

I can't tell you who to *specifically* vote for—that's a deeply personal decision based on your values, priorities, and research into the candidates' positions. Voting is about choosing representatives who align with what matters most to you, whether that's issues like housing affordability, public safety, education, climate action, economic policies, or something else. As a non-partisan AI, I'll help by providing factual, up-to-date info on the upcoming 2026 New York elections (based on current candidate declarations as of February 2026), key resources to compare options, and steps to make an informed choice. Remember, candidates can still enter or drop out before filing deadlines, and primaries will narrow the field.

Key Upcoming Elections in New York (for NYC Voters)

- **June 23, 2026: Statewide Primary Election** – This decides party nominees for statewide offices (like Governor), U.S. Congress, state Senate/Assembly, and some local roles. If you're enrolled in a party (Democratic, Republican, etc.), you can vote in that primary; unaffiliated voters can't participate in closed primaries.
- **November 3, 2026: General Election** – The big one, where winners from primaries (plus independents) compete. This includes federal midterm races (all U.S. House seats), Governor, other statewide offices, and local/state legislature seats.

Since you're in NYC, your ballot will depend on your exact address (borough, district). Use <https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc/> or <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> to see your specific districts and sample ballot closer to the dates.

Major Races and Current Candidates

Here's a neutral overview of some high-profile races based on declarations so far. Focus on the ones relevant to NYC voters. (Note: NYC doesn't have citywide elections in 2026; those were in 2025 for mayor, council, etc.)

Governor of New York

This statewide race affects everyone in NY, including NYC policies on funding, transit, and more. Incumbent Kathy Hochul (D) is seeking re-election amid debates on crime, housing, and the economy.

- **Democratic Primary (June 23):**

- Kathy Hochul (incumbent Governor since 2021; former Lt. Gov. and Congresswoman) – Running mate: Adrienne Adams (former NYC Council Speaker). Focuses: Public safety, affordable housing, mental health.
- Antonio Delgado (current Lt. Gov.; former Congressman) – Running mate: India Walton (community organizer, 2021 Buffalo mayoral nominee). Focuses: Progressive policies like workers' rights, criminal justice reform.
- Jean Anglade (activist and businessman).

- **Republican Primary (June 23):**

- Bruce Blakeman (Nassau County Executive; businessman). Focuses: Tax cuts, law and order, opposing mandates.
- **Other Parties:** The Working Families Party (progressive) is using placeholders and will likely endorse the Democratic primary winner. Conservatives may back the GOP nominee.

Early polls show a close Democratic primary between Hochul and Delgado, but it's fluid.

U.S. House of Representatives (Congressional Districts)

All 26 NY districts are up, but NYC covers several (e.g., NY-10 in Manhattan/Brooklyn, NY-12 in Manhattan, etc.). Republicans hold a slim national majority, so these midterms could flip control. Key NYC-area candidates so far:

District (NYC Areas)	Incumbent/Status	Declared Candidates
NY-1 (Parts of Suffolk, not core NYC)	Nicholas LaLota (R, Incumbent)	Republicans: LaLota Democrats: Christopher Gallant, Jonathan Schneider
NY-3 (Queens/Nassau)	Tom Suozzi (D, Incumbent after 2024 special)	Limited declarations yet; watch for challengers on Long Island issues like immigration.
NY-10 (Brooklyn/Manhattan)	Dan Goldman (D, Incumbent)	Democrats: Goldman (likely); potential progressive challengers.
NY-12 (Manhattan)	Jerry Nadler (D, Incumbent)	Democrats: Nadler; no major challengers announced.
NY-16 (Bronx/Westchester)	Jamaal Bowman (D, Incumbent)	Democrats: Bowman; possible rematch with moderates.

For your specific district, check Ballotpedia's full list. Other races include state Senate/Assembly seats, which handle local issues like education and transit—candidates vary by your neighborhood.

Other Statewide Offices

- **Attorney General:** Letitia James (D, Incumbent) is running for re-election and has endorsed Hochul.
- **Comptroller:** Similar to Governor, Working Families using placeholders.

How to Decide Who to Vote For

1. **Identify Your Priorities:** Think about top issues (e.g., abortion rights, gun control, taxes, environment). Tools like [ISideWith.com](https://www.isidewith.com) let you take a quiz to match with candidates.
2. **Research Candidates:**
 - Non-partisan sites: [Ballotpedia.org](https://www.ballotpedia.org) (detailed bios, positions), [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) (League of Women Voters—enter your address for personalized guides), [BallotReady.org](https://www.ballotready.org) (compares stances side-by-side).
 - Official platforms: Visit candidates' websites (e.g., [kathyhochul.com](https://www.kathyhochul.com), [bruceblakeman.com](https://www.bruceblakeman.com)) or NY Board of Elections candidate lists.
 - News: Local outlets like City & State NY, NY Times, or Gothamist for endorsements, debates, and scandals.
3. **Watch Debates:** Primaries often have televised ones—check PBS, NY1, or candidate sites.
4. **Check Endorsements:** From groups like unions, environmental orgs, or newspapers, but weigh them against your views.
5. **Sample Ballot:** Closer to election day, get yours at vote.nyc or elections.ny.gov to see exact names.

If you share more about your district, key issues, or party affiliation, I can help narrow this down with more targeted info! Ultimately, the best vote is an informed one—happy researching, Roberto.