

CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF NEED FOR PUBLIC FUNDS

In order to limit public funding in races where participants face minimal opposition, a Statement of Need is required as follows:

- Public funds payments made before the ballot has been set ("pre-ballot payments")—required to receive
 any public funds, unless an opponent for the same seat has already received public funds.
- Post-ballot payments ("Primary" and "General" payments)—required to receive more than 25% of the
 maximum public funds for that election, unless an opponent for the same seat in that race has already
 received public funds.
 - ▶ A separate Statement of Need is required to lift the cap in the primary and general elections.

NOTE: A Statement of Need is never required for pre-ballot or primary payments in open seat races (no incumbent is running for re-election), nor in special elections. See Admin. Code §§ 3-705(7)(a), (b).

- Pre-ballot public funds payments: Submission must be received 15 business days prior to the scheduled payment date.
- Primary and general public funds payments: Submission must be received 15 business days prior to the
 payment date or the deadline of the preceding disclosure statement, whichever is later. The final deadline is
 the 32-day pre-election disclosure statement deadline.
- Submission must include a table of contents for the supporting documentation.
- Only the candidate may sign and submit the Certified Statement of Need.

The CFB will verify the truthfulness of this statement and supporting documentation, which will be posted to the CFB's website. See Admin. Code §§ 3-705(7)(a)(1).

CANDIDATE NAME (LAST) Chou	Benjamin	M.I.
Benjamin Chou for NYC		ON CYCLE 025 OTHER
TYPE OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE)		
	☐ GENERAL	
OFFICE SOUGHT NYC Council	BOROUGH OR COUNCIL DISTRICT 19	

With the submission of this form and supporting documentation, I wish to receive the maximum public matching funds for which I am eligible in the election listed above. I attest that one or more of the following conditions applies to this election, and that such condition(s) reasonably demonstrate the need for a pre-ballot payment or additional public funds in the primary or general election.

l am	opposed	in the e	lection	listed	above	bv a	candidate	who:

(Please check the box next to the applicable condition(s), enter the name of the opposing candidate, and attach documentation to support your claim. See the Guide to Certified Statements Of Need for more information.)

- ☐ 1. Is a non-participating candidate or a limited participating candidate who has the ability to self-finance his or her campaign.
 - Possible Documentation: Proof of expenditures made by opposing candidate (such as samples of literature), public information about the opposing candidate's net worth, statements in the press or candidate announcement(s) about the intention to self-finance, documentation regarding the candidate's history of self-financing.

Name of opposing candidate: _

- 2. Has received an endorsement from: a citywide or statewide elected official or a federal elected official representing all or a portion of the area covered by the election; two or more other city elected officials who represent all or a part of the area covered by the election; or one or more membership organizations with a membership of over 250 members.
 - Possible Documentation: Official press release issued by the endorser, endorsement found on an organization's website, e-mail from the endorsing candidate or organization announcing the endorsement.

Name of opposing candidate:

Alexander Caruso, Working Families Party

https://workingfamilies.org/candidates/

- ☐ 3. Has had significant media exposure in the 12 months preceding the election. At least 12 appearances by an opposing candidate and/or his or her name on television, radio, or in print media in general circulation in the area of the election constitutes "significant media exposure."
 - Possible Documentation: Recordings of television or radio appearances by the opposing candidate and/ or his or her name, copies of newspaper articles mentioning the opposing candidate (including information about him/her). Mere listings of names of candidates do not qualify as appearances.

Name of opposing candidate: _

- 4. In the last eight years preceding the election, has received twenty-five percent or more of the vote in an election for public office in an area encompassing all or part of the area that is the subject of the current election.
 - ➤ Possible Documentation: Board of Elections's "Statement and Return Report for Certification" documenting the cited opponent's office sought, date of the election, and vote totals. You may paste the link next to the opponent's name below or attach a PDF of the report.

Name of opposing candidate: Vickie Paladino

- ☐ 5. Has a name that is substantially similar, either spoken or in print, to my name, so as to result in confusion among voters.
 - Possible Documentation: Name of the opposing candidate, statements in the press discussing the similarities in the candidates' names, explanation of how the name is substantially similar in print or spoken word.

