UPTOWN COMMUNITY DEMOCRATS

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY PLAN

- UCDnyc.com/vote
- UCDnyc.com/votar
- UCDnyc.com/oct24

3. JUDGES ON YOUR BALLOT!

- UCDnyc.com - it's all on the home page!
- WFP judges are PLACEHOLDERS, IGNORE WFP JUDGES
- The last 4 civil court judges: Keshia Espinal, Aija Tingling, Matthew Levy, Karen Cortes. *Please vote for ALL of them!!!*

4. BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

- Open discussion
- Notes from Common Cause UCDdnyc.com/CCauseProp & Inwood Legal Action UCDnyc.com/InLActProp

5. UCD ANNUAL MEETING IS IN NOVEMBER!

- UCD elections Thu, Nov 19th at 6:30pm
- Last call for nominations: nobles1983@gmail.com

6. OFFICER REPORTS

7. NEW BUSINESS, OLD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. THANK YOUS!

9. NEXT MEETING is set for Thu, Nov 19th at 6:30pm via zoom

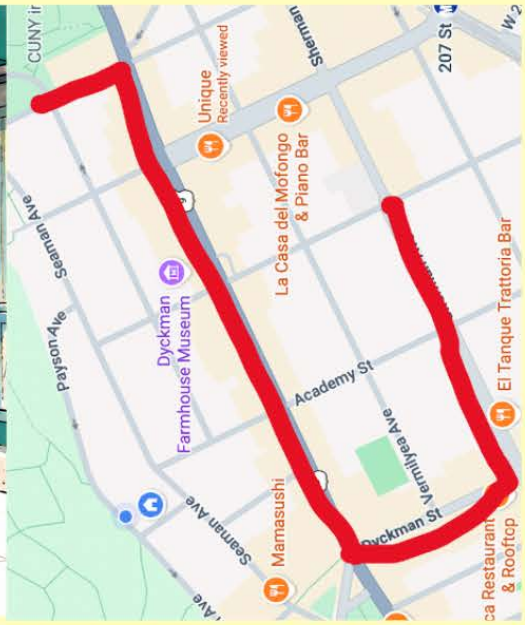
HOW TO ATTEND:

ZOOM MEETING
Topic: Oct General Meeting
Date: Thu, Oct 22
Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm
Zoom Link: Click here to join the call
More: Meeting ID, 765 227 9041, Passcode 771764

Short URL: UCDnyc.com/102226
Long URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88522354797?pwd=fQwBN7buGXMoIYVatVMvaWsarnUZa5.1

PARADE TO THE POLLS!





BRING SIGNS, INSTRUMENTS, FLAGS & HATS!

SAT, OCT 24 – 12PM
THE FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING!

MEET AT THE INWOOD INDIVISIBLE TABLE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE **ISHAM ST FARMERS MARKET**. MARCH TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ACADEMY ON SHERMAN AVE VIA BWAY & DYCKMAN.

INWOOD INDIVISIBLE

JOIN THE VOTE EARLY PARADE!

UPTOWN COMMUNITY DEMOCRATS

MANHATTAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

GET VOTE-READY, MANHATTAN!

REGISTER • CHECK YOUR STATUS • FIND YOUR POLL SITE • MAKE A PLAN

OCT 24	OCT 24–NOV 1	NOV 3
Registration deadline Application must be received by the Board of Elections.	**Early Voting** Vote early at your assigned Early Voting location.	**Election Day** Polls are open 6:00 AM–9:00 PM.

3 QUICK STEPS BEFORE YOU VOTE

STEP 1 REGISTER / UPDATE	STEP 2 CHECK YOUR STATUS	STEP 3 FIND WHERE TO VOTE
Short URL: UCDnyc.com/reg	Short URL: UCDnyc.com/check	Short URL: UCDnyc.com/find
Register to vote or update your name or address.	Confirm your registration is active and your information is current.	Look up your Early Voting and Election Day sites and view your sample ballot.

MAKE YOUR VOTING PLAN

☐ I know whether I'm voting early or on Election Day.
☐ I checked my assigned voting location and hours.
☐ I know how I'm getting there.
☐ I reviewed my sample ballot.

