

2021 NYC DEBATES SCHEDULE & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (AS OF MARCH 8, 2021)

PRIMARY MAYORAL DEBATES

Mayor – Democratic Primary Election Debate (NY1)

Date/Time: Thursday, May 13, 2021, Time: 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: NY1 Studios, 75 Ninth Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10011 (virtual)

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate,¹ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act,² **AND**
3. Must have raised and spent 2.5% of the expenditure limit for Mayor (\$182,150) in compliance with the Act as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021.³

Mayor – Republican Primary Election Debate (NY1)

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, Time: 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: NY1 Studios, 75 Ninth Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10011 (virtual)

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate,⁴ **AND**

¹ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

² Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

³ *Id.*

⁴ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act,⁵ **AND**
3. Must have raised and spent 2.5% of the expenditure limit for Mayor (\$182,150) in compliance with the Act as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021.⁶

Mayor – Democratic Primary Election Debate – (ABC)

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 2, 2021, Time: 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: WABC-TV Studios, 7 Lincoln Square, New York, NY 10023 (virtual)

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate⁷ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act⁸ **AND**
3. Must have raised and spent 2.5% of the expenditure limit for Mayor (\$182,150) in compliance with the Act as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021.⁹

Mayor – “Leading Contenders” Republican Primary Election Debate (ABC)

Date/Time: Sunday, June 6, 2021, Time: TBD

Location: WABC-TV Studios, 7 Lincoln Square, New York, NY 10023 (virtual)

⁵ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

⁸ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

⁹ *Id.*

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate,¹⁰ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act,¹¹ **AND**
3. Must have met the fundraising threshold to qualify for public funds by raising a minimum of \$250,000 in matchable contributions, including at least one thousand (1,000) matchable contributions of \$10 or more, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021.

OR

Must have raised and spent a minimum of \$2,250,000, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Mayor – “Leading Contenders” Democratic Primary Election Debate (NBC)

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Time: 7 pm –8pm

Location: WNBC Studios, 30 Rockefeller Plaza 7th Floor, New York, NY 10112 (virtual)

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate¹² **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act¹³ **AND**
3. Must have
 - a. Met the fundraising threshold to qualify for public funds by raising a minimum of \$250,000 in matchable contributions, including at least one thousand (1,000) matchable contributions of \$10 or more, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021,

¹⁰ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

¹¹ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

¹² Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

¹³ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

- b. Raised and spent a minimum of \$2,250,000, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021,
OR
- c. Achieved at least 7%¹⁴ in the most recent voter preference poll conducted by Marist.

In order to be used in this subsection (c), the poll must:

- have a margin of error of 4.5% or less,
- include all of the candidates on the ballot (for the election for which the poll is conducted) at the same time the poll is taken, and
- be conducted between the date of the ballot certification and Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

If no such poll exists, this subsection (c) may not be used for Debate eligibility for any candidate and subsections (a) or (b) will be used to determine Debate eligibility for all candidates on the ballot for the election for which this Debate is being conducted.

¹⁴ A candidate will not be deemed to have achieved this threshold by adding the margin of error to his or her poll result. For example, a candidate who achieves 2.5% in a poll with a margin of error of 4.5% will not be deemed to have met the criteria of this Section (b).

PRIMARY COMPTROLLER DEBATES

Comptroller – First Democratic Primary Election Debate (NY1)

Date/Time: Thursday, June 10, 2021, Time: 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: NY1 Studios, 75 Ninth Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10011 (virtual)

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate,¹⁵ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act,¹⁶ **AND**
3. Must have raised and spent 2.5% of the expenditure limit for Comptroller (\$113,875) in compliance with the Act as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021.¹⁷

Comptroller – “Leading Contenders” Democratic Primary Election Debate (NBC)

Date/Time: June 20, 2021, Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Location: WNBC Studios, 30 Rockefeller Plaza 7th Floor, New York, NY 10112 (virtual)

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate¹⁸ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act¹⁹ **AND**
3. Must have

¹⁵ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

¹⁶ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

¹⁹ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

- a. Met the fundraising threshold to qualify for public funds by raising a minimum of \$125,000 in matchable contributions, including at least one thousand (500) matchable contributions of \$10 or more, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, OR
- b. Raised and spent a minimum of \$1,125,000, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, OR
- c. Achieved at least 7%²⁰ in the most recent voter preference poll conducted by Marist.

In order to be used in this subsection (c), the poll must:

- have a margin of error of 4.5% or less,
- include all of the candidates on the ballot (for the election for which the poll is conducted) at the same time the poll is taken, and
- be conducted between the date of the ballot certification and Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

If no such poll exists, this subsection (c) may not be used for Debate eligibility for any candidate and subsections (a) or (b) will be used to determine Debate eligibility for all candidates on the ballot for the election for which this Debate is being conducted.

²⁰ A candidate will not be deemed to have achieved this threshold by adding the margin of error to his or her poll result. For example, a candidate who achieves 2.5% in a poll with a margin of error of 4.5% will not be deemed to have met the criteria of this Section (b).

GENERAL ELECTION DEBATES

Mayor – First General Election Debate (NBC)

Date: October 20, 2021, Time: 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: WNBC Studios, 30 Rockefeller Plaza 7th Floor, New York, NY 10112

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate²¹ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act²² **AND**
3. Must have raised and spent 2.5% of the expenditure limit for Mayor (\$182,150) in compliance with the Act as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021.²³

Mayor – “Leading Contenders” General Election Debate (ABC)

Date: October 26, 2021, Time: 7 pm– 8 pm

Location: WABC-TV Studios, 7 Lincoln Square, New York, NY 10023

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate²⁴ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act²⁵ **AND**
3. Must have met the fundraising threshold to qualify for public funds by raising a minimum of \$250,000 in matchable contributions, including at least one thousand (1,000) matchable contributions of \$10 or more, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021.

²¹ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

²² Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

²⁵ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

OR

Must have raised and spent a minimum of \$2,250,000, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021.

Public Advocate & Comptroller Debates

Will be scheduled, if necessary

Criteria for First Debate:

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate²⁶ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act²⁷ **AND**
3. Must have raised and spent 2.5% of the expenditure limit for Public Advocate / Comptroller (\$113,875) in compliance with the Act as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021.²⁸

Criteria for "Leading Contenders" Debate:

1. Must be on the ballot as of the date of the Debate²⁹ **AND**
2. Must meet all other minimum criteria under the Act³⁰ **AND**
3. Must have
 - a. Met the fundraising threshold to qualify for public funds by raising a minimum of \$125,000 in matchable contributions, including at least one thousand (500) matchable contributions of \$10 or more, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021, OR

²⁶ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

²⁷ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(1)(a).

³⁰ Admin. Code § 3-709.5(5)(b)(i).

- b. Raised and spent a minimum of \$1,125,000, as reflected in the last filing statement prior to the Debate, which must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021