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## November 6th - Birth Control? *Really?*

It's time to give real meaning to "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." This war on women is real. Simply turning the proverbial cheek or burying one's head in the sand won't cut it anymore. We're witnessing an all-out attack on women's rights. We must act. We must vote. We must bring our friends to the polls with us.

Across the nation, from Washington to Albany, legislators—yes, even some from Westchester—are fighting viciously to eliminate every vestige of progress women have made. We witnessed a Republican presidential primary in which the candidates opposed contraceptives and even declared that *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965), the Supreme Court decision that declared that states cannot deny *married couples* access to contraception, should be overturned. This

attack on contraception is an assault on a woman's ability to have economic independence. If you cannot control getting pregnant, you have no control over when you can work or go to school. No group, not even the National Right to Life (NRTL) or the Bush campaign, would go on the record in 2004 as opposing contraception. The same can be said for 2006, and in 2008 only fringe groups publically opposed contraception. All that changed in 2010.

Now we have a presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, on the record for supporting "personhood" laws that would define life as beginning at conception, and effectively outlaw common forms of birth control including the pill and IUDs as well as in-vitro fertilization. Romney has declared he wants to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and has also promised to expand on

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## Endorsements:

### Targeted Races

#### CONGRESS

*(We are using our limited space to highlight highly contested race. See our Voting Guide page for the comprehensive list of endorsed candidates.)*

**Nita Lowey (CD 17)** who is one of our staunchest pro-choice leaders is being challenged by an anti-choice self-financed opponent who calls extremist Paul Ryan *his hero*. **Choice Matters stands with Lowey!**

**Sean Patrick Maloney (CD 18)** is a strong ally of all pro-choice groups and coalitions. Maloney is challenging Nan Hayworth who lied to New York's residents to get elected in 2010. Hayworth ran on a pro-choice platform, but once elected, turned around and pursued an anti-choice extremist agenda. She is loved by the National Right to Life Party for co-sponsoring and voting for their bills, including the *Let Women Die Act*. **Join with Choice Matters and elect a pro-choice advocate in CD 18 - Sean Patrick Maloney.**

### Four Critical State Races

#### THE STATE SENATE

**George Latimer (SD 37)** is running for the open seat being vacated by retiring pro-choice Senator Suzie Openheimer. Latimer has worked to advance a reproductive health and rights agenda in the Assembly since 2004 – including sponsoring the Reproductive Health Act and voting to ensure women have access to emergency contraception. As an Assemblyman and former Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Latimer has been an outspoken advocate for legislation that ensures access to vital health care services for women. In contrast, his opponent is anti-choice, refusing to stand up for even the most basic of needs, safe access to reproductive health clinics. **Latimer has earned Choice Matters' endorsement.**

**Justin Wagner (SD 40)** is a strong voice for women's reproductive health. Wagner is seeking to unseat Greg Ball. Ball, renowned for his extremist positions. Ball has a 100% anti-choice record, is endorsed by the Right to Life PAC, and opposes the Reproductive Health Act. Ball opposes abortion even in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Wagner, in sharp contrast, understands that the right to choose is a fundamental right of all women. **Choice Matters is excited to support pro-choice Justin Wagner.**

#### THE STATE ASSEMBLY

**David Buchwald (AD 93)** is a White Plains City Councilman and a strong voice for women's reproductive health. In contrast, his opponent, Bob Castelli puts religion above 21st century medical practices and the protection of women's health and safety in legislative decision-making. Opponent Castelli opposes the Reproductive Health Act, supports limiting abortion procedures available to women, and has voted to eliminate funding for women's reproductive care. **We need David Buchwald in Albany!**

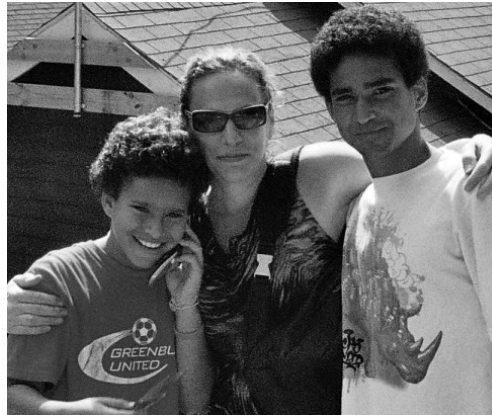
**Andrew Falk (AD 94)** is a strong pro-choice advocate running to unseat an opponent, Stephen Katz, who is waging his own personal war on women. Opponent Katz introduced a bill to defund Planned Parenthood, opposes the Reproductive Health Act, voted against domestic violence legislation that would have protected victims against repeat victimization, and more. Katz is endorsed by the Right to Life PAC and has a 100% anti-choice voting record. **Choice Matters is excited to endorse Andrew Falk!**

