

Running for Elective Office in Orange County



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The information contained here is intended to provide general guidance for those who are preparing to circulate petitions, or expand their knowledge of the nomination process, and is not to be used as a substitute for consulting the New York State Election Law or the Orange County Board of Elections for specific petition requirements.

General Information

Persons wishing to run for elective office (candidates) may be nominated either by a political party or through the filing of an Independent Nominating Petition. Party members may also circulate petitions to create the opportunity to write in the name of an unspecified person for an office in which there is no contest for the party endorsement.

The current political parties in New York State are the **Democratic, Republican, Conservative, Working Families, Independence, and Green** parties. Any person who is not nominated by one of these parties must file an independent nominating petition. The requirements for all petitions are contained in [Article 6 of the Election Law](#). The provisions for village elections vary slightly, and the reader is directed to [Article 15 of the Election Law](#) for specifics.

County Chairman Information

Orange County Democratic Committee Chairman	Jonathan Jacobson	845-567-6778
Orange County Republican Committee Chairman	William DeProspo	845-294-6467
Orange County Conservative Committee Chairman	John Delessio	845-562-4963
Orange County Independence Party Interim Chairman	Langdon Chapman	845-427-9017

Candidate Information

What is a candidate?

A candidate is an individual who seeks to be nominated or elected to public office or a party position. An individual shall be deemed to be a candidate if (1) action was taken to qualify for nomination or election or (2) monies were raised or expended by the individual or any agent in order to bring about such nomination or election to such office or position. Most candidates get on the ballot by filing a petition containing a specified number of signatures. The required amount varies, depending on the office sought and whether the candidate is seeking a party nomination or a spot on the ballot as an independent.

Election Definitions

What is a Primary Election?

A “Primary Election” is one in which only enrolled members of a party may vote for the purpose of nominating party candidates and electing party officers. In any election district, if a race is uncontested, no primary is held.

A “Primary Election” is held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September before every general election unless otherwise changed by an act of the legislature. Polls in Orange County are open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Elections canvasses the returns of the Primary Elections as early as possible from the day upon which the Primary Election is held. The board tabulates the number of votes cast for all the candidates for nomination to each public office or for election to a party position, and the number of votes cast for each such candidate. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominee of his party in the General Election for such office or will be elected to a party position.

What is a General Election?

A “General Election” is an election that is being held throughout the state or country on the same day. The most prominent example is the Presidential election held every four years. Examples of statewide General Elections include the races for the New York State Governor and New York State Senators and Assemblymen. Town/City offices may be elected every two to four years. General Elections are held every November, the first Tuesday after the first Monday. Polls in New York State are open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

What is a Caucus?

A “caucus” is an open meeting of a town or village's political party at which candidates are nominated for elective office. Only residents of the town or village who are enrolled members of the party may participate in the caucus. For further information on caucuses see, [Election Law §6-108 \(towns\) and §15-108 \(villages\)](#).

Designating Petitions

If a party nominates its candidates through the primary election process, party designations for this primary are made on a designating petition. The Election Law sets forth the form of this petition; [§6-132 \(state, county and town offices\) and §15-108 \(village offices\)](#). Only enrolled members of a party qualified to vote for an office may sign designating petitions of the party. If there are more Designating Petitions filed for the same office and the same party than there are vacancies, a primary election for that office would be created. All petitions received in multiple pages must be permanently bound or fastened together, paper clips not acceptable. Any petition over 10 pages must have a cover page. Petition form and detailed instructions are on page 8 & 9 of this booklet.

Nomination of Non-Party Member

Political parties may nominate/designate a candidate who is not an enrolled member of the political party. Such parties must file a certificate of authorization, signed and acknowledged by the presiding officer and the secretary of the meeting at which such authorization is given. A certificate of authorization is not needed for nominations resulting from a caucus or for a candidate for a judicial office.

Independent Nominations

To run for office on a line other than an official party line, one must file an independent nominating petition. The Election Law sets forth the form of this petition; [§6-140 \(state, county and town offices\)](#) and [§15-108 \(village offices\)](#). Any registered voter who has not already signed a designating petition, and who is qualified to vote for an office, may sign an independent nominating petition for that office. For Village offices if you participated in a caucus, you cannot sign an independent nominating petition. All petitions received in multiple pages must be permanently bound or fastened together, paper clips not acceptable. Any petition over 10 pages must have a cover page.

Opportunity to Ballot Petition

An "Opportunity to Ballot Petition" creates a primary for an office in a political party that previously had no primary. It allows an unnamed candidate to have their name written in for a party office at the Primary Election.

Witnesses to a Petition

Any registered voter in the State of New York may witness a petition. A witness to a Designating Petition must be enrolled in the political party for that petition. A witness may not witness his or her own signature. The information required for the witness statement is mandatory. Omissions, errors, or unexplained alterations/corrections, may invalidate the entire page. When the witness signs the statement of witness, they are making an oath that subjects them to the penalties for perjury if any of the information preceding their signature is false. The information preceding the signature includes the name and residence of the witness; the number of signatures on the page; a statement that each person signed in their presence; and the date they are signing the statement. Witness identification information, which follows the witness's signature, may be provided by anyone, at any time before the petition is filed. This information includes the town or city; and the county of the witness's registration.

