

2013

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Mayor



New York City Campaign Finance Board

Office of Mayor

The **MAYOR** is the chief executive officer of the City of New York, responsible for the effectiveness and integrity of city government operations. Some of the many duties of the mayor include appointing and removing agency heads and commissioners for mayoral agencies, appointing members to many public authorities, commissions, and boards, and proposing a budget for New York City. In addition, the mayor has the power to veto the City Council's legislation and land-use decisions. The mayor earns an annual salary of \$225,000.

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First Debate Democratic Primary Election Mayor

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New York, NY 10036

The **New York City Campaign Finance Board** is a nonpartisan, independent city agency that enhances the role of New York City residents in elections. The CFB's mission is to increase voter participation and awareness, provide campaign finance information to the public, enable more citizens to run for office, strengthen the role of small contributors, and reduce the potential for actual or perceived corruption.

The CFB is charged with administering the mandatory **Debate Program**, in concert with various civic and media partners who sponsor the debates. It is a cornerstone of the CFB's voter education efforts and provides New Yorkers with an opportunity to compare candidates side by side as they discuss the important issues facing the city. The debates help ensure New Yorkers are well-informed as they head to the polls to cast their vote.

Candidates for citywide office who participate in the Campaign Finance Program and meet certain debate criteria must participate in debates prior to an election in which he or she is on the ballot. Candidates who opt out of the Campaign Finance Program may also be invited to join the debates at the discretion of the CFB and sponsoring organizations, provided the candidates meet the same criteria.



Candidates



Sal F. Albanese

Sal Albanese is the only Mayoral candidate who isn't a career politician. He spent 11 years as a school teacher, 15 years as a champion for the working class in the City Council, and 15 years in the private sector. At the age of 8, he immigrated from Italy to Brooklyn, where his mother raised him and his sisters on a garment worker's salary. The public schools, libraries, and CUNY system—all services provided by the city—elevated his family to the middle class. As Mayor, Sal will fight to protect those opportunities for the next generation of New Yorkers.

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Bill de Blasio

NYC Public Advocate Bill de Blasio has spent his life fighting to ensure every New Yorker gets a fair shot.

He is the only candidate proposing a tax on the wealthy to provide universal full-day pre-K for all NYC children and after-school programs for all middle school students. As mayor, Bill will fight for strong and safe neighborhoods in which New Yorkers from all five boroughs can start businesses, raise their families, and make our communities ever more vibrant.

Together with his wife, Chirlane, Bill is the proud parent of Chiara, a college sophomore, and Dante, a high school junior.

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John C. Liu

John's story is a New York story. Taiwan immigrant at age 5, proud product of NYC public schools (K-12), Mathematical Physics major (Binghamton University), a trained actuary. Within four years, Comptroller Liu rooted out waste, fraud and abuse from City coffers, produced \$4B+ in savings, amassed 50%+ in cumulative returns for NYC's Pension Funds, launched unprecedented transparency into NYC's \$70B+ budget. From 2001–2009, John served as Councilmember and Transportation Committee Chairman. Prior to public service, John worked in the private sector for 14 years, including as a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers. John lives in Flushing with his wife, Jenny and son, Joey.

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Christine C. Quinn

The daughter of a union electrical worker and a social worker, Christine Quinn started out as a housing activist, ran the Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, and since 2006 has served as Speaker of the New York City Council.

As Speaker, Chris has gotten results for middle class and working New Yorkers — passing eight balanced budgets that protected teachers and kept libraries and firehouses open, expanding pre-K, and creating thousand of manufacturing and high-tech jobs. As Mayor, she'll focus on helping the middle class, not with talk and promises, but by continuing what she's done: delivering real results.

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Candidates



Erick J. Salgado

Having worked with the residents of NYC's diverse communities for almost a quarter century, created and grown a small bookstore into a four borough chain employing many New Yorkers, and started a radio network broadcasting on five stations, Erick Salgado knows and understands the issues of this City. A married father of six, with a doctorate in theology, Erick lives on Staten Island. He combines the business acumen of an entrepreneur with the compassion and insight into what New Yorkers face daily as they live their lives, that he gained from his work in many of the neighborhoods comprising this City.

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William C. Thompson, Jr.

As Comptroller of New York City, Bill Thompson was responsible for managing the finances of the nation's largest municipality. While there, he made crucial investments in middle-class families.

A product of New York City's public schools, Bill understands the needs of both students and educators. As the head of the Board of Education, he has been a persistent advocate for improving public schools.

In addition to eight years of service as a citywide executive, Bill has private sector experience at the nation's largest minority public finance firm.

A son of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bill lives in Harlem with his wife and stepchildren.

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Anthony D. Weiner

Anthony Weiner is a fighter for the middle class and those struggling to make it. He grew up a middle class kid in Brooklyn. He went to public schools his whole life. Anthony's mom was a public school teacher for 31 years. He got his start working for Chuck Schumer and went on to represent Brooklyn and Queens in Congress. *The New York Times*

praised Weiner for his “command of the issues, coupled with his tireless devotion to constituent concerns, underscores a genuine devotion to and eagerness to fight for his native city.”

