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Information on Candidates and Offices: Dutchess County Ballots

U.S. Congress House of Representatives

Term:

Each representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district.

Qualifications:

To be elected, a representative must be at least 25 years old, a United States citizen for at least seven years and an inhabitant of the state he or she represents.

Source: https://www.house.gov

Representative in Congress 18th District

(includes: Poughkeepsie, Titusville, Hopewell Junction, Fishkill, East Fishkill, Wappinger, Beacon)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	18 th District
town, city, county)	
Office	House of Representatives

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Sean Patrick Maloney	
Party	Dem, Wor, Ind	
Background:		
Education	attended Georgetown University for two years, he then transferred to the University of Virginia where he received his Bachelor's degree of Arts in International relations. He then attended the University of Virginia School of Law.	
Prior Work Experience	A senior advisor to the president, Bill Clinton	
Relevant Licenses	Law Degree, International Relations Degree.	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	currently represents New York's 18th District in the U.S. House of Representatives and currently serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Agriculture Committee. He also has a distinguished background in business and public service and served as a senior advisor in President Bill Clinton's White House. Finally, Sean then served as a senior staff member to two Democratic governors of New York, focusing on education and infrastructure projects	
Notable	Secretary to the governor, senior advisor to the	
Accomplishments	president.	

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	He believes at the forefront of issues are "fixing the broken health care system, supporting our veterans, and fighting the heroin and opioid epidemic."
Why do they want to serve	He is passionate about serving the Hudson Valley, and wants to "get things done" in this community
Position on League Issues:	
Environment	"I will fight to protect our environment, sustain our natural resources, and keep our communities safe

	for generations to come. Establishing more affordable, reliable and sustainable energy solutions will create new jobs and industry in the Hudson Valley." Wants to lower gas prices.
Education	"I'm working hard to reduce college students' crippling debt and make it easier – not harder - for young folks to get the education they need to succeed in this competitive, 21st-century economy."
Women's Issues	His plan includes, 1. Expanding mandatory sexual harassment training and protections for members of Congress and their staff 1. Strengthening the Equal Pay Act 2. Establishing National Paid Family and Medical Leave 3. Increasing Quality and Affordable Early Childhood Education 4. Making College More Affordable 5. Protecting a Woman's Freedom of Choice 6. Supporting Women Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses
Healthcare	I support improvements that will protect the millions of patients living with a pre-existing condition, lower the cost of premiums and deductibles, help small businesses navigate the law, and allow Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices.
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	- cares about Military/ Veteran issues, Opioid crisis, Agriculture, Transportation, Jobs, and the Economy, Budget and fiscal responsibility, Gun Violence in schools, Seniors issues.

Source(s) of Information (e.g.	https://seanmaloney.house.gov/about/biography
phone call or email with	
candidate or campaign	https://ballotpedia.org/Sean_Maloney
representative, campaign	
website, candidate's facebook	https://seanmaloney.house.gov/issues
page, radio or tv interview with	
candidate, newspaper article)	https://www.seanmaloney.com/

Information on Race	
District of Race	18 th District
Office	House of Representatives

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Chele C. Farley
Party	Rep., Con
Background:	
Education	Graduate of Stanford University's School of Engineering
Prior Work Experience	Small business owner, worked at Goldman Sachs, and became a Partner at Mistral Capital International, a private equity investment firm, works on several corporate boards where she serves as an authority on fiscal responsibility
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Chele was the Co-Chair of the East Coast Advisory Board of Questbridge, she also is a board member of the WordPress Foundation and she's active with the Alzheimer's Association and the New York City Steering Committee.

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	I will stand up to the career politicians in Washington to defend hardworking Hudson Valley families and our values. Instead of a radical, partisan agenda, we need real solutions that change Washington's toxic environment, improve the safety of our communities and preserve the character of our community and protect our quality-of-life	
Why do they want to serve	"Chele is running for Congress to provide every New York family with the opportunity to succeed. Specifically, Chele is focused on recapturing the \$50 billion dollars more than New Yorkers pay in federal taxes each year than the state receives."	
Position on League Issues:		
Election Reform	Congress is broken. Just when you think it can't get any worse or they can't stoop lower, they do. The Democrats cheered the \$32 million Mueller investigation. Wants to focus on changing the toxic work environment in Washington	

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Good Gov't Reform	Strongly supports term limits and signed the U.S. term limits pledge
Environment	"The federal government has a responsibility to address contamination in our local water supply, as well as harmful algae blooms infesting area lakes. We also need critical investments in the region's infrastructure to create high-paying new jobs and expanded opportunities for everyone in the Hudson Valley." Does not support Alexendria Ocasio Cortez new green deal.
Healthcare	preserve coverage for pre-existing conditions; bring down prescription drug prices; end surprise billing; allow for the sale of insurance across state lines; promote health savings accounts; pass medical malpractice reform that allows for justified lawsuits but ends frivolous ones that ultimately drive up cost; and make Insurance more affordable. Supports privately owned health insurance markets
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Chele on immigration:

Source(s) of Information	https://www.chelefarley.com
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	18 th District
town, city, county)	
Office	House of Representatives

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Scott A. Smith	
Party	Lbt, SAM	
Background:		
Education	BA in science from College of St. Rose in Albany N.Y. and master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore M.D	
Prior Work Experience	middle school science teacher, soccer and basketball coach	
Relevant Licenses	Teaching certificate from PACE University	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	former representative on the City Council in Middletown	

	Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	to serve as an alternative to the status quo, a choice other than republican or democratic		
Why do they want to serve	"If given the honor of representing you in Congress you can expect the following: I will honor the oath of office every day I serve. I will not become a lifelong politician and will after serving return to my career as a teacher. I will not use the office to serve as a vehicle to increase my own wealth and will therefore collect no income beyond the salary. I will never work as a lobbyist. I will support no law that elevates myself above those I serve."		
Position on League			
Issues:			
Election Reform	strongly supports term limits		
Good Gov't Reform	supports term limits and does not support Democratic and Republican parties		
Environment	I think all would agree that it is in our nation's best interest to be as efficient and as clean in our use of natural resources as is reasonably possible, and that "green technologies" hold the potential to reduce pollution and make us a more independent nation. However, these technologies need further		

	development and innovation in order to rise to the levels of production, output, and efficiency that are required. Unfortunately it is difficult to innovate and take risks when you are uncertain of whether you can pay your bills or provide for you family or sustain your business. It is my position that we should utilize our current energy resources and technologies to their fullest in order to create a vibrant and prosperous American economy, one in which the conditions would exist to drive the innovation and advancements necessary in
Social Justice	Law enforcement professionals are being assaulted by the media, by opportunists, and even by our government. There are without doubt instances of abuse and even criminal acts among law enforcement, but this is true of any organization or group of people. They must be addressed and resolved, but many including our government, seek to capitalize on these events for political gain and to mobilize various constituencies for election purposes. The problem is that the ill effects of their actions last long after Election Day and help contribute to a vicious cycle of distrust and violence. I highly suspect that the rate of crime and abuse of power among members of congress is higher than that among law enforcement. I wish people would direct the same level of scrutiny and second-guessing there.
Women's Issues	I would prefer that the federal government were not involved in the issue, but it is, and there is law that must be honored. I am personally opposed to abortion, except in those instances where it is necessary to protect the life of the mother or when a crime is involved. However, I draw a distinction between what I may believe personally and what I may do as a legislator. It would not be my place to dictate my beliefs to others As I said previously I will not, nor should any legislator, impose his or her own religious beliefs upon others through legislation, at the same time once elected you will not discover me suddenly promoting abortion.
Healthcare	It is my opinion that the Affordable Care Act should be repealed and replaced for the following reasons; first, the manner in which it was produced and the

legislative process by which it was passed were both flawed and deceitful. Second, it does more harm than good, and we have only begun to feel the harm. I believe, however, that it should not be done hastily or haphazardly, as that was part of the problem with the ACA itself. We must do what Congress failed to do. Identify what is working and what is not. Walk through all of the "what ifs" and the "if, thens" working out how each action and subsequent consequence will be addressed before it ever leaves the walls of the Capitol. It should not be done on an election schedule, but rather on a get it right for the American people schedule. Other (anything else about "I believe in public service above self-interest. I believe that honesty, openness, and trust are the candidate that you think essential to good governance. I believe that is interesting/notable) legislators must be knowledgeable of what they are legislating. I believe that the good of the country and of the American citizen must be paramount. I believe that ethics are something you must bring with you and cannot be provided by committee."

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

https://ballotpedia.org/Scott_Smith_(New_York)

https://mrsmithforcongress.com

Representative in Congress 19th District

(includes Beekman, Haviland, Millbrook, Amenia, Dover, Salt Point, Red Hook, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, La Grange, Pleasant Valley, Hyde Park, Clinton, Washington, Stanford, Rhinebeck, Milan, Pawling)



Information on Race	
District of Race	19 th District
Office	U.S. House of Representatives

Candidate	Biographical Information
Candidate's Name	Antonio Delgado
Party	Dem
Background:	
Education	he earned a Rhodes Scholarship while he attended Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, and went on to attend Harvard Law School. Earned a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford.
Prior Work Experience	Prior to his election to the U.S. House, Delgado was an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. He worked in complex commercial space. He took on a pro bono to work in criminal justice reform Rep. Delgado's professional experiences include a
	career in the music industry focused on empowering young people through Hip Hop culture
Relevant Licenses	Licensed to practice law
Past Offices Held or Public Service	He has served as a congress rep. since Jan 3, 2019. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Delgado is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus,
Notable	as well as the Women's Veterans Task Force. Primary Sponsor of these bills:
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Accomplishments	H.R. 6304: Small Business Repayment Relief
•	Act of 2020
	H.R. 2151: To designate the facility of the
	United States Postal Service located at 7722 South
	Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, as the "Senior
	Chief Petty Officer Shannon
	 H.R. 2336: Family Farmer Relief Act of 2019

Candidate Views	
Why do they want to serve	Antonio decided to run for Congress because for too long, our leaders in Washington have failed to give voice to working families struggling to achieve the American Dream. For too long they have failed to provide a vision forward in an ever changing global economy that's left thousands upstate New York behind. We need leaders who will listen to the people and not put dollars over our democracy. We need leaders committed to restoring the American Dream.
Position on	
League Issues: Election Reform	I believe that we need to immediately fight to preserve the integrity of our Democracy, by pushing for reform to address Citizens United, gerrymandering, and the restriction of voters' rights. We also need to uphold the Voting Rights Act, and restore Section Five, to ensure every American citizen has an equal opportunity to vote.
Good Gov't Reform	I will work to eliminate corruption and cronyism in Washington D.C.
Environment	I'm working to ensure that our environmental policies and regulations protect our land and waterways for the boaters, hunters, fishers, hikers, and sightseers who enjoy our rivers and waterways, our mountains, and our forests year-round — as well as the merchants who rely on servicing these pastimes for their livelihoodsProtecting our waterways is both a moral imperative and a sound economic policy. Overturning the Stream Protection Rule and jeopardizing our water quality is an example of exactly what our political leaders should not be doing. We need to preserve and protect the Clean Water Act and defend the Clean Water Rule in order to prevent pollution and destruction of our natural resources. With the importance of tourism to our local businesses, policies like these not only undermine the quality of our environment, but also endanger the health of our economy.

