

NEW YORK PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE AUGUST 2022

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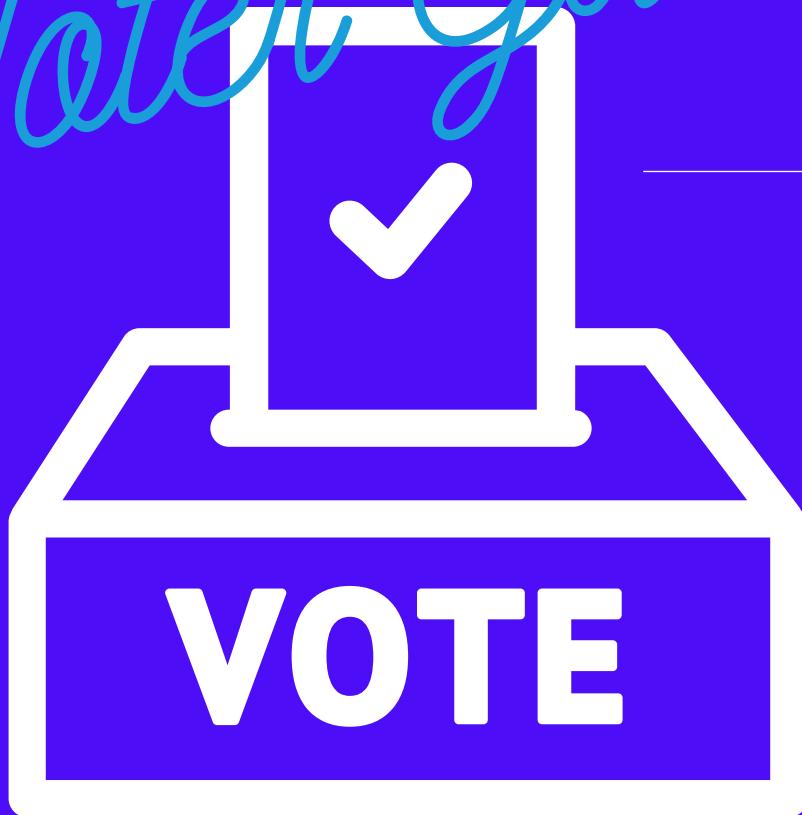
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VOTER GUIDE: AUGUST 2022 PRIMARY RACES

CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE SENATE RACES

Primary Day: August 23, 2022

Early Voting: August 13 to August 21

ABOUT THIS VOTER GUIDE

New Kings Democrats (NKD) developed this voter guide to help inform Brooklynites about candidates who may be on their ballot in the August 2022 Democratic Primary, including candidates for Congress and State Senate. As of the publishing of this document, NKD is not planning to endorse in any of the races listed here, and nothing in this document should be construed as an official endorsement by the club.

Didn't I just vote in June? Why is there another primary in August?

The NY Primary for State Senate and U.S. Congress is on August 23 this year, with early voting from August 13 to August 21. We're having a second primary because the maps drawn by the NY legislature were thrown out by the State Court of Appeals in April 2022 and redrawn by a Special Master appointed by the Court. New districts required additional time for candidates to petition to be on the ballot, so the primary for State Senate and Congress was pushed to August 23 while primaries for Governor, Assembly and party offices like District Leader and County Committee remained in June.

About New Kings Democrats

NKD is a progressive, grassroots political organization committed to bringing transparency, accountability, and inclusionary democracy to the Brooklyn Democratic Party. Founded by veterans of the Obama campaign, it is a borough-wide political organization that helps people seeking to become more engaged in local politics, and hopes to nurture a new generation of elected Brooklyn Democratic leaders.

Please e-mail politics@newkingsdemocrats.com to learn more about our work and to get involved.

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HOW TO VOTE

CONFIRM YOUR VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND WHERE TO VOTE

You must be registered as a Democrat to vote in the August 23 Democratic primary. Confirm if you are registered to vote and your party affiliation, if any, at www.nycvotersearch.com. If you are registered to vote, results will include your Congressional District and State Senate District. You can confirm your polling location by clicking “Poll Site Information” in the top-right corner of the screen. Go to findmypollsite.vote.nyc to view a sample ballot and your poll site locations and hours.

In Brooklyn, where many races will be won by Democrats, the Primary election on August 23 is a crucial election for state and federal positions – so it is very important that you are registered as a Democrat and vote AGAIN even though you just voted in June.

