



Your Vote, Your Voice



Voting is your right! Everyone's quality of life is impacted by elected leaders who make important decisions on behalf of their constituents – **that's you!**

Make sure your voice is heard for your community, your schools and your future. In a democracy, every voice matters.

New York City will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 2 for the positions of the mayor, city council, public advocate and comptroller. These leaders will decide important issues ranging from development to public transportation to education. In addition, voters across the state of New York will consider five constitutional amendments.

Our neighborhoods and community are strengthened when we participate in local elections. **Learn more about how you can vote in the upcoming Atlanta election.**

New York City, NY

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE:
Tuesday, November 2

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Friday, October 8

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE:
Vote411.org/target

MAJOR OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:
Mayor, City Council, Public Advocate, City Comptroller, Constitutional Amendments

At Target, We Believe Your Vote Makes a Difference.

Since its founding, Target has proudly stood in support of democracy by encouraging and supporting our team members and guests to exercise their right to vote. Voting is essential for democracy to thrive. As Americans, we must all make our voices heard.

*In November 2020, New York City reported **2.97 million ballots** cast, a **7.5% increase** from 2016.*



Yes, Local Elections Matter! Here's Why.

Local elections have a direct and immediate impact on your daily life: The street where you live. The school your kids attend. The roads you drive to work.



Issues addressed at the local level include education, policing, public transit, access to clean water or green spaces, zoning laws and city planning. Local policies often set the precedent for laws on the state and national level. You can help your community by making your voice heard in the upcoming New York City election.

Don't Forget These Key Dates

- ⦿ **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE (IN PERSON AND ONLINE):**
Friday, October 8
- ⦿ **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE (BY MAIL):**
Postmarked by Oct. 8 and received by board of elections by Oct. 13
- ⦿ **ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION REQUEST (BY MAIL AND ONLINE):**
Tuesday, October 26
- ⦿ **ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION REQUEST (IN PERSON):**
Monday, November 1
- ⦿ **ONSITE ABSENTEE VOTING:**
October 23 - October 31 at an early voting location
- ⦿ **RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS (BY MAIL):**
Postmarked by Tuesday, November 2 and received by board of elections by Tuesday, November 9
- ⦿ **RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS (BY HAND):**
Tuesday, November 2 by 9:00 p.m.
- ⦿ **ELECTION DAY:**
Tuesday, November 2 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Need to Register to Vote? It's Easy! Here's How.

You need to register to vote if you have never voted, if you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, or if you didn't vote in the last two elections.

REGISTER ONLINE:

Submit an [Electronic Voter Registration Application](#). You can also [check to see if you're registered](#).

REGISTER BY MAIL:

Download the [State of New York Mail-In Voter Registration Form](#) and mail to your borough's Board of Elections office.

Manhattan

200 Varick Street, 10 Fl
New York, NY 10014
Tel: 1.212.886.2100

Bronx

1780 Grand Concourse, 5 Fl
Bronx, NY 10457
Tel: 1.718.299.9017

Brooklyn

345 Adams Street, 4 Fl
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 1.718.797.8800

Queens

118-35 Queens Boulevard, 11th Fl
Forest Hills, NY 11375
Tel: 1.718.730.6730

Staten Island

1 Edgewater Plaza, 4 Fl
Staten Island, NY 10305
Tel: 1.718.876.0079

To have a voter registration application mailed to you, email your mailing address to vote@boe.nyc.ny.us (with your borough in the subject line), or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC and ask to have an application sent to you.

Register in-person: Register to vote at your nearest [Board of Elections office](#) on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register in-person, you will need your driver's license number, non-driver's ID number or the last four digits of your social security number.

Remember: Your county will notify you that you are registered to vote. If your county is unable to verify your identity before Election Day, you will be asked for ID when you vote for the first time.



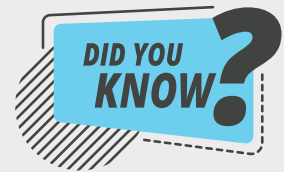
Don't Miss the Voter Registration Deadline: Friday, October 8

If you have never voted, if you have moved or changed your name recently, or if you didn't vote in the last two elections, you must re-submit your voter registration information. Learn more about registering to vote [here](#).

Planning to Vote On Election Day?