# A Few Salient Points

by Catherine Lederer-Plaskett  
President/Chair of the Board

1 Thank you to all who helped us get out this voting guide. Your support was heartfelt. Hopefully it will help us move mountains on Election Day.

2. Sadly, we have witnessed the demise of New York's Rockefeller Republicans. It was a brand that was fiscally conservative on some issues, but not Choice. It was Governor Rockefeller who vetoed the State Legislature's attempt to outlaw abortion in New York. Today it seems Westchester's Republicans are aligning themselves with the far right agenda coming out of Washington. This is the first



time that I can recall that we have not endorsed a Republican candidate. Being a non-partisan organization, Choice Matters finds this very troubling.

3. 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. The Act won't see the light of day because the Republican 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 must pass the Reproductive Health Act.

4. Choice Matters needs your help to keep going. If everyone who reads this guide simply sent us \$10, we would not have to ask anyone for another dime all year. These have been very lean years. Please make a contribution so that we can keep on going! Every donation helps!

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the Bush-era rule permitting doctors to deny women access to contraceptives, even emergency contraception when raped.

Romney chose a running mate, Paul Ryan, who believes rape is just another "method of conception" and not *an* excuse for abortion. Ryan has a 100% approval record from the extremist group the NRTL. He proved that he believes every fetus is of greater value than the life of the woman carrying it when he co-sponsored the *Let Women Die Act* that would quite literally allow hospitals to let women die even in emergency circumstances if saving her life meant allowing her to have an abortion. Ryan also led the charge on defunding Planned Parenthood and eliminating the Title X family planning program.

What is truly frightening is that Westchester has two candidates, Nan Hayworth and Joe Carvin, who are on the record heralding Paul Ryan as "a teacher and mentor" and "a leader with a vision." Carvin openly declared, "Paul is my hero. I'm running because Paul Ryan needs help."

Carvin, who is challenging reproductive rights champion Congresswoman Nita Lowey, wants to place the following restrictions on abortion: 1. who can have one; 2. when she can have one; and 3. how she can have it. He also is considering cutting all federal funding to Planned Parenthood even though all funding goes to preventative care like contraception and cancer screening.

Nan Hayworth who has an 80% approval rating with the NRTL, has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Paul Ryan on just about every anti-choice vote including: supporting the *Let Women Die Act*; cutting all funding to Planned Parenthood and Title X; imposing a tax on any business or individual who purchases private health plans that include abortion coverage; and permanently denying low-income women, civil servants, and military women access to abortion services, even in emergency situations.

The candidates for the New York State Legislature include the following ones that you need to really watch out for. **In the Assembly**, Stephen Katz has personally sponsored a bill to defund Planned Parenthood, and has opposed every bill supporting women's health or opposing domestic violence. His fellow assemblyman, Bob Castelli, uses religion as grounds to oppose women's reproductive rights legislation. **In the Senate**, there are two races: Incumbent anti-choice zealot Greg Ball, who is endorsed by the Right to Life Party, opposes abortion *under any circumstances* and *I'll Say Anything to Get Elected* Bob Cohen. All four of these dangerous candidates face strong pro-choice voices.

The 2012 election will determine the future of Choice for years to come. Show them the fury of a woman scorned. Vote!

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Voting Guide for Nov. 6

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# 2012 PROChoice Voting Guide

WCLA-PAC and PROChoice Voter

Our endorsed candidates are highlighted in boxes.  
Help keep abortion legal and accessible.  
Vote for endorsed candidates.

