

2026 REALTOR® VOTER GUIDE

New York State & Western New York • General Election: Tuesday, November 3

KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

This guide is educational and nonpartisan. It does not endorse or oppose any candidate. "Stated priorities" are concise summaries of positions published by the candidates or their campaigns. Members should review primary sources and independent voter information before voting.

STATEWIDE OFFICES

GOVERNOR / LT. GOVERNOR		Vote for one ticket
Kathy Hochul / Adrienne Adams (Democratic / Working Families) Affordability; universal child care; public safety; faster housing and infrastructure development; consumer protections; fundamental rights.	Bruce Blakeman / Todd Hood (Republican / Conservative / Vote Affordable) Lower taxes and costs; public safety and law enforcement; affordability; opposition to sanctuary policies; "common-sense" state leadership.	
STATE COMPTROLLER		Chief fiscal officer; audits government and manages the state pension fund
Thomas P. DiNapoli (Democratic / Working Families) Fiscal oversight; fighting waste and corruption; safeguarding pensions; taxpayer accountability; returning unclaimed funds; climate-related investment policy.	Joseph Hernandez (Republican / Conservative) More aggressive audits; pre-payment contract oversight; fraud detection; property-tax discipline; pension performance; lower investment fees; New York-focused investment opportunities.	
ATTORNEY GENERAL		New York's chief legal officer
Letitia James (Democratic / Working Families) Public safety; affordability and worker protections; consumer protection; housing rights; health care; voting and civil rights.	Saritha Komatireddy (Republican / Conservative) Crime prosecution and public safety; treatment/civil commitment for severe mental illness; investigations of homelessness spending; anti-corruption and anti-fraud enforcement.	

WESTERN NEW YORK: U.S. HOUSE

District	Candidates	Area
23	Aaron Gies (D/WF) • Nicholas Langworthy (R/C)	Parts of Erie & Niagara + Southern Tier
24	Alissa J. Ellman (D/WF) • Claudia Tenney (R/C)	Part of Niagara + Genesee/Orleans and others
26	Timothy M. Kennedy (D) • Dennis E. Hannon (R/C)	Parts of Erie & Niagara

Important: Your congressional, State Senate, Assembly and county legislative candidates depend on your home address. Page 2 shows the WNY district candidates and the best places to research them.

YOUR WNY BALLOT AT A GLANCE

District races • Judicial race • Trusted research tools

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

60: Patrick M. Gallivan (R/C)
61: Jonathan D. Rivera (D/WF)
62: Thomas E. Arida (D/WF) • Robert G. Ortt (R/C)
63: April N. McCants-Baskin (D/WF) • Geoffrey M. Szymanski (R/C)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

139: Sarah R. Wolcott (D) • Stephen M. Hawley (R/C)
140: William C. Conrad III (D/WF) • Mohammed H. Faisal (R)
141: Leah M. Halton-Pope (D)
142: Patrick B. Burke (D/WF) • Gary A. Dickson (R/C)
143: Ryan J. Taughrin (D/WF) • Patrick J. Chludzinski (R/C)
144: Donna L. Dye Sholk (D/WF) • Paul A. Bologna (R/C)
145: Nathan D. McMurray (D) • Becky Wydysh (R/C)
146: Karen M. McMahon (D) • Terence G. McGuire (R/C)
147: David J. DiPietro (R/C)
148: Joseph Sempolinski (R/C)
149: Adam L. Bojak (D/WF) • Frank M. Bogulski (R/C)
150: Thomas A. Carle (D/WF) • Andrew M. Molitor (R/C)

COUNTY CLERK & COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Local races vary by county and district. Erie County's 2026 offices include County Clerk and all 11 County Legislature seats. Niagara County members should use the Niagara County Board of Elections for their exact local ballot. Because local certifications can change, verify candidates using your county BOE/sample ballot before distribution or voting.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - 8th Judicial District • Vote for FOUR

Craig R. Bucki (D/WF) • Anne E. Joynt (D/WF) • Michael L. Amodeo (D/R/WF) • Robert N. Richardson (D/R/C) • Deanne M. Tripi (R/C) • Jonathan S. Hickey (R/C) • Robert R. Vario (C)

Judicial candidates generally do not campaign on how they would rule in specific cases. Consider professional experience, legal/judicial background, credible evaluations and biographical information.

WHERE TO GET LEGITIMATE INFORMATION

1. Start with your actual ballot. Use NYS voter lookup or your county Board of Elections to confirm your districts, poll site and candidates.
2. Verify the ballot. NYS and county Boards of Elections are the primary sources for who officially qualified.
3. Read candidates in their own words. Campaign websites explain what candidates say they support - treat them as campaign materials, not independent analysis.
4. Compare with a nonpartisan guide. VOTE411 provides address-based ballot information and candidate responses.
5. Follow the money and record. Check NYS campaign-finance disclosures; for incumbents, review voting records, sponsored legislation, audits and official actions.

Source-check: Who published it? Is it a candidate statement or independent reporting? Is it current? Can the claim be verified in an official record?



NYS VOTER LOOKUP



VOTE411



NYS CERTIFIED BALLOTS

County election offices:
elections.erie.gov
elections.niagaracounty.gov

Campaign finance:
publicreporting.elections.ny.gov

ABOUT THIS GUIDE: Candidate names/party lines are based on the New York State Board of Elections' amended certification dated October 7, 2026. Statewide priority summaries are paraphrased from official campaign materials. Local candidate listings should always be rechecked against county election materials because ballot certifications may be amended. D = Democratic • R = Republican • C = Conservative • WF = Working Families.