



New York State 2024 Senate & Assembly Primaries

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Overview

There will be a number of Senate and Assembly primary elections taking place throughout New York State this month. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 25th (with early voting beginning Saturday, June 15th). The list below describes some of the more competitive primary races by region. If you have any questions about other districts, or need any further information on any of the candidates below, please do not hesitate to reach out.

New York City

Assembly District 35

Areas Represented: Parts of Queens, including East Elmhurst and parts of Corona and Rego Park

Democratic Primary: With longtime Assembly Member [Jeff Aubry retiring](#), the race is between local District Leader and longtime community advocate

[Larinda Hooks](#) and former Council Member & State Senator [Hiram Monserrate](#). Hooks has received the endorsement of Aubry and many elected officials from Queens--from both the establishment and progressive wings--along with the support of major labor unions.

Article of Interest: [QNS.com](#) (December 6, 2023)

Assembly District 37

Areas Represented: Parts of Queens, including Ridgewood, LIC, and Maspeth

Democratic Primary: Incumbent [Juan Ardila](#) was elected in 2022 to replace Cathy Nolan who retired. Ardilla won with the backing of AOC, the WFP, and others from the progressive left. Due to [sexual misconduct allegations](#), and ignoring calls from past supporters to step down, he is being challenged by [Claire Valdez](#), who is receiving the support of the WFP and others who were once with Ardila and [Johanna Carmona](#), who is an attorney with the NYC Council.

Article of Interest: [Queens Chronicle](#) (June 6, 2024)

Assembly District 40

Areas Represented: Parts of Queens, including Flushing and Linden Hill

Democratic Primary: [Ron Kim](#), the incumbent since 2013, is facing a challenge from entrepreneur [Yi Andy Chen](#), who also unsuccessfully ran for City Council in a neighboring district in 2021, and [Dao Yin](#), who was recently subject to a [NY Times](#) investigation into his donations.

Article of Interest: [City & State](#) (January 24, 2024)

Assembly District 55

Areas Represented: Parts of Brooklyn, including Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights

Democratic Primary: Incumbent [Stefani Zinerman](#) is facing a challenge from DSA backed candidate [Eon Huntley](#). Huntley has done well in the fundraising department, receiving the maximum amount under the state's new campaign finance program. Reelecting Zinerman is a [top priority](#) of House Minority Leader Jeffries.

Article of Interest: [City & State](#) (May 2, 2024)

Assembly District 69

Areas Represented: Parts of Manhattan, including Morningside Heights, Manhattan Valley, and the UWS

Democratic Primary: Due to the [retirement](#) of incumbent Danny O'Donnell, the district faces a four-way primary, with the leading candidates being longtime political operative, and former Gov. Hochul aide [Micah Lasher](#) and public defender [Eli Northrup](#). Other candidates are housing advocate [Carmen](#)

[Quinones](#) and local community board member [Melissa Rosenberg](#). Lasher has received the endorsements of elected officials such as Congressmembers Jerry Nadler & Adriano Espaillat, BP Mark Levine, and Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal, along with the UFT, CSEA and HTC. Northrup has been [endorsed](#) by O'Donnell and the WFP.

Article of Interest: [West Side Spirit](#) (May 28, 2024)

Assembly District 77

Areas Represented: Parts of the Bronx, including Claremont, Highbridge, and Morris Heights

Democratic Primary: Incumbent [Landon Dais](#), who [recently replaced](#) former Assembly Member Latoya Joyner in February, faces a primary from Mayor Adams aide [Leonardo Coello](#), who has been endorsed by Congress Member Adriano Espaillat. Dais has the support of a number of unions such as DC37, 1199, and the TWU.

Article of Interest: [Bronx Times](#) (May 15, 2024)

Assembly District 82

Areas Represented: Parts of the Bronx, including Co-Op City, City Island, and Throgs Neck

Democratic Primary: Longtime incumbent [Mike Benedetto](#) faces a primary challenge from AOC staffer [Jonathan Soto](#). Soto, who has received the support of the [WFP and DSA](#), attempts for the third time to defeat Benedetto. Benedetto who has been endorsed by the UFT, DC 37 and elected officials such as [Speaker Heastie](#).

NYC Suburbs

Senate District 6

Areas Represented: Parts of Nassau County, including Hempstead, Rockville Center, Freeport & Westbury

Democratic Primary: Due to Senator Kevin Thomas not seeking reelection, there is a [competitive](#), two-way [primary](#) for the Democratic leaning seat between Hempstead Assembly Member [Taylor Darling](#) and the Nassau

County Legislator from Westbury, [Siela Bynoe](#). Each has been endorsed by a number of elected officials and unions.

Assembly District 92

Areas Represented: Parts of Westchester County, including Dobbs Ferry, Irvington and Tarrytown

Democratic Primary: Incumbent [MaryJane Shimsky](#) is being challenged by former Assembly Member [Tom Abinanti](#), who she defeated two years ago. Shimsky has strong endorsements from local elected officials and labor unions.

Article of Interest: [Hudson Independent](#) (June 12, 2024)

Hudson Valley & Capital District

District 103

Areas Represented: Parts of Ulster and Dutchess Counties, including Kingston and Saugerties

Democratic Primary: [Sarahana Shrestha](#), the DSA backed incumbent who [beat](#) longtime Assemblymember Kevin Cahill in 2022 faces a challenge from [Gabi Madden](#), a former legislative staffer who has received the endorsement of Senator James Skoufis and Kingston Mayor Steve Noble.

Article of Interest: [Daily Freeman](#) (May 14, 2024)

District 106

Areas Represented: Parts of Dutchess and Columbia Counties, including Hudson.

Democratic Primary: [Didi Barrett](#), first elected to the Assembly in 2012, is facing a [primary challenge](#) from the left from Columbia County representative [Claire Cousin](#), who has received the endorsement of the WFP and tenant rights groups.

Article of Interest: [Times Union](#) (May 31, 2024)

District 109

Areas Represented: City of Albany, Towns of Guilderland and New Scotland

Democratic Primary: With Assembly Member Pat Fahy, running for NYS Senate (no primary) to replace the retiring Neil Breslin, there is a six-way race to take over the heavily Democratic seat. The candidates are Albany City Council Members [Ginnie Farrell](#), [Jack Flynn](#), [Gabriella Romero](#), and [Owusu Anane](#), and Albany County Legislators [Andrew Joyce](#) & [Dustin Reidy](#)
Article of Interest: [Spectrum News](#) (June 10, 2024)

Central & Western NY

Senate District 50

Areas Represented: The suburbs of Syracuse including parts of Onondaga and Oswego counties.

Democratic Primary: With the incumbent John Mannion [running for Congress](#), there is a primary between the former [Oswego County](#) Legislature Minority Leader [Tom Drumm](#) and former [Onondaga County](#) Legislature Minority Leader [Chris Ryan](#). The winner will face Republican [Nick Paro](#), the [Salina Town Supervisor](#), in November.

Assembly District 137

Areas Represented: Parts of the City of Rochester

Democratic Primary: It is pretty quiet with primaries in Western NY, but in Rochester incumbent [Demond Meeks](#) is facing a challenge from Rochester City Council member [Willie Lightfoot](#). Meeks, elected in 2020 to replace longtime Assembly Member David Gantt, was formally a union organizer. Lightfoot is a retired Rochester firefighter and former county legislator.

Article of Interest: [WXXI News](#) (May 30, 2024)

General Information

- City and State has [reported](#) on a number of competitive races
 - The City recently ran a feature on the [competitive primaries](#) in NYC
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