

## 2021 General Election Summary

### *New York City Election Results*

#### Citywide Offices

Democrats won all three citywide elections, with Brooklyn borough president **Eric Adams** defeating Republican Curtis Sliwa in the race for Mayor, Councilmember **Brad Lander** winning the Comptroller's seat against Republican Daby Carreras and incumbent **Jumaane Williams** winning re-election over Devi Nampiaparampil in the race for Public Advocate.

#### City Council Elections

With 31 members of the 51-member City Council term-limited or retiring, most Councilmembers are being elected to new terms. Only a handful of contests were competitive. Seats that appear to have swung from Democrat to Republican include Council District 19 in Queens, where Republican **Vickie Paladino** leads Democrat Tony Avella by approximately 7 percentage points and Council District 48, where Republican **Inna Vernikov** defeated Democrat Steve Saperstein.

Council districts 43 and 47 in Brooklyn are too close to call and may be decided by absentee and mail-in ballots. Republican Brian Fox leads the incumbent Democrat Justin Brannan in the 43<sup>rd</sup> district and Democrat Ari Kagan leads Republican Mark Szuskiewicz in the 47<sup>th</sup> district.

Democrats held a 48-3 majority prior to the election and will likely have lost anywhere from one to four seats, thereby preserving their significant majority.

#### Borough Presidents & Manhattan District Attorney

All five borough president races were decided by large margins. The lone incumbent running for borough president was Democrat **Donovan Richards**, who easily won re-election in Queens. Republican **Vito Fossella** won the Staten Island borough president's race and Democrats **Antonio Reynoso** of Brooklyn, **Mark Levine** of Manhattan and **Vanessa Gibson** of the Bronx easily won their respective races.

Democrat **Alvin Bragg** convincingly won the lone District Attorney race in New York City.

[A full list of unofficial results for New York City Elections can be found here.](#)

## *Notable Election Results Outside of New York City*

### **City of Albany**

Democratic incumbent [Kathy Sheehan](#) won a third term as Mayor in Albany.

### **City of Buffalo**

Democratic incumbent [Byron Brown](#) declared victory in his “write-in” campaign for Mayor in Buffalo following his June primary election loss to Democrat India Walton. Brown’s name did not appear on the ballot and voters had to write-in his name to vote for him. Unofficial vote tallies, which do not include absentee ballots, show 23,986 votes for Walton and 34,273 votes categorized as “Write-In.” The “write-in” votes will have to be hand-counted and official results are not expected until later this month.

NYSAR and the Buffalo Niagara Association of REALTORS® conducted a robust Independent Expenditure campaign in support of Byron Brown for Mayor, which included direct mail to voters, online and video ads, phone calls, and a large door to door effort.

### **City of Rochester**

Democratic candidate [Malik Evans](#) won a first term as Mayor in Rochester after running unopposed. Evans defeated Democratic incumbent Lovely Warren in the June primary election.

### **City of Syracuse**

Independent incumbent [Ben Walsh](#) won a second term as Mayor in Syracuse. Also notable, Republican candidate [Danielle Fogel](#) defeated former Democratic Congressman Anthony Brindisi for a State Supreme Court seat in the Central New York 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

### **Long Island**

Republican candidate [Bruce Blakeman](#) declared victory over Democratic incumbent Laura Curran for Nassau County Executive. Republican candidate [Anne Donnelly](#) defeated Democrat Todd Kaminsky in the open seat for Nassau County District Attorney. Kaminsky will retain his current State Senate seat, which will be up for election in 2022. Republican candidate **Ray Tierney** defeated Democratic incumbent Tim Sini in the race for Suffolk County District Attorney. Additionally, Republicans now likely hold a supermajority in the County Legislature.

### **Hudson Valley**

Democratic incumbent [George Latimer](#) was re-elected Westchester County Executive over Republican Christine Sculti. Republican incumbent [Ed Day](#) won a third term as Rockland County Executive defeating Democrat L’Tanya Watkins. More results on Hudson Valley races can be found [here](#).

### *Statewide Ballot Propositions*

As votes continue to be counted statewide, New Yorkers are on track to approve 2 out of the 5 [ballot propositions](#), rejecting 3 proposals to change the redistricting process and voter reforms:

- Proposal #1 – Changes to the state’s redistricting process and population count was **rejected**.
- Proposal #2 – Right to clean air and water was **approved**.
- Proposal #3 – Same day voter registration was **rejected**.
- Proposal #4 – Allow no-excuse absentee voting was **rejected**.
- Proposal #5 – New York City Civil Court claims limit increase was **approved**.