

2024 NEW YORK PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY GUIDE



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1. LOGISTICS: WHEN, WHERE, AND WHAT

WHEN TO VOTE:

MARCH 23:

- ★ Early Voting Begins
- ★ Deadline to request absentee/early mail and register to vote

MARCH 30:

- ★ Early Voting Ends

APRIL 1:

- ★ Early Mail and Absentee Ballot Request (In-Person) Registration Ends

TUESDAY - APRIL 2: ELECTION DAY!

- ★ In Person Voting opens 6 AM to 9 PM
- ★ Absentee Ballots are due for in-person delivery

APRIL 9:

- ★ Deadline for absentee ballots postmarked by election day to be received.

BALLOT RESOURCES: REGISTRATION, LOCATIONS, ETC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ★ elections.ny.gov/

VOTING TIMES

- ★ vote.nyc/page/understanding-ballot.

VOTING LOCATIONS

- ★ findmypollsite.vote.nyc/

NYC VOTES

- ★ www.nycvotes.org/

2. HOW DO PRIMARIES IN NEW YORK CITY WORK?

★ Primaries are elections within parties to choose the candidate they “**nominate**” for the General Election. The general ballot will then contain each party's nominees (primary winners) and independent candidates. The winner is elected!

TYPES OF PRIMARIES:

★ **Open:** a voter with any political affiliation may vote in the primaries of any party

★ **Closed:** voters can only vote in the primary of the party they are registered with

NEW YORK STATE PRIMARIES ARE CLOSED

For Democratic Voters (voters who have been registered with the party before this Feb. 14) - they can vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary for the candidate of choice

Voters in this Democratic Presidential Primary will also be electing their Congressional delegates to the Democratic National Convention

Check out a sample ballot by entering your address at findmypollsite.vote.nyc/

HOW ARE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES SELECTED?

To win the Democratic nomination, a presidential candidate must win a majority of pledged **Democratic National Convention** Delegates.

Each state holds their primaries to vote on how and who their delegates will vote

For 2024, an estimated 4,532 delegates will be at their convention in Chicago, Illinois, with 3,788 pledged delegates and 744 “automatic” superdelegates.

Note! To be a pledged delegate means to promise to vote for the candidate you selected beforehand

The state of New York has 268 pledged and 38 unpledged/super delegates

So far, the incumbent **President Biden** has already become the Democratic party's presumptive nominee after he won enough delegates from the Georgia Primary this March.

Winning delegates over the 1,968 majority threshold, he will be officially nominated at the National convention this August.

3. WHO IS RUNNING AND LEAVEITBLANKNY

WHO IS RUNNING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY?

★ Joe R. Biden (Incumbent):

- Lower costs for working families
- Grow the middle class
- Protect democracy and our freedoms

★ Dean Phillips:

- Medicare for All
- Free college for all Americans
- Corporate money in Politics

★ Marianne Williamson

CANDIDATE RESEARCH SIMPLIFIED:

- Identify your values, interests, and beliefs.
- Find your local voter guide and ballot to see which candidates are running
- Research into their parties, stances, potential, and past policies (Looking into their website, campaign literature, and finances could be a good start!)
- Make a plan to vote and who to vote for!

#LEAVEITBLANKNY. HOW TO PROTEST BIDEN IN THE NEW YORK PRIMARIES

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Following the success of the “Uncommitted” movement in the Michigan Primaries to protest the Biden Administration’s support for Israel and to call for a ceasefire in Gaza, New York organizers are looking to replicate the campaign for their Primaries this March.

In February, two delegates were secured for the “uncommitted” vote in the Michigan Democratic Primary, primarily intended to warn of President Biden’s support to Israel. Despite Biden winning the state with over 618,000 votes - over 100,000 Michigan voters cast “uncommitted” ballots.

Considering Biden only won the entire state by 154,000 votes in 2020, their movement had sent a loud and clear message to the campaign.

Now, in New York, having launched the “Leave it Blank” campaign, activists are asking Democratic voters to submit blank ballots since there is no “uncommitted” option.

Although the State’s Board of Elections has announced that the agency could potentially reject blank ballots in the unofficial election night results, the coalition has continued in their advocacy in hopes their efforts will appear in certified results weeks later.

According to Brittany Ramos DeBarros, a democratic socialist and former congressional candidate from Staten Island - “Voting blank is actually a pretty common political option around the world,” DeBarros told City & State. “So we see this as an opportunity to highlight the ways that as we are highlighting the ways that as we fight for a ceasefire abroad, we also need to be fighting for our democracy here in the United States.”

For more information and ways you can get involved, please visit: leaveitblankny.com/