



"Obstacles don't define us. Rather, it is the unparalleled courage and character of us that defines us as a people. So my confidence in the future is steeped in our glorious past - in the face of adversity, we always persist. We persevere, we prevail." Governor Kathy Hochul



NYS Primary Election – June 24th – Make Your Plan

Early Voting Starts on Saturday, June 14th, 2025

Early voting for the 2025 New York State Primary Elections begins Saturday, June 14th and runs every day until Sunday, June 22nd. Election Day is Tuesday, June 24th.

Registration deadlines

✓ [Online*](#): **June 14th** (*) Via NYGOV ID

Absentee ballot deadlines

- ✓ [Request ballot \(received by\)](#): **June 14th**
- ✓ [Return ballot by mail \(postmarked by\)](#): June 24th
- ✓ [Return ballot in person](#): June 24th by 9:00 p.m. EST

Early Voting polls

Early voting polling places may differ from Election Day voting sites and times vary by county.

- ✓ [NYS Voters \(outside NYC\)](#):
- ✓ [NYC Voters](#):

In The News-New York State



There's a Light at the End of the Tunnel



The 2025 New York State Session is quickly winding down, with two days remaining. State Senators left Albany in the early morning hours Friday, gaveling out at 4:20 a.m. The Senate stands adjourned at the call of the Temporary President. The Assembly returned to session this morning and is scheduled to work through Tuesday, June 17th to finish the business of the People's House.

As of 3 p.m., 520 bills have been passed by both houses of the Legislature. Over the next few days, the Assembly will add to that figure, with the final tally coming in around 800 bills (the average for a session).

This week's bills that have been passed by both houses include:

A33--Sponsored by AM Burdick/Senator Ramos--Establishes a task force to promote competitive integrated employment for people with disabilities.

A128--Sponsored by AM Gonzalez-Rojas/Senator Rivera--Requires insurance coverage for inhalers at no cost.

A136-- Sponsored by AM Paulin/Senator Hoylman-Sigal--Creates the medical aid in dying act.

A203B--Sponsored by AM Cruz/Senator Sepúlveda--Requires hospitals to develop violence prevention programs.

A521--Sponsored by AM Steck/Senator Fernandez--Establish the Recovery Ready Workplace Act to ensure safe and healthy workplaces for those in recovery.

A584C--Sponsored by AM Steck--Enacts the "trapped at work act," prohibits the use of employment promissory notes.

A2730A--Sponsored by AM Barrett--Requires contractors and subcontractors performing construction work for covered renewable energy systems to use apprenticeship agreements.

A472--Sponsored by AM Bronson/Senator Comrie--Allows workers employed by more than one employer, in the field of construction, excavation, rehabilitation, repairs, reconstruction, renovations, alterations, and improvements to become and remain eligible for paid family leave benefits, as long as they are employed for twenty-six of the last thirty-nine weeks with one or more covered employers.

A6556--Sponsored by AM Rosenthal/Senator Hinchey--Includes consideration of evidence of recent acts of aggravated cruelty to animals as a factor to be considered when determining whether grounds for a temporary extreme risk protection order exist.

A6558A--Sponsored by AM Lunsford/Senator Harkham--Requires allergen labeling on all food that is prepared, prepacked, and offered or sold to customers on the same premises.

A6942 Sponsored by AM Pheffer Amato/Senator Jackson--Restores the 20-year service retirement for certain New York city corrections officers and sanitation workers.

A7040B--Sponsored by AM Stirpe/Senator Gianaris--Authorizes private membership establishments to have certain licenses for sale of alcohol.

A7321A--Sponsored by AM Weprin--Requires insurers to provide coverage for costs related to stuttering, including speech therapy.

A8417--Sponsored by AM Pheffer Amato/Senator Jackson--Extends the September 11th worker protection task force act.

A8465--Sponsored by AM Otis/Senator Mayer--Relates to prevailing wage for those involved in hauling of concrete and asphalt.

A8678--Sponsored by AM Burke/Senator Sepulveda--Extends New York City's joint bidding authorization through December 2026.

A8679--Sponsored by AM Burke/Senator Sepulveda--Extends authorization for the City of New York and both City and State agencies to utilize joint bidding for utility interference work involved in certain public projects in lower Manhattan.

S364--Sponsored by Senator Gianaris/AM Rosenthal--Prohibits restrictions on insurance policies based solely on the policyholder harboring or owning any dog of a specific breed or mixture of breeds.

