



What's on Your Ballot?

It won't just be the candidates! This November, in addition to the Mayor and City Council races, voters get the choice to amend the NYC Charter. Here's the 411:

There will be 6 questions on the ballot

- Question 1 is state-wide
- Questions 2 - 6 are NYC specific
 - Questions 2 - 5 deal with housing and the land use process
 - Question 6 deals with the timing of local elections

State-wide Ballot Question

Question 1: Allow Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County on State Forest Preserve Land

- What it Does: Voting yes on this proposal would allow new development on the Olympic Sports Complex on state forest preserve land in the Adirondacks, in exchange for adding 2,500 new acres of wilderness to the preserve

NYC Specific Ballot Questions

Question 2: Fast Track Affordable Housing to Build More Affordable Housing Across the City

- What it Does: Voting yes on this proposal would create a new fast-track for affordable housing projects instead of the longer ULURP public review process.
- Details: This proposal would apply to two different types of affordable housing:
 - **Publicly financed affordable housing developments**, including 100% affordable developments would move through a faster process in *ALL* Community Districts in the city, with the final say coming from the Board of Standards and Appeals instead of the City Council.
 - Mixed-income housing developments with no public financing that fall under the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program would move through a faster process *ONLY* in the 12 Community Districts that produced the least affordable housing

over the previous 5 years, with the final say coming from the City Planning Commission instead of the City Council

Question 3: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects

- What it Does: Voting yes on this proposal would create a new fast-track for certain modest housing and infrastructure projects.
- Details: The following types of projects could move through a faster public review process, with the final say coming from the City Planning Commission instead of City Council:
 - Housing proposals in mid- to high-density districts that would increase the maximum allowed size by 30% or less
 - a. Housing proposals in low-density districts that would increase the maximum allowed height to no more than 45 feet
 - b. Acquiring, or giving away City-owned land, or making street changes, connected to affordable housing development or resiliency infrastructure projects

Question 4: Establish an Affordable Housing Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Representation

- What it Does: Voting yes on this proposal would create an Affordable Housing Appeals Board that could reverse City Council decisions that reject or change affordable housing projects.
- Details: The Affordable Housing Appeals Board would:
 - Be made up of the Mayor, local Borough President, and City Council Speaker
 - Have the power to overturn a no vote or undo specific changes made by City Council for an affordable housing project - if 2 out of 3 members of the Appeals Board agree

Question 5: Create a Digital City Map to Modernize City Operations

- What it Does: Voting yes on this proposal would consolidate and digitize the official City Map of the City of New York, which today consists of paper maps across five borough offices, into one digital City Map at the Department of City Planning.

Question 6: Move Local Elections to Presidential Election Years to Increase Voter Participation

- What it Does: Voting yes on this proposal would move local NYC elections from odd-number years to the same even-number years when Presidential elections are held.
- Details: This change would not happen immediately as it would also require changes at the state level before it could go into effect - but approval of Question 6 would clear the path for NYC to enact this change if and when it's permitted by New York State

ANHD strongly urges our members, allies, and friends in the affordable housing movement to support Question 2 in November.

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