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# 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 19th District

(covers all of Ulster County)



Information on Race	
District of Race	19 <sup>th</sup> 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	<p>Prior to his election to the U.S. House, Delgado was an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer &amp; Feld. He worked in complex commercial space. He took on a pro bono to work in criminal justice reform</p> <p>Rep. Delgado's professional experiences include a career in the music industry focused on empowering young people through Hip Hop culture</p>
Relevant Licenses	Licensed to practice law
Past Offices Held or Public Service	<p>He has served as a congress rep. since Jan 3, 2019.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment</p>

	Delgado is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus, as well as the Women's Veterans Task Force.
Notable Accomplishments	<p>Primary Sponsor of these bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.R. 6304: Small Business Repayment Relief Act of 2020</li> <li>• 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 ...</li> <li>• H.R. 2336: Family Farmer Relief Act of 2019</li> </ul>

<b>Candidate Views</b>	
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 livelihoods. ...Protecting 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

	<p>these not only undermine the quality of our environment, but also endanger the health of our economy.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Social Justice</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>I believe we need to end mandatory minimum sentences, and ban private prisons—there is no room for a profit motive in incarceration.</p> <p>Additionally, the Department of Justice needs to have institutionalized racial bias training. 60% of people in NY State prisons have not been convicted of a crime, and we need bail reform to fix that shameful number.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>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.</p>

	<p>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.</p>
<p>Women’s Issues</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Healthcare</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)</p>	<p>Agriculture priorities, Broadband committee, pushes to help small businesses.</p>

<p>Source(s) of Information (tv interview with candidate, newspaper article)</p>	<p><a href="https://delgado.house.gov/about">https://delgado.house.gov/about</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/antonio_delgado/412805">https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/antonio_delgado/412805</a></p> <p><a href="https://delgadoforcongress.com/">https://delgadoforcongress.com/</a></p>
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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



	<p>unconstitutional legislation and regulations that are already in place.” He wants to lower taxes for businesses. Van De Water’s <u>campaign platform</u> is directly in line with that of President Donald Trump, including promises to strengthen the U.S. border, supporting tax cuts, and protecting 2nd Amendment rights.</p>
Position on League Issues:	
Environment	<p>He hasn’t really mentioned anything about the environment.</p>
Social Justice	<p>Believes that police who abuse their authority should be held accountable.</p>
Healthcare	<p>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.</p> <p>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. “</p>
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	<p>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. "</p> <p>“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.”</p>

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)	<a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/new-york-19th-district-house-election-antonio-delgado-kyle-van-de-water-2020">https://www.businessinsider.com/new-york-19th-district-house-election-antonio-delgado-kyle-van-de-water-2020</a> <a href="https://justfacts.votesmart.org/candidate/political-courage-test/191220/kyle-van-de-water">https://justfacts.votesmart.org/candidate/political-courage-test/191220/kyle-van-de-water</a> <a href="https://www.kyleforny19.com/">https://www.kyleforny19.com/</a>
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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	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>He wants to close immigration detention camps.</p> <p>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.</p>
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)	<p><a href="https://www.allotsego.com/tag/steve-greenfield/">https://www.allotsego.com/tag/steve-greenfield/</a></p> <p><a href="https://stevegreenfieldforcongress.com/">https://stevegreenfieldforcongress.com/</a></p> <p><a href="http://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=21860510">http://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=21860510</a></p>
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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 <a href="http://RankedChoiceNY.org">RankedChoiceNY.org</a> .

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:	
<p>Election Reform</p>	<p>We need Ranked Choice Voting. This will allow 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Good Gov’t Reform</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Using direct Treasury funds for infrastructure (together with cutting the war budget), would entirely eliminate the need for the bottom 90% of Americans</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Environment</p>	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stop gov't subsidy of fossil fuel industry.</li> <li>2. End all wars immediately. The DoD is the largest institutional polluter. War destroys infrastructure and depletes massive amounts of resources.</li> <li>3. Stop the "smart" grid which will require energy-intensive 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>5. We don't need to subsidize Green Energy if we stop subsidizing fossil fuels.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>



	<p>municipalities with democratic oversight. The grid should be a public market place where any energy producer can connect with any consumer.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Social Justice</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. End imprisonment for victimless crimes.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol> <p>Treat drug use as a health problem and offer voluntary recovery programs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Demilitarize the police</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. Focus law enforcement on violent criminals, white collar crimes, and corporate crimes which affect hundreds of thousands of people.</li> <li>6. End private prisons.</li> </ol>
<p>Education</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Women's Issues</p>	<p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p>
Healthcare	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>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)</p>	<p>Candidate completed form</p> <p>More info available at:  <a href="http://DirectDemocracyUS.org">DirectDemocracyUS.org</a></p>
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# NYS Senate

## Term:

Members of the New York State Senate serve two-year terms and are not subject to term limits. New York legislators assume office the first Wednesday in January. When the first Wednesday in January falls on January 1, it shall meet the next Wednesday.

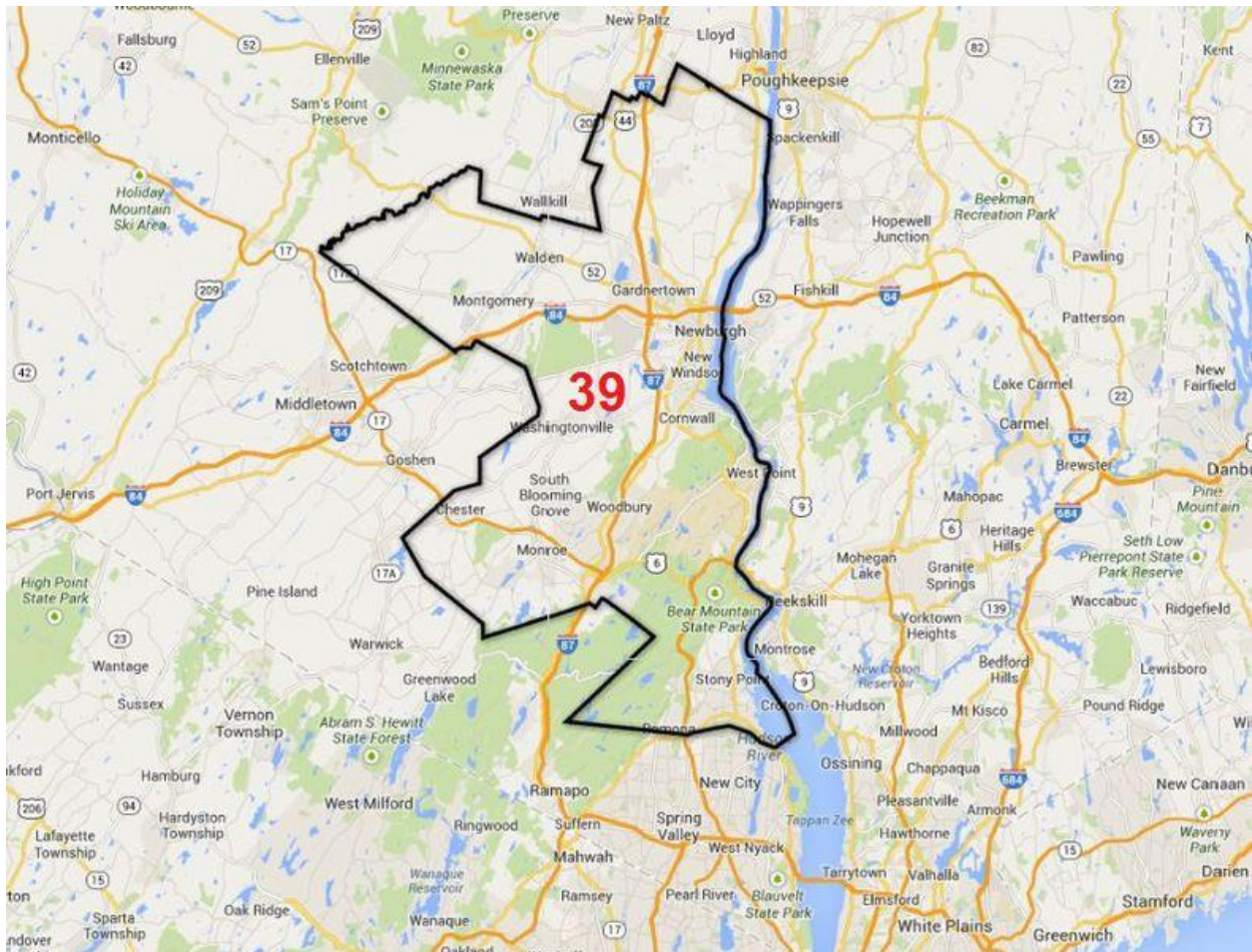
## Qualifications:

Article 3, Section 7 of the New York Constitution states: 'No person shall serve as a member of the legislature unless he or she is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of the state of New York for five years, and, except as hereinafter otherwise prescribed, of the assembly or senate district for the twelve months immediately preceding his or her election; if elected a senator or member of assembly at the first election next ensuing after a readjustment or alteration of the senate or assembly districts becomes effective, a person, to be eligible to serve as such, must have been a resident of the county in which the senate or assembly district is contained for the twelve months immediately preceding his or her election. No member of the legislature shall, during the time for which he or she was elected, receive any civil appointment from the governor, the governor and the senate, the legislature or from any city government, to an office which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time.'

Source: <https://ballotpedia.org>

# NYS Senate: 39<sup>th</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included:  
Marlborough, Marlboro)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	NY Senate District 39
Office	senator

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	James Skoufis
Party	Democrat (also Work'g Fam, Ref, W's Equality)
Background:	Early yrs in public housing in Queens
Education	Monroe-Woodbury HS, Geo Washington U (BA), Columbia (Masters)
Prior Work Experience	Project manager at an electronic security firm
Relevant Licenses	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	NYS Assembly 2012 (at age 25) – 2018
Notable Accomplishments	Chair of the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

Candidate Views	
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	Sponsored bill to authorize drop-off boxes for absentee ballots; sponsored bill to require electoral college votes to go to candidate who wins popular vote
Environment	Legislation re Climate Change, Sierra Club endorsement
Social Justice	Supports LGBTQ rights, minimum wage
Education	Fights for funding for public education
Women's Issues	Supports domestic violence legislation

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)	<a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/james-skoufis">https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/james-skoufis</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/JamesSkoufis/">https://www.facebook.com/JamesSkoufis/</a> <a href="https://ballotpedia.org/James_G._Skoufis">https://ballotpedia.org/James_G._Skoufis</a>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	NY State Senate District 39
Office	senator

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Steve Brescia
Party	Republican, Conservative
Background:	
Education	1986 – Graduated University of Tennessee BA Political Science; 1981 – Graduated Valley Central High School Regents Diploma; 1985 – Present Attended numerous leadership, building products, salesmanship, dispute resolution, etc. seminars L. Stephen Brescia
Prior Work Experience	1994 – Present Orange County Legislator Ninth District (Served on all eight Statutory Committees) 1997 – 2001/2004 -2013 Appointed to NYS Fire Prevention & Building Code Council by Governors Pataki and Paterson 1995 – 014 Chaired EF & S, Personnel, Public Safety and Rules Committees in the O.C. Legislature 2002 – Present Orange County I.D.A. (Chaired Governance Committee for 10 years) 1987 – 1990 Village of Montgomery Trustee 1990 – Present Village of Montgomery Mayor 1990 – Present Proposed Village Budgets 1990 – Present Helped to Maintain Stable Taxes in Orange County Vice President and Assistant Manager, Brescia Lumber 7 years 1995 – 2008 Manager Rowley Building Products/Pro Build Montgomery Branch 2008 – 2010 Pro Build Outside Sales 2014 – 2020E. Tetz & Sons Salesman 2014 – Present Chairman O.C. Legislatur
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Currently chair of Orange Co legislature and has been mayor of Village of Montgomery for 3 decades
Notable Accomplishments	Brescia Lumber was a family business in Orange Co for 65 yrs. He was VP. Appears to be gone now (bought out, I think).

