

District Leaders

District Leaders are unpaid, volunteer, party officials that are elected by voters from within the Assembly District in the Democratic Primary. Each term of office is two years and there are no term limits. Elections are held in odd-numbered years. There are two District Leaders for each Assembly District or part thereof: one female and one male.

District Leaders identify and champion the community's needs before elected officials and government agencies. They work with community organizations like block associations and other neighborhood-based civic groups on local issues. Although District Leaders have no legislative authority or budget, they are often successful in advocating for both legislation and funding related to community needs by working closely with neighborhood elected officials.

Each District Leader is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York County Democratic Committee and is expected to attend those meetings and to serve on subcommittees of that body, fashioning party policies. They serve as their community's advocates, voting on policy matters and the endorsement of candidates. District Leaders are usually active in judicial and electoral politics.

District Leaders have the responsibility for staffing poll sites within the district they represent for both the primary and general elections. They also identify and encourage candidates for other party positions, such as county committee.

County Committee Members

County Committee Members attend meetings where the rules of the New York County Democratic Committee are debated and voted on. This is how the platform of the Democratic Party in Manhattan is established. County Committee members represent a small area, usually a block or two, and represent these areas at County Committee meetings. Members also vote in the case of death or emergency to fill vacant elected offices. County Committee members receive no pay for this work.