

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to vote in a general election or special election if:

- You are a registered voter.
- You are inside or in line at your polling place between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Election Day, or you vote early (check [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) for days and hours).

You have the right to vote in a primary election if:

- You are a registered voter and you are enrolled in a party that is holding a primary, unless state party rules allow otherwise.
- You are inside or in line at your polling place between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Election Day, or you vote early (check [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov) for days and hours).

Early Voting

You have the right to vote early. Early voting will take place for nine consecutive days before every Election Day, **beginning 10 days before Election Day**. You can also vote on Election Day. To find out where to vote early or on Election Day, visit [voting.nyc](https://www.voting.nyc.gov).

In any election, you have a right to:

- Be assisted by any person of your choice (except your employer or union representative), including a trained poll worker, if you need help to vote.

If you need an interpreter, interpreters are available to assist voters at selected sites.

- Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more information, including which polling sites have interpreters available in Spanish, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), Korean, Bangla, Punjabi and Hindi.
- Visit [participate.nyc.gov](https://www.participate.nyc.gov) to see where interpreters are available in other languages.
- Bring an interpreter into the voting booth.
- Ask election workers how to mark and cast your ballot.
- Bring materials about candidates and ballot questions with you, such as the CFB Voter Guide. (Please take these materials away with you when you finish voting.) Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- Vote by “affidavit ballot” if your name is missing from the list of voters at your polling site.
- Take time off from work to vote: New York State Law allows you to take up to three paid hours off at the beginning or end of your shift to vote, as long as you notify your employer at least two days before Election Day.
- Under federal and state law, persons with disabilities are entitled to assistance with voter registration, accessible polling sites, and assistance with casting their ballot. If you have a disability and believe you have been denied your right to assistance while voting or registering to vote, please call 311.
- If you are currently on probation or parole, you have the right to vote. If you were previously registered, your voter record should still be active. [Check your voter registration status.](#)

If you are voting for the first time, you may have to show identification to vote in this election.

- Acceptable forms of identification include valid photo ID or current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck, or government document that shows name and address.
- If you cannot or choose not to show identification, you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.

CASTING YOUR BALLOT

Three easy steps to cast your ballot on Election Day or during Early Voting. Ask to use the Ballot Marking Device if you need assistance filling in your choices.

1 | Get Your Ballot

- Go to your designated poll site and find the correct table for your Assembly District/Election District (these numbers are printed on the notice you receive from the Board of Elections and on your Voter Guide mailing label) or at <https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search>
- Sign in and get your **two-page paper** ballot from the poll worker. A privacy sleeve will be provided to shield your ballot from view after you have marked it. Both sides of the ballot page will have instructions at the top.
 - The Ranked Choice Voting side of the ballot may have the following contests: Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough President, and City Council
 - The Non-Ranked Choice Voting side of the ballot may have the following contests: District Attorney, State Committee, Judge of the Civil Court (District or County), District Leader, Delegate to Judicial Convention.
- Go to the privacy booth or request to use the Ballot Marking Device.

2 | Mark Your Ballot

Rank up to 5 candidates in order of preference.

	1	2	3	4	5
CANDIDATE A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE C	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

1. Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.
2. If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.
3. You can rank up to 5 candidates. **You can still choose to vote for only one candidate if you prefer.** Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

Do not rank a candidate more than once. If you do, only your top ranking for them will count.

	1	2	3	4	5
CANDIDATE A	<input type="radio"/>				
CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>				
CANDIDATE C	<input type="radio"/>				
CANDIDATE D	<input type="radio"/>				
CANDIDATE E	<input type="radio"/>				

Do not give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, your ballot will not be valid.

	1	2	3	4	5
CANDIDATE A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> 
CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE C	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE D	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3 | Scan Your Ballot

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

Write-in Voting

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

- write the name on the “Write-in” line, and
- fill in an oval to rank your choice.

How to Use the Ballot Marking Device

The Ballot Marking Device provides two ways for voters to access the ballot:

- See the ballot on the display screen
- Listen to the ballot through audio headphones

The Ballot Marking Device provides four ways for voters to mark the ballot:

- Touch Screen
- Key Pad (Braille)
- Sip & Puff Device
- Rocker Paddle

Follow these steps to mark your ballot using the Ballot Marking Device:

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

Remember...

Turn your ballot over! There may be instructions and/or ballot proposals to vote for on the back.

Fill in the oval completely. Do not use an “x”, a “✓”, or circle the oval.

How to fill out your ballot: Rank up to 5 candidates in order of preference.

	1	2	3	4	5
CANDIDATE A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE C	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



- Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.
- If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.
- You can rank up to 5 candidates. **You can still choose to vote for only one candidate if you prefer.** Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

You can vote for a write-in candidate. To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot write the name on the “Write-in” line and fill in an oval to rank your choice.

Be sure to vote for every office and on every ballot question. Look your ballot over carefully before you scan it. Be sure you voted for every race and every ballot proposal.

Problems & Solutions

I made a mistake marking my ballot.

If you vote in person, the voting machine will let you know if you give multiple candidates the same ranking or submit a completely blank ballot when you scan it in. If you make a mistake, you can ask a poll worker for a new ballot. The voting machine will not let you know if you skip rankings or rank the same candidate multiple times, since your top-choice vote will still count in those situations

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

There will be a magnifying sheet available. You can also ask to use a Ballot Marking Device.