Party
Housing	Calls for a community-driven approach to development. He opposes what he describes as one-size-fits-all development and overdevelopment without community support. For existing homeowners, he supports property-tax relief, deed-theft protections and assistance for co-op and Mitchell-Lama residents. link Osina campaign	No specific housing position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Sullivan campaign
Public safety and crime	harsher penalties against repeat offenders. strengthen retail theft laws, crack down on repeat and organized theft. hire more cops, increased coordination between state and local agencies to target crime hotspots, more funding to state and local agencies link Osina campaign	Supports stronger law enforcement and reversing cashless-bail policies; argues that repeated revisions have not resolved public-safety concerns. NY1
Education	Protecting parental choice and yeshiva/Orthodox education link New York Post	No specific education position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Sullivan campaign

Issue	Pesach Osina Democrat	Thomas P. Sullivan Republican
Local issues	ransportation and resiliency are particularly important because of the Rockaways and South Queens. He supports QueensLink, protecting the Cross Bay Bridge rebate, expanding Fair Fares, emergency preparedness and coastal resiliency. He also supports efforts to establish a trauma center in the Rockaways. link Osina campaign	Emphasizes lower taxes, less government waste and support for small businesses. His background includes financial services, business ownership and Army Reserve service. Queens County Republican Party
Endorsements	ActJew. AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal, Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, NY ,Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, New York City ,District Council of Carpenters, New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, New York State United Teachers, NYC LaborVotes!, Patriot PAC, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, StreetsPAC	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Sullivan campaign

Assembly District 24

Issue	David I. Weprin Democrat	Welson Chang Republican
Candidate	NYA-24 David Weprin democrat link NY State Assembly	Queens Village Republican Club member challenging Weprin. He also appears on the Queens United ballot line. Queens Village Republican Club
Medicaid and health care	As chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee, he works on legislation governing what health insurers are required to cover. Supports expanding health-insurance and Medicaid access and requiring insurers to cover additional healthcare services. Sponsors bills covering patient-navigation services, children's treatment and support services, substance-use treatment protections and healthcare language access; also co-sponsors measures protecting Medicaid access for TPS beneficiaries and improving access to home healthcare. expanding insurance protecting Medicaid access for protected status beneficiaries substance-use treatment protections Language access in healthcare NY State Senate — A6586 ; NY State Senate — A5199 ; NY State Assembly — A03767 ; NY State Assembly — A03697	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens Village Republican Club
Affordability	his push for more affordable housing is his main push to make things more affordable. he also has co-sponsored the FAIR Business Practices Act Inik NY State Senate — A8427	Identifies the local economy and household concerns in his published campaign discussion. A detailed tax or spending program was not located. Queens Village Republican Club
ICE and immigration	Supports limiting New York state and local cooperation with ICE. Co-sponsors the New York for All Act, which would restrict state/local agencies and police from assisting federal civil immigration enforcement and sharing certain immigration information. Has also criticized prolonged ICE detention of nonviolent immigrants and asylum seekers and supported greater state oversight of immigration detention facilities. restricting the questioning of immigration status more oversight NY State Assembly — A03506 ; NY State Assembly	No specific immigration-enforcement position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens Village Republican Club

Issue	David I. Weprin Democrat	Welson Chang Republican
Housing	Supports expanding affordable housing and rental assistance while providing protections for tenants and homeowners. Co-sponsors statewide housing vouchers for people facing homelessness, affordable/workforce housing construction, and faith-based affordable housing. Also sponsors protections involving NYC co-op/condo conversions and enacted legislation providing mortgage information to homebuyers. helping the homeless Building affordable/workforce housing Protecting residents of ground-lease co-ops Rental-assistance pilot Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act NY State Assembly — A01704; NY State Assembly — A03996; NY State Assembly — A02619; NY State Assembly — A07830; NY State Senate — A3647	Identifies affordable housing as a community priority in his published campaign discussion; a more detailed housing program was not located. Queens Village Republican Club
Public safety and crime	Stronger penalties for attacks on police officers. link Gun storage and preventing children from accessing firearms link Restricting police use of chemical agents against minors link Making parole release more attainable link NY State Assembly — A03787; NY State Assembly — A01962; NY State Senate — A4917; NY State Assembly — A00127	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens Village Republican Club
Education	supports having schools follow evidence-based reading and literacy instruction aligned with state standards link Supports expanding career and technical education and creating a CTE diploma pathway. link require a registered professional nurse to be present during school hours in schools with at least 100 students. link Religious protections for students. For example, the protection could apply to students whose religion requires particular clothing or grooming practices. link require New York public schools to teach about climate change, including its causes, effects on communities and environments, and possible solutions. link NY State Senate — A78; NY State Senate — A4903; NY State Senate — A3185; NY State Senate — A6792; NY State Senate — A4876	Identifies quality education among his campaign priorities and has discussed education policy through the Queens Village Republican Club. Queens Village Republican Club

Issue	David I. Weprin Democrat	Welson Chang Republican
Local issues	Opposes congestion pricing, arguing that Northeast/Eastern Queens residents have limited subway access. calls for alternative streams of funding link Demanding community input on neighborhood development. For example, when homeless shelters were proposed in Northeast Queens, Weprin criticized the NYC Department of Homeless Services for what he considered insufficient communication with residents and local elected officials. He said future proposals should involve notice, hearings and community input rather than being introduced without consultation. link Water/sewer infrastructure and household costs For example, his district office participated in NYC DEP's rain-barrel program, distributing barrels intended to reduce water consumption and sewer overflows while lowering residents' water usage link NY State Assembly	Has published discussion of the local economy and cannabis policy. Also appears on the Queens United ballot line. Queens Village Republican Club; Queens Eagle
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, ActJew, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC link Blue Voter Guide	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Queens Village Republican Club

Assembly District 26

Issue	Edward C. Braunstein Democrat	Robert J. Speranza Republican
Candidate	NYA-26 Edward Braunstein Democrat link NY State Assembly	Retired NYPD officer and longtime Bayside resident. His published platform calls for reversing cashless-bail policies, lower taxes, and stronger public-safety measures. Speranza campaign
Medicaid and health care	his healthcare record shows particular attention to Medicaid/long-term care, health-insurance protections, healthcare providers, and funding for health and mental-health services. Protecting Medicaid long-term-care services Protecting consumers if a health insurer fails Healthcare and mental-health funding NY State Senate — A11420 ; NY State Senate — A6305 ; NY State Assembly	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Speranza campaign
Affordability	Supports reforming NYC's property-tax system to make bills more affordable for low- and moderate-income homeowners and prevent displacement: Establishes the temporary state commission on New York city property tax reform Lowering repair costs for co-ops and apartments — J-51 expansion: The program helps offset costs for things such as heating-system replacements, plumbing, electrical upgrades and energy-efficiency improvements. link Affordable-housing rehabilitation — A10549: The bill would establish a property-tax reduction for alterations and improvements made to certain multiple-dwelling buildings. link Water-bill affordability — A2429: It would require the Department of Public Service to study water-service affordability for residential and commercial customers, including assistance programs available to lower-income customers. link Broader cost-of-living measures for families: Braunstein has also supported affordability measures through the state budget. For example, he highlighted the expansion of the Empire State Child Tax Credit, expanded eligibility for state childcare assistance, and minimum-wage increases as policies intended to address the rising cost of living for working families. link NY State Senate — A7061 ; NY State Assembly ; NY State Senate — A10549 ; NY State Senate — A2429	Calls for reviewing the state budget, exposing waste and fraud and reducing the burden of taxes on households and small businesses. Argues that high costs and poor services are driving residents and family businesses out. Speranza campaign

Issue	Edward C. Braunstein Democrat	Robert J. Speranza Republican
ICE and immigration	No major ICE-restriction bill that Braunstein has formally sponsored or co-sponsored was found. He has publicly supported proposals restricting state/local cooperation with ICE, including New York for All and Dignity Not Detention.	No specific immigration-enforcement position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Speranza campaign
Housing	overall uses tax incentives in exchange for preserving affordable housing Supports tax incentives to help co-ops, condos and rent-regulated buildings pay for major repairs and improvements. link introduced the GREEN Buildings Act, which would provide a property-tax refor qualifying building improvements that reduce carbon emissions. link Braunstein is also associated with A10549, which establishes a tax-abatement framework for rehabilitation of eligible housing while imposing affordability requirements on participating rental buildings. link sponsored the Co-op Clarification Bill after passage of New York's 2019 Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act. His legislation sought to clarify that certain provisions didn't apply to co-ops and condos in the same way as landlord-tenant relationship. link NY State Assembly; NY State Senate — A10549	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Speranza campaign
Public safety and crime	Supports stronger criminal penalties for assaults and other crimes committed against police and auxiliary police officers. link increased criminal consequences for dangerous conduct that results in death. link Supports state funding for hate-crime prevention and security improvements at houses of worship, religious schools and other vulnerable community institutions. link laws agaist sexual predators. Sexual-assault law — intoxication cannot be used as a defense prevent sex offenders from residing within 1,000 feet of a school (in biography) NY State Senate — A1681; NY State Senate — A800; NY State Assembly; NY State Senate — A101	Supports repealing cashless-bail changes, giving judges more discretion, increasing police resources and removing illegal guns. Wants changes to parole rules for people convicted of murder and stronger protection for victims' families. Speranza campaign

Issue	Edward C. Braunstein Democrat	Robert J. Speranza Republican
Education	Supports state funding for public schools, school safety, and greater cultural representation in education. Multi-sponsors legislation requiring Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history instruction; sponsors legislation requiring qualifying textbooks to recognize the East Sea name alongside the Sea of Japan; and co-sponsors legislation establishing Diwali as a statewide school holiday. Has also advocated for increased education funding and school-security measures. culture learning added to curriculum Increasing/fighting for public-school funding school safety: Allow Principals the Discretion to Lock School Entrances from the Outside NY State Senate — A4638; NY State Assembly	Supports more teachers and less school administration, vocational programs, the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test and Gifted & Talented assessments. Wants instruction tailored to students' needs and greater parental control over controversial subjects. Speranza campaign
Local issues	opposed state funding for the Creedmoor housing plan during the budget process. link Transportation: Pushes for maintaining and expanding local and express bus service because much of Northeast Queens lacks subway access; has opposed proposed MTA service reductions. link Seniors and community services: Braunstein has also made senior services a longstanding district issue. One of his first Assembly bills required the State Office for the Aging to assess programs offered at senior centers and examine their effect on seniors' quality of life. link NY State Assembly	Retired NYPD officer and longtime Bayside resident. His local priorities center on safer neighborhoods, school funding reaching classrooms and keeping household and small-business costs manageable. Speranza campaign
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School, Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, LiUNA, LIUNA-NY, NYC LaborVotes! link Blue Voter Guide	No endorsement list located in the candidate materials reviewed. Speranza campaign