## Candidate Views

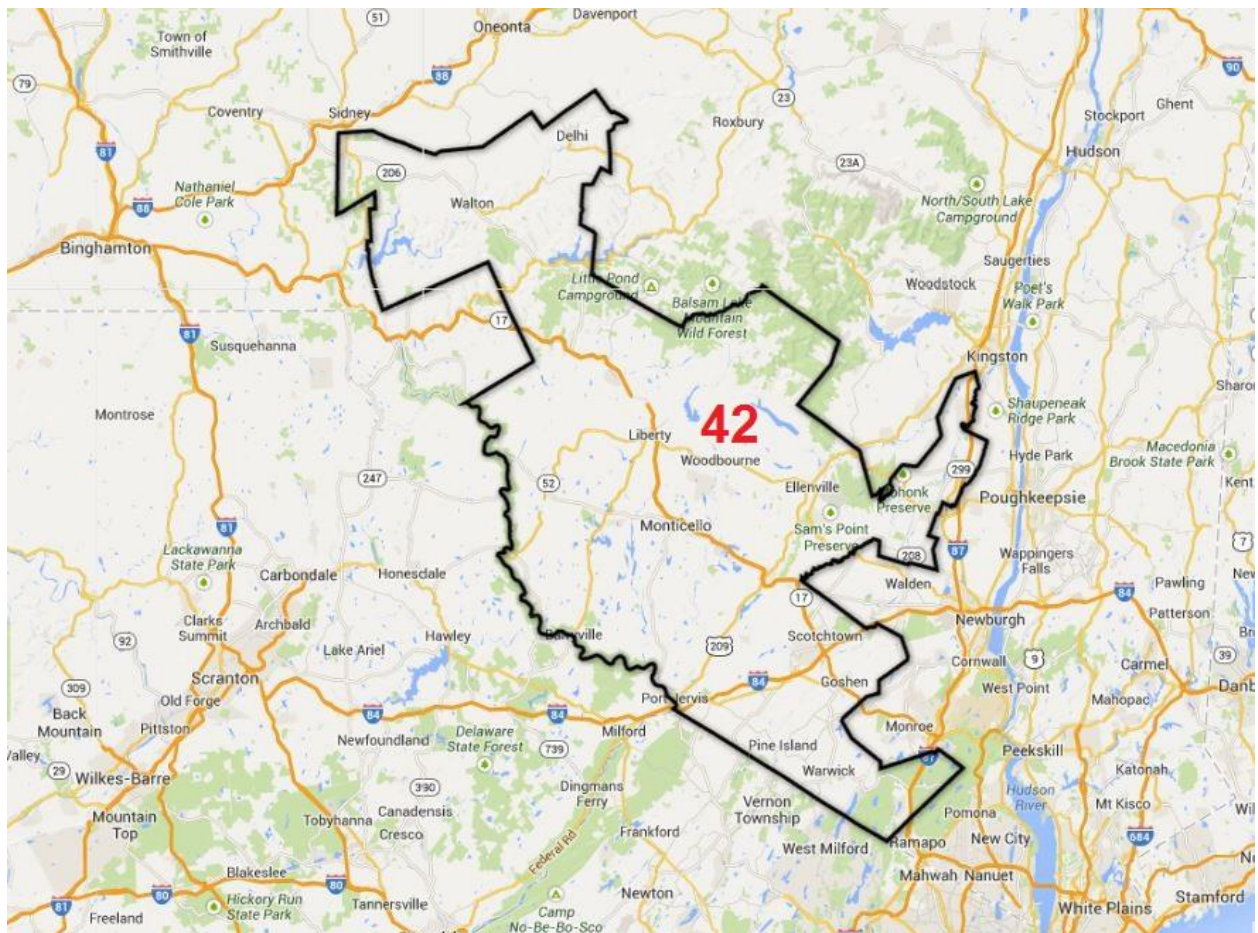
Expressed Priorities	<p>Lead the effort to repeal the bail reform laws that allow criminals to roam our streets</p> <p>Jumpstart our economy by advocating for tax relief for our middle-class homeowners and small businesses</p> <p>Be a strong voice against New York City interests and policies that dominate state government, disrupt our communities and threaten our quality of life.</p>
Position on League Issues:	
Social Justice	Wants to repeal bail reform law
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	<p>"Main Street values" "common sense gov't"</p> <p>"Back to basics," lower property taxes</p> <p>SEQRA is an obstacle to development</p> <p>Protect crime victims, support police; repeal bail reform, undo repeal of 50-A,</p> <p>endorsed by Police Benevolent Assns of both Highland Falls and Montgomery</p>

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)	<p>Bresciaforsenate.com (lots of info there including videos)</p> <p>Orange Co. IDA website – he's board secretary</p> <p><a href="http://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22738033">http://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22738033</a></p>
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# NYS Senate: 42<sup>nd</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included: Rosendale, New Paltz, Ellenville, Shawangunk, Gardiner, Wawarsing, Denning)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	NY Senate 42
Office	State Senate

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Jen Metzger
Party	Democrat
Background:	
Education	BA in Government, Oberlin, Ph.D. PoliSci Rutgers
Prior Work Experience	11 years in Local government (Rosendale), Public Affairs Coordinator at UN, Teacher, Rutgers
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Founded Non-profit Citizens for Local Power (utility reforms), NY Senator, 2019-present. Rosendale Town Council, 2013-2018. Director, Citizens for Local Power, 2013-2018. Rosendale Deputy Town Supervisor, 2010-2012. Chair, Rosendale Environmental Commission, 2008-2014. Rosendale Zoning Code Review Committee, 2008-2013. Instructor, Rutgers University, 1994-2000.

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	<p>"Fix the way we fund our schools. Last year we made the property tax cap permanent, but more relief is needed. I was able to change my own circumstances in life thanks to a good public education, but our current way of funding schools creates a vicious cycle, making home ownership unaffordable, and depriving schools of needed resources.</p> <p>Revitalize our rural communities. Directing economic development resources toward locally-owned businesses rather than large corporations will ensure that capital and opportunity stays local, while also protecting our farmland and environment.</p> <p>Fight the opioid crisis. There is no one-size-fits all answer for at-risk youth, veterans and seniors</p>

	suffering from chronic pain, or people who feel trapped by the lack of opportunity in their lives. We must expand the availability of local services and treatment, and improve programs that can help each individual sufferer where they are in their own lives.”
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	“A healthy democracy depends on people being involved and feeling like their input means something, but New York ranks near the bottom of all states in voter participation. It's very frustrating to hear stories of people not able to vote because they couldn't take time off work, or because they didn't update their address in time, or for other technical reasons. I was proud to support these voting reforms, as well as campaign finance reforms, like the bill I introduced to ban corporate donations. These reforms will strengthen voters' confidence that their vote matters. Government belongs to the people, not to corporate donors and insiders.”
Good Gov't Reform	Supports government that represents people, not lobbyists and corporate donors.  “I co-sponsor a bill that would do precisely this, creating a truly independent ethics commission with enforcement power to punish or remove officials who violate the rules. As one of the only legislators who refuses all corporate and lobbyist campaign contributions, I am 100% committed to ethics reform in Albany. The culture of corruption and the influence of money are so strong because the existing ethics commission essentially relies on officials to police themselves, which is like asking the foxes to guard the henhouse.”
Environment	Save energy, protect water resources, preserve open space, improve trail network, successfully organized numerous local governments against Pilgrim Pipelines, advocates clean air and water initiatives.
Social Justice	Serves on Americans with Disabilities Act compliance Committee and with Hudson Valley Hate-free Zone  “The data is clear that people of color experience worse outcomes with law enforcement, home loan approvals, and even medical care. That does not

	<p>mean individual law enforcement officers, bankers, or medical professionals are themselves racist. "Systemic" means the system isn't working the same way for everyone, and requires structural changes to level the playing field and enable every person to realize their full potential.</p> <p>We can only bring about the needed change if we understand the facts on the ground, which is why we have worked to collect impartial data on these disparities, through the STAT Act and other legislation. The next step is to ensure that everyone has a seat at the table. Recent changes in New York to improve community involvement in local law enforcement policies are a good first step.</p> <p>I have witnessed firsthand that these conversations are not easy. As with any mediation, we have to commit to keeping at it even though it's difficult."</p>
Education	Wants to balance education funding statewide
Healthcare	Supports affordable access to healthcare as part of the Senate Health Committee
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	<p>Supports local 'Main Street' culture</p> <p>Supports local and small farms</p> <p>Supports expanding cell service in rural areas</p> <p>Fighting Opioid crisis.</p>

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)	<p>Senate Webpage, Campaign website, Article in Hamodia (Orthodox Jewish Publication), Wikipedia</p> <p><a href="https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22738036">https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22738036</a></p> <p><a href="http://jenmetzger.com/">http://jenmetzger.com/</a></p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	42 <sup>nd</sup> District
Office	State Senate

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Mike Martucci
Party	Rep, Con, Lbt, Ind
Background:	
Education	Mike obtained his Master of Business Administration and his Bachelor of Science at Marist College. Prior to Marist College, Mike graduated with honors from Orange County Community College.
Prior Work Experience	Mike is a successful small business owner who has employed hundreds of people locally. He started a school transportation company and was the company's first school bus driver.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	In 2015, Mike was elected President of the New York School Bus Contractors Association becoming a leading state and national voice on school transportation. Mike is a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the SUNY Orange Foundation, which provides scholarships for students seeking a college education. He also chairs the annual SUNY Orange Golfing for Scholarships event to raise money for the college's athletic scholarship fund.
Notable Accomplishments	<p>In 2019, Mike and his wife Erin established The Michael and Erin Martucci Family Foundation and dedicated \$250,000 to help support local women and children in need, farmers, job creation, and education.</p> <p>Mike and his family were directly impacted by the tragic events of 9/11 and because of this, his family established the Michelle Rene Bratton Foundation to provide college scholarships for children who live in Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties.</p>

