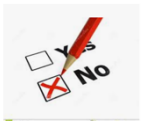
On this year's election ballot there are three confusing Ballot Proposals.

BE SURE TO FLIP THE BALLOT to see the proposals. The ballot is extra long; two full sheets, both sides. **You must feed the pages into the scanner one-by-one for both pages to count.**

PROPOSAL #1 - The proposal concerns the Public Campaign Finance Program. It would reduce the maximum individual contribution for all City offices by roughly 60%. At the same time, it would increase the ratio of matching public financing from 6:1 to 8:1. Candidates would be less beholden to large donors, and small donors would have a larger impact. These changes will make it easier for a more diverse range of candidates to run for office. Because of US Supreme Court decisions, wealthy candidates would still be able to self-finance. While it does not answer every issue with Public Campaign Finance, Proposal #1 is a step in the right direction.

We urge you to VOTE YES on Proposal One.



PROPOSAL #2- would establish a "Civic Engagement Commission" which would be required to establish a citywide "Participatory Budgeting Program, " to encourage civic engagement and provide language interpreters for City polling stations. **The proposal would also give the Mayor additional powers.** The majority of Commission members would be appointed by the mayor, as would the Commission Chair. **Here's the kicker.** This proposal would allow the Mayor to **"assign relevant powers and duties of certain other City Agencies to the Commission" without oversight or approval of the City Council.** In other words, the Mayor's handpicked Commission could make an end run around any of the duties and responsibilities of **ANY** other City Agency with nothing to be done about it, since this would be enshrined in the City Charter. **THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A POWER GRAB.**

We urge you to VOTE NO on Proposal Two.

PROPOSAL #3 - The proposal would impose term limits for Community Board members. CB members are appointed and turned over by the Borough Presidents. A major responsibility of the CBs is advising on land use and zoning issues. NYC real estate law is extremely complex, and imposing mandatory term limits would artificially restrict institutional memory. Furthermore, CB's necessarily deal with Real Estate interests, which are not necessarily aligned with community interests. The CB members' constituents are their community. Real estate lawyers and lobbyists are not term limited; why should the CB be hobbled in this fashion?

If Proposal #2 passes, Proposal #3 would **REQUIRE** the Civic Engagement Commission to "provide resources, assistance and training related to land use and other matters to Community Boards." Thus, the Mayor's hand-picked Commission (who, coincidentally, would not be term limited) could further influence and usurp the responsibilities of the Community Boards. **ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS A POWER GRAB.**

We urge you to VOTE NO on Proposal Three.

On NYC Ballot Proposals

We urge you to Vote YES – NO – NO