



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.

For more information:

pbnewyorkcity@gmail.com
(347) 881-3699
or visit <http://pbnyc.org>

PBNYC Community Engagement
Lead
Community Voices Heard
212-860-6001
cvh@cvhaction.org
<http://www.cvhaction.org>

PBNYC Technical Assistance Lead
The Participatory Budgeting Project
347-554-7357
info@participatorybudgeting.org
<http://www.participatorybudgeting.org>

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:

This ballot was produced by the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), the design firm of MTWTF, and the PBNYC Citywide Steering Committee.

Special Thanks to The Participatory Budgeting Project, Community Voices Heard, the Budget Delegates, the members of the Citywide Steering Committee, and the District Committees.

The ten districts are:

Council Member Ben Kallos
District 5, Mahattan
BKallos@benkallos.com
(212) 860-1950

Council Speaker
Melissa Mark-Viverito
District 8, Manhattan/Bronx
mmvbudget@gmail.com
(212) 788-6960

Council Member Mark S. Weprin
District 23, Queens
mweprin@council.nyc.gov
(718) 468-0137

Council Member Donovan Richards
District 31, Queens
district31pb@gmail.com
(718) 471-7014

Council Member Eric Ulrich
District 32, Queens
rgiuliani@council.nyc.gov
(718) 738-1083

Council Member Stephen Levin
District 33, Brooklyn
district33pb@gmail.com
(718) 875-5200

Council Member Carlos Menchaca
District 38, Brooklyn
district38pb@gmail.com
(718) 439-9012

Council Member Brad Lander
District 39, Brooklyn
lander@council.nyc.gov
(718) 499-1090

Council Member David G. Greenfield
District 44, Brooklyn
tpoulsen@council.nyc.gov
(718) 853-2704

Council Member Jumaane D. Williams
District 45, Brooklyn
PBDistrict45@gmail.com
(718) 629-2900

2014 Official Ballot

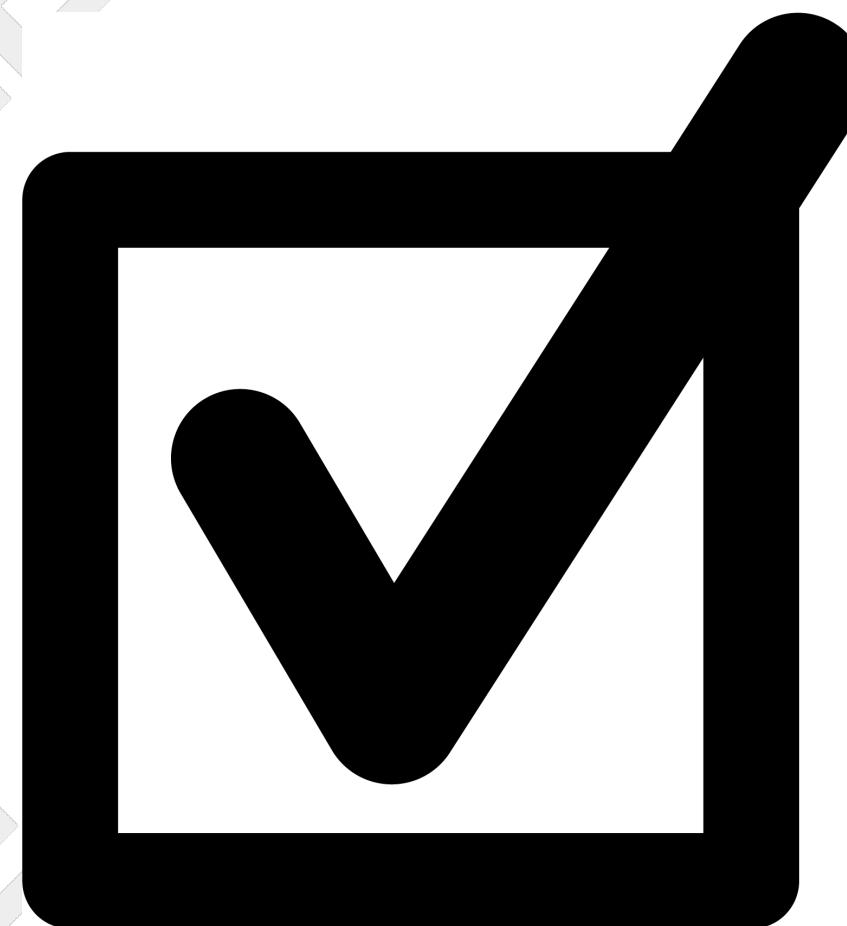
Participatory Budgeting in New York City

