

HOW A CITY GOVERNMENT WORKS

We are **members of the City Council**. There are 51 Council members, one for each district in the city. We represent the people who live in our Districts.

We make the laws of the City and approve the City Budget. We each have an office in our home District. The whole City Council meets as a group at City Hall in Manhattan.

We are elected every four years, without term limits.

I am the **Mayor**. I lead the City. I make policies and programs to benefit everyone. I propose the City budget. I make sure the City government is effective and stable. I am elected for four years.

I'm the **Public Advocate**. My job is to advocate for, or support, the needs of the whole City. I propose bills, but I do not vote on them. I am elected every four years.

City Hall

Municipal Building

I am the **Comptroller**. I am the elected official in charge of City finances, and I manage the accounts of the whole City. I am elected every four years.

MANHATTAN

THE BRONX

Every borough has a **District Attorney**. We lead the investigation of crimes in each of our boroughs.

Every borough has a **Borough President**. We work with the Mayor and City officials to improve the quality of life in the boroughs. We are elected every four years.

BROOKLYN

Every Borough has a **Borough Hall**. This is where the Borough President has their office.

QUEENS

There are 59 **Community Boards** and each board has 50 members. Any New Yorker who lives in the community board area is eligible to be on the Community Board.

STATEN ISLAND

Birds migrate (move homes) like people do. They migrate here from all over the world, like New Yorkers! We are like the beautiful birds on these maps.