Find your polling place here: [Vote411.org/target](#). Polling places will be open in New York City from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Registered voters, including first-time voters, do not need to show ID to vote, unless they did not provide identification with their registration. *If you did not provide ID while registering, acceptable forms of ID are your driver's license or other government-issued ID, a current utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck, a government check, or another government document that shows your name and address.*

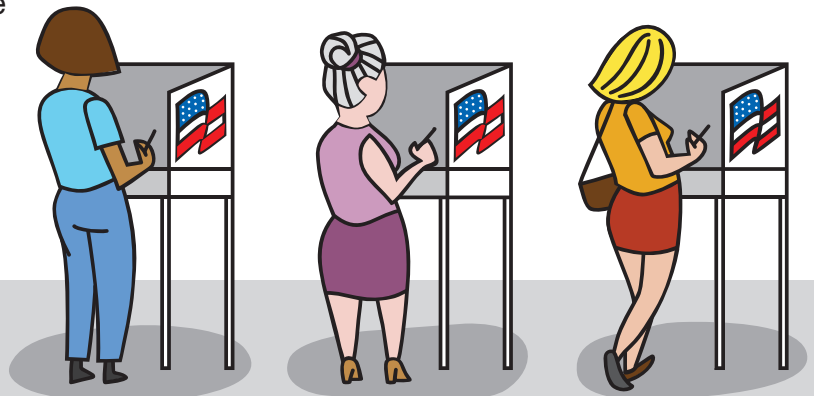


Want to know who will appear on your ballot?

You can view the candidates on your ballot and build a personalized voter guide at [Vote411.org/target](#).

Know Your Voting Rights!

- ⦿ If you are in line at your polling place by 9:00 p.m. on Nov 2, you will be allowed to vote.
- ⦿ If you are a registered voter, you are not required to show ID at the polls unless you did not provide ID while registering.
- ⦿ It is illegal for anyone to try to stop you from voting.
- ⦿ If you suspect election or voter fraud, call the New York State Attorney General's office at 1-800-771-7755.
- ⦿ Campaigning is not allowed within 100 feet of the polling place.
- ⦿ You may not wear a campaign button, sticker, shirt or placard to your polling place.
- ⦿ You may not carry campaign materials, signs, banners or literature within 100 feet of the polling place.
- ⦿ You may bring non-alcoholic beverages, snacks and even a folding chair to the polls, to ensure a more comfortable wait if there's a line.



You can build a personalized voter guide at [Vote411.org/target](#)

Qualifications for Absentee Voting

The state of New York allows absentee voting under certain circumstances. You may cast an absentee ballot if you:

- ⦿ Expect to be absent from your borough on election day.
- ⦿ Have a temporary or permanent illness or physical disability that prevents a trip to the polling place.
- ⦿ Are a primary caregiver of individuals who are ill or disabled.
- ⦿ Are a patient in a Veterans Administration Hospital.
- ⦿ Are detained in jail awaiting grand jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Until the end of 2021, voters in the state of New York may use fear of exposure to COVID-19 as a reason to vote absentee – simply check the box for “temporary illness” on your application.

Submit an absentee ballot application online here:

[New York City Absentee Ballot Request](#)

Download an absentee ballot application here:

[Application \(English pdf\)](#)

[Application \(Spanish pdf\)](#)

[Application \(Chinese pdf\)](#)

[Application \(Korean pdf\)](#)

[Application \(Bengali pdf\)](#)

Note: Even if you requested or returned an absentee ballot, you may still go to the polls and vote in person. If you vote at your poll site on Election Day, your absentee ballot will be set aside and not counted.

The proposed operating budget for New York City in fiscal year 2022 is \$98.6 billion, the largest budget proposal in the history of the city.



Absentee voting deadlines

Absentee ballot applications: Online absentee ballot applications are due Oct. 26. Mailed absentee ballot applications must be postmarked at least seven days before the election (Oct. 26) – however, the U.S. Postal Service advises voters to mail applications at least 15 days in advance (Oct. 18). If delivered by hand to the office of your [County Board of Elections](#), absentee ballot applications are due by Nov. 1.

Onsite absentee voting deadline: The last day to vote early in-person at your early voting site is Oct. 31. Your early voting site may be different than your Election Day poll site, so [check before you go](#).

Marked absentee ballots (hand-delivered): If hand-delivered, your marked ballot must be in the office of your [County Board of Elections](#) by 9:00 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 2. Alternatively, you may drop off your marked absentee ballot at your early voting site between Oct. 23 and Oct. 31.

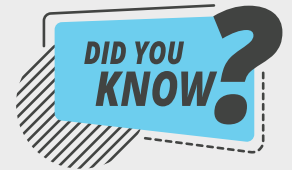
Marked absentee ballots (by mail): An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 2. You may track the status of your absentee ballot [here](#).

Target Supports Your Right to Vote

Get paid time off to vote! Talk to your manager or HR leader at Target for information about paid time off to vote.

