

2013

Leading Contenders

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Comptroller



New York City Campaign Finance Board

Leading Contenders Debate Democratic Primary Election Comptroller

Thursday, August 22, 2013 | 7:00 PM

WCBS Studios

530 West 57th Street

New York, NY 10019

The **New York City Campaign Finance Board** is a nonpartisan, independent city agency that enhances the role of New York City residents in elections. The CFB's mission is to increase voter participation and awareness, provide campaign finance information to the public, enable more citizens to run for office, strengthen the role of small contributors, and reduce the potential for actual or perceived corruption.

The CFB is charged with administering the mandatory **Debate Program**, in concert with various civic and media partners who sponsor the debates. It is a cornerstone of the CFB's voter education efforts and provides New Yorkers with an opportunity to compare candidates side by side as they discuss the important issues facing the city. The debates help ensure New Yorkers are well-informed as they head to the polls to cast their vote.

Candidates for citywide office who participate in the Campaign Finance Program and meet certain debate criteria must participate in debates prior to an election in which he or she is on the ballot. Candidates who opt out of the Campaign Finance Program may also be invited to join the debates at the discretion of the CFB and sponsoring organizations, provided the candidates meet the same criteria.



The **COMPTROLLER** is the city's chief financial officer. The comptroller's responsibilities include: keeping the mayor and the City Council informed about the city's financial condition; making recommendations about the operations, fiscal policies, and financial transactions of the city; auditing city agencies and investigating all matters concerning the city's finances; registering and auditing contracts; issuing and selling city bonds; managing the city-held sinking funds and other trust and pension funds; and performing analysis to eliminate waste and fraud in city operations. The comptroller earns an annual salary of \$185,000.

2013 NYC Voter Guide

- » Look out for your print Guide in the mail.
- » Watch candidate statements in the Video Voter Guide on NYCgov channel.
- » Go to www.nycvotes.org on your smartphone for information right at your fingertips.
- » Visit www.nyccfb.info/nycvotes to learn more!

Candidates



Eliot Spitzer

Known as the “Sheriff of Wall Street,” Eliot Spitzer has spent his life taking on powerful interests for middle-class families. As Attorney General he cracked down on the unscrupulous practices of big Wall Street banks and as Governor he challenged the insurance industry and New York’s broken school funding system.

Eliot is running for NYC Comptroller to protect the people’s money. With over \$140 billion in assets, the power to audit and review the budget, the Comptroller’s office has the potential to hold Wall Street and our city managers accountable, and ensuring our money is used in the people’s interest.

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Scott M. Stringer

Throughout his career, Scott has dedicated himself to building a strong middle class for New York, taking on critical issues such as affordable housing, school overcrowding and growing small businesses.

As Manhattan Borough President since 2005, Scott has transformed the office into a watchdog for taxpayers, exposing waste and mismanagement at NYCHA, the Department of Buildings and the Board of Education.

As an Assemblymember from 1992 to 2005, Scott authored landmark legislation protecting survivors of domestic violence. He lives on Manhattan’s Upper West Side with his wife, Elyse Buxbaum, and their two young sons, both under 2.

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Moderator and Panelists

Marcia Kramer is the pre-eminent New York City political reporter, asking the tough questions in debates for decades; first for the NY Daily News and then for more than 20 years with WCBS-TV. For many years, Marcia hosted a regular Sunday morning community affairs show examining and questioning elected officials and their policies. She has participated in NYC mayoral debates every four years since 1986, as well as Gubernatorial debates in New York and New Jersey.

Rich Lamb is an award-winning political reporter at WCBS Newsradio 880. He's been on the air for nearly three decades. His reporting has been cited numerous times, including awards by the Overseas Press Club, The Associated Press, UPI, The New York Press Club, the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Archdiocese of New York and a host of other organizations.