Assembly District 30

Issue	Patrick Martinez Democrat	Brandon P. Castro Republican
Housing	Supports housing that residents can afford. Martinez campaign Additional research: Calls housing a human right. Supports protecting Mitchell-Lama housing, legal/safe basement housing, deeply affordable housing, creating a Social Housing Development Authority, and the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act. link	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. NY Young Republican Club
Education	Calls for investment in public schools. Martinez campaign Additional research: Supports increasing Foundation Aid, fully funding public schools, universal childcare and strengthening 3-K and Pre-K. He is also a former teacher. link	Cites student leadership at Queens College and an emphasis on personal responsibility and preparation for adult life. NY Young Republican Club
Public safety and local business	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Martinez campaign Additional research: His most detailed public-safety proposals focus on street safety, particularly Roosevelt Avenue and Broadway, including safer street redesigns. link	Emphasizes support for police, improved street conditions, small-business needs and reducing the tax burden on residents. NY Young Republican Club
Constituent service	Promises active, accessible advocacy for the district. Martinez campaign Additional research: Particularly focused on flooding, sewer infrastructure, Roosevelt Avenue/Broadway street safety, the Interborough Express (IBX), QueensLink, public transit and protecting Mitchell-Lama developments such as Big Six Towers. link served as a Democratic District Leader and as a member of Queens Community Board 2. He supported nearly all of Citizens Union's reform agenda, except for open primaries. During his interview, Citizens Union noted his detailed knowledge of the district and found him well-positioned to be effective in Albany. link	Cites experience assisting small businesses through NYC Small Business Services and a commitment to local representation. NY Young Republican Club
Trump	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Martinez campaign	Has volunteered for Trump campaigns, including the 2024 presidential primary. His endorsement profile connects his campaign with Trump's populist politics. NY Young Republican Club

Issue	Patrick Martinez Democrat	Brandon P. Castro Republican
Medicaid and health care	Supports the New York Health Act, saying healthcare should be available regardless of immigration/documentation status. link	
Affordability	Affordability is a major theme of his campaign. He identifies rising housing costs and general cost-of-living pressures as threats to working-class communities. His affordability approach includes affordable housing, universal childcare and improved/affordable public transportation.	
ICE and immigration	Explicitly supports New York for All, which would restrict state/local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement. He also supports establishing a right to counsel for people in immigration proceedings. link	
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME) District Council 37, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, NY, Citizens Union, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) Local 28, Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, LiUNA, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State United Teachers, NYC LaborVotes!, Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, StreetsPAC link	

Assembly District 36

Issue	Diana C. Moreno Democrat	Edward Lee Republican
Experience	Assemblymember since February 2026; previously a labor and immigrant-rights organizer. NY State Assembly	Community activist associated with the Long Island City GOP Club; has organized forums for independent and third-party candidates. Ballotpedia
Health care	Worked with nurses and health-care workers on contracts and access to care. NY State Assembly Additional research: Her broader platform supports public services for working-class residents. link	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Ballotpedia
Housing and accountability	Calls housing a human right. Supports stronger tenant protections, protecting rent stabilization and creating a Social Housing Development Authority to build and preserve permanently affordable housing using union labor. link	Emphasizes NYCHA accountability, government transparency and greater access to elected officials, citing his work with public-housing residents. Ballotpedia
Education	Organized faculty and graduate students and started free English classes at Astoria Food Pantry. NY State Assembly Additional research: Sponsors legislation protecting academic freedom for college and university employees (A11415). Also co-sponsors legislation reforming school discipline and school-climate policies (A118), establishing comprehensive K–12 sexuality education (A7496A), and changing charter-school oversight by removing SUNY’s Board of Trustees as a charter-authorizing entity (A7115). link	Emphasizes civic education, better school food and the burden of student debt; calls for broader political participation. Ballotpedia

Issue	Diana C. Moreno Democrat	Edward Lee Republican
Justice and immigration	Organized undocumented workers against wage theft and participated in protests opposing ICE operations. NY State Assembly Additional research: Explicitly supports the New York for All Act, which restricts state/local government and law-enforcement cooperation with federal immigration enforcement. Moreno has a background organizing undocumented and migrant workers. link Co-sponsors legislation emphasizing law-enforcement accountability and privacy protections, including A8908 restricting masks/disguises worn by law-enforcement officers, A972 limiting police drone surveillance, and A10808 restricting government use of automatic license-plate-reader data. She also co-sponsors A10210, which would establish criminal offenses for corporations causing or failing to prevent catastrophes involving widespread injury or damage. link Moreno has not sponsored a bill centered on increasing NYPD staffing, increasing ordinary criminal penalties, or conventional street-crime enforcement.	Highlights advocacy for people challenging wrongful convictions and government misconduct. A detailed immigration-enforcement proposal was not located. Ballotpedia
Affordability	A central issue for Moreno. She supports free universal childcare for children from six weeks to five years, funded in part through increased taxation of wealthy residents, alongside affordable housing and other public services. link	
Local issues	local issues are particularly centered on Astoria and Long Island City er district-specific priorities include housing/NYCHA, street safety, immigrant services, environmental issues, childcare, and neighborhood affordability Astoria and LIC housing affordability: she says she supports major investments in affordable and social housing, stronger tenant protections, and increased NYCHA funding link 31st Street redesign and pedestrian/street safety. She encouraged residents to participate in the Community Board 1 process surrounding the proposal. link Environmental justice and the Astoria power plant. Moreno was involved in the campaign against the proposed NRG fracked-gas power plant in Astoria link	

Issue	Diana C. Moreno Democrat	Edward Lee Republican
Endorsements	zohran mamdani, 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, NY CAAAV VoiceCAIR Action, Caring Majority Rising, Churches United For Fair Housing (CUFFH), Citizen Action of New York, Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, CWA Local 1180, Emgage Action, Emgage Action NY & NJ, Hotel and Gaming Trades Council, AFL-CIO, Jewish Voice for Peace Action, Jews For Racial & Economic Justice, League of Humane Voters of New York, LIUNA, LIUNA-NY, Make the Road Action New York, Muslim Democratic Club of New York, National Women's Liberation, New American Leaders Action Fund, New York City Democratic Socialists of America, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York Immigration Coalition Action (NYIC), New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, New York State United Teachers, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Planned Parenthood Empire State Votes, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY PAC, Professional Staff Congress, City University of New York (PSC-CUNY), Progressive Voters Network, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, StreetsPAC, Sunrise NYC, United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 9A, Vote for Peace, Voters For Animal Rights, Working Families Party link	

Assembly District 38

Issue	David Orkin Democrat	Ruben D. Cruz II Republican
Health care	Supports higher taxes on wealthy people and corporations to fund health care and other public services. Orkin campaign Additional research: Supports universal healthcare and identifies unaffordable healthcare as a major problem facing working families. His campaign has been recognized by the Campaign for New York Health as a “Healthcare Champion.” link	Calls for lower prescription-drug prices and more support for local health and wellness services, especially for older residents. Queens Ledger; Ballotpedia
Housing	Calls for public investment in affordable housing. Orkin campaign Additional research: Treats housing as part of his broader economic-security platform. He argues the state should invest substantially more in housing rather than incarceration and other punitive systems. link	Proposes stronger protections against deed theft and undisclosed property liens, more NYCHA repairs and lower property-tax burdens for older homeowners. Queens Ledger
ICE and immigration	Supports stronger local sanctuary protections and challenges to federal immigration-enforcement practices. Orkin campaign Additional research: Immigration is one of his defining issues. Orkin is an immigrant workers’ rights attorney and supports expanding sanctuary protections and limiting ICE’s ability to operate against immigrant communities. link	Has said ICE has gone too far; describes his approach as protecting vulnerable neighbors and opposing punitive politics. Queens Ledger
Education	Calls for additional public resources for child care and care services. Orkin campaign Additional research: Supports fully funded public education and universal childcare. Frames education and childcare as public services that should receive greater investment, with additional revenue raised from wealthy individuals and corporations helping finance those services. link	Supports expanded technical and arts education, more after-school use of schoolyards, and a broader publicly subsidized education system. Queens Ledger
Transit and energy	Supports public investment in transit funded by higher taxes on wealthy people and corporations. Orkin campaign	Proposes better bus service and an MTA audit. Has discussed renewable-energy storage at the Aqueduct site. Queens Ledger; Ballotpedia

Issue	David Orkin Democrat	Ruben D. Cruz II Republican
Work and local business	Supports stronger protections against wage theft and for workers' rights to organize. Orkin campaign Additional research: Supports stronger labor protections and higher/fairer wages, particularly for low-income and gig workers. Particularly focused on worker protections/wage theft, ICE enforcement, rising rents, healthcare/childcare costs, street safety, transit and protections for gig/app-based workers and artists in Ridgewood, Glendale, Woodhaven, Richmond Hill and Ozone Park. link	Emphasizes helping small businesses, reducing hidden bank and utility fees, and addressing neighborhood concerns across party lines. Queens Ledger; Ballotpedia
Affordability	Supports higher taxes on wealthy residents and corporations to fund housing, childcare, healthcare and transit. He also supports stronger labor protections and higher/fairer wages, particularly for low-income and gig workers. link	
Public safety and crime	Takes a criminal-justice-reform approach. He argues that mass incarceration does not adequately address public safety and supports shifting resources toward housing, healthcare, jobs, restoration and care. link	
Endorsements	Berine Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Churches United For Fair Housing (CUFFH), Citizen Action of New York, Citizens Union, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Doctors Council SEIU, DRUM Beats!, Equality New York (EQNY), Jewish Voice for Peace Action, Jews For Racial & Economic Justice, Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, Lead Locally, Make the Road Action New York, Muslims Vote Project, New York City Democratic Socialists of America, New York Immigration Coalition Action (NYIC), New York League of Conservation Voters, New York Progressive Action Network, New York Working Families Party, NYC KidsPAC, NYC LaborVotes!, Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 153, Organization of Staff Analysts (OSA), Progressive Voters Network, Run for Something, SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR), Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, StreetsPAC, Sunrise NYC, Tenants PAC, TREEage, United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 9A, Vote for Peace, Voters For Animal Rights, Working Families Party link	

Assembly District 39

Issue	Catalina Cruz Democrat	Ramses S. Frias Republican
Experience	Incumbent assemblymember and attorney with a background in housing and immigrant-rights work. NY State Assembly	Elmhurst native and public-school graduate running on neighborhood conditions, public safety and opportunities for local families. Queens County Republican Party
Health care	Has advanced legislation addressing health-care costs and access. NY State Assembly Additional research: co-sponsor of the New York Health Act. co sponsors Protecting Medicaid for TPS recipients — A5199 co-sponsors A646, concerning Medicaid coverage and billing for complex rehabilitation technology used by patients with complex medical needs	No specific position located in the candidate materials reviewed. Frias campaign
Housing and workers	Emphasizes tenant protections and workers' rights. NY State Assembly Additional research: Supports stronger tenant protections and increased affordable housing. Housing Access Voucher Program — A1704 link preventing displacement of lower-income tenants and preserving affordable housing through the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act — A6100 link Limiting costs imposed on renters — A56B link Increasing rental assistance applicability: ex-- co-sponsors A1507, which would increase shelter allowances under public assistance programs to as much as 100% of local fair-market rent. link	Calls for improved quality of life for residents and businesses; a detailed housing or labor proposal was not located. Frias campaign
Public safety	combines gun regulation and violence prevention, penalties for weapons on public transit, protections for vulnerable groups, and police-accountability reforms. gun safety increase penalties for weapons on subways Restricting police drone surveillance — A972 Firearm technology and ghost-gun concerns reducing lawsuit protects for police	Makes crime and public safety central campaign concerns and calls for a safer future for local families. Queens County Republican Party ; Frias campaign