	I'm also working to protect our rivers and waterways from proposals such as the recent plan to establish new anchorages for oil tankers near communities like Kingston. I've also been deeply committed to making sure communities like Hoosick Falls never face a water crisis like the one they've faced over the past few years, and that none of our residents are exposed to contaminated water. Finally, I do not believe that job creation and environmental conservation need to be in conflict. Clean energy is one of the fastest growing sectors of our economy, and I will continue to do everything I can to encourage the growth of clean energy jobs in our region by fighting to shift tax credits and subsidies away from the fossil fuel industry to the renewable energy space.
Social Justice	I'm committed to working with healthcare professionals and other experts to enact policies that treat rather than criminalize drug addiction. I support increasing funding for proven alternatives to incarceration, including treatment programs, drug courts, and mental health courts. I believe we need to end mandatory minimum sentences, and ban private prisons—there is no room for a profit motive in incarceration.
	Additionally, the Department of Justice needs to have institutionalized racial bias training. 60% of people in NY State prisons have not be convicted of a crime, and we need bail reform to fix that shameful number. I will continue moving forward to expand equal rights for
	LGBTQ+ communities, especially in areas like healthcare, housing, employment, and education. That's why I voted to pass the Equality Act, which would further ban discrimination, and I proudly defend marriage equality.
Education	We need to invest in public education to make sure that all of our children get the education they deserve. For those who dream of going to college, I am working to make college more affordable for every member of our district, by supporting the expansion of Pell Grants and increasing opportunities for student loan forgiveness and relief, including through public service. That means new opportunities both for high school kids as well as folks who want to go to college later in life.
	We need to reinvest in trade and vocational schools and apprenticeship programs that teach our kids the real world skills that they need to get good-paying jobs—the kind that

	used to be enough to build a good life, with a home, family, and savings for retirement.
Women's Issues	I support women's rights to make their own health care decisions. I will continue fighting to defend women's rights from an assault by the President and elected officials who ignore women's right to reproductive care. I also strongly support opposing any use of taxpayer money for settlements in sexual harassment suits.
	I will continue the important work to ensure that women earn equal pay for equal work. That's why I strongly support the Paycheck Fairness Act, passed by the House, in order to close the gender pay gap.
Healthcare	I introduced the Medicare-X Choice Act. It would create a public option, enabling anyone to buy into Medicare while also allowing folks who are happy with their current private insurance to keep it. This is the best way to finally get us to universal healthcare coverage. I am committed to fighting for a healthcare system that addresses rising premiums and deductibles, protects people with pre-existing conditions, and provides real coverage to everyone. I also support the goal of getting the profit motive out of our health care system. I will continue working to eliminate regulations that protect the pharmaceutical companies at the expense of the health of everyday Americans, and will work to give Medicare the power to negotiate drug prices.
Other (anything	Agriculture priorities, Broadband committee, pushes to help small businesses.
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think is	
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newspaper	https://delgadoforcongress.com/
article)	

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	19th district
Office	Congressional representative

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Kyle Van De Water
Party	Republican
Background:	
Education	He attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on an ROTC scholarship. Upon graduating, Kyle joined the Army Reserves and began attending Albany Law School.
Prior Work Experience	Was an active duty member of the U.S army. Worked as an administrative law attorney. He continues to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves JAG Corps, holding the rank of Major, and works as a Litigation Attorney at Corbally
Relevant Licenses	Litigation attorney. Lawyer.
Past Offices Held/Public Service	He served as a Village Trustee in Millbrook from 2017 to 2018.

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	He wants to protect the rights of gun owners. He believes in the second amendment. He said "Unfortunately, many in congress, including our current representative are working to weaken, and even completely strip away, our gun rights. And as you all know, our second Amendment rights here in New York have come under sustained attack from the Democrat state government leadership. Let me be perfectly clear: I 100% oppose these attacks on our rights. As your representative I will not only steadfastly oppose any attempt to further limit your rights, I will also fight hard to undue unconstitutional legislation and regulations that are already in place." He wants to lower taxes for businesses. Van De Water's campaign platform is directly in line with that of President Donald Trump,

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	including promises to strengthen the U.S. border, supporting tax cuts, and protecting 2nd Amendment rights.	
Position on League Issues:		
Environment	He hasn't really mentioned anything about the environment.	
Social Justice	Believes that police who abuse their authority should be held accountable.	
Healthcare	Agrees with Donald Trump's healthcare. He states "Under President Trump, The FDA has approved the largest number of generic drugs in history. We need to continue this trend. Generic medication increases competition in the marketplace and will lower the cost of prescription drugs for all Americans. There are two areas of health care where the government needs to	
	step up and pay. When a sound vaccine for the coronavirus comes, no one should have to pay for it. In addition, the government needs to fund the building of more facilities that help Americans who suffer from drug addiction and help fund the salaries of health care workers who help Americans with drug addictions more beds equal more survivors. "	
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Quotes: ""I propose a very simple personal tax code; 10% of your income is taxed with a maximum of \$50,000 of deductions. Those who make more will still pay more, and those who make less will pay less, everyone will contribute "their fair share". I do not support penalizing anyone, rich or poor, this has led to the export of millions of jobs and the ultimate loss of revenue. "	
	"Police officers who abuse their authority must be held accountable in our justice system like every other criminal. While we must always work to do better, I can confidently say that here in NY 19 we have some of the most dedicated law enforcement professionals I have ever met. I'm proud to have the endorsement of Sheriff Butch Anderson and the support of many more police officers around the district. As your representative I will fight to give good law enforcement the tools they need to be effective, and I will always stand strong for the rights of each and every person living in NY19."	

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

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Information on Race		
District of Race	19th district	
Office	Congressional Representative	

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Steven Greenfield
Party	Green party
Background:	
Education	Steve graduated from Columbia University in 1982 with a BA in Economics
Prior Work Experience	He serves on the Executive Board of the Hudson Valley's Local 238-291 of the American Federation of Musicians., a two-term elected school board member, and has held numerous appointed positions with the Town of New Paltz and the school district.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	He currently serves as a community member of the Legislative Action Committee. Recently Steve has been very active in Extinction Rebellion and Never Again Action, civil resistance groups dedicated to interrupting climate change and closing immigrant detention camps, respectively
	Secretary and interior firefighter, New Paltz Fire Department Delegate, Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association Current citizen member Legislative Action Committee, New Paltz Central School District. Past chair Legislative Action, Policy and Facilities committees, NPCSD. Past Delegate, New York State School Boards Association New Paltz Transportation and Land Use Study and Implementation Committees. Rock The Ridge 50 miler Mohonk Preserve Fundraiser (repeat course completion) Fire safety officer and member, Jewish Congregation of New Paltz
Notable Accomplishments	Steve has been a volunteer firefighter for 16 years. He has been a professional musician on sax and keyboards since he was 17, and has toured throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Candidate Views

Expressed Priorities

Recently Steve has been very active in Extinction Rebellion and Never Again Action, civil resistance groups dedicated to interrupting climate change and closing immigrant detention camps, respectively. He aims to restore the Constitutional separation of powers, end non-defensive war, build a thriving, sustainable post-fossil fuel economy, promote quality education and health care for all, and to return economic and governmental power to smaller-scaled, better-serving, more efficient, more democratic local control.

Position on League Issues:

Election Reform

On improving and securing elections and voting:

End all barriers to small parties and independent candidates entering elections. The most devastating monopolized industry in this country is government. It may appear to be a duopoly, which would be bad enough, but if you look at campaign finance records, you see that we do not have left and right parties, but one rampaging Wall Street bull, with the Democrats and Republicans as the left and right cheeks of its butt. Very few people are satisfied with their voting choices -- at least 10 times more people decline to vote than wish to vote but cannot -- that is our core crisis of democracy, but the two major parties have legal control over ballot access.

End all taxpayer financing for primaries. Both major parties are private organizations, practices closed to public scrutiny, and neither conduct nominations by one-person, one-vote systems. Require they pay their own freight, and petition for the ballot, like anyone else.

On Money in Elections:

It is of the highest possible urgency to reduce the role of money. For starters, large institutional donors support both major parties. Electoral competition and choice is illusory in that context. Media companies only cover candidates whose campaigns and backing institutions are purchasing large-scale advertising -- they call that being "newsworthy." Just getting on the ballot is expensive -- some states actually charge money for ballot access. Well-financed campaigns hire law firms whose sole practice is finding technicalities by which to remove candidates whose petition support more than meets required thresholds, knowing low-financed campaigns cannot hire a defense, or have money left over to campaign if they do. PAC spending makes it possible to so completely flood media that voters cannot even be aware that others are running. Debate sponsoring groups, including the LWV,

	do not grant access to debates to low-financed candidates like me. Physician, heal thyself.
Environment	Largely cares about the environment and reducing the amount of fossil fuels being produced.
Social Justice	He wants to close immigration detention camps.
	To address social justice issues, he would like to: Decriminalize poverty. End poverty. Improve education. End monopoly. Free all non-violent drug convicts, expunge records, provide jobs and community restoration. Reparations to all harmed by government policy. Expand public health care and child care. Foster local community decision-making, economies and social structures. Reduce the mission of policing to actual crime prevention and interdiction. Revise probable cause standards to eliminate racial and cultural bias. End barriers to employment. Disempower criminal economies by legalizing "vice." Restorative and family justice. Replace punishment with mediation and restitution to the highest degree possible.
Education	He believes that education should be well funded and should be accessible to everyone.
Healthcare	Wants healthcare for all. Both rich and poor.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

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Information on Race	
District of Race	District 19: Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster counties and parts of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer counties.
Office	U.S. House of Representatives

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Victoria N. Alexander	
Party	Libertarian	
Background:		
Education	PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY	
Prior Work Experience	Director of Public Programs at Dactyl Foundation	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Public Scholar, NY Council for the Humanities and the Fulbright program, US State Dept Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs	
Notable Accomplishments	Helped start RankedChoiceNY.org.	

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	Decentralize the economic and political power.
Why do they want to serve	I am appealing to Libertarians, Greens, disenchanted Democrats and Republicans, voters who all have approximately the same goals but different ideas about how to achieve them. My goal, which unites us all, is to try to decentralize the power that has been concentrated in the hands of the few. When power becomes concentrated in government, politicians can act as though they are above the law and cease to answer to voters. When power becomes concentrated in a few large corporations, business leaders can behave as if they are above the law and cease to be responsive to their own customers. When these two power centers merge, we no longer have democracy or freedom. That's where we find ourselves today.