Marlene Peralta is an award winning, multiplatform journalist. She has been nominated for an Emmy Award and is the recipient of three 2012 Communicator Awards from the International Academy of Visual Arts. Marlene started her journalism career as a print reporter working for Newsday and AM New York newspapers. She later transitioned to radio and TV, working as a podcast producer for 1010 WINS online, staff producer and host for HITN TV, a national bilingual network, and for local Channel 75/CUNY TV.

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CBS 2 News The CBS broadcast stations have more than 60 years each of experience covering news and public affairs in the city, including debates. WCBS-TV has a long history of sponsoring both local and national debates, extraordinary for a local television station. A recent sampling includes a 2005 Democratic Primary debate for New York City Mayor, plus Senate Debates in New York and New Jersey and the station even hosted a Presidential Primary debate in 2004.



1010 WINS is experienced in CFB debate participation, carrying the most recent primary and general election Mayoral debates in 2009. 1010 WINS is the home of the weekly addresses of New York City's Mayor and the President of the United States.



WCBS Newsradio 880 has the largest local radio news staff in the country. Political coverage is anchored by debate panelist and 35 year veteran City Hall Reporter Rich Lamb, stationed at City Hall.



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El Diario/La Prensa is the voice of the Hispanic community in New York City and beyond. El Diario/La Prensa is the nation's longest publishing Spanish-language daily and now a multiplatform operation. With 223,877 daily readers in NYC and a 100-year-old legacy, El Diario/La Prensa is the brand that generations of Latinos turn to and trust for information. In New York City, there are 2.3 million Hispanics. And this year, with El Diario/La Prensa's 100th anniversary and the key partnerships involved, there will be increased visibility of our paper.



Common Cause/New York is the statewide New York chapter of Common Cause. We are dedicated to restoring the core values of American

democracy, reinventing an open, honest, and accountable government that empowers ordinary people to make their voices heard. We work to: strengthen public participation and faith in our institutions of government; ensure that government and the political process serve the public interest, rather than special interests; curb the excessive influence of money on government policy and elections; promote fair and honest elections and high ethical standards for government officials.

Debate Scorecard

Use this handy scorecard to rank each candidate's debate performance and to help you evaluate each candidate before you head to the polls! [on a scale of 1 (worst) to 5 (best)]

	Eliot Spitzer	Scott M. Stringer
Directly answers the question		
Makes arguments clearly		
Defends claims with evidence		
Connects emotionally		
Displays confidence		
Overall impression		
TOTAL		



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2013 Debate Program Schedule

Citywide Offices | Primary Elections

MAYOR | DEMOCRATIC

Wednesday, August 21, 7PM
TV: NY1 (English),
NY1 Noticias (Spanish), C-SPAN
Radio: WNYC

Tuesday, September 3, 7PM
TV: NBC 4 New York (English),
Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)
Radio: WOR Radio

PUBLIC ADVOCATE | DEMOCRATIC

Thursday, August 15, 7PM
TV: NY1 (English), NY1 Noticias (Spanish)
Radio: WNYC

Sunday, August 25, 11:30AM
TV: NBC 4 New York (English),
Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)
Radio: WOR Radio

MAYORAL RUNOFF | DEMOCRATIC

Monday, September 23, 7PM
TV: CBS 2 News (English),
WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio: 1010 WINS, WCBS Newsradio 880

Debate will be cancelled if there is only one candidate who meets the criteria.

MAYOR | REPUBLICAN

Wednesday, August 28, 7PM
TV: CBS 2 News (English),
WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio: 1010 WINS, WCBS Newsradio 880

Sunday, September 8, 11:30AM
TV: NBC 4 New York (English),
Telemundo Nueva York (Spanish)
Radio: WOR Radio

COMPTROLLER | DEMOCRATIC

Monday, August 12, 7PM
TV: NY1 (English), NY1 Noticias (Spanish)
Radio: WNYC

Thursday August 22, 7PM
TV: CBS 2 News (English),
WLNY-TV 10/55 (Spanish)
Radio: WCBS Newsradio 880

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