S4204--Sponsored by Senator Comrie/AM Paulin--Amends the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015 to include four new non-voting commissioner positions to the Board, two of whom must be mass transit users recommended by rider advocacy groups and two of whom are to be recommended by labor organizations; and to require Commissioners to have practical experience in specified areas related to Port Authority operations, such as in business management, labor relations, and engineering.

S6640--Sponsored by Senator Gounardes/AM Pheffer Amato--Increases the in-service death benefit for New York City Transit Authority employees in the 25-Year/Age 55 Retirement Plan in Tiers 4 and 6 to be the value of the pension reserve (assuming single life allowance) as if the member had retired on the date of their death.

S6641A--Sponsored by Senator Gounardes/AM Pheffer Amato--Increases certain Special Accidental Death Benefits (SADB) for surviving spouses, dependent children, and certain other eligible beneficiaries of former uniformed employees of the City of New York and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, and for certain former employees of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, who were members of certain New York City retirement systems and pension funds and died as a natural and proximate result of an accident sustained in the performance of duty.

S7049-A--Sponsored by Senator Fernandez/AM Benedetto--Authorizes the City of New York to discontinue the use as parkland and alienate certain land within Ferry Point Park in the borough of the Bronx.

S7882--Sponsored by Senator Hoylman/Rosenthal--Relates to the use of algorithmic pricing by landlords for the purpose of determining the amount of rent to charge a residential tenant.

S8207--Sponsored by Senator Jackson/AM Pheffer Amato--Allows any Tier 6 member who is a uniformed court officer or peace officer employed by the Unified Court System to retire without early age reduction upon attaining 30 years of creditable service and age 55. It will also reduce the normal retirement age from 63 to 62.

S8415--Sponsored by Senator Julia Salazar/AM Dilan--Implements an omnibus bill related to correctional services in the state of New York.



Comptroller DiNapoli: Navigating the Uncertainty

The Enacted Budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025-26 is projected to total \$254 billion, a 5.2% increase in spending at a time when new federal actions on funding and policy may change the relationship between the federal government and states. Actions that have already occurred at the federal level, paired with potential Congressional action, may mean that in the upcoming months New York will see challenges to the recently Enacted State Budget, according to a [report](#) by State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

Comptroller DiNapoli explained that the state has not taken any significant cost containment measures or implemented a strategy for addressing federal cuts, so how these risks will be reflected in DOB's Enacted Budget Financial Plan for the next four years remains to be seen. In addition, the Executive and Legislative leaders have acknowledged the actions in Washington may require them to convene a special session.

The Comptroller also noted that the Enacted Budget does contain language to address any resulting shortfalls. For example, the Budget includes language authorizing the Director of Division of Budget to withhold appropriated funding if any quarterly financial plan update shows an imbalance of \$2 billion or more. In addition, the state also has nearly \$8.8 billion in its statutory rainy day reserve funds, an important safeguard against economic disruptions and tax revenue shortfalls.

An analysis from State Department of Health indicates that the proposed federal changes could result in estimated lost federal funding of \$10.1 billion and new state-funded Medicaid costs of \$3.3 billion. The Executive estimates the proposal would increase the number of people without health insurance in the state. Other changes would increase state costs and reduce eligibility for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, and eliminate funding for the clean energy transition and climate and resiliency programs.

Comptroller DiNapoli stressed the importance of focusing budget management on the current year and on the potential for drastic changes in the outyears. He recommended continuing to build reserves, both statutory rainy day funds and informal reserves; focusing on efficiency in service delivery, particularly by implementing prior audit recommendations; and developing a strategy for articulating criteria for how the State will respond to federal cuts.

In The News-New York City

Mayor Adams, NYCEDC, DOC Announce Plan to Remove Decommissioned Jail Barge to Allow the Development of Hunts Point Marine Terminal

The Adams Administration will begin taking the steps necessary to remove the decommissioned Vernon C. Bain Correctional Center (VCBC) barge from Hunts Point and pursue the development of the Hunts Point Marine Terminal to move freight off of ships and onto the last mile in their delivery.

NYCEDC will issue a request for proposals (RFP) to remove the former jail barge.

The new marine terminal — which is estimated to create 400 construction jobs, 100 permanent jobs, and \$3.9 billion in economic impact over the next 30 years — would form a key connection point between ports up and down the East Coast, including the Brooklyn Marine Terminal and other nodes in New York City. By building this new ‘Blue Highways’ facility, the terminal would remove an estimated 9,000 monthly truck trips from city streets and reduce roadway congestion, according to the Mayor.



