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In December of 2022, Mayor Adams announced a bold initiative to streamline the city’s civic engagement efforts by establishing the city’s first-ever Office of Engagement and appointing Betsy MacLean as its chief engagement officer. The chief engagement officer is tasked with coordinating community engagement efforts across agencies, systematically learning from communities to inform policy and programs, building the capacity of all city agency outreach and engagement teams, and advancing community-driven solutions. In addition to leading the Office of Engagement, MacLean oversees the city’s primary engagement offices: the Community Affairs Unit (CAU), the Civic Engagement Commission (CEC), the Public Engagement Unit (PEU), and NYC Service.

In last year’s report, I reflected on how the Commission’s existence and progression are in themselves, civic participation wins for New Yorkers and how, through our work, we are experiencing more and more residents finding value in a government agency charged with strengthening local democracy and improving public trust. The Mayor’s Office of Engagement is another point of progress and a big win for our constituents, affirming the priority of civic engagement initiatives within our city government while offering added support for CEC programs and closer collaboration with engagement-focused agencies.

This year provided the CEC with another opportunity to make history by launching “The People’s Money” - the city’s first-ever citywide participatory budgeting process. Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers submitted ideas, developed ballots, and voted on projects to address community needs. Throughout the different stages of the program, CEC provided \$1.7 million in funding to 105 community partners to engage in grassroots outreach directed toward residents who have typically been left out of the democratic process. This included a targeted effort in 33 TRIE Equity neighborhoods, and with specific communities, such as those with limited English proficiency, youth, veterans, people with disabilities, immigrants, NYCHA residents, older adults, the faith-based community, LGBTQIA+, and justice-impacted residents.

The CEC continues to experience growth in programs and staffing, and we are incredibly proud to have Kathleen Daniel appointed by the Mayor as the city’s new Chief Democracy Officer. DemocracyNYC hit the ground running in 2023, working to educate voters on Ranked Choice Voting ahead of the June 2023 Primary Election, overseeing our Poll Site Language Assistance Program, and building on our Civics Week partnership with PEU and NYC Public Schools.

Throughout this report, the outstanding service of our dedicated staff members, volunteers, commissioners, and community partners are highlighted as pivotal contributions toward the impact of our work. The CEC began with 7 lines allocated in the budget in 2019, we are now a team of 21 full-time employees – this growth is a testament to the value of our mandate and our mission. Through innovative, creative methods centered on values of dignity and equity, CEC is continuing to develop new pathways for more inclusive civic participation in New York City.

Dr. Sarah Sayeed

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Chair & Executive Director

MISSION & CORE VALUES

The purpose of the CEC is to enhance civic participation, increase civic trust and strengthen democracy in New York City. To support and encourage New Yorkers to meaningfully participate in civic life, the CEC believes that active listening, as a process and practice, is central to building relationships and trust. We are committed to being practitioners of participatory democracy and affirm our responsibility and commitment to lift the power and voices of all NYC communities. We ground this work based on our core values:

DIGNITY

We celebrate the inherent worth of all human beings by creating processes that center relationship-building, intentional listening, and care.

MANIFESTING COMMUNITY POWER

We support community leadership, provide education about how various systems of government work, and create pathways for engagement so that communities voice and manifest their power over decisions that impact their lives.

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

We facilitate honest dialogue with residents and interagency partners that centers their lived experiences and commit to continuous evaluation and improvement to strengthen the impact of processes and actions on outcomes.

COLLABORATION

We believe that by working together with people affected by policies, we can identify and solve our collective challenges and build the interdependence required for a healthy resilient democracy.

IMAGINATIVE WAYS OF WORKING

We commit to reimagining what government processes can look like— opening possibilities for new ways of engagement.

ACCESSIBILITY & JUSTICE

We strive to create conditions that foster access to information and resources that enable community partnerships that are grounded in mutual agency and work to eliminate policies and practices that have disparate impacts on historically marginalized and underserved communities.

DYNAMIC LEARNING

We commit to foster mutual learning communities and amplifying voices and stories from community partners that inform our own practice.

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The Commission had a busy year, with 4 public meetings and 2 public hearings in FY23. In the fall of 2022, Commissioners held a public hearing and public hearing to review and pass a proposed amendment to the poll site language assistance methodology. The revision enables the Commission to consider utilization of poll site services over three general elections when making decisions about scope of services. Several meetings and a public hearing also focused on the participatory budgeting program. In July 2022, Commissioners voted in support of a resolution to proportionally allocate expense funding to each borough based on population size and poverty. In 2023, CEC conducted a hearing to gain public feedback on a comprehensive methodology to implement participatory budgeting. Information about these hearings and meetings, including meeting recordings, are available in the [Get Involved](#) section of the CEC website.

The CEC staff and all CEC Commissioners would also like to thank outgoing Commissioners Michael Nussbaum, Annetta Seecharran, and Jose Hernandez for their service in serving as Mayoral appointees to the Commission. We also welcome new appointees, Giovanni Barcenes, Ishrat Jahan, and Edwin Maxwell.

AGENCY REBRAND

At the CEC, we believe that storytelling is a key component in our work of sharing our lived experiences, which is why we rely on art to help us connect with New Yorkers through a more robust, creative lens. In 2022, we embarked on a collaborative journey to reimagine the look, feel, and brand identity of the Civic Engagement Commission (CEC). Our new aesthetics were designed by Time of Day Media, supported by the People’s Artist Yazmany Arboleda, CEC staff, and in collaboration with community stakeholders. Drawing inspiration from iconic New York City street art and artists, our new identity symbolizes accessibility, approachability, and is representative of the tone of our city. Through this rebrand, we aim to foster greater civic engagement and resonance with the diverse communities in New York City.



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DEMOCRACY NYC



"Democracy NYC Purple" represents our mission to **increase voter participation and civic engagement** in NYC through education, registration, and policy amplification. We work to eliminate historic barriers to voting and encourage all eligible New Yorkers to make their voices heard.

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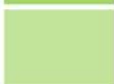
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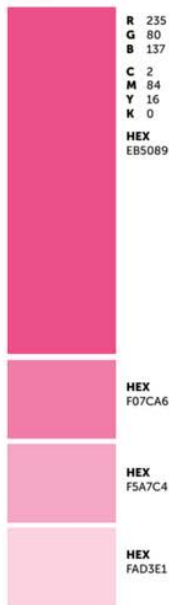
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"People's Money Green" celebrates **NYC's first-ever participatory budgeting process**, where anyone age 11 and up can decide how to spend part of the city budget to address community needs, regardless of immigration status.



PEOPLE'S BUS
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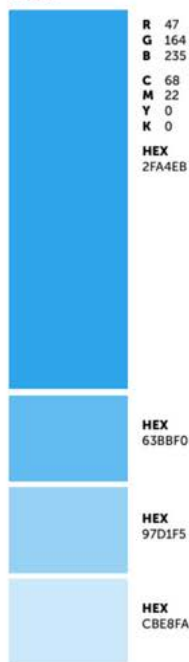
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**PEOPLE'S
BUS**



"People's Bus Pink" celebrates the process of **change and the joy of community engagement**. The People's Bus, once used to transport those detained on Rikers Island, has been transformed with input from New Yorkers into a mobile community center. Its purpose is to bring beauty and joy to civic life in NYC.

COMMUNITY
BOARDS

BLUE



**COMMUNITY
BOARDS**



"Community Boards Blue" is inspired by our city sky and **celebrates all things local**. Community Boards, made up of volunteers appointed by Borough Presidents, weigh in on issues that impact their communities, from land use to small businesses to the environment.



PROGRAM DATA REPORTING

THE PEOPLE'S MONEY



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

The People's Money, run by the NYC Civic Engagement Commission (CEC), is New York City's first-ever citywide Participatory Budgeting (PB) process. All New Yorkers aged 11 and older, regardless of immigration status, can decide how to spend part of the City's budget on projects to address needs in their community.

On September 14th, 2022, Mayor Adams and the Civic Engagement Commission announced the launch of The People's Money — New York City's first-ever citywide PB process in which residents decide how to spend \$5 million of the city's budget on expense projects in their communities.

Though NYC City Council members introduced PB back in 2011, and many City Council members currently participate by putting up their own discretionary funding, The People's Money is the first citywide process utilizing Mayoral expense funding. Expense funding can be used for projects and services, and the citywide process allows all New Yorkers to participate, regardless of the council district they live in.

As part of our charter mandate the CEC has formed a Participatory Budgeting Advisory Committee (PBAC) to help guide the design and implementation of The People's Money. Through an open application process, 22 people were chosen to represent organizations or to serve on their own behalf having demonstrated experience in PB or civic engagement. In addition to helping write our guidelines and design principles, they meet regularly with the CEC staff to weigh in on topics such as funding allocations, process design, outreach efforts, and timeline.

In addition to the PBAC the CEC formed an Intergov Working Group. This group is made up of 26 representatives of a variety of city agencies including MOPD, MOIA, CAU, DYCD, DOHMH and others. They consult with the CEC on program design, timelines, and provide recommendation on how to do outreach to their core constituents. They also provide valuable insight to potential implementation partners, and we can share best practices and how to run civic engagement efforts.

An early decision that had to be made was how to allocate the \$5 million in funding for project implementation. In addition to running a borough-based process, the CEC decided to simultaneously run a neighborhood process in 33 neighborhoods. These 33 neighborhoods were identified by the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity (TRIE) as the most heavily impacted by COVID-19, in addition to communities that have a high percentage of other health and socioeconomic disparities.

The TRIE neighborhoods were given \$50,000 each for the citywide process, a slight increase from the \$40,000 from the previous pilot process that was for TRIE neighborhoods only from 2021-2022. The remaining \$3,350,000 was distributed to each borough based on the percentage of people living under the 100% of poverty level. This resulted in an equitable distribution of resources across the boroughs.

After convening and hearing public comments, the CEC Commissioners approved the methodology of the process including the borough allocations, neighborhood process, and the motion to reduce the voting age from 16 to 11.

Prior to launching the process, the CEC led a robust engagement process to solicit proposals from community-based organizations and other groups to partner with us across the five boroughs. We received 220 applications and selected 82 partners, as listed in Appendix 1.1 by level of partnership.

The Four Phases of the People's Money

Phase 1: Idea Generation

The first phase of the process is idea generation. In this phase, residents are invited to virtual and in-person workshops to learn about the city budget cycle, identify community needs, and brainstorm ideas for expense projects through interactive activities and discussion. Specifically, in the two-hour workshop, residents play a civic trivia game, conduct a budget reallocation exercise, and work together in small groups to fill out a project worksheet.

From September through November of 2022, the CEC and our 82 community partners hosted 523 of these sessions across the city through which 12,344 New Yorkers were engaged. In addition to sessions facilitated by our partner organizations, the CEC also collaborated with the offices of Borough Presidents to host 5 borough-based Idea Generation Sessions.

Residents were also able to propose ideas and projects directly on our online platform: participate.nyc.gov. In total, New Yorkers submitted 2,023 ideas for the five boroughs and 2,116 ideas for the 33 equity neighborhoods.

Phase 2: Project Evaluation

The second phase of the process is project evaluation. In this phase, resident committees work together to further develop and select the top ideas from the Idea Generation phase to be placed on the ballot. From December 2022 through February 2023, resident committees evaluated ideas for their equity and feasibility, and developed and selected the final project proposals to be placed on the ballots.

With the CEC's mission to deepen democratic engagement for NYC residents, the team decided to integrate principles from Deliberative Democracy, which has been utilized within local and national levels of government around the world. Deliberative Democratic processes (also known as citizens' or civic assemblies) create a randomly selected, but demographically representative sample of a population that together learns about pressing issues, engages in deep deliberation, and develops informed policy solutions.

Hence, for the Borough Process, the CEC convened five Borough Committees made up of residents who applied online or in idea generation sessions to represent their borough. Each borough's committee was made up of on average 16 resident volunteers that were selected through a random, but demographically stratified sortition process. The assembly committees held 5 meetings between January and February where members got together to discuss the borough projects. The committees evaluated projects submitted for the borough process using criteria to ensure equity, need, and feasibility. The projects they selected are the projects on each borough ballot.

For the TRIE equity neighborhood process, our year-long nonprofit partners convened neighborhood coalitions to develop their local ballots. Each neighborhood coalition was made up of on average 8 members, who represented a key institution or group in the neighborhood, such as a school, older adult center, tenant association, community board, service provider, etc. The coalitions met between two to three times between January and February to discuss the local projects. The committees evaluated projects submitted for their neighborhood process using criteria to ensure equity, need, and feasibility. The projects they selected are the projects on each neighborhood ballot. In total, the process culminated in 38 ballots – 5 borough ballots and 33 equity neighborhood ballots. To read the final projects placed on all the ballots, please click [here](#).

Phase 3: Citywide Voting

The third phase of the process is Citywide Voting. In this phase, residents aged 11 and older vote on how to spend part of the city budget to address community needs.