Position on League Issues: We need Ranked Choice Voting. This will allow Election Reform voters to rank the candidates in order of preference. If their first choice loses in the first round of counting, their vote goes to their second choice and the counting repeats until one candidate gets more the 50% of the vote. This will eliminate the "spoiler" effect of third parties and more people will be satisfied with the outcome. RCV tends to result in less negative campaigning. In addition to RCV, all candidates on the ballot should be included in all debates and polls. The BoEs should mail every registered voter information about every candidate. Paper ballots should be used and vote-counting machines with nonproprietary software. We need spending limits on campaigns if we want to get money out of politics. Good Gov't Reform End the Federal Reserve which fuels wealth disparity. Allowing the Federal Reserve to create U.S. dollars has allowed the top 1% to control most of the money and wield the political power that goes with this. The U.S. Treasury should have the sole power to create US dollars, and only for public infrastructure projects — roads, mass transit, hospitals, energy grids, schools, and fiber broadband. New dollars created for this purpose would be backed by the value of the infrastructure assets that will return user fees. We phase out fractional-reserve banking and (the inherently unstable) debt-based currency system by raising the reserve amount to 100%. Commercial banks would only be able to loan money that is deposited in regulated savings accounts. No new dollars should be created to bail out corporations or banks or to provide liquidity for big business. New dollars should only be created by the Treasury and only for public use. All newly created dollars would enter the economy at the middle income level, not at the top. Using direct Treasury funds for infrastructure

(together with cutting the war budget), would entirely eliminate the need for the bottom 90% of Americans

to pay income tax as well as reduce the need for states to collect property taxes to build and maintain public infrastructure. The role of the Treasury would not be to try to manage the economy, nor to set interest rates, nor to loan money, nor to borrow money. Its role would only be funding the creation of public assets. Any inflation caused by the influx of new Treasury dollars into the economy could be offset by raising the user fees and taxing the top 1 -10% of income. Using Treasury dollars to fund infrastructure, instead of taxing, would not give Congress more power since Congress already decides budgets.

I support the Federal legislation to abolish the Federal Reserve and a reconsideration (without the public dividend) of the National Emergency Employment Defense Act H.R. 2990. The Federal Reserve was created by bankers for bankers in 1913 and has led to the worst economic disparity in human history.

Environment

Instead of a Green New Deal, which advocates spending billions of dollars ineffectively fighting pollution, I advocate a Gold New Deal which stops gov't from spending billions of dollars creating pollution.

- 1.Stop gov't subsidy of fossil fuel industry.
- 2. End all wars immediately. The DoD is the largest institutional polluter. War destroys infrastructure and depletes massive amounts of resources.
- 3. Stop the "smart" grid which will require energyintensive equipment and 24/7 chatter between devices among the Internet of Things, whose purpose is to gather data on our consumption habits, not to reduce consumption.
- 4. Do not tax carbon or allow carbon credit trading. This is like paying for indulgences for the sin of polluting. It's perfect for corruption and abuse.
- 5. We don't need to subsidize Green Energy if we stop subsidizing fossil fuels.
- 6. Stop corn and soy for ethanol subsidies. Let hemp growers fill that niche. Stop all gov't subsidy of fossil fuel intensive Big Ag.
- 7. I would like to see state governments take control of the energy grid away from private energy companies and turn control of the grid over to local

	municipalities with democratic oversight. The grid should be a public market place where any energy producer can connect with any consumer. 8. Do not destroy existing fossil fuel infrastructure. That would be a waste of the embodied energy of the equipment. Let it be used until it's no longer economically viable, which shouldn't be too long once fossil fuel subsidies are removed.
Social Justice	 End imprisonment for victimless crimes. Decriminalize all drugs; make drugs selling a misdemeanor that requires community service that will directly benefit poor communities, e.g., growing produce in food deserts, or renovating derelict buildings (to be offered for sale to the working poor, via lottery, on a rent-to-own basis) or running non-profit community cooperative businesses repairing and recycling. Treat drug use as a health problem and offer voluntary recovery programs. Demilitarize the police End "broken window" policing that goes after petty criminals. No police officer should arrest a person unless he/she is wanted for a felony offense. Focus law enforcement on violent criminals, white collar crimes, and corporate crimes which affect hundreds of thousands of people. End private prisons.
Education	The Federal gov't should not be involved in education. I prefer to eliminate the top-down control of education and allow educational professionals together with parents and students decide curriculum. The Federal gov't could offer assistance to schools in terms of allowing the Treasury to directly pay for infrastructure. No gov't entity or public institution should be paying interest to commercial banks. We have to end the Federal Reserve banking system.
Women's Issues	For hundreds and hundreds of years, men have been told that they need to be competitive, work their way to the top of a hierarchy, show strength through violence and wealth. I do not like it when women are told that they need to fight for these things too. I am not interested in defending women's right to join the military or to become heads of weapons industry or Wall St banks. The "fight" for gov't-funded childcare, private breast-pumping areas

at the office and a couple of months maternity leave show our pathetic lack appreciation for women, who as the gestating, lactating half of our species, are naturally more essential to the health and well-being of young children than men are. And this is important. I defend a woman's right to breastfeed in public, to take her babies with her to work whenever it's safe to do so. And I think having a multi-year gap in the middle of your resume when you took care of your young children should signal a period of service to humanity. I think we need a movement for men to defend their right to exercise the stereotypically "female" tendencies toward cooperation, charity, and strength through diplomacy and empathy, and caring for their families. I don't want to see more women as political representatives as much as I want to see hierarchical power reduced. My most important women's issue is the same as Julia Ward Howe's. the founder of Mother's Day: end all wars.

Healthcare

We need Affordable Healthcare and Full Coverage for Catastrophic Illness. A civilized society does not allow people to die or suffer unnecessarily because they are poor. Because any public benefit must be available to all, I advocate for providing direct Treasury funding (see above about ending the Federal Reserve) to build and maintain state health centers that will offer quality service at low cost and free care after the patient pays a sliding-scale deductible that would be about equal to what people pay in yearly premiums now.

With such a system, those who take care of their health would not be expected to subsidize those who do not take care of their health. And no one would suffer economic hardships as a consequences of illnesses. Paying out of pocket as needed instead of in advance means that the patient can monitor the actual cost of the actual health care, and health facilities would not be able to inflate prices the way they do now under and Insurance-run or the ACA system. No citizen would be forced to buy insurance or pay a Federal or state tax for this health care program. Businesses would not be required to provide health insurance for employees. All government employees and elected representatives would be covered through this plan. Individual states

should have the option of levying consumption taxes on products that damage health to further support catastrophic health care and the option of including charity-run health centers in their programs. The public health care system would operate alongside a private health care system, and citizens would have a choice to use one or the other. Private health insurance companies could still operate and people could choose to buy insurance rather than pay out of pocket for routine care.

Having a public health system in which all medical decisions are made by health professionals together with their patients — not politicians or health insurance companies or technocrats — would make the US a wealthy, healthy nation.

Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)

I support H. R. 2240: One Subject at a Time Act, which limits the length and scope of bills and will make it possible for all voters (as well as representatives) to read and understand the bills before they go up for a vote. I will ask my constituents to vote on each bill using secure blockchain encryption. If voter participation on a bill surpasses a super majority threshold and the outcome contradicts my position, I will either change my vote or abstain from voting. This will mean that no lobbyists will be able to buy my vote because the people will have veto power. Ultimately, I would like to see far fewer laws being decided at the Federal level. I want to work toward moving the power of decision-making to the people affected by the decisions.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

Candidate completed form

More info available at: <u>DirectDemocracyUS.org</u>

NYS Senate

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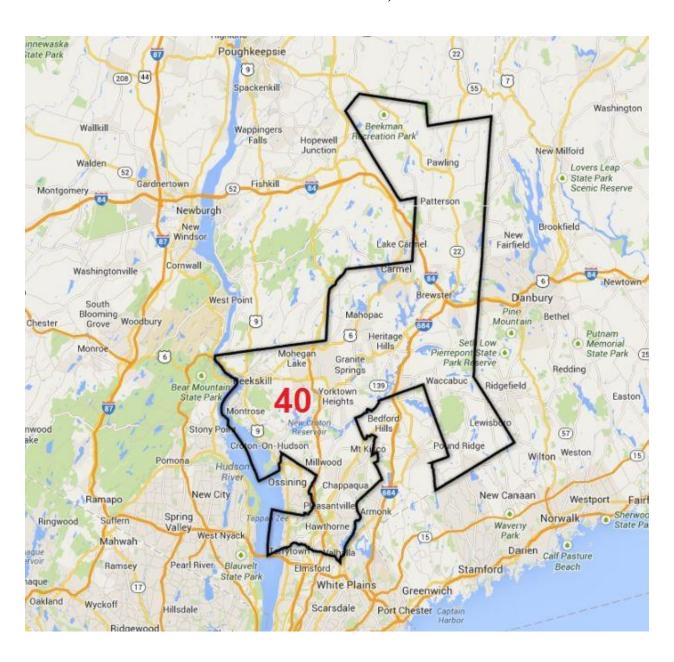
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Source: https://ballotpedia.org

NYS Senate: 40th District

(Portions of Dutchess County Included: Pawling, Beekman)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	NY Senate District 40
town, city, county)	
Office	senator

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Peter B. Harckham	
Party	DEM, WOR, IND	
Background:		
Education	He attended Clarkstown High School North before graduating in English at Dickinson College	
Prior Work Experience	He began his career in the advertising sector, working on Madison Avenue	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	2007: 2nd legislative district 2008-2015: the Westchester county board of Legislators 2015-2018: served in the Administration of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo 2018: elected to the NY state senate	
Notable Accomplishments	-reproductive health act -wants to pass the red flag bill- temporarily removing firearms from the homes of people who are deemed a threat to themselves or to others by a judge -child victims act is necessary and he wants to pass it through the senate -wants to change the single payer healthcare because it should be a basic right to access healthcare whether or not you're considered "fortunate enough to afford it"	

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	-continue to be protecting clean water and fragile drinking water supplies, battling climate change and pushing for sustainability through initiatives like the Restore Mother Nature Act, a \$3 billion investment in various environmental and eco-smart projects that has been put on hold for a year while the state deals with financial issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic	
Why do they want to serve	I chose public service many years ago as a way to give back and improve my community. I believe we	

	need a senator that will actually listen to the constituents and honestly work to find reasonable solutions. I have had the legislative government experience to work both sides of the aisle to find solutions that work for people. I believe the current Republican Senate has forfeited their right to lead by their inability to perform many basic legislative norms.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	-I want to change that with election reforms like early voting, voting by mail, and automatic registration -we need to protect the voting rights of historically marginalized citizens
Environment	-Established county protocols for emergency storm response for affordable housing and a county-wide local development corporation to assist nonprofits with capital expansion -implemented septic requirements near Westchester's reservoirs, saving local municipalities and taxpayers millions of dollars -To further protect water quality, he secured \$20 million in funding from NYC and helped pass landmark phosphorus reduction legislation -passed the toughest climate protection legislation in the nation to help combat climate change
Social Justice	-fought against the anti-choice trump administration by passing the Reproductive health act- ensuring women in new york can make their own reproductive health choices -stood up for taxpayers- voted against sales tax increase and passed a permanent property tax cap saving taxpayers \$200 billion over the next decade -passed the child victim act- victims of abuse can have access to justice in the courts
Education	-Fought for an increase in school aid by 1\$ Billion
Women's Issues	-passed the Reproductive health act- ensuring women in new york can make their own reproductive health choices
Healthcare	-statewide leader in the fight against the opioid epidemic, doubling minimum treatment times, reducing copays and expanding access to life saving treatment

Other	-Fought for a permanent 2% property tax cap,
	championed an investment of \$500 million for clean
	water needs
	- Raised extra funding for veterans' programs, local
	law enforcement agencies, and first responders
	-sucred more than \$27 million in grants and funding
	in direct support for the district for infrastructure,
	school districts, first responders, parks, libraries and
	healthcare clinics

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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	NY Senate District 40
town, city, county)	
Office	senator

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Rob Astorino
Party	REP, CON, ROS
Background:	
Education	 Bachelor of Arts, Communications, Fordham University Spanish Immersion Diploma from the Enforex School of International Studies
Prior Work Experience	worked in the radio industry, including spending time as station manager and program director of The Catholic Channel on Sirius-XM Satellite Radio and hosting a weekly radio show from St. Patrick's Cathedral with the archbishop of New York.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	-previously served on the Mount Pleasant Board of Education, the Mount Pleasant Town Board and the Westchester County Board of Legislators
Notable Accomplishments	-securing broadcast rights for the New York Knicks and New York Rangers, also at the expense of WFAN

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	"My plan to fix and rebuild New York starts with holding Albany politicians accountable," Astorino said, vowing to push for term limits, transparency and ethics laws. "To change New York we have to change the politicians."
Position on League	
Issues:	
Good Gov't Reform	-We desperately need term limits in Albany for all parties.
Environment	-Twice endorsed by the League of Conservation VotersContinue to seek healthy and balanced solutions to protect and strengthen our natural resources and
	environment.

