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# THE BROADWAY DEMOCRATS

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## **November General Meeting: Republican Tax “Reform” – *Thanksgiving for the Kleptocrats***

Republicans are pushing a plan through Congress that most independent analysts say would *raise* taxes on the middle class, while benefitting the wealthy – *i.e.*, Trump and his cronies.

Join Congressman **Jerry Nadler** and Barnard Economics Professor **David Weiman** for a spirited discussion of exactly what’s wrong with this Thanksgiving turkey, and how it might be stopped.

**Thursday, November 16**

7:45 p.m. Sign-in

Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. sharp!

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***SAVE THE DATE!***

## **December General Meeting: Getting There from Here – *Meeting Transportation Challenges in Our Ever-Growing City***

- Can bikes, pedestrians and motor vehicles safely share the road?
- Can we have "vision zero" without gridlock?
- Can mass transit expand without throwing riders under the bus?

Panelists have been invited from the MTA, rider-representative groups, and good government groups.

**Thursday, December 14**

7:45 p.m. Sign-in

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ENDORSEES!

All candidates endorsed by the Broadway Democrats handily won their bids for re-election on November 7:

**Mayor Bill de Blasio**

**Public Advocate Tish James**

**Comptroller Scott Stringer**

**District Attorney Cy Vance**

**Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer**

**Councilmember Mark Levine**

Congratulations as well to Councilmember Helen Rosenthal, in whose race the club was unable to make an endorsement.

In the statewide referenda, Proposal One (whether to hold a constitutional convention) was resoundingly defeated, with more than 83% voting “no” statewide. The other Propositions – Two, allowing the stripping of pensions from elected officials convicted of corruption, and Three, allowing some preserved upstate land to be opened for infrastructure projects, passed.



### **Upcoming - Officer and Steering Committee Elections**

The Broadway Democrats will elect officers and twelve members of the Steering Committee at our General Meeting in January. Please consider running for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or a seat on the Steering Committee. You may nominate yourself, or have someone else nominate you. For more information, speak to a current member of the Steering Committee or email Pat Almonrode at [palmonrode@gmail.com](mailto:palmonrode@gmail.com).

# Why should you care about garbage?

Katie Hanner

The next time you drop your trash down a compactor chute or toss it into a trash can, think about where that trash goes - it does not just simply disappear, but ends up either in an incinerator creating air pollution or in a landfill producing methane gas, which in turn is a major contributor to global warming.

Indeed, every week the average New Yorker throws out nearly 15 pounds of waste at home and another 9 at work or in commercial establishments. Moreover, 76% of our trash is transported upstate or to out-of-state landfills. And when it comes to something simple like plastic bags, \$12.5 million of our tax dollars are spent every year to transport 91,000 tons of plastic bags to incinerators and landfills.

However as indicated in the chart below, 74% of NYC's residential waste stream could be recycled or composted.

And the good news is that the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is making recycling easier for NYC residents. Besides recycling paper, glass, metals and plastics, DSNY has expanded its recycling services. For example, buildings of 10 or more apartments are now eligible to receive pick up service for 1) electronics, such as old TVs and computers, 2) textiles, including clothes, shoes, linens, etc. and 3) organics (e.g. food scraps and food soiled papers).

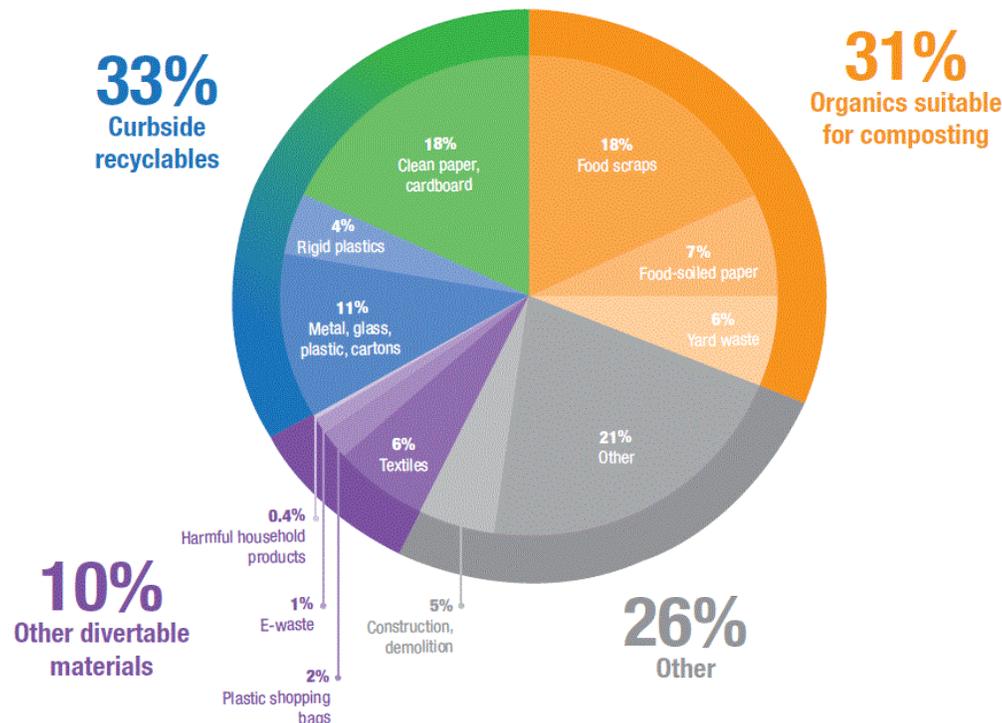
For more information on textile or electronic collection programs, go to:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/contact/programs/apartment-programs-inquiry.shtml#>

For information about organics, go to

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/residents/organics-collection-brown-bin.shtml>

And about those plastic bags: keep a reusable bag in your purse, briefcase, backpack or pocket at all times. Then when you decide to grab a couple of grocery items on the way home from work - USE THE BAG! You'll be reducing that \$12.5 million plastic bag bill and reducing the waste to our incinerators and landfills.



Source: 2013 Waste Characterization Study, NYC Department of Sanitation

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