Election Day 2022

For whom/what will I be voting on in the 2022 election?

- Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller
- US Senate (one seat)
- All members of the United States House of Representatives
- All NY State Assembly Members
- All NY State Senators
- NYS Environmental Bond Act
- Some village, town, county, special districts

Who can vote?

To vote you must:

- be a United States citizen
- be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote (16 and 17 year olds may pre-register)
- live at your present address at least 30 days before an election
- not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- be registered to vote

How do I register?

- Online through NYS Department of Motor Vehicles website, https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application (must have a NYS driver’s license, Learner Permit or Non-Driver ID)
- In person on any business day at your county board of elections (BOEs) or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act (including State University and City University campuses); see list of agencies here: https://www.elections.ny.gov/NVRA.html
- By mail by completing a voter registration form available at BOEs, libraries, town halls, post offices and the League of Women Voters (https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voteregform-eng-fillable.pdf)

How do I make sure I am registered to vote?

- Visit Voter Registration Search page on the NYS Board of Elections website, https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/
- Call your county BOE
Where do I vote?

• Check postcard sent by county BOE prior to election with polling site location, dates of election and more
• Visit Voter Registration Search page on the NYS Board of Elections website, https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/
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Three ways to vote

• Vote in person on primary or election day at assigned polling place
• Submit absentee ballot application and vote by absentee ballot. If you apply for an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person, in-person vote will be by affidavit ballot.
• Vote early in person during nine days leading up to election days

How do I vote by absentee ballot?

• Meet one of the qualifications:
  1. Absent from your county or, if a resident of New York City absent from the five boroughs, on Election Day
  2. Unable to appear at the polls due to temporary or permanent illness or disability (temporary illness includes being unable to appear due to risk of contracting or spreading a communicable disease like COVID-19)
  3. Unable to appear because you are the primary care giver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled
  4. A resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
  5. Detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony
• Complete and mail absentee ballot application to your county BOE office https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf
• Return completed absentee ballot once received

Do I need identification to vote?

• NO! Your signature is your identification to vote.
• You may be asked for identification if it is the first time you are voting in person and registered by mail.

Vote411.org, the League's Electronic Voter Guide

• Find ballot and candidate information
• Find out how to register to vote
• Find out where to vote
Questions posed to candidates.

1. What will be your top three priorities if elected?
2. What reforms would you propose to strengthen NYS’s ethics and campaign finance laws and enforcement? Please explain your answer.
3. NYS has one of the lowest voter participation rates in the country. What election reforms would you support to improve voter participation? Please explain your answer.

KATHY C. HOCHUL ~ Democratic, Working Families

1. With a full term, I will continue to focus on public safety, affordability, and building an economy that works for all New Yorkers.
2. In my first budget, I fulfilled a promise to replace the broken JCOPE with a new, more transparent independent entity, the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government. If elected to a full term, I will push additional reforms, such as term limits and ban outside income for statewide officials.
3. I worked to improve absentee voting so more voters would be eligible and required that polling sites be opened on college campuses in order to encourage youth participation in elections. I’ve also committed to signing legislation that will establish a state-level voting rights act.
4. Achieving pay equity starts in our schools. That’s why I provided a record $31.5 B in school aid this year to ensure underserved communities have resources they need. And we’re prioritize making higher education more family friendly and accessible with childcare. We must also invest in our MWBEs.
5. We invested $500 million in the port, manufacturing, and supply chain needed to advance the offshore wind industry; expanded NY’s distributed solar target of 10 gigawatts by 2030; $4.2 B environmental bond act; & investing in major clean transmission lines to reduce NYC power plant usage by 50%.
6. My budget made a historic $32.8 billion, five-year investment in a capital plan that prioritizes roads and bridges statewide; makes our communities more resilient to climate change; and incorporates strategic investments to reconnect neighborhoods and spur equitable, regional economic growth.
4. With the smallest overall gender wage gap (for full-time working women) in the country of 86 cents, NYS has made progress on pay equity, but the gap for our state's Black women is 66 cents, and for Latinas, it is 55 cents. How can government address this continuing wage disparity?