## Candidate Views

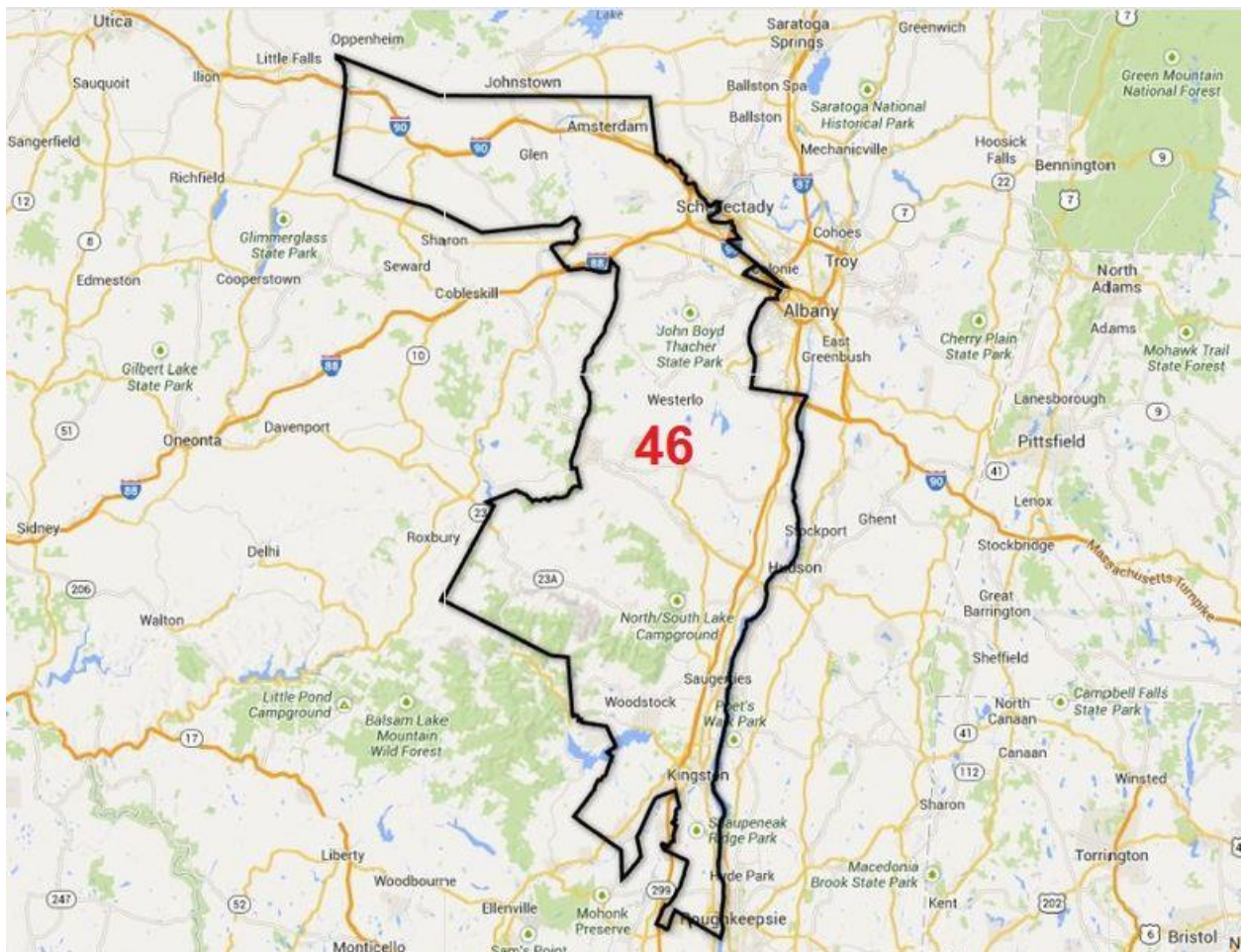
<p>Why do they want to serve</p>	<p>“Our state is headed in the wrong direction. New York City progressives are putting the rights of criminals ahead of our families, jeopardizing our safety, threatening our communities, and making it difficult for us to stay and raise our families in New York state. As your state senator I promise to put our families first.”</p> <p>“I’ve been traveling throughout the district for the last few months meeting with friends and neighbors,” Martucci said in his launch announcement. ‘The common theme I am hearing is that people feel New York state is headed in the wrong direction and our current state senator is out of touch with the needs of the people of the 42nd Senate District, and this is why I have decided to run....’</p>
<p>Position on League Issues:</p>	
<p>Environment</p>	<p>A family farmer, Mike is a steward of our environment and understands the importance of preserving open space for future generations.</p> <p>“Protecting our environment is crucial to healthy communities. Unfortunately, our progressive state senator would rather dictate burdensome policies to New Yorkers instead of supporting an open discussion of ideas that unleash the power of innovation. As a small family-farmer I know how important it is to be a steward of the land, and I will support sustainable initiatives that balance our freedoms with the needs of our communities.”</p>
<p>Social Justice</p>	<p>“We all have a right to feel safe in our communities, but our progressive state senator has put the rights of felons over our families by passing laws that eliminate bail for criminals charged with horrible crimes against children. I have a proven record for helping pass state laws that protect our families.”</p> <p>Believes Bail Reform Law makes our communities less safe</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>“We must fight for our local schools to ensure they are safe and properly funded. Unfortunately, our progressive state senator passed laws that shortchanged our local schools and threatened their</p>

	<p>safety by allowing criminals who bring a weapon on school grounds to go free without bail. I spent most of my career fighting for local schools and keeping children safe, I'll do the same as your senator."</p> <p>"Mike worked side by side with parents, school administrators, and unions advocating for stronger school transportation safety laws to protect children, legislation to protect school transportation workers, and smarter laws to help control the cost of school transportation to allow school districts to keep more money in the classroom."</p>
<p>Healthcare</p>	<p>"Our healthcare is too expensive, too bureaucratic and too complicated and now our progressive state senator wants to force you into Medicaid for all, take away your right to choose your own doctor and put your healthcare decisions in the hands of Albany bureaucrats. I will put patients first, and work to make healthcare more affordable and accessible."</p>

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# NYS Senate: 46th District

(Portion of Ulster County Included: Highland, Kingston, Ulster, Hurley, West Hurley, Marbletown, Espous, Woodstock, Stone Ridge, Lake Katrine, Saugerties, Port Ewen, Lloyd, Rifton)





Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	District 46
Office	Senator

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Michelle Hinchey
Party	Democrat
Background:	
Education	The School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University; Saugerties High School
Prior Work Experience	<p>Worked in private sector tech &amp; media industries</p> <p>"My work to date has spanned both the private &amp; public-sectors including grassroots canvassing to end fracking &amp; working my way up in the corporate world to lead a communications team at a media company. My experience makes me a champion for all working people in Upstate NY."</p>

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	<p>"Our communities are economically challenged with too few opportunities for people to access good paying, sustainable jobs. We need to strengthen our economy with increased union apprenticeship programs, create easier ways to start and sustain small businesses and make Upstate NY a center for renewable energy invention. We should focus on building our communities for the future.</p> <p>Investing in our aging infrastructure with a focus on increasing access to broadband in our rural communities. Our region does not have a fair shot economically if we don't have reliable access to the internet. It poses a significant challenge to our economy, education, and health and safety while holding our most vulnerable communities behind.</p> <p>Solidifying affordable access to healthcare and housing is also a top priority. Families are being priced out of their homes due to rising taxes while others are one medical emergency away from bankruptcy. These issues should be considered basic human rights."</p>
Why does she want to serve	<p>Personal passion. Follow in father's footsteps (Maurice)</p>

<b>Position on League Issues:</b>	
Election Reform	In favor  “Participatory democracy is the foundation of our country, setting up access to voting as a basic right. We should be looking at all steps that would expand the ability for citizens to vote including making Election Day a holiday, changing our state constitution to allow everyone to automatically vote by mail, increasing the amount of polling site locations, and adding additional public funding for elections.”
Good Gov’t Reform	In favor  “I support the creation of an oversight body that is truly transparent and effective in ensuring any corruption is identified and prosecuted accordingly. We need an independent organization that will hold people accountable and restore people’s trust and faith in government and their elected officials.”
Environment	Protect natural resources; ban fracking; clean water and safe food; fight climate change; invest in water infrastructure, reduce carbon emissions, restore Mother Nature Bond Act  “Before the NYS moratorium against Fracking, I worked on a year-long grassroots campaign to ban the practice across the state. I also served on the Board of Directors of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development which fosters the environmental and economic well-being of our region.”
Social Justice	Advocate for
Education	<b>updated curriculums, focus on</b> mental health programs, access latest technologies
Women’s Issues	For reproductive rts, constitutional equality
Healthcare	Universal health care
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Revitalize upstate industries and farming; attract industries in green & environmental sectors

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)	Facebook, Web articles, google searches  <a href="https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=21862212">https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=21862212</a>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	46th district
Office	NY State Senate

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Richard Amedure, Jr.
Party	Republican, Conservative
Background:	
Education	Associate degree in Science from Columbia-Greene Community College
Prior Work Experience	31 years NY State Trooper, retired US Army - 2 years service rank of Specialist Infantry Division in Europe
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Executive Director of the Police Benevolent Association of NYS Troopers, Inc. Rensselaerville Planning Board for approximately 14 years the last 5 years Board Chair
Notable Accomplishments	he earned several distinctions for valor while on-duty and recently retired as First Vice President of the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association.

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	Advocate for family farms and small businesses  Protecting our most vulnerable residents, promoting family farms, preserving the unique character of our small towns and communities
Why do they want to serve	Wants to protect and serve the community  "One-party rule for one part of the state is unsustainable," Amedure told The Enterprise of his reason for running. "I want to lead the effort to get upstate voices heard in government."
Position on League Issues:	
Environment	Advocate for responsible growth and preservation of open spaces
Social Justice	Repeal the recent NY State bail and discovery reform laws
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Defend the NRA Address issues of decreasing population in the region.

