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On Election Day, Vote In NYC Jails Coalition and Elected Officials to Rally Outside NYC Board of Elections to Demand Polling Sites, Equal Ballot Access for Incarcerated New Yorkers

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Vote in NYC Jails Coalition, including The Legal Aid Society, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, the League of Women Voters of the City of New York, the NYC Chapter of the National Action Network's Second Chance Committee, and others, will rally outside the New York City Board of Elections (BOE) on Election Day to demand that the BOE and the Department of Correction ensure that every eligible voter incarcerated in NYC jails can cast a ballot and have their vote counted.

The Coalition is calling for the establishment of polling sites in city jails, citing the BOE's repeated rejection of registration forms and absentee ballots from eligible voters at Rikers Island, where 6,000 people — 92 percent of whom are people of color — are potentially eligible to vote. The current absentee system has consistently failed to deliver equal access to the ballot, effectively disenfranchising thousands of Black and Brown New Yorkers each year.

WHO: Vote in NYC Jails Coalition, The Legal Aid Society, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, the League of Women Voters of the City of New York, the NYC Chapter National Action Network Second Chance Committee, advocates, and directly impacted New Yorkers

WHAT: Election Day rally demanding polling sites and full voting access in NYC jails

WHERE: Outside the New York City Board of Elections, 32 Broadway, Manhattan

WHEN: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 1:30pm

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