5. What steps would you propose to secure the state's energy needs while protecting the local and global environment?

6. What are your priorities for improving New York State's crumbling infrastructures?

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1. Public safety, cost of living, and education. Repealing cashless bail, firing DAs who don't enforce the law, cutting taxes across the board, creating good paying jobs, lifting the cap on charter schools, implementing school choice programs, and more.

2. Establishing term limits, overhauling JCOPE, strengthening FOIL, appointing a Special Prosecutor for the Cuomo-Hochul Administration's deadly nursing home order and coverup, creating a State Budget Office, ending three persons in a room governance, being more accessible to the media, and more.

3. Ensuring our elections are free, fair, and secure is pivotal in driving up voter participation. I support expanding early voting so more New Yorkers can get to the polls, and implementing voter ID. We must always strive to make it easier for citizens to vote and harder to cheat.

4. Partnering with the private sector to direct investments in economic development programs, such as small business incubators and programs administered by the Empire State Development Corporation's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (DMWBD).

5. Safely tapping into our own resources in the Southern Tier and other regions in NYS, approving new pipelines, and implementing an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

6. Improving the quality of our roads, bridges, tunnels, waterways and public transportation would be a top priority, including resurfacing roads, reinforcing “functionally obsolete” bridges, repairing crumbling tunnels, dredging critical waterways, and updating train cars, buses, ferries and more.

Candidate information per NYS BOE certified general election ballot 9/15/2022.
Questions posed to candidates.

1. What would be your top three priorities if elected?
2. Do you envision a more robust role for the Attorney General’s office in investigating and prosecuting public corruption? Please explain your answer.

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1. I am running for re-election to finish the jobs that New Yorkers elected me to do: To hold power accountable, stand up for the vulnerable, and make New York a more fair and just place for everyone.

2. The people of New York deserve the best that the government has to offer. That’s why I make it a priority to hold public officials accountable for any misdeeds. For example, in 2021, I announced the arrest and indictment of Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin for allegedly stealing thousands of dollars in campaign contributions. This is also why I recently announced the guilty plea, resignation, and sentencing of Bronx County Clerk and former Assemblymember Luis Diaz for intentionally writing, certifying, and submitting false information to the court in support of a criminal defendant. I have also partnered with other agencies, including the New York City Department of Investigation, on numerous investigations to root out public corruption. My office will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute these cases to ensure that New York’s public servants adhere to the highest standards of transparency, integrity, and accountability.

3. Some politicians manipulate election processes to reduce minority voting rights. My office is fighting back. Recently, I successfully sued Rensselaer County for depriving minority voters of adequate early voting sites. Next year, my office will be the primary enforcement agency of the NYS VRA.

4. I have greatly expanded my office’s law enforcement oversight, including receiving complaints of police misconduct and the statutory authority to investigate officer-involved killings. I have also sued individual departments, including the NYPD for its conduct during the BLM protests in 2020.
3. What do you see as the biggest threats to New Yorkers’ voting rights and what role can the Attorney General play in protecting voting rights?

4. How do you plan to use the authority of the office to ensure law enforcement transparency and accountability throughout NYS - from police to prosecutors to corrections officials?

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1. My campaign is focused on the three Cs: Crime, Corruption and Cost-of-Living.

2. Yes. Corruption erodes public trust in government. This office can work in conjunction with local prosecutors to bring cases against corrupt public officials and can seek additional powers from the legislature to expand the scope of its own internal work to restore confidence in government. I will work to expand and support the Public Integrity Bureau’s work in rooting out corruption across the state and ensure that New Yorkers know they have a place to go to report corruption.

3. One Party rule is the biggest threat to New Yorkers’ voting rights. NY has some of the most democratic voting laws in the country. After the redistricting debacle, we now finally have fair election district lines from a federal court. As AG, I will ensure every single New Yorker is able to vote.

4. The Office of the New York State Attorney General serves as a special prosecutor in cases involving law enforcement. While I support law enforcement, those who do their jobs and serve the public want those who abuse that privilege held accountable.
Questions posed to candidates.