Council Member
Ben Kallos

District 5
Midtown East
Upper East Side
El Barrio
Roosevelt Island

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.

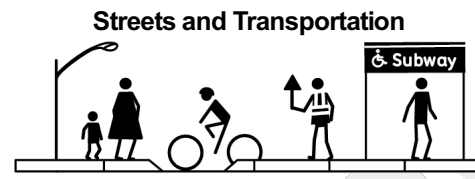




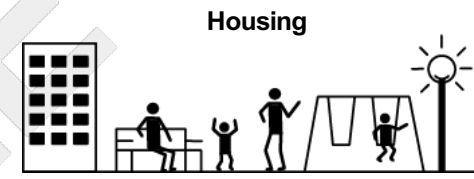
Parks and Recreation



Libraries



Streets and Transportation



Housing



Save Your Money For Next Cycle

1. Full Court Press: Renovate Basketball Courts at John Jay Park
 D5-01-EBBCT
 \$400,000 (Upper East Side)
 Renovate basketball courts, including new backboards, hoops, and sports-coating. E. 76 St. - E 78 St. FDR Dr

6. Hot Reads: NYPL 67th Street Branch Heating
 D5-06-LBHEAT
 \$500,000 (Upper East Side)
 Fund a new, energy-efficient heating unit for the 67th Street Branch and ensure library-goers stay warm through the winter. 328 E. 67th St.

11. Bus Time: M31 Downtown & Westbound Stops In-District
 D5-11-TIME1
 \$340,000 (District-wide)
 Install 17 electronic signs along M31 downtown and westbound routes that tell riders when the next bus will arrive in real time.

13. Greener Stanley Isaacs & Holmes Towers: New Gardens
 D5-13-SIHGRD
 \$150,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace old planting throughout the residence with fresh, vibrant gardens. East 93rd St. & 1st Ave.

19. Lexington Houses: New Fridges & Stoves
 D5-19-LEXAPP
 \$430,000 (El Barrio)
 Replace out-of-date fridges and stoves for Lexington houses residents; 4 buildings with 448 apartments East 98th and East 99th Streets, and Third and Park Avenues

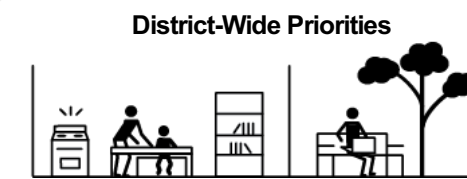
23. Save Your Money For Next Cycle: \$100,000
 D5-23-SYM100
 \$100,000
 Vote to save your money for next year. In the next cycle, you will be able to propose projects for inclusion in Participatory Budgeting.

2. Fun in the Sun: Replace Sprinklers at St. Catherine's Park
 D5-02-SPRAY
 \$200,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace the plumbing, interactive spray heads and sportscoating at the children's spray showers in St. Catherine's Park. First Ave & E. 67th-68th Sts.

7. Cool Reading: NYPL 67th Street Branch Cooling
 D5-07-LBCCOL
 \$500,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace the existing cooling system in the library, a designated cooling center for those in need. 328 E. 67th St.

12. Bus Time: West Bound Crosstown Bus Stops In-District
 D5-12-TIME2
 \$300,000 (District-wide)
 Install 15 electronic signs along the M96, M86, M79, M66 crosstown bus routes that tell riders when the next bus will arrive in real time.