Certificate of Authorization

A "Certificate of Authorization" is needed for a person nominated on a designating petition that is not of the political party named on the petition. A Certificate of Authorization must be signed and acknowledged by the presiding officer and secretary of that party. This form should be filed with the petition or received in the Board of Elections no later than 4 days after the last day to file Designating Petitions.

Certificate of Acceptance and Declination

A "Certificate of Acceptance" is needed for a candidate that is not of the party passing the petition. Certificate of Acceptance is always needed when filing an Independent Petition.

A "Certificate of Declination" needs to be filed for any candidate declining a nomination. Deadline dates for filing these certificates is included in the political calendar.

Cover Sheets

If there are 10 or more pages in a petition, there must be a cover sheet. A multi-volume petition requires a cover sheet for each volume. Cover sheets must be permanently fastened to the petition, no paper clips.

Cover sheets **must** contain the following information:

- ✓ Name, residence address, and mailing address if different, of the candidate.
- ✓ The public office or party position sought.
- ✓ The name of the party or independent body making the nomination.
- ✓ A statement that the petition contains a number of signatures equal to or in excess of the number required by statute.
- ✓ The volume number. The total number of volumes in each petition. (A volume is one group of petitions bound together)

The following information is **optional**:

- ✓ The name, residence address, (and mailing address if different) telephone number, and facsimile number of the person designated to receive notice of deficiencies in binding or cover sheet requirements.

There are additional requirements if the petition contains candidates for county committee, and if there are different candidates on the several pages of the petition. Those requirements are contained in Part 6215 of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Elections.

Filing of Petitions, Acceptances, Authorizations and Declinations

All filings must be filed timely ([See the Political Calendar](#)) and in the proper manner at the appropriate board of elections. Pursuant to section 1-106(1) of the New York State Election Law, **all papers are required to be filed between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M.** If the last day for filing shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the next business day shall become the last day for filing. All papers sent by mail in an envelope postmarked prior to midnight of the last day of filing shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing when received. Failure to do so shall be a fatal defect. No filings will be accepted by facsimile or e-mail.

Candidates must file a certificate of acceptance for nominations made by independent nominating petitions, or if they are named in a designating petition but are not enrolled members of that party. Neither an authorization nor an acceptance is required if the individual is a candidate for a judicial office. A declination must be filed should the candidate decide not to accept the designation or nomination.

The Orange County Board of Elections provides a “General Requirements for Designating and Independent Nomination Petitions” Guide which can be found on the Orange County Board of Elections website (see front cover) or at the Board office.

Objections

Every petition is presumed to be valid when filed, if, on its face, it appears to be in proper form and to contain enough signatures. However, a registered voter may challenge the validity of a petition. Written objections must be filed within 3 days after the petition is filed (1 day in a village election). Specifications of objections must be filed within 6 days of filing the general objections (2 days in a village election). Objectors must deliver a copy of the specifications of objections to the candidate and file proof of such delivery with the Board. For further details see [Election Law §6-154 and §15-108 and Part 6204 of the rules and regulations](#) of the State Board of Elections.

The Orange County Board of Elections also has promulgated Rules and Regulations for filing General and Specific Objections which can be found on the Board’s website (see front cover) or at Board’s office.

Specification of Objections to Designating and Independent Nominating Petitions

Any person filing general objections to any designating or independent nominating petition filed with the State Board of Elections who thereafter files specifications of his objections to any such petition with such board shall do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-154 of the Election Law. All such specifications shall substantially comply with the following requirements:

The volume number, page number, and line number of any signature objected to on any petition shall be set forth in detail. In addition, any portion of any petition or any signature line or witness statement objected to shall be specifically identified and reasons given for any such objection;

The total number of signatures objected to shall be set forth and all objections relating to a single signature line should be grouped together;

Symbols and/or abbreviations may be used to set forth objections, provided that a sheet explaining the meaning of any such symbols and/or abbreviations is attached to the specifications.

No specifications of objections to any petition will be considered by the Board unless the objector filing the specifications personally delivers or mails by registered or certified mail a duplicate copy of the specifications to each candidate for public office named on the petition. In the case of a petition containing candidates for party position, service of the specifications shall be made on either the named candidates or the first person named on the petition's committee to fill vacancies. Service shall be made on or before the date of filing of any specifications with the Board. Proof of service shall accompany the specifications or be received by the end of business two days following the filing of the specifications, whichever is later.

Any notice and/or determination relating to a petition for which specifications of objections have been filed shall be transmitted by the Board to the objector filing the specifications,

provided that any such objector may designate an attorney or agent to receive any such notice and/or determination on his behalf. Any such designation shall be in writing and include the name, address and telephone number of any such attorney or agent, and any such attorney and/or agent shall be eligible to represent any such objector in any proceeding conducted by the Board relating to the specifications.