	Opportunities to cut back on regulations on small businesses Reduce State taxes
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	46th district
Office	NY State Senate

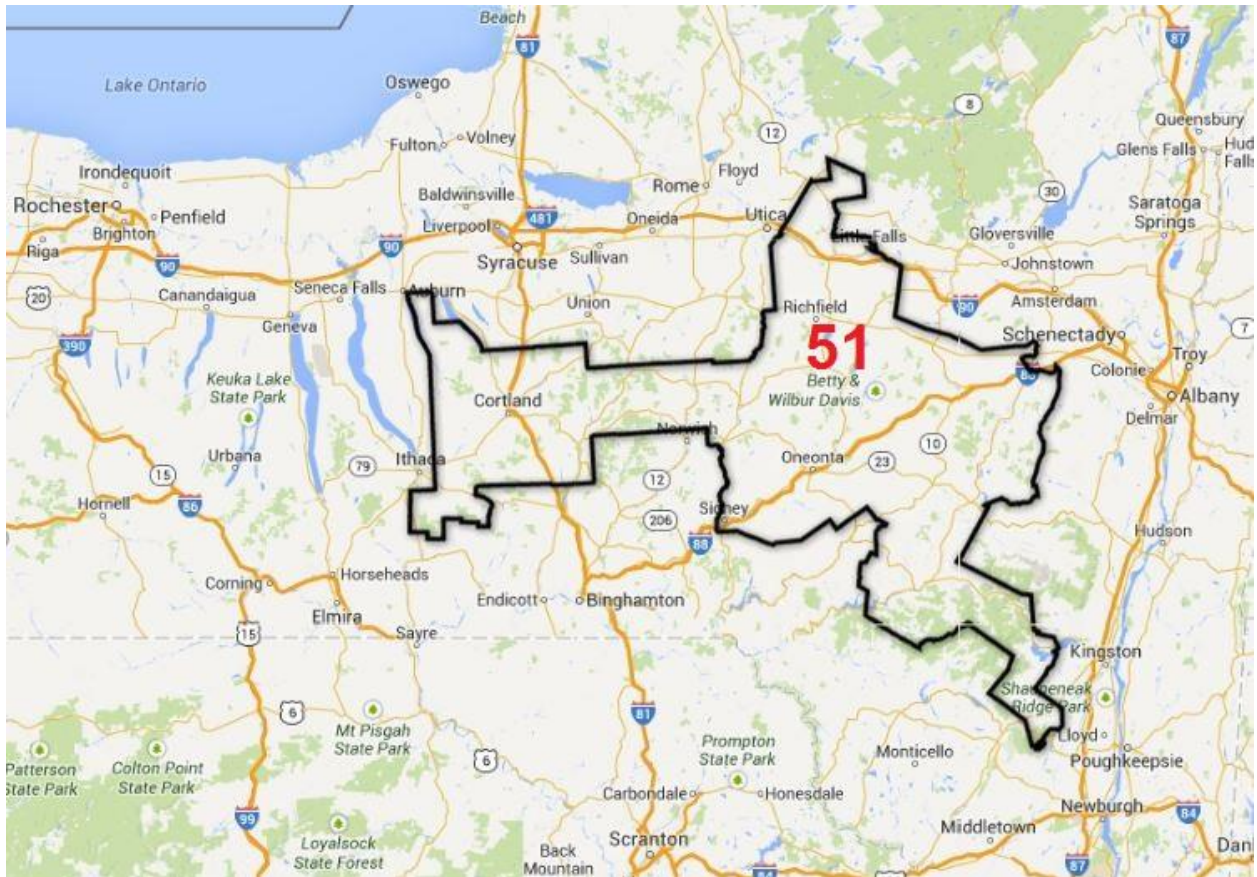
Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Robert D. Alft Jr.
Party	Green Party
Background:	
Education	B.A. Lakeland University, 1972
Prior Work Experience	Retired bus driver -15 years at Voorheesville district, family caregiver, production supervisor Miller Brewing Co., US Military
Past Offices Held or Public Service	While at Lakeland University - Chair of Campus Center Board, member and staff of Honest Weight Food Coop for 26 years
Notable Accomplishments	Active in Veterans for Peace and Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, Throughout his career, he has been active in peace and social justice movements including recently BLM, long time supporter of progressive political candidates

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	Advocate for issues and policies helping everyday people. Ensure people have secure basic income and safe housing
Why do they want to serve	He wants to represent voters who don't feel represented by the two major parties.
Position on League Issues:	
Environment	Green New Deal
Social Justice	End the war on drugs
Education	Advocate for fully funding schools and debt free education for all
Healthcare	NY Health Act- for single payer universal healthcare
Other	Citizens should be entitled to a livable wage - Advocate for \$22.00 minimum wage

Source(s) of Information	<a href="http://www.WAMC.org">www.WAMC.org</a> ; <a href="https://twitter.com/Alft4Senate">twitter.com/Alft4Senate</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/AlftforStateSenateNY46/">facebook.com/AlftforStateSenateNY46/</a> ; email from Robert D. Alft, Jr.
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# NYS Senate: 51<sup>st</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included: Shokan, Accord, Kerhonkson, Phoenicia, Shandaken, Olive, Hardenburgh, Rochester)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	51 <sup>st</sup> District
Office	NYS Senate

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Jim Barber
Party	Dem
Background:	
Education	BS Cornell University
Prior Work Experience	5th Generation farmer /500 acres Oversaw farm operation through several enterprise transitions and expansions
Past Offices Held or Public Service	<p>Presidential appointment to New York State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed agency workforce of 240 employees and \$15 million budget</li> <li>• Improved integrity and delivery of federal programs while sustaining a 20% reduction in budget and staff and a 10% reduction in the number of offices statewide</li> <li>• Reduced time for processing loan applications from 65 to 33 days</li> <li>• Developed innovative procedures to dramatically reduced training time and improve quality of performance for mandatory environmental reviews</li> <li>• Developed leadership training program to prepare employees for management positions</li> <li>• Established leadership role for New York in the development of national farm policy, initiating changes in federal programs to better meet the needs of New York farms</li> <li>• Initiated the majority of changes in the Farm Storage Facility Loan program to expand use by New York Farmers</li> <li>• Drove several improvements to federal programs for specialty crops</li> <li>• Created the first in the nation Urban Agriculture Outreach Specialist position</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New York led the nation in adopting changes in federal farm programs to benefit our farmers</li> <li>• First state to implement the Chesapeake Bay Riparian Buffers Incentive Program</li> </ul>
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Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	<p>“My top priority is to fix our broken tax system” Reducing taxes through altering how programs are funded especially Medicaid</p> <p>Has a 6 point plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementing a circuit-breaker capping New York property taxes for working families, small businesses and retirees</li> <li>2. Fairly taxing Multinational Corporations operating in our state in order to deliver a 40% decrease in state corporate tax for small businesses in New York</li> <li>3. Closing the Carried Interest Loophole</li> <li>4. Implementing a tax when companies buy back their own stock and eliminate the state rebate on the stock transfer tax</li> <li>5. Closing the loophole for high-dollar pass-through business income</li> <li>6. Making sure the top 0.1% earning over \$5 million per year pay their fair share</li> </ol> <p>“My second priority is to make sure that we are creating the conditions to grow our rural economies and create jobs through infrastructure like broadband and cell service, a fully funded public school system, sustainable rural health care, and decent wages for working people.</p> <p>Third is building a green energy economy that helps our small towns and rural communities by allowing municipalities to become local power authorities and keep the money generated from clean energy circulating in the community.”</p>
Position on League Issues:	



Election Reform	“I support making voting easier, particularly no-excuse absentee voting in New York State. We are seeing with the COVID crisis that we need to make sure that New York is doing everything we can to empower voters. I would also support a truly independent redistricting commission so that districts are created to empower the voters, not the politicians.”
Good Gov’t Reform	Reform regulatory policies that unintentionally hinders communities  “I would like to see a truly independent agency to deal with issues of ethics in the legislature. It is very important in order to gain the public trust and to ensure that we root out corruption, whatever the source.”
Environment	Protect Natural Resources
Education	Expanding access to Pre-K and quality and affordable childcare
Women’s Issues	Pro Personal Choice
Healthcare	Ensuring all have access to affordable health care
Other	Expanding Broad Band

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)	<p> LinkedIn  Ballotpedia  Campaign Website  WHCU Website  Courtland Standard  Campaigh Manager </p> <p> <a href="https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22738132">https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22738132</a> </p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	51 <sup>st</sup> district
Office	NYS Senate

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Peter Oberacker
Party	Republican/Conservative
Background:	
Education	SUNY Delhi
Work Experience	Is CEO of a food industry-focused research & development firm
Offices Held or Public Service	<p>Is an Otsego Co. Legislator. He chairs the Public Works Committee, Vice-Chair of the Administration Committee, Human Services, Negotiations, and Inter-Governmental Affairs committees.</p> <p>Was Otsego Co. Board of Representative in 2015</p> <p>Was Maryland Town Supervisor</p> <p>Peter is a member of his local Fire Department and EMS squad and is a member of the Masonic Lodge</p>

Candidate Views	
Position on League Issues:	
Environment	As part of his restaurant recovery plan he wants to roll back the ban on single use styrofoam
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	He is being endorsed by PEF, and the retiring State Senator

Source(s) of Information	<p>His web page  <a href="https://www.peterforsenate51.com/about">https://www.peterforsenate51.com/about</a>            auburnpub.com            allotsego.com            I emailed him questions</p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	51 <sup>st</sup> District
Office	NYS Senate

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Timothy M. O'Connor
Party	Libertarian
Background:	
Education	I have spent my entire adult life in central NY, I grew up in Oneonta, I went to Franklin Central High School and I graduated college from Binghamton University with a degree in Economics.
Past Offices Held or Public Service	I have held no public offices
Notable Accomplishments	I started an annual golf tournament that raised awareness and provided funding for Family Services Association in Oneonta.

Candidate Views	
Why do they want to serve	"As I get older, and having watched the dramatic decline in upstate NY's economic fortune, I became all too aware that taxes are too high, regulations are too burdensome and everyday the unsound governance in NY is driving our most valuable resource away, our children, not to mention it is nearly impossible to start and maintain a business in this state. Some one has to be unafraid and put these issues on the table."
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	"NY is a 2 party controlled state. Having had my petitions to get on the ballot rejected because of my own signature and a technical misstatement of my own address, the one I have been writing for 24 years as I fixed up a broken down old house, I find it to be an egregious way to treat people who seek to have impact. Make no mistake, the state is suppressing individuals' voices in the election process. It's no wonder we have a skeptical and disinterested youth. Politics is about money and power and that is an absolute shame.

	Further public financing of campaigns will only cement their power and we will all continue to be under served.”
Environment	“I will advocate for a better understanding on the state level of generation 4 nuclear power, it can solve the problems of localized energy production and generate clean renewable energy and transition us away from environmentally damaging fossil fuels. Real virtue, efficient energy and a cleaner future for our children.”
Social Justice	“Social justice is a broad scoped and divisive topic, a literal emotional stimulant. Equal rights for all freedom for all, tear down systemic government structures that enforce generational poverty. Provide real opportunity in cities, fix zoning that has removed the ability to open businesses in neighborhoods and we can start heading in a better freer direction. Again this is a huge topic with many emotional reactionaries on all sides that a real in depth discussion cannot nor should it happen in a paragraph in an email.”
Education	“Education is another issue where there is no simple fix, a special billionaires tax for NY billionaires, will do literally nothing to solve the problems we face. Ranking 35th in educational performance and ranking close to the top in money expended per student is absurd. And again I am not here to offer emotional platitudes but I will fight for real solutions. School choice in urban areas, adding a directed internet component, to save money and keep our community schools open without having them kill their communities is a priority. The list of solutions is as long as the list of problems but I have them and I know people that have even more.”
Healthcare	“healthcare is a travesty, no where is the burdens of over regulation more apparent than in that field. Because I love solutions and seek them out I ask that you check out my conversation at @timfor51 on facebook with Dr Mark Barretto. He has brought back the concept of a general practitioner and a local doctor. We need more doctors, less regulations and we can help ease the financial burden that families face. Again the state is broke, the counties are broke, advocating for more expenses to be imposed on our communities to cover healthcare will only drive evermore people away”
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	“On issues facing families: I am a parent's rights advocate and would work hard to end the presumption of an adversarial process when it comes to family court. Having raised my children with the benefit of shared custody I know that it's offered them a better life than other children get. NY is woefully behind the times in ending this adversarial process and in areas where we once lead, like

	human rights, we are falling behind. Honestly it's embarrassing.”
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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)	I emailed Tim (timlovesdistrict51nyssenate@gmail.com) the questions, and he replied
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# NYS Assembly

## Term:

Members of the New York State Assembly serve two-year terms and are not subject to term limits. New York legislators assume office the first Wednesday in January. When the first Wednesday in January falls on January 1, it shall meet the next Wednesday.

