



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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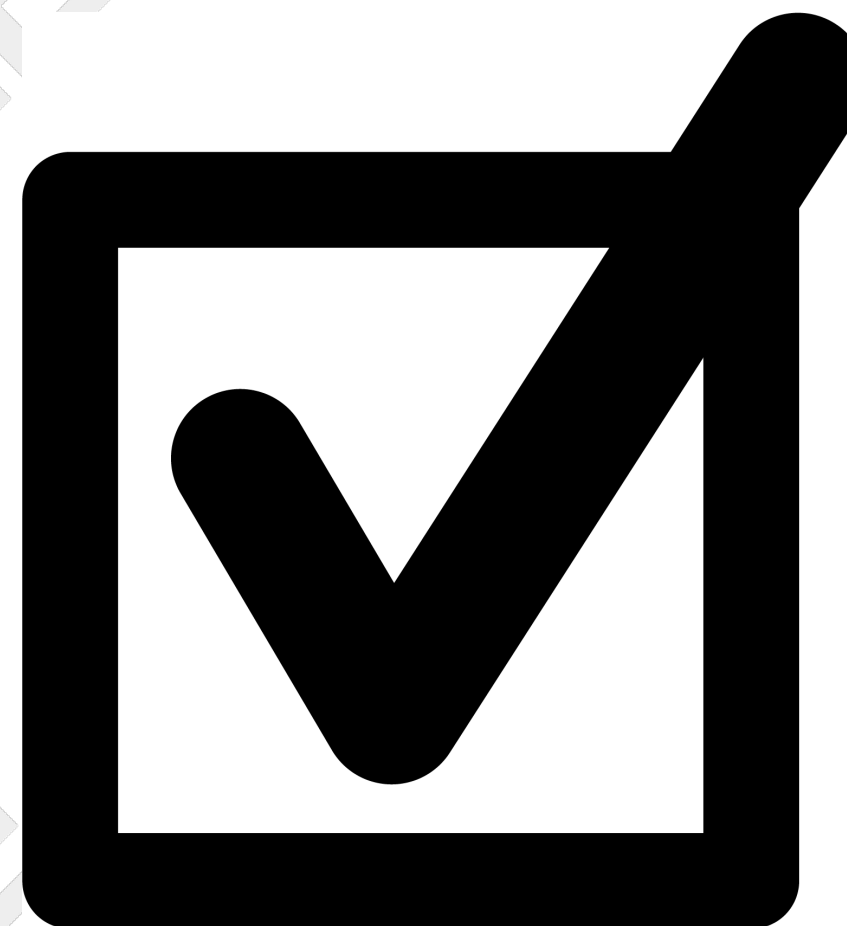
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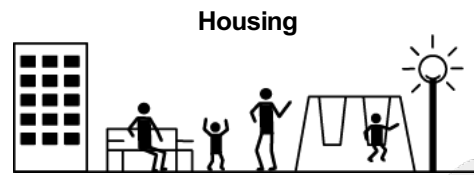
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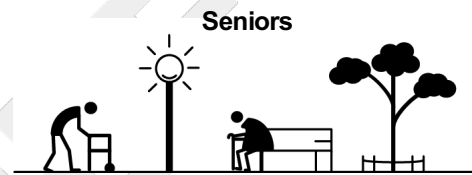
Voting instructions

- 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.

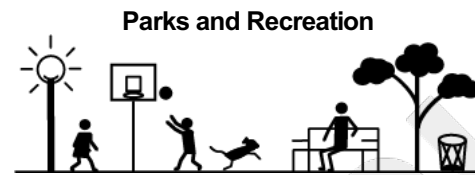




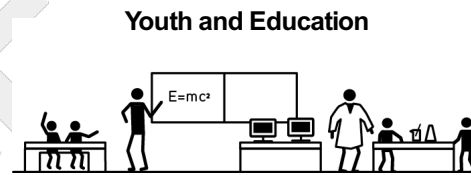
Housing



Seniors



Parks and Recreation



Youth and Education

1. Union Settlement
Playground Renovations



D8-01-USPLAY
\$600,000
Upgrade and enhance three playgrounds at Washington, Metro North & Carver houses to serve hundreds of local children in the community. 1893 Second Ave., 304 E. 102nd St., 1565 Madison Ave.