Campaign Finance Disclosure

Special Instructions and forms available at our office or on-line at www.elections.state.ny.us

- The New York State Election Law requires candidates and political committees to file statements disclosing information about contributions received and expenditures made in connection with an election.
- View the State Campaign Finance webpage for information on financial disclosure requirements or contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-458-3453 or 518-474-8200.

It is the obligation of a Committee (Treasurer) to register with the appropriate Board of Elections and disclose its receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer is legally responsible for filing all Committee Reports.

Local filers who raise or spend, or expect to raise or spend, more than \$1000 in any calendar year are required to file Campaign Financial Disclosure Statements with the New York State Board of Elections. Filings made with the State Board **MUST** be made electronically, unless a waiver has been applied for and granted by the State in writing. Any local filer under the \$1000 threshold, must file at County Board of Elections. The \$1000 raised or spent including the candidate contributions/expenditures to their own campaign relates to financial activity in the calendar year, not an ending cash balance.

Any Filer, once registered with NYS Election Board must continue to make all required filings until the filer requests a Termination in writing (CF-18 or CF01) to the state and is granted in writing by the state. Terminating with the county board does not automatically terminate filing requirements with the state and visa versa. By just closing the bank account does not terminate the obligation to file Financial Disclosure Statements with the Election Offices.

A Committee registers by filing **Committee Designation of Treasurer and Depository (CF-02)** - this form must be filed by all committee treasurers. **It is due within five days after the choice of a treasurer and depository** and prior to receiving or expending any funds. It must contain original signatures. Instructions for completing this form are on the back of the form.

Only the Treasurer, and the individuals so authorized by the CF-02 in section G, may sign checks drawn on the committee depository (bank).

Treasurers filing Treasurer Resignation or Termination Reports must also file a paper Verification Statement (CF-18) with an original signature, making sure to check the box(s) applicable to the request. A Treasurer must file an Amended CF-02 and CF-03 as applicable within two days of any changes to any information contained therein.

Member of State Committee

REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, and INDEPENDENCE Party State Committee petitions are filed with the county boards of elections.

WORKING FAMILIES Party State Committee petitions are filed in the same manner as those for the office of Member of Assembly.

CONSERVATIVE Party State Committee petitions, are filed in the same manner as those for the office of Representative in Congress.

Republican State Committee elections are held at the "Fall" primary in **odd** numbered years. All other parties elect state committee at the "Fall" primary in **even** numbered years.

To run for any party position such as member of state committee, national or judicial delegate or alternate, you must be a duly enrolled member of the party from which you are seeking the designation. You also must be a resident of the jurisdiction from which you are running.

The offices of judicial delegate and alternate judicial delegate are elected at the "Fall" primary. (National delegate and alternate national delegate are elected at the "Spring" primary, held in a presidential election year).

9th Judicial District Convention Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate

Republicans file with the County Board of Elections.

All other parties file petitions with the following:

- 96 AD - State Board of Elections
- 97 AD - State Board of Elections
- 98 AD - Orange County Board of Elections
- 100 AD - State Board of Elections

Instructions for Designating Petitions

Section 1

This section needs to be completed before you start to obtain signatures. The signer needs to read and understand this statement indicating the nature of the petition. Also in Section 1, the voter is stating that they are a duly enrolled voter and entitled to sign this petition.

Section 2

In this area enter the name of the candidate(s), the office or position seeking, and their residence address and mailing if different than residence. It is of vital importance that the office or position be worded in a way that complies with the wording on the ballot. More than one name and position may be listed on a petition.

Section 3

By listing names and addresses of at least three people they can serve as a committee to fill vacancies. If there is not a committee stated here, any vacancies created due to declination, could not be filled. Names should be registered voters in the political party on the petition. Failing to complete this section is not a fatal defect.

Section 4

Directly above **NAME OF SIGNER**, is a statement "In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite." By signing the petition the voter is indicating they will endorse you for above stated position. **DATE:** Signer to enter actual date signing petition. **NAME OF SIGNER:** A signature is required for the signer in this box. **RESIDENCE:** Address that the signer is registered to vote from, **not** PO Box. **TOWN/CITY:** enter proper name of town or city. Village and hamlets are not proper names. i.e.: enter Town of Blooming Grove, not Village of Washingtonville, enter Town of Crawford, not Pine Bush.

Section 5

STATEMENT OF WITNESS: The person passing the passing or carrying the petition is the witness. Person passing the petition as the witness **cannot** be the "signer". Complete this section with the name, residence and number of signatures contained on the petition sheet. Date and sign where indicated. The date of the witness signature must be the same day or later than any signature date listed in the body of the petition.

Section 6

Indicate the Town/City where the witness is a resident and pages must be **numbered, in order and bound** (no paper clips) when filed with the Orange County Board of Elections.

Instructions for Independent Nominating Petitions

Section 1

This section needs to be completed before you start to obtain signatures. The signer needs to read and understand this statement indicating the nature of the petition. Also in Section 1, the voter is stating that they are a duly enrolled voter and entitled to sign this petition. Candidate must also select the name of "Independent Body" and an emblem for the same. Please call the office if you need further instruction.