To vote in this election, [you must switch your party affiliation](#) to Democrat by August 12. You can change your party affiliation by [submitting a voter registration form](#), but since this can take weeks to process, you will probably need to vote via affidavit ballot at your poll site if they don’t have your Democratic registration on file. It is always your right to vote by affidavit ballot and your vote will count if you fill out the form accurately.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- July 29 - was the deadline to [register to vote](#) in the August 23 Primary Election
- August 3 - was the deadline for change of address to be received
- August 8 - deadline to request an [absentee ballot](#) for Primary Election
- August 13-21 - early voting period
- August 22 - last day to apply IN PERSON for an absentee ballot
- August 23 - Primary Election and last day to postmark your absentee ballot, or deliver to Brooklyn Board of Elections (345 Adams Street) or your local polling site

A quick note about absentee ballots: Due to a change in NYS law, if you order an absentee ballot, you must either vote using your absentee ballot OR fill out an affidavit ballot at a poll site. *You can no longer decide to vote in person using a regular ballot once you have applied for an absentee one; instead, you must fill out and send in the absentee ballot.*

New Kings Democrats collected the information presented in this voter guide from publicly available information, as well as from previous engagements with candidates. If a candidate would like to refute any of the information, they may contact NKD with a link to a publicly available source supporting their claim.

STATE SENATE

The New York State Legislature is composed of two houses: the Senate and the Assembly. The Senate is considered the upper chamber of the Legislature and currently has 63 seats. Each seat is up for election every two years. Senators' primary responsibility is to draft and approve changes to the laws of New York State.

This guide does not cover all 63 State Senate seats or their races. Rather, we have chosen to highlight the races in Brooklyn on the ballot in August 2022.

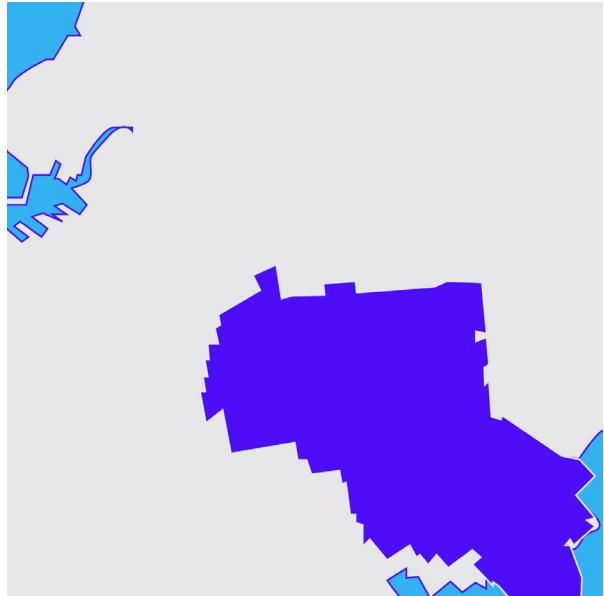
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21

The 21st Senate District encompasses Kensington, Flatlands, and Bergen Beach.

KEVIN PARKER, incumbent



About the candidate: State Senator Kevin Parker was first elected to the State Senate in 2002. A darling of the problematic Brooklyn political machine, Parker is known for angry, violent outbursts and anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric.



What stands out about their platform: His top issues are police reform and public safety.

Where you can learn more:

- Keinparker4senate.com

Key Endorsements:

- 1199 SEIU
- 1180 CWA

Claims to refuse donations from:

- Real estate developers
- Corporate interests
- Fossil fuel interests
- Lobbyists
- ✓ Unknown

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21, continued

DAVID ALEXIS



About the candidate: David Alexis is a rideshare driver and former home health aide. He is the co-founder of the Drivers Cooperative, a climate organizer, and the son of Haitian immigrants.

What stands out about their platform: Endorsed by DSA, David Alexis is focused on housing for all, quality healthcare for all, a Green New Deal for New York, and protections that make it easier for workers to organize.

Where you can learn more:

- www.davidforbk.com

Key Endorsements:

- Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
- Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- State Senator Jabari Brisport
- Council Member Tiffany Cabán
- Council Member Shahana Hanif
- Assembly Member Emily Gallagher
- Assembly Member Alexa Aviles
- Assembly Member Phara Souffrant Forrest
- United Auto Workers Region 9A
- Working Families Party
- Sunrise Movement
- The Jewish Vote

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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21, continued

KAEGAN MAYS-WILLIAMS



About the candidate: Kaegan Mays-Williams is Policy Counsel at Everytown for Gun Safety and a former Manhattan Assistant District Attorney. She joined the DA's office to both increase representation of Black women in the field and to offer humanity and understanding to vulnerable communities.

What stands out about their platform: Mays-Williams is focused on giving power back to her neighbors, who have been shut out of the political process.

Her platform emphasizes safe and affordable housing, access to equitable and fully funded public education, access to daily and nutritious meals, and affordable and accessible healthcare. If elected, Mays-Williams will be the first black LGBTQ+ woman to serve in the State Senate.

Where you can learn more:

- www.kaeganfornystatesenate.com

Key Endorsements:

- South Central Brooklyn United for Progress
- Women of Color for Progress
- 504 Democratic Club
- Brooklyn Young Democrats
- Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn
- Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats

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