About the Ballots

From May 10th through June 25th, 2023, New York residents voted on their eligible ballots for which projects they would like to see funded. Residents could vote on the ballot for the borough where they live. On the ballot, residents were able to vote for their favorite projects, however only a certain number of projects would be funded.

- Bronx Ballot: There were 8 projects listed. The 3 projects with the highest number of votes will be funded for \$265,000 each.
- Brooklyn Ballot: There were 10 projects listed. The 4 projects with the highest number of votes will be funded for \$250,000 each.
- Queens Ballot: There were 9 projects listed. The 3 projects with the highest number of votes will be funded for \$280,000 each.
- Manhattan Ballot: There were 8 projects listed. The 2 projects with the highest number of votes will be funded for \$262,500 each.
- Staten Island Ballot: There were 4 projects listed. The project with the highest number of votes will be funded for \$177,000.

If a resident also lives in one of the 33 equity neighborhoods, they could vote on a ballot for that neighborhood. On the ballot, residents were able to vote for their favorite projects, however only one project would be funded.

- There were between 3-5 projects listed on each neighborhood ballot. For each neighborhood, the project with the highest number of votes will be funded for \$50,000.

Voting Methods

To vote, residents could vote online or in-person, in multiple languages, at sites across the five boroughs. The CEC worked with 59 community partners including 54 community-based organizations, 2 CUNY campuses, and 113 library branches as listed in Appendix 1.2.

Our partners and volunteers across the five boroughs launched a get out the vote campaign to ensure as many eligible New Yorkers had the opportunity to participate. Partners hosted ballot boxes, voting drives, community events, and neighborhood canvasses to support this historic civic engagement effort.

The CEC staffed 115 events to spread awareness and collect 10,037 paper borough ballots and 1,672 paper neighborhood ballots. The CEC also conducted outreach at borough flagship events held in each borough in collaboration with cultural institutions and community partners, including Museum Mile, the Queens Night Market, and Celebrate Brooklyn/BRIC. These efforts included a multimedia, multilingual citywide advertising strategy that yielded over 13 million impressions and 1.6 million New Yorkers reached across the entire campaign.



Voting Results

Below are the voting results of the process:

- In the borough process, a total of 110,371 ballots were cast including 85,032 paper ballots and 25,339 digital votes.
- In the equity neighborhood process, a total of 97,873 ballots were cast including 84,289 paper ballots and 13,584 digital votes.

The projects that received the highest votes and thus will be funded are the following:

Borough Ballots: Selected Projects

Bronx - \$265,000 of funding for each project

1. Financial Literacy Classes for Youth
2. Trauma-Informed Childcare Workshops
3. Youth Life Skills Workshops

Brooklyn - \$250,000 of funding for each project

4. Strengthen Mental Health Programs for 9-13 Year Olds
5. Parenting Education Program for Single and Teen Parents
6. Field Trips for Elementary and Middle Schoolers
7. Delivery of Nutritious Meals for Homebound Seniors

Manhattan - \$262,500 of funding for each project

8. Trade Skills and Vocational Resources for Students
9. Housing Resource Outreach

Queens - \$280,000 of funding for each project

10. Healthy Lifestyle Guidance for Kids
11. Parent Support and Wellness Services
12. Young Entrepreneurs Program

Staten Island - \$177,000 of funding for each project

13. Staten Island Job Link

Neighborhood Ballots: Selected Projects

Bronx Equity Neighborhoods

- Belmont and East Tremont: Neighborhood Cleanup in Tremont
- Fordham Heights and University Heights: Coding 101 for BIPOC Youth
- Highbridge, Concourse and Mount Eden: Help Prevent Crime in Our Community
- Hunts Point and Longwood: Improving Mental Health for Kids and Family
- Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights and Bedford Park: Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshops
- Morrisania and Crotona: Programming for Youth and Older Adults
- Mott Haven and Melrose: Workshops for Youth Teaching Economic Empowerment
- Soundview, Clason Point, Castle Hill and Unionport: Financial Literacy and Housing Assistance
- Williamsbridge, Wakefield, Edenwald, Norwood and Olinville: Mental Health Awareness and Coping Skills

Brooklyn Equity Neighborhoods

- Bedford Stuyvesant: Alternatives to Violence for Youth
- Brownsville: Creating Mental Health Outreach Programs
- Bushwick: Mental and Physical Health Resources
- Coney Island and Brighton Beach: Multicultural Arts and Creative Wellness Program
- Canarsie: Job Readiness and Certification Assistance
- East Flatbush: (Well)th: Mindset and Nutrition Shifts for Physical and Mental Health
- East New York, Starrett City and Cypress Hills: College Readiness for Middle and High School Students
- Flatbush: Housing Support for Populations in Need
- Sunset Park: Mental Health Awareness Workshops

Manhattan Equity Neighborhoods

- Central Harlem: Keep Encouraging Youth Success
- East Harlem: East Harlem Mindfulness
- Lower East Side and Chinatown: Food Access Support
- Morningside and Hamilton Heights: Healthy Mind, Heart, and Soul
- Washington Heights and Inwood: Making Food Accessible

Queens Equity Neighborhoods

- Briarwood: Vocational Training for Youth
- Corona: Etiquette for Kids
- East Elmhurst: Moving Forward with Arts for Our Youth
- Jamaica, South Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans, Springfield Gardens and Rochdale: Vocational Training and Job Prep
- Queens Village: Youth Drug Prevention Workshops
- Queensbridge: Basic Necessities for Families
- Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park: Mental Health for Indo-Caribbean and South Asian Families
- Rockaway and Broad Channel: A Way Out: Violence Prevention Program
- Woodhaven: Immigration Resources Center

Staten Island Equity Neighborhood

- St. George, Stapleton, Port Richmond and Tompkinsville: Immigrant Workers' Rights Education Project

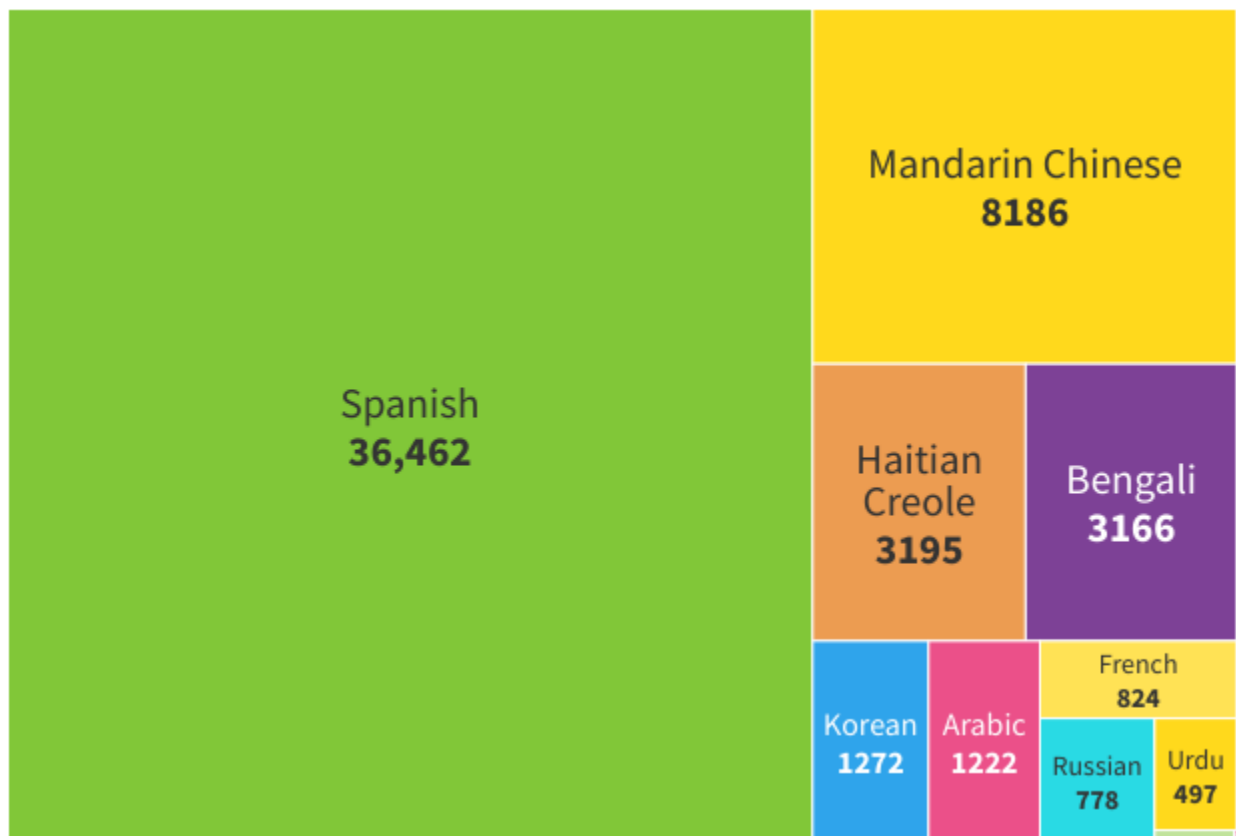
Of the 46 funded projects, 13 focus on mental health, 9 on job training, and 7 on education. Moreover, 16 of the 46 funded projects intend to serve youth, while 14 of them have an intergenerational emphasis.

Survey Results

As part of Phase 3, the CEC and our partner organizations administered an optional voter exit survey that would allow us to better understand who participated in the process. Voters who cast ballots both online and in person were able to fill out the survey, which consisted of 9 questions, after submitting their vote. In total, we collected 22,319 surveys in a total of 10 different languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, Bengali, Korean, Arabic, French, Russian, and Urdu. Around 17,822 surveys were filled out in English, followed by 2,522 (11%) in Spanish, 432 (2%) in Chinese, and 267 (1%) in Bengali.

Languages of Ballots Cast

Ballots were translated into a total of 12 languages: Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Bengali, Haitian Creole, French, Russian, Yiddish, Korean, Urdu, Italian, and Polish. People were able to vote in any of these languages at participate.nyc.gov or by paper ballot. While the majority of ballots were cast in English (133,948), approximately 61,787 ballots were cast in a language other than English. Of these, 36,462 were cast in Spanish followed by 8,186 in Chinese and 3,195 in Haitian Creole.



Type of Ballot

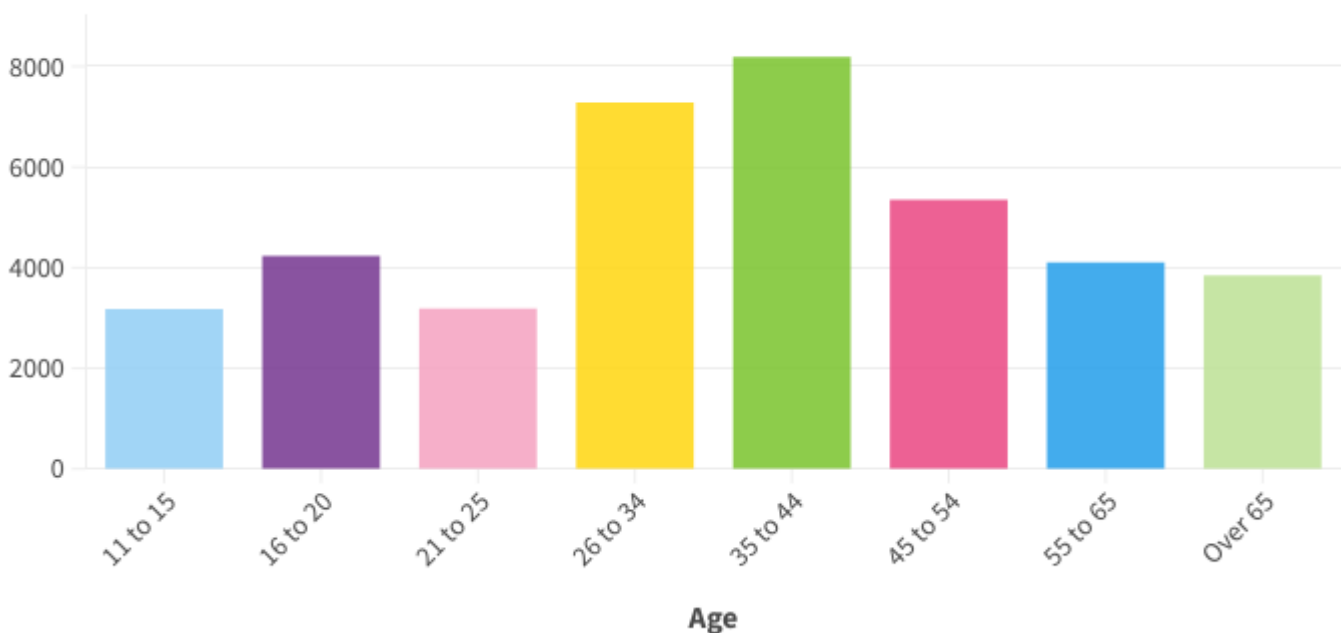
Voters were able to submit ballots online at participate.nyc.gov as well as in person at events and/or vote sites across the city. In total, more than 4x as many votes were cast by paper as online, with 169,321 paper ballots and 38,923 digital ballots being submitted.