2. Playground Upgrade at Jefferson Houses



D8-02-JHPLAY
\$250,000
Renovate playground & equipment which is in severe disrepair, to benefit hundreds of children in the community. E. 115th St and 2nd Ave.

3. Security Cameras for Betances Houses



D8-03-BHSEC
\$150,000
Install security cameras to deter crime and improve public safety at 400 Brook Ave in Betances Houses. 400 Brook Ave.

4. Computer Lab for Mott Haven Community Center



D8-04-MHCOMP
\$135,000
New technology lab will provide critical resources and tools to youth and families in this housing development. 375 East 143rd St.

5. Millbrook Community Canopy



D8-05-CANOPY
\$50,000
Canopy to protect Jobs Plus entry ramp, which is currently unsafe due to objects thrown from windows. 201 St. Ann's Ave

6. Upgrades for Gaylord White Senior Center



D8-06-GWSRCT
\$100,000
Enhance seating area in front of center, install new age-friendly benches, pavement and tables. 2029 2nd Ave.

7. Handicap-Accessible Bathrooms for Covello Senior Center



D8-07-CSCADA
\$400,000
Re-outfit 4 bathrooms to make ADA compliant, in order to better provide quality, safe and healthy living environment for seniors. 312 E. 109th St.

8. Upgrades for Jefferson Senior Center



D8-08-JSCUPG
\$450,000
Installment for Kitchen upgrade which provides hundreds of meals a day, and is critical to the health and wellness of East Harlem Seniors. Entryway upgrades needed as well. 2205 1st Ave.

9. Carver Senior Center Plumbing Upgrade



D8-09-SEWER
\$300,000
Upgrade plumbing system by replacing main underground house sewer at Carver Senior Center. Plumbing system is really outdated leading to serious sewer backups several times a year. 55 E. 102nd St.

10. Play for All: PS 155 William Paca Playground Renovation



D8-10-155PLY
\$400,000
Upgrade playground and install equipment for Special needs students. 319 E. 117th St.

11. Water System for Jefferson Park



D8-11-JPWTR
\$350,000
Install water irrigation system for Jefferson Park to water green areas & spaces, enhancing the beauty of the park. 1 Ave., FDR Dr., bet. E. 111 St. and E. 114 St.

12. Technology for Schools and Community Garden



D8-12-POSTECH
\$450,000
Enhancements to La Isla Garden in Highbridge (\$150,000) and \$50,000 worth of technology for the following 6 schools: PS 18 (502 Morris Ave, Bronx), PS 73 (1020 Anderson Ave, Bronx), PS 179 and P352x site (both in 468 E. 140th St, Bronx), PS 223 (360 E. 145th St, Bronx), Isaac Newton School (280 Pleasant Ave, Manhattan)

13. School Building Upgrades



D8-13-PSBLD
\$285,000
Install wiring components for air conditioning for 36 classrooms in PS 72 (\$145,000). Upgrade Manhattan Center auditorium with 40 new seats (\$40,000). Install new stage curtains, rigging and painting for Jackie Robinson auditorium (includes CPE 1, EH Scholars Academy 1 & 2, JHS 13, and Central Park East HS) (\$100,000). 131 E. 104th St., 280 Pleasant Avenue, and 1573 Madison Ave.

14. Music Lab for PS 171



D8-14-MSCLAB
\$140,000
Transform music room into state of the art music lab with soundproofing, computers, instrument shelves, new wiring, electrical outlets, chairs & stands. 19 E. 103rd St.

15. A "Gymatorium" at Park East High School



D8-15-GYMAUD
\$300,000
The creation of an auditorium which will enable school events and student performances for the entire school population and broader community and an adequate space for gym classes & team practice. 230 E. 105th St.

16. Technology & Multimedia Lab for Betances Community Center



D8-16-BCCTCH
\$135,000
New 'Dra. Evelina Lopez Antonetty Technology & Multimedia Lab' will provide critical educational resources for many youth and families in the South Bronx. 547 E. 146th St.

17. Isaac Newton JHS: Renovation of the Science Lab.



D8-17-INSCLB
\$600,000
An overhaul of the existing science lab to bring it up to par to be used for actual science experiments as it was originally intended. 280 Pleasant Ave.

