

A Few Salient Points

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1 We New Yorkers are at a crossroads. We can turn in the direction of Right to Life endorsed Carl Paladino who has no known record of accomplishments or we can go with 100% pro-choice Andrew Cuomo whose strong record of fighting for women and children is well documented.

In other words, we can turn away from all those we know and elect the unknown candidates *simply because* they are unfamiliar, and we're angry—or we can step beyond blanket blame and support those who have supported us.

The truth is not all about Albany and Washington is bad. There are good people in office and others that need to go, on both sides of the aisle. The Democrats began getting rid of their own bad apples in the Primary when they tossed out Espada and Monserrate who *needed to go*.

Choice Matters wants to help you make thoughtful

decisions. Please visit our website for information.

2. The fate of the Reproductive Health Act will be decided on Election Day. If the Senate is controlled by a Republican majority, the Act will never make it onto the floor for a vote. Although some Republicans support it, the Act won't see the light of day because their majority leader is rabidly anti-choice and his position is perfectly clear. Without his permission, the bill will not be introduced. Especially in light of what is going on across the country, New York needs the Reproductive Health Act passed.

3. The huge number of Right to Life endorsed candidates on the ballot is horrific. What they all have in common is they oppose abortion even in cases of rape, incest, and, for most, to save a woman's life. Voters MUST Beware. (Check our endorsement page for details.)

4. Choice Matters needs your help to keep going. These have been very lean years and there are no more corners to cut or things to do without. We have struggled through another year, but barely. Please make a contribution so that we can keep on going! Every donation helps! (If everyone who receives this guide simply sent us \$5 or \$10 we would be ok.)

On November 2nd, Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: VOTE!

Roe, from page 1

General candidate Dan Donovan when asked about abortion rights declared, ... "Life begins at conception"—and we haven't even gotten to the judicial candidates yet.

There's NO Excuse Not to Vote!

Voter apathy last year led to the election of Westchester's Right to Life County Executive who has made savage cuts to funding directly impacting women and children. His actions are penny wise and pound foolish, and are forcing more women onto welfare and pushing our school taxes ever higher.

Our rights hinge on who goes to the polls. *Nothing else counts*. If pro-choice voters come out in droves, they will decide whether the Right to Life's candidates win elections or whether pro-choice moderates and progressives do. We can swing this election if we do not take November 2 off!

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York's women against encroaching anti-choice legislation.

Choice Matters has thrown its support behind **Tom Roach** who is challenging incumbent Bob Castelli (AD 89), and **Tom Abinanti** and **Brendon Tully** for the open seats in the 92nd and 99th Assembly districts, respectively.

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In memory of Joan Arnow

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Joan Arnow who was a longtime friend to women's reproductive rights and to Choice Matters.

She was a woman with a true philanthropic heart—supporting individuals, issues and candidates—searching out those who needed her most.

She passed away on June 29, 2010. She will be greatly missed.

Parties: D: Democrat R: Republican I: Independence C: Conservative W: Working Families GRE: Green FDM: Freedom LBT: Libertarian RDH: Rent Is 2 Damn High RTL: Right to Life APP: Anti-Prohibition TXP: Taxpayers TRP: Tax Revolt

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

ANDREW CUOMO/ROBERT J. DUFFY (D,I,W)

Carl P. Paladino/Gregory J. Edwards ¥ □ (R,C,TXP)
Howie Hawkins/Gloria Mattera □ (GRE)
Warren Redlich/Alden Link □ (LBT)
Kristin Davis/Tanya Gendelman □ (APP)
Charles Barron/Eva M. Doyle □ (FDM)

COMPTROLLER

THOMAS P. DINAPOLI* (D,W)

Harry Wilson (R,I,C)
Julia A. Willebrand □ (GRN)
John Gaetani □ (LBT)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

ERIC T. SCHNEIDERMAN (D,W)

Dan Donovan (R,C)
Stephen Lynch □ (I)
Carl E. Person □ (LBT)
Ramon J. Jimenez □ (FDM)

U.S. SENATOR

Full term: six years

CHARLES E. SCHUMER* (D,I,W)

Jay Townsend ¥ (R,C)
Colia Clark □ (GRE)
Randy A. Credico □ (LBT,APP)

U.S. SENATOR

Term: two years - unexpired

KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND* (D,I,W)

Joseph J. DioGuardi ‡ ¥ (R,C, TXP)
Cecile A. Lawrence □ (GRE)
Joseph Huff □ (RDH)
John Clifton □ (LBT)
Vivia Morgan □ (APP)
Bruce Blakeman (TRP)

NYS SUPREME COURT JUDGE

(Vote for four)

COLLEEN D. DUFFY (D,W)

LINDA CHRISTOPHER (D,W)

LAWRENCE H. ECKER (D,I,C,W)

J. Emmett Murphy ‡ (D,R,I,C)

JAMES MAISANO (R,I,C)

GERRY KLEIN (R)

Matthew J. Byrne ¥ (R,I,C, RTL)

James Alexander Burke ¥ (RTL)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

● **District 17**

Westchester County: Mt. Vernon, parts of Greenburgh, Yonkers and the Bronx; Rockland County: Orangetown, Ramapo and part of Clarkstown

ELIOT L. ENGEL* (D,W)

Anthony Mele ¥ (R)
York Kleinhändler (C)

● **District 18**

Westchester County: Pelham, Eastchester, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Rye (town & city), Harrison, Scarsdale, White Plains, Mt. Pleasant, No. Castle,

Ossining, New Castle, and parts of Greenburgh and Yonkers; Rockland County: parts of Haverstraw and Clarkstown

NITA LOWEY* (D,I,W)

Jim Russell ¥ (R,C)

