



## 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!

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# 2014 Official Ballot

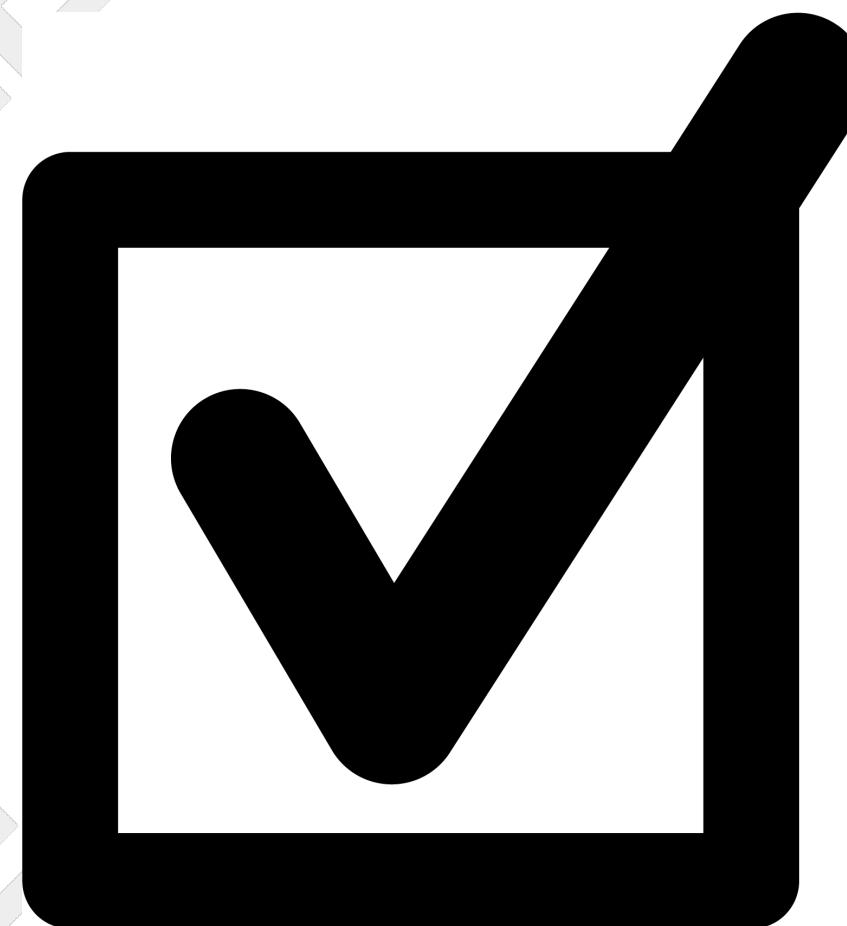
## Participatory Budgeting in New York City

Council Member  
Eric Ulrich

District 32  
Breezy Point  
Neponsit  
Belle Harbor  
Rockaway Park  
Rockaway Beach  
Seaside  
Broad Channel

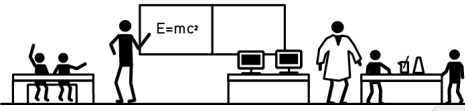
### Voting instructions

- 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.





**Upping the Standards in Our Schools**



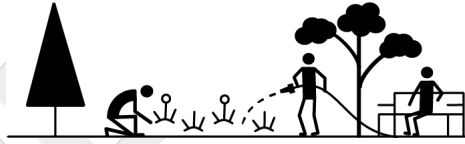
**1. Upping the Standards in Our Schools**



D32-01-UPGSCH

\$320,000 (Various)  
BCHS Campus-SAT prep area in the library with computers; P.S. 317/M.S. 318- protective padding and scoreboard for gym, tech upgrades including laptops and SMART boards; Scholar's Academy Middle and High Schools- Lighting equipment & control board for theater; P.S. 47- Tech upgrades-DVD, A/V, wireless microphones; P.S. 114-landscaping various

**Parks and Environment**



**2. Additional Funding for Performance Space**



D32-02-PERFRM

\$200,000 (Rockaway Beach)  
Monies to upgrade audio equipment and electrical system to performance space to be built (construction of performance space-gazebo-was funded as prior PB project). vicinity of Beach 97th Street at Shore Front Parkway

**3. Sea themed statue/project**



D32-03-STATUE

\$150,000 (Rockaway Beach)  
Money toward the design, construction and installation of a sea-themed statue (i.e. whale, dolphin, mermaid). To be designed with community input, this project will embody the Spirit of Post Sandy Rockaway (courage, gratitude and unity) and will stand as a Rockaway landmark as did "Whalemena" . Vicinity of Beach 95th Street at Shore Front Parkway

**4. Community Information Boards**



D32-04-INFOBD

\$35,000 (various)  
Purchase and installation of community information boards at various locations. Boards will be multi-sided wooden structures that will allow for the display of maps of neighborhoods that include local businesses and attractions, as well as space for community meeting notices. Beach access points at Beach 95, 108, 116 and others TBD

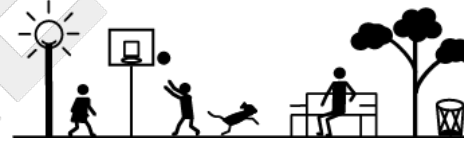
**5. Median resurfacing and beautification**



D32-05-MEDIAN

\$100,000 (Neponsit and Roxbury areas)  
Landscaping and decorative planting on medians coming into the Rockaways from the Marine Parkway (Gil Hodges Memorial) Bridge both east and west of the bridge. Beach Channel Drive & Rockaway Point Boulevard near Bridge

**Parks and Recreation**



**6. Resurfacing and Improvements to Broad Channel Park**



D32-06-BCPARK

\$100,000 (Broad Channel)  
Resurfacing of basketball courts and reconfiguration of two existing basketball courts along Cross Bay Boulevard for use as a roller hockey play area.

Cross Bay Boulevard between East 16th and 18th Roads

**7. ADA compatible swing sets for children**



D32-07-ADAPLY

\$150,000 (various)  
Purchase and installation of swing sets for children with special needs. Various playgrounds in the Rockaways and Broad Channel.

**8. Adult Exercise Equipment**



D32-08-EXRCISE

\$100,000 (Rockaway Beach)  
Purchase and installation of adult exercise equipment to be placed at locations in parks along Shore Front Parkway as part of the rebuilding of the parks/boardwalk amenities already planned. Park areas adjacent to boardwalk

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