## U.S. PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

### BARACK OBAMA/JOE BIDEN\* (D,WF)

Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan® (R,C) SBA/RTL  
JILL STEIN/CHERI HONKALA (GRN)  
PETA LINDSAY/YARI OSORIO (PSL)  
Gary Johnson/James P. Gray (LBT)  
Virgil Goode/Jim Clymer (CST)

## U.S. SENATOR

### KIRSTEN E GILLIBRAND\* (D,WF,I)

Wendy Long® (R,C) SBA/RTL  
COLIA CLARK (GRN)  
John Mangelli (CSP)

## NYS SUPREME COURT JUDGES

### • 9th Judicial District:

Westchester, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess & Rockland. (Vote for 3)

### GERALD LOEHR (D,WF,I) MARIA ROSA (D,C,WF,I) SANDRA SCIORTINO (D)

John LaCava® (R,C,I)  
Noreen Calderin (R,C)  
Carl Chu (R)  
RORY LANCMAN (WF)

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURT JUDGE

### DAVID S. ZUCKERMAN (D,WF,I)

Matthew J. Troy III (R,C)

(Please note that the following are the new districts which are the result of redistricting.)

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### • District 16

Westchester County: Eastchester, parts of Greenburgh, Mamaroneck, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham, City of Rye, Scarsdale; plus parts of the Bronx.

### ELIOT ENGEL\* (D,WF)

Joseph McLaughlin (R) RTL  
JOSEPH DIAFERIA (GRN)

Key to ratings:

### ENDORSED

PRO-CHOICE, NOT ENDORSED

Anti-choice, Not Endorsed

\* Incumbent

® Former Right to Life Candidate

SBA/RTL Susan B. Anthony / Right to Life

## Choice Matters Endorsement Policy, 2012

Choice Matters' endorsements are made by its Board of Directors.

Choice Matters' endorsements are determined case by case. To be considered for endorsement, candidates must complete and return Choice Matters' questionnaire and participate in an interview if requested. All endorsements are made on a strictly non-partisan basis. The Board of Directors discusses the questionnaires, incumbents' and opponents' records, leadership, and helpfulness during the legislative session. They seek consistency between candidates' actions, interviews and questionnaire responses.

Each race is voted separately. Incumbents may be endorsed over pro-choice challengers if they have consistent voting records and have established a reputation for strong leadership and extra effort in advancing access to abortion and contraception. Non-incumbents may be endorsed if they have demonstrated leadership on the issue.

Endorsement is considered only for those who unequivocally support:

- access to abortion and contraception for all women, unimpeded by laws, restrictions, or regulations;
- strict confidentiality for all reproductive health care; and
- coverage by public and private insurance of abortion and contraception.

Judicial candidates: To be eligible for endorsement, judicial candidates must participate in an interview if requested, and neither seek nor accept the Right to Life Party nomination.

### • District 17

Westchester County: Cortlandt, parts of Greenburgh, Harrison, City of Mount Kisco, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, No. Castle, Ossining, Peekskill, Rye Town, parts of Yorktown; plus Rockland County.

### NITA LOWEY\* (D,WF)

Joe Carvin (R)  
Francis E. Morganthaler (WTP)

### • District 18

Westchester County: Bedford, Lewisboro, parts of New Castle, parts of North Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge, parts of Yorktown; plus Beacon, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie (city & town), Wappinger in Dutchess County; plus Putnam and Orange Counties.

### SEAN PATRICK MALONEY (D,WF)

Nan Hayworth\* (R,C)

## NEW YORK STATE SENATE

### • District 34

Westchester County: Pelham; plus parts of the Bronx.

### JEFFREY KLEIN\* (D,R,WF,I)

Elizabeth Perri (C)  
CARL LUNDGREN (GRN)

### • District 35

Westchester County: Greenburgh, Scarsdale, parts of New Rochelle, of White Plains and of Yonkers.

### ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS\* (D,WF,I)

### • District 36

Westchester County: Mt. Vernon; plus parts of the Bronx.

### RUTH H. THOMPSON\* (D)

Robert L. Diamond (C)

### • District 37

Westchester County: Bedford, Eastchester, Harrison, Mamaroneck, No. Castle, Rye (city & town), parts of White Plains and Yonkers.

### GEORGE S. LATIMER (D,WF)

Bob Cohen (R,C,I)

### • District 38

Westchester County: Ossining; plus Clarkstown, Orangetown, Ramapo in Rockland County.