Issue	Catalina Cruz Democrat	Ramses S. Frias Republican
Local services and business	Provides constituent assistance and works with agencies on garbage, graffiti and neighborhood cleanups. NY State Assembly Additional research: Particularly focused on Corona/Jackson Heights/Elmhurst immigrant communities, tenants, workers, food insecurity, public transit/MTA accessibility, local schools, hospitals and libraries. establish school-based food pantries in NYC public schools assembly website	Emphasizes small-business engagement, stronger community connections and giving residents a greater voice in neighborhood decisions. Frias campaign
Affordability	backed the Fair Pricing Act (A2140), aimed at reducing pricing disparities for routine medical services based on where the care is provided. Cruz's official Assembly biography says that since taking office she has helped pass more than 20 laws addressing issues including food insecurity and healthcare costs. ex: primary sponsor of A9606, the New York State Food Security Purchase and Processing Act A1724, the Hunger-Free Campus Act, aimed at addressing food insecurity among college students.	
ICE and immigration	She has advocated for immigrant protections and the Access to Representation Act, which would establish legal representation for people facing immigration proceedings. She also supported the immigration protections enacted through the FY2027 state budget. link co-sponsor of the New York for All Act	
Education	Supports maintaining full Foundation Aid and expanding STEM, arts and other educational programs. In 2026 she also helped secure \$250,000 for a bilingual educator pipeline program designed to address shortages of teachers serving multilingual students. Foundation Aid + STEM/arts securing \$250,000 to establish a Bilingual Educator Pipeline Program	

Issue	Catalina Cruz Democrat	Ramses S. Frias Republican
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 NY, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, Doctors Council SEIU, Equality New York (EQNY), League of Humane Voters of New York, LIUNA-NY, Make the Road Action New York, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York Immigration Coalition Action (NYIC), New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, New York State Public Employees Federation, New York State United Teachers, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Planned Parenthood Empire State Votes, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY PAC, Professional Staff Congress, City University of New York (PSC-CUNY), SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, Sierra Club Atlantic, Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, StreetsPAC, United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 9A, Working Families Party link	

Senate District 10 James Sanders Jr.

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	James Sanders Jr. Democrat
Candidate	NYS-10 James Sanders Jr democrat link NY State Senate
Medicaid and health care	Supports protecting healthcare access, including for legally present immigrant seniors. link NY State Senate
Affordability	Sanders is the chair of the New York State Senate Banks Committee. he has focused on protecting vulnerable New Yorkers, improving public health, supporting financial inclusion, enhancing transportation resilience, and honoring public servants. link pursuing protections against overdraft and EBT fees, and expanding banking access in unbanked/underbanked neighborhoods link NY State Senate
ICE and immigration	Sanders wants to protect immigrants access to services like healthcare. he aligns with the general view of the democratic party that ICE needs to be restricted and held accountable. Sanders is an official co-sponsor of S.2235B (2025–26). The bill is specifically designed to limit New York state and local government participation in federal immigration enforcement. co-sponsored a bill against ICE NY State Senate — S2235
Housing	Mortgage affordability and discrimination: As Banks Committee chair, Sanders has used the committee's hearing power to investigate mortgage lending practices. link In 2024, he chaired a hearing examining unequal access to mortgages and credit, particularly barriers facing low-income New Yorkers and other underserved borrowers link He followed this with another Banks Committee hearing in March 2025 specifically examining discrimination in New York's mortgage industry link NY State Senate
Public safety and crime	Focuses on preventing gun violence through stricter firearm regulations: limiting high power guns Mental-health evaluations before purchasing firearms improving police training and accountability: more training accountability through special prosecution incorporating mental-health services into public safety: link reducing violent crime without relying exclusively on incarceration and relying more on prevention of crime: link NY State Senate — S4807 ; NY State Senate — S4790 ; NY State Senate — S1400 ; NY State Senate — S1406 ; NY State Senate — S6960 ; NY State Senate — S6642
Education	Supports increased public-school and higher-education funding. He highlighted increased Foundation Aid for schools, free school meals and increased CUNY/SUNY/TAP funding. link NY State Senate

Issue	James Sanders Jr. Democrat
Local issues	Lower LIRR fares for Rockaway residents. cut the cost of traveling from the Rockaways to Manhattan by nearly 50%. link Sanders supported a 2022 Senate budget proposal containing \$400 million to help New Yorkers reduce or eliminate utility arrears. The proposal also included substantial homeowner, housing-voucher and NYCHA funding. links Consumer and financial protections link NY State Senate
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, LIUNA-NY, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR), Working Families Party link Blue Voter Guide

Senate District 14 Leroy G. Comrie Jr.

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Leroy G. Comrie Jr. Democrat
Candidate	NYS-14 Leroy Comrie D link NY State Senate
Affordability	Focuses heavily on reducing household utility and government-related costs. Sponsors legislation requiring regulators to consider household affordability when approving utility-rate hikes, preventing certain NYC charges from increasing water/sewer bills, protecting homeowners from property-tax increases when assessed values fall, and protecting drivers from excessive toll penalties utilites lowering cost for drivers property tax NY State Senate ; NY State Senate — S2160
ICE and immigration	Stavisky is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted and held accountable for their actions. supports the New York for All Act. This is one of the broadest proposals in Albany for restricting New York's participation in federal immigration enforcement. link NY State Senate — S2235 Editorial note: The original entry names Stavisky. It does not establish Comrie's immigration position.
Housing	Has a significant housing record, including foreclosure prevention, property-tax/lien reform, public-housing legislation and legislation involving veterans' eligibility for public housing. occupant protection plans veterans' eligibility for public housing Tax-lien foreclosure protections Free lawyers for homeowners facing foreclosure NY State Senate — S2323 ; NY State Senate — S5350 ; NY State Senate — S5480 ; NY State Senate — S126
Public safety and crime	Tougher penalties for assaults on police and first responders. link wants to establish a database microstamped firearms. microstamping puts identifiers on certian guns that are fired. link further penalties for misstorage of firearms when minors access them. Francesco's Law Police accountability after police shootings by requiring State Police superintendent to establish uniform investigative standards whenever a police officer shoots a civilian. link Youth intervention and police-community relations. Establishing youth outreach departments within state and local police departments and sheriff's offices. link NY State Senate — S5449 ; NY State Senate — S2158 ; NY State Senate ; NY State Senate — S5960 ; NY State Senate — S4940
Education	Supports financial-literacy and career/technical education, improving teacher quality and addressing teacher shortages through loan-forgiveness incentives, increasing diversity among teachers and school leaders, and expanding Black-history education. Sponsored legislation requiring Black-history/slavery education that was signed into law. Financial literacy in high school Career and technical education Addressing teacher shortages Increasing diversity among teachers Black-history education NY State Senate — S95 ; NY State Senate — S3667 ; NY State Senate — S3770 ; NY State Senate — S6825 ; NY State Senate — S30
Local issues	Protecting airport workers from assault. relevant due to district being near JFK airport. link MTA/NYCHA oversight, small-business growth, jobs, seniors, property taxes, housing and Southeast Queens economic development link NY State Senate — S5167 ; NY State Senate
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) ,Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1 ,Council of School Supervisors & ,Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC ,LIUNA-NY ,NYC LaborVotes! link Blue Voter Guide

Senate District 15 Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. Democrat
Candidate	NYS-15 Joseph Addabbo Jr. Democrat link Addabbo campaign
Medicaid and health care	Supports protecting healthcare access and limiting healthcare costs. In March 2026, he joined retirees advocating for traditional Medicare, continued doctor access and protection against higher out-of-pocket expenses. He has also introduced insurance bills expanding coverage for dental treatments. link link NY State Senate ; NY State Senate — S10607
Affordability	voted to raise the minimum wage, to greatly expand child tax credits. link Sponsored legislation that enforces notification consumers from unexpected utility-rate increases; passed a law expanding property-tax relief for severely disabled veterans; co-sponsored legislation aimed at lowering prescription-drug and insulin costs link link Addabbo campaign ; NY State Senate
ICE and immigration	Addabbo is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. Supports limiting ICE's use of local law enforcement. Supported the 2026 Local Cops, Local Crimes Act, which prohibits NY local police/jails from entering 287(g) agreements that deputize local officers for federal civil immigration enforcement. evidence that he signed link to bill Addabbo's record of signing bills shows that he is softer on restricting ICE compared to candidates like Stavisky, González-Rojas, KawaS, etc NY Governor's Office ; NY Attorney General
Housing	claims “New York needs more housing”. Addabbo has said New York's housing crisis stems from a shortage of affordable housing inventory. His preferred solution is to incentivize construction of affordable single- and multi-family homes and use rental vouchers to help tenants. wants to protect small landlords. Argued that increasing housing supply is preferable to imposing additional restrictions on landlords link Affordable homeownership for veterans. co-sponsored S.6274, which gives service-disabled veterans preference in New York's Affordable Home Ownership Development Program. link NY State Senate
Public safety and crime	Supports tougher penalties for dangerous crimes and greater judicial discretion on bail. link recently, cracked down on street take overs by expand who can be considered a participant, and allow vehicles involved to potentially be seized and forfeited link expanded the ability for judge to set bail on crimes that originally allowed a release, expanded factors that allow police to arrest, specially made it easier to prosecute guns violence and set bail on offenders link wants to hold police accountable by banning chokeholds, creating a law-enforcement misconduct investigative office, body-camera requirements for State Police, and greater disclosure of police disciplinary records. link NY State Senate — S10104 ; NY State Senate
Education	Supports smaller classes but also supported giving NYC additional time, until 2030, to meet state class-size mandates because of staffing, space and financial constraints. link Supports increased and equitable school funding. He supported fully funding Foundation Aid. He has also emphasized oversight to ensure increased education funding is actually spent effectively. particularly additional funding for NYC and underserved schools. link