Section 2

In this area enter the name of the candidate(s), the office or position seeking, and their residence address and mailing if different than residence. It is of vital importance that the office or position be worded in a way that complies with the wording on the ballot. More than one name and position may be listed on a petition.

Section 3

The committee to fill vacancies must consist of at least 3 registered voters residing within the political unit represented by the office sought by the petition's candidate(s). Names and addresses must be identical to voter records. The Committee to Fill Vacancies is not required. Without a vacancy committee, if a candidate declines within 3 days after filing the petition, no substitution can be made.

Section 4

Directly above **NAME OF SIGNER**, is a statement "In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite." By signing the petition the voter is indicating they will endorse you for above stated position. **DATE**: Signer to enter actual date signing petition. **NAME OF SIGNER**: A signature is required for the signer in this box. **RESIDENCE**: Address that the signer is registered to vote from, **not** PO Box. **TOWN/CITY**: enter proper name of town or city. Village and hamlets are not proper names. i.e.: enter Town of Blooming Grove, not Village of Washingtonville, enter Town of Crawford, not Pine Bush.

Section 5

STATEMENT OF WITNESS: The person passing the passing or carrying the petition is the witness. Person passing the petition as the witness **cannot** be the "signer". Complete this section with the name, residence and number of signatures contained on the petition sheet. Date and sign where indicated. The date of the witness signature must be the same day or later than any signature date listed in the body of the petition. This witness **cannot** have signed any other petition for the same office. The witness only needs to be a registered voter in New York State.

Section 6

Indicate the Town/City where the witness is a resident and pages must be **numbered, in order and bound** (no paper clips) when filed with the Orange County Board of Elections.

Independent Nominating Petition Sec. 6-140, ELECTION LAW

1

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a registered voter of the political unit for which a nomination for public office is hereby being made, that my present place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto, and that I do hereby nominate the following named person(or persons) as a candidate(or as candidates)for election to public office (or public offices) to be voted for at the election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 2010, and that I select the name _____ as the name of the independent body making the nomination (or nominations) and _____ as the emblem of such body.

Names of Candidate(s)

Public Office

Place of Residence
(also P.O. address if not identical)

2

County of Orange, State of New York

I do hereby appoint (here insert the names and addresses of at least three persons, all of whom shall be enrolled voters of said party),

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as a committee to fill vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the election law.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite my signature.

Date	Name of Signer (signature required)	Residence	Town or City
1. /11			
2. /11	4		
3. /11			
4. /11			
5. /11			
6. /11	S A M P L E		
7. /11			
8. /11			
9. /11			
10. /11			

5

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I, (name of witness) _____ state: I am a duly qualified voter of the State of New York.

I now reside at (residence address) _____

Each of the individuals whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet containing _____ signatures, subscribed the same in my presence on the dates above indicated and identified himself or herself to be the individual who signed the sheet.

I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Witness

6

WITNESS IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION: The following information for the witness named above must be completed prior to filing with the Board of Elections in order for this petition sheet to be valid.

Town or City _____

County of Orange

Sheet # _____

COVER SHEET - DESIGNATING AND INDEPENDENT PETITIONS

Name of Party or Independent Body here

Name of Candidate(s)

Public Office or Party Position

Residence Address
(Also mailing address if different)

S A M P L E

Volume Number _____

Total Number of Volumes in Petition _____

This petition contains the number, or in excess of the number, of valid signatures required by Election Law.

CONTACT PERSON TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES

Name _____

Residence Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Fax: (_____) _____

I hereby authorize that notice of any determination made by the Board of Elections be transmitted to the person named above.

(Signature of Candidate or Agent)

Caucus Filing Information & Dates

June 7th	First day to hold town or village caucus
Sept 20th	Last day to hold a town or village caucus
Sept 20th	Last day to file Certificate of Nomination made at a caucus
Sept 23rd	Last day to accept or decline a nomination
Sept 27th	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination from caucus

Caucus notices must be:

Filed and posted in the town/village clerk's office and the board of elections at least ten days before the day of the caucus

AND

1. Posted either by newspaper publication once within the town/village at least one week and not more than two weeks preceding the caucus

OR

2. By posting in ten public places in the town or six public places within the village at least ten days preceding the caucus.

**Failure to comply with the above would make nominations null and void*

Schedule of Dates 2011

Designating Petitions Deadlines for County

June 7th	First day for signing designating petitions
July 11th - 14th	Filing dates for designating petitions
July 18th	Last day to accept or decline designation
July 22nd	Last day to fill a vacancy after declination

Number of signatures needed for positions are based on 5% of the enrolled voters prepared March 31st each year. Please contact the office or visit our website for a breakdown of these totals or for more information.

Opportunity to Ballot Petition Deadlines

June 28th	First day for signing
July 21st	Last day to file petitions
July 28th	Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate.

Independent Nominating Petitions Deadlines for County

July 12th	First day for signing nominating petitions
Aug 16th - 23rd	Filing dates for nominating petitions
Aug 26th	Last day to accept or decline nominations
Aug 29th	Last day to fill a vacancy after declination

Number of signatures needed for positions are based on 5% of the total number of votes cast, excluding blank and void, for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election in the political unit. Please contact the office or visit our website for a breakdown of these totals or more information.