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	-We needed a decision on clean natural gas
	exploration to lower electric rates, improve air
	quality, create tens of thousands of new jobs and billions in new revenue
Social Justice	Opposes gay marriage, but it's a non-issue.
Social Justice	(May 2014)
	Opposes gay marriage, but it's the law of the
	land. (May 2014)
	People from the Bronx drive up costs in
	Westchester. (Mar 2014)
	-Repeal the dangerous new cashless bail law.
	-Improve our police — don't defund or abolish them.
	-Astorino also strongly denounced the Black Lives
	Matter movement, saying that while he believes that
	Black lives do matter, the "Black Lives Matter"
	organization is "communist" and "standing against
Education	American values."
Education	-Plan to safely reopen schools in SeptemberPut parents and teachers back in charge of our
	local schools.
	-As governor, I will get rid of Cuomo's Common Core
	and replace it with better standards, teaching and
	testing all set and controlled at the local level. And
	for you charter school parents whose classrooms
	are being shut down, I'll have your back. We need
	more charter schools in New York, not fewer
Women's Issues	-We needed a governor who would act when young
	women were sexually assaulted in Albany. Instead,
	he protected a political ally (Assembly Speaker
	Sheldon Silver) who used hundreds of thousands of
	our tax dollars to cover up the sex crimes.
	ABORTION
	No 9th-month abortions, even if federal law
	allows it. (May 2014)
	Opposes abortion, except for rape, incest &
	maternal life. (Mar 2014)
	Philosophically opposed, but won't fight legal
	abortion. (Mar 2014)
Healthcare	-He's opened the door to cutting prescription drug
	coverage for seniors on Medicaid, too
Other (anything else about	-We needed a governor who would cut taxes and
the candidate that you think	regulations.
is interesting/notable)	-an end to corruption in Albany by way of term limits
	and new ethics laws, the reduction of taxes while
	also limiting public spending, improving public

schools, and "[strengthening] public safety by		
repealing the reckless cashless bail law and by		
improving our police, not defunding or abolishing		
them."		

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NYS Senate: 41st District

(Portion of Dutchess County Included: Red Hook, Millerton, Pine Plains, Rhinebeck, Rhinecliff, Staatsburg, Salt Point, Amenia, Millbrook, Haviland, Dover Plains, Pleasant Valley, Fairview, Poughkeepsie, Freedom Plains, Meyers Corner, Fishkill, Beacon, Hopewell Junction, Milan, Clinton, Stanford, Hyde Park, Washington, La Grange, Union Vale, Dover, Wappinger, Fishkill, East Fishkill)



Information on Race	
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town, city, county)	
Office	State Senate

Candidate	Biographical Information
Candidate's Name	Karen Smythe
Party	Democrat, Wor, SAM
Background:	 Born and raised in the City of Poughkeepsie, where she married and raised a son and daughter Taught Sunday school and coached soccer On the Boards of the Bardavon and the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum. Served as a Trustee of Vassar College Was inspired to get involved in politics after Donald Trump's election in 2016, and was particularly galvanized after hearing his comments about women Ran against Sue Serino in 2018 and lost by .6% (688 votes) 59 Years old
Education	- Vassar College
Prior Work Experience	Worked as a Marketing executive after college, and then ran her family's construction company, C.B. Strain & Son, for 16 years
Notable Accomplishments	She argues that her business background gives her an advantage when it comes to revamping the Hudson valley economy.

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	 Health care reform, preventing the climate crisis, eliminating systemic racism in education Very focused on the Hudson Valley economy and COVID recovery: "leverage the Hudson Valley's many assets to attract emerging industries like the green technology sector to create well-paying jobs and an economy that works for all of us."

Why do they want to serve	Believes the Hudson Valley needs new leadership and wants to be part of rebuilding the economy and community of our region post-COVID.	
	She argued that ever since she witnessed government headed in the wrong direction she could no longer stand on the sidelines.	
Position on League Issues:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Election Reform	- n/a	
Good Gov't Reform	- n/a	
Environment	 The main priority is to prevent the climate crisis. Plans on moving towards 100% clean energy and an 85 percent emissions reduction. 	
	 Believes we must find ways to reduce our carbon footprint, and wants to work with federal, state, and local partners to ensure we meet the ambitious goals set by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Family farms are an important part of the Hudson Valley ecosystem, and we must 	
	encourage the use of regenerative farming practices to nourish the land that feeds us.	
Social Justice	 Big on BLM has been to many protests and is fueled by the hatred and argues she sees on the faces of the opposing teams. Addresses racism on her website: "Hand-inhand, we can engage in our national dialogue by addressing past injustices and creating a more just, equitable, and welcoming society for residents regardless of race, creed, or national origin." Believes in community safety programs, not 	
	fully armed police officers on the doorstep, are the right answer to many drug-use and drug-related convictions and mental health cases in many situations. Wants to create a targeted community fund that gives Poughkeepsie's middle-to-low income community—predominately people of color—the capital and tools to start their own businesses.	

Education	 find alternative ways to fund our public schools, including a more equitable tax system Invest in early childhood education Believes in implementing anti-racist curriculum. Wants to support workforce development in medicine, computer programing, and skilled trades as an alternative to higher education "The way we fund our public schools is fundamentally inequitable. Again, the City of Poughkeepsie schools have a very significant poverty rateand yet they don't get the funding that really covers those issues," she explained. "Right now, the situation that we're in with all this online learning, there's going to be a disproportionately negative effect on lowincome families, and certain families of color."
Women's Issues	 Addresses the lack of affordable, reliable childcare (which was exacerbated by COVID-19) and wants to support and strengthen New York's paid family leave and paid medical leave programs. In the workplace, wants to ensure that women are provided equal pay for equal work, a zero-tolerance policy for sexual harassment, and full access to healthcare—including reproductive healthcare. Smythe's campaign has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood, EMILY's List and the National Institute of Reproductive Health. Smythe believes reproductive rights within healthcare systems are necessary. She agrees she is "a woman who supports women"
Healthcare	 Wants to defend the Affordable Care Act and work to create a public health system that covers everyone. Believes healthcare should not be tied to employment, so entrepreneurs are able to launch new businesses and employees can explore new opportunities. "In the state of New York, we have been pulling away funding in support of mental health services, and that is absolutely the wrong direction. We use our criminal justice

	system to manage mental health issues, which is absolutely the wrong place to put it."
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	 Wants to invest in broadband infrastructure in rural areas to insure reliable, affordable internet access properly staff and regulate nursing homes as well as make it easier and more affordable for seniors to age in place at home.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

- Candidate's website: karen4nysenate.com
- The Miscellany News (Vassar College)
- Poughkeepsie Journal
- https://www.vassar.edu/trustees/bios/smythe.html

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	District 41
town, city, county)	
Office	State Senate

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Sue Serino	
Party	REP, CON, IND, ROS	
Background:	 Grew up in Dutchess County Daughter of immigrants Opened a business as a childcare provider after birth of her son 59 years old 	
Education	Arlington High School, Dutchess Community College.	
Prior Work Experience	- Began working in the real estate industry in 1996, opened her own office in 2003	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	 Hyde Park Town Board in 2010 Dutchess County Legislature in 2011 Current NY State Senator since 2015 	

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	 Very focused on not raising taxes – believes the government needs to "do more with less." Wants to extend the Property Tax Cap—important steps that will help hold the line on local taxes. Sue firmly believes that like so many hardworking families in our communities, our government needs to learn to do more with less and needs to prioritize measures that will directly benefit our local communities. 	
Why do they want to serve	 Wants to cut wasteful spending and focus on working families including affordable childcare and mental health 	
Position on League Issues:		
Good Gov't Reform	 Passed a series of reforms that set limits on the length of time members of the Senate can serve in leadership positions. Supports term 	

	limits and stripping corrupt officials of their pensions.
Education	 Wants New York needs to hit the pause button on education reform Worked to create an education advisory board to reform Common Core focuses more on affordable childcare so more parents can safely return to work.
Healthcare	 Supported funding for families struggling with addiction by focusing on prevention, treatment and recovery. Wants to invest in invest in programs like Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), which helps police officers better recognize and deescalate mental health crises. Advocating for seniors/nursing homes in COVID-19 testing/rapid testing
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	 Supports the Second Amendment and, sponsored opposing the SAFE Act. Believes in funding mental health services to stop violence. Breast Cancer survivor Revitalizing our community's urban centers—especially the City of Poughkeepsie—is paramount to our area's success. After hearing from countless constituents, local leaders, business owners, and developers, it is clear that there is real interest, energy, and passion behind the city's turnaround.

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- Candidate's website: sueserino.com/
- Poughkeepsie Journal
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NYS Assembly

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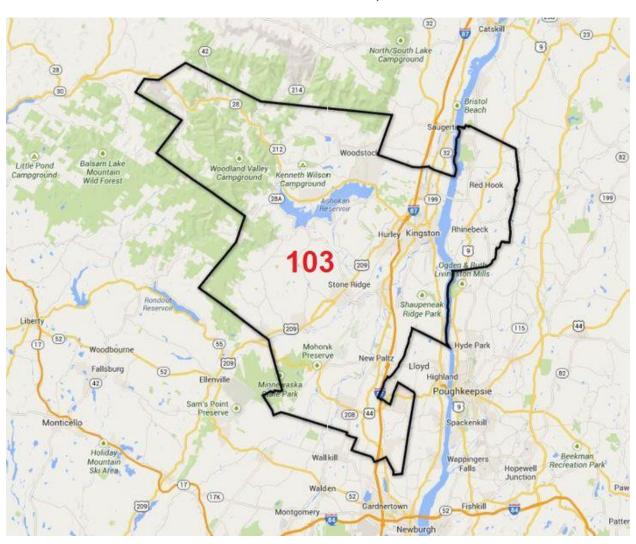
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Source: https://ballotpedia.org

NYS Assembly: 103rd District

(Portion of Dutchess County Included: Red Hook, Rhinebeck)



Information on Race		
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	103 rd District	
Office	Member of Assembly	

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Kevin A. Cahill	
Party	Democrat, Working Families Party, Independent	
Background:		
Education	SUNY New Paltz; Albany Law School	
Prior Work Experience	Attorney, Directed Medicare health plan	
Relevant Licenses	Attorney, National Conf. of Insurance Legislators	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Ulster Co legislature in 1985 (minority leader) Elected to State Assembly in 1992	
Notable Accomplishments	Chair of Assembly standing committee on insurance. Disaster preparedness bills and claims access bills in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Former chair of Assembly Standing committee on Energy. Promoted renewable power generation, sustainable building practices, development of a green workforce.	