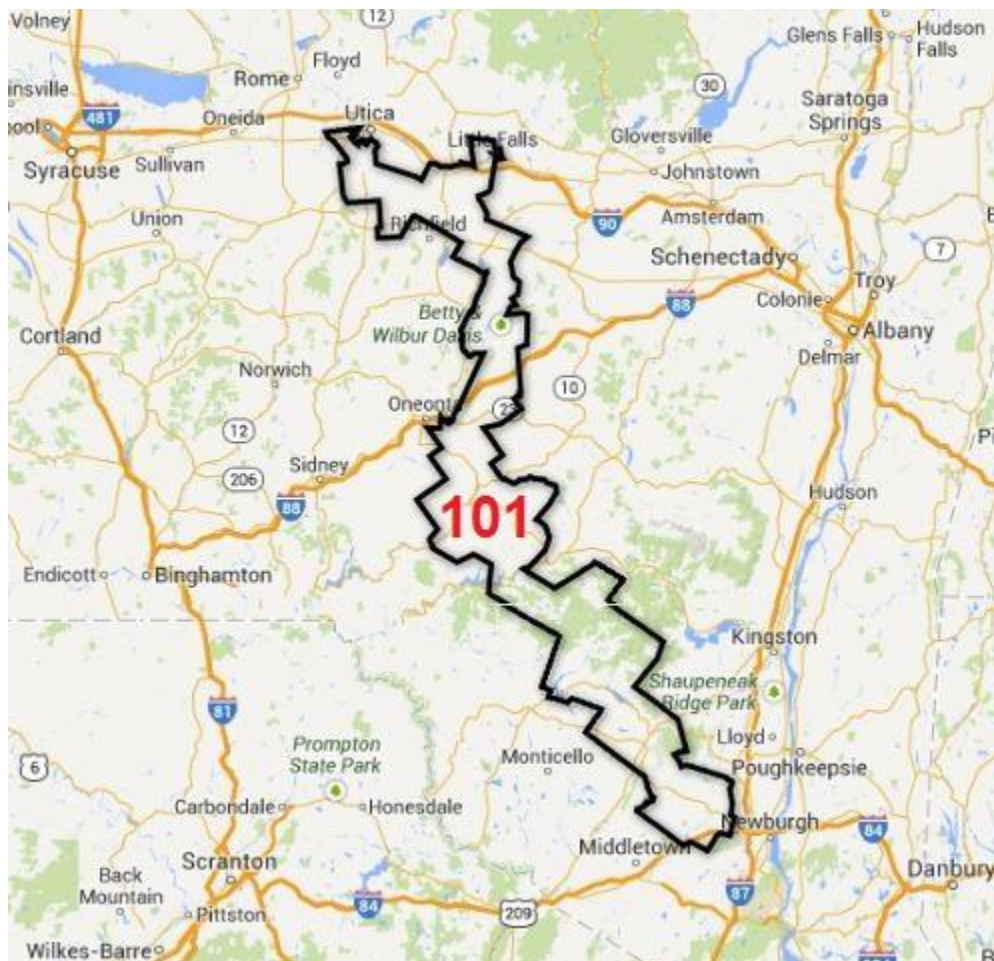
## Qualifications:

Article 3, Section 7 of the New York Constitution states: "No person shall serve as a member of the legislature unless he or she is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of the state of New York for five years, and, except as hereinafter otherwise prescribed, of the assembly or senate district for the twelve months immediately preceding his or her election; if elected a senator or member of assembly at the first election next ensuing after a readjustment or alteration of the senate or assembly districts becomes effective, a person, to be eligible to serve as such, must have been a resident of the county in which the senate or assembly district is contained for the twelve months immediately preceding his or her election. No member of the legislature shall, during the time for which he or she was elected, receive any civil appointment from the governor, the governor and the senate, the legislature or from any city government, to an office which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time."

Source: <https://ballotpedia.org>

# NYS Assembly: 101<sup>st</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included:  
Ellenville, Kerhonkson, Wawarsing,  
Denning, Hardenburgh, Shawangunk,  
Cragsmoor, Napanoch)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	District 101 is a narrow strip through 7 counties: Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Delaware, Otsego, Herkimer & Oneida
Office	NYS Assembly

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Chad J. McEvoy
Party	Democratic/Working Families
Background:	
Education	Master's Degree in Public Policy from Johns Hopkins
Work Experience	<p>he currently works as a Project Manager at SUNY Oneonta</p> <p>"I have spent the majority of my career helping nonprofits such as the American Red Cross and Heifer International grow their capacity. As a volunteer, I have conducted climate change research with the Harvard Department of Forestry. I have also built agricultural databases for USAID-funded projects, for which I was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award by President Obama."</p>
Notable Accomplishments	<p>He was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award by President Obama for building agricultural databases for USAID-funded projects</p> <p>As a volunteer, he has conducted climate change research with the Harvard Dept. of Forestry</p>

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	<p>"1) Increasing economic opportunities by focusing on new and innovative ways to bring opportunities for good paying, long term jobs to Upstate New York, including investments in green energy, sustainable housing infrastructure, training and transportation will help to keep our rural communities vibrant and competitive, while preserving our most valuable natural resources like clean water; investments in Community College and BOCES programs are critical for training people for the jobs that exist today; and investing in the basic tools we need to compete in the 21st century, like universal access to high-speed internet and cell phone service. 2) Providing access to quality, affordable healthcare to all New Yorkers while ensuring that our rural healthcare system is sustainable. 3) Ridding the state of</p>



	gerrymandered districts where the politicians pick their voters instead of the voters picking their representatives.”
Why do they want to serve	To implement the issues below
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	He wants to implement easy access to mail-in ballots  “I also will support public financing of elections and Automatic voter Registration. We need to make it easier to vote in New York so that all eligible New Yorkers can participate in our democracy.”
Good Gov’t Reform	“We need independent agencies to safeguard our democracy and real consequences for violating the public trust.”
Environment	wants to invest in green energy. He believes that you can have strong economic growth while protecting the environment
Education	He wants to expand universal Pre-K. He opposes vouchers & charter schools
Healthcare	he wants to move to a single-payer system
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	He wants to make drug addiction a public health issue and not a criminal matter He wants to bring opportunities for good paying, long term jobs to upstate NY He believes a strong labor movement is essential for a strong middle class A small list of those who are endorsing him: AFL-CIO, PEF, NYSUT

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)	His web page  <a href="https://onyourballot.vote411.org/m/candidate-index.do?c=21513178#c22757952">https://onyourballot.vote411.org/m/candidate-index.do?c=21513178#c22757952</a>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	101 <sup>st</sup> District: Parts of Oneida, Herkimer, Ostego, Delaware, Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange Counties
Office	NYS Assemblyman (incumbent since 2017)

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Brian Miller
Party	Rep, Con
Background:	
Education	Mohawk Valley Community College, Graduate, Drafting
Prior Work Experience	Mechanical Engineer 36 yrs.,
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Bridgewater Town Supervisor- 8 yrs., Oneida Co. Legislator- 16 yrs., Former member DEC Region 6 Fish & Wildlife Board
Notable Accomplishments	Over 26 years in public service at Town and County level. Almost four years as NYS Assembly member.

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	Reduce State taxes, reduce State unfunded mandates. Fund Upstate infrastructure projects for clean water and to prevent flooding. Ensure (restore State) adequate funding for public schools in the District.
Why do they want to serve	To meet the needs of Upstate NY residents. To counter NYS liberal policies such as gun restrictions and bail reform.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	For redistricting of the 101st Assembly District to create better representation. Against using campaign funds for legal defense.
Good Gov't Reform	For term limits for elected State offices.
Environment	Supports infrastructure investment in Upstate NY to prevent future flooding and provide clean water
Social Justice	Opposes recent bail reform and campaigns with law enforcement to repeal reform measures.
Education	Is for restoring State funding to schools due to funding cuts and help compensate schools for increased COVID costs. Supports alternative

	measures to earn a HS Diploma. Supports options for students to get skills rather than college for employment. Opposes NYS Common Core initiatives.
Healthcare	Supports the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act that calls for minimum staffing levels . Opposes a single payer healthcare system and government involvement in healthcare.
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Supports repeal of NYS Safe Act except for NYC. Has supported an Assembly bill to allow out of state firearm licensees to temporarily carry in NYS. Recently recovered from serious COVID infection.

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)	Brian Miller NYS Assembly Website. Brian Miller NYS Assembly Albany Office. Brian Miller Facebook Page.
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	101 <sup>st</sup> District
Office	State Senator

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Barbara Kidney
Party	Green
Background:	
Education	PHD SUNY Albany, Psychology 1992 Masters University of Florida 1980 Penn State 1983
Prior Work Experience	28 years of diverse experience in Clinical Psychology Currently a clinical specialist in Newburgh, NY
Relevant Licenses	She is a licensed Psychologist in New York State
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Chair, Hudson Valley Green Party, since 2017; Member, State Committee of GPNY, since 2018; Member, GPNY Legislative Committee, since 2019; Member, GPUS Women's Caucus  Member, Town of Shawangunk Environmental Management Committee, 2004 - 2014; Associate Member, New Paltz Climate Action Coalition; Founding Member, NYS Greens for Peace Action; Founding member, Drone Alert - Hudson Valley project 2013 -2015; Member, American Psychological Association's Division 48 Peace Psychology; Founding member, Occupy SoUI (Southern Ulster), 2012 -2014; Member, Occupy Orange NY, and Occupy New Paltz, 2011-2012 Member, Town of Shawangunk Democratic Committee, 2007 - 2009; Chair, Social Justice Committee, UU at Rock Tavern, 2009-2010

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	She holds the core values of the Green Party Especially in the areas peace/nonviolence, social justice, and environmental justice

