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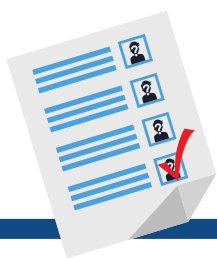
Dear Community,

We present this voter guide as we go to the polls to elect a new generation of local leaders. This November, we'll also be voting on five important ballot questions that proposes to amend the New York State Constitution. It covers important issues such as reforming the redistricting process, environmental justice, voting reforms to make it easier for everyday people to participate in the civic process. Our voter guide covers the ballot proposals as well as a look forward to the critical 2022 state and national elections.

Democracy dies in the dark. Without our voice, we can not advocate for the critical policies our community needs to not only survive but thrive. This November, vote to advance immigrant and healthcare justice, and to help build a more inclusive democracy that values and protects every voice.

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MAKE A VOTING PLAN



2022 Election Calendar



PRIMARY ELECTION DATE TBD

Voters must be registered in a political party to vote in a primary election. In a primary election, voters select a candidate within their party to compete in the general election.

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

All registered voters can cast a vote in a general election regardless of political party affiliation. Voters can select any candidate regardless of their political affiliation.

NATIONAL - UNITED STATES CONGRESS

In 2022, voters will select representatives in both chambers of the national legislature; the House of Representatives and Senate. We elect a candidate for **House of Representatives every two years** and a candidate for **U.S. Senate every six years**. There are no term limits for members in both houses of U.S. Congress.

NEW YORK STATE

On the state level, both the executive and legislative offices will be on the ballot. We will vote for the office of the **Governor** and the **New York State Senate + Assembly**. The Governor is not eligible to serve more than eight years in any twelve-year period. There are no term limits for members of the New York State Assembly.



This voter guide is part of a campaign by APA VOICE: Voting and Organizing to Increase Civic Engagement.

Our goal is to increase awareness and civic participation in the Asian Pacific American community. We are non-partisan and do not support any political party or candidate.



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NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION BALLOT QUESTIONS

BALLOT QUESTION ONE

This proposed constitutional amendment would freeze the number of state senators at 63, amend the process for the counting of the state’s population, delete certain provisions that violate the United States Constitution, repeal and amend certain requirements for the appointment of the co-executive directors of the redistricting commission and amend the manner of drawing district lines for congressional and state legislative offices. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?



Ballot Question 1 proposes a set of reforms for the redistricting process. Vote **YES** to implement reforms that will create a more fair and non partisan redistricting process in which voters can select their elected officials and draw fair maps for communities of interest.

BALLOT QUESTION TWO

The proposed amendment to Article 1 of the New York Constitution would establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Ballot Question 2 proposes to add the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment to the New York State Constitution's Bill of Rights.

BALLOT QUESTION THREE

The proposed amendment would delete the current requirement in Article 2, § 5 that a citizen be registered to vote at least ten days before an election and would allow the Legislature to enact laws permitting a citizen to register to vote less than ten days before the election.



Ballot Question 3 proposes to eliminate the requirement for a citizen be registered to vote at least ten days before an election. Nationally, New York State has one of the lowest voter registration rates. Vote **YES** to remove voter barriers and enable more voters to vote in elections.

BALLOT QUESTION FOUR

The proposed amendment would delete from the current provision on absentee ballots the requirement that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county or illness or physical disability. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?



Ballot Question 4 proposes to eliminate the requirement that a voter provide a reason for voting by mail (absentee ballot). Vote **YES** to make it easier for voters to vote by mail and also allow more voters to participate in elections by removing this requirement.

BALLOT QUESTION FIVE

The proposed amendment would increase the New York City Civil Court’s jurisdiction by allowing it to hear and decide claims for up to \$50,000 instead of the current jurisdictional limit of \$25,000. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Ballot Question 5 proposes to increase the jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court by permitting them to hear and decide claims that are \$50,000 or less.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IF:

- You are a registered voter.
- You are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen.
- You are a limited English proficient speaker and need assistance.
- You are in line at your poll site by the time it is scheduled to close.

NO NEED FOR ID IF NOT A FIRST-TIME VOTER:

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

IN ANY ELECTION, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- An interpreter if you need language assistance. Call 866-VOTE-NYC for more info.
- Vote even if the voting machine is broken.
- Vote by affidavit ballot if your name is missing from the list.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR FACE ANY PROBLEMS ON ELECTION DAY, YOU CAN CALL:

English: 718-460-5600
Mandarin: 347-825-6223
Cantonese: 212-274-1891
Korean: 718-460-5600
Nepali: 718-937-1117
Bengali: 718-321-7929