1. What are the biggest challenges facing the pension fund and what will you do as Comptroller to manage them?

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1. I grew up in a middle class, union household and I understand the financial pressures families are facing. I am aware of the enormous responsibility I have to those relying on the State Pension Fund for their retirement security and have made critical management and investment decisions to keep it one of the top ranked funds in the nation. Financial markets are tumultuous at this time. I have lowered our assumed rate of return four times since being Comptroller to ensure that we are managing conservatively and are prepared for the downtimes that will occur. Our team has diversified our portfolio and is looking to reduce and manage risks, including climate change. Since becoming Comptroller, the value of the state pension fund has gone from $154.5 billion to $272.1 billion. I have managed the fund through the Great Recession to the pandemic and been proud that independent auditors have praised us for our strong management practices and Pew Charitable Trusts puts us among the best.

2. As the people’s fiscal watchdog, one of my responsibilities is to hold government accountable for how it uses taxpayer resources. My office audits every level of government from large and small cities to school districts to state and city agencies. We examine programs to make sure they are working as intended and we look closely at how a government entity is operating and whether there are ways to save money or improve operations. In many instances, I’ve called out the state or city for not using resources effectively, not saving enough money or a lack of transparency. I have studied how the state’s economy is performing and whether government actions could better support economic and job growth. I have made it a priority to study issues that many New Yorkers struggle with such as housing affordability, the cost of college, consumer debt and more. As Comptroller, I will continue to push for fiscal practices that put New York on stronger fiscal footing and hold government accountable.

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1. Public pension funds should not be managed like private, activist hedge funds. Politics are subject to the changing winds of public opinion, which is not a sound basis for making long-term investment decisions. The comptroller must avoid activism and remain genuinely independent. The comptroller has a fiduciary duty to allocate state pension assets ethically and prudently to maximize investment returns for pension holders. I believe that political ideology should not influence pension fund management. It is irresponsible and unethical to use pension assets as a political tool to fund pet causes or promote social agendas. I will take the politics out of the pension fund’s investment management decisions.

2. I believe that the Comptroller should take a proactive role in the state budget process to ensure good stewardship of the taxpayers’ hard-earned money. As State Comptroller, I will provide increased oversight at every stage of the process. I will also seek to expose harmful policies and wasteful spending before any budget is passed. The Comptroller must be proactive in overseeing the annual budgetary process that is often delayed and increasingly leads to out-of-control spending.
Questions posed to candidates.

1. What are the most important challenges facing our country and how to propose to address them?

2. What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our communities?

3. What measures do you support to improve and secure elections and voting for all citizens in our country?

4. Please explain why you do or do not think it is important to reduce the role of money in American elections.

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1. There are three issues that I think are the most pressing challenges of our time: income inequality, the climate crisis and restoring integrity to our democracy.

2. I look at every legislative issue through the lens of how we benefit and rectify the injustices to those that have been most disadvantaged. In almost every case our black and brown families have been subject to gross disadvantage and lack of investments in their communities.

3. Over the last year I have been working on passing a comprehensive voting rights bill to rectify the GOP’s sabotage of our electoral system. While I was disappointed that we were not successful early this year, it will not deter me from continuing our fight against voter suppression, dark money, and partisan gerrymandering.

4. I am currently working to pass the DISCLOSE Act, which I have long championed. I believe a healthy democracy is a transparent democracy, one where billionaires and mega-corporations don’t get a free pass to exploit loopholes in campaign campaign finance law in order to spend billions in anonymous campaign contributions. And the problem is not just limited to our elections. Dark money has also corroded the judicial nomination process, as special interest groups spend tens of millions to push extremist judges onto the federal bench. I will continue to fight to safeguard our electoral process.

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1. We are in a physical economic breakdown. Everything people depend on from food to energy to healthcare is in jeopardy. The financial system needs to be put through bankruptcy with the speculative debt largely written off. Glass-Steagall must be reinstated and Fed. Res. must be nationalized.

2. We need an FDR-style crash infrastructure-building program to create FULL employment. Building 43k miles of high speed rail, etc. will require robust apprenticeship programs. We cannot afford to exclude anyone from the rebuilding of our nation, people will come to appreciate each other’s talents.