Age

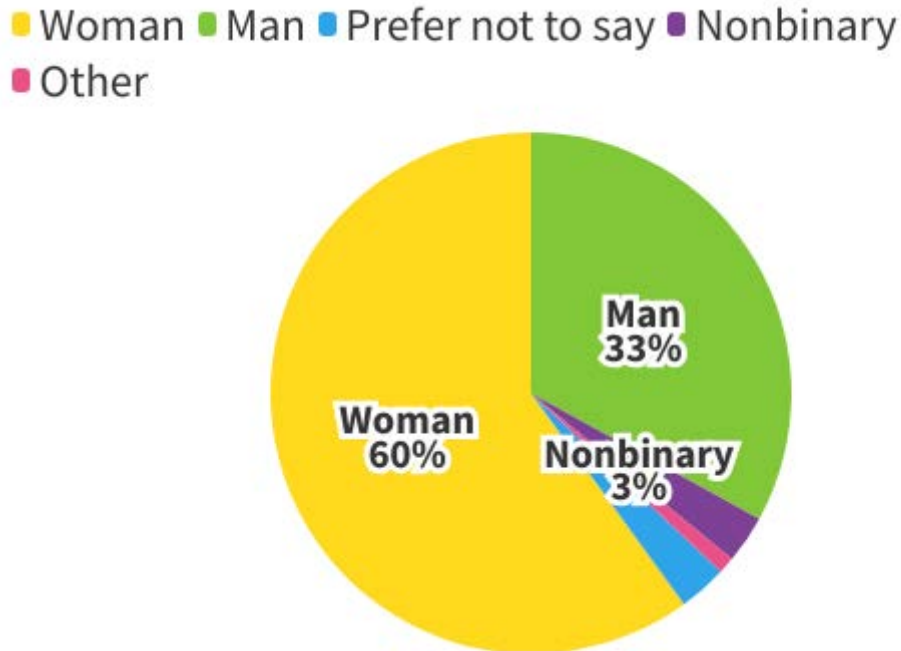
According to results from our survey, the group with the highest participation was 35-44 (21%) year olds followed by 26-34 (18%) year olds, and 45-54 (14%) year olds. Another significant finding was that youth between the ages of 11 and 15 made up around 8% of participants.

Number of Survey Respondents



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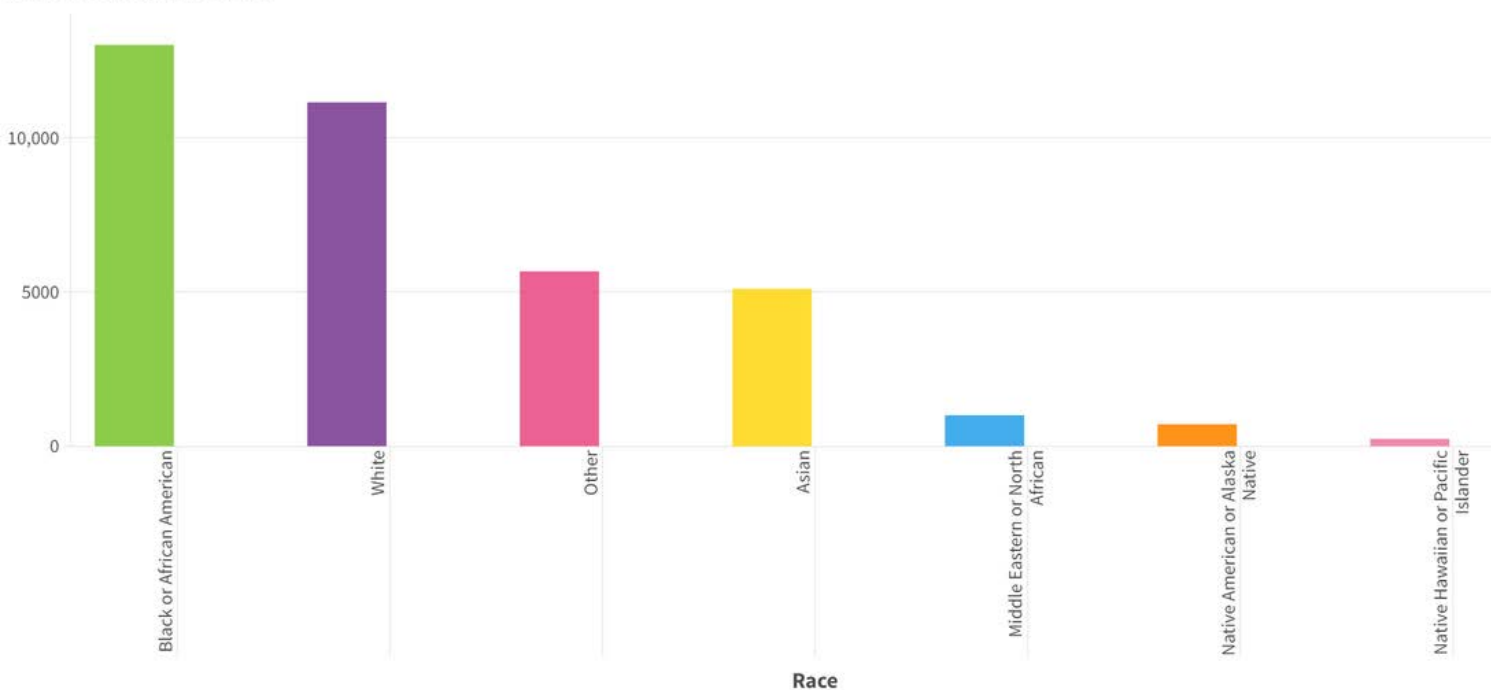
The voter survey results also showed that people who identified as women made up around 60% of participants. Additionally, 1,028 (3%) survey participants identified as non-binary.



Race

A total of approximately 32% of participants identified as Black or African American, 28% identified as White and 18% as Asian. This aligns with the priorities and goals of the CEC which include bringing in groups that are underrepresented in traditional civic engagement processes.

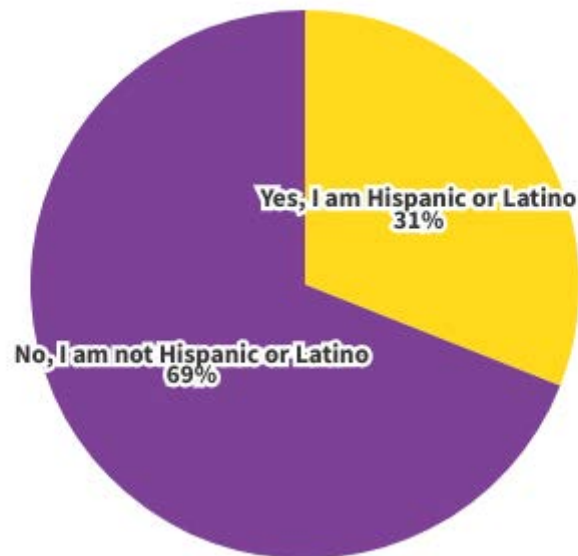
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Ethnicity

The voter survey results also showed that approximately 31% (11,559) of our survey respondents identified as Hispanic and/or Latino, compared to 69% (25,781) who did not identify as Hispanic and/or Latino. This represents a significant participation rate among Hispanic and/or Latino New Yorkers in this phase of the PB process.

■ Yes, I am Hispanic or Latino ■ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino



Phase 4: Project Implementation

The CEC will work closely with the implementing organizations over the course of the year to ensure they are supported, projects are effectively monitored, and are completed successfully. Any opportunities to be involved in the projects will be posted here.

All projects must be completed by June of 2024. The CEC will report back the results of the projects upon completion, including metrics such as the number of residents served, outcomes, highlights, successes and challenges.

After finalizing the vote count and determining the projects that will be funded, we proceeded on two tracks. For the borough projects we had a Request for Expression of Interest that had been filled out by interested organizations. We selected the organizations to move forward for the winning projects and have asked them to fill out a more detailed Statement of Work which was due August 14th. We have moved forward with them to the contracting process. For the TRIE neighborhoods we had those coalitions suggest organizations to do the do the project implementation and asked them to also submit expanded Statements of Work. We are now in the contracting and implementation phase.

The People's Bus and Artist Collective

The People's Bus: was transformed into a giant puppet called, "Tippy: The Tender People's Money Monster." Adorned with over 2,000 tentacles, Tippy traveled to each of the boroughs spreading joy and inviting people to rethink often tender relationships to money. Tippy's journey has been documented on the CEC's social media and YouTube channels.



Tippy, The People's Tender Money Monster

The Artist's Collective: In February of 2023, the CEC launched an Open Call-in partnership with the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, seeking five artists to help us build the creative identity for The People's Money Citywide Participatory Budgeting Get Out the Vote campaign. At the CEC, we believe that storytelling is a key component in our work of sharing our lived experiences. Five artists worked with the CEC to connect this process with New Yorkers through a robust, creative lens.



Work of the People's Money Artist Collective

Technology and The People's Money

In order to manage, visualize, store, process, and communicate content related to The People's Money the Civic Engagement Commission selected a combination of technology vendors and tools.

The main tool we use is Decidim, an open-source platform, which is available at: participate.nyc.gov

"Decidim is a framework that allows anybody to create and configure a website platform, to be used in the form of a political network for democratic participation. The platform allows any organization (local city council, association, university, NGO, neighborhoods or cooperative) to create mass processes for strategic planning, participatory budgeting, collaborative design for regulations, urban spaces and election processes. Over 400 entities, 250 governmental and 150 grass root communities have chosen Decidim for their democratic processes." (2023, Decidim.org)

We use the participate site to fulfill the following functions:

- Create a repository of the CEC's Participatory Budgeting (PB) Process
- Have a system for New Yorkers to submit ideas online for every PB process.
- Display the projects that were selected and that will be implemented for each PB Cycle.
- Allow people to vote online on projects and initiatives.
- Allow New Yorkers to create accounts and be informed about what happens with the ideas they submit.

Decidim required multiple adaptations to the Commission's needs, NYC specific regulations, and the user needs of the CEC's targeted populations.

Overall, the platform has gone through three large development phases:

1. Setting up and piloting Decidim in NYC for the first time (2020 - 2022)

During this stage the platform was set up in the city infrastructure, was launched with CEC programming, and was tested as a content management tool for diverse processes:

- a. It's Our Money (Oct 2020 - Aug 2021)
- b. The People's Bus (2021)
- c. The Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity (TRIE) Coalition Meetings (2021)
- d. The People's Money (2021 - 2022)

2. Testing the platform as a content manager for multiple participatory processes across city entities

The platform was used to implement idea generation in partnership with City Council, for multiple council members and to collect ideas from City employees to support priority setting for the Adams administration.

- a. 15 City Councils (District 1, District 3, District 5, District 6, District 12, District 13, District 14, District 18, District 22, District 28, District 34, District 36, District 38, District 39, District 40) used the platform to support their idea generation efforts.
- b. NYC Speaks City Ideas (2022)

As a result of both processes, the Commission was able to collect detailed information on the platform's performance, shortcomings, user needs and management challenges via user testing, accessibility audits, content manager interviews, and third-party audits in partnership with the Civic Service Design Studio, The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, the Office of Technology and Innovation, Council, and Digidem Lab.

3. Customized Decidim for NYC Needs (2022 – Present)

The Commission embarked in the process of redesigning the Decidim site specifically for The People’s Money, the first citywide PB process.



Mobile-first voting and OCR ballots

The second tool that was used to support The People’s Money was Decision 21. Focused particularly on the voting phase. Decision 21 allowed the commission to run a hybrid voting operation both in paper, and digitally in a mobile-first system.

The voting mechanisms required people who voted online to submit their phone number to receive a text and validate that one vote was recorder per phone number. The phone numbers were not used for any other purpose and were deleted upon the termination of the voting process.

There was an PIN system available for people who did not want to provide their phone numbers to vote, that system was particularly useful during canvassing events where people used LTE powered tablets. Decision 21 also offered Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software that allowed for the paper ballots to be counted, and reviewed in case the ballot was not filled following the instructions provided.

New Yorkers could provide their zip-code and depending on their location they could vote on the borough ballot, and the neighborhood ballot (if they lived in one of the 33 Equity Neighborhoods). E.g., If a person lived at the 10029 zip-code they could vote in the East Harlem Ballot as well as the Manhattan Ballot.

DEMOCRACY NYC



DEMOCRACYNYC

As the Mayor established the city's first-ever Office of Engagement in December of 2022, he also announced the appointment of Kathleen Daniel to lead DemocracyNYC (DNYC) as the City's Chief Democracy Officer. DNYC is a nonpartisan program of the CEC focused on increasing participation in democracy for all New Yorkers as well as increasing voter participation in elections. In an environment where registered voters are not turning out to vote, DemocracyNYC is focusing on building a culture of voting in NYC.