The new, proposed Hunts Point Marine Terminal would move freight off of ships and onto the last stage in their delivery throughout New York City

The Hunts Point Marine Terminal will also serve as a key node in Mayor Adams’ Blue Highways initiative, a joint project between the New York City Department of Transportation and NYCEDC to promote the use of the city’s waterways for transporting goods in and around the city. The initiative aims to increase the utilization of New York City’s waterways to transport and deliver cargo — reducing emissions, decreasing wear and tear on roadways, alleviating supply chain bottlenecks, and moving goods more quickly from ships to shelves.

Progress has been made on this initiative, including by the recent unveiling of the Downtown Skyport, a multi-modal hub for sustainable transportation and last-mile delivery;

an investment of \$18 million to upgrade port operations at the Brooklyn Marine Terminal; and a \$164 million federal grant NYCEDC received to transform the 122-acre Brooklyn Marine Terminal into a maritime port and mixed-use community.



Bills Approved by the Council

Introduction 206-B, sponsored by Council Member Shahana Hanif--Requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to provide annual training to all uniformed staff on the proper use of opioid antagonists and make the training available to individuals who are incarcerated.

Introduction 272-A, sponsored by Council Member Rita Joseph--Amend the citywide bathroom strategy to require an update in each public bathroom strategic planning report on all active or planned capital projects to install a public bathroom at a site identified by Local Law 114 of 2022.

Introduction 573-A, sponsored by Council Member Gale A. Brewer--Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to install at least 50 outdoor drinking fountains in public parks no later than June 1, 2035.

Introduction 1050-A, sponsored by Council Member Carmen De La Rosa--Prohibits the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) from requiring the vehicles it licenses to have personal injury protection (also known as no-fault) liability coverage in an amount greater than 200% of the amount required by state law. It would not prevent anyone from voluntarily purchasing more coverage, and it would not require an increase in any coverage requirements.



NYC Office of the Mayor

Mayor Adams Helps Negotiate Agreement to add Nearly 50 Percent More Affordable Housing Units at Hudson Yards West

New York City Mayor Eric Adams this week announced a tentative agreement with Related Companies to increase the amount of affordable housing at Hudson Yards West by nearly 50 percent over the previous proposal. Phase 2 of the project — which is valued at \$12 billion — will now include 4,000 new homes at the site, at least 625 of which will be permanently-affordable units.

Additionally, as part of the agreement, another 139 units nearby will also be preserved as permanently affordable. Under this tentative agreement, the city will use future tax revenues generated from the Western Rail Yards to support the financing of infrastructure, including the development of a deck over the existing rail yards. In addition to building thousands of new units of housing, the project will also include 6.6 acres of public space, a new K-8 school, and a new daycare facility on the site. The project is expected to create 35,000 temporary jobs throughout the development and construction process. The entire Hudson Yards project is now valued at \$32 billion, making it the largest real estate development in U.S. history.

The agreement reached this week with Related adds significantly more permanently affordable housing to the proposed project than previous iterations, increasing the number of units from 420 to at least 625, according to the Mayor.

As part of the agreement, Related is expected to take on the construction of the new 750-seat school. Additionally, the city will utilize future tax revenues from the project to support the construction of a new deck over the rail yards, a proven tool to finance infrastructure improvements without requiring direct public subsidies. Following today's announcement of a framework for the project, the proposal will move forward for approvals by the New York City Council, the New York City Industrial Development Agency, and Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation.

Briefs

Attorney General James Sues 23andMe to Protect New Yorkers' Genetic Data

AG James Objects to 23andMe's Plans to Auction Personal Genetic Information of 15 Million Americans without Consent

New York Attorney General Letitia James and a bipartisan coalition of 27 other attorneys general filed a lawsuit against 23andMe to protect Americans' personal genetic information. 23andMe collected and analyzed people's genetic code, and in March 2025 the company filed for bankruptcy and announced plans to sell its assets. The attorneys general argue that 23andMe cannot auction 15 million customers' highly sensitive personal genetic information without their consent or knowledge. Attorney General James and the coalition are objecting to 23andMe's sale of people's genetic data to ensure that it isn't misused, exposed in future data breaches, or used in ways customers never contemplated when they signed up to have their DNA analyzed.

