

# 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Ballot Proposals on Housing & Elections

This November, New York City voters will have the chance to vote on five reforms to the New York City Charter – the city’s “Constitution.” Four of the proposals are intended to tackle the city’s housing crisis by helping to build more housing faster, especially affordable housing. Another proposal is intended to increase turnout in local elections by moving local elections to presidential election years, when more people vote. These five proposals will appear on New Yorkers’ ballots as Questions 2 through 6 (a separate amendment to the state constitution will be Question 1).

## QUESTION #2:

### Fast Track Affordable Housing to Build More Affordable Housing Across the City

This proposal would make it easier to build more affordable housing across the city by streamlining the review process for affordable projects. This reform aims to ensure that affordable housing is produced more quickly and at lower cost, and that every community adds affordable housing.

It would create two new fast tracks:

- A new fast track approval for publicly financed affordable housing at the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA).
- A new fast track review for projects that deliver affordable housing in the community districts that build the least affordable housing.

## QUESTION #3:

### Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects

This proposal would create a streamlined review procedure for actions that will add modest amounts of additional housing, protect New Yorkers from flooding and other extreme weather events, and create new open space. This new process, called the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (“ELURP”), would cut public review time in half for eligible projects, while maintaining Community Board review.

## QUESTION #4:

### Establish an Affordable Housing Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Representation

This proposal would create the Affordable Housing Appeals Board with the power to approve certain land use actions that create affordable housing. The Appeals Board — made up of the City Council Speaker, Borough President and Mayor — could reverse City Council decisions that reject or modify applications to create affordable housing. The Appeals Board would replace the Mayor’s veto for these affordable housing applications.

## QUESTION #5:

### Create a Digital City Map to Modernize City Operations

This proposal would centralize and digitize the City Map, which currently exists as thousands of paper maps across five separate borough offices. The City Map is a little-known but critical component of housing and infrastructure projects, and this change could allow processes that today take months, or even years, to occur nearly instantly.

## QUESTION #6:

### Move Local Elections to Presidential Election Years to Increase Voter Participation

This proposal would move the City’s elections to even-numbered years, so that they are held in the same year as Federal Presidential elections, when more than double the number of voters turn out, on average. This reform would also save New York City an estimated \$42 million every two years. If approved in New York City, this change would go into effect upon approval of an additional state constitutional amendment. Before it goes into effect, this proposal will also be reviewed by the New York Attorney General.



To learn more about these proposals, visit [Charter.nyc](https://www.charter.nyc).