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Moderator and Panelists

Errol Louis joined NY1 in November 2010 as political anchor and host of “Inside City Hall,” the city’s premiere news program covering New York politics and government. He regularly interviews top newsmakers, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Governor Andrew Cuomo and former governors David Paterson and George Pataki, as well as authors and filmmakers including Ken Burns, Robert Caro, Ralph Nader and Howard Dean.

Juan Manuel Benitez is the host and executive producer of Pura Política, a Spanish-language political talk-show that runs weekly on NY1 Noticias. He has spent the last decade covering politics from New York and teaching journalism to graduate students at CUNY and Columbia University.

David Chen has been *The New York Times*’ City Hall bureau chief since 2008 and, working closely with his colleagues, has reported extensively on the current crop of mayoral candidates. Among other topics, he has written about the candidates’ records, temperament and fundraising, as well as the emergence this year of super PACs.

Brian Lehrer is host of The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC Radio’s Peabody Award-winning daily call-in program, that has served as New York City’s public square for almost 25 years. The show covers politics and life, locally and globally, and engages listeners on-air and online. Lehrer has been hailed by *The New York Times* as a “master interviewer,” while *Time* magazine called the program “New York City’s most thoughtful and informative talk show.” The Brian Lehrer Show airs weekdays from 10am-noon on WNYC 93.9 FM, AM 820 and wnyc.org.

Grace Rauh left the world of print and joined NY1 as a politics reporter in October 2008, after six years of working as a newspaper reporter in New York and California. Before beginning her career in television, she was a staff reporter at *The New York Sun*, covering City Hall and local politics.

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NY1 News is the city's only 24-hour local TV news channel. Since our launch in 1992, one of our primary missions has been to educate New Yorkers about local politics and government.

And while others have cut back on political coverage, NY1 has done the opposite. No other TV station devotes as much time and resources to the subject. No other TV station has a team of reporters assigned to City Hall and the state capital. And no other TV station has a nightly public affairs program dedicated exclusively to local politics and government.



NY1 Noticias, now in its 10th year, has a similar mission. Since 2003, the city's only 24-hour Spanish-language news channel has provided unsurpassed

Spanish-language coverage of New York politics and government, with a special focus on Latino issues. No other Spanish-language station devotes as much time and resources to the subject. And no other Spanish-language station has a weekly public affairs program, Pura Política, dedicated to local politics and government.



WNYC Radio is the nation's most listened-to public radio station, comprising WNYC AM 820, WNYC FM 93.9, and wnyc.org. Through stellar

news, public affairs and cultural programming, WNYC extends New York City's cultural riches to the entire country, while bringing the world home by airing the best national offerings from affiliate networks NPR, Public Radio International American Public Media, and the British Broadcasting Company (BBC).



The Citizens Committee for New York City's mission is to help New Yorkers — especially those in low-income communities — come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhood.

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Citizens Union of the City of New York is a nonpartisan good government group dedicated to making democracy work for all New Yorkers. Citizens Union serves as a civic watchdog, combating corruption and fighting for political reform. The organization works to ensure fair and open elections, honest and efficient government, and a civically-engaged public. Its members are New Yorkers from diverse backgrounds and political beliefs who are connected to their communities and united in their commitment to put the city's long-term interest ahead of all special interests.



Gothamist is the first site in the Gothamist LLC network of blogs and is the most popular local blog in New York. It has been described by *The New*

York Times as a “marvelous, not-to-be-missed Web site” that “reflects everything worth knowing about this city.”



Hispanic Federation was created to empower and advance the Hispanic community. Hispanic Federation provides grants to a broad network of Latino non-profit agencies serving the most vulnerable members of the

Hispanic community and advocates nationally with respect to the vital issues of education, health, immigration, economic empowerment, civic engagement and the environment.



Transportation Alternatives' mission is to reclaim New York City's streets from the automobile, and to advocate for bicycling, walking

and public transit as the best transportation alternatives. Founded in 1973, our 100,000 active supporters throughout the five boroughs are committed to reclaiming New York City's streets for people.

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2013 Debate Program Schedule

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MAYOR | DEMOCRATIC

Wednesday, August 21, 7PM
TV: NY1 (English),
NY1 Noticias (Spanish), C-SPAN
Radio: WNYC

Tuesday, September 3, 7PM
TV: NBC 4 New York (English),
Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)
Radio: WOR Radio

PUBLIC ADVOCATE | DEMOCRATIC

Thursday, August 15, 7PM
TV: NY1 (English), NY1 Noticias (Spanish)
Radio: WNYC

Sunday, August 25, 11:30AM
TV: NBC 4 New York (English),
Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)
Radio: WOR Radio

MAYORAL RUNOFF | DEMOCRATIC

Monday, September 23, 7PM
TV: CBS 2 News (English),
WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio: 1010 WINS, WCBS Newsradio 880

Debate will be cancelled if there is only one candidate who meets the criteria.

MAYOR | REPUBLICAN

Wednesday, August 28, 7PM
TV: CBS 2 News (English),
WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio: 1010 WINS, WCBS Newsradio 880

Sunday, September 8, 11:30AM
TV: NBC 4 New York (English),
Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)
Radio: WOR Radio

COMPTROLLER | DEMOCRATIC

Monday, August 12, 7PM
TV: NY1 (English), NY1 Noticias (Spanish)
Radio: WNYC

Thursday August 22, 7PM
TV: CBS 2 News (English),
WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio: WCBS Newsradio 880

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