

CIDNY SAYS

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The past few years have shown us how important it is to ensure your vote is counted. New York City voted for a new mayor last year. This year, the entire state is voting on who will be governor, among other positions. It seems as if it becomes more important to vote each passing year.

Last June, we wrote in our CIDNY Says column about why we – meaning all of us – vote. If we’re not voting, we’re not represented. That’s something that we simply cannot afford.

National elections are important. State elections are important. City elections are important. Local elections are important. You and your needs are important.

Voting is one way that we can address our needs. Tell the candidates what they need to do to get your vote, and on election day use your vote.

Earlier this year, we saw the reinstatement of the state Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities. People with disabilities have been seeking this for years, and we were successful in part through advocacy and in part because elected officials supported the legislation.

These officials were put into office by the voters. Of course, this situation is just one example, and there was a lot of other work involved.

One thing is clear – our votes are powerful, and we can use them to help create change. Make sure that you cast your vote and are represented in June and November.

Mark your calendars for the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 28 and the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

You can register to vote at <https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote>.

If you, or someone you know, needs help registering to vote, receiving accommodations at your polling locations or have general questions about voting or the election, please reach out to us at info@cidny.org.

We’ll say it yet again – nothing about us without us!