Judicial District Conventions

Sept 20 - 26th	Dates for holding Judicial Conventions
Sept 27th	Last day to file certificate of nomination
Sept 30th	Last day to decline nomination
Oct 4th	Last day to fill vacancy after declination

PRIMARY ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 13TH

August 8th State Certification of Primary Ballot

August 9th County Determination of Primary Ballot

Voter Registration Deadlines for Primary

August 19th Last day to postmark registration form to vote in primary (must be rec'd in our office by August 24th). **ALSO**, Last day to register in person at our office

August 24th Last day for the board of elections to **receive** a change of address within County

Absentee Voting Deadlines for Primary

Sept 6th Last day to postmark application for ballot

Sept 12th Last day to apply in person for ballot

Sept 12th Last day to postmark ballot. Voted ballot must be received no later than September 20th

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8TH

Oct 3rd State Certification of General Election Ballot

Oct 4th County Determination of General Election Ballot

Voter Registration Deadlines for General Election

Oct 14th Last day to postmark registration form to vote in General Election (must be rec'd in our office by **October 19th**). **ALSO**, Last day to register in person at our office

Oct 19th Last day for the board of elections to **receive** a change of address within County.

Absentee Voting Deadlines for General Election

Nov 1st Last day to postmark application for ballot

Nov 7th Last day to apply in person for ballot

Nov 7th Last day to postmark ballot. Voted ballot must be received no later than November 15th

Military Voters

Please call our office for military dates

**ORANGE COUNTY
OFFICES TO BE FILLED – 2011**

9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**3 - Justices of the Supreme Court
9th Judicial Delegates/Alternates
All 5 Major Parties - Districts: 96, 97, 98, 100**

STATE COMMITTEE SEATS

Republican - Assembly Districts: 96, 97, 98, 100
Democratic, Independence, Conservative, Working Families - *no election in 2011.*

COUNTY WIDE OFFICES

County Legislature - 11th District (TFV)

321 Election Districts - Orange County Party Committee Seats
Republican, Conservative

CITY/TOWN OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION 2011

TOWN	OFFICE	T	P	ELECTED OFFICIAL	ELECTED	EXPIRES
MID	Alderman 1st Ward	2 yrs	R	Joseph G Masi	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 1st Ward	2 yrs	R	Thomas J Burr	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 2nd Ward	2 yrs	D	Ashok L Sabnis	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 2nd Ward	2 yrs	B*	Scott A Smith	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 3rd Ward	2 yrs	R	Raymond V Depew	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 3rd Ward	2 yrs	D	Bill T Himaras	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 4th Ward	2 yrs	R	C Lee Gerow	11/3/2009	2011
MID	Alderman 4th Ward	2 yrs	D	Joel Sierra	11/3/2009	2011
NBG	Mayor	4 yrs	R	Nicholas J Valentine	11/6/2007	2011
NBG	Councilman	4 yrs	D	Marge Bell	11/6/2007	2011
NBG	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Christine M Bello	11/6/2007	2011
PJ	Mayor	2 yrs	R	Russell R Potter	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman-At-Large	2 yrs	R	Dean A Aumick	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 1st Ward	2 yrs	R	James M Hendry III	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 1st Ward	2 yrs	R	Michael W McCarthy	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 2nd Ward	2 yrs	R	Robert C Ritchie	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 2nd Ward	2 yrs	R	George A Belcher	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 3rd Ward	2 yrs	R	Denis A Livingston	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 3rd Ward	2 yrs	R	John W Wortmann	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 4th Ward	2 yrs	R	Judith A Oppelt	11/3/2009	2011
PJ	Councilman 4th Ward	2 yrs	B*	Stanley B Siegel	11/3/2009	2011
BG	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Frank A Fornario, Jr	11/3/2009	2011
BG	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Barbara E Decker	11/3/2009	2011
BG	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Wayne W Kirkpatrick	11/6/2007	2011
BG	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Brandon L Nielsen	11/6/2007	2011
BG	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Sal Amante	11/3/2009	2011
CHE	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Steven M Neuhaus	11/3/2009	2011
CHE	Councilman	4 yrs	D	Robert G Moran	11/6/2007	2011
CHE	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Alexander J Jamieson	11/6/2007	2011
CHE	Supt. Of Highways	4 yrs	R	David S Bell	11/6/2007	2011
CW	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	D Kevin Quigley	11/3/2009	2011
CW	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Elaine Tilford Schneer	11/3/2009	2011
CW	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Francis Navarra	11/6/2007	2011
CW	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Joseph L Thomson	11/6/2007	2011
CW	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Randolph "Randy" Clark	11/6/2007	2011
CW	Councilman	4 yrs	R	J. Kerry McGuinness	11/6/2007	2011
CW	Rec of Taxes & Assessments	4 yrs	R	Elizabeth J Longinott	11/6/2007	2011
CR	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Charles E Carnes	11/3/2009	2011
CR	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Kelly A Eskew	11/3/2009	2011
CR	Councilman	4 yrs	R	James D Licardi	11/6/2007	2011