Issue	Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. Democrat
	pushed for greater investment in trade schools link Supports services for students with medical/special needs. recently, Addabbo co-sponsored S.1101, part of a package he said came from issues raised by constituents. The education measure addresses educational support for children with medical conditions. link Wants gambling/lottery revenue directed toward education link NY State Senate
Local issues	Supports safety regulations and enforcement against pollution push for tighter rules governing battery-energy storage facilities near schools and residential neighborhoods. link Women's Rights: vote for the Equal Rights Amendment in New York that addressed domestic violence, fair pay, and codified Roe v. Wade into New York law. link Veterans: regularly sponsors jobs fairs for veterans. link supports Resorts World NYC expansion. see's it as "Catalyst for Jobs, Investment and Responsible Gaming in Queens" links NY State Senate; Addabbo campaign
Endorsements	NYS AFL-CIO, 1199 SEIU, NYSUT, CSEA, CWA District 1/Local 1180, TWU Local 100, LIUNA-NY, NYC LaborVotes!, NY League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club Atlantic, Asian Wave Alliance. link Blue Voter Guide

Senate District 16 John C. Liu

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	John C. Liu Democrat
Candidate	NYS-16 John liu democrat link NY State Senate
Medicaid and health care	Supports protecting access to healthcare and vaccines. In his 2026 State of the State response, he praised efforts to preserve vaccine access. His Fair Share Act would raise revenue for investments including healthcare link NY State Senate
Affordability	Has introduced the Fair Share Act, which he says could raise up to \$4 billion annually for affordable housing, healthcare, universal childcare, transit and safe streets. He also specifically identified childcare costs as part of NYC's affordability crisis. Fair Share Act: The legislation authorizes NYC to enact a 2 percent surcharge on income over \$1 million AKA: increase taxes on the rich. Notably, the measure would only affect incomes of over \$1 million, not the entire income. For example, if an individual makes \$1.5 million, only the \$500,000 above \$1 million would be subject to the surcharge. link NY State Senate
ICE and immigration	Supports NY4All, comprehensive immigration legal services and restrictions on ICE activity in schools. He says state resources should not be used to target otherwise law-abiding immigrants. link NY State Senate
Housing	Strengthening NYC rent regulation. Liu co-sponsors S.2306, which would remove state restrictions that prevent NYC from adopting rent-regulation protections stronger than state law. link Protecting affordable housing when buildings are sold. The legislation would establish a right of first refusal and first opportunity to purchase when covered affordable housing properties are being converted or sold. link Liu defines affordability around tenants spending no more than 30% of gross household income on rent. wants to stabilize rent link NY State Senate — S2306 ; NY State Senate — S107 ; NY State Senate
Public safety and crime	opposes stop-and-frisk Supports stronger enforcement against retail theft and increased criminal penalties for assaults on retail workers and repeat theft. link Gun-violence prevention by stronger firearm restrictions: firearm waiting periods, Extreme Risk Protection Orders, firearm-industry accountability and anti-violence programs. link Lowering the legal DWI threshold lower New York's blood-alcohol threshold for Driving While Intoxicated from .08% to .05% and lower the aggravated-DWI threshold from .18% to .12%. link prevention and community investment: he has supported budgets that put substantial state funding toward gun-violence prevention, domestic-violence prosecution, hate-crime prevention and programs intended to reduce recidivism link NY State Senate ; NY State Senate — S53
Education	He chairs the Senate NYC Education Committee and supports smaller class sizes, a larger teacher pipeline expanded childcare, taking students education beyond highschool, addressing and tracking bullying, and expanding education on the subject of asian, Hawaiian, and pacific islander history. link NY State Senate

Issue	John C. Liu Democrat
Local issues	Cracking down on reckless driving and car takeovers Pushes the MTA to improve bus and express-bus service in Northeast Queens, particularly in neighborhoods without subway access: When the MTA developed the Queens Bus Network Redesign, Liu pushed back against portions he believed would hurt Northeast Queens link helped small businesses with deliveries that were interfered with by buses link sponsored the state legislation necessary (Senate Bill S7121) for the development to move forward. His bill authorized NYC to discontinue the parkland use of the specified Flushing Meadows Corona Park property. link Direct constituent assistance: for example, in 2025, he and Assembly Member Ed Braunstein intervened after an 86-year-old Flushing homeowner received a \$22,818 water bill, despite historically paying around \$85 per month. link NY State Senate; NY State Senate — S7121
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East ,AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, Doctors Council SEIU, Laborers Building a Better NY, LIUNA-NY, New York Immigration Coalition Action (NYIC), New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Working Families Party link Blue Voter Guide

Senate District 18 Julia Salazar

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Julia Salazar Democrat
Candidate	Nys-18 Julia Salazar Democrat link Salazar campaign
Medicaid and health care	Supports the New York Health Act, which would establish single-payer healthcare; repeal the Global Medicaid Cap; provide Coverage for All; and Fair Pay for Home Care. link Salazar campaign
Affordability	Supports increasing taxes on high earners/wealth to fund healthcare and public services. In April 2026 she specifically argued that people are being priced out and living paycheck to paycheck and called for taxing wealthy New Yorkers. With this tax increase, she intends to boost funding for issues in general. link NY State Senate
ICE and immigration	Julia is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. Sponsors the Dignity Not Detention Act, which would prevent New York from entering into immigration-detention contracts with ICE. link has signed onto many bills that restrict ICE. called for legislation preventing New York institutions from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement link Salazar campaign ; NY State Senate
Housing	Strong tenant-oriented agenda: Good Cause eviction protections, Housing Access Vouchers, Tenant Opportunity to Purchase, social housing/community land trusts and additional NYCHA funding. She has also pushed legislation targeting speculative home flipping that she says raises rents and home prices. link link NY State Senate ; Salazar campaign
Public safety and crime	As chair of the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee, she supports victim resources, police accountability, parole reform and Treatment Not Jail for cases involving mental-health needs. link Salazar campaign
Education	Her platform includes allowing eligible incarcerated individuals to participate in college coursework link Supports strengthening public schools through more mental-health professionals and social workers, financial-literacy education, language assistance for non-English-speaking parents, comprehensive sex education and expanded student transportation. She also favors stronger regulation of charter schools and opposes charter-school co-location in NYC public-school buildings. sex education mental health help charter school restriction language assistance Salazar campaign ; NY State Senate — S6901 ; NY State Senate — S6807 ; NY State Senate — S4374 ; NY State Senate — S1371
Local issues	Protecting neighborhood small businesses from rising rents. link Supports legalizing and improving basement apartments link Supports cleaner transportation and bus electrification to reduce transportation pollution affecting communities near the Brooklyn-Queens expressway link NY State Senate ; NY League of Conservation Voters

Senate District 19 Roxanne J. Persaud

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Roxanne J. Persaud Democrat
Candidate	NYS-19 Roxanne J. Persaud democrat link NY State Senate
Medicaid and health care	Supported the 2026–27 state budget, in which Medicaid is one of the state's largest areas of spending, and emphasized assistance for residents facing economic hardship link In the 2026–27 budget negotiations, she fought a proposed rollback of Medicaid biomarker-testing coverage link Persaud sponsors S1266, which would establish an incontinence-supplies insurance program for Medicaid beneficiaries. link there are more legislation protecting and expanding healthcare on the website NY State Senate ; NY State Senate — S1266
Affordability	Focuses on lowering costs for seniors and lower-income households. Sponsors legislation to freeze property-tax increases for NYC homeowners 65+, address "benefits cliffs" that can cause workers to lose public assistance after small income increases, and increase SNAP recipients' purchasing power. She also supported expanded rent/property-tax relief, utility rebates, weatherization assistance and first-time-homebuyer assistance in the 2026–27 budget. tax freeze link snap fiscal cliff NY State Senate — S4586 ; NY State Senate
ICE and immigration	Persaud is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. co-signed ice restriction bill co-signed immigrant legal protection NY State Senate — S1066
Housing	Supported funding including \$140 million for NYCHA, \$85 million for Mitchell-Lama preservation/homeownership, down-payment assistance and expanded SCRIE(Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption)/DRIE(Disability Rent Increase Exemption) income eligibility. link NY State Senate
Public safety and crime	supports gun-violence prevention and stronger protections for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Supported changes making it harder for criminal cases to be dismissed over minor technical errors that prosecutors make when giving evidence in court, harsher penalties for crimes and injustice against auxiliary police officers, and substantial state funding for gun-violence prevention and local security improvements. auxiliary police officers protection for domestic violence victims gun regulation NY State Senate — S1190 ; NY State Senate — S3371 ; NY State Senate — S399
Education	Supports increased Foundation Aid, funding for English-language learners, SUNY/CUNY opportunity programs, UPK and childcare. link hiring teachers from underrepresented communities protection of parenting and pregnant students NY State Senate ; NY State Senate — S519 ; NY State Senate — S5444

Issue	Roxanne J. Persaud Democrat
Local issues	Affordable housing, childcare, education, youth programs, senior assistance and services for financially struggling families are prominent in her current budget work. link NY State Senate
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of, America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC ,LIUNA, LIUNA-NY, New York City District Council of Carpenters, NYC LaborVotes! link Blue Voter Guide

Senate District 59 Kristen Gonzalez

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Kristen Gonzalez Democrat
Candidate	NYS-59 Kristen Gonzalez democrat link Kristen Gonzalez campaign
Medicaid and health care	Supports a single-payer healthcare (basically free healthcare for all) system in New York and argues that Medicaid/social-safety-net investment contributes to safer and healthier communities. She has also supported additional funding for safety-net hospitals. link QNS
Affordability	One of her central issues. She has supported an expanded Working Families Tax Credit, childcare funding, housing vouchers, public transit investment and utility-cost relief. she also wants to increase taxes on the rich. link link NY State Senate
ICE and immigration	Gonzalez is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. Protects Students from Immigration Enforcement NY State Senate
Housing	Supports stronger tenant protections, public/affordable housing and NYCHA investment. In the 2026 budget she helped secure \$50 million for sustainability improvements at NYCHA developments. link Kristen Gonzalez campaign
Public safety and crime	Her campaign explicitly favors violence-prevention programs and social investment in Medicaid, education and public housing as a public-safety strategy rather than relying only on policing/incarceration. She also supports street-safety measures link Kristen Gonzalez campaign
Education	Supports increased public-school funding; her affordability work highlights Foundation Aid for NYC schools and increased SUNY/CUNY funding link NY State Senate
Local issues	Discouraging Helicopters & Seaplanes Over Our City Passed legislation through the Senate to tax non-essential helicopter and seaplane flights in Manhattan. In her first term, brought back \$9 million in funding for critical District 59 programming for NYCHA residents, gun violence prevention programs, legal service providers, schools, hospitals, and senior service centers like HANAC. Pushed for expanded express bus service and G train service, including more trains and more cars on trains already running Advocating for longer G trains and for less disruptive schedules for maintenance and upgrade work. link Kristen Gonzalez campaign
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Brooklyn Young Democrats, Citizen Action of New York ,Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Doctors Council SEIU, Downtown Women for Change link Blue Voter Guide