Don't have a ride to the polls? We provide discounted transportation. Talk to your manager or HR leader at Target for information about discounted rides to the polls through Lyft (up to \$15 each way). *This offer is not intended to induce, nor is it conditioned on, the act of voting, refraining from voting, or voting for or against any particular candidate, political party or measure.*

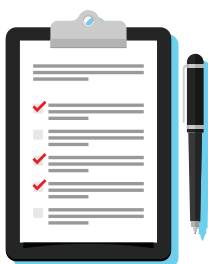
*Target provides paid time off to vote and serve as an election judge or poll worker. In 2020, Target recruited **more than 1,600 team members** to staff polling places across the country.*



Get paid time off to serve as a poll worker! Poll workers (also known as election judges) are paid election officials who staff local polling places to carry out assigned Election Day procedures. Election workers are essential to the democratic process and ensure that the rights of every eligible voter are protected. Their work begins before Election Day – each worker is required to undergo training. Serving as a poll worker is an amazing opportunity to support the democratic process and deepen connections within your community. Target provides team members with paid time off to serve as an election judge/poll worker. Check with your manager or HR leader for any applicable notice or other requirements.

Requirements to Serve as a Poll Worker in New York City

- ⦿ You must be a resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City.
- ⦿ You must be a registered voter in the State of New York.
- ⦿ You must be at least 18 years old.
- ⦿ You must provide your political affiliation.
- ⦿ You must speak, read and write English fluently.
- ⦿ You must be willing to travel within the borough to a poll site.
- ⦿ You must complete a training course and pass an exam.



How to apply

[Complete an online poll worker application](#) or deliver your application to your [County Board of Elections](#). If you serve as a poll worker, e-mail CitizensAtTarget@Target.com, so we can track your participation.

What are the Major Offices on the Ballot in New York City?

Mayor

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

Two consecutive terms.

The mayor serves as New York City's chief executive and oversees the city's day-to-day operations while maintaining jurisdiction over all five boroughs. The mayor appoints and dismisses the commissioners of more than 40 city agencies, including the police commissioner and health commissioner, and is responsible for presenting an annual budget to the city council for approval.

Together with the city council, the mayor addresses issues such as job programs, housing, police leadership, land use and development, city transportation, parks, libraries and collaboration with the federal government on major issues, such as immigration and national security. The mayor also signs legislation into law and has the power to veto laws enacted by the City Council, but such a veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Council. Further, the mayor sits on the boards of more than 30 city-owned

cultural institutions, including the Museum of Modern Art and New York Public Library.

City Council

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

Two consecutive terms

The New York City Council is the city's primary legislative body. City council members are responsible for adopting the city budget, approving mayoral appointees, levying taxes, overseeing the use of municipal properties and making or amending city laws, policies and ordinances. The New York City Council is made up of 51 members, each of whom is elected by the city's 51 districts.

[Find your district here.](#)

Public Advocate

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

Two consecutive terms

The New York City Public Advocate serves as a direct link between residents of New York City and city government by investigating

citizens' complaints about city services and making proposals to address the perceived failures of those services. The public advocate is a non-voting member of the New York City Council, but has the right to introduce and co-sponsor legislation. Further, the public advocate appoints members to several boards and commissions, including one member of the New York City Planning Commission.

City Comptroller

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

Two consecutive terms

The City Comptroller acts as the chief financial officer and the chief auditor of the city's agencies – such as the New York City Housing Authority and the New York City Department of Education – and evaluates their performance and spending.

The comptroller also reviews all city contracts, compiles reports on the city's economy, issues municipal bonds and manages city debt. If both the Mayor of New York City and the New York City Public Advocate offices have vacancies, the City Comptroller becomes acting mayor.

Constitutional Amendments

THERE ARE FIVE STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. AS A VOTER YOU WILL BE ASKED “YES” OR “NO”:

1. Amendment to Allow for No-Excuse Absentee Voting

The proposed amendment would allow any registered voter in the state of New York to vote absentee without excuse. Currently, the New York Constitution only allows absentee voting if the voter is ill, physically disabled, detained or expects to be absent from their home county on election day.

2. Amendment to Allow for Same-Day Voter Registration

The proposed amendment would remove the requirement that New York residents must register to vote at least ten days before an election. Removing this requirement would allow the New York State Legislature to pass a resolution permitting same-day voter registration.

3. Amendment on Redistricting Changes

The proposed amendment would require a simple majority vote for the New York State Legislature to adopt plans submitted by the Independent Redistricting Commission. Currently, a two-thirds vote is required to adopt these plans.

4. Amendment on Environmental Rights

The proposed amendment would add the right to clean water, clean air and a healthful environment to the New York Constitution's Bill of Rights.

5. Amendment on NYC Civil Court Jurisdiction

The proposed amendment would increase the New York City Civil Court's jurisdiction over lawsuits involving claims for damages from \$25,000 or less to \$50,000 or less.

Other Voting Resources

View a sample ballot at

Vote411.org/target

Election rules and notices may change.

Please visit the

[NYC Board of Elections](https://www.elections.nyc.gov) for the latest information.

This voter guide was created by Target based on a variety of sources, including:

NYC Board of Elections, New York State Board of Elections, New York State Assembly, New York State Senate, New York State Constitution, VoteEarlyNY.org