23andMe, a popular direct-to-consumer DNA testing company, filed for bankruptcy in March 2025 and is now seeking to sell off its assets, including sensitive genetic and health data. The attorneys general argue that this kind of information, along with biological samples, DNA data, health-related traits, and medical records, is too sensitive to be sold without each customer's express, informed consent. The coalition asserts that the company and its debtors must comply with states' laws on the sale or transfer of genetic data. In March 2025, Attorney General James [issued a consumer alert urging New Yorkers to contact the company](#) to delete their personal data and destroy any samples of genetic material held by the company.

Joining Attorney General James in filing this lawsuit are the attorneys general from Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

New York City Reclaims Streets with Over 100,000 Illegal 'Ghost Vehicles' Seized Under Mayor Adams' Leadership

New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) have seized over 100,000 illegal "ghost vehicles"—cars that are untraceable due to forged or altered license plates—and illegal and unregistered motorized scooters, bikes, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) since the start of the Adams administration in 2022.

In September 2024, Mayor Adams announced a new interagency task force in which 15 NYPD officers were assigned strictly to parked ghost car removal under the direction of DSNY. This year alone, the task force has removed more than 7,600 ghost cars, and more than 14,000 have been removed since the task force's inception—freeing up space for New Yorkers who follow safety and regulatory requirements.

The NYPD has removed an additional 3,145 ghost cars this year, for a total of over 10,745 ghost cars cleared from New York City streets in 2025 already.

In 2024, the NYPD confiscated 27,710 illegal and unregistered motorized scooters, bikes, and ATVs — the highest number in city history, representing a 50 percent increase from 2023 and a 243 percent increase from 2022. This year, the NYPD has already removed more than 8,100 illegal two-wheeled vehicles and ATVs, bringing the total number to over 62,300 since the Adams administration came into office.

NJ Gubernatorial Primary Results

Democratic Representative Mikie Sherrill and Republican Jack Ciattarelli have won their parties’ primaries for Governor in New Jersey, replacing term-limited Governor Phil Murphy.

The Democratic primary featured Sherrill and five other prominent Democrats, including Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop, Representative Josh Gottheimer, teachers union president Sean Spiller and former state Senate President Steve Sweeney. Ciattarelli faced former radio host Bill Spadea, state Senator Jon Bramnick, former Englewood Cliffs Mayor Mario Kranjac and contractor Justin Barbera. New Jersey voters return to the polls on November 4th.

Democratic Party Primary Result

Candidates	Party	Votes	Voteshare
Mikie Sherrill	DEM	267,404	34%
Ras Baraka	DEM	160,094	20.40%
Steve Fulop	DEM	124,743	15.90%
Josh Gottheimer	DEM	92,912	11.80%
Sean Spiller	DEM	84,367	10.70%

Republican Party Primary Result

Candidates	Party	Votes	Voteshare
Jack Ciattarelli	REP	308,303	67.8%
Bill Spadea	REP	99,353	21.9%
Jon Bramnick	REP	28,094	6.2%
Mario Kranjac	REP	12,390	2.7%
Justin Barbera	REP	6,465	1.4%

Trump Administration Proposes \$1B for City Transportation Projects

The Trump administration has agreed to fund two New York infrastructure projects, proposing \$1 billion to fund the Hudson River train tunnel and phase two of the Second Avenue subway. The recommendation must be budgeted and allocated by Congress.

According to published reports, the Federal Transit Administration said in a recent report to Congress it intends to allocate \$700 million in the 2026 budget to help pay for the \$16 billion project that will link New York and New Jersey with a new rail tunnel under the Hudson, and rehabilitate an existing century-old tunnel, by 2035. The FTA, in its report, also asked for \$307.3 million to finance the MTA’s \$6.9-billion project to extend the Second Avenue subway 1.5 miles north from the Upper East Side to Harlem.

Coming Up

New York State

Monday, June 16th

New York State Assembly Session, Assembly Chamber, Albany, 11:30 am.

Tuesday, June 17th

New York State Assembly Session, Assembly Chamber, Albany

Wednesday, June 18th

New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Commission Meeting, Albany, 10 a.m.

New York City

Monday, June 16th

Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation, Committee Room – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Public Housing, Council Chambers – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 17th

Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, 250 Broadway – Committee Room, 14th Floor, 10 a.m.

Committee on Children and Youth, 250 Broadway – Committee Room, 14th Floor, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18th

Committee on Technology, Committee Room – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Civil and Human Rights, Committee Room – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on Education, Committee Room – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on General Welfare, Council Chambers – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 20th

Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts, Council Chambers – City Hall, 1 p.m.

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