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CR	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Lawrence R Marshall	11/6/2007	2011
CR	Assessor	4 yrs	R	William Fee	11/6/2007	2011
CR	Assessor	4 yrs	R	Karen L Raiti	11/6/2007	2011
CR	Tax Collector	2 yrs	R	Constance F Latimer	11/3/2009	2011
CR	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Stephen A Russell	11/3/2009	2011
DP	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Karl A Brabenec	11/3/2009	2011
DP	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Florence T Santini	11/3/2009	2011
DP	Councilman (TFV)	4 yrs	R	David M Hoovler	11/3/2009	2011
DP	Councilman (TFV)	4 yrs	R	David M Dean	11/2/2010	2011
DP	Tax Collector	2 yrs	C*	Jane A Garvey	11/3/2009	2011
DP	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Edward Hughson	11/3/2009	2011
GSN	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Douglas Bloomfield	11/3/2009	2011
GSN	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Valma A Eisma	11/3/2009	2011
GSN	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Thomas J Cione	11/6/2007	2011
GSN	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Philip J Canterino	11/6/2007	2011
GSN	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Louis Cappella	11/6/2007	2011
GSN	Supt. Of Highways (TFV)	2 yrs	R	P. Broderick Knoell	1/1/2011	2011
GV	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	George J Hossann Jr.	11/3/2009	2011
GV	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Mary D Natalizio	11/3/2009	2011
GV	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Mark A Witkowski	11/6/2007	2011
GV	Councilman	4 yrs	R	George E Eckes	11/6/2007	2011
GV	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Maureen T Entwistle	11/6/2007	2011
GV	Tax Collector	2 yrs	R	Lisa M O'Connor	11/3/2009	2011
GV	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	James E Ferguson Jr.	11/3/2009	2011
HBG	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Robert S Jankowski	11/3/2009	2011
HBG	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Diane J Fortuna	11/3/2009	2011
HBG	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Richard B Golden	11/6/2007	2011
HBG	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Marcus A Horrego	11/6/2007	2011
HBG	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Gregory R Willems	11/6/2007	2011
HBG	Supt Of Highways (TFV)	2 yrs	R	James L Cawein, Sr	11/2/2010	2011
HI	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Edward Magryta	11/3/2009	2011
HI	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	June Patterson	11/3/2009	2011
HI	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Vincent P Donaldson	11/6/2007	2011
HI	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Mervin R Livsey Jr	11/6/2007	2011
HI	Councilman (TFV)	4 yrs	D	Laurie R. Tautel	11/4/2008	2011
HI	Rec of Taxes & Assessments (TFV)	4 yrs	R	Nicholas A. Podias	11/3/2009	2011
MIN	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Lewis H Lain	11/3/2009	2011
MIN	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R*	Carol A VanBuren	11/3/2009	2011
MIN	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Paul M Lattimer	11/6/2007	2011
MIN	Councilman	4 yrs	R	David W Telgheder	11/6/2007	2011
MIN	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Brian Ford	11/6/2007	2011
MIN	Tax Collector	2 yrs	R	Dorothy A Weber	11/3/2009	2011
MIN	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Randy Filipowski	11/3/2009	2011
MRO	Town Clerk	4 yrs	R	Mary Ellen F Beams	11/6/2007	2011

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MRO	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Morton Marshak	11/6/2007	2011
MRO	Councilman	4 yrs	D	Harley E Doles III	11/6/2007	2011
MRO	Councilman	4 yrs	R	James H Rogers Sr.	11/6/2007	2011
MRO	Supt. Of Highways (TFV)	4 yrs	R	James A Gulick	11/2/2010	2011
MGY	Supervisor	2 yrs	B*	Michael R Hayes	11/3/2009	2011
MGY	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Tara Stickle	11/3/2009	2011
MGY	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Frederick G Gorss	11/6/2007	2011
MGY	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Daniel S Dempsey Jr.	11/6/2007	2011
MGY	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Ron Feller	11/6/2007	2011
MGY	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Charles D Woznick	11/3/2009	2011
MH	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	William Novak Jr.	11/3/2009	2011
MH	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Kathleen A Myers	11/3/2009	2011
MH	Councilman	4 yrs	B	Gregory E Stiles	11/6/2007	2011
MH	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Kathleen A Russo	11/6/2007	2011
MH	Tax Collector	2 yrs	R	Gary D Ketcham	11/3/2009	2011
MH	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Dean E Hassenmayer	11/3/2009	2011
NW	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	George A Green	11/3/2009	2011
NW	Town Clerk	4 yrs	R	Deborah A Green	11/6/2007	2011
NW	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Patricia Y Mullarkey	11/6/2007	2011
NW	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Eric A Lundstrom	11/6/2007	2011
NW	Rec of Taxes & Assmnts (TFV)	4 yrs	R	Susan Scheible	2/4/2011	2011
NW	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Anthony E Fayo	11/3/2009	2011
NWT	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	Wayne C Booth	11/3/2009	2011
NWT	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Andrew J Zarutskie	11/3/2009	2011
NWT	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Richard Clarino	11/6/2007	2011
NWT	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Gilbert J Piaquadio	11/6/2007	2011
NWT	Councilman	4 yrs	R	George A Woolsey Sr.	11/6/2007	2011
TU	Supervisor	2 yrs	D	Peter M Dolan	11/3/2009	2011
TU	Town Clerk	4 yrs	R	Elaine M Laurent	11/6/2007	2011
TU	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Loretta K Davis	11/6/2007	2011
TU	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Thomas J Darling	11/6/2007	2011
TU	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Gary L Phelps	11/6/2007	2011
TU	Rec of Taxes	4 yrs	D	Gregory G Stevens	11/6/2007	2011
TU	Supt. Of Highways (TFV)	4 yrs	R	Edward J Pfizenmaier	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	John F Ward Jr.	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Louisa M Ingrassia	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Councilman Ward 1	2 yrs	D	John M King	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Councilman Ward 2	2 yrs	D	Eric Valentin	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Councilman Ward 3	2 yrs	D	Kevin J Mulqueen	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Councilman Ward 4	2 yrs	R	Daniel Tulp	11/3/2009	2011
WKL	Rec of Taxes & Assessments	4 yrs	R	Dorothy H Ingrassia	11/6/2007	2011
WAR	Supervisor	4 yrs	R	Michael P Sweeton	11/6/2007	2011
WAR	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Nancy B DeAngelo	11/6/2007	2011
WAR	Councilman	4 yrs	R	James E Gerstner	11/6/2007	2011