Assembly District 25 Nily D. Rozic

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Nily D. Rozic Democrat
Candidate	NYA-25 Nily Rozic democrat link NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	Supports expanding healthcare access, including universal coverage, Medicaid protections, telehealth and reproductive healthcare. Co-sponsors the New York Health Act to create a statewide single-payer system and legislation protecting Medicaid for certain TPS beneficiaries. Sponsored an enacted 2025 law requiring hospitals statewide to provide comprehensive language-assistance services Fertility treatment access Reproductive healthcare access Expanding telehealth Protecting Medicaid for Temporary Protected Status immigrants Hospital language access NY State Senate — A2397 ; NY State Senate — A2137 ; NY State Senate — A1691 ; NY State Senate — A5199 ; NY State Assembly
Affordability	Chair of the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee. Her record particularly emphasizes price gouging, hidden/personalized pricing, transportation costs, food costs, and assistance for families struggling with basic necessities. Fighting price gouging on fuel, energy and transportation Limiting excessive Uber/Lyft-type prices during emergencies Lower food/drink prices at publicly supported venues Limiting inflated food prices at transportation facilities Food insecurity in Queens NY State Senate — A255 ; NY State Senate — A8940 ; NY State Senate — A8921 ; NY State Senate — A8981 ; NY State Assembly
ICE and immigration	is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that immigrants should be granted protection from ICE. provides legal representation to people in immigration proceedings has not signed a bill that explicitly restricts ICE NY State Senate — A270
Housing	her housing record shows support for rental assistance, protections for rent-regulated tenants and seniors, affordable-housing preservation, and protections for homeowners/co-op residents. She also does district-level work helping Queens residents with property-tax and housing programs. Statewide rental assistance protecting seniors: held SCRIE/rent-freeze workshops in her district to help seniors understand and apply for these programs. Bill A5235 it's designed to make the rent-relief system more responsive when an eligible senior household experiences a loss of income link Helping Queens homeowners with property taxes: has partnered with the NYC Department of Finance and Commonpoint Queens on housing-assistance events where residents could get help dealing with complicated property-tax abatements and assessments link NY State Senate — A1704 ; NY State Senate — A5235 ; NY State Assembly
Public safety and crime	Supports gun-violence prevention, stronger hate-crime protections, enforcement against reckless driving, and security for vulnerable community institutions. Increasing security around houses of worship and schools Gun violence and domestic abusers Reckless driving and illegal car takeovers NY State Assembly
Education	Supports requiring public schools to provide language assistance to parents who do not speak English so they can participate more fully in their children's education. link wants require school districts to screen students for gifted-and-talented programs, while allowing parents to opt their children out. link

Issue	Nily D. Rozic Democrat
	require the Education Commissioner to establish curriculum or instruction covering Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history and civic impact. link directed state money toward schools in her district: In 2024, she announced \$745,000 for three local schools in Queens Education Districts 25 and 26 link \$250,000 in state funding to fund technology equipment for P.S. 154's computer lab NY State Assembly — A00250; NY State Senate — A411; NY State Senate — A4638; NY State Assembly
Local issues	Focuses on working- and middle-class families, consumer protection, workforce development, immigrant communities, students and quality-of-life issues in Eastern Queens. As chair of Consumer Affairs and Protection, she particularly emphasizes fraud, privacy, discriminatory business practices, credit and pricing practices. link NY State Assembly
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, Civil Service Employees , Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of , America (CWA) District 1 , Council of School Supervisors & Administrators ,(CSA) Local 1 PAC, Eleanor's Legacy , Humane Society Legislative Fund, Justice Opportunity Liberty Politico (JOLPOL), New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, New York State United Teachers, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY PAC ,Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, The NewDEAL

Assembly District 27 Sam Berger

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Sam Berger Democrat
Candidate	NYA-27 Sam Berger democrat link NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	He currently serves on the Assembly Mental Health, Aging, Insurance, and Social Services committees. Focuses on mental/behavioral healthcare, prescription-drug price transparency, long-term care and insurance coverage. Sponsors legislation requiring greater reporting of prescription-drug costs and establishing a public-awareness campaign for community behavioral-health clinics. Co-sponsors measures addressing mental-health and substance-use treatment reimbursement, nursing-home staffing, assisted-living reimbursement, fertility care and insurance coverage for stuttering treatment. Prescription-drug price transparency reimbursement for Mental-health and substance-use treatment Making people more aware of behavioral-health clinics Healthcare staffing in nursing homes Assisted-living reimbursement Fertility care expanding mandated insurance coverage for particular treatments NY State Assembly — A00115 ; NY State Senate — A8055 ; NY State Assembly — A10619 ; NY State Senate — A600 ; NY State Senate — A1406 ; NY State Senate — A8747 ; NY State Senate — A10030
Affordability	Eliminating certain credit/debit-card surcharges — A111 link help small businesses, through reducing unnecessary red tape or ensuring access to capital link transparncy acts which notify people: Toll fees and penalties Prescription-drug costs transparncy NY State Assembly — A00111 ; NYC Votes ; NY State Assembly — A10104 ; NY State Assembly — A00115
ICE and immigration	No major legislation directly restricting ICE that Sam Berger has formally sponsored or co-sponsored was found in the current 2025–26 session
Housing	Supports construction and preservation of affordable/workforce housing for low- and moderate-income households. link Supports protections for co-op residents when a building's underlying ground lease expires. link Berger's official Assembly office maintains a Housing Resource Center directing constituents to three important NYC affordability programs: SCRIE — Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption. DRIE — Disability Rent Increase Exemption. SCHE — Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption. link Property-tax relief for energy/building upgrades— A2047 link NY State Senate — A3996 ; NY State Senate — A2619 ; NY State Assembly ; NY State Senate — A2047
Public safety and crime	divide local polive precinct to make them more effiecnt. harshers penalties against certain crimes, strength penalties against hate crimes. Supports restructuring local police coverage in Northeast Queens by dividing the large 109th Precinct into subdivisionsA110 link directed funding toward local police -- \$200,000 for the NYPD 109th Precinct link establish stronger criminal penalties for offenses against on-duty auxiliary police officers. link Increasing penalties for fleeing police — A1070 link Lowering the DWI threshold. Lower New York's blood-alcohol threshold for DWI from 0.08% to 0.05% and the aggravated-DWI threshold from 0.18% to 0.12%— A1232 link add certain public displays of a swastika to New York's aggravated-harassment law. link Hate-crime reporting by police. link NY State Assembly — A00110 ; NY State Assembly ; NY State Senate — A1681 ; NY State Senate — A1070 ; NY State Senate — A1232 ; NY State Senate — A4322 ; NY State Senate — A5386

Issue	Sam Berger Democrat
Education	Financial literacy in schools. link Asian American history in schools — A4638 link Religious accommodations for students — A275 link Protecting students with disabilities when schools close/change — A130: ensures that students with disabilities have appropriate educational placements before certain school closings or significant changes occur. link Hate-crime awareness education — A410 link NY State Senate — A1286; NY State Senate — A4638; NY State Senate — A275; NY State Senate — A130; NY State Senate — A410
Local issues	Has focused on conditions at Pomonok Houses, calling for better-maintained NYCHA housing and accountability for how housing funds are used. link \$2.5 million for a new park at Pomonok Houses. link wants tighter restrictions on e-scooters link wants to restructure the local 109th precinct by putting it on subdivisions link local funding work to organizations serving Queens' Korean and broader immigrant communities. link His Assembly biography more broadly says he has secured millions of dollars in local initiatives since taking office. link NYCHA Journal; NY State Assembly; NY State Assembly — A08196
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) , Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, LIUNA, LIUNA-NY, NYC LaborVotes! link Blue Voter Guide

Assembly District 28 Andrew D. Hevesi

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Issue	Andrew D. Hevesi Democrat
Candidate	Andrew Hevesi democrat link NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	Focuses particularly on healthcare for children, families and vulnerable populations. Personally sponsors A10375 to establish Medicaid reimbursement for family caregivers of children with intellectual/developmental disabilities and co-sponsors A8055A concerning Medicaid coverage/payment for mental-health, substance-use, residential and rehabilitation services. His work on human-trafficking survivors has also included access to healthcare, mental-health counseling and addiction treatment. family coverage link link NY State Assembly — A10375 ; NY State Assembly
Affordability	A major part of his work is reducing costs for families with children. He helped expand the Empire State Child Tax Credit, including eligibility for children under four and benefits reaching as high as \$1,000 for younger children. He has also supported expanded childcare subsidies, capped childcare copayments and investment in childcare deserts. link Utility bills — A9649: attempted to ensure that certain tax savings received by Con Edison and National Grid would be passed through to their ratepayers, so customers—not just the utilities—would receive the economic benefit. link Rent/property-tax relief for seniors and people with disabilities — A230 link NY State Assembly ; NY State Senate — A9649 ; NY State Senate — A230
ICE and immigration	His legislation includes establishing support and services for unaccompanied minors without lawful immigration status. His broader child/family policy has also called for making programs accessible to immigrant households. link co-sponsor of the New York for All Act. NY State Assembly
Housing	Has focused particularly on housing instability among vulnerable families. He helped increase New York's Child Welfare Housing Subsidy from \$300 to \$725 per month and sponsors supportive-housing legislation. His earlier work also sought higher rental subsidies to prevent families from entering homelessness. allow migrants house vouchers Housing Access Voucher Program — A1704: co-sponsors A1704, which would establish a statewide Housing Access Voucher Program link co-sponsors A6100, the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA): give tenants opportunities to purchase—or remain renters in—certain properties when those properties are offered for sale. link co-sponsors A712, which would prohibit state agencies from imposing limits on how long people can remain in homeless shelters and emergency congregate housing. link NY State Assembly — A00503 ; NY State Senate — A1704 ; NY State Senate — A6100 ; NY State Senate — A712

Issue	Andrew D. Hevesi Democrat
Public safety and crime	Public-housing priority for domestic-violence survivors — A9164A link His approach includes both conventional safety programs and reforms involving vulnerable young people. His record includes security funding for nonpublic schools, human-trafficking protections, expungement/sealing for certain youth records and requirements that trafficking survivors be connected with services. link co-sponsors A1565, the Homeless Protection Act: It would add homelessness to New York's hate-crime framework so that qualifying offenses intentionally targeting someone because they are homeless could be prosecuted as hate crimes link wants to prevent police from unfairly engaging in enforcement. Prohibiting bias-based police profiling — A3475 link he also has laws that target lowering danger in juvenile facilities Body Scanner Legislation NY State Senate — A9164; NY State Assembly; NY State Senate — A1565; NY State Senate — A3475
Education	As chair of the Assembly Children and Families Committee, Hevesi was involved in the 2026–27 budget providing \$39 billion in school aid, including \$27.4 billion in Foundation Aid, plus \$3 billion in childcare subsidies. He has also worked on addressing educational barriers facing homeless students. link NY State Assembly
Local issues	His strongest emphasis is children and families: childcare, child poverty, foster care, housing instability, after-school programs, seniors and community support link Focuses on transportation, neighborhood cleanliness, infrastructure and environmental concerns in Central Queens. Has repeatedly secured funding for cleaner freight locomotives around Fresh Pond Yard; pushed for restoration of LIRR service in Forest Hills and Kew Gardens; secured \$100,000 for neighborhood street cleaning; worked with DSNY on Queens Boulevard maintenance; and sponsors legislation seeking \$4 million for improvements to the Forest Hills Overpass. neighborhood cleanliness improvements to LIRR increase the number of green freight locomotives \$4,000,000 for capital improvements to the historic Forrest Hills Overpass. NY State Assembly; NY State Senate — A614
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, NY Caring Majority Rising, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, Doctors Council SEIU, League of Humane Voters of New York, LiUNA, LIUNA-NY, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York Immigration Coalition Action (NYIC), New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, New York State Public Employees Federation, New York State United Teachers, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Open New York - New Yorkers for More Housing, Planned Parenthood Empire State Votes, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY PAC, Professional Staff Congress, City University of New York (PSC-CUNY), Sierra Club Atlantic, Working Families Party link Blue Voter Guide