Kathleen has served the City of New York for nearly a decade. Most recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, she served as the director of community engagement for Test & Treat — the largest citywide contact tracing operation in the nation — where she led a team of 700 tracers visiting the sick and their close contacts daily to stop the spread of COVID-19. She took on the role of field director for NYC Census 2020 — then the largest outreach initiative ever conducted by the city, as well as the most robust census-related campaign in the country. She also served for several years as the first-ever outreach director in the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.



Kathleen Daniel

Chief Democracy Officer

June 2023 Primary Election

Ahead of the 2023 June Primary Election, DemocracyNYC launched a \$2 million grassroots “Get Out the Vote” campaign to educate New Yorkers on Ranked Choice Voting, the rights of Limited English Proficient (LEP) voters, and to activate voters to turn out to the polls. This comprehensive campaign included:

- Grassroots direct-to-New Yorker outreach and canvassing operation, including a paid canvassing operation:
 - Providing funding to five community-based organizations at \$10k each to assist in voter education and activation.
 - CUNY Corps of 70 student canvassers, and 30 multilingual fellows.
 - Citywide days of action - text out the vote, call out the vote, community canvassing, and social media day of action.
 - Multilingual teach-ins with CBOs to educate voters.
 - Volunteer program in partnership with NYC Service’s Spread Love campaign.
- \$1.1 million targeted multilingual advertising campaign with a focus on ethnic and community media.

DemocracyNYC utilized strategies outline above to reach the following residents:

- Single Prime Voters:
 - Registered voters who only voted in one primary election since 2019.
- Voters with Ranked Choice Voting races in 5 City Council Districts.
- 5 primary focus districts in 4 boroughs with intense outreach selected based on:
 - Number of primaries in district.
 - Areas with more than 2 candidates.
 - New districts / language / special populations.
- 5 secondary districts with limited outreach:
 - Have Ranked Choice Voting races with 2 candidates or less.

These robust efforts resulted in voter contacts to the tune of:

- 107,306 phone calls made
- 582,628 text messages sent
- 112,019 doors knocked
- 78,946 door hangers posted
- 2,000+ 'I Commit to Vote' cards collected
- 600+ volunteer shifts completed
- 54M+ impressions delivered across all advertisements
- 3M+ New Yorkers reached across all advertisements

Civics Week

in March of 2023, NYC Public Schools (NYCPS), the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit (PEU), the Civic Engagement Commission, and DemocracyNYC kicked off the fifth annual Civics Week, a celebration of youth voice and civic empowerment, at New Dorp High School in Staten Island.



Students met with city officials to learn about the importance of civic education and voting, then presented their soapbox speeches and their work on participatory budgeting and other civics projects.

Chief Engagement Officer Betsy MacLean, Council Member David Carr, NYC Civic Engagement Commission Chair & Executive Director Dr. Sarah Sayeed, and Chief Democracy Officer Kathleen Daniel were all in attendance for this event.

Throughout the week, students in all grades across the city were visited by elected officials and will participate in classroom activities and events designed to empower them to create change as active participants in their community.

PEU, the Civic Engagement Commission, and DemocracyNYC supported these efforts by hosting voter registration drives in 15 schools. Additional voter registration drives were coordinated by student ambassadors and teachers in over 185 high schools. Since its inception, over 70,000 New York City students have registered to vote during Civics Week.

POLL SITE LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

The CEC's Poll Site Language Assistance Program improves the civic and electoral participation of Limited English Proficient (LEP) New Yorkers by providing access to interpretation services at select poll sites city-wide based on a publicly vetted methodology. The CEC provides services in the following languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin), French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Urdu, and Yiddish.

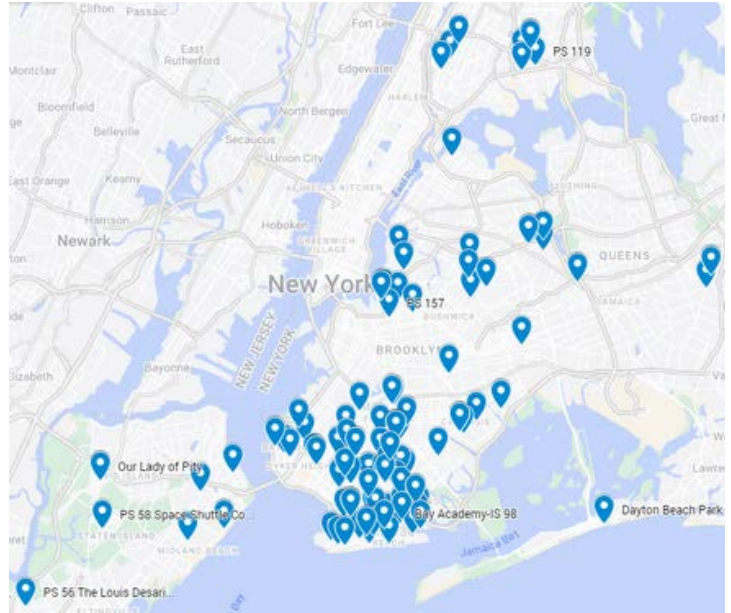
Since 2019, the CEC has convened a Language Assistance Advisory Committee (LAAC). As of September 11, 2023, the LAAC comprised 22 members representing the language communities covered by the Poll Site Language Assistance Program. The LAAC continued to provide recommendations to the CEC on the implementation of the Poll Site Language Assistance Program, development of outreach strategies tailored to each election, recruitment of interpreters, and vetting of outreach materials targeting LEP voters.

On November 22, 2022, the Commissioners approved an amendment to the Poll Site Language Assistance Program methodology, allowing the Commission to consider utilization data in preserving services for high utilization poll sites or reallocating resources from under-utilized sites under certain circumstances. The amendment can be read in full [here](#).

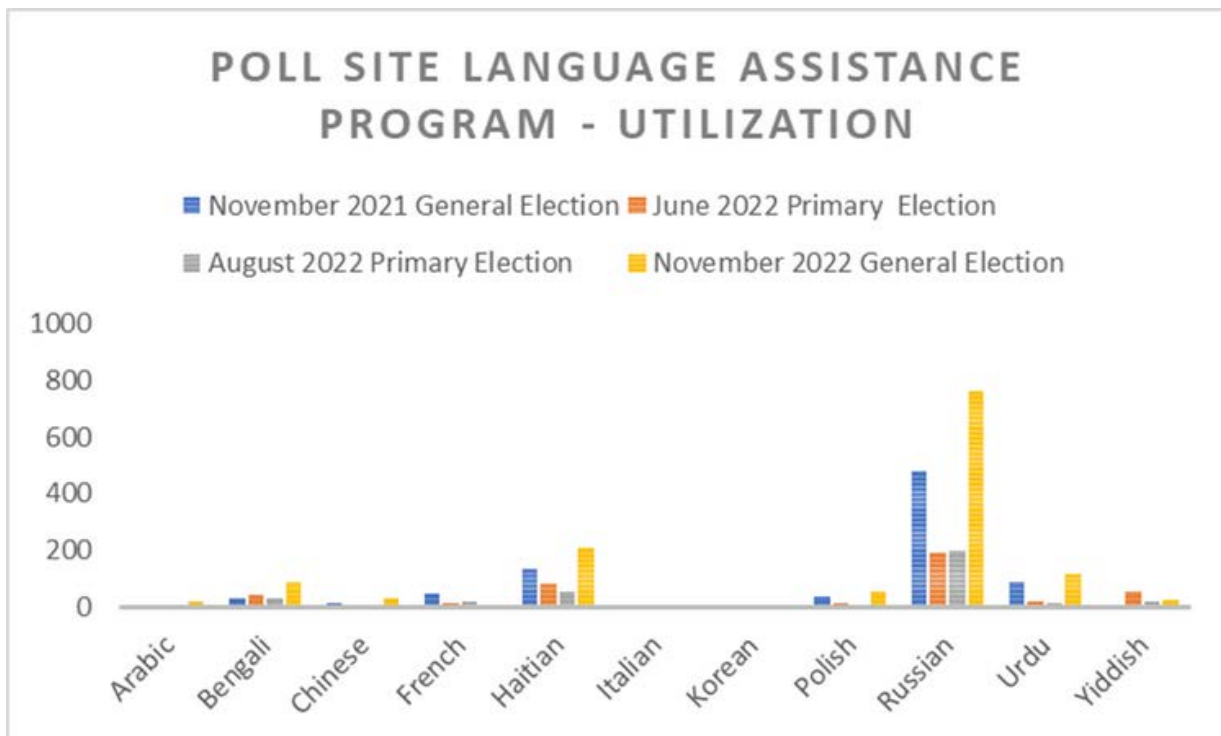
The CEC provided language assistance at select poll sites in the November 2022 General Election and the June 2023 Primary Election. Using the approved methodology, poll sites were selected based on the number of limited English citizens of voting age residing in the election district around the poll site, as available in the American Community Survey. During the November 2022 General Election, CEC offered a total of 135 language services covering all program languages at 100 unique poll sites. In June 2023, CEC provided 132 language services covering all program languages. The language assistance provided through this Program is supplemental to the language assistance already provided by the NYC Board of Elections.

The Poll Site Language Assistance Program assisted 1,320 LEP voters in the November 2022 General Election. When compared to the November 2021 General Election, the November 2022 General Election utilization rate was 35 percent higher. The November 2022 utilization rate was also higher relative to the preceding June 2022 and August 2022 primaries, reflective of the overall tendency of higher voter turnout in general elections.

A redistricting process led to two primary elections in June and August of 2022. The June primary covered Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Assembly, Judges, & Party Positions, while August covered state senate and congressional seats. The November general election then covered statewide, state legislative, and congressional seats, where roughly 33% of registered city voters cast ballots compared to 41% in 2018. This decrease in turnout is consistent with a pattern of varying attendance depending on the type of election and the positions on the ballot.



Poll Site Service Map - November 2022 General Election



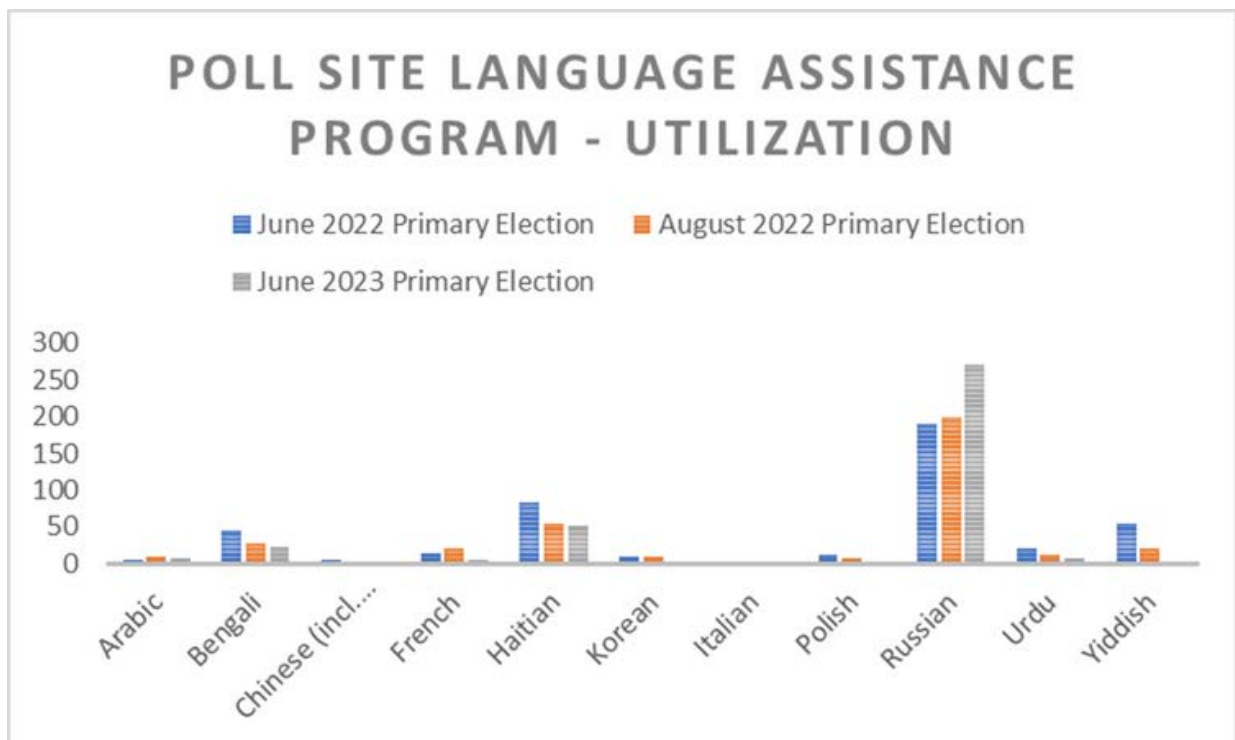
Appendix 2.1: Poll Site Language Assistance Program - November 2022 General Election

A total of 371 LEP voters received language assistance during the June 2023 Primary Election. Utilization data for the June 2023 Primary Election was comparable to utilization of services in the June 2022 and August 2022 primaries if taken separately, but lower than the combined total for the 2022 split primary.

