Welcome!

1) What name would you like to be called?

2) What do you hope to learn today?

3) Did you apply for / receive an absentee ballot?
AGENDA

★ What issues are important to me?
★ Who represents my community?
★ Collecting Information
★ Making Decisions
★ Logistics: Voting in Person
★ Logistics: Absentee Ballots
ISSUES

First, think: What’s important to you?
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★ Health Care
★ Social Services
★ Black Lives Matter
★ LGBTQ+ Rights
★ Women’s Rights
★ Jobs / Economy
★ Justice System / Policing
★ Transportation / Infrastructure
★ Environment / Climate Change
★ Education
★ Student loans
★ Housing
★ Abortion
★ Gun Control
★ Death Penalty
★ Immigration
★ Taxes
★ …..
ELECTIONS

Local:
NYC Mayor
Borough President
Public Advocate
City Council
Judges
District Attorneys

NY State:
Governor
Lt. Governor
State Senator
State Assembly Member
State Supreme Court Justices
Attorney General

National:
President
NY Senator
NY Representative

Education, roads, police, fire dept, libraries, health services, social services, community projects, local parks

Transportation, Medicaid, corrections, education, social services, environmental services, state parks, pensions

Social Security, Military, Health Care, Veterans, transportation, education, research, foreign policy & international aid
ELECTIONS

Step 1: [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

Step 2: Enter YOUR address

Step 3: [Explore Now](http://www.vote411.org)

Step 4: [Choose My Party](http://www.vote411.org)

Step 5: [Make Selection](http://www.vote411.org)
COLLECTING INFO

★ Make a chart / graphic organizer
  *Example Template here*

★ Look at one election / office at a time

★ Visit candidate websites

★ Read policy on top issues

★ Skim articles from *reliable* sources

★ Take notes (so you don’t forget)
COLLECTING INFO

Possible Search Terms
★ [candidate name] issues
★ [candidate name] platform
★ [candidate name] policy
★ [candidate name] health care
MAKING DECISIONS

No one candidate is going to be perfect.

Choose someone who has good policy ideas on issues that are important to you and/or won’t be harmful on issues that are important to you.

Don’t vote for a candidate just because they are going to win and/or have name recognition.
VOTING IN PERSON

★ Early Voting:
Saturday, June 13 - Sunday, June 21
○ Vote this week/weekend to avoid crowds

★ Election Day: Tuesday, June 23

★ https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search
○ Early Voting Location & Hours
○ Election Day Location & Hours
ABSENTEE BALLOTS

★ MUST be received by 9PM on June 23
  ○ SEND IN ASAP
★ Mark with pen or pencil
★ DON’T WRITE on ballot (except in write-in space) or it won’t count!
★ DON’T fill in too many ovals!
★ NO erasing or crossing out.
**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Fill in completely (like on tests)

**WRITE IN**
Put completed ballot in this envelope:

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

You don’t need to write anything on this side.
Seal it. Sign it. Date it.

SIGNATURE AND MARK OF VOTER

[Signature and Address of Witness (Required only if voter does not sign his own name)]

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Back of envelope →
ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Put the SEALED envelope in THIS envelope:

Write your return address & put in the mail!

Your Address

NO stamp