

2013

1st Debate

Republican

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Election

Mayor



New York City Campaign Finance Board

First Debate Republican Primary Election Mayor

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 | 7:00 PM

The Graduate Center, CUNY

365 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10016

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.



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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- › Go to www.nycvotes.org on your smartphone for information right at your fingertips.
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Candidates



John Catsimatidis

John Catsimatidis is CEO of Red Apple Group. His family emigrated to Harlem when he was 6 months old. John is a common sense businessman who built a successful major corporation from the ground up. He's the only candidate that has managed multi-billion dollar private sector budgets and has the skills needed to manage New York City. John attended

NYC public and parochial schools, including Brooklyn Tech and NYU. John and wife Margo have 2 children: Andrea and John Jr. Active in the community, he was a union member and a 30 year Board Member of the Police Athletic League.

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Joseph Lhota

Born in the Bronx, Joe Lhota possesses the unique experience necessary to be mayor. He currently resides with his family in Brooklyn. The first in his family to attend college, Joe graduated from Georgetown University and Harvard Business School. After 14 years in the private sector, Joe joined the Giuliani Administration as Budget Director and then

Deputy Mayor for Operations. In 2011, Governor Cuomo named Joe Chairman of the MTA, where he was praised for getting the transit system back up and running so quickly after Sandy—a credit he gives to the hardworking men and women of the MTA.

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Candidates



George McDonald

After two successful decades as an apparel industry executive, George McDonald has spent the last 27 years as the Founder and President of The Doe Fund, one of the country's most celebrated nonprofit organizations. Through his tireless efforts, McDonald has proven that "work, works" and providing paid work opportunities to individuals creates better

citizens and communities.

The Doe Fund's nationally acclaimed, Ready, Willing & Able Program has helped more than 18,000 individuals reclaim their lives through the power of a job. As Mayor, George McDonald will continue to transform our city through a focus on jobs, education and training.

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Moderator and Panelists

Maurice DuBois is a veteran New York City anchorman who has hosted a plethora of breaking news and special events in the city with a steady hand. Recently, he obtained the first interview with Mayor Bloomberg after Hurricane Sandy. DuBois pressed the Mayor about decisions made in the storm and what was learned from them. Maurice is an Emmy award winner and recipient of the Trailblazer Award from the NYC chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

Marcia Kramer is the pre-eminent New York City political reporter, asking the tough questions in debates for decades; first for the NY Daily News and then for more than 20 years with WCBS-TV. For many years, Marcia hosted a regular Sunday morning community affairs show examining and questioning elected officials and their policies. She has participated in NYC mayoral debates every four years since 1986, as well as Gubernatorial debates in New York and New Jersey.

Juliet Papa is an award-winning reporter for 1010 WINS Radio, the top-ranked all-news station in the nation. Papa covers all aspects of news and delivers news in a multi-media format. It includes 1010 WINS Radio (AM), WCBS-TV, and www.cbslocal.com where her reports, blogs, photo galleries and photographs appear.

Marlene Peralta is an award winning, multiplatform journalist. She has been nominated for an Emmy Award and is the recipient of three 2012 Communicator Awards from the International Academy of Visual Arts. Marlene started her journalism career as a print reporter working for Newsday and AM New York newspapers. She later transitioned to radio and TV, working as a podcast producer for 1010 WINS online, staff producer and host for HITN TV, a national bilingual network, and for local Channel 75/CUNY TV.

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CBS 2 News The CBS broadcast stations have more than 60 years each of experience covering news and public affairs in the city, including debates. WCBS-TV has a long history of sponsoring both local and national debates, extraordinary for a local television station. A recent sampling includes a 2005 Democratic Primary debate for New York City Mayor, plus Senate Debates in New York and New Jersey and the station even hosted a Presidential Primary debate in 2004.



1010 WINS is experienced in CFB debate participation, carrying the most recent primary and general election Mayoral debates in 2009. 1010 WINS is the home of the weekly addresses of New York City's Mayor and the President of the United States.



WCBS Newsradio 880 has the largest local radio news staff in the country. Political coverage is anchored by debate panelist and 35 year veteran City Hall Reporter Rich Lamb, stationed at City Hall.



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El Diario/La Prensa is the voice of the Hispanic community in New York City and beyond. El Diario/La Prensa is the nation's longest publishing Spanish-language daily and now a multiplatform operation. With 223,877 daily readers in NYC and a 100-year-old legacy, El Diario/La Prensa is the brand that generations of Latinos turn to and trust for information. In New York City, there are 2.3 million Hispanics. And this year, with El Diario/La Prensa's 100th anniversary and the key partnerships involved, there will be increased visibility of our paper.



Common Cause/New York is the statewide New York chapter of Common Cause. We are dedicated to restoring the core values of American

democracy, reinventing an open, honest, and accountable government that empowers ordinary people to make their voices heard. We work to: strengthen public participation and faith in our institutions of government; ensure that government and the political process serve the public interest, rather than special interests; curb the excessive influence of money on government policy and elections; promote fair and honest elections and high ethical standards for government officials.



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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