Additional Assembly candidates

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Assembly District 29 Alicia L. Hyndman

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Alicia L. Hyndman Democrat
Candidate	NYA-29 Alicia Hyndman democrat link Alicia Hyndman democrat link NY State Assembly Incumbent assemblymember, education advocate, and chair of the Higher Education Committee. She emphasizes educational access, workforce development, small businesses, and local opportunities connected to JFK redevelopment. NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	co-sponsor of A1466, the New York Health Act and supports a statewide universal healthcare coverage system. Child Health Plus — A10488: allow qualifying children to receive retroactive Child Health Plus coverage beginning on the first day of the month in which their application was submitted link co-sponsors A7681, which establishes minimum Medicaid coverage for hospital stays following childbirth. link prevent New York from terminating a person's Medicaid coverage solely because the federal government terminates that person's Temporary Protected Status (TPS). link Prescription-drug prices — A10467: authorize investigation of critical prescription-drug pricing and establish civil penalties and private legal actions involving certain pricing practices. link Passing prescription-drug refunds to patients — A7142: could require certain health insurers to certify that at least a majority of qualifying prescription-drug rebates are provided to patients at the point of sale. link Healthcare affordability reform — A8642A: bill would restructure certain taxes and surcharges imposed on healthcare services and insurers to reduce healthcare and health-insurance costs while maintaining funding for Medicaid and other healthcare programs. link
Affordability	Focuses on property-tax, food and healthcare costs. Personally sponsors the Middle Class Circuit Breaker Tax Credit (A10575), which would provide targeted property-tax relief when qualifying households face high property-tax burdens. Also sponsors measures addressing prescription-drug pricing and encouraging food access through FreshConnect and food pantries, while supporting legislation intended to pass prescription-drug rebates to patients. property tax food assistance food assistance discounts
ICE and immigration	Hyndman is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted Hyndman is a formal co-sponsor of A3506B, the New York for All Act.
Housing	Supports affordable housing and particularly emphasizes homeownership. She identifies deed theft, high interest rates and property taxes as barriers to homeownership. She is also a co-sponsor of legislation creating a private right of action for victims of deed theft. link

Issue	Alicia L. Hyndman Democrat
Public safety and crime	wants to ensure the proper resources in money and support to law enforcement to decrease crime: \$1.1 million for NYPD security cameras in Southeast Queens crime-prevention infrastructure: Supports criminal-justice reforms intended to reduce reliance on cash bail and increase disclosure of evidence to defendants link Restricting arrests based solely on race, language, location or occupation link
Education	This is one of her strongest areas. She chairs the Assembly Higher Education Committee and helped advance major SUNY/CUNY and student-aid investments. Before joining the Assembly, she served ten years on Community Education Council 29 and says she helped secure \$30 million for technology, facilities and playground improvements at local schools. link
Local issues	her local work in Southeast Queens is particularly focused on homeownership/deed theft, flooding and drainage, transportation accessibility, local schools/workforce development, and community services. link St. Albans LIRR accessibility link redevelopment of JFK International Airport as an opportunity she has used to pursue educational and economic opportunities for Queens residents link Funding local Southeast Queens organizations: directed funding toward local housing, healthcare, education and small-business organizations. link
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, Eleanor's Legacy, Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club, LIUNA, LIUNA-NY, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, Working Families Party link

Assembly District 31 Khaleel M. Anderson

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Khaleel M. Anderson Democrat
Candidate	NYA-31 Khaleel Anderson Democrat Incumbent assemblymember and former youth and community organizer. He emphasizes housing and health care access, food security, equitable transportation, and environmental justice. NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	his current healthcare record shows support for universal healthcare, protecting/expanding Medicaid access, long-term care reform, and reducing certain healthcare costs. Anderson is a co-sponsor of the New York Health Act. co-sponsors A1198, which specifically concerns eligibility for Medicaid home-care services link Supports reducing pricing disparities for routine medical services performed in different healthcare settings link
Affordability	His overall record connects affordability particularly to housing, food insecurity, transportation and healthcare. Supports direct tax/cash relief for households, including inflation-refund checks, middle-class tax reductions and larger child tax credits. link supported state investments in making childcare more available and affordable link Anderson was involved in the push to extend the discounted CityTicket to Far Rockaway LIRR riders link
ICE and immigration	Khaleel Anderson is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted co-sponsor of the New York for All Act
Housing	Identifies housing justice as a legislative priority and supports expanding housing assistance and affordable-housing opportunities. His district surveys have specifically asked residents about expanding vouchers, creating supportive housing, and lowering Area Median Income thresholds, while his Assembly materials separately document support for funding housing vouchers and affordable-housing development.
Public safety and crime	Supports criminal-justice reform. His legislative record includes support for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act and therapeutic/rehabilitative alternatives to solitary confinement. link
Education	Supports educational equity. His legislative work has included extending special-education services for certain students with IEPs and supporting increased Foundation Aid for public schools. link
Local issues	Particularly focused on Rockaways/Southeast Queens housing, food insecurity, flooding and disaster preparedness, transportation equity, healthcare planning and environmental justice. His official Assembly biography specifically identifies these areas as priorities, and he currently sponsors legislation to establish a severe-storm relief fund specifically for Rockaway, Queens. storm relief

Issue	Khaleel M. Anderson Democrat
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, Engage Action, Engage Action NY & NJ, Gun Sense Voter, New York Progressive Action Network, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Working Families Party link

Assembly District 32 Nathaniel Hezekiah III

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Nathaniel Hezekiah III Democrat
Candidate	NYA-32 Nathaniel Hezekiah III Democrat link Community advocate seeking the District 32 Assembly seat. He emphasizes protecting affordable housing, preventing deed theft, supporting NYCHA repairs, and expanding education and workforce opportunities. PoliticsNY
Medicaid and health care	Supports protecting Medicaid and Medicare for New Yorkers with limited income and resources. link
Affordability	He also emphasizes economic mobility and has argued that environmental/energy policy must account for high electricity and heating costs faced by Southeast Queens families. link With rising costs in gas, Hezekiah wants to ensure all commuters have access to public transportation if driving is no longer an option. Work with the MTA on enhancing bus routes throughout Queens Work with the MTA to expand cross town bus options. link protecting the social safety net. Fight for an increase in state Medicaid funding to fill in the gap from federal cuts, Create opportunities to advocate for people to retain their SNAP benefits. link
ICE and immigration	Hezekiah is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted Anderson is a co-sponsor of A3506B, the New York for All Act. Hezekiah wants to support assisting immigrants with living as if they were a US citizen link
Housing	Supports protecting Mitchell-Lama residents, fighting deed theft and foreclosure, increasing NYCHA investment, affordable rentals/co-ops and changing affordability calculations to better reflect Southeast Queens residents. link
Public safety and crime	Gun violence is a particularly personal issue in his campaign because his father and stepfather died from gun violence. He supports preventive gun-violence programs, youth safe spaces and partnerships among law enforcement, community organizations, schools and faith institutions. link
Education	Education: Supports expanded 3-K/Pre-K, reduced class sizes, protecting the Excelsior Scholarship, workforce/trade education and school choice between traditional public and public charter schools. link
Local issues	Particularly emphasizes affordable housing, deed theft, NYCHA, gun violence, youth programs, transportation, MWBE/small-business opportunities and JFK-related economic development. link
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, NY, Civil Service, Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council, of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, Gun Sense Voter, LiUNA, LIUNA-NY, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State United Teachers, NYC LaborVotes!, Solidarity PAC link

Assembly District 33 Clyde Vanel

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Clyde Vanel Democrat
Candidate	NYA-33 Clyde Vanel democrat link Incumbent assemblymember, attorney, entrepreneur, and pilot. He focuses on banking and technology policy, artificial intelligence oversight, digital access, and opportunities in science and technology. NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	co-sponsor of A1466, the New York Health Act. Protecting Medicaid for Temporary Protected Status recipients — A5199 link
Affordability	Says rising food prices and everyday expenses are major concerns. He says he works through the state budget to keep taxes down and address costs such as automobile insurance, while supporting jobs and income growth. His previous budget work also included expansion of the Child Tax Credit and increases in the minimum wage. link
ICE and immigration	Says New York needs a fair immigration system that allows immigrants seeking to contribute while ensuring adequate resources for existing residents.link co-sponsor of the New York for All Act.
Housing	Supports expanding affordable housing, but his district-specific emphasis is heavily on homeownership. He says government should help current and future homeowners achieve the financial stability necessary to buy and maintain homes. He also sponsors legislation subsidizing closing costs for certain low-income tenants purchasing homes.link
Public safety and crime	Emphasizes crime prevention through jobs, training and economic opportunity, alongside successful reentry programs for people affected by the justice system. Previous budget work also included funding for gun-violence prevention. link
Education	Supports programs exposing young people to technology, financial education and aviation, alongside stronger academics. His earlier budget work supported fully funding Foundation Aid and rejecting SUNY/CUNY tuition increases. link
Local issues	Particularly focused on homeownership/foreclosure prevention, financial services, scams, small businesses, technology/AI, financial education and aviation/STEM opportunities for Southeast Queens youth. As Banks Committee chair, financial regulation is especially prominent in his legislative work. link
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, CWA Local 1180, New York State Nurses Association, New York State United Teachers, NYC LaborVotes! link

Assembly District 34 Brian Romero

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Brian Romero Democrat
Candidate	NYA-34 Brian Romero democrat Social worker and former legislative aide seeking the District 34 seat. He emphasizes housing security, workers' rights, safe streets, and investment in working-class communities. Romero campaign
Medicaid and health care	Supports universal single-payer healthcare in New York and expanding healthcare access. His background as a social worker and HIV/AIDS policy advocate informs this position; he has described seeing patients lose access to care because of insurance, poverty or immigration status. link
Affordability	He supports an affordability agenda involving social housing, universal childcare, higher/livable wages and increased taxes on wealthy New Yorkers to finance public services. link
ICE and immigration	Brian Romero is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. Supports: the New York for All Act which would restrict local law enforcement cooperation with ICE, Access to Representation Act providing legal representation in deportation proceedings, MELT Act addressing ICE agents wearing masks. link
Housing	Strongly supports social housing and NYCHA investment. His own history includes childhood homelessness, living in a basement apartment and spending more than a decade in NYCHA. He has specifically identified funding NYCHA repairs as a priority. link
Public safety and crime	Takes a broader community-safety approach. He argues public safety cannot be separated from housing affordability, mental healthcare and economic stability and supports expanding mental-health services and school-based health clinics. He argues police are often asked to handle problems for which they are not trained. link
Education	Has highlighted universal childcare and public services as major priorities. He also played a role as a legislative staffer in the successful campaign for universal school meals. He is also a CUNY graduate and former CUNY/SUNY adjunct instructor.
Local issues	Particularly focused on NYCHA repairs, immigrant protections in Jackson Heights/Corona, Northern Boulevard safety, subway accessibility, affordable/free transit, Inter-Borough Express(IBX) connections, housing affordability and universal childcare. He also opposes the planned Queens casino development.