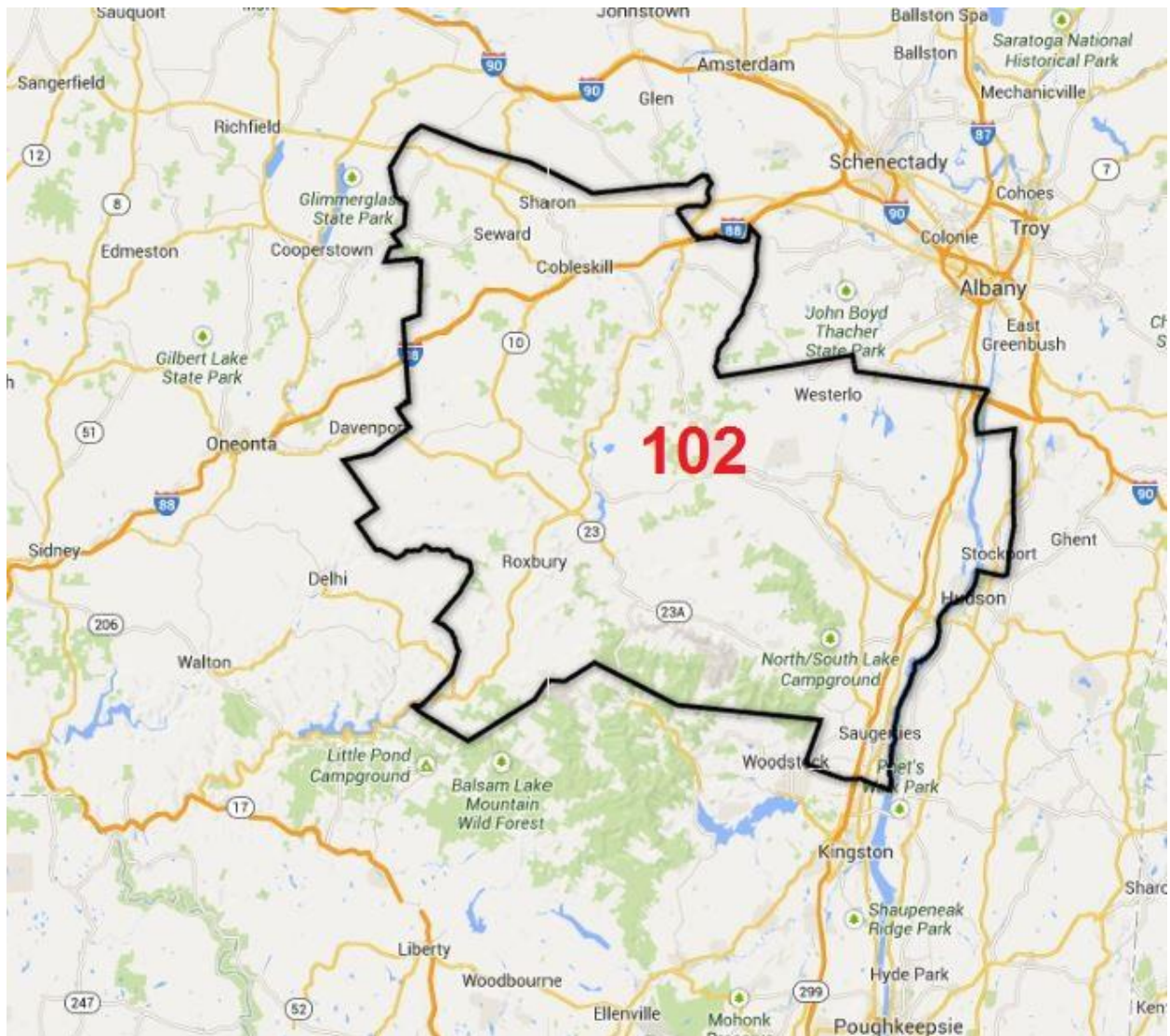
	<p>“1) Eliminate property tax on primary non-luxury residences &amp; other fair tax reform, such as raising the standard deduction to match the median cost of living in one's municipality. Only surplus wealth should be taxed, in a fair, gradual, and progressive manner. Taxing household income needed to provide for the cost of living simply creates more poverty. 2) Promote public health &amp; a safe environment. No more toxic fuel projects and pipelines that poison our air, soil, and aquifers, and create climate disaster that we are currently experiencing; toxic fuel projects in operation need to be shut down asap, we need to stop importing and transporting fracked materials from states that still allow the toxic and Earth-destroying practice of fracking. We need to transition to community controlled safe sustainable energy asap. 3) Instituting Ranked Choice Voting in all NYS elections.”</p>
<p>Position on League Issues:</p>	
<p>Election Reform</p>	<p>Wants ranked choice voiting</p> <p>“I would like Election Day to be a holiday to make it easier for people to get to the polls. I would like Ranked Choice Voting to be used in all elections that occur in NYS. I would like to decouple money from politics, and I would like measures to be taken to make it easier, rather than harder, for non-duopoly and non-corporation-funded parties to be on the ballot. (Both the Democratic and Republican parties are corporation-funded parties).”</p>
<p>Good Gov't Reform</p>	<p>“There have been legitimate complaints that JCOPE is too tied to control by the Governor. In general, I am leery of any commission in which members are appointed by those who already hold high-power positions. Such commissions typically label themselves as independent, but they are not, as the members are closely allied with the major power wielders. Furthermore, only the corporation-funded (and hence corporation- and uber-wealthy-controlled) duopoly political parties are represented on JCOPE, and I find that to be highly problematic.”</p>
<p>Environment</p>	<p>“As long as we want our bodies, and those of our children, to live, and—dare we think it— thrive!— we need to keep our natural environment and climate healthy. Healthy people living in a healthy environment encourages productive human activity, and furthermore, worthwhile jobs can be had in maintaining and enhancing public health and a healthy environment.</p>

	<p>Our state can and should promote the safest and most renewable energy possible, making it affordable to people of average means; support community aggregate renewable energy and community control of energy projects; encourage ecological farming, eco-tourism in our beautiful upstate district, and other sustainable local businesses and industries. These are the constructive enterprises that should be eligible for tax breaks and subsidies; not the community and environment destroying projects of billionaires.</p> <p>Employment can be found through all the above, including green energy. No one should be paid, or be forced, due to lack of other income opportunity, to poison our air, water, and soil— that’s just crazy! No new, yet already obsolete, toxic fuel plants, should be built in our state for the increased financial obesity of corporations (often based out of state) and the toxic fuel plants already built should be safely shut down ASAP.”</p>
Education	Her view on Education comes from her living in other states where she found that education was not connected to property taxes to fund schools, and were funded more sensibly
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	<p>Her affiliations include Women’s Caucus and Elders Caucus and Climate Action Working Group in the Green Party of NYS. She is also affiliated with the Hudson Valley Greens for Peace.</p> <p>“Some of the wealth of the financially obese is used to research psychological means to get average citizens to vote against their own interests.” She sees the two party system as part of this psychological manipulation.</p>

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)	<p><a href="https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22757907">https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-detail.do?id=22757907</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.barbaraforad101.com/">https://www.barbaraforad101.com/</a></p>
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# NYS Assembly: 102<sup>nd</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included:  
Saugerties)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	N,Y, State District 102
Office	Assemblyperson

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Mary "Betsy" Kraat
Party	Democratic
Background:	
Education	State University of New York--Binghamton B.A. in Creative Writing and Women's Studies; State University of New York--New Paltz M.A. in English
Prior Work Experience	Membership Director Girl Scouts of Ulster County; Citizen Action of New York, Family of Woodstock, Scheinmedia
Relevant Licenses	Master of Social Work
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Volunteer for Gareth Rhodes, Juan Figueroa, Dave Clegg. Intern Family of Woodstock, Citizen Action NY.
Notable Accomplishments	Founded Amnesty International Chapter in H.S. Testified before State Senate Committee on housing crisis in this region. Member of Kingston Tenant's Union Single parent raising twin sons, one with special needs.

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	"(1) Support and increase awareness regarding the New York Health Act, which will ensure ALL New Yorkers have affordable, quality health care; (2) Advocate for a New York Homes Guarantee and put an end to homelessness in New York State; and (3) Fully fund K-12 public schools and support free SUNY/CUNY tuition for working & middle class families to enable all families to access a college education."
Why do they want to serve	Belief in greater diversity in upper levels of government. Advocate for marginalized groups.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	Support any mechanism that would lead to additional enfranchisement, including same day



	<p>registration, no-excuse absentee ballots (vote by mail)</p> <p>Ranked choice voting</p> <p>Enfranchising incarcerated population</p> <p>Pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds</p>
Good Gov't Reform	<p>Campaign information stresses access to public office for underserved communities.</p> <p>Supports Senator Liz Kreuger's bill to amend the State Constitution to replace JCPOC</p> <p>Advocates for a new independent agency to put an end to "play to pay" culture in Albany</p>
Environment	<p>Endorsed by environmental group, Ulster People for Justice &amp; Democracy, advocate for Green Energy, anti-fracking, supports divestiture from fossil fuels.</p>
Education	<p>Supports free tuition for SUNY &amp; CUNY schools.</p> <p>Advocates for smaller class size, equal access to quality education for all. Believes in restrictions on Charter Schools.</p>
Women's Issues	<p>Endorsed by pro-choice group, Eleanor's Legacy.</p> <p>Platform includes pressing for better access to maternity care for residents of District 102.</p>
Healthcare	<p>Supports N.Y. Health Act. Platform equal access to quality healthcare for all. Advocates for increased funding for mental health care.</p>
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	<p>Endorsed by Capital Women, Capital Region PAC.</p> <p>Has experienced poverty and homelessness.</p> <p>Worker's Rights in contract negotiation part of platform including workers in traditionally non-union jobs. Stresses the value of all persons regardless of wealth or social status. Opposed to domination of government by what the candidate calls the "donor class." All Democratic parties in district have endorsed candidate.</p>

<p>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)</p>	<p>The Daily Freeman, Saugerties Democrats.org, The Altamont Enterprise, The Other Hudson Valley news site. Candidate Facebook page.</p> <p>Democratic party You Tube video, Hudson Valley 360, communication with campaign</p> <p><a href="https://betsyforassembly.com/19-2/meet-betsy-kraat/">https://betsyforassembly.com/19-2/meet-betsy-kraat/</a></p> <p><a href="http://onyourballot.vote411.org/candidate-detail.do?id=22757955">http://onyourballot.vote411.org/candidate-detail.do?id=22757955</a></p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Greene and Schoharie Counties and parts of Delaware, Columbia, Albany, Otsego and Ulster Counties
Office	NYS Assembly Member, 102nd Assembly District