As the second-ever Ranked Choice Voting election in city history, this primary election covered City Council, District Attorney, Civil Court Judges, and Delegates to the Judicial Convention seats, where roughly 200,000 voters turned out citywide, a small percentage of eligible registered voters. City Council terms are normally four years, but due to language in the city charter, the City Council races in 2021 and 2023 are for two-year terms only, with the election to four-year terms resuming in 2025. This primary did not cover all election districts. Staten Island for example had no primary for either council or district attorney. In addition, not every council district had a race.



Poll Site Service Map - June 2023 Primary Election



Appendix 2.2: Poll Site Language Assistance Program - June 2023 Primary Election

The CEC continued to expand efforts to raise awareness of poll site language services among the language communities and geographies with highest concentration of LEPs that speak program eligible languages.

The CEC worked with the LAAC members and partner organizations to organize two voter education forums specific to Russian and Arabic language communities to increase awareness of the interpretation services offered by the program, as well as voter rights more generally. Roughly a total of one hundred community members attended the events. LAAC members continued to conduct research on the language communities that they represent, helping the CEC identify important information that affects the implementation of the Program and other CEC initiatives. On May 17, 2023, an in-person workshop facilitated by the Chief Democracy Officer, CEC's Communications Director, and the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit, helped strengthen LAAC capacity in relationship building, media engagement, and social media use.

Throughout the year and especially ahead of each election, CEC Outreach team members disseminated informational materials in all program-eligible languages at dozens of events across all five boroughs, informing LEP voters of the CEC poll site language assistance services and voter rights more generally. For the November 2022 General Election, the CEC sent over 214,000 text messages with language access and poll site information to presumably LEP voters in targeted election districts across the five boroughs.

The CEC also deployed a 360° paid media campaign that included ethnic media ad placement and geo-targeted social media ads, in addition to using CEC's own social media channels, to reach LEP voters ahead of each election. A new PSA informing LEP voters of the right to vote in their language and the availability of CEC poll site language services at select poll sites was launched ahead of the November 2022 General Election. The PSA was voiced over and subtitled in all program languages. In addition, new informational materials in all program-eligible languages were disseminated at events and through partner networks ahead of each election.

Volunteers with the Poll Site Language Assistance Program also contributed to the CEC efforts to spread the word about poll site language assistance services and voter rights more generally. Five volunteers researched, catalogued and reached out to community-based organizations and informal community groups with a strong social media presence. Over a dozen organizations responded and shared the information on their social media channels, potentially reaching hundreds of voters with Limited English Proficiency.

To better serve the needs of limited-English proficient voters in the future, more resources are needed in order to expand in-person and digital outreach for hard-to-reach language communities covered by the Poll Site Language Assistance Program throughout the year.



COMMUNITY BOARDS



COMMUNITY BOARDS ASSISTANCE

The City Charter specifically mandates the CEC to provide assistance and training to community boards, in consultation and coordination with the Department of City Planning (DCP) and other relevant agencies as well as borough presidents, to the extent practicable.

Over the last year we have continued to expand our range of training topics. We expanded the audience to include board members and board staff so more people can benefit from the resources we provide. In addition, we daytime sessions, not just evenings as had been the practice, to try and accommodate people's busy schedules.

In total, the Commission hosted 34 trainings with 8 partners in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. The training topics were determined by a previous Needs Assessment survey and interest in serving some of our key populations such as People with Disabilities and Youth. Partners and topics of trainings are shown in the below table, along with the number of attendees per borough.

Overall attendees shared positive feedback about workshops as noted in the quotes below:



Land Use & Equity Planning: "The workshops gave clear explanations about Land Use and Equity. This provided greater understanding."

CB Member, Bronx 10

People with Disability Training Series: "I appreciated the workshops very much. The trainer was knowledgeable, professional, skilled, and receptive to board members' questions, as was the CEC facilitator."

CB Member, Brooklyn 7



CEC Workshop Attendance Records by Borough

Partner	Workshop Topic	Dates	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island
Independent Budget Office	Intro to the City Budget	Oct 12, 19, Nov 21	18	22	15	8	4
Office of Data Analytics	Explore the Open Data Portal	Oct 24, 27, Nov 3, 14, 17	29	25	21	16	2
Y Vote	Youth Engagement & Community Boards	Nov 21, Dec 1, 7, 8, 12	13	18	7	3	2
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (Series)	Disability Etiquette & Awareness	Mar 7, 9, 14, 16	23	16	10	23	7
	Accessible Documents	4-Apr-06					
	Accessible Virtual Meetings						
Dept of Housing Preservation and Development	Fair Housing	19-Apr-26	15	22	42	12	1
	Affordable Housing	2-May-09					
Association of Neighborhood and Housing Development	Land Use and Equity Planning	March 21, 23, 29	17	15	21	6	5
Parliamentarians of Metro NYC	Efficient Board Meetings	May 16, 22, 31	76	47	42	29	15
	Committees	April 17, 25, 27					
	Motions and Amendments	1-Jun					
	Role of the Parliamentarian						
Prof. Mark Johnson	Program Analysis (requested by Brooklyn Borough President)	16-Feb		61			
Total			191	226	158	97	36

THE POWER OF YOUTH

Do you want to learn more about the power & engagement of youth in your community?

We are partnering with the NYC Youth Agenda to host workshops showcasing the power of intergenerational alliances in advancing outcomes for Community Districts and NYC at large!

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SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

APPLY FOR A SEAT ON YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARD!

Community Boards are the first level of local government and consist of volunteers who address land use, transportation, businesses, education - all of the issues affecting our neighborhoods.

Visit on.nyc.gov/cb for info on how to apply!

SIGN UP FOR OUR
CEC HOSTED COMMUNITY BOARD
WORKSHOP

Community Boards and the City Budget 2022

Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island
October 12, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Register: bit.ly/CECWorkshopOct12

Brooklyn, Queens
October 19, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Register: bit.ly/CECWorkshopOct19

Open to all Community Board Members

City Council Hearing

Appointing and Supporting NYC's Community Boards - February 28th, 2023

At the request of the Committee on Governmental Operations Chair Ung, the CEC along with Borough Presidents and District Managers, offered testimony at a City Council hearing regarding CEC efforts to support boards across the city. One topic that became a focus of the hearing was language access and the great need boards have for support to provide better language access in their meetings and communications.

As a follow up from the hearing, CEC formulated a survey with the input of the Future of Community Boards Working Group to ask the Board staff their feedback on language access. Initial findings include:

- Twenty-two boards responded to the survey to date. Eight boards reported that they translated their materials, including but not limited to district needs surveys, resource guides, event flyers and public meeting notices. Five boards also specifically mentioned language access on their sites.
- All 22 boards reported having board members who speak a language other than English; 18 of the 22 also had staff members who speak a language other than English. These bilingual staff and board members also serve as informal interpreters when needed.
- Twelve of the 22 said that they thought board meetings and committee meetings could benefit from interpretation assistance.

CEC is continuing to do outreach to increase the response rate on this survey. It is important to note that boards are generally small organizations with few full-time staff lines. Staff and budget constraints make it challenging to meet the costs of translation and interpretation, which are quite costly. Board leaders continue to tell CEC that they are being asked to do more work with less funding and that without dedicated funding, it will be difficult for boards to meaningfully connect with limited English proficient New Yorkers. They do not want to be criticized for inadequate language access when they have not been given resources. CEC will continue to work with boards to provide access to language line and strengthen their language access planning.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EVENTS

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In December 2023, CEC filled out the outreach team with 5 Engagement Specialists and an Outreach Director. The team is diverse and reflects the diversity of the city that we serve. Each team member has been assigned to cover the five boroughs and language communities that CEC serves through the poll site language assistance program. The team now consists of:

- Anthony Carrion-Bronx and Manhattan Community Engagement Specialist
- Catherine Gao-Manhattan and Bronx Community Engagement Specialist
- Daniel Botting-Staten Island Community Engagement Specialist
- Ivie Bien-Aime-Brooklyn Community Engagement Specialist
- Samira Z -Queens Community Engagement
- Barbara J. Williams-Director of Outreach

The team quickly went to work as trusted messengers, dramatically expanding the CEC's reach and connectivity to New York communities over the past year. During this time, the team attended approximately 220 in-person events and engaged approximately 44,000 New Yorkers, helping to promote and educate New Yorkers about CEC programs.

Participatory Budgeting:

The outreach team attended events to educate New Yorkers about the program during the idea generation phase as well as the voting phase. They collected over 5,727 citywide votes at over 72 events while enabling New Yorkers to have an opportunity to voice what programs they would like to see in their /community.

Language Access:

Through their tabling, digital outreach, and speaking engagements, the team assisted in educating nearly 9,000 voters that they have the right to vote in their language or with an interpreter. They connected with voters in multiple languages including Spanish, Creole, Russian, Bangla, Chinese, Spanish, Urdu, Korea, Yiddish, and Arabic.

The People's Power Coalition (PPC)

The goal of the coalition is to engage and empower community-based organizations and community leaders through monthly meetings with focused themes, opportunities to build networks and capacity, access to resources, and the ability to have consistent communication with the CEC commission on an ongoing basis. Themes included women's history, black history, human rights, participatory budgeting, and elections. These virtual meetings were usually attended by at least 60 or more leaders from community-based organizations based in the five boroughs.

The team also managed a cohort of three faith-based summer interns from Princeton University who spent two months with the CEC. The interns learned about the importance of civic engagement, especially in communities that were hardest hit during the pandemic. They participated in street outreach, phone banking and text banking. In addition, the interns were tasked with organizing and executing a citywide forum for faith leaders and faith communities. The topic was "The Golden Rule of Civics," and nearly 60 attendees of different faiths joined in a discussion about the role of faith in strengthening civic ties.

Volunteer Program

Through grant support from NYC Service, CEC was able to dramatically expand its volunteer program over the past year. Over 13,000 volunteers played an integral role in expanding our reach with residents for both The People's Money participatory budgeting and Democracy NYC.

For The People's Money (PB).

- Volunteers participated in PB idea generation sessions. Volunteers learned about PB, NYC's budgeting process, and workshopped programs that could be funded to address community concerns.
- Youth volunteers helped lead 5 Borough Assembly Committees that were comprised of multigenerational volunteers, and together they vetted hundreds of ideas and created each borough PB ballot.
- Volunteers were heavily engaged in The People's Money vote phase, staffing anchor PB vote events in every borough, and collecting thousands of votes in the process.

For Democracy NYC, volunteers played an important part in getting out the vote for the General Election in November 2022 and for the Primary Election in June 2023.

- Volunteers helped send out over 800K text messages to potential voters.
- Volunteers played an important part in neighborhood canvassing this spring, engaging 45,000 potential voters 2-3 times in the lead up to the Primary Election.
- In their own voice, volunteers found the experience of engaging with CEC programs meaningful and valuable:



"I found it gratifying to participate in the PB/BAC process, which demonstrates the strength of a dynamic democratic system implementing new programs involving citizens in decision making and restoring trust in government. Giving New Yorkers a seat at the table reinforces the fairness of the democratic process, providing a sense of agency and encouraging citizen participation. I value and respect the logic of giving individuals the opportunity to decide how to spend part of the city budget - it is, after all, The People's Money - their money. It was enjoyable to meet neighbors with varied opinions and backgrounds - empowering all of us to join to carefully consider and vet programs that directly benefit our community. This is particularly true in our current moment, amid attempts to undermine democracy, perpetuate tribalism and polarization, and erode faith and trust in government. The PB/BAC process utilizes a key toolkit of democracy to prove that by engaging and working together real improvements will come."

Daniel Flamhaft, Staten Island Resident

"Volunteering with the NYC Civic Engagement Commission's People's Money Campaign provided an opportunity to experience unique community events in each borough, many of which I had never attended. The opportunity to encourage NYC residents to vote on projects to benefit their individual communities was rewarding. I also enjoyed meeting and working with the CEC staff and other volunteers."

Hazel Martinez, Brooklyn Resident



The engagement team describes some of their favorite highlights of their outreach work as follows:

Justice Impact

From 2022- 2023, Samira played a major role in justice impact work being done in the CEC. The Civic Engagement Commission joined the Voting on Rikers initiative led by the Legal Aid Society, in collaboration with Dept. of Corrections, various nonprofit organizations, and government offices to promote voter registration on Rikers Island. Over 800 incarcerated individuals have been registered to vote in the past two years, ensuring that their voting rights are protected, and their voices are heard even during challenging circumstances. This initiative reflects CEC's values in promoting equitable democratic participation for all members of our community.

