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It's a Big Election Year! Here's What You Need to Know

Whether you're an individual intending to vote or an organization wanting to support your community's voter engagement, here are some important deadlines and resources that you can use to plan ahead.

Voter Timelines

New York Presidential Primary Election Timeline

- March 23: [Register to vote](#) in-person or online, or [apply for an absentee ballot](#)
- April 1: Deadline to request an absentee ballot in-person
- [Find your poll site and review a sample ballot](#)
- March 23 - March 30: [Early voting](#) period
- April 2: [VOTE](#) in-person or return your absentee ballot by mail or in-person by 9:00 p.m.
- [Review frequently asked questions](#) about voting in NYC

General Election Voter Timeline

- April 2: Primary Election Day
- November 5: General Election Day

What's on the Ballot?

This year, New Yorkers will vote for:

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House (all 26 seats are up for grabs!)
- Special election ([New York's 26th Congressional District](#) on April 30)
- State Senate
- State House
- Ballot measure ([Equal Protection of Law Amendment](#))

Why it matters

You have the opportunity to shape the direction of our community by participating in both local and presidential elections this year. The president, along with our local elected officials, have the power to enact policies that directly influence daily life, including issues such as healthcare, immigration, economic policies, and international relations.

By exercising your right to vote, you take an active part in our democratic process and can affect the decisions that affect you and those around you.

REGISTER TO
VOTE

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION
STATUS

Additional Resources

For Individuals

- "I am an Immigrant New Yorker. Can I vote?" If you're an Immigrant New Yorker, you may be able to vote contingent that you:
 - Became a U.S. citizen through naturalization
 - Became a U.S. citizen through your U.S. citizen parents
 - Are a U.S. citizen born in Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories;
 - Are at least 18 years old by the end of this year.
 - A resident of New York for at least 30 days before Election Day.

[Review this comprehensive guide on the requirements to vote in New York.](#)

- Inclusive democracy ensures that everyone, including unhoused individuals and formerly imprisoned people, has the right to vote. On May 4, 2021, Governor Cuomo signed legislation automatically restoring voting rights for all New Yorkers who are released from prison. People on parole or probation can register and vote as well.
- [Check out Nonprofit Vote's guide on voting and homelessness](#)
- [Review voting rights for people with a felony conviction](#)

For Organizations

- Nonprofit VOTE's webinar, "[Getting a Head Start: Planning Your Voter Outreach for 2024](#)" can help you incorporate voter engagement into your 2024 advocacy plan. Check it out to access [best practice tools and templates](#)
- If you are a 501(c)(3), staying nonpartisan during any election is important to the integrity of your organization. According to the IRS, 501(c)(3) organizations are permitted to conduct certain voter education and engagement activities if they are carried out in a non-partisan manner. This includes hosting public forums, publishing voter education guides, and encouraging people to participate in the electoral process through voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives. [Check out Nonprofit VOTE's comprehensive presentation on how to stay nonpartisan.](#)
- Enact COVID-19 safety measure for your in-person voter registration event. Review National Voter Registration Day's [complete guide](#) on how to make your in-person and public voter registration drives as safe as possible.



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