Issue	Brian Romero Democrat
Endorsements	Citizen Action of New York, Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, Doctors Council SEIU, Engage Action, Engage Action NY & NJ, Equality New York (EQNY), Jews For Racial & Economic Justice, Latino Victory Project, Lead Locally, LIUNA, LIUNA-NY, Make the Road Action New York, Met Council Action, Muslim Democratic Club of New York, New American Leaders Action Fund, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York Communities for Change, New York Progressive Action Network, New York State Nurses Association, New York State United Teachers, New York Working Families Party, NYC KidsPAC, NYC LaborVotes!, Planned Parenthood Empire State Votes, Planned Parenthood of Greater NY PAC, Professional Staff Congress, City University of New York (PSC-CUNY), Progressive Voters Network, Run for Something, SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, StreetsPAC, Sunrise NYC, Tenants PAC, TREEage, United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 9A, Victory Fund, Voters For Animal Rights, Working Families Party link

Assembly District 35 Larinda C. Hooks

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Larinda C. Hooks Democrat
Candidate	NYA-35 Larinda Hooks democrat link Incumbent assemblymember with a background in civic organizing and services for older adults and people with disabilities. She emphasizes public schools, affordable health care, and neighborhood safety. NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	Her background also includes work with people with developmental disabilities through an OPWDD-affiliated organization, where she worked on expanding access to support services. co-sponsor of A1466, the New York Health Act Supports expanding healthcare access and reducing patient costs Expanding Medicaid dental coverage No-cost asthma inhalers Healthcare coverage for incarcerated people
Affordability	Her approach centers substantially on jobs, housing and services for working families and seniors. She supports attracting development that produces good-paying union jobs and expanding senior services. link She supports expanding the Fair Fares program, increasing funding for trains and buses link
ICE and immigration	is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. co-sponsor of the New York for All Act. co-sponsors of the Dignity Not Detention Act.
Housing	Supports creating deeply affordable housing for working-class and low-income residents, additional housing development, protections against eviction/displacement, affordable senior and supportive housing, and infrastructure improvements to address flooding. Preserving existing affordable apartments support for the redevelopment of Willets Point
Public safety and crime	Larinda Hooks' public-safety approach combines gun-violence prevention and community-based anti-violence programs with some support for police resources/benefits and criminal-justice reform. Restricting ammunition purchases Supports benefits for NYPD officers transfer of pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals to residential treatment facilities
Education	Supports fully funding public schools, expanding the community-school model, early-childhood education and free or low-cost after-school programming. She previously served as PTA president at two Queens schools. link
Local issues	her local-issues record is especially tied to Corona, East Elmhurst, LeFrak City, Rego Park and Forest Hills. Sanitation, illegal dumping & neighborhood cleanliness: East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association specifically notes her work on sanitation and neighborhood cleanups. link Senior services in Corona and LeFrak City: helped establish three senior centers, including a center in LeFrak City and another at Elmcors gym on 108th Street in Corona link Local jobs and small-business development: While at Elmcors, she organized job fairs that her campaign says drew more than 4,000 participants and connected 824 local residents with jobs. link

Issue	Larinda C. Hooks Democrat
Endorsements	1199 SEIU United Healthcare Works East, AFL-CIO New York State, Alliance of South Asian American Labor, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 37, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Local 1 PAC, CWA Local 1180, Eleanor's Legacy, LiUNA, LIUNA-NY, Make the Road Action New York, New York City District Council of Carpenters, New York State United Teachers, New York Working Families Party, NYC LaborVotes!, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, Working Families Party link

Assembly District 37 Samantha Kattan

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Samantha Kattan Democrat
Candidate	NYA-37 Samantha Kattan Democrat link Tenant organizer and democratic socialist seeking the open Assembly seat. She supports universal child care, stronger rent protections, social housing, and higher taxes on wealthy New Yorkers. NYC Democratic Socialists of America
Medicaid and health care	Supports universal healthcare. Healthcare is part of her broader proposal to expand publicly provided services for working-class New Yorkers. link
Affordability	One of her central themes. Kattan proposes taxing wealthy residents to finance universal childcare, affordable/social housing, fully funded public schools and other services intended to reduce household costs. link
ICE and immigration	Supports the New York for All Act to restrict local law-enforcement cooperation with ICE. She also supports legal representation in immigration court, restrictions on masked ICE agents and eliminating state funding connected to localities participating in formal ICE enforcement partnerships. link
Housing	This is probably her most developed policy area. Kattan is a tenant organizer and housing researcher and supports social housing, stronger tenant protections and policies aimed at keeping rents affordable. link
Public safety and crime	she sees making life better for people will natrually lower crime. On street safety, she supports expanded cycling infrastructure, better bus service, lower speed limits and measures aimed at dangerous drivers. link
Education	Supports fully funded public schools and universal childcare. She also supports the Go Green Schools Act to transition public schools toward renewable energy. link wants to focus on funding public schools and less focuss on funding private schools. highlights that New York ranks 18th in K-12 performance highlights that CUNY and SUNY need more resources link
Local issues	Particularly focused on rent and housing in Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Woodside/Maspeth, childcare, public transit, safer streets, immigrant protections, environmental improvements and assistance for co-op owners facing building-emissions compliance costs. link

Issue	Samantha Kattan Democrat
Endorsements	Zohran Mamdani, Bernie Sanders, Claire Valdez, New York City Democratic Socialists of America, New York Working Families Party, Tiffany Cabán, Diana Moreno, Kristen Gonzalez, Mike Gianaris, Chi Ossé, UAW Region 9A, Make the Road Action New York, Hotel and Gaming Trades Council, SEIU Local 32BJ, DRUM Beats, District Council 37, New York State Nurses Association, Jewish Voice for Peace Action, NYC District Council of Carpenters, New York State United Teachers, Phara Souffrant Forrest, Alexa Avilés, Jabari Brisport, Julia Salazar, Emily Gallagher, Churches United for Fair Housing Action, Tenants PAC, Metropolitan Council on Housing Action, TreeAge, New York Progressive Action Network. link

Assembly District 40 Ron Kim

Democratic candidate. No Republican is listed for this race; other ballot lines appear at the end of the guide.

Issue	Ron Kim Democrat
Candidate	NYA-40 Ron Kim democrat link Incumbent assemblymember from Flushing with experience in city and state government. His work includes public education, small-business support, language access, and services for older adults. NY State Assembly
Medicaid and health care	focuses on Medicaid access, long-term/home care, caregivers, nursing-home oversight, and strengthening safety-net healthcare providers. Increases the amount of the savings exemption for eligibility for Medicaid sponsored-legislation includes proposals for a nursing-home resident quality and safety study (A370) a Home Care Jobs Innovation Program (A601), caregiving-expense tax credit (A635) essential safety-net hospitals to receive reimbursement rates no lower than average commercial rates prevent healthcare providers from refusing services
Affordability	Kim's approach has long emphasized reducing the financial pressures that leave households living paycheck to paycheck and carrying substantial debt. Credit-card late-fee limits Caregiving expense tax credit
ICE and immigration	Rom Kim is aligned with the general democrat sentiment that ICE needs to be restricted. co-sponsor of A3506B, the New York for All Act co-sponsors A4181, the Dignity Not Detention Act
Housing	emphasizes rental assistance, preventing displacement, preserving affordable housing, tenant ownership opportunities, and creating additional affordable housing. establishing the housing access voucher program Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act: give tenants in covered rental properties an opportunity to purchase their building before it is sold on the open market link make it easier for religious organizations to develop housing on qualifying property link Ground-lease co-op protections for tenets when their lease expires link
Public safety and crime	a diverse approach of working with local police, addressing retail theft, pursuing a new police precinct, gun-safety measures, police accountability, and addressing underlying economic conditions associated with crime. state program assisting small businesses struggling with retail theft link Gun violence and gun regulation: support for the NY SAFE Act, describing gun violence as a serious community problem. The law strengthened New York firearm regulations and criminal penalties, among other provisions. link
Education	greater investment in CUNY, broader curriculum requirements, language access for immigrant families, universal childcare, and attention to Asian American history in schools. cuny funding: increase the number of full-time faculty and mental-health counselors relative to students and replace certain tuition revenue with government funding. link Language access in public schools: co-sponsors the Education Equity Act, which would require language assistance for parents and guardians of public-school students link Universal childcare: co-sponsors the Universal Child Care Act link

Issue	Ron Kim Democrat
	broader curriculum requirements: co-sponsors legislation requiring arts and music education to be incorporated into public-school curricula link Asian American history: co-sponsors legislation directing the state Education Department to survey how schools teach Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander history and creating an advisory committee on that instruction. link
Local issues	Flushing and the Asian-American community: More recently, in June 2026, Kim helped secure \$4 million in state funding for a Museum of Korean American Heritage in Queens. link Community institutions: \$648,000 for the Korean American Family Service Center and \$529,200 for the MinKwon Center for Community Action. link Seniors and caregivers: he prime-sponsors A370-concerning nursing-home resident quality and safety; A601-creating a Home Care Jobs Innovation Program; and A635-providing a tax credit for qualified caregiving expenses. Local economic pressures: His official biography also documents his longstanding work supporting Flushing small businesses, including legislation intended to assist small businesses and reforms involving nail-salon workers and businesses. link
Endorsements	AFL-CIO New York State, Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 1, New York City, District Council of Carpenters, New York League of Conservation Voters, New York State Nurses Association, United Federation of Teachers, Working Families Party link

Judicial candidates

Supreme Court in Queens

11th Judicial District. Vote for up to three. This is a state trial court.