Independently, CEC made history last fall by facilitating "The People's Money" idea generation sessions on Rikers Island. People in custody were given an opportunity to learn about the budget cycle, identify community needs and brainstorm ideas on how to spend \$5 million dollars of the city's budget for expense projects. With the core belief that all New Yorkers deserve a say in decisions that impact their lives, the program empowers individuals to actively engage in budgetary discussions, propose projects, and ultimately vote on how funds should be allocated.

Building on a 2-day idea-generation session conducted back in November 2022, voting sessions were held this past summer. Over 150 votes were collected: the results were nothing short of transformative! Participants enthusiastically embraced the opportunity, fostering a sense of ownership and community engagement that defied traditional notions of confinement. Together, they deliberated and advocated for projects that would improve their communities, enhance educational opportunities, promote physical and mental well-being, and support rehabilitation efforts.

Haitian Day Parade

With the guidance of Ivie Bien-Aime, the CEC participated in the 2023 Haitian Day Parade and Festival in Brooklyn, an annual community event that Ayiti Nou La Toujou (ANLT) has organized to “Celebrate, Honor & Uplift” Haitian cultural pride and inclusion. In January 2023, Porez Luxama, Executive Director of Life of Hope (LOH) and chair of the ANLT event planning committee reached out to Ivie as a valued member of the Haitian community and asked her to join the planning for Haitian Culture Day. Ivie was subsequently appointed chair of public relations, created the event’s social media toolkit, press release and talking points for all pressers, and participated in community canvassing and outreach to faith-based organizations.

On Saturday, May 13th, 2023, the daylong festivities began with a parade that traveled through both the Little Haiti & Little Caribbean communities. The parade included marching bands, floats, cheerleaders, community organizations and more. The event then culminated in a Street Festival that showcased live performances, dancing, open mic, art, music, live entertainment, local food and business vendors, community resources and more!

While Ivie served on the ANLT committee primarily in her personal capacity, as a valued member of the Haitian community, she had the opportunity to speak one-on-one to many community members to hear first-hand their issues and concerns and to share information and resources about the Civic Engagement Commission. Working closely with LOH, which received City funding to support the TRIE Neighborhood Initiative, Ivie was also able to share information about the participatory budgeting program.

In this event, Ivie’s passion to provide access to information and resources to underserved, vulnerable New Yorkers perfectly aligned with deepening her grassroots connection and presences with the Haitian community. On the day of the event, Ivie received a public recognition for her participation and leadership. Ivie showed how love for community can take place during and after work.

Public Safety Community Fair: Fighting Hate Crimes

On May 6, 2023, Catherine Gao attended “Public Safety Community Fair: Fighting Hate Crimes” in Chinatown, the first time such a public safety event was held in Chinatown. This event drew more than 1000 residents of Chinese and other ethnic backgrounds. Asian and Pacific Islander residents connected with NYC government and received information about city agencies and their respective functions, resources and services. Mayor Eric Adams attended, advocated an end to hate crimes, and talked about future public safety plans. This was a great moment for residents from different backgrounds to hold hands together, understand each other, love each other, and commit to working together to lessen or eliminate hate crimes, discrimination and bias. Each organization was invited to speak. During the event, Catherine delivered remarks about the Commission's programs. This event received attention and was posted on community social media and Chinese newspapers.

Community Engagement on Staten Island

On Staten Island, Daniel Botting secured a partnership with the non-profit organization, Staten Island Community Partnership, to host our Staten Island Participatory Budgeting borough vote event at their 13th annual Fatherhood and Family Fun Day on June 10th, 2023. Over 250 individuals at this event voted for the community project they would like to see funded in Staten Island. When it comes to Staten Island, it can be a bit more difficult than in other boroughs to find common gathering places. When you want to help ensure that your program reaches a wide swath of community members, rush hour at the St. George Ferry Terminal is the place to be. On June 8th and 9th, Staten Island Engagement Specialist Daniel Botting, along with faith-based Interns Mariana Bravo and Talia Gill, canvassed the ferry terminal in service of The People’s Money Participatory Budgeting vote phase. From 6am to 9am each day the team spoke to community members, educating them on the program and collecting their votes for which projects they would like to see funded in Staten Island. In addition to giving our interns some experience with grassroots advocacy tactics, we were able to collect over 200 ballots and give out hundreds more palm cards so residents could vote online.

Civics Workshop with UA3, Inc.

On July 21, 2023, Anthony Carrion led an in-depth civic engagement workshop with 18 Summer Youth Employee Program (SYEP) students who had been placed with UA3, Inc. The workshop organized into 3 main sections: (1) Voting, (2) Advocacy & Activism, and (3) Volunteering. During the "Voting" segment, students discussed why they think voting is important, reasons why people don't vote and the issues they care about. Students also gained knowledge about levels of government, a brief history of voting, and an overview of the upcoming November elections, including important dates, voter rights, offices on the ballot, and how the offices on the ballot impact their lives. Anthony's presentation also emphasized how critical the youth vote could be in swaying the outcome of elections. The "Voting" section of the presentation concluded by registering the students to vote.

The second section, "Advocacy & Activism", provided the students with an overview of the Civil Rights Movement and its role in American history as one of the greatest forces for advancing democracy for all. The Civil Rights Movement was also youth-led, and students were invited to see themselves as important change-makers. Anthony also presented two recent examples of important protests/movements: (1) the Fund Excluded Workers Coalition in April 2021 organized a hunger strike after sustained year-long protests which won a \$2.1 billion dollar relief fund from the Governor and New York State Legislature; and (2) the New York Taxi Workers Alliance won significant debt relief in November 2021 from the Mayor and New York City Council after protestors organized a hunger strike in front of City Hall, the culmination of 2 years of demonstrations and coalition-building. These examples demonstrate people power and celebrate what's possible when groups of committed people organize and act.

Lastly, the third section, "Volunteering", delved into the many volunteer opportunities in New York City with organizations such as the New York Public Library, NYC Votes, DYCD, Community Boards, NYC Cares, NYC Service, etc. The students were encouraged to make volunteering a life-long commitment. Not only is volunteering a concrete way to improve the lives of people in their community but it is also an opportunity for self-improvement by building skills (public speaking, organizing, making presentations, etc.) and taking on leadership roles. Additionally, volunteering can provide opportunities for mentorship and help build their resumes. Lastly, volunteering is fun since it presents the opportunity to socialize with other passionate individuals and build friendships. Catherine Gao and Daniel Botting also participated in the workshop.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITION BUILDING



THE TASKFORCE ON RACIAL INCLUSION AND EQUITY NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

In partnership with the Taskforce for Racial Inclusion and Equity (TRIE), and the Young Men's Initiative (YMI), CEC is leading the implementation of the TRIE Neighborhood Initiative (TNI), an innovative program to support grassroots coalition building in the 33 communities hardest hit by COVID. The TNI began in 2021 to support vaccine education, test, and trace education, and mental health education during the height of the pandemic. Led by a neighborhood administrator, each TNI coalition has included diverse stakeholders including nonprofit organizations, businesses, schools, and houses of worship. During the first year, alongside the health information shared by coalitions across the city, CEC partnered with lead organizations in each neighborhood to deliver information about how to complete ranked choice ballots in the June primary. Each community also identified pressing needs in the neighborhood, which were integrated into a pilot of participatory budgeting in the TRIE neighborhoods.

Building on the pilot participatory budgeting program, CEC integrated the TRIE coalitions into the first citywide participatory budgeting program in the last year. Each neighborhood ran a local process to generate ideas, create a neighborhood ballot, and voted on projects. Neighborhoods also conducted voting outreach during the 2022 general election and the 2023 June primary. To support engagement and capacity building, CEC ran capacity building trainings based on an organizational needs assessment survey. As a result, the 33 TRIE Neighborhood Initiative organizations were trained on the following topics:

- Project management
- How to engage effectively with youth
- Data literacy and analysis
- Voter education related to the Racial Justice Commission ballot initiatives
- Train the trainer related to the June Primary Election

Tables 1.1 and 1.2 in the appendix describes for each neighborhood, the name of the organization that led the coalition building work, along with the zip codes serviced by that coalition.

Outcomes of these efforts are included in the Participatory Budgeting and DemocracyNYC sections within this report.

ROADMAP FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



CITYWIDE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

The CEC looks forward to launching the next cycle of The People's Money (2023-2024). There are various lessons learned from the first cycle that seek to inform the planning of the second cycle.

Key Process-Wide Lessons

- Maintaining Investments in Partnerships
 - One of the central successes of year one of the The People's Money was the CEC's emphasis on building a large swath of funded partnerships. The partnerships not only leveraged the reach of community partners in terms of participants served, but it also enabled the CEC to have trusted community leaders serve as intermediaries and for the leaders to have an additional capacity building opportunity. In the second cycle, partnerships will continue to play a central and even expanded role.

- Expanding Education on City Budget and Participatory Budgeting
 - The CEC received repeated positive feedback on the excitement surrounding educational materials including civic trivia cards and community profiles that informed participants in all phases about the city's budget, data points of their communities and boroughs, as well as context about PB as a worldwide phenomenon. For the second cycle, the CEC will continue to produce educational material that our partners and residents can use year-long, in addition to exploring different mediums and customizations.

- Being More Conscious of Environmental Footprint
 - One crucial piece of feedback the CEC received throughout the phases was to be more mindful of the environmental footprint of printed materials. For example, in Phase 1, partners had difficulty juggling various pieces of paper including, surveys, applications, and more. Likewise in Phase 3, partners noted that they had to recycle large quantities of unused palm cards or ballots. In the second cycle, the CEC will explore ways to reduce the level of materials and offer more digital substitutes for paper materials, while still retaining some paper options to address digital inequity.

Phase-Specific Lessons and Adaptations

Phase 1:

The CEC seeks to reduce the idea generation workshop from 2 hours to 1.5 hours following community partner feedback on the difficulty around the length of the session. In addition, the CEC will incorporate more educational material around the phases of the PB process and offer various customizations for each activity to allow for partners to “choose their own adventure” based on their audiences. There will be less emphasis on individuals submitting one idea, and more emphasis on groups coming to consensus around a collective idea, with options to submit individual ideas online.

Phase 2:

The CEC will work toward creating a more cohesive Borough Committee experience by introducing an opening and closing session with all 5 borough committees present. Furthermore, the Borough Committees will be expanded from an average of 16 residents to 20-25 residents to account for attendance lapses. The curriculum of the committee meetings will incorporate more of expert panels, detailed data, and lived experience.

Phase 3:

The CEC will work to create two unique vote campaigns: a digital campaign and an in-person campaign. The goal would be to increase digital participation and reduce our paper footprint while still maintaining an in-person form of voting for residents who do not have access to electronic devices and/or do not feel comfortable participating online. In terms of timeline, the CEC seeks to move the voting period earlier in the year to accommodate school participation. Hence, instead of voting taking place between May-June, the CEC proposes to move it earlier in the year from April-May.

Phase 4:

The CEC seeks to build in the program timeline more time for project implementors to build out their scope of work so that projects can start being implemented earlier in the year around July instead of late August.

At the moment of this report, the CEC is gearing up to launch Phase 1: Idea Generation in mid-October of 2023. Community partners, residents, and agencies can stay up to date on The People’s Money (2023-2024) by visiting participate.nyc.gov to learn about where we are in the process and opportunities to be involved.

DEMOCRACY NYC

DemocracyNYC will continue to work toward building a culture of voting in New York City through innovative outreach strategies and meaningful relationship building with communities across the five boroughs.

The election calendar for the remainder of this year includes:

- November General Election
 - Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Polls are open from 6am to 9pm.
 - Early Voting Period is October 28, 2023 - November 5, 2023.

Voters must vote at their assigned Early Voting Site. Visit the NYC Board of Elections' Poll Site locator to find your Early Voting or Election Day poll site.

COMMUNITY BOARDS

With an interest in updating the 2019 All Boards Needs Assessment sent to District Managers, we launched another survey emailing all board member whose emails we had collected from the recent workshops to better understand their training needs.

We received 105 responses from Board Members and Staff across the city. When asked what Professional development classes Community Board Members and Staff would benefit from, the top three responses given by members included: Local Economic Development, the City Budget, and ULURP and Land Use. Another question was what other resources or trainings would help your board achieve a more equitable representation of your community? The top three answers to that were Youth Engagement Outreach, Outreach Training, and Change Management Training. CEC will use these responses to help plan our 2023/2024 training schedules.

