

COMMUNITY *Votes*

News

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Flatbush Tenants Coalition

This month Community Votes had the privilege of partnering with the [Flatbush Tenants Coalition](#). They are a group of 65 tenant associations that together represent 19,000 tenants. To help them organize a voter mobilization campaign, Community Votes attended their April 8 membership meeting. After sharing their neighborhood voting profile (85,320 unregistered voters; local primary election turnout of 20 percent; and local general election turnout of 36 percent) 50 tenant leaders strategized in small groups about how they can most effectively mobilize voters. Their action plan included presentations at tenant meetings, local churches and community events about voting rights and the importance of registration and turnout.

Cypress Hills, Brooklyn

New York City Elections

How competitive will this year's local election be? This article from City and State reviews the competitive primary races, which include seven open city council seats and another 11 seats in which the incumbents are facing challengers. Note, because the New York City Council has term limits, in 2021 there will be 43 open seats! And, for a summary of who is running for all the City's elected offices, check out this Gotham Gazette summary.

New York Community Trust

Finally, I am happy to report that in early April the New York Community Trust announced the foundation's most recent round of awards, including a \$60,000 grant to Community Votes. The award will help Community Votes and our partner organizations educate residents of underrepresented neighborhoods about voting rights and public policy and will also help them effectively mobilize on behalf of their communities.