



What is participatory budgeting?

Participatory budgeting is a new way to make decisions about publicly funded projects in our neighborhoods.

Participatory budgeting gives ordinary people real decision-making power over real money. It's already working in over 3,000 cities all over the world, and now participatory budgeting is being used in New York City.

This year, ten New York City Council Members asked their constituents to decide how to spend capital discretionary funds. Those are funds that can be used for physical improvements that benefit the public, and each district has committed at least \$1 million.

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How does participatory budgeting work?

Last fall, district residents like you came to neighborhood assemblies to identify community needs and suggest projects. Then, volunteers joined delegate committees to develop those suggestions into project proposals, and worked with city agencies to estimate project costs. They put together the proposals you will vote on today.

Now is your chance to vote for the projects you think should get funded. The projects with the most votes, up to at least \$1 million, will be included in next year's city budget, to be built or implemented over the next few years.

You'll get to enjoy the improvements you help make happen. And hopefully, you'll be a part of future participatory budgeting efforts in the city!

Credits:

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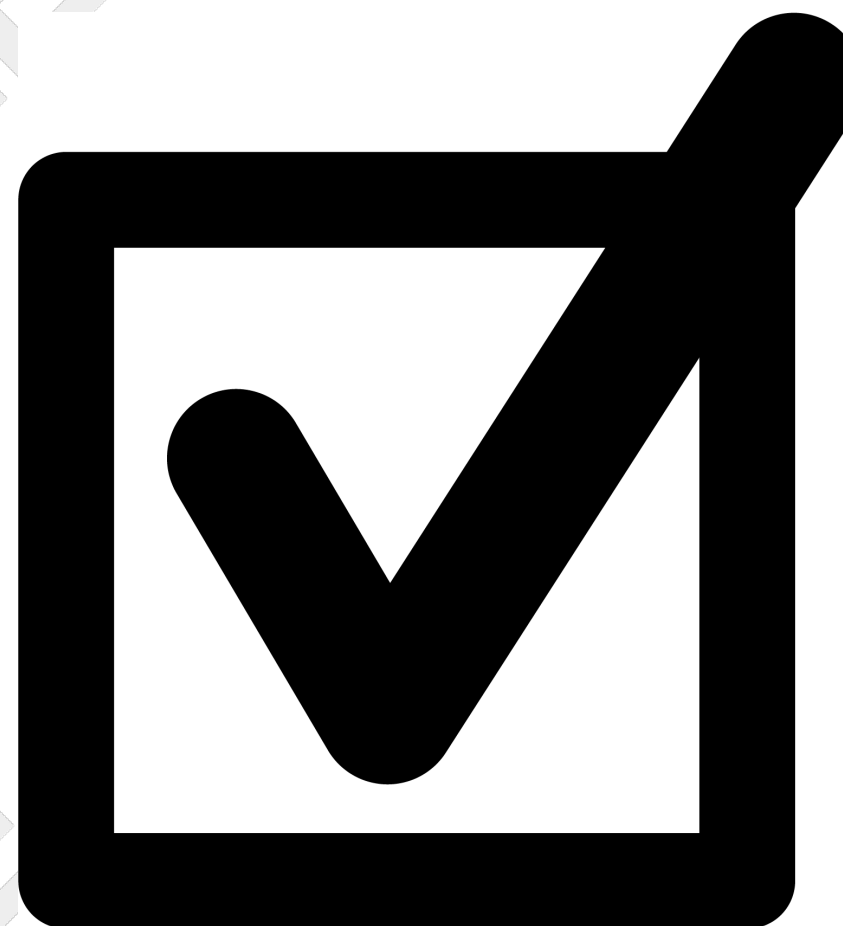
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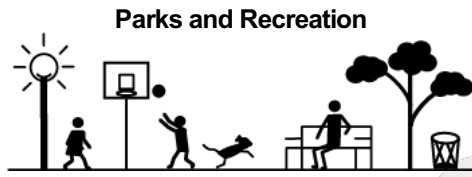
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District 31
Far Rockaway
Edgemere
Wavecrest
Arverne
Bayswater

Voting instructions

- All residents of the district, age 16 and up, can vote.
- You may vote for up to five (5) projects.
- You can not vote for the same project more than once.
- Ballots marked with more than five votes are invalid and will not be counted.
- Mark boxes clearly with an "X" or check mark, or fully shade them in.
- Use black or blue ink. Ballots marked in pencil will not be counted.