14. Play Stanley Isaacs & Holmes Towers: Upper Playground
 D5-14-SIHPLY
 \$150,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace playground equipment in the upper play area. East 93rd St. & 1st Ave.



District-Wide Priorities

24. Save Your Money For Next Cycle: \$250,000
 D5-24-SYM250
 \$250,000
 Vote to save at least \$250,000 for next year. In the next cycle, you will be able to propose projects for inclusion in the Participatory Budgeting Ballot. If you vote for this project, your vote will automatically be attributed to project #23. The vote attributed to project #23 will not be subtracted from your total of 5 votes.

3. A Greener Ruppert Park: New Watering System
 D5-03-WATER
 \$100,000 (Upper East Side)
 Install a new irrigation system to water Ruppert Park's beautiful greenery. Second Ave. & E. 90th-91st Sts.

8. A Safer Library: NYPL 67th Street Branch Security System
 D5-08-LBSAFE
 \$40,000 (Upper East Side)
 This project will provide a full turn-key security system for the CCTV system, currently due for an update. 328 E. 67th St.

15. Play Stanley Isaacs & Holmes Towers: Lower Playground
 D5-15-SIHPL2
 \$250,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace playground equipment in the lower play area. East 93rd St. & 1st Ave.

20. District-Wide Priorities: Public Schools
 D5-20-PSGEN
 \$250,000 (District-wide)
 Money will be allocated between the 5 public schools within District 5: PS 290, PS 158, PS 198, PS/IS 217, and PS 151 (YCS)

25. Save Your Money For Next Cycle: \$500,000
 D5-25-SYM500
 \$500,000
 Vote to save \$500,000 for next year. In the next cycle, you will be able to propose projects for inclusion in the Participatory Budgeting Ballot. If you vote for this project, your vote will automatically be attributed to projects #23 & #24. The votes attributed to projects #23 & #24 will not be subtracted from your total of 5 votes.

4. Cleaner Parks: Maintenance Machine
 D5-04-VEHICL
 \$65,000 (District-wide)
 Fund a "Toolcat" multi-purpose vehicle to help keep parks clean through tough weather conditions. District Parks

9. Cool Reading: NYPL Webster Library Branch Cooling
 D5-09-COOL2
 \$500,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace the existing cooling system in the library, a designated cooling center for those in need. 1465 York Ave.

16. Robbins Plaza: Security System Upgrade
 D5-16-ROBSEC
 \$175,000 (Upper East Side)
 Upgrade the old security system at Robbins Plaza, so seniors can be safer. 341 East 70th Street

21. District-Wide Priorities: Senior Centers
 D5-21-SRGEN
 \$250,000 (District-wide)
 Money will be allocated for improvements to senior centers in the district.

5. Safe Strolling: Carl Schurz Park Handrails
 D5-05-HANDRL
 \$80,000 (Upper East Side)
 Handrails on park staircases will make it easier and safer for seniors to stroll through the park. East End Av To East River, E 84 St To E 90 St

10. Wired Webster: NYPL Webster Library Branch New Electrical System
 D5-10-LBELEC
 \$300,000 (Upper East Side)
 Increase the number of people who can use computers and electrical equipment by replacing the current electrical system. 1465 York Ave.

17. Robbins Plaza: ADA Access
 D5-17-ROBADA
 \$45,000 (Upper East Side)
 Automatic entrance will make it easier for seniors to come and go from their homes. 341 East 70th Street

22. District-Wide Priorities: Parks
 D5-22-PRKGEN
 \$250,000 (District-wide)
 Money will be allocated to revitalize parks in the district.

18. Robbins Plaza: New Fridges & Stoves
 D5-18-ROBAPP
 \$45,000 (Upper East Side)
 Replace out-of-date fridges and stoves for Robbins Plaza residents 341 East 70th Street