APPENDIX



APPENDIX

1.1: List of Phase 1 Partnerships

Tier 1: Taskforce for Racial Inclusion and Equity (TRIE) Partners

Organization	TRIE Neighborhood	Zip Codes Served
Bronx		
East Side House Settlement	Mott Haven and Melrose	10451, 10454, 10455, 10456
Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice	Hunts Point and Longwood	10455, 10459, 10474
Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice	Soundview, Clason Point, Castle Hill, Unionport	10472, 10473
Claremont Neighborhood Centers	Morrisania and Crotona	10456, 10459, 10460
Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development	Highbridge, Concourse and Mt Eden	10452
African Life Center	Fordham Heights and University Heights	10453, 10458
Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation	Belmont and East Tremont	10457, 10458
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center	Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Bedford Park	10463, 10468
African International Collaborative Center	Williamsbridge, Wakefield, Edenwald, Norwood, Olinville	10466, 10467
Brooklyn		
Bridge Street Development Corporation	Bedford Stuyvesant	11205, 11206, 11216, 11221, 11233, 11238
El Puente De Williamsburg	Bushwick	11206, 11207, 11221, 11237
Eleven3seven5	East NY, Starrett City, Cypress Hills	11207, 11208, 11239
Academy of Medical and Public Health Services	Sunset Park	11220, 11232
Arab American Family Support Center	Coney Island and Brighton Beach	11224, 11235

Life of Hope	Flatbush	11226
RiseBoro Community Partnership	Brownsville	11212, 11233
Brooklyn Level Up	East Flatbush	11203, 11226
NAACP Brooklyn Branch	Canarsie	11236
Manhattan		
Good Old Lower East Side	Lower East Side and Chinatown	10002, 10003, 10009, 10013
HerWisdom LLC and Prophetic Whirlwind Ministries	Morningside and Hamilton Heights	10025, 10027, 10031
Harlem Mother Stop Another Violent End	Central Harlem	10026, 10027, 10030, 10037, 10039
Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service	East Harlem	10029, 10035
Children's Arts and Science Workshops	Washington Heights and Inwood	10032, 10033, 10034, 10040
Queens		
East River Development Alliance (Urban Upbound)	Queensbridge	11101
Samuel Field YM and YWHA DBA Commonpoint Queens	Corona	11368
Community Mediation Services	East Elmhurst	11369
DSI International	Briarwood	11412, 11423, 11432, 11433, 11434, 11435, 11436
Unidad y Fe	Woodhaven	11421
South Queens Women's March	Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park	11419, 11420
India Home	Jamaica, South Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans, Springfield Gardens, Rochdale	11435
Project New Yorker Corporation	Queens Village	11429

Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation	Rockaway and Broad Channel	11691, 11692, 11693, 11694
Staten Island		
Project Hospitality	St. George, Stapleton, Port Richmond, Tompkinsville	10301, 10303, 10304, 10310

Tier 2: Demographic Anchor Partners

Organization	Demographic Focus
No Limits Learning New York Incorporated	Youth
The International Child Program	Youth
APNA Brooklyn Community Center	Older Adults
Jewish Association for Services for the Aged	Older Adults
Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City (LiveOnNY)	Older Adults
New Immigrant Community Empowerment	Immigrants and LEP
League of Asian Americans of New York	Immigrants and LEP
New York Immigration Coalition	Immigrants and LEP
Fund for Public Housing	Public housing residents
Gays and Lesbians Living in a Transgender Society	LGBTQIA+
Destination Tomorrow, Inc.	LGBTQIA+
Art Beyond Sight (Part of Project Access for All/Disability Unite - Disability Community and Non-Disabled Allies Consortium)	People with disabilities
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY	People with disabilities
Exodus Transitional Community	Justice impacted

Tier 3: Borough Anchor Partners

Organization	Borough Focus
Queens Community House	Queens
League of Women Voters of the City of New York	Manhattan
NAACP Metropolitan Council of Branches	Brooklyn
BronxWorks	Bronx
Canvas Institute	Staten Island
Central Family Life Center	Staten Island
Jewish Community Center of Staten Island	Staten Island

Tier 4: Limited Session Partners

Partner	Category
Eastchester Library	Library
Baychester Library	Library
Pelham Parkway Van Nest Library	Library
Wakefield Library	Library
Hamilton Grange Library	Library
St. George Library	Library
Hostos Community College, CUNY	CUNY
Baruch College Honors Program, CUNY	CUNY
MS 226 - Virgil I. Grisson	K-12 School
P186X	K-12 School
Bronx Community Board 6	Community Board
Bronx Community Board 7	Community Board

Clay Avenue Tenant Association	Tenant Association
General Grant (NYCHA)	Tenant Association
Fred Samuel RA (NYCHA)	Tenant Association
Red Hook West (NYCHA)	Tenant Association
700 Jefferson Avenue Block Association	Civic/Block Association
Louella Hatch Democratic Club	Civic/Block Association
Spring Jam Civic Association	Civic/Block Association
Mott Haven Blocks Association	Civic/Block Association
Big Apple Leadership Academy for the Arts	Arts/Culture Institution
Theatre of the Oppressed NYC	Arts/Culture Institution
Community Church of Christ	Faith Institution
Bronx Independent Living Services	CBO
Arab American Association of New York	CBO
University Settlement Society of New York	CBO
Educational Alliance	CBO
Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York	CBO
Garra (Cidadão Global, Global Citizen)	CBO
Union Settlement Association	CBO
Woodside on the Move	CBO
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement	CBO
Mindful Moves	CBO

1.2: List of Phase 3 Partnerships

TRIE Partners

Organization	TRIE Neighborhood	Zip Codes Served
Bronx		
Bronx Defenders	Mott Haven and Melrose	10451, 10454, 10455, 10456
The Point	Hunts Point and Longwood	10455, 10459, 10474
Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice	Soundview, Clason Point, Castle Hill, Unionport	10472, 10473
BronxWorks	Morrisania and Crotona	10456, 10459, 10460
Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development	Highbridge, Concourse and Mt Eden	10452
African Life Center	Fordham Heights and University Heights	10453, 10458
Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation	Belmont and East Tremont	10457, 10458
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center	Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Bedford Park	10463, 10468
African International Collaborative Center	Williamsbridge, Wakefield, Edenwald, Norwood, Olinville	10466, 10467
Brooklyn		
Bridge Street Development Corporation	Bedford Stuyvesant	11205, 11206, 11216, 11221, 11233, 11238
El Puente De Williamsburg	Bushwick	11206, 11207, 11221, 11237
East New York Restoration Local Development Corporation	East NY, Starrett City, Cypress Hills	11207, 11208, 11239
Academy of Medical and Public Health Services	Sunset Park	11220, 11232
Arab American Family Support Center	Coney Island and Brighton Beach	11224, 11235
Life of Hope	Flatbush	11226

RiseBoro Community Partnership	Brownsville	11212, 11233
Brooklyn Level Up	East Flatbush	11203, 11226
Haitian American Caucus	Canarsie	11236
Manhattan		
Good Old Lower East Side	Lower East Side and Chinatown	10002, 10003, 10009, 10013
Freewheel S.E.W Inc.	Morningside and Hamilton Heights	10025, 10027, 10031
Harlem Mother Stop Another Violent End	Central Harlem	10026, 10027, 10030, 10037, 10039
Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service	East Harlem	10029, 10035
Children's Arts and Science Workshops	Washington Heights and Inwood	10032, 10033, 10034, 10040
Queens		
East River Development Alliance (Urban Upbound)	Queensbridge	11101
Samuel Field YM and YWHA DBA Commonpoint Queens	Corona	11368
Community Mediation Services	East Elmhurst	11369
DSI International	Briarwood	11412, 11423, 11432, 11433, 11434, 11435, 11436
Unidad y Fe	Woodhaven	11421
South Queens Women's March	Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park	11419, 11420
India Home	Jamaica, South Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans, Springfield Gardens, Rochdale	11435
Project New Yorker Corporation	Queens Village	11429
Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation	Rockaway and Broad Channel	11691, 11692, 11693, 11694

Staten Island		
Project Hospitality	St. George, Stapleton, Port Richmond, Tompkinsville	10301, 10303, 10304, 10310

NON-TRIE Partners

Organization	Focus(es)
Public Housing Community Fund	Public Housing Residents
LiveOn	Older Adults
Brooklyn Heights Association	Downtown Brooklyn
Fortune Society	Justice Impacted Individuals
The High Line	Youth, Chelsea
Arab American Association	Immigrants, Bay Ridge
Ali Forney Center	LGBTQ, Youth
The Door	LGBTQ, Youth
COPO	Immigrants, Midwood
Center for the Independence of the Disabled	People with Disabilities
League of Women Voters	Manhattan and Brooklyn
YVote	Youth
International Child Program	Immigrants, Youth
League of Asian Americans of NY	Immigrants, Bensonhurst, Flushing, Elmhurst
Korean Community Services	Immigrants, Bayside
Queens Community House	Jackson Heights, Forest Hills, Pomonok
Maspeth Town Hall	Maspeth
Cityline Ozone Park Civilian Patrol (COPCP)	Immigrants, Cityline, Ozone Park

Malikah	Immigrants, Astoria
New Immigrant Community Empowerment	Immigrants
Jewish Community Center of Staten Island	Mid Island
Borough of Manhattan Community College	Youth
Baruch College	Youth

Appendix 2.1: Poll Site Language Assistance Program Utilization – November 2022 General Election

Poll Site Language Assistance Program				
November 2022 General Election				
Early Voting				
Bronx				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
French	Bronx County Supreme Court House	851 Grand Concourse	10451	0
Arabic	Bronx County Supreme Court House	851 Grand Concourse	10451	0
Bengali	Dress Barn Storefront	1451 Metropolitan Avenue	10462	7
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	Dress Barn Storefront	1451 Metropolitan Avenue	10462	0
Bengali	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	0
French	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	0
Brooklyn				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
French	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	1
Haitian	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	2
Russian	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	0
Urdu	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	0
Russian	Carey Gardens Community Ctr.	2315 Surf Avenue	11224	28
Arabic	Carey Gardens Community Ctr.	2315 Surf Avenue	11224	0

Russian	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	17
Arabic	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	0
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	5
Urdu	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	0
Haitian	Erasmus Hall HS	911 Flatbush Avenue	11226	19
Russian	Erasmus Hall HS	911 Flatbush Avenue	11226	18
Russian	FDR. High School	5800 20 AVENUE	11204	22
Yiddish	FDR. High School	5800 20 AVENUE	11204	3
Arabic	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	0
Russian	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	3
Russian	Knights Of Baron De Kalb Inc	3000 Emmons Avenue	11235	6
Arabic	Knights Of Baron De Kalb Inc	3000 Emmons Avenue	11235	0
Polish	McCarren Play Center	776 Lorimer Street	11222	2
Italian	McCarren Play Center	776 Lorimer Street	11222	0
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	14
French	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	4
Arabic	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	0
Italian	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	0
Italian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	0
Russian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	1
Russian	St. Paul's Church	2801 West 8 Street	11224	1
Urdu	St. Paul's Church	2801 West 8 Street	11224	0
Yiddish	Taylor Wythe Comm Ctr	80 Clymer Street	11249	8
Polish	Taylor Wythe Comm Ctr	80 Clymer Street	11249	0
Russian	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	2
Arabic	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	0
Arabic	Youth Center	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	1

Italian	Youth Center	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	0
Russian	Youth Center	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	7
Urdu	Youth Center	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	0
Queens				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Haitian	Antun's	96-43 Springfield Boulevard	11429	0
French	Antun's	96-43 Springfield Boulevard	11429	0
Polish	Board of Elections - Queens Voting Machine Facility	66-26 Metropolitan Avenue	11379	0
Italian	Board of Elections - Queens Voting Machine Facility	66-26 Metropolitan Avenue	11379	1
Russian	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	1
Polish	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	0
Russian	Queens College CUNY	65-30 Kissena Boulevard	11374	7
Polish	Queens College CUNY	65-30 Kissena Boulevard	11374	4
Staten Island				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	625 Father Capodano Blvd	10305	1
Russian	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	625 Father Capodano Blvd	10305	0
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	Our Lady of Pity	1616 Richmond Avenue	10314	0
Korean	Our Lady of Pity	1616 Richmond Avenue	10314	3
Election Day				
Bronx				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Bengali	Dress Barn Storefront	1451 Metropolitan Avenue	10462	12
Bengali	PS 119	1075 Pugsley Avenue	10472	7
Bengali	PS 47 John Randolph	1794 East 172 Street	10472	35
French	PS 90 The Family School	1116 Sheridan Avenue	10456	0
French	William H. Taft High School	240 East 172 Street	10457	3

Brooklyn				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Russian	Bay Academy-IS 98	1401 Emmons Avenue	11235	9
Bengali	Bhavaanee Maa Mandir, Inc.	239 Mckinley Avenue	11208	26
Yiddish	Boro Park YM-YWHA	4912 14 Avenue	11219	4
Russian	Brightwater's Comm Room	501A Surf Avenue	11224	34
Haitian	Brooklyn College Roosevelt Hall	2900 Bedford Avenue	11210	31
Haitian	Canarsie HS	1600 Rockaway Parkway	11236	21
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	6
Yiddish	Independence Towers Senior Center	114 Taylor Street	11211	2
Yiddish	IS 71 -Juan Morel Campos	215 Heyward Street	11206	1
Russian	James Madison HS	3787 Bedford Avenue	11229	22
Russian	Marlboro Memorial Post	300 Avenue X	11223	50
Urdu	Marlboro Memorial Post	300 Avenue X	11223	0
Polish	McGuiness Sr Ctr	715 Leonard Street	11222	13
Russian	PS 188	3314 Neptune Avenue	11224	63
Italian	PS 128	2075 84th Street	11214	2
Russian	PS 128	2075 84th Street	11214	12
Arabic	PS 156 IS	104 Sutter Avenue	11212	5
Yiddish	PS 157	850 Kent Avenue	11205	96
Arabic	PS 170	619 72nd Street	11209	3
Italian	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	0
Russian	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	5
Arabic	PS 185	8601 Ridge Boulevard	11209	1
Russian	PS 195	131 Irwin Street	11235	0
Russian	PS 197	1599 East 22 Street	11210	11
Italian	PS 201 JHS	8010 12th Avenue	11228	0