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WAR	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Leonard M DeBuck	11/6/2007	2011
WAW	Supervisor	2 yrs	R	John R Razzano	11/3/2009	2011
WAW	Town Clerk	2 yrs	R	Kathryn A Sherlock	11/3/2009	2011
WAW	Town Justice	4 yrs	R	Timothy P McElduff	11/6/2007	2011
WAW	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Denise F Quinn	11/6/2007	2011
WAW	Councilman	4 yrs	R	Edward K Krajewski	11/6/2007	2011
WAW	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	D	Michael K Green	11/3/2009	2011
WO	Supervisor	2 yrs	D	John P Burke	11/3/2009	2011
WO	Councilman	4 yrs	D	Amidee T Haviland III	11/6/2007	2011
WO	Councilman	4 yrs	D	Carlton L Levine	11/6/2007	2011
WO	Supt. Of Highways	2 yrs	R	Peter M Stabile	11/3/2009	2011

VOTER REGISTRATION

PRIMARY ELECTION

MAIL REGISTRATION Sec. 5-210(3)

Application must be postmarked not later than August 19th and received by a board of elections not later than August 24th to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION

Secs. 5-210, 5-211, 5-212

You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the Fall primary, your application must be received no later than August 19th.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Sec. 5-208(3)

Notices of change of address from registered voters received by August 24th by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the primary election.

GENERAL ELECTION

MAIL REGISTRATION Sec. 5-210(3)

Applications must be postmarked not later than October 14th and received by a board of elections not later than October 19th to be eligible to vote in the General Election.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION

Secs. 5-210, 5-211, 5-212

You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the November general election, your application must be received no later than October 14th except, if you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 14th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 28th.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Sec. 5-208(3)

Notices of change of address from registered voters received by October 19th by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the general election.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

FOR PRIMARY

Sec. 8-400

- Sept. 6 Last day to postmark application for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)
- Sept. 12 Last day to apply in person for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)
- Sept. 12 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Sept. 20th. Sec. 8-412(1)
- Sept. 13 Last day to deliver ballot in person to the county board. Sec. 8-412(1)

FOR GENERAL

Sec. 8-400

- Nov. 1 Last day to postmark application or letter of application for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)
- Nov. 7 Last day to apply in person for ballot. Sec. 8-400 (2)(c)
- Nov. 7 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the board of elections no later than Nov. 15th. Sec. 8-412(1). Military Voter Ballots must be received no later than Nov. 21st. Sec. 10-114(1)
- Nov. 8 Last day to deliver ballot in person to the board of elections. Sec. 8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS-PRIMARY

- Aug. 19 Last day for a board of elections to receive application for ballot if not previously registered. Secs. 10-106(5) & 11-202
- Sept. 6 Last day for a board of elections to receive application if previously registered. Secs. 10-106(5) & 11-204(4)
- Sept. 12 Last day to apply personally if previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS-GENERAL

- Oct. 28 Last day for a board of elections to receive application if not previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)
- Nov. 1 Last day for a board of elections to receive application for general election if previously registered. Sec. 11-202(1b) & (1c)
- Nov. 7 Last day to apply personally for general election ballot if previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE **

DATES FOR FILING:

PRIMARY ELECTION

32 Day Pre-Primary	Aug. 12
11 Day Pre-Primary	Sept. 2
10 Day Post Primary	Sept. 23

Aug. 30th thru Sept. 12th *

GENERAL ELECTION

32 Day Pre-General	Oct. 7
11 Day Pre-General	Oct. 28
27 Day Post General	Dec. 5

Oct. 25th thru Nov. 7th *

*During this time period any contribution or loan which exceeds \$1,000 must be reported within 24 hours of receipt. This same contribution or loan must also be reported in the Post-Election report.

