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New York City Campaign Finance Board

# Final General Election Debate Mayor

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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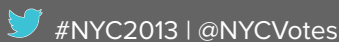
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New York, NY 10112

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.

## 2013 NYC Voter Guide

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# Candidates



## **Bill de Blasio** **Democratic, Working Families**

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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## **Joseph Lhota** **Republican, Conservative, Students First, Taxes 2 High**

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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## Moderators and Panelists

**Melissa Russo** is an expert in local policy and politics with unmatched sources and a reputation for being tough but fair. For 20 years, Melissa's reporting has had an impact in New York City because of her keen understanding of the issues, her impartiality, and her deep concern for New Yorkers in need. She has extensive experience moderating debates and live policy discussions, serving as a questioner in CFB debates during the 2005 and 1997 election cycles. Melissa also has hosted many more informal debates as rotating host of NY1's live, hour-long political talk show "Inside City Hall" from 1996-1998 and since then, on WNBC-TV's public affairs programming.

**David Ushery**, an award-winning anchor and reporter, has been a member of the NBC 4 New York news team since 2003. He anchors the 6pm and 11pm weekend editions of "News 4 New York," and is the host of "The Debrief with David Ushery." The Debrief is a half-hour broadcast that provides viewers with a unique behind-the-scenes perspective through unscripted conversations with reporters throughout the region. The show was nominated for a 2011 Emmy Award.

**Jorge Ramos** Multiple Emmy Award-winning anchor and correspondent Jorge Ramos is the anchor of Telemundo Nueva York's 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts. Ramos recently celebrated his 30th anniversary at Telemundo 47. In addition to anchoring, Jorge delivers high-profile reports on numerous topics for Noticiero Telemundo Nueva York, including the public affairs show "Enfoque."

**Michael Howard Saul** is the City Hall reporter for The Wall Street Journal. During the past two decades, he has covered City Hall for three of the nation's largest newspapers: the Dallas Morning News, the New York Daily News and the Journal. At the Daily News, he began covering Michael Bloomberg in June 2001 and later became the newspaper's City Hall Bureau Chief. Most recently, at the Journal, he was the moderator at the newspaper's inaugural Future of New York series of forums, leading a discussion with New York governors, past and present.

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**Telemundo Nueva York** is the Spanish-language sister station of NBC 4 New York. Telemundo Nueva York will broadcast the debates live with simultaneous Spanish translations.

### **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

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# Debate Scorecard

Use this handy scorecard to rank each candidate's debate performance and to help you evaluate each candidate before you head to the polls!

[ on a scale of 1 (worst) to 5 (best) ]

	Bill de Blasio	Joseph Lhota
Directly answers the question		
Makes arguments clearly		
Defends claims with evidence		
Connects emotionally		
Displays confidence		
Overall impression		
<b>TOTAL</b>		



# 2013 Debate Program Schedule

## Citywide Offices | General Elections

### MAYOR

**Tuesday, October 22, 7PM**

TV: CBS 2 News (English), WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)

Radio: 1010 WINS, WCBS Newsradio 880

**Wednesday, October 30, 7PM**

TV: NBC 4 New York (English), Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)

Radio: WOR Radio

### COMPTROLLER

**Tuesday, October 8, 7PM**

TV: NY1 (English), NY1 Noticias (Spanish)

Radio: WNYC

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

All debates listed will be broadcast live and streamed live on each sponsor group's website. Dates and times are subject to change.

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