My voting date/time: _____

My voting location: _____

NEED HELP?

NYC Board of Elections
1-866-VOTE-NYC
(1-866-868-3692)

Election Protection
866-OUR-VOTE
(866-687-8683)

ONE MANHATTAN. MANY NEIGHBORHOODS. EVERY VOTER READY.

Manhattan Democratic Party • Voter Registration & Education Week • October 5–9, 2026

MANHATTAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PREPÁRATE VOTE-READY, MANHATTAN!

REGISTRATE • CHEQUEA TU ESTATUS • BUSCA DÓNDE TE TOCA • ARMA TU PLAN

OCT 24	OCT 24–NOV 1	NOV 3
Fecha límite para registrarte	**Votación Anticipada**	**Día de las Elecciones**
Board of Elections tiene que recibir tu solicitud a más tardar este día.	Vote early en el centro de votación que te asignaron.	Los centros de votación abren de 6:00 AM a 9:00 PM.

3 PASOS RÁPIDOS ANTES DE VOTAR

STEP 1 REGISTRATE / ARREGLA	STEP 2 VERIFICA TU ESTATUS	STEP 3 BUSCA DÓNDE VOTAR
Enlace corto: UCDnyc.com/reg	Enlace corto: UCDnyc.com/check	Enlace corto: UCDnyc.com/find
Inscríbete pa' votar o actualiza tu nombre o dirección.	Confirma que tu inscripción esté activa y que tu información esté al día.	Busca tus centros de Early Voting y del Election Day, y échale un ojo a tu boleta de muestra.

ARMA TU PLAN PA' VOTAR

- ☐ Ya sé si voy a votar temprano o el Election Day.
- ☐ Ya verifiqué mi centro de votación y el horario..
- ☐ Ya sé cómo voy a llegar.
- ☐ Ya revisé mi boleta de muestra.

Cuándo voy a votar (fecha/hora): _____

Dónde voy a votar: _____

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UN SOLO MANHATTAN. MUCHOS BARRIOS. TODO EL MUNDO LISTO PA' VOTAR.

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Common Cause
NEW YORK

2026 NYC Ballot Proposals

This November, New York City voters will consider five proposed amendments to the City Charter, which governs how City government operates. The proposals address public space, government contracting, street safety, construction permitting, and financial reserves.

Common Cause New York evaluates these proposals through the lens of transparency, accountability, public participation, and effective government.

Proposal 1: Streamline the Process for Using Public Space

Our Position: Vote NO

This proposal would simplify the approval process for certain private uses of public space, including outdoor dining, accessibility ramps, benches, and planters. However, it would also eliminate certain existing requirements for public hearings and City Council review.

Why we oppose it: Government efficiency is important, but it should *not* come at the expense of public participation and legislative oversight. Streamlining administrative processes should not mean removing meaningful opportunities for New Yorkers and their elected representatives to weigh in on decisions affecting public spaces.

Proposal 2: Reform the Contracting and Procurement Process

Our Position: Vote YES

This proposal would allow the City's Procurement Policy Board to adjust pre-contracting questionnaires based on the type of contractor, rather than applying the same requirements across the board. It would also require the Board to meet quarterly and eliminate a hearing associated with a client-services report.

Why we support it: Government contracting should be accessible, efficient, and accountable. Reducing unnecessary administrative burdens can help smaller businesses and nonprofits participate in City contracting, while regular Procurement Policy Board meetings provide an additional opportunity for oversight. Transparency and safeguards protecting public funds must remain intact.

Proposal 3: Speed Up Street Safety Projects, Office Leasing, and Activation of City Land

Our Position: No Position

This proposal would change several procedures involving transportation projects, City-owned properties, development rights associated with City landmarks, and City office leasing.

Why we're not taking a position: While government transparency and public participation remain important, this proposal primarily concerns transportation, land use, and real estate policy. Common Cause New York is not taking a position on its broader policy merits.

Proposal 4: Simplify Building Permitting

Our Position: Vote YES

This proposal would create a more centralized construction-permitting process, consolidate certain responsibilities, and expand some Department of Buildings authorities.