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	Affordable insurance for home, health, and property Promoting sustainable development and renewable energy Public School funding reform	
Why do they want to serve	Incumbent – is a career politician. Loves the communities of Ulster County	
Position on League	e Issues:	
Election Reform	Supports Help America Vote Act – access for disabled at polling places, modernize single type of voting machine, creating statewide computerized voter registration list with proper privacy protections, etc.	
Good Gov't Reform	Supported Assembly's ethics reform bill in 2016	
Environment	Priority. Directing funds from carbon emissions cap and trade program to local communities and small businesses to create green workforce & energy efficiencies	
Social Justice	Additions to family court staffing for access to support and help for low-income folks (2014). Secured grant for Sojourner Truth statue in Esopus, NY	
Education	State-wide funding of public primary & secondary schools to provide more equitable education for all, regardless of zip code, and to relieve local real property tax burdens.	
Women's Issues	Comprehensive Contraceptive Care Act	

Healthcare	Co-Sponsored New York Health Act, for state takeover of healthcare (single payer). Interested in fighting to iron out details that have made this a no-go in the past
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	During the NY Pause due to COVID, Cahill has prioritized streamlining access to information about unemployment benefits, insurance coverage, public protections, and tax filing questions.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

Nyassembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill (candidate's website)
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Information on Race		
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	103 rd District	
Office	Member of Assembly	

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Rex Bridges	
Party	Conservative / Republican	
Background:		
Education	Graduate US Naval Academy, Penn State	
Prior Work	Navy Veteran, Various IBM Positions; Mechanical	
Experience	Engineer.	
Relevant Licenses	None	
Past Offices Held	Serves on Conservative Party Commission of Dutchess	
or	County	
Public Service		
Notable	Active in local youth programs and church.	
Accomplishments		

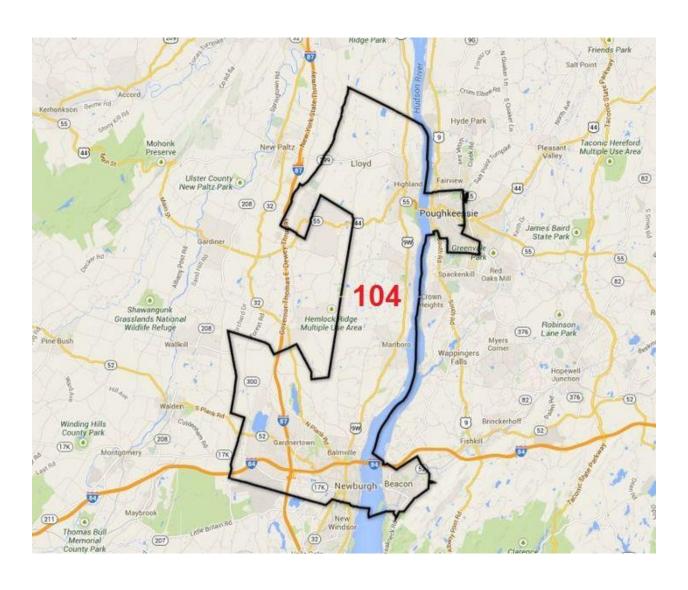
Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	Repeal Reproductive Health Act; Cut State Spending; Repeal Bail Reform; Reduce size of government.	
Why do they want to serve	Repeal of Democrat Legislative Initiatives.	
Position on		
League Issues:		
Election Reform	Opposes mail-in voting because of potential for fraud. Supports in person voting.	
Good Gov't Reform	Reduce size of State Government and State Spending.	
Environment	Supports increased fracking in NYS; Opposes shut down of Indian Point Nuclear Power plant.	
Social Justice	Believes that the media has overblown current protests and see radicals promoting discord; Police reform not a big issue.	

Education	Believes that public education should get back to teaching traditional subjects like American History and says sex education and other non-essential topics should not be taught in schools.
Women's Issues	Supports Pro Life and supports repeal of NYS Reproductive Health Act.
Healthcare	Opposes Government involvement in healthcare and any single payer system. Supports increased competition among health insurance and providers.

Source(s) of Information	Rex Bridges Facebook Page.
	Rex Bridges Telephone Interview 9/24/2020.

NYS Assembly: 104th District

(Portion of Dutchess County Included: City of Poughkeepsie)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	104 th District
town, city, county)	
Office	NY Assembly

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Jonathan G. Jacobson
Party	Dem, Wor
Background:	
Education	graduated from Duke University, cum laude, with Honors in Political Science. Jonathan went on to graduate from New York Law School.
Prior Work Experience	served as an Assistant Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly and was assigned to the Labor Committee where he researched and wrote legislation. Later, as an Assistant New York State Attorney General, he headed the Consumer Frauds Bureau at the Poughkeepsie Regional Office protecting the people of New York State from fraudulent and illegal business practices. He continued his public service career as a New York State Workers' Compensation Law Judge.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	elected to the New York State Assembly on November 6, 2018, prior to that was Newburgh City Councilman; In the early 1990s, Jonathan headed the City of Newburgh Charter Review Commission and wrote a proposed new charter for Newburgh. Former Orange County Democratic Committee Chair - 22 years

Candidate Views	
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	Sponsored legislation that directs the state board of elections to create a plan to permit voting by mail in the event of a natural disaster or state of emergency; Allows delivery of an application for an absentee ballot to the board of elections through and on the day of the election

	appointed a member of the Election Law Committee and was also made Chair of the Sub-committee on Election Day Operations. On that committee, he cosponsored bills implementing early voting and consolidating the federal and state primaries to spare taxpayers the costs of two primaries
Environment	Supports preserving our environment; helped pass significant legislation combating PFOA/PFAS, including banning its use in firefighting foam, which caused the contamination of Newburgh's Washington Lake.
Social Justice	supported and co-sponsored a package of commonsense police reforms measures which were long overdue. This common-sense police reform package which included the repealed Section 50-a of the Civil Rights Law to make police disciplinary records public; banned chokeholds and similar restraints; affirmed New Yorkers' right to film the police; required body cameras for State troopers; required police reports after a weapon discharge; made it illegal to call 911 to report a crime when the person did not believe a crime occurred and the call is motivated by bias; established an Office of Special Investigation within the Attorney General's Office to review wrongful death cases involving police officers; and required police to provided medical assistance to a person held in custody.
Education	Sponsored legislation that Enables high school students to use public transportation without charge in order to ride to and from school, Expands eligibility for the New York state excelsior scholarship award to certain applicants enrolled on a part-time basis or in a BOCES or other approved vocational program I was the prime sponsor of a bill that the governor signed in June 2019 waiving a \$12.5 million penalty against the Newburgh Enlarged City School District. This is saving the school district \$2.5 million in yearly payments. I secured an extra \$50,000 to replace broken and contaminated water fountains in the Poughkeepsie City School District. I also secured additional aid that helped to fund the Newburgh School District's anti-bullying program, theater renovations in the Beacon City School District, a 3-D printer station in the Highland School District, and a

	STEM hub in the Marlboro Central School District. Additionally, I was able to obtain \$125,000 for
	Chromebooks for the Poughkeepsie School District
Women's Issues	Supports securing women's reproductive rights

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candidate, newspaper article)

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Information on Race	
District of Race	104 th District
Office	NY Assembly

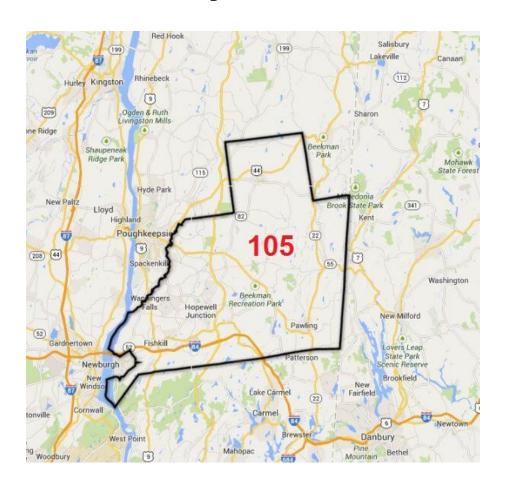
Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Andrew Gauzza, IV
Party	Rep, Con
Background:	
Education	Earned political science degree from Manhattan College
Prior Work Experience	project manager with Data in Science Technologies

Candidate Views		
Position on Leag	Position on League Issues:	
Environment	Opposes 2019 law known as the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which mandates that carbon emissions from NY's electricity be reduced to zero by 2040	
Social Justice	Repeal bail reform and explore options for criminal justice reform which keep our streets safe and allow our law enforcement to do their jobs effectively.	
Women's Issues	Opposes Reproductive Heal Act, which authorizes third-term abortions in certain circumstances and removed ban on non-physicians performing abortions	
Healthcare	Opposes NY Health Act, which would create universal, single- payer plan of government-provided medical insurance in NYS; Opposes proposal to require children to be vaccinated against HPV and to bar children from attending school if they have not received it; opposes proposal for physician assisted suicide/aid in dying	

Source(s) of Information	https://www.facebook.com/Andrew-Gauzza-for-State-Assembly-108483090721685/about/?ref=page_internal&path=%2FAndrew-Gauzza-for-State-Assembly-108483090721685%2Fabout%2F
	https://www.dailyfreeman.com/news/elections/first-term-incumbent-jacobson-faces-challenger-in-104th-assembly-district-seat/article_277bb764-033d-11eb-b85e-83d78df9e239.html
	http://ny.patriotguide.us/candidates/andrew-gauzza-iv?token=u8jo2uiflj71bth91ggfirsf7o

NYS Assembly: 105th District

(Portion of Dutchess County Included: Fishkill, East Fishkill, Wappinger, Beekman, Pawling, Dover, La Grange, Union Vale, Washington, Millbrook, Freedom Plains, Pawling, Hopewell Junction, Wappingers Falls (portion))



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	NYS Assembly 105 th District
town, city, county)	
Office	Assemblyperson

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Laurette Giardino
Party	Democrat
Background:	
Education	Mercy College BA
Prior Work Experience	Retired, Full Charge Bookkeeper, Assistant Controller and Entrepreneur I owned a video store and Founder and Publisher of an award winning Igbtq newspaper "In The Life"
Notable Accomplishments	Awarded the NYS Senate Commendation Award for my work with the Igbtq community, Won Several Vice Versa Awards (National LGBTQ Journalist Association)

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	Trade Programs in our High Schools and Colleges, New York Health Act, Green New Deal	
Why do they want to serve	To work and fight for the people of my district, trade programs, job training programs, jobs, green jobs and green programs to help our community	
Position on League Issues:		
Election Reform	 Supports Rank Choice Voting for local, county, state elections and federal 	
Good Gov't Reform	Supports Government reform and transparency	
Environment	Increase alternative energy in commercial & residential sectors. Protect natural resources & prioritize sustainable land use policies	
Social Justice	 Independent review boards to review reports of police abuse, violence, shootings, other procedural violations Independent prosecutor to bring necessary charges to trial Ending Blue Wall of Silence Raise minimum wage to a living wage 	