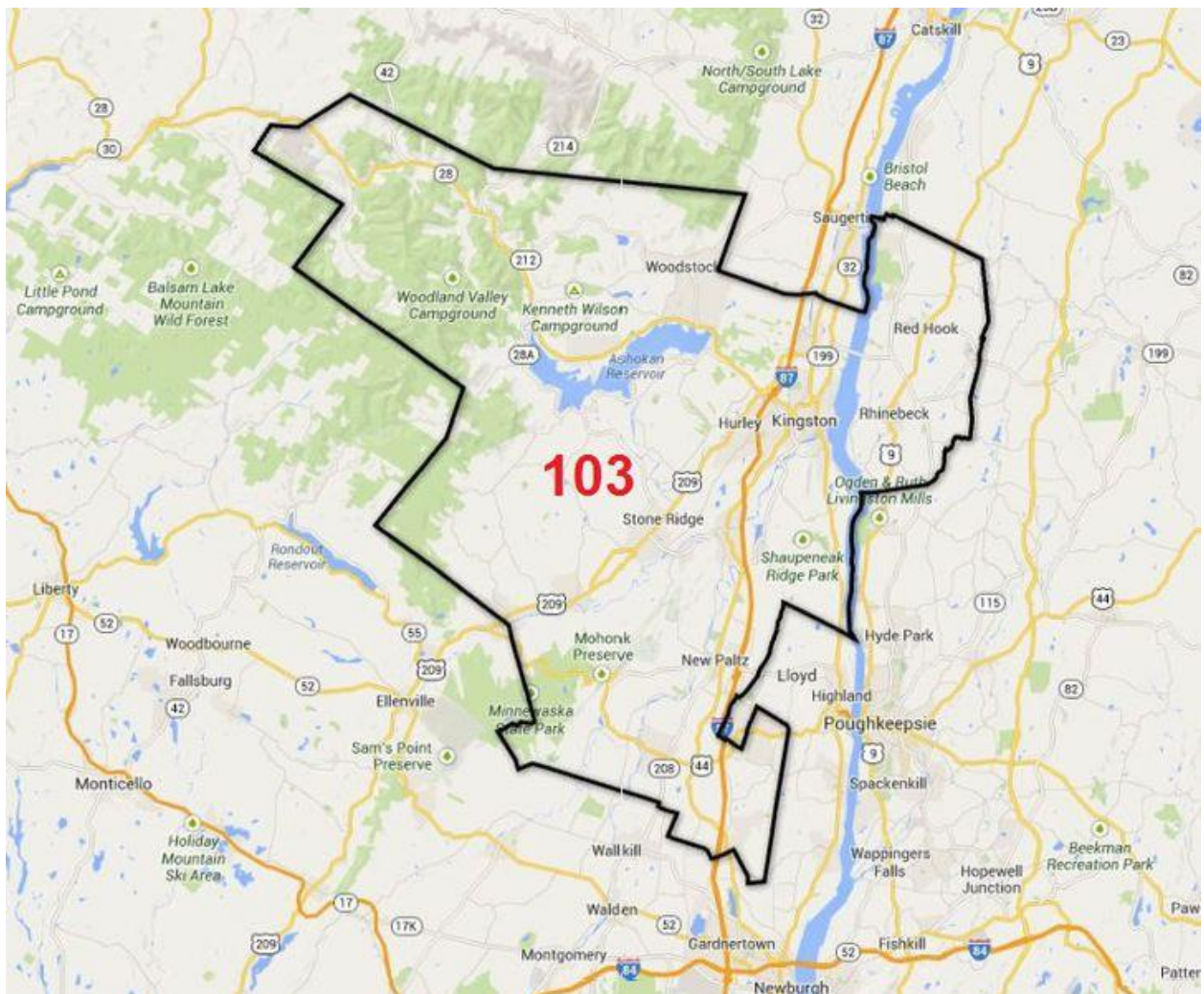
Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Christopher Tague
Party	Rep, Con
Background:	
Education	Schoharie High School 1987. NYS Assembly Leadership Training.
Prior Work Experience	Farm Owner 1987- 1992; General Manager Cobleskill Stone Products 1992-2018.
Relevant Licenses	
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Schoharie Town Supervisor 2016-2018 Chair of the Schoharie Co. Republican Comm.
Notable Accomplishments	As Town Supervisor worked to get a Community Development Block Grant for Central Bridge NY.

Candidate Views	
Why do they want to serve	As a local resident he wants to help improve the lives of people in the Assembly District.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	Opposes universal mail-in voting and early voting.
Good Gov't Reform	Supports Term Limits and government transparency
Environment	Supports effort to improve infrastructure for Schoharie water supply. As Town Supervisor he has worked with NYSERDA to gain clean energy grants for Schoharie.
Social Justice	Supports repeal of Bail Reform.
Education	Supports increased funding for care for those with developmental disabilities.
Healthcare	Supports efforts to combat heroin and other illegal drugs in the District.
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)	Was asked to run for NYS Senate seat being vacated by Sen. James Seward. He Declined. Has been involved in youth sports programs including Little League.

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)	Chris Tague NY Assembly Website. Chris tage Facebook Page. Chris Tague for Assembly Website. Chris tague Twitter posts. Votes Smart Website-Chris Tague Assembly Voting Record.
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# NYS Assembly: 103<sup>rd</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included: Phoenicia, Woodstock, Shokan, Kingston, Port Ewen, Hurley, Stone Ridge, Tillson, Rifton, Accord, Kerhonkson, New Paltz, Gardiner, Rosendale, High Falls, West Hurley, Shandaken, Olive, Marbletown, Esopus, Ulster, Rochester, Gardiner)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	103 <sup>rd</sup> 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 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

<p>Healthcare</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable)</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>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)</p>	<p>Nyasembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill (candidate's website)  Ballotpedia.org  Billtrack50.com  Midhudsonnews.com (newspaper articles)</p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	103 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Experience	Navy Veteran, Various IBM Positions; Mechanical Engineer.
Relevant Licenses	None
Past Offices Held or Public Service	Serves on Conservative Party Commission of Dutchess County
Notable Accomplishments	Active in local youth programs and church.

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.

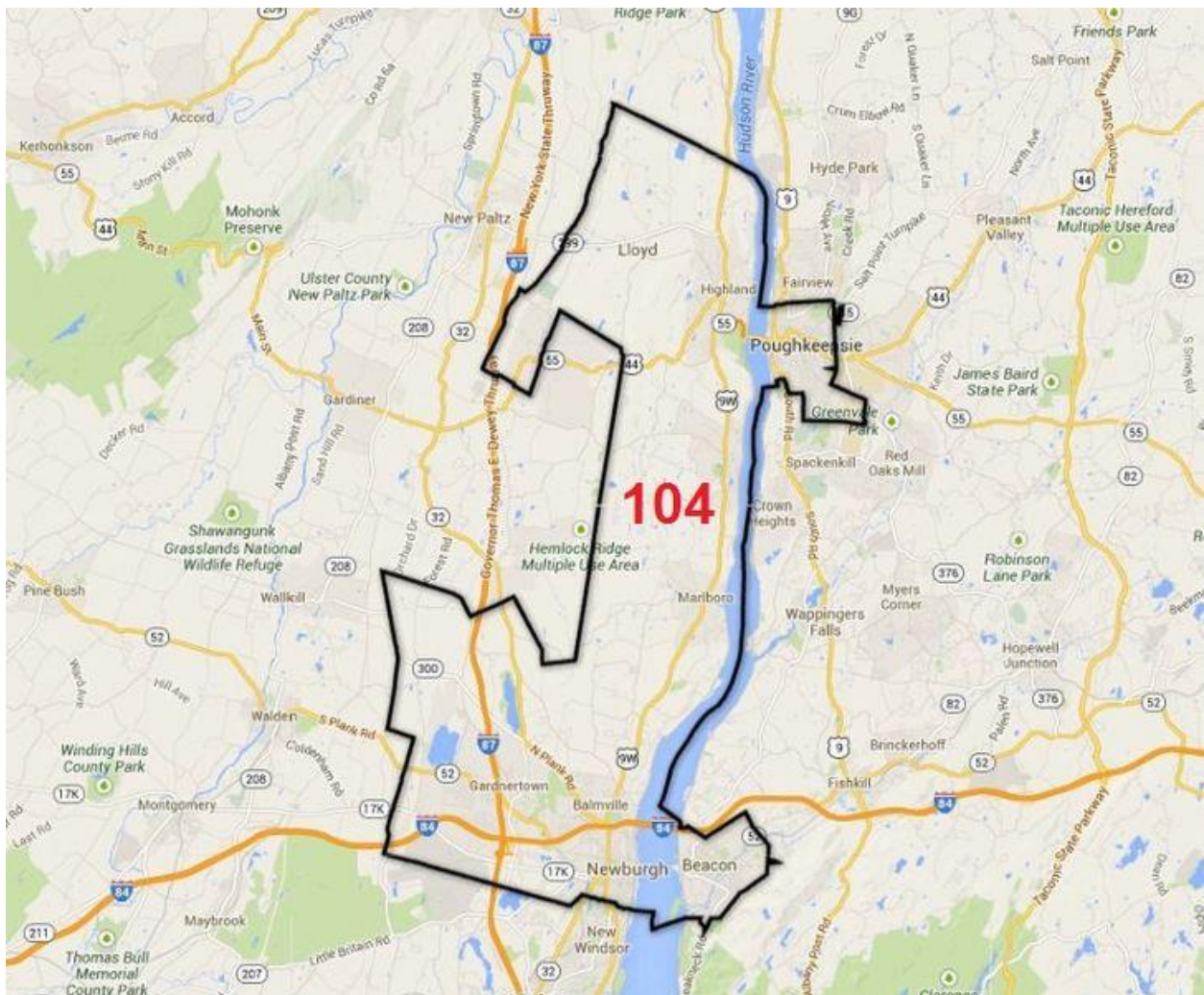


Education	Believes that public education should get back to teaching traditional subjects like American History and says sex education and other non-essential topics should not be taught in schools.
Women's Issues	Supports Pro Life and supports repeal of NYS Reproductive Health Act.
Healthcare	Opposes 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.
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# NYS Assembly: 104<sup>th</sup> District

(Portion of Ulster County Included:  
Highland, Milton, Clintondale (portion),  
Marlboro, Marlborough, Lloyd)



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	104 <sup>th</sup> District
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

	<p>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 co-sponsored bills implementing early voting and consolidating the federal and state primaries to spare taxpayers the costs of two primaries</p>
<p>Environment</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Social Justice</p>	<p>supported and co-sponsored a package of common-sense 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.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>

	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

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)	<a href="https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Jonathan-G-Jacobson">https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Jonathan-G-Jacobson</a>  <a href="https://www.jonathanjacobsonforassembly.com/">https://www.jonathanjacobsonforassembly.com/</a>
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Information on Race	
District of Race	104 <sup>th</sup> 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 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	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Andrew-Gauzza-for-State-Assembly-108483090721685/about/?ref=page_internal&amp;path=%2FAndrew-Gauzza-for-State-Assembly-108483090721685%2Fabout%2F">https://www.facebook.com/Andrew-Gauzza-for-State-Assembly-108483090721685/about/?ref=page_internal&amp;path=%2FAndrew-Gauzza-for-State-Assembly-108483090721685%2Fabout%2F</a>  <a href="https://www.dailyfreeman.com/news/elections/first-term-incumbent-jacobson-faces-challenger-in-104th-assembly-district-seat/article_277bb764-033d-11eb-b85e-83d78df9e239.html">https://www.dailyfreeman.com/news/elections/first-term-incumbent-jacobson-faces-challenger-in-104th-assembly-district-seat/article_277bb764-033d-11eb-b85e-83d78df9e239.html</a>  <a href="http://ny.patriotguide.us/candidates/andrew-gauzza-iv?token=u8jo2uiflj71bth91ggfirsf7o">http://ny.patriotguide.us/candidates/andrew-gauzza-iv?token=u8jo2uiflj71bth91ggfirsf7o</a>
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# Town Justice

## Term:

Town and village justices serve four-year terms that begin on January 1 following their election.

## Qualifications:

Most justices are not attorneys. Non-attorneys are required to complete a certification course and complete ongoing judicial education.

