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Vote in NYC Jails Coalition to Rally at City Hall Ahead of City Council Hearing on Voting Access in NYC Jails

(CITY HALL) — The **Vote in NYC Jails Coalition**, alongside **public defenders, elected officials, advocates, community leaders, and directly impacted New Yorkers**, will rally on the steps of City Hall on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:45 AM ahead of a scheduled City Council [hearing](#) on voting access for people incarcerated in New York City jails, which begins at 10:30 AM in City Hall chambers.

The hearing marks a significant step forward following sustained advocacy from coalition members and partners who have worked to ensure that eligible voters in custody are able to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Advocates will call on the Board of Elections and other city leaders to place polling sites in our jails, and urge for stronger oversight policies and reporting mechanisms to guarantee equal ballot access for incarcerated New Yorkers.

Following the rally, coalition members and supporters will attend the City Council hearing to urge lawmakers to take meaningful action to protect and expand voting access in city jails.

WHO: Vote in NYC Jails Coalition, alongside public defenders, elected officials, advocates, community leaders, and directly impacted New Yorkers

WHAT: Rally ahead of City Council hearing on voting access in New York City jails

WHERE: City Hall Steps in downtown Manhattan

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9:45 AM / City Council Hearing at 10:30 AM in chambers at City Hall

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