	 Increase affordable housing for seniors/veterans/disabled/low income families
Education	 Increase advanced trade classes in schools, enabling young people to complete apprenticeships/internship New Yorkers should be able to attend public colleges for free (both undergrad and grad studies)
Women's Issues	Support reproductive freedom for all women
Healthcare	 Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Support New York Health Act
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	- Gun violence - supports universal background checks and safe, sensible gun laws

Source(s) of Information (e.g.	Campaign website, FB page, email with candidate
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candidate, newspaper article)	

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	105 th District
town, city, county)	
Office	NYS Assembly

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Kieran Michael Lalor
Party	Rep, Con, Ind
Background:	
Education	Lalor earned his B.A. in political science from Providence College and his J.D. from Pace University School of Law.
Prior Work Experience	Current Assemblyman (since 2013), A former teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes in Poughkeepsie, a Marine Corps veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, frequent guest on the Fox News Channel, and practicing attorney
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Ranking Minority Member of the Assembly Banks Committee, member of the Assembly Committees on Governmental Operations, Real Property Taxation, Small Business and Veterans' Affairs.
	Lalor is active in our community through organizing an annual World War II Veterans event and hosting blood drives, a Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Toy Drive.
	Lalor is a proud member of many civic and community organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Ancient Order of Hibernians. He also coaches local youth football and baseball. Lalor and his wife, Mary Jo, are raising their four children Katie, Riley, Mikey and Kieran, Jr. in Hopewell Junction.
Notable Accomplishments	Lalor saves \$9,000 per year by not accepting a leadership stipend that goes with the position of Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Banks. Though Lalor takes this position very seriously, he believes the leadership position is part of his role as an elected representative. By refusing the pay, he rejects party bosses' ability to control or manipulate the legislative process.

Lalor saves \$125,000 every term by telling Albany powerbrokers "no" to pork-barrel that is used to get lawmakers under their thumb and buy votes. He ran for public office to defend taxpayers, not go on a spending spree with hard-earned tax dollars. Lalor is now saving nearly \$50,000 annually by slashing and eliminating his allotted Assembly mail budget, totaling over \$200,000 in savings over six years; Lalor started saving taxpayers' dollars immediately by personally moving furniture and office supplies into his Hopewell Junction office, saving \$1,189 that would have been spent to hire movers; Lalor and his staff have saved \$16,200 by cleaning the office themselves, rather than having taxpayers foot the bill for a cleaning service; and Lalor has saved \$97,352 since taking office by refusing all travel expense reimbursements and per diem payments for meals and hotels.

Candidate Views	
Position on League Issues:	
Good Gov't Reform	Lalor has fought hard to fundamentally reform Albany through initiatives including term limits, recall elections for politicians who violate the public trust, and pension forfeiture for felonious politicians, among many other reforms.
Social Justice	Lalor is a sponsor of a bill to give judges the option to deliver consecutive sentences for multiple homicides committed through a single act. Backs repeal of Bail Reform Law
Education	In response to Common Core, he became a sponsor of legislation that allows parents to opt their children out of standardized testing. To improve school safety, he drafted a bill to allow more retired police officers to become school safety officers. In a bipartisan effort, Lalor sponsored legislation that reduced SUNY tuition by the amount of the federal cuts for military tuition remission and took to nationwide news programs to get the attention of Congress. This helped force Congress to restore military tuition assistance funding.

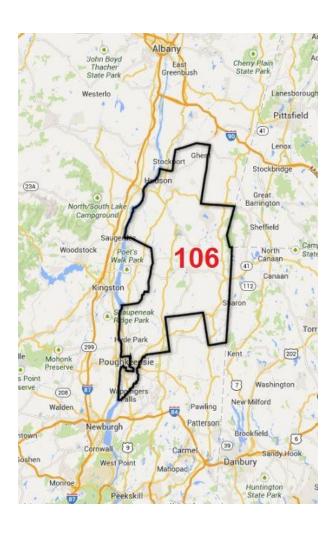
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NYS Assembly: 106th District

(Portion of Dutchess County Included: Pine Plains, Millerton, Amenia, Salt Point, Haviland, Fairview, Arlington, Wappingers Falls (portion), Pleasant Valley, Town of Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Clinton, Milan, Stanford, Pine Plains)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	106th - Dutchess and Columbia Counties
Office	candidate for NYS Assembly 106th District

	date Biographical Information
Candidate's Name	Didi Barrett
Party	Democrat, Wor, Ind.
Background:	A resident of the Hudson Valley for 30 years, she came to elected office after a career as a community activist, writer and longtime leader of not-for-profit organizations.
	In 1938, her grandfather and great-uncle bought a farm in Ancramdale which still remains in the family.
Education	B.A. in Speech Communication from University of California at Los Angeles
	M.A. in Folk Art Studies from New York University.
Prior Work Experience	career as a writer, museum professional and longtime leader of not-for-profit organizations.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Prior Office - New York State Assembly District 103 Current - Now in her fourth full term in office as an Assembly member, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veteran's Affairs & Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus.
	Barrett was assigned to the following committees:
	 Agriculture Committee, New York State Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, New York State Assembly Mental Health Committee, New York State Assembly Veterans'' Affairs Committee, New York State Assembly, Chair Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development Committee, New York State Assembly

	Former trustee of Anderson Center for Autism
	Former board member – Millbrook Education Foundation, Sprout Creek Farm
	Founder – Girls Incorporated of NYC
Notable Accomplishments	Didi spearheaded the creation of the Dutchess Girls Collaborative to support local girls and young women.
	She helped launch the North East Dutchess Fund (NED) of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
	She helped create the pioneering NED Corps program to deliver social services to this rural region
	She served on its affiliated Latino Roundtable.
	She is formerly a trustee of the Anderson Foundation for Autism
	She is former board member of the Millbrook Education Foundation and of Sprout Creek Farm

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	Women's access to contraception & protecting Roe v. Wade
	Broadband access is one of Didi's top priorities.
	Didi is passionate about the agricultural, natural, historical and cultural resources of the Hudson Valley and their critical importance as economic engines and job generators.
Why do they want to serve	Didi is a native to the region, is a passionate advocate for women and girls, supports regenerative agricultural initiatives and is steadfast in her desire to support the health and prosperity of the Hudson Valley's people and industries.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	Didi has voted to close the LLC loophole, which has allowed wealthy people and corporations to ignore

	campaign contribution limits by simply creating
	multiple LLCs to donate as separate entities
	She supported measures to require online political advertisements to disclose their funding source.
	Limiting SuperPACs and secret donors
Good Gov't Reform	Barrett is committed to policies that ensure elected officials are paying attention to people's interests, not special interests.
	She voted to strip corrupt legislators of their pensions, ensuring that New Yorkers won't be left paying for their retirement.
	Barrett is committed to ensuring that Hudson Valley residents are not burdened by excessive taxes and supports New York's 2% property tax cap, which smooths increases in local tax bills.
	TAX REFORM - Didi supported New York's recent tax changes which will help mitigate the impact of federal changes on New Yorker's tax bills.
Environment	Barrett is committed to a sustainable future for our families and children. Fights for affordable, renewable energy in the district.
	She sponsored and passed landmark legislation to protect the Hudson River from a federal proposal to create more than 40 anchorages for petroleum carrying barges, effectively thwarting a plan that would convert the iconic river into a fossil fuel highway.
	Didi has called on the EPA to expand their investigation of PCBs in the Hudson River, as well as continue active remediation efforts to restore the health of the river.
	This year, Didi passed legislation to bring 'carbon farming' to Columbia and Dutchess counties. Carbon farming is the use of environmentally friendly farming techniques which help keep carbon in the soil, where it aids crop growth, instead of in the air, where it

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harms humans and the environment. The legislation is a milestone in carbon farming nationally.
Barrett has helped our public schools secure millions of dollars in state aid to reduce the tax burden and modernize school infrastructure.
Barrett co-sponsored and voted for legislation to eliminate the mandatory use of state assessments to determine a teacher or principal's evaluation. The legislation would end excessive state oversight of teachers and allows school districts and teachers to negotiate an effective and fair evaluation system to meet the diverse needs of their students and communities.
Barrett continues to pursue ways to forge partnerships with our local community colleges and businesses to develop a next generation workforce here in the Hudson Valley
Barrett spearheads the Historic Trades Initiative. that helps to train the next generation of local tradesmen and women to rehabilitate historic structures.
Didi secured \$96.6 million in Library Operational Aid, and \$34 million in Library Construction Aid. This is \$10 million more than last year and more than any budget in over a decade.
She is determined to ensure that girls and boys growing up today understand the important role that women have played for centuries in our historic region
 Girls Incorporated of NYC (founding chair); New York Women's Foundation, Planned Parenthood of NYC, the Women's Campaign Forum NARAL Pro-Choice New York (former board member)
Barrett also co-sponsors legislation to codify Roe v. Wade into our state's law, the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act & more.

	Barrett has also co-sponsored and voted for the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act to help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, improve birth outcomes, and improve the health and welfare of New Yorkers by ensuring that everyone has access to the contraception and information they need.
	Last year, she was proud to support New York's Paid Family Leave Act, which provides up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for a new child or a sick family member.
Healthcare	Barrett has voted for the New York Health Act, which would provide comprehensive, universal health coverage for every New Yorker.
	Didi believes that healthcare is a basic right.
	She supports a single-payer system which ensures everyone can have access to the care they need.
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	May 2020 helped pass relief for HV families and small business suffering from COVID. Member of Puerto Rican/Hispanic task force.
	Universal Broadband: Barrett has been dogged in fighting for universal broadband in her district. She has twice brought the Governor's Broadband Program Office to meet with local Columbia County broadband committees and town officials.
	She successfully called on the New York State Comptroller to audit Charter Communications' merger agreement with New York State to examine whether they are truly living up to their responsibilities.
	Agriculture: Barrett is committed to supporting local agriculture, protecting farmland from development, and ensuring local families have fresh, healthy, and affordable food to put on their tables.
	This year, Didi's bill, the Working Farm Protection Act (A10301-B), was successfully signed into law. This legislation will make farmland more accessible

to young farmers, and ensures that it stays in agriculture, by expanding the use of state assistance payments within the Farmland Protection Grant Program.

Veterans:

Assemblymember Barrett authored legislation, which was signed into law, to ensure assessors across New York state understand that the Persian Gulf conflict, referenced in law, includes ALL operations associated with the global War on Terror, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve (A.4859).

In 2017, Barrett secured \$250,000 for the Veteran's Farmer Grant Fund. The grants provide a unique opportunity for veterans to develop the farming skills and continue their local leadership service. The grants help veterans expand agricultural production and advance techniques to promote sustainable practices.

Barrett has also authored Outdoor Rx legislation which would create a program promoting the therapeutic benefits of outdoor recreation to benefit veterans, individuals in recovery from substance abuse, and those recovering from physical or mental trauma.

Supported Restoration of Honor Act (11/2019) allowing veterans who were less than honorably discharged due to discriminatory practices including TBI, gender identity, sexual orientation, to be able to receive benefits.

Affiliations:

Barrett also ran in the 2018 election as a Working Families Party, and Women's Equality Party candidate.