Haitian	PS 203	5101 Avenue M	11234	29
Russian	PS 206	2200 Gravesend Neck Road	11229	24
Russian	PS 209	2609 East 7th Street	11235	50
Russian	PS 216	350 Avenue X	11223	12
Urdu	PS 217	1100 Newkirk Avenue	11230	6
Italian	PS 227 JHS	6500 16th Avenue	11204	0
Bengali	PS 230	1 Albemarle Road	11218	1
Russian	PS 234 IS	1875 East 17 Street	11229	40
Russian	PS 238	1633 East 8th Street	11223	37
Russian	PS 254	1801 Avenue Y	11235	7
Arabic	PS 264	371 89th Street	11209	4
French	PS 269	1957 Nostrand Avenue	11210	1
Haitian	PS 269	1957 Nostrand Avenue	11210	38
Haitian	PS 276	1070 East 83rd Street	11236	2
Russian	PS 286	2525 Haring Street	11235	35
Russian	PS 329	2929 West 30th Street	11224	15
Korean	PS 346	1400 Pennsylvania Avenue	11239	5
Russian	PS 346	1400 Pennsylvania Avenue	11239	42
Russian	PS 52	2675 East 29th Street	11235	14
French	PS 59	211 Throop Avenue	11206	0
Haitian	PS 6	43 Snyder Avenue	11226	22
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	9
Russian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	15
Russian	PS 90	2840 West 12th Street	11224	18
Urdu	PS 99	1120 East 10 Street	11230	5
Yiddish	PS/IS 180	5601 16th Avenue	11204	0
Russian	Shorefront YM-YWHA	3300 Coney Island Avenue	11235	27

Urdu	Shorefront YM-YWHA	3300 Coney Island Avenue	11235	11
Russian	St. Brendan Senior Apartments L.P.	1215 Avenue O	11230	13
Russian	St. Edmund Preparatory HS	2474 Ocean Avenue	11229	14
Russian	St. Marks School	2602 East 19th Street	11235	6
Italian	St. Simon And Jude Church	185 Van Sicklen Street	11223	2
Yiddish	Taylor Wythe Comm Ctr	80 Clymer Street	11249	2
Arabic	Telecommunications HS	350 67th Street	11220	6
Russian	Trump Village Bldg 3A	444 Neptune Avenue	11224	16
Russian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsey Avenue	11214	0
Russian	William E. Grady CTE High School	25 Brighton 4th Road	11235	17
Queens				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Polish	Dayton Beach Park 8600	61-21 56 Road	11378	7
Polish	Holy Cross RC Church	63-55 102nd Street	11374	8
Polish	IS 93-Ridgewood	93-06 63 Drive	11374	13
Arabic	PS 122-Mamie Fay	64-35 102nd St	11374	0
Polish	PS 153 - Maspeth Elementary School	104-12 Springfield Boulevard	11429	3
Russian	PS 175-Lynn Gross Discovery School	104-12 Springfield Boulevard	11429	7
Russian	PS 206-Horace Harding School	23-70 31st Street	11105	16
Russian	PS 220-Edward Mandel	60-85 Catalpa Avenue	11385	9
Haitian	PS 34-John Harvard	165-65 84 Avenue	11432	20
Staten Island				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	IS 2 George L. Egbert	333 Midland Avenue	10314	11
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	PS 13 M.L. Lindemeyer	191 Vermont Avenue	10305	12
Italian	PS 56 The Louis Desario School	250 Kramer Avenue	10305	0
Korean	PS 58 Space Shuttle Columbia School	77 Marsh Avenue	10304	3

Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	PS/IS 48 William G. Wilcox School	1050 Targee Street	10314	4
			Total Voters Served:	1320

Appendix 2.2: Poll Site Language Assistance Program Utilization – June 2023 Primary Election

Poll Site Language Assistance Program				
June 2023 Primary Election				
Bronx				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zip Code	Voters Served
Bengali	Andrew Freedman Home	1125 Grand Concourse	10452	0
French	Andrew Freedman Home	1125 Grand Concourse	10452	0
Bengali	Bolton's Store Front	1380 Parkchester Road	10462	8
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	Bolton's Store Front	1380 Parkchester Road	10462	1
Bengali	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	0
French	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	0
Bengali	MS 390 (PS 26)	1930 Andrews Avenue South	10453	0
French	MS 390 (PS 26)	1930 Andrews Avenue South	10453	0

Brooklyn				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zip Code	Voters Served
Russian	Boro Park Center Rehab	4915 10 Avenue	11219	0
Yiddish	Boro Park Center Rehab	4915 10 Avenue	11219	0
Haitian	Brooklyn College - West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	0
Russian	Brooklyn College - West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	0

Urdu	Brooklyn College - West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	0
Arabic	Carey Gardens Community Center	2315 Surf Avenue	11224	7
Russian	Carey Gardens Community Center	2315 Surf Avenue	11224	12
Arabic	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	0
Russian	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	0
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	2
Urdu	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	0
Haitian	Erasmus Hall HS	911 Flatbush Avenue	11226	12
Russian	Erasmus Hall HS	911 Flatbush Avenue	11226	7
Russian	FDR High School	5800 20 Avenue	11204	4
Yiddish	FDR High School	5800 20 Avenue	11204	0
Arabic	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	0
Korean	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	0
Haitian	JCC of Marine Park	3415 Quentin Road	11212	0
Russian	JCC of Marine Park	3415 Quentin Road	11212	0
Arabic	Knights of Baron De Kalb Inc	3000 Emmons Avenue	11235	0
Russian	Knights of Baron De Kalb Inc	3000 Emmons Avenue	11235	0
Italian	McCarren Play Center	776 Lorimer Street	11222	1
Polish	McCarren Play Center	776 Lorimer Street	11222	0
French	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	2
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	5
Arabic	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	0
Italian	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	0
Italian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	0

Russian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	1
Russian	St. Paul's Church	2801 West 8 Street	11224	0
Urdu	St. Paul's Church	2801 West 8 Street	11224	0
Polish	Taylor Wythe Community Center	80 Clymer Street	11249	0
Yiddish	Taylor Wythe Community Center	80 Clymer Street	11249	1
Arabic	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	0
Russian	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	0
Russian	Youth Center	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	0
Urdu	Youth Center	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	0

Queens				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zip Code	Voters Served
Italian	Board of Elections - Queens Voting Machine Facility	66-26 Metropolitan Ave	11379	0
Polish	Board of Elections - Queens Voting Machine Facility	66-26 Metropolitan Ave	11379	0
Polish	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	0
Russian	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	0
Polish	Rego Center Community Room	61-00 97 Street	11374	0
Russian	Rego Center Community Room	61-00 97 Street	11374	0

Election Day				
Bronx				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zip Code	Voters Served
Bengali	Bolton's Store Front	1380 Parkchester Road	10462	9

French	IS 232	1700 Macombs Road	10453	0
Bengali	PS 119	1075 Pugsley Avenue	10472	0
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	PS 119	1075 Pugsley Avenue	10472	0
French	PS 306	40 West Tremont Avenue	10453	2
Bengali	PS 47 John Randolph	1794 East 172 Street	10472	0
French	PS 90 The Family School	1116 Sheridan Avenue	10456	0
French	William H. Taft High School	240 East 172 Street	10457	1

Brooklyn				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zip Code	Voters Served
Russian	Bay Academy-IS 98	1401 Emmons Avenue	11235	3
Bengali	Bhavaanee Maa Mandir, Inc.	239 Mckinley Avenue	11208	2
Yiddish	Boro Park YM-YWHA	4912 14 Avenue	11219	1
Russian	Brightwater's Comm Room	501A Surf Avenue	11224	20
Haitian	Brooklyn College Roosevelt Hall	2900 Bedford Avenue	11210	5
Haitian	Canarsie HS	1600 Rockaway Parkway	11236	0
Yiddish	Community Board 12	5910 13th Avenue	11219	0
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	2
Yiddish	IS 71 -Juan Morel Campos	215 Heyward Street	11206	1
Polish	JHS 126	424 Leonard Street	11222	0
Russian	Marlboro Memorial Post	300 Avenue X	11223	30
Polish	McGuiness Sr Ctr	715 Leonard Street	11222	0
Russian	Muslim American Society Youth Center	1933 Bath Avenue	11214	4
Russian	PS 128	2075 84th Street	11214	11

Yiddish	PS 131	4305 Ft Hamilton Parkway	11219	0
Haitian	PS 152/PS 315	725 East 23 Street	11210	3
Arabic	PS 156 IS	104 Sutter Avenue	11212	0
Yiddish	PS 157	850 Kent Avenue	11205	0
Arabic	PS 170	619 72nd Street	11209	0
Italian	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	0
Russian	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	0
Bengali	PS 179	202 Avenue C	11218	4
Arabic	PS 185	8601 Ridge Boulevard	11209	0
Italian	PS 186	7601 19th Avenue	11214	0
Russian	PS 188	3314 Neptune Avenue	11224	24
Yiddish	PS 192	4715 18 Avenue	11204	0
Russian	PS 197	1599 East 22 Street	11210	6
Haitian	PS 203	5101 Avenue M	11234	0
Russian	PS 206	2200 Gravesend Neck Road	11229	3
Russian	PS 209	2609 East 7th Street	11235	2
Russian	PS 216	350 Avenue X	11223	4
Urdu	PS 217	1100 Newkirk Avenue	11230	3
Russian	PS 226	6006 23rd Avenue	11204	2
Italian	PS 227 JHS	6500 16th Avenue	11204	0
Russian	PS 234 IS	1875 East 17 Street	11229	7
Russian	PS 238	1633 East 8th Street	11223	0
Russian	PS 254	1801 Avenue Y	11235	0
Arabic	PS 264	371 89th Street	11209	0

Haitian	PS 269	1957 Nostrand Avenue	11210	2
Haitian	PS 276	1070 East 83rd Street	11236	2
Russian	PS 286	2525 Haring Street	11235	8
Russian	PS 329	2929 West 30th Street	11224	3
Korean	PS 346	1400 Pennsylvania Avenue	11239	0
Russian	PS 346	1400 Pennsylvania Avenue	11239	2
Russian	PS 52	2675 East 29th Street	11235	0
Haitian	PS 6	43 Snyder Avenue	11226	12
Urdu	PS 62 JHS	700 Cortelyou Road	11218	1
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	5
Italian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	1
Russian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	3
Russian	PS 90	2840 West 12th Street	11224	10
Urdu	PS 99	1120 East 10 Street	11230	0
Yiddish	PS/IS 180	5601 16th Avenue	11204	0
Russian	Seacoast Towers	1311 Brightwater Avenue	11235	4
Russian	Shorefront YM-YWHA	3300 Coney Island Avenue	11235	0
Urdu	Shorefront YM-YWHA	3300 Coney Island Avenue	11235	2
Russian	St. Edmund Preparatory HS	2474 Ocean Avenue	11229	2
Russian	St. Marks School	2602 East 19th Street	11235	32
Arabic	Telecommunications HS	350 67th Street	11220	0
Russian	Trump Village Bldg 3A	444 Neptune Avenue	11224	6
Russian	Warbasse Bldg 2A	425 Neptune Avenue	11224	38
Italian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsy Avenue	11214	0

Russian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsey Avenue	11214	7
Russian	William E. Grady CTE High School	25 Brighton 4th Road	11235	2

Queens				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zip Code	Voters Served
Polish	Holy Cross RC Church	61-21 56 Road	11378	0
Polish	IS 93-Ridgewood	66-56 Forest Avenue	11385	0
Polish	JHS 157-Stephen A Halsey	63-55 102 Street	11374	5
Russian	PS 122-Mamie Fay	21-21 Ditmars Boulevard	11105	0
Italian	PS 153 - Maspeth Elementary School	60-02 60 Lane	11378	1
Russian	PS 175-Lynn Gross Discovery School	64-35 102 Street	11374	2
Russian	PS 206-Horace Harding School	61-02 98 Street	11374	3
Haitian	PS 220-Edward Mandel	62-10 108 Street	11375	0
Polish	PS 34-John Harvard	104-12 Springfield Boulevard	11429	6
			Total Voters Served:	371