**Decision 2018 Voter Central**

**Our Vote is Our Voice**

A one-stop hub for members of the John Jay College community to address their voter needs, questions, or concerns. Readers can learn about voting rights, how/when to register to vote, background and positions of candidates and elected officials, as well as how to get involved.

POLL SITES are OPEN from **6:00 AM to 9:00 PM** in New York City (Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island), Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk Counties), Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess and Erie Counties on Primary Day and General Election Day.

In all other counties in NYS, POLL SITES are OPEN from **12 NOON to 9:00 PM**.

POLL SITES in New Jersey, are OPEN from **6:00 AM to 8:00 PM**.

Check with your local board of elections if you are unsure of the voting hours.

**ELECTION CALENDAR OF 2018**

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**Important Election/Voting Dates: the 2018 Political Calendar**

**Interested in participating in NYC Get Out the Vote Phone Bank operated by the Campaign Finance Board in New York City?**
First: Verify your local NYC information

- Access your Poll Site Locator (The Board of Elections in the City of New York)
- Local NYC Board of Elections Information and Borough Offices

Not a NYC resident?
- Search for New York State Poll Sites
- NYS County Board of Elections Commissioner Roster (as of May 2018)
- NYS County Board of Elections Map
- Search New Jersey Poll Sites
- Search New Jersey County Board of Elections Information

Find your local, state, and party candidates and elected officials in New York.
- Identify your NYS Elected Officials using an interactive map
- Listing of your NYS, NYC, Judicial and Political Committee Candidates in all contested races
- Learn how to get in contact with your local, state and federal Elected Officials representing you!

Find out about potential conflicts of interest involving candidates and office holders.
- NYC Campaign Finance Board
- Check Candidate or Political Committee Contributions Database--Financial Disclosure

Second: Voting Info & Voter Rights

Not sure if you are registered to vote? Check here!
- Verify registration according to State using this national website

Never Registered to Vote? You must!
- How to register to vote in New York State
- Learn more about the Federal Automatic Voter Registration Act
- Register through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- Understanding the National Voter Registration Act or Motor Voter

Information for First-Time Voters
- How to use the New Electronic Voting System in New York City
- More questions? Visit The League of Women Voters Education website VOTE411

You are entitled to certain rights as a registered voter. Learn more about them here!
- Know Your Rights in New York City
- Understand your federal and state voting rights and protections from the Office of the NYS Attorney General
Keep yourself updated with the current laws on elections as well as possible recommendations

- NYS BOE Election Laws for 2018 & 2018 Updates on Election Laws
- Check at the Help America Vote Act and NYS Plans

Third: How to Get Involved

Want to contribute your time and help your local site? Find out how!

- Be a NYC Poll Worker
- Be a NYS Poll Worker

Thinking about Running for Office in NYS? What are the Requirements? What is the Petition Process?

- https://www.elections.ny.gov/RunningOffice.html

Fourth: Resources for Justice-Involved People

Convicted of a misdemeanor? Find out how this affects you and your rights.

- Misdemeanor Convicted

Convicted of a felony? Find out how this affects you and your rights.

- Felony Convicted

Restoration of Voting Rights: Guidance from the Brennan Center for Justice

- Voting Rights of People with Criminal Convictions in New York

Fifth: Resources for Oversees/Military Personnel

Serving Overseas or in the Military? Explore services available to you.

- Overseas & Military Voter Services
- Take Note of Voting Qualifications and Ballot Deadlines

Sixth: Accessibility Resources

Language Accessibility

- Register in Your Language
- Election Day Problems? Call hotlines below
- 1-888-839-8682 (VE-Y-VOTA) (en Español)
- 1-888-274-8683 (API-VOTE) (Asian multilingual assistance)
- 1-844-418-1682 (Arabic)
Voters with Disabilities

- Resource Page Provided by the League of Women Voters

**Seventh: NYS Absentee Ballots**

Can’t make it to the polls? You can still participate!
- Qualifications & Deadlines for Absentee Voting in NYS
- How to register for an Absentee Ballot in New York City
- Rules and Procedures for Federal Election Absentee Ballots

Didn’t find what you were looking for?
- More FAQ’s from the NYC Board of Elections