Parks and Recreation

1. Park Improvements to Bayswater Park

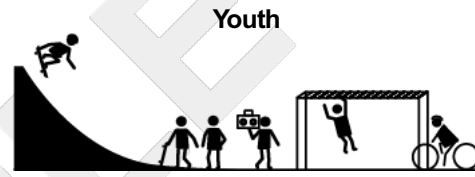


D31-01-BAYSFK
 \$682,000 (Bayswater)
 Parks are expensive, but we can fully fund a pre-fabricated Skate Park or Kick Start one of the large scale Bayswater Park improvements with the Parks Department. Bayswater

2. Waterline Community Garden



D31-02-WTRGRD
 \$150,000 (Far Rockaway)
 A waterline would create irrigation to the garden at this location. This space creates an oasis and opportunities for local residents to grow their own vegetables, herbs, and plants. Beach 58th Street and Beach Channel Drive



Youth

3. Gym Renovations at the Far Rockaway Educational Campus



D31-03-FRGYM
 \$125,000 (Far Rockaway)
 Gym renovations, including new bleachers for both indoor gymnasiums and a complete renovation of the indoor track, as the current structures are safety hazards. If there is enough funding, we would also like new, functioning scoreboards for both gyms. Beach 25th street

4. Weight Room Upgrade at the Far Rockaway Educational Campus

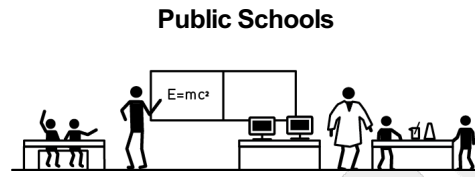


D31-04-FRVTRM
 \$150,000 (Far Rockaway)
 An upgrade to the weight room, including new paint, electrical wiring as needed and new fitness equipment, so that the space can be better utilized by students and athletic programs. Beach 25th street

5. Community Center Playground at the Redfern Community Center



D31-05-FRPLAY
 \$150,000 (Far Rockaway)
 Replacing the current playground structure, which is unsafe, with a new structure that children can actually use. Redfern Houses 1544 Hassock Street, Far Rockaway NY 11691



Public Schools

6. Library Technology Upgrade (Far Rockaway Campus)



D31-06-LIBTCH
 \$150,000 (Far Rockaway)
 Technology upgrade for the library, shared by all four schools in the building, including new laptop carts, printers, and smart boards to enhance the learning experience for students and expand their access to technology. Beach 25th street

7. PS/MS 43 Computer Lab

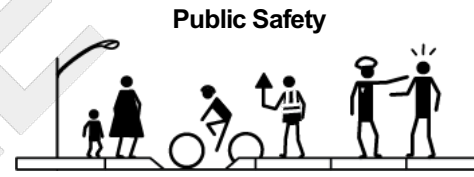


D31-07-CMPLAB
 \$150,000 (Far Rockaway)
 31 Desktop Computers (iMac's), Wired Internet, Rewiring of Room 405, Circular tables, Matching computer chairs, Three Smart Boards, Floor coverings, Ethernet cables, Headphones. 150 Beach 29th Street

8. P.S. 43 A Band Plays In Far Rockaway



D31-08-FRBAND
 \$40,000 (Far Rockaway)
 Improvements to band facilities and instruments for a marching band in Far Rockaway. 150 Beach 29th street



Public Safety

9. Argus Cameras



D31-09-ARGUS
 \$150,000 (Far Rockaway)
 The Argus Cameras will increase safety for the residents on the peninsula. This specific kind of camera has served as a resource to law enforcement and a deterrent to potential perpetrators. Beach 25th & Rockaway Freeway