Name of opposing candidate:	

	5. l:	s a chairman, president, or district manager of a community board (City Council or borough-wide races only).
	7	Possible Documentation: Name and title of the candidate who is currently serving as a chairman, president, or district manager of a community board, and the source for that information. A list of community boards can be found on the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit website .
	1	Name of opposing candidate:
		Has a spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent or child who holds or has held elective office in an area encompassing all or part of the area of the covered election in the past ten years.
	7	Possible Documentation: Name of the person who holds or has held office, his or her relationship to the candidate, office held, the area of overlap with the covered office, and the period in office.
	1	Name of opposing candidate:
	1	Name of opposing candidate's spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, or child:
provi Act; (Secti reco	isio (b) l ion rds	stand that (a) intentionally or knowingly making a false statement or intentionally or knowingly violating any in of the New York City Campaign Finance Act is a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 3-711(3) of the knowingly making a false written statement is a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to New York State Penal Law 210.45; and (c) knowingly offering false written information with the belief that it will become a part of the of a public office and with the intent to defraud is a Class E felony pursuant to New York State Penal Law 175.35.
I here	-	v certify that the information filed herewith is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, i.ef.
		4/12/2025
	9	CANDIDATE SIGNATURE DATE



Statement and Return Report for Certification

General Election 2023 - 11/07/2023 Queens County - All Parties and Independent Bodies

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2023 - 11/07/2023 Queens County





Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

PUBLIC COUNTER	623
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	40
AFFIDAVIT	3
Total Ballots	666
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	666
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	347
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	269
VICKIE PALADINO (CONSERVATIVE/COMMON SENSE)	26
TONY AVELLA (TAXPAYERS UNITE)	10
PAUL VALLONE (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	654
Unrecorded	12

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2023 - 11/07/2023 Queens County





Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

PUBLIC COUNTER	10,970
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	945
AFFIDAVIT	58
Total Ballots	11,973
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	11,973
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	5,218
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	5,766
VICKIE PALADINO (CONSERVATIVE/COMMON SENSE)	649
TONY AVELLA (TAXPAYERS UNITE)	135
ADAM GAZA (WRITE-IN)	3
ALEXANDRA MAFFIE (WRITE-IN)	1
CHRISTOPHER BAE (WRITE-IN)	8
CLARABELL CLOWN (WRITE-IN)	1
CRYSTAL FENY-SIEBER (WRITE-IN)	1
GEORGE A. GRASSO (WRITE-IN)	1
GEORGE SANTOS (WRITE-IN)	1
HILLARY CLINTON (WRITE-IN)	1
JOHN F. DUANE (WRITE-IN)	1
LORI GORDON (WRITE-IN)	4
MATTHEW COHEN (WRITE-IN)	1
MATTHEW SILVERSTEIN (WRITE-IN)	1
MICHEAL BLOOMBERG (WRITE-IN)	1
PAUL VALLONE (WRITE-IN)	2
PETER VALLONE (WRITE-IN)	1
ROBERT ZIMMERMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
SUSAN ZHUANG (WRITE-IN)	1
THOMAS LIU (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	16
VISON FRIEDMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
WARREN SCHRICHER (WRITE-IN)	1
YU-CHING JAMES (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	11,818
Unrecorded	155

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2023 - 11/07/2023 Queens County





assembly District 27	
PUBLIC COUNTER	4,730
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	276
AFFIDAVIT	65
Total Ballots	5,071
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	5,071
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	1,333
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	3,333
VICKIE PALADINO (CONSERVATIVE/COMMON SENSE)	325
TONY AVELLA (TAXPAYERS UNITE)	41
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	5
Total Votes	5,037
Unrecorded	34
sembly District 40	
PUBLIC COUNTER	2,155
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	140
AFFIDAVIT	15
Total Ballots	2,310
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	2,310
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	748
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	1,332
VICKIE PALADINO (CONSERVATIVE/COMMON SENSE)	161
TONY AVELLA (TAXPAYERS UNITE)	28
ANDREW TAN (WRITE-IN)	1
CHRISTOPHER BAE (WRITE-IN)	1
JUDI GLASS (WRITE-IN)	1
KANYE WEST (WRITE-IN)	1
MARY ANN SPICIJARIC (WRITE-IN)	1
MAYA WILEY (WRITE-IN)	1
OMAR SULEIMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
PAUL GRAZIANO (WRITE-IN)	1
SANDRA UNG (WRITE-IN)	1
SHANE MILLER (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	1
WAYNE RODRIGUEZ (WRITE-IN)	2
Total Votes	2,282
Unrecorded	28

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2023 - 11/07/2023 **Queens County**





