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## Senator Gianaris Introduces Greek Voter Registration Forms

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(Astoria, NY) – Senator Michael Gianaris welcomed newly accessible voter registration forms in the Greek language. The New York City Campaign Finance Board will now offer these voter registration forms on their website. The forms will also soon be found at the office of Senator Michael Gianaris and public libraries.

**Senator Michael Gianaris said,** “As someone who got his start in politics registering members of our community to vote, I know how important it is to make sure everyone has proper

access to our democratic process. Offering Greek-language voter registration forms provides a better opportunity for our community to have a louder voice in government.”

**Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas, the first Greek woman elected to office in New York State said,** “It is vitally important that our community is able to register to vote so that they are able to exercise this fundamental right. When my parents became American citizens, they were proud to be able to participate in this country’s political process and they instilled in me the importance of voting. Making voter registration forms available in Greek not makes our voice as a community stronger, but honors our history and tradition of democracy. As always, voters can find voter registration forms at my office. I am so proud we can now provide them in Greek.”

Starting in July 2016, voter registration forms expanded from English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Bangla to include Russian, Urdu, Haitian Creole, French and Arabic. Starting this month, the New York City Campaign Finance Board will add Greek, Albanian, Polish, Italian, Yiddish, and Tagalog. New Yorkers can register to vote through these forms on the New York City Campaign Finance Board website.