### DAVID CARLUCCI\* (D,WF,I)

JANIS A. CASTALDI (R)

Parties: D: Democrat R: Republican  
C: Conservative WF: Working Families  
I: Independence RTL: Right to Life  
PSL: Party of Socialism and Liberation  
GRN: Green LBT: Libertarian CST: Constitution  
CSP: Common Sense WTP: We the People

### • District 40

Westchester County: Cortlandt, Lewisboro, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, No. Salem, Pound Ridge, Yorktown; plus Beekman, Carmel, Patterson, Pawling, Southeast in Putnam County.

### JUSTIN R. WAGNER (D,WF,GRN)

Gregory R. Ball®\* (R,C,I) SBA/RTL

## NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

### • District 88

Westchester County: Eastchester, parts of New Rochelle, Pelham, Scarsdale, parts of White Plains.

### AMY R. PAULIN\* (D,WF,I)

### • District 89

Westchester County: Mt. Vernon, parts of Yonkers.

### GARY J. PRETLOW\* (D,WF,I)

Rosemary Jarosz (C)

### • District 90

Westchester County: parts of Yonkers.

### SHELLEY B. MAYER\* (D,WF,I)

### • District 91

Westchester County: Mamaroneck, parts of New Rochelle, Rye (City & Town.)

### STEVEN OTIS (D,WF,I)

William Villanova (R,C)

### • District 92

Westchester County: Greenburgh, Mt Pleasant, parts of Yonkers.

### THOMAS J. ABINANTI\* (D,WF,I)

### • District 93

Westchester County: Bedford, Harrison, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco, New Castle, No. Castle, No. Salem, parts of White Plains.

### DAVID BUCHWALD (D,WF,I)

Bob Castelli\* (R,C)

### • District 94

Westchester County: Somers, Yorkstown; plus Putnam Valley, Carmel, Southeast, Patterson in Putnam County.

### ANDREW FALK (D,WF)

Stephen Katz®\* (R,C,I) SBA/RTL

### • District 95

Westchester County: Cortlandt, Ossining, Peekskill; plus Phillipstown, Kent in Putnam County.

### SANDRA GALEF\* (D,I)

Kim Izzarelli (R,C)



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

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**THE PILL OR NOT THE PILL?  
THAT IS THE CHOICE.  
ELECTION 2012**

**The Pill or Not The Pill? That is the Choice.**

This is the first presidential election in the United States that will decide whether access to contraception will be *significantly increased or dramatically decreased*.

Keep in mind, ninety-nine percent of sexually active American women use contraception. The average American woman spends 30 years of her life trying to prevent pregnancy and only three trying to get pregnant or actually being pregnant. Contraception allows women to plan their families, to hold jobs, to go to school, and to be economically independent.

This is not a discussion about abortion; it is about the pill, IUDs, the patch, and anything and everything else a woman might use to prevent herself from becoming pregnant.

Mitt Romney, if elected, has promised: 1. To end Title X, which is the federal program that provides contraception for 5 million low-income Americans per year, preventing approximately one million unintended pregnancies each year, and saving taxpayers \$3.4 billion in costs annually that would otherwise result in Medicaid expenses for prenatal and infant care. (*Guttmacher Policy Review, Spring 2011*) 2. To "get rid" of Planned Parenthood by withdrawing all federal funding regardless of the fact that it all goes to preventive care; and 3. To remove contraceptive coverage from Obamacare even if he can't overturn the entire Affordable Health Care Act.

Romney will be stripping millions of their access to contraceptives. (And we haven't even touched on the impact he would have on the Supreme Court.)

Family planning is essential, especially in bad economic times. Statistics have shown that during this economic cycle more women are using long-term contraceptive methods.

On November 6th, your vote will be determine the future for women.

**REMINDER: Say NO! DON'T Vote on the Conservative Party Line!**

The [Right to Life Party (RTL)] has joined forces with the Conservative Party. President of Westchester Right to Life Party, Liz Costanzo, said, 'We've turned the Conservative Party back to a pro-life position. We asked our [RTL] people to register Conservative...' Like its Conservative Party brethren, the RTL is requiring its endorsed candidates to also actively oppose gay marriage.