## Source:

<http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage/introduction.shtml>

# Saugerties Town Justice



Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Town of Saugerties
Office	Town Justice

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Claudia J. Andreassen
Party	Dem
Background:	
Education	<p>Bachelor of Arts– Marietta College Marietta Ohio, 1968.</p> <p>Criminology, Abnormal Psychology and Sociology- Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge New York, 1989.</p> <p>Mark Twain Studies Advance Graduate Certification as a Mark Twain scholar- Elmira College, Elmira New York, 2003.</p> <p>Masters Degree in Professional Studies in Humanistic Education- State University of NY, New Paltz, New York, 2005.</p> <p>Advanced Judicial Education Program- State University at Potsdam, Potsdam New York, 2012.</p> <p>New York State Judicial Institute 2012-2019- One hundred credits on judicial subjects: Laws, ethics, bail, discovery, vehicle and traffic laws, summary proceedings, sex offender and criminal procedure</p>
Prior Work Experience	26 years as a County probation officer
Past Offices Held or Public Service	appointed Town Justice in 2012 by the Town Board then elected in two subsequent campaigns

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	My goal is Justice for all, tempered with objectivity and an understanding of what causes people to commit crimes in the first place. Most importantly I must remind myself everyday that judging a person does not define who they are, it defines who you are.

<p>Why do they want to serve</p>	<p>"I basically wanted to do the job because I felt that [the other] people that were applying did not have the compassion for people or the respect for the defendants, and I wanted to be able to show that to people. Be respectful; treat them as human beings instead of dehumanizing them .... I love the energy of the court and I love being able to hopefully bring what I understand about human nature to the bench and try to be as understanding as I can be."</p>
<p>Position on League Issues:</p>	
<p>Social Justice</p>	<p>Supports sensible bail reform (likes the idea of recent bail reform law that passed, thinks there are some wrinkles that need to be ironed out as time goes on) and consideration of socioeconomic challenges of our time, supports criminal justice reform</p>

<p>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)</p>	<p><a href="http://voteforclaudia.com/">http://voteforclaudia.com/</a>   <a href="https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2020/06/12/andreassen-odell-face-off-in-dem-primary-for-saugerties-town-justice/">https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2020/06/12/andreassen-odell-face-off-in-dem-primary-for-saugerties-town-justice/</a></p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Town of Saugerties
Office	Town Justice

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Stanley R O'Dell Jr.
Party	Democrat
Background:	See attached resume

Expressed Priorities	I believe in equal justice for all, bringing efficiency and knowledge to the bench and removing politics from the court. I also believe showing compassion and having a intimate knowledge of our community is key so that justice is a learning experience and not simply punitive.
Why do they want to serve	I wish to continue my life in public service utilizing my experience and training in law for the betterment of our community.
Position on League Issues:	
Election Reform	To preserve fair and inclusive elections along with financial reform.
Good Gov't Reform	Fiscal responsibility and transparency
Environment	Clean air and water is our future
Social Justice	Sensitivity and understanding of different views brings people together as we all share common beliefs.
Education	Should be afforded to all. Education betters our community.
Women's Issues	We are all created equal and should be treated accordingly in all aspects of life.
Healthcare	Afforded to all. No one should lack proper healthcare.
Other (anything else about the candidate that you think is interesting/notable.	I have and remain to be a non-political candidate. I believe that there is no place in justice for politics. I believe in serving the community and have spent the majority of my life doing so. I look forward to continue to serve, bringing my many years of experience, integrity and compassion to the Town of Saugerties Court.

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 the form  Additional info can be found at: Cell - 518 821 4004 Facebook - StanODellforTownJustice Email - ODELLFORSAUGERTIESJUDGE@GMAIL.COM
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## **RESUME**

### Current Career Objective

To provide compassionate, objective, sincere and honest adjudication in the Town of Saugerties Town Court. I look to serve as Town Justice in the Town of Saugerties.

### Core Qualifications

- 30 plus years of experience in law enforcement
- Respected and honored by supervisors and peers
- Performance assessment skills and acute social awareness
- Employ critical reasoning and active listening
- Organizational and management skills
- Recognized as an outstanding negotiator
- Will seek fair, just and compassionate approach in every case

### Professional Experience

2017

- Established the Forensic Investigation Unit of the Ulster County Medical Examiner's Office at the request of County Executive Michael Hein. Served as the unit's first Chief Forensic Investigator.

1984 – 2015 New York State Police, Building 22, State Campus, Albany New York

- Trooper, 1984 – 1990
- Investigator, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, 1990 -2002
- Senior Investigator/Supervisor, 2002 - 2015

## Career Profile & Appointments

- Graduated State Police Academy with training in Law Enforcement and Government, Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Consolidated Laws, Vehicle and Traffic Laws, Criminal Investigations, Community Relations, Evidence Procedures, Emergency Services and Court Procedures.
- Served Troop K as road Trooper, NYSP Scuba Unit Assistant Senior Diver and Counselor at NYSP Academy.
- United States Coast Guard Law Enforcement Instructor Academy in Boating Safety and Navigational Law.
- NYSP Navigation Unit instituting the first State Police Marine Unit for the Hudson River.
- Drug Recognition Expert, Certified Instructor by International Chiefs of Police and National Highway Safety Administration. Trained and certified numerous agencies in the United States.
- 1990, Promoted to Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Assigned to the Violent Predator Joint Task Force with NYPD.
- 1991, Assigned to the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency, New York City, as a joint task force Federal Investigator enforcing Federal Drug Laws targeting large scale drug possession and sales.
- 1992 – Assigned to Troop F BCI in Catskill. Served as station Investigator, handling all felony cases including all large scale crimes.
- Troop F Crisis Negotiation Team, responding to hostage, barricaded, and suicide situations.
- Instructor in Interview and Interrogation techniques.
- Advanced training in Major Crimes Investigation, Sexual Offense Investigation, Search Warrant Application, Mitigation Training, Crime Scene Management, Evidence Collection and Supervisory Responsibility.
- International Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar, which I have continued to serve over the past 25 years as a Staff Member, to current date.
- 2000, Assigned to Troop F Major Crimes Unit, responsible for all major investigations in the five counties of Troop F, including Homicides, Politically Sensitive Investigations, and Missing Persons.
- Assigned to the World Trade Center following the 9/11 attack, conducting emergency response, interviews, and investigations.

- 2002, Appointed as Acting Senior Investigator, supervising the Bureau of Criminal Investigation Unit at Zone 3 Headquarters SP Kingston, SP Highland and SP Ellenville. Responsible for all investigations from initial complaint through closure, including all Criminal Court Proceedings. Liaison to District Attorney, Superior and Local Judges and their Courts regarding all prosecutions, dispositions and evidence. Managed reports and records within the station, responsible for all subordinate's reports, records and evidence.
- 2004, Promoted to rank of Senior Investigator. Continued to supervise members of the BCI in Troop F until retirement from NYSP in 2015.

### Community and Civic Service

- Chairman – Waterfront Advisory Board, Village of Saugerties N.Y.  
Appointed by Mayor William Murphy
- Member – Ashokan Release Working Group – Flood Resilience Network – Climate Resiliency
- 2nd Lt. C.A. Lynch Hose Company, Chief Marine Officer, Active Member, Saugerties Fire Department
- Ulster County Executive Advisory Board  
Appointed by County Executive Adele Reiter
- Life Member – Sons of American Legion – Saugerties N.Y.
- Charter Member – VFW Post 7765 - Men's Auxiliary
- Committeeman and 25 Year member Saugerties Elks
- 20 Year Member - Shriners – Benefitting the Shriners Children's Hospitals

# Marlborough Town Justice

Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Marlborough, NY voting district
Office	Town Justice of Marlborough, NY

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Brigette Supernova
Party	Democrat
Background:	
Education	BA and BFA from Indiana State University; MAAH from School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Prior Work Experience	6 years in textbook publishing 8 years in travel and education guides publishing 10+ years (overlaps other work experience) freelance Photojournalist 1 year in national news 4 years at national office of Planned Parenthood *Full BIO at: <a href="https://www.supernova-ny.com/meet">https://www.supernova-ny.com/meet</a>
Relevant Licenses	--
Past Offices Held or Public Service	--
Notable Accomplishments	Experience in (and passion for) copyright and intellectual property law, contracts, election and campaign finance law. Volunteer work includes participation with multiple community betterment organizations, most recent was Ulster County's Project Resilience. *See BIO for more <a href="https://www.supernova-ny.com/meet">https://www.supernova-ny.com/meet</a>

Candidate Views	
Expressed Priorities	To get more women involved in politics and leadership in a traditional "old boys club" town. Serve my community with ethics, integrity, intellect, and fair justice for all. Once in office, I hope to investigate arrest and arraignment practices for any racial profiling and implicit biases that harm people of color and poor folks who come before the court. That said, judicial candidates cannot make actual



	promises, as they are to fairly judge cases and court administration efforts once in office.
Why do they want to serve	See above. I strongly believe in being “art of the solution”. And there’s no better way to address systemic oppressions than to become a more equitable cog in “the system”.
Position on League Issues:	While I strongly believe in all of these personally, according to NY state judicial campaign ethics, judicial candidates and elected Justices are not to express or bring their personal or political beliefs into their campaign or adjudication efforts. (Should I run for any political office other than a judicial one, each of these will be top priorities for 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)	<p>Candidate filled out form, recommend other places to find info:</p> <p><a href="http://www.supernova-ny.com">www.supernova-ny.com</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:info@supernova-ny.com">info@supernova-ny.com</a></p> <p>PO Box 184, Milton, NY 12547</p> <p><a href="https://secure.anedot.com/committee-to-elect-brigette-supernova/donate">https://secure.anedot.com/committee-to-elect-brigette-supernova/donate</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/supernovany2020">https://www.facebook.com/supernovany2020</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.instagram.com/supernovany2020/">https://www.instagram.com/supernovany2020/</a></p>
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Information on Race	
District of Race (i.e. ward, town, city, county)	Marlborough
Office	Town Justice

Candidate Biographical Information	
Candidate's Name	Michael Kraiza
Party	Rep, Marlborough United
Background:	
Education	He received his Bachelor's Degree from Fairmont College in 1980, and his Juris Doctor law degree from Whittier College School of Law in 1985
Relevant Licenses	He was admitted to practice law in New York in 1986
Past Offices Held or Public Service	He was elected to the position of Marlborough Town Justice in 2012 and has served honorably for the past eight years. He has been appointed as Acting Town Justice to substitute in other Town Courts and the Kingston City Court. He is one of four Judges in Ulster County especially appointed as an Accessible Magistrate to handle youth cases under the New York "Raise The Age Statutes".

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)	<a href="https://www.mikekraiza.com/">https://www.mikekraiza.com/</a>
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# Town of New Paltz Referendum:

To protect the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, including the Wallkill River; protect the water quality of New Paltz's drinking water reservoir; preserve working farms; establish parks and recreational areas, and protect historic resources and natural areas; shall local law no. D1 (revised proposed) of 2020 creating a one and a half percent real estate transfer tax on the conveyance of interests in real property in the town, with revenues from this tax to be deposited in the town of New Paltz community preservation fund, which may be matched by state and federal funding and which will require full public disclosure of all spending approved?