Democratic line	Republican line
<u>Edwin I. Novillo</u> Supervising judge of Queens Criminal Court and former Legal Aid defense attorney. <u>Oma D. Phillips</u> Queens Civil Court judge with experience as a prosecutor, government lawyer, and court attorney. <u>Gail A. Adams</u> Queens Civil Court judge and former Legal Aid attorney and court attorney.	<u>Gary Muraca</u> Attorney admitted in New York in 1990 and a CUNY Law graduate. <u>David A. Bellon</u> Queens attorney admitted to practice in New York in 2006.

Civil Court countywide

All Queens voters. Vote for up to three distinct candidates.

Democratic line	Republican line
<u>Edmond Wong</u> Court attorney-referee in Queens Surrogate’s Court handling estate matters. <u>Julie M. Milner</u> Civil-rights attorney and educator with law and education doctorates. <u>Jasmine I. Valle-Bueno</u> Principal law clerk to the administrative judge of Queens Supreme Court’s Civil Term.	<u>Julie M. Milner</u> Civil-rights attorney and educator with law and education doctorates. <u>Thomas D. Barra</u> Criminal-defense attorney whose background includes senior counsel work at the Alber Firm. <u>Michael Mossa</u> Howard Beach criminal-defense attorney and former Queens district attorney candidate.

Julie M. Milner appears on both lines. She is one candidate; select her on only one line.

Civil Court municipal districts

Civil Court Municipal District 2

Vote for one.

Issue	Janet Ellen Keller Democrat	Stephen C. Dachtera Republican
Legal experience	Senior counsel in the New York City Corporation Counsel's office. Her background includes representing the city in civil litigation and appeals. Brandeis Association	Queens attorney with experience in residential real estate matters and pro bono work. His campaign emphasizes applying the law as written and treating litigants fairly. Dachtera campaign

Civil Court Municipal District 3

Vote for one.

Issue	Michelle Ann McSweeney-Ortiz Democrat	William David Shanahan Republican
Legal experience	Queens court attorney with approximately a decade each in private practice and court service. She emphasizes impartiality, listening to litigants, and making sure each side is heard. Queens Ledger	Attorney with experience as a Nassau prosecutor, insurance trial lawyer, and private practitioner. His background also includes serving as a court arbitrator. Vision Times

Civil Court Municipal District 4

Vote for one. No Republican listed.

Edward Irizarry (D). Court attorney with more than 30 years of experience in New York's court system. He is the Democratic candidate for the District 4 Civil Court seat.

Ballot proposals and who is behind them

Five citywide questions. Vote yes or no on each. Positions checked September 16, 2026.

Mayor Zohran Mamdani appointed the Commission on Government Efficiency to develop these proposals. The lists below identify documented supporters and critics, including their interests. Objections to part of a proposal are identified separately from outright opposition. [NYC Mayor's Office, May 28, 2026](#)

Support crosses sectors: business groups, labor, service providers and public-interest advocates sometimes back the same change.

Proposal and backstory	Supporters and the interests they represent	Opponents and reservations
1 Public space permits YES removes mandatory hearings and the Council's power to reject sidewalk-cafe permits; community notice and comments remain. NO keeps current review requirements. Backstory: Long Island City Partnership says waits and fees drove restaurants out of outdoor dining. The change would ease approvals for cafes, ramps and benches, while reducing formal opportunities to stop a permit. NYC Votes 2026 ballot guide; NYC Mayor's Office stakeholder statements, July 23, 2026	Long Island City Partnership: Local business group. Sunnyside Shines: Queens business improvement district. Open Plans: Public-space advocacy group. New York Lawyers for the Public Interest: Disability-rights advocates supporting faster ramp and bench approvals. Reinvent Albany: Government-accountability watchdog; strong support. NYC Mayor's Office stakeholder statements, July 23, 2026; NYC Mayor's Office proposal announcement, July 23, 2026; Reinvent Albany, July 22, 2026	Public opponents: No named public opponent verified in the materials reviewed.
2 City contracting YES allows simpler contractor questionnaires, regular Procurement Policy Board meetings and more delegated approvals, while removing some hearing requirements. NO keeps existing rules. Backstory: Nonprofits want faster contracts and payments so they can keep services and payroll running. Some existing safeguards grew from corruption scandals, including the 1986 parking-ticket kickback scheme. Simpler contracting still needs effective scrutiny of public spending. NYC Votes 2026 ballot guide; COGE final report, pp. 36–37	Public Utility Law Project: Advocates for low-income utility consumers. Housing Works: Housing and health services nonprofit. Human Services Council: Represents nonprofit service providers. Local 95 Head Start Employees: Labor union; cites delayed paychecks and program closures. Reinvent Albany: Government-accountability watchdog; supports tailored questionnaires and regular board meetings. NYC Mayor's Office stakeholder statements, July 23, 2026; NYC Mayor's Office proposal announcement, July 23, 2026; Reinvent Albany, July 22, 2026	Public opponents: No named public opponent verified in the materials reviewed.

Ballot proposals and who is behind them continued

Proposal and backstory	Supporters and the interests they represent	Opponents and reservations
3 Street projects and city property YES speeds street projects, some property transfers and office acquisitions, with fewer Council approval powers. NO keeps current requirements. Backstory: One vote bundles bike and bus lanes with city land and office deals. The commission cites lawsuits over missed consultations as a reason for change. Voters cannot approve only the street provisions. <u>COGE ballot abstracts, Question 3; COGE final report, pp. 42–43</u>	Transportation Alternatives: Street-safety and cycling advocates; backs faster street improvements. Riders Alliance: Bus and subway rider advocates; backs faster bus projects. Open New York: Pro-housing advocacy group; praises faster land transactions and development. <u>NYC Mayor's Office proposal announcement, July 23, 2026</u>	Joann Ariola: Republican Queens Council member; opposes weakening required safety consultations. NYC E-Vehicle Safety Alliance: Pedestrian and e-vehicle safety advocates; opposes the street changes over safety and public-input concerns. Reinvent Albany — mixed: Supports street changes but objects to bundling them with land and office transactions. <u>New York Post, July 23, 2026; Reinvent Albany, July 22, 2026</u>
4 Building permits YES centralizes construction permits, moves waterfront permitting to the Buildings Department and expands who can approve permits. NO keeps the current structure. Backstory: Builders want fewer delays and costs; construction labor wants projects and jobs to proceed. The waterfront change concerns permitting authority, not a change to zoning or permitted land uses. <u>NYC Votes 2026 ballot guide; COGE final report, p. 60</u>	Bronx Pro Group and Gotham Organization: Housing developers. Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York: Construction labor federation. Waterfront Alliance: Waterfront and climate-resilience advocates. Reinvent Albany: Government-accountability watchdog; strong support. <u>NYC Mayor's Office stakeholder statements, July 23, 2026; NYC Mayor's Office proposal announcement, July 23, 2026; Reinvent Albany, July 22, 2026</u>	Historic Districts Council — reservations: This preservation group wants assurances that centralized permits cannot bypass Landmarks Preservation Commission approval, including for historic waterfront structures. Its August 3 analysis asks for clearer safeguards; it does not announce a NO endorsement. Neighborhood concerns: See the next page for current approval rules and where congestion concerns can be raised. <u>Historic Districts Council, August 3, 2026</u>
5 Rainy day reserves YES sets a reserves target of 12% of prior-year city tax revenue and requires a deposit methodology. Annual budgets still determine funding. NO leaves current rules unchanged. Backstory: Voters authorized the fund in 2019 but left savings rules unsettled. The debate is how much to save for downturns without squeezing services now. The 12% target is not an annual deposit requirement. <u>NYC Votes 2026 ballot guide; COGE final report, pp. 62–65</u>	J. W. Mason: CUNY economist; supports the balance of savings and flexibility. Amanda Page-Hoongrajok: Fashion Institute of Technology economist; supports preserving money for current needs. Antonio Weiss: Financier and former U.S. Treasury official; supports stronger reserves. <u>NYC Mayor's Office stakeholder statements, July 23, 2026</u>	Reservations during drafting: These are not verified final NO endorsements. Citizens Budget Commission: Fiscal watchdog; sought stronger withdrawal rules and a narrower definition of reserves. City Council staff: Warned rigid rules could block spending when needed. Reinvent Albany: Had not finalized its position in its July 22 statement. <u>COGE final report, pp. 62–64; Reinvent Albany, July 22, 2026</u>

Building, congestion and neighborhood input

Current rules checked September 16, 2026. Proposals 3 and 4 affect different stages of approval.

Type of approval	Current rules	What the 2026 proposals would change
Private development	A project that fits existing zoning can usually proceed “as of right,” with required permits but no rezoning vote. Rezoning generally requires public land-use review. Community boards advise; they do not have a veto. Some expedited review paths already exist. <u>NYC Department of City Planning: Zoning in NYC; 2025 Charter Revision Commission final report: land-use procedures</u>	Proposal 4 changes permit administration. It does not itself rezone a neighborhood or increase the height or density allowed on a lot. <u>COGE final report, pp. 54–60</u>
City land and air rights — Proposal 3	Most city-property sales and leases undergo roughly seven months of land-use review, including community-board and borough-president advice, followed by Planning Commission and Council votes. Limited exceptions already use a shorter process. <u>COGE ballot abstracts, Question 3, pp. 7–8</u>	Certain city lots of 10,000 square feet or less, excluding individual landmarks, and air rights from city-owned landmarks could use faster review. Community-board and borough-president review would run together for 60 days; the Planning Commission would then have 30 days for a final decision, without a Council vote. Projects requiring a full environmental impact statement would remain in regular review. <u>COGE proposed Charter amendments, Question 3; COGE ballot abstracts, Question 3, pp. 7–8; 2025 Charter Revision Commission: expedited review</u>
Construction permits — Proposal 4	Applicants use separate agency systems: Buildings for construction, Fire for fire alarms, Environmental Protection for stormwater, and Transportation for street space during construction. Only specified senior Buildings officials approve construction documents. Small Business Services handles certain waterfront structures. <u>COGE ballot abstracts, Question 4, pp. 10–11</u>	A shared application system would coordinate approvals; more Buildings officials could sign off; waterfront permitting would move to Buildings. The shared system is targeted for 2030, or later if needed. Agencies would retain their substantive review duties and applicable safety and environmental requirements. <u>COGE proposed Charter amendments, Question 4; COGE final report, pp. 54–60</u>

Where congestion concerns belong. Environmental review can examine traffic, parking, transit crowding and pedestrian safety; the depth of analysis depends on the project and screening thresholds. A routine building permit alone does not trigger this review. Residents can comment on the scope and draft of a full environmental impact statement, including which intersections and transit services should be studied. NYC Office of Environmental Coordination: CEQR Basics; 2025 CEQR Technical Manual, Transportation chapter

The neighborhood trade-off. For the land and air-rights transfers moving to faster review under Proposal 3, residents would keep public hearings but lose the Council decision stage. That reduces an elected route for seeking changes. Proposal 4’s faster permit handling does not guarantee that a project will have no congestion effects. COGE ballot abstracts, Questions 3–4

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