Why we support it: New Yorkers should be able to navigate City government without facing unnecessarily complicated administrative processes. A more coordinated permitting system could improve efficiency and predictability, provided that transparency, safety protections, and independent oversight remain in place.

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Proposal 5: Require Contributions to the Rainy-Day Fund

Our Position: Vote YES

This proposal would establish a target for City financial reserves equal to 12% of the previous year's tax revenues. It would also require the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the City Comptroller, to develop and publicly maintain a methodology for contributions to the Revenue Stabilization Fund when reserves fall below that target. The proposal would add requirements for withdrawals and public notice.

Why we support it: New Yorkers deserve transparency and accountability in how their government manages public funds. Establishing clearer rules for maintaining and accessing financial reserves can make fiscal decisions more predictable and subject to public scrutiny.

The proposal also gives the independently elected Comptroller a formal role while preserving City Council involvement in the budget process. These safeguards can strengthen accountability across administrations.

Learn More

Before heading to the polls, we encourage New Yorkers to read the full proposals and make informed decisions.

- Read the proposed Charter amendments
  https://www.nyc.gov/assets/charter/downloads/pdf/2026/Proposed-Charter-Amendments-20260720.pdf

- Read the Charter Revision Commission's executive summary
  https://www.nyc.gov/assets/charter/downloads/pdf/2026/COGE-proposed-final-report-executive-summary-July-20-2026.pdf



NYC VOTERS:
VOTE NO
ON ALL 5 BALLOT PROPOSALS

THEY ARE NOT READY FOR THE BALLOT

These Charter amendments are not fully explained on the ballot; cut Council oversight and public input; override or duplicate existing local laws; and open the door to developer giveaways. A two-month Charter revision process is a joke!



PROPOSAL 1: STREET CAFÉS & PUBLIC SPACE

Reduces opportunities for public input and Council oversight in the name of efficiency.

Eliminates public hearings and ends the Council's power to reject street-café licenses — overriding the café reforms the Council enacted in 2023 (Admin. Code §19-160).



PROPOSAL 2: CITY CONTRACTING

A Charter revision for a meeting schedule? Why?

Requires the Procurement Policy Board to meet quarterly — something the Mayor and Comptroller, who control the board, can already do. Reducing one layer of contract review and approval saves contractors only 1 to 2 weeks annually from a process that often takes more than a year and, according to COGE, benefits only 120 contracts out many, many thousands of contracts active every fiscal year. Proposal #2 does not address the primary problems of not-for-profit contractors, which are late contract registration and late payments.



PROPOSAL 3: STREETS, LAND SALES & OFFICE LEASES

Three unrelated changes in one yes/no vote.

Fast-tracks sales of City-owned lots up to 10,000 sq ft with no final Council review — a potential giveaway to developers. A 10,000 square foot lot could support a very tall and very profitable building, depending on the FAR. Allows DOT to start street safety projects before community boards weigh in. Conflicts with existing local law requiring consultation with FDNY firehouses and FDNY executives. Eliminates Council review of office leases by the City and concentrates discretion in DCAS for lease review and approval.



PROPOSAL 4: CONSTRUCTION PERMIT "HUB"

Doesn't belong in the Charter.

A permit hub could be created by executive order or a memorandum of agreement among agencies. Worse, the Charter text as written would let the Buildings Commissioner appoint an unlimited number of deputy commissioners and borough deputy commissioners.



PROPOSAL 5: RAINY DAY FUND

Sidelines the Council from a ~$10 billion fund.

Effectively excludes the Council from setting policies for the reserve — and its 12% target falls short of the 16% the Comptroller has recommended to weather an average recession.

THE CHARTER IS OUR CITY'S CONSTITUTION. DON'T REWRITE IT IN A RUSH.

The 1989 Charter overhaul took two years. These five proposals were drafted in about two months. And the ballot summaries don't always match the actual Charter language — **you could be approving changes the ballot never explains.**



FLIP YOUR BALLOT! Vote NO on 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 • Find your poll site & early voting hours: findmypollsite.vote.nyc

For a more detailed summary of the ballot proposals, contact Inwood Legal Action at: inwoodlegalaction@gmail.com