

2013

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Mayor



New York City Campaign Finance Board

Leading Contenders Debate Democratic Primary Election Mayor

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 | 7:00 PM

NBC Studios

30 Rockefeller Plaza

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.



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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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Candidates



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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Candidates



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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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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Co-hosts 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.

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The Wall Street Journal is America's largest newspaper by

total average circulation with more than 2.3 million subscribers and 36 million global digital visitors per month. In recent years, The Journal has expanded its core content to include The Greater New York Section as well as deeper coverage of the arts, culture, lifestyle, sports, and personal health. Published by Dow Jones, one of the world's largest news gathering operations with nearly 2,000 journalists in more than 50 countries, The Wall Street Journal now spans 12 editions in nine languages, engaging readers across newspapers, websites, magazines, social media, and video. The Journal holds 35 Pulitzer Prizes for outstanding journalism.



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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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