3. paper ballots, voter ID, consult Kirk Wiebe and Bill Binney, two NSA whistleblowers on how to clean up the voter rolls. Election Day should be on Sunday or made a national holiday. Count votes at polling place. More will vote if process is transparent and verifiable.

4. I think instead of donation size limit, there should be a spending limit. Federal candidates have strict donation amount limits, but can spend unlimited amounts of their personal money. That creates an aristocracy where low income candidates can’t compete. Reverse Citizens United

Want to find out more?

Visit www.Vote411.org to see information for all the candidates who will appear on your ballot.

Find out:
• What elections will be on your ballot,
• Where candidates stand on various issues,
  • Where to vote,
  • And much more!

While you’re there make a plan to vote and sign up for text or email reminders to vote!

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CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, GREEN JOBS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT – PROPOSITION 1

BALLOT LANGUAGE: “To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the “Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022” authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?”

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this proposal is to authorize the creation of state debt and the sale of state bonds in the amount of up to four billion two hundred million dollars ($4,200,000,000) for certain capital projects for the purpose of making environmental improvements that preserve, enhance, and restore New York’s natural resources and reduce the impact of climate change. If approved by New Yorkers in a majority vote this Fall, the proposal would allow the State to borrow up to $4,200,000,000 to provide funding for capital projects for the following: restoration and flood risk reduction (at least $1,100,000,000), open space land conservation and recreation (up to $650,000,000), climate change mitigation (up to $1,500,000,000), and water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure (at least $650,000,000).

The proposal also would allow the State to refund the debt to take advantage of lower interest rates if the opportunity arises. To accomplish this, the proposal authorizes the State Comptroller to issue additional state bonds in sums up to or exceeding the amount of the bonds initially issued to refund, to advance refund, or otherwise to repay part or all of such bonds prior to the scheduled dates of their maturity.

ALLOCATIONS:

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PROS:

• **Strengthen Our Economy:*** New York’s environmental programs support hundreds of thousands of good jobs across many industries including construction, agriculture, outdoor recreation, and tourism. These programs also leverage billions in federal, local, and private dollars, which New York can’t afford to lose.

• **Protect clean air & water:*** The pandemic has once again demonstrated that clean air, clean water, and access to nature are vital in protecting public health. Environmental programs help provide what every New Yorker needs: safe water to drink, clean air to breathe, and green space where they live.

• **Advance environmental justice:*** Low-income families and communities of color suffer disproportionately from air pollution, exposure to toxins, and lack of green space. Environmental justice programs help address these inequities.

• **Expand green space and restore natural habitats:*** New York’s environmental programs create parks, protect family farms, revitalize waterfronts, and restore habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife.

• **Reduce climate risks:*** Millions of New Yorkers are at risk from flooding, heat waves, and food and water shortages. By putting the Bond Act on the 2022 ballot, we can cut harmful pollution and help protect communities from the growing risks of global warming.

CONS:

• **The $4.2 billion made available by the 2022 Environmental Bond Act would not provide funding sufficient to fully support the state’s green energy transition under the CLCPA. Other sources of funding will be needed.**

• **$300 million in unallocated funds may be viewed as a weakness, unless there is accountability and transparency regarding where these funds are spent.**

POSITION: The League of Women Voters of New York State supports the Environmental Bond Act.
Please Join Us

Membership is open to women and men. There are over 50 local Leagues across NY state. Joining at any level automatically confers membership at every level: local, state and national. Membership enables you to support the League and receive publications from all three levels, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

Visit www.lwvny.org and click on JOIN LWVNYS. To find a local League in your area, click on FIND A LOCAL LEAGUE.

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY 2022

- Oct. 14 – last day to postmark voter registration form, or register in person at a BOE office
- Oct. 24 – last day to apply for absentee ballot using online portal
- Oct. 24 – last day to postmark application or letter of application for absentee ballot
- Oct. 29 – Nov 6 early voting is available
- Nov. 6 – early voting ends
- Nov. 7 – last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- Nov. 8 – Election Day!
- Nov. 8 – last day to postmark absentee ballot; must be received by the county BOE no later than Nov 15th
- Nov. 8 – last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to your county BOE or to poll site by close of polls

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