Didi's other affiliations have included

American Folk Art Museum (trustee emeritus).

Barrett has sponsored the following bipartisan legislation to fight Lyme and other tick-borne diseases:

- (A8829) requires warning signage at all State Parks and campgrounds;
- (A4863-A) requires the Department of Environmental Conservation to develop an online resource to help homeowners with tick management practices on their property;
- (A7558-B) prohibits the investigation of any claim of medical professional misconduct based solely on treatment that is not universally accepted by the medical profession;
- (A8105-A) requires the commissioners of the Departments of Education, Health, and Environmental Conservation to develop Lyme disease-related instructional tools and resources for school districts and libraries to assist in education and awareness for children. These resources were just released and will be ready for the new school year.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

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https://www.didibarrett.com/issues-continued

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	106th
Office	State Assembly

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Dean Michael
Party	Republican, Conservative, Libertarian
Background:	
Education	Graduated from John Jay High School. Received an Associates in Science from Dutchess Community College with a major in Communications Media. Received a Bachelors in Science from Marist College with concentrations in Law, Business and Finance and a Master's in Business Administration. I have also obtained a certificate in Paralegal Studies and an Advanced Certificate in Human Resources. Additionally, I have many certificates relating to insurance, finance and real estate.
Prior Work Experience	Business owner, insurance & real estate agent For most of my adult life I have either worked for myself or have been on commission sales (which some might say is the same). My career has been in insurance, real estate and finance with licenses in multiple states. I employed many people/salespersons (around 60) in NY, MD and Florida.
Relevant Licenses	Dutchess County Association of realtors; Certificate in Paralegal Studies and Advanced Certificate in Human Resources
Past Offices Held or Public Service	I have served on the Town Board of Clinton for almost 13 years and have been liaison to almost all dept. and committees. I served as Chairman of the zoning revision committee for 5 years and headed or labor grp Appointed the Deputy Supervisor for the past 3 years; served on
	the Board of Directors of the Mid-Hudson Mortgage Bankers Association for the past 4 years and was a past member of the

membership committee for the Dutchess County Realtor's Association and business education committee of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; appointed last year to the board of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency

Candidate Views

Expressed Priorities

This year, law and order has become one of my highest priorities. The one party rule over the past two years has produced too many laws that have made us unsafe. Bail Reform, Green Light law, Defund the Police, empty our prisons and taking away our gun right such as the Safe Act make us less safe. I will fight to restore balance. I will fight to keep us safe.

Another issue is Government intrusive. The Government shouldn't be involved in everything we do. Government should function as a safety net. Over regulations and over taxed New Yorkers are leaving by the thousands. As another priority I want to work with our business leaders to fix the barriers of entry that stops business from starting or investing in New York and we need to cut taxes so New Yorkers can afford to live here.

My third priority is to restore our right to choose. Things like medical freedom, homeschooling and raising our kids with our religious beliefs should be our choice, not the government.

Uphold 1st, 2st, and 3st amendments. Reign in government spending, Cutting business regulations. Repealing & fixing bail reform. Lowering taxes to stop businesses from leaving or avoiding New York. High speed internet and infrastructure.

"lower taxes, reduced regulations, encourage businesses start-ups, personal freedoms and balancing our budget because New Yorkers have been over taxed and over regulated for decades."

Why do they want to serve

Fresh perspective as business owner, not wedded to the political system. Self-starter and a quick learner – well-suited to a two-year legislative term.

Position on League Issues:

Election Reform	I see many issues with voter fraud coming from these changes. Until we can secure the voter data base, validate who voting and where I would not feel comfortable is allowing for these changes. I see many issues with voter fraud coming from these changes. Until we can secure the voter data base, validate who voting and where I would not feel comfortable is allowing for these changes. We allow for 10 days of early voting and as such no one unless they are away or sick should need an excuse to voting during those 10 days. Maybe we can work on a voter ID card that can be scanned at any voting location that would provide better access and insure people only vote once.
Good Gov't Reform	Cut red-tape and end entrenched special interests in Albany. I would be open to a new independent bipartisan commission on ethics that was more effective and provided cost savings.
Social Justice	Repeal bail reform. Provide courts and prosecutors with required resources to hold quicker, unbiased trials. Move prosecution of on-campus sexual harassment from college admins to the courts, for real consequences and due process rights, Repeal discovery law that rushes judgement, and protect witness personal data.
Education	Return power to teachers to teach in their classrooms as they see fit. Eliminate Common Core and focus on common-sense skills that will allow students to be productive members of society. Give parents ability to choose best school for their children. Reject attempts to "re-imagine education" in any way that involves eliminating classrooms or teachers.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

www.Ballotpedia.org

Campaign website – dean4ny.com Daily Freeman newspaper http://dutchessgop.com/our-candidates/ https://onyourballot.vote411.org/racedetail.do?id=22757992

Supreme Court Justice

Term:

Supreme Court Justices serve for terms of 14 years.

Qualifications:

To serve on this court, a judge must:

- be a state resident;
- have had at least 10 years of in-state law practice;
- be at least 18 years old; and
- be under the age of 70 (retirement at 70 is mandatory).

Source:

https://ballotpedia.org/Judicial_selection_in_New_York

Supreme Court Justice 9th Judicial District

(covers all of Dutchess County)



Information on Race	
District of Race	9 th Judicial District
Office	Supreme Court Judge

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	E. Loren Williams
Party	Dem
Background:	
Education	J.D. Albany Law School, SUNY Albany
Prior Work Experience	Williams initially worked for years as a prosecutor and Legal Aid Attorney, then took position of Newburgh City Court Judge, currently he is a full-time city court judge who presides over commercial, civil, and criminal matters. He also presides over landlord and tenant related issues, opioid treatment court, the drug treatment court, the domestic violence court, and the veterans court. He also is an acting Orange County Judge.

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	If Williams becomes the ninth judicial district's supreme court justice, he wants to help foster a more objective and inclusive legal system. He said he believes that people often struggle with implicit bias. Williams wants "to continue the conversation" on the need for increased sensitivity and inclusivity. He wants the conversation to be regular and not just necessary when certain situations happen.	
Position on League Issues:		
Social Justice	Williams doesn't agree with going directly to incarcerating a person. "If we got them treatment, instead of that, and stopped the cycle," said Williams. "Because listen, if you put someone in jail when they're addicted to a substance or have mental health issues, that problem exists once they get out of jail and the likelihood that they reoffend is tremendous."	

Source(s) of Information	http://timeshudsonvalley.com/stories/city-judge- seeks-statewide-office,19570
	https://www.facebook.com/people/Judge- Williams/100052797649090

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	9 th Judicial District
town, city, county)	
Office	Supreme Court Judge

Candidate	Biographical Information
Candidate's Name	Alexandra D. Murphy
Party	Dem, Con
Background:	
Education	Fordham University School of Law, Fordham Law Women
	Vanderbilt University, Cum Laude; International Sociology Honors Society
Prior Work Experience	For the past decade, Alexandra has practiced as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan's District Attorney's office
	Youth Diversion Court, Supervising Assistant District Attorney
	Supervised specialized alternatives to incarceration community court focused on individualized services and programming for court-involved youths
	Alternatives to incarceration included counseling, education programs, vocational training, housing assistance, mental health services and community-based programs
	Sex Crimes Unit and Trial Bureau, Assistant District Attorney
	Litigated hundreds of cases from arrest through sentencing, including complaint drafting, grand jury presentations, motion practice, victim and witness interviewing, plea negotiations, pre-trial hearings, bench and jury trials, sentencing proceedings and post- disposition hearings

Relevant Licenses	Handled wide array of cases, including rape, assault, robbery, burglary, firearms, cybercrime, bribery, larceny, narcotics, driving while intoxicated and domestic violence Bar admission: New York State
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Founder and President, Parents Association, Andrus Early Learning Center Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York Member, Westchester Women's Bar Association Member, Westchester Bar Association
Notable	
Accomplishments	

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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	9 th Judicial District
town, city, county)	
Office	Supreme Court Judge

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Robert S. Ondrovic
Party	Dem, Con
Background:	
Education	J.D. from Fordham Law School, B.A. in history and Political Science from Fordham University
Prior Work Experience	Bob Ondrovic has been associated with the firm of Boeggeman, Corde, Ondrovic & Hurley, P.C. since 1994 and became a Partner in 1999, handling all aspects of general liability defense with an emphasis on trial practice. He also has extensive experience with Alternative Dispute Resolution including Mediations and Arbitrations and has acted as a Court appointed Neutral Arbitrator in three member panel arbitrations. Bob is also an Arbitrator on the Part 137 Panel handling attorney/client fee disputes through the Chief Administrative Judge's Office in the 9th Judicial District. Additionally, he has lectured on trial practice as part of Continuing Legal Education programs sponsored by local bar associations. He has also been a Democratic District Leader for District 16 in Westchester County, NY.
Notable Accomplishments	Bob has conducted over 300 trials and taken over 200 verdicts in approximately 25 counties throughout
	the State of New York, including Federal Courts and the Court of Claims, as well as argued Appeals in each of the Four Departments of the Appellate Division and in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Source(s) of Information	https://www.linkedin.com/in/robertondrovic/
	https://ondrovicforjustice.com/about-bob/

Information on Race	
District of Haros (mor Hara)	Westchester 9 th Judicial District
town, city, county)	
Office	NY State Supreme Court Justice

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Hon. Sam D. Walker
Party	Democratic
Background:	
Education	Howard Law School
Prior Work Experience	32 Years as a Jurist
Past Offices Held or	Past President Westchester County Bar Assn
Public Service	Past Pres. of Westchester County Black Bar Assn
	Board Member of Legal Services of Hudson Valley
Notable	Supervising Judge of the 9 th JD City Courts
Accomplishments	Supervising Judge of the 9 th JD Foreclosure Part
·	Chairperson 9 th JD Pro Bono Committee

Candidate Views	
Position on League	Takes No Position Due To His Current Status as a
Issues:	Supreme Court Judge.
Other (anything else about	Judge Walker is constantly looking for ways to help
the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	the poor and less fortunate navigate the legal
,	system.

Source(s) of Information	Form filled out by candidate
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	9 th Judicial District
town, city, county)	
Office	Supreme Court Judge

Candidate	Biographical Information
Candidate's Name	Richard Guertin
Party	Rep, Con
Background:	
Education	graduated from Orange County Community College and finished his undergraduate work at Hamilton College in upstate New York. Then got J.D from New York University Law School in 1981
Prior Work Experience	Corporation Counsel for the City of Middletown for many years
	Lawyer for the Town of Wawayanda
	Lawyer for the Town of Wallkill
	Lawyer for the Town of Mount Hope Planning Board
	Lawyer for the City of Port Jervis Planning Board
	Lawyer for the Village of Otisville Planning Board and ZBA
	Lawyer for the City of Middletown Business Improvement District
	Lawyer for the Thrall Public Library District of Middletown & Wallkill
	Lawyer for the Monroe Free Library
	He also served as a privately-hired arbitrator and mediator for various contract disputes as well as a hearing officer for the Orange County Health Department and the Orange County Employment & Training Administration.
	Served as full time Middletown City Court Judge from 2003 to 2005 and since May of 2018. As City

	Court Judge, his case load includes civil and small claims cases, landlord/tenant disputes, traffic tickets, criminal cases, and violations of City of Middletown codes and ordinances.
	Judge Guertin is an adjunct Associate Professor at Orange County Community College, where he has been teaching Business Law for more than thirteen years.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	He serves as a lector at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown and coached his children's soccer teams in the Middletown Youth Soccer League. He also was a Committee Chairman and Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 273 in the Town of Wallkill.
Notable Accomplishments	He received the SUNY Chancellor's Award and SUNY Orange President's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching for the academic year 2015-2016, and he's also helped edit a number of texts for the McGraw Hill publishing company.

