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## NEW YORK HAS HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT FOR A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION IN AT LEAST TEN YEARS

### WHILE NEW YORK CITY VOTER PARTICIPATION CONTINUED TO LAG BEHIND THE REST OF THE STATE, NYC VOTERS PARTICIPATED IN DECADE-HIGH PERCENTAGE & TOTAL NUMBERS FOR NON-PRESIDENTIAL YEAR

(New York) Braving bad weather, and in some cases broken down voting machines and long delays, New Yorkers went to the polls yesterday in record numbers for a gubernatorial year. New York City, which traditionally makes up less than 30 percent of the votes cast in non-Presidential years, showed up in higher-than expected numbers, despite continuing to lag in participation when compared to the rest of the state.

#### VOTERS WHO CAST BALLOTS FOR HIGHEST OFFICE, STATEWIDE AND NEW YORK CITY, 2006-2018

Year	Total Statewide Voted	Total NYC Voted	NYC% of Total
2018 <sup>1</sup>	5,790,035	1,951,714	33.7%
2016	7,801,985	2,759,923	35.4%
2014	3,924,990	1,035,932	26.4%
2012	7,135,322	2,474,195	34.7%
2010	4,769,741	1,409,598	29.6%
2008	7,722,019	2,641,970	34.2%
2006	4,697,867	1,349,491	28.7%

New York City residents represent 40 percent of all registered state voters. Yet NYC voter turnout as a percentage of all state votes falls well below 40 percent in presidential election years and is even lower in gubernatorial elections. Thus, NYC's voters under participate compared to voters in the rest of the state.

#### NEW YORKERS REGISTERED TO VOTE, STATEWIDE AND NEW YORK CITY, 2006-2018

Year	Total Statewide Enrolled	Total NYC Enrolled	NYC% of Total
2018	11,574,222	4,613,320	40%
2016	11,476,433	4,477,091	39%
2014	10,827,434	4,160,000	38.4%
2012	10,974,236	4,224,811	38.5%
2010	10,680,536	4,081,567	38.2%
2008	10,816,500	4,119,923	38.1%
2006	10,236,727	3,801,922	37.1%

<sup>1</sup> Based on unofficial results provided by State Board of Elections