● **District 19**

Westchester County: Peekskill, Yorktown, Cortlandt, Somers, No. Salem, Bedford, Pound Ridge, Lewisboro, and Mt. Kisco; Putnam County: parts of Orange, Dutchess, and Rockland counties

JOHN HALL* (D,W)

Nan Hayworth (R,I,C)

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

● **District 34**

Eastchester, parts of Mt. Vernon, Yonkers, Pelham, New Rochelle, and the Bronx

JEFFREY KLEIN* (D,I,W)

Frank Vernuccio, Jr. ¥ (R,C)

● **District 35**

Towns of Greenburgh and Mt. Pleasant, most of Yonkers

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS* (D,I,W)

Liam McLaughlin ¥ (R,C)

● **District 36**

Parts of Mt. Vernon and the Bronx

RUTH HASSELL-THOMPSON* (D,W)

Robert L. Diamond (R,C)

● **District 37**

Harrison, Mamaroneck, New Castle, No. Castle, Ossining, Rye Town, Scarsdale, parts of New Rochelle, Rye, and White Plains

SUZI OPPENHEIMER* (D,W)

BOB COHEN (R,I,C)

● **District 40**

Northern Westchester, Putnam County, part of Dutchess County

MICHAEL KAPLOWITZ (D,I)

Greg Ball ¥ (R,C)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

● **District 87**

Mt. Vernon, part of Yonkers

J. GARY PRETLOW* (D,W)

Samuel L. Rivers ¥ (I)

● **District 88**

Eastchester, Pelham, Scarsdale, part of White Plains and New Rochelle

AMY R. PAULIN* (D,I,W)

Rene Atayan (R,C)

● **District 89**

Northeastern Westchester, Harrison, most of White Plains

THOMAS M. ROACH (D,I,W)

Robert J. Castelli* (R,C,TXP)

Key to ratings:

ENDORSED

PRO-CHOICE, NOT ENDORSED

Anti-choice

* Incumbent

□ Not able to contact

‡ Former RTL

¥ Endorsed by the RTL

● **District 90**

Cortlandt, Ossining, Peekskill, Kent, Phillipstown, Putnam Valley

SANDRA GALEF* (D, I)

William J. Gouldman (R,C)

● **District 91**

Mamaroneck, Rye Town, Rye, part of New Rochelle

GEORGE LATIMER* (D, I,W)

Bill Reed (R,C)

● **District 92**

Greenburgh, Mt. Pleasant, part of Yonkers

THOMAS J. ABINANTI (D,I)

Thomas Block ¥ (R)

● **District 93**

Most of Yonkers

MIKE SPANO* (D,W,C)

Mike Ramondelli ¥ (R,I)

● **District 99**

Yorktown, No. Salem, Somers, part of Dutchess and Putnam

BRENDAN J. TULLY (D,W)

Steve Katz ¥ (R,I)

Jim Borkowski ¥ (C)

SURROGATE COURT

ANTHONY SCARPINO (D,R,I,C,W)

COUNTY COURT

(Vote for one)

BARRY E. WARHIT (D,I,W)

Douglas J. Martino ¥ (R,C,RTL)

FAMILY COURT

(Vote for four)

HAL GREENWALD (D,C,W)

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MICHELLE SCHAUER (D,W)

DAVID KLEIN (D,W)

Mary Clark ¥ (R,I, RTL)

BILL EDWARDS (R,I)

PATRICIA O'CALLAGHAN (R,I,C)

Edward P. Borrelli (R,C)

Raymond W. Belair ¥ (RTL)

Anthony J. DeCintio ¥ (RTL)

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The Voting Guide is inside this newsletter. Use your power to vote to protect Choice!

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Re-Districting and Senate Control

Whether Democrat or Republican, the Party that gains control of the State Senate in November will impact us for the next ten years because:

The Party in control of the Senate determines the redistricting lines of the entire State. The lines they draw will be in effect for the next ten years, and will determine geographic metes and bounds of all election districts from the House of Representatives to the State Assembly.

Last time New York was redistricted, the Republicans were in the majority and drew a shape frequently described as a *lobster*. The *lobster* was created as a *safe* district to secure then-Senator Velella's re-election. He did get re-elected but was then found guilty of bribery conspiracy and went off to jail.

It Matters! Judges and Attorneys General (AGs) can be the sleepers in an election, claiming their position on Choice doesn't matter because their only job is to enforce the laws that already exist. WRONG!

We've seen AGs target clinics and abortion providers, harassing them with trumped up charges, and worse. Judges have appointed attorneys to represent fetuses—the attorney's sole job is to interrogate the minor seeking an abortion to determine whether she is mature enough to have an abortion. (What about mature enough to be a mother?)

While an AG candidate must face the voters every four years, judicial candidates are elected to terms of 10 or 14 years, depending on the judgeship.

We have an outstanding candidate for AG in Eric Schneiderman, and several superb judicial candidates. Please *don't* simply vote a party line. Vote Choice!

BEWARE: The Right to Life Party is Back

And they're running for just about every elected office. Despite the fact that the Right to Life Party (RTL) was dropped from the ballot after the 2002 gubernatorial election, several candidates carried petitions to resurrect the RTL line and even more are endorsed by the RTL Committee. (Check out their website: www.righttolife-9jd.com.) Don't be blinded by Democratic or Republican affiliation. (This is particularly true for the Supreme Court candidates.) This is not a party issue, so make no assumptions. Study our Voting Guide closely!

Think Every time you consider not voting, remember these words: "I am outraged that [the abortion issue] is viewed from the perspective of the woman—a femme-centric perspective that condones the self-indulgent conduct of the woman who was damn careless in the first place."

These words were spoken by an elected official, Dick Arney, former U.S. Majority Leader (R-Texas).

What does your elected representative say, and vote?