All Parties and Independent Bodies

Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

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PUBLIC COUNTER	18,478
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	1,401
AFFIDAVIT	141
Total Ballots	20,020
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	20,020
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	7,646
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	10,700
VICKIE PALADINO (CONSERVATIVE/COMMON SENSE)	1,161
TONY AVELLA (TAXPAYERS UNITE)	214
ADAM GAZA (WRITE-IN)	3
ALEXANDRA MAFFIE (WRITE-IN)	1
ANDREW TAN (WRITE-IN)	1
CHRISTOPHER BAE (WRITE-IN)	9
CLARABELL CLOWN (WRITE-IN)	1
CRYSTAL FENY-SIEBER (WRITE-IN)	1
GEORGE A. GRASSO (WRITE-IN)	1
GEORGE SANTOS (WRITE-IN)	1
HILLARY CLINTON (WRITE-IN)	1
JOHN F. DUANE (WRITE-IN)	1
JUDI GLASS (WRITE-IN)	1
KANYE WEST (WRITE-IN)	1
LORI GORDON (WRITE-IN)	4
MARY ANN SPICIJARIC (WRITE-IN)	1
MATTHEW COHEN (WRITE-IN)	1
MATTHEW SILVERSTEIN (WRITE-IN)	1
MAYA WILEY (WRITE-IN)	1
MICHEAL BLOOMBERG (WRITE-IN)	1
OMAR SULEIMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
PAUL GRAZIANO (WRITE-IN)	1
PAUL VALLONE (WRITE-IN)	3
PETER VALLONE (WRITE-IN)	1
ROBERT ZIMMERMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
SANDRA UNG (WRITE-IN)	1
SHANE MILLER (WRITE-IN)	1
SUSAN ZHUANG (WRITE-IN)	1
THOMAS LIU (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	23
VISON FRIEDMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
WARREN SCHRICHER (WRITE-IN)	1
WAYNE RODRIGUEZ (WRITE-IN)	2
YU-CHING JAMES (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	19,791
Unrecorded	229

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Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

We certify this statement to be correct, and have caused the same to be attested by the signatures of the members of the board, or a majority thereof, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Secretary	Chairman	Chief Clerk
Canvassing Board	Canvassing Board	Deputy Chief Clerk



Statement and Return Report for Certification

General Election 2021 - 11/02/2021

Queens County - All Parties and Independent Bodies

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2021 - 11/02/2021 Queens County



All Parties and Independent Bodies

Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

PUBLIC COUNTER	932
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	79
AFFIDAVIT	6
Total Ballots	1,017
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	1,017
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	561
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	337
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (CONSERVATIVE)	51
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (SAVE OUR CITY)	5
VICKIE PALADINO (INDEPENDENT)	18
DONALD DUCK (WRITE-IN)	1
ELVIS PRESLEY (WRITE-IN)	1
FRANCIS SPANGENBERG (WRITE-IN)	1
LINDA LEE (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	1
YU-CHING PAI (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	978
Unrecorded	39

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2021 - 11/02/2021 Queens County



All Parties and Independent Bodies

Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

PUBLIC COUNTER	18,554
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	1,913
AFFIDAVIT	99
Total Ballots	20,566
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	20,566
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	9,471
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	8,705
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (CONSERVATIVE)	1,295
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (SAVE OUR CITY)	169
VICKIE PALADINO (INDEPENDENT)	307
ALEXANDER HAMILTON (WRITE-IN)	1
ARTHUR N. CHELIOTES (WRITE-IN)	1
AUSTIN SHAFRAN (WRITE-IN)	6
BARACK OBAMA (WRITE-IN)	1
BERNADETTE KELLY (WRITE-IN)	1
CRYSTAL FENG (WRITE-IN)	1
DONALD J. TRUMP (WRITE-IN)	1
ELENA CASTELLANO (WRITE-IN)	1
FRANCIS CABRINI (WRITE-IN)	1
GABRIEL MUNSON (WRITE-IN)	1
GIGI ASARO (WRITE-IN)	1
JACK KEROUAC (WRITE-IN)	1
JAMES C. GORGA (WRITE-IN)	1
JOHN F. OYANE (WRITE-IN)	1
JOHN LIU (WRITE-IN)	1
JOSEPH CONFORTI (WRITE-IN)	1
JOSHUA BAUBERMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
MARIAH L. MADEWELL (WRITE-IN)	1
MATTHEW COHEN (WRITE-IN)	1
MAXIM NARDUZZI (WRITE-IN)	1
NICO CUSUMANO (WRITE-IN)	1
PETER KOO (WRITE-IN)	1
RACHEL LEE (WRITE-IN)	1
RAJA FLORES (WRITE-IN)	1
RICHARD LEE (WRITE-IN)	3
ROSEMARY MORALES POPE (WRITE-IN)	1
SCOTT SIEBER (WRITE-IN)	1
SEAN WALSH (WRITE-IN)	1
SOPHIE MULLIGAN (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	14
VINSON J. FRIEDMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
WARREN SCHREIBER (WRITE-IN)	1
YU-CHING PAI (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	20,000

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All Parties and Independent Bodies

Unrecorded	566
mbly District 27	
PUBLIC COUNTER	3,259
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	243
AFFIDAVIT	8
Total Ballots	3,510
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	3,510
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	1,311
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	1,868
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (CONSERVATIVE)	147
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (SAVE OUR CITY)	18
VICKIE PALADINO (INDEPENDENT)	90
ASHLEY MUNOZ (WRITE-IN)	1
BERNIE SANDERS (WRITE-IN)	1
RICHARD LEE (WRITE-IN)	2
UNCOUNTED WRITE-IN PER STATUTE (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	3,439
Unrecorded	71
mbly District 35	
PUBLIC COUNTER	0
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	0
AFFIDAVIT	0
Total Ballots	0
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	0
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	0
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	0
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (CONSERVATIVE)	0
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (SAVE OUR CITY)	0
VICKIE PALADINO (INDEPENDENT)	0
Total Votes	0