Periodic Reports

January 15
July 15

**NOTE:

For complete information on the manner, time and place for filing campaign financial disclosure reports, contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-458-3453, your county board of elections, or see Article 14 of the NYS Election Law and Part 6200 of the Rules and Regulations.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

2011



Primary Election – September 13

General Election – November 8

This political calendar contains ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this state. It constitutes a valuable guide to the proper administration of our election process. For complete information be sure to consult the applicable Election Law and Regulations.

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ELECTION DATES

CERTIFICATION Sec. 4-110
Aug. 8 Certification of primary ballot by State Board of Election of designations filed in its office.

PRIMARY ELECTION Sec. 8-100(1)(a)
SEPTEMBER 13

HOURS: In New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Erie, POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM and CLOSE AT 9 PM, In all other counties POLLS OPEN AT 12 NOON and CLOSE AT 9 PM.

CERTIFICATION Sec. 4-112(1)
Oct. 3 Certification of general election ballot by State Board of Elections of nominations filed in its office.

GENERAL ELECTION Sec. 8-100(1)(c)
NOVEMBER 8

HOURS: POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM and CLOSE AT 9 PM

BECOMING A CANDIDATE

PARTY DESIGNATIONS

PARTY CALLS Sec. 2-120
May 24 Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the Primary Election.

DESIGNATING PETITIONS Secs. 6-132 & 6-134

June 7 First day for signing designating petitions. Sec. 6-134(4)

July 11 – July 14 Dates for filing designating petitions. Sec. 6-158(1)

July 18 Last day to authorize designations. Sec. 6-120(3)

July 18 Last day to accept or decline a designation Sec. 6-158(2)

July 22 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(3)

July 26 Last day to file authorization of substitution. Sec. 6-120(3)

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS Sec. 6-166

June 28 First day for signing. Sec. 6-164

July 21 Last day to file petitions. Sec. 6-158(4)

July 28 Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. Sec. 6-158(4)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

Sec. 6-136

5% of the enrolled voters of the political party in the political unit (excluding voters in inactive status) or the following, whichever is less:

For any office to be filled by all the voter of:

the entire state15,000
(with at least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

New York City7,500

any county or borough of New York City4,000

a municipal court district within New York City...1,500

any city council district within New York City.....900

cities or counties having more than 250,000 inhabitants2,000

cities or counties having more than 25,000 but not more than 250,000.....1,000

any city, county, councilmanic or county legislative districts in any city other than New York City.....500

any congressional district1,250

any state senatorial district1,000

any assembly district500

any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision, except as herein provided, requirement is not to exceed the number required for the larger subdivision; a political subdivision containing more than one assembly district, county or other political subdivision, requirement is not to exceed the aggregate of the signatures required for the subdivision or parts of subdivision so contained.

PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY

May 17 – June 7 Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for statewide office. Sec 6-104(6)

June 7 First day for holding a town caucus. Sec. 6-108

Sept. 20 Last day for filing nominations made at a town or village caucus or by a party committee. Sec. 6-158(6)

Sept. 20 Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to Secs. 6-116 & 6-158(6)

Sept. 23 Last day to accept or decline a nomination Sec. 6-158(7)

Sept. 26 Last day to file authorization of nomination Secs. 6-120 & 1-106

Sept. 27 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(8)

JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Sec. 6-124 & 6-126

Sept. 20 thru 26 Dates for holding J.D. conventions. Sec. 6-158(5)

Sept. 27 Last day to file certificates of nomination. Sec. 6-158(6)

Sept. 30 Last day to decline nomination. Sec. 6-158(7)

Oct. 4 Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(8)

Minutes of a convention must be filed within 72 hours of adjournment. Sec. 6-158(6)

INDEPENDENT NOMINATIONS

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS Secs. 6-138 & 6-140

July 12 First day for signing nominating petitions. Sec. 6-138(4)

Aug. 16 thru 23 Dates for filing independent nominating petitions. Sec. 6-158(9)

Aug. 26 Last day to accept or decline nomination. Sec. 6-158 (11)

Aug. 29 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(12)

Sept. 16 Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. Sec. 6-158(11)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS

Sec. 6-142

5% of the total number of votes, excluding blank and void, cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election in the political unit, except that not more than 3,500 signatures shall be required on a petition for any office to be filled in any political subdivision outside the City of New York, and not more than the following for any office to be voted for by all the voters of:

the entire state15,000
(with at least 100 from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any county or portion thereof outside the city of New York1,500

the City of New York7,500

any county or borough or any two counties or boroughs within the City of New York4,000

a municipal court district 3,000

any city council district within New York City2,700

any congressional district3,500

any state senatorial district3,000

any assembly district1,500

the office of trustee of the Long Island Power Authority500

any political subdivision contained within another, except as provided otherwise herein, the number required is not to exceed the number required for the larger subdivision.