Candidate Views	
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	"I was recently asked how I approach my job as a judge. Always being fair and balanced is a big part of it. And I want everyone who comes before me, that when they leave the courtroom - whether they win or lose - they believe they were treated fairly."

Source(s) of Information	https://www.facebook.com/JudgeGuertin/
(e.g. phone call or email	
with candidate or	https://www.judgeguertin.com/?fbclid=IwAR0KVEoHP-
campaign	a_Rziv8HlB8HbLPqLsScQvqls3bsWzVq1j1OFFjzbsx5KTgY8
representative,	
campaign website,	
candidate's facebook	
page, radio or tv	
interview with candidate,	
newspaper article)	

Information on Race	
District of Race	9 th Judicial District
Office	Supreme Court Judge

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's	Mark T. Starkman	
Name		
Party	Rep	
Background:		
Education	J.D. from Pace University School of Law, BA in Economics from Stony Brook University, MBA from St. John's University	
Prior Work	Senior Counsel at Law Office of Mark T. Starkman (7 years),	
Experience	Attorney at Jacobowitz & Gubits (11 Years), attorney at	
	McCabe & Mack (3 years), senior contract attorney at	
D 1	Amerihealth Health Plan (1 year)	
Relevant	Admitted to the New York Bar in 1995, to the U.S. District Court, Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western	
Licenses	Districts of New York and U.S. Supreme Court in 1999, and to	
	the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit in 2007	
Past Offices	former chairman of both the Orange and Dutchess County Bar	
Held or	Associations	
Public Service		
	member of the NYSBA's Bar Leaders and Lawyer Referral	
	Committees, and has previously served on its Nominating	
	Committee. He served as the state bar's Vice President for	
	the 9th Judicial District from 2019-2020. He is also on the Orange County Bar Association Board of Directors, where he	
	is the Immediate Past President. He has served on the	
	Board of Directors of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber	
	of Commerce, the St. Luke's Cornwall Foundation Board of	
	Directors and presently serves on the Riverview Historic	
	House Museum Board of Trustees.	

Source(s) of Information	https://www.lawyers.com/new-windsor/new-york/mark-t-starkman-3313331-a/	
	https://www.linkedin.com/in/mark-t-starkman-92760ba/	
	https://midhudsonnews.com/2020/08/13/republicans-endorse-state-supreme-court-justice-candidates-for-ninth-judicial-district/	
	https://dutchesscountybar.org/wp-content/uploads/spring-2020-advocate.pdf	

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Ninth Judicial District (Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland and Orange Counties)
Office	New York State Supreme Court

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	David V. Hasin
Party	Rep.
Background:	
Education	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ BA 1989 Pace University School of Law, White Plains, NY JD 1992
Prior Work Experience	Judge Town of Woodbury Justice Court 2005 - Present
	Judge Village of Tuxedo Park Court 2015 - Present
	Law Office of David V. Hasin, PC 2000 - Present
	Adjunct Lecturer SUNY Dutchess Community College 1999 -2008,2019
	Associate Attorney Hankin, Hanig, Stall, Caplicki, Redl & Curtin Poughkeepsie, NY 1 996 - 2000

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	Unbiased, fair and compassionate administration of Justice.	
Why do they want to serve	Having served as a municipal judge for more than a decade and a half, I have had the opportunity to preside over thousands of cases involving issues as diverse as misdemeanor crimes, property damage, personal injury, domestic violence and youthful	

	criminal offenders. I never lose sight that the parties appearing before me are often ordinary individuals who find themselves in court on matters that are very important to them. As such, I listen empathetically to all who have case in my courts. Everyone is treated equally in my courts and all cases, evidence and testimony are viewed through an unbiased lens. I now seek to bring these qualities with me to the State Supreme Court.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	In a representative government such as ours, it is essential that everyone's voices be heard. I am in favor of anything that brings about more of this democratic imperative.
Good Gov't Reform	
Environment	
Social Justice	
Education	
Women's Issues	
Healthcare	
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	As to the above issues, which are understandably most important to the League, I can state I am in favor of anything that helps create good government, a better natural environment, more social justice, and better education and health care made available to everyone, Beyond that, I am forbidden by codes of judicial ethics from expressing views on political issues such as these. I can vociferously state that I will always apply the law as it stands fairly and impartially in all cases before me.

Source(s) of Information (e.g. phone call or email with candidate or campaign representative, campaign website, candidate's facebook page, radio or tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)

Form filled out by the candidate.

Additional sources of information: Facebook - Elect Judge David Hasin for New York Supreme Court

County Court Judge

Term:

County court judges are elected to 10-year terms.

Qualifications:

To join this court, a judge must:

- be a state resident;
- be a county resident;
- have had at least five years of in-state law practice;
- be at least 18 years old; and
- be under the age of 70 (retirement at 70 is mandatory).

Source:

https://ballotpedia.org/Judicial_selection_in_New_Y ork

Dutchess County Court Judge

Information on Race	
District of Race	Dutchess County
Office	County Court Judge

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Peter M. Foreman
Party	Rep, Con, Lbt, Ind
Background:	
Education	graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School, LeMoyne College and the University of Dayton School of Law
Prior Work Experience	Forman served as a prosecutor in the Dutchess District Attorney's office, as law clerk to County Court Judge Thomas J. Dolan and as Beacon City Attorney before his election to Family Court in 1999
Past Offices Held or Public Service	elected to the County Court bench in 2010 and presides over the Diversion Court; President, Dutchess County Bar Association President, Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess President, Parish Council of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church (Beacon) Member, adjunct faculty, Marist College (Family Law, Criminal Justice) Member, adjunct faculty, Dutchess Community College (Family Law, Criminal Justice)
Notable Accomplishments	Family Court Judge, Forman created the Dutchess County Family Treatment Court and the Juvenile Treatment Court, and presided over both for more than eight years.

Candidate Views	
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	"Whether on the bench in Dutchess' Family Treatment Court, Juvenile Treatment Court or County Court, I have always held myself to the highest standards of fairness and faithfulness to the law. These standards are the number one reason you have trusted me with the gavel, and I will continue to justify that trust as long as I am on the bench."

Information on Race		
District of Race	Dutchess County	
Office	County Court Judge	

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's	Jessica Segal
Name	
Party	Dem, Wor, Green, SAM
Background:	
Education	A graduate of Hofstra University, Cum Laude, Jessica went on to receive her Juris Doctor from Pace University School of Law where she wrote for the Environmental Law Review and participated in the International Criminal Moot Court. During her last semester at law school, Jessica was selected for an internship in the Appeals Bureau of the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office
Prior Work Experience	20 years as a "boots on the ground" prosecutor, defense attorney, and civil litigator – 17 years as prosecutor for Dutchess County Attorney's Office; In 2017, Jessica entered private practice to pursue civil litigation; Since 2019, Jessica is of counsel to Carpenter Law, PLLC, where she continues her successful criminal defense and estate planning practice
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Served as member of NYS DWI ADdvisory Council; Board Member for the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education of Dutchess County (CAPE) and sits on the Dutchess County Bar Association's Continuing Education Committee and Attorney Grievance Committee. Jessica is an active member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association.

Candidate Views		
Why do they want to serve	"As a County Court Judge, I can make an even greater impact on the quality of life and safety of Dutchess County. A balance of strength and compassion, I understand the importance of when to implement firm sentencing versus drug treatment programs for those affected by the opioid crisis and military veterans with PTSD. I respect all amendments to our great Constitution and will apply the law equally, protecting each and every individual's Constitutional freedoms and rights."	
Other	She is the only candidate that can serve for full 10-year term due to mandatory retirement ages for judges	

Source(s) of Information	https://www.jessicaforcountycourtjudge.com/
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Fishkill Town Board Member

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	Fishkill
town, city, county)	
Office	Town Board Member

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Kenya Gadsden	
Party	Dem, Work, Ind	
Background:		
Education	I have academic degrees from Iona College and Concordia College.	
Prior Work Experience	adult disabilities program coordinator, PTSO copresident, community difference-maker. Fishkill Town Councilmember.	
	I have worked for over 26 years with a not for profit supporting people with intellectual disabilities. Starting as a direct support professional, I progressed to Assistant Fiscal Manager to Residence Manager to Program Manager and now I am the Residential Program Coordinator with management responsibility for over 85 employees.	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Currently on the Town Board; served on the Beacon City School board for 4 years	
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Candidate Views		
Position on League		
Issues:		
Education	I support the Class in a Bag initiative that supplies filled backpacks to all the children in the Beacon City School District. I launched Youth Equipped for Success, a group that provides compassionate guidance on life skills to local youth.	

Source(s) of	https://www.facebook.com/kenyafishkillny/about/?ref=page_internal
Information	
	https://kenya4countyclerk.wordpress.com/

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward,	Fishkill
town, city, county)	
Office	Town Board Member

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Kevin McCarthy	
Party	Rep, Con	

Source(s) of Information (e.g.	No information available. Fishkill Republican
phone call or email with	Committee and Dutchess County Conservative
candidate or campaign	Party were contacted with no response.
representative, campaign	
website, candidate's facebook	
page, radio or tv interview with	
candidate, newspaper article)	

Village Mayor: Millbrook

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Village of Millbrook
Office	Village Mayor

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Timothy J Collopy	
Party	DEM	
Background:		
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Mayor Rod Brown resigned at a Board of Trustees meeting in June, his resignation took effect July 31 and Deputy Mayor Tim Collopy since Aug. 1 has been in charge.	

Source(s) of Information	https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/news/2020/08/15/millbrook-rod-brown-mayor-resign-interim-mayor/5589737002/
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Village of Millbrook
Office	Mayor

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Kay Vanderlyn Ulrich
Party	United Village
Background:	
Education	SUNY – College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry
Prior Work Experience	Freelance landscape architect; Chef and owner of Julien's Pizza in Millbrook
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Appointed to Millbrook Planning Board in Feb. 2018

Candidate Views		
Expressed Priorities	Connecting local businesses and farmers	
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Presented design for intersection and tree plantings at main intersection of Church Street & Franklin Ave. in Millbrook.	

Source(s) of Information	Linked-In Page Village on Millbrook Planning Board Minutes
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Information on Race		
District of Race (i.e. ward,	Village of Millbrook	
town, city, county)		
Office	Mayor	

Candidate Biographical Information		
Candidate's Name	Brian J. Hicks	
Party	CIT	
Background:		
Prior Work Experience	Has served as Village Trustee	

Source(s) of	http://www.villageofmillbrookny.com/Minutes/2018%20minutes/VoM-
Information	MinutesAttach10-09-2018.pdf

Dutchess County Referendum:

Shall Dutchess County adopt a local law establishing an Independent Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of drawing Dutchess County legislative districts following every decennial census?