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All Parties and Independent Bodies

Member of the City Council (19th Council District), vote for 1

PUBLIC COUNTER	2,571
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	221
AFFIDAVIT	6
Total Ballots	2,798
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	2,798
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	1,057
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	1,415
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (CONSERVATIVE)	148
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (SAVE OUR CITY)	24
VICKIE PALADINO (INDEPENDENT)	50
AUSTIN SHAFRAN (WRITE-IN)	1
CAROL GRESSER (WRITE-IN)	1
GRAIG NETTLES (WRITE-IN)	1
RICHARD LEE (WRITE-IN)	1
SANDRA UNG (WRITE-IN)	1
THOMAS VELTRE (WRITE-IN)	1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRITE-IN)	1
Total Votes	2,701
Unrecorded	97

Statement and Return Report for Certification General Election 2021 - 11/02/2021 Queens County



All Parties and Independent Bodies

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PUBLIC COUNTER	25,316
MANUALLY COUNTED EMERGENCY	0
ABSENTEE / MILITARY	2,456
AFFIDAVIT	119
Total Ballots	27,891
Less - Inapplicable Federal/Special Presidential Ballots	0
Total Applicable Ballots	27,891
TONY AVELLA (DEMOCRATIC)	12,400
VICKIE PALADINO (REPUBLICAN)	12,325
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (CONSERVATIVE)	1,641
JOHN-ALEXANDER M. SAKELOS (SAVE OUR CITY)	216
VICKIE PALADINO (INDEPENDENT)	465
ALEXANDER HAMILTON (WRITE-IN)	1
ARTHUR N. CHELIOTES (WRITE-IN)	1
ASHLEY MUNOZ (WRITE-IN)	1
AUSTIN SHAFRAN (WRITE-IN)	7
BARACK OBAMA (WRITE-IN)	1
BERNADETTE KELLY (WRITE-IN)	1
BERNIE SANDERS (WRITE-IN)	1
CAROL GRESSER (WRITE-IN)	1
CRYSTAL FENG (WRITE-IN)	1
DONALD DUCK (WRITE-IN)	1
DONALD J. TRUMP (WRITE-IN)	1
ELENA CASTELLANO (WRITE-IN)	1
ELVIS PRESLEY (WRITE-IN)	1
FRANCIS CABRINI (WRITE-IN)	1
FRANCIS SPANGENBERG (WRITE-IN)	1
GABRIEL MUNSON (WRITE-IN)	1
GIGI ASARO (WRITE-IN)	1
GRAIG NETTLES (WRITE-IN)	1
JACK KEROUAC (WRITE-IN)	1
JAMES C. GORGA (WRITE-IN)	1
JOHN F. OYANE (WRITE-IN)	1
JOHN LIU (WRITE-IN)	1
JOSEPH CONFORTI (WRITE-IN)	1
JOSHUA BAUBERMAN (WRITE-IN)	1
LINDA LEE (WRITE-IN)	1
MARIAH L. MADEWELL (WRITE-IN)	1
MATTHEW COHEN (WRITE-IN)	1
MAXIM NARDUZZI (WRITE-IN)	1
NICO CUSUMANO (WRITE-IN)	1
PETER KOO (WRITE-IN)	1
RACHEL LEE (WRITE-IN)	1
RAJA FLORES (WRITE-IN)	1
RICHARD LEE (WRITE-IN)	6
ROSEMARY MORALES POPE (WRITE-IN)	1
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SANDRA UNG (WRITE-IN)		1_
SCOTT SIEBER (WRITE-IN)		1
SEAN WALSH (WRITE-IN)		1
SOPHIE MULLIGAN (WRITE-IN)		1
THOMAS VELTRE (WRITE-IN)		1
UNATTRIBUTABLE WRITE-IN (WRIT	E-IN)	16
UNCOUNTED WRITE-IN PER STATU	JTE (WRITE-IN)	1
VINSON J. FRIEDMAN (WRITE-IN)		1
WARREN SCHREIBER (WRITE-IN)		1
YU-CHING PAI (WRITE-IN)		2
Total Votes		27,118
jority thereof, on Tuesday, November 3	30, 2021.	
jority thereof, on Tuesday, November 3	30, 2021.	
Secretary		Chief Clerk
ajority thereof, on Tuesday, November 3		Chief Clerk
		Chief Clerk Deputy Chief Clerk