



2011 Election Report

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New York State

NYS 9th Congressional District: Parts of Brooklyn and Queens

Seat vacated when Anthony Weiner resigned.

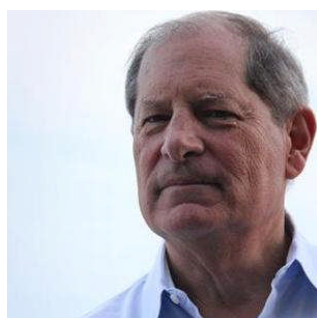
David Weprin



David Weprin has received the Democratic Party nomination as well as the Working Families Party and the Independence Party nominations. Weprin served as New York City Council member from 2001-2008. For the majority of his tenure in City Council he served as the Chair of the Finance Committee. In 2009 he ran for New York City Comptroller but was unsuccessful. Weprin was elected to the NYS Assembly (District 24) through a special election in 2010. On his website, Weprin highlights his efforts to strengthen rent regulations for tenants and ethics reform. He voted to pass \$400 million in tax cuts for homeowners and condo owners and voted against term limits and congestion pricing.

If elected to Congress, Weprin plans to introduce a jobs plan that reduces taxes for small businesses, improves lending, and helps entrepreneurs expand their businesses. Weprin also promises to protect Social Security and Medicare, saying “We simply can’t afford to see hospital after hospital fall victim to the reckless Medicaid cuts my opponent supports. In Congress, I will fight to protect Medicare and Medicaid from Washington Republicans’ devastating plan to end Medicare and Medicaid.”

Bob Turner



Bob Turner has received both the Republican and Conservative Party nominations. Turner spent 40 years in the television industry, getting his start founding a company which dealt with advertising. In 2003 he exited the television world to manage his own business interests, including being an owner/partner in a hotel business in Orlando Florida. He is currently on the Board of Directors of Readspeak Inc. and Liberty Imaging Inc. He serves as a trustee of pro-bono organizations such as the Achilles Track Club and Family Focus Adoption Services. In 2010 Turner ran against former Congressman Anthony Weiner and received ~40% of the vote.

If elected, Turner will aim to “create jobs, support small business, lower taxes, protect Social Security & Medicare,” and “secure America.” On his website he states “I believe the way out of the economic crisis is to cut spending, cut taxes and allow our businesses to grow. I will fight to balance the budget and dramatically reduce spending, and eliminate redundant and wasteful federal programs.” Through reducing spending and cutting taxes, Turner hopes to create an environment that will be favorable to small businesses, job creation, and reduction of federal debt.

23rd Assembly District: *Rockaways, Howard Beach, and parts of Ozone Park*
Seat vacated when Audrey Pheffer resigned to become the Queens County Clerk

Phillip Goldfeder



Phillip Goldfeder, a lifelong resident of the Rockaways, has received the Democratic, Independence and Working Families Party nominations. Goldfeder has been working in U.S. Senator Schumer's office as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs since 2009. He started his political career working as an aide to City Council, then moved on to become the Queens Director for the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit under Mayor Bloomberg. Goldfeder holds a Bachelor's Degree from Brooklyn College.

Two issues Goldfeder seeks to address are the protection of residency discounts for the Cross Bay Bridge, and unacceptable behavior by TSA agents in areas surrounding JFK airport.

Jane Deacy



Jane Deacy has received the Republican and Conservative party nominations. She is the Republican District Leader of the Far Rockaways (23rd Assembly District). She is a former New York City Police officer and also a former 4th grade teacher at St. Camillus School. Currently she works as a real estate broker. Deacy holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and Theater from the State University of New York at Old Westbury.

Jane Deacy advocates eliminating the tolls on the Crossbay Bridge to Rockaway and would aim to "bring back to the community its fair share of budget dollars from Albany".

27th District: *parts of Flushing, Kew Gardens Hills, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Richmond Hill*
Seat vacated when Nettie Mayersohn retired in March.

Michael Simanowitz



Michael Simanowitz is backed by the Democratic Party. Simanowitz has been Chief of Staff to former Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn for the past 15 years. He also serves as a member of the 107 Precinct Auxiliary Unit. He has served as a Democratic District Leader in the 27th Assembly District since 2002, and was elected Treasurer of the Queens County Democratic Organization in September, 2010. Simanowitz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Queens College.

Simanowitz is stressing improvement to the economy, education, quality of life, healthcare and a cleanup of Albany. Some things he hopes will help achieve these goals are: tax incentives so small businesses can grow and create jobs, increased funding for job-training programs, preservation of rent control laws, increased funding for after-school activities, smaller class sizes, affordable prescription drugs for seniors, expansion of programs that work like Healthy NY, increased funding for our local

firehouses and police precincts, responsible development that preserves the character of neighborhoods, increased penalties for public corruption, campaign finance reform.

Marco DeSena



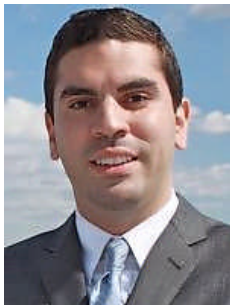
Marco DeSena has been nominated by the Republican Party. He is an adjunct professor at Baruch College and former Republican district leader. He served as senior policy and communications advisor to U.S. Senate candidate David Malpass and as deputy director of policy research and assistant speechwriter for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani’s presidential campaign. In 2006, he served as a policy analyst at the Washington, D.C.-based Free Enterprise Fund. DeSena holds a Degree in Public Affairs from Baruch College, and a Masters Degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics. DeSena states that his “approach to legislation will be: Does it make sense? Then I’ll consider it. Does it raise taxes? Then I won’t even think of considering it. It’s time to clean

up Albany and get some outsiders in there.”

54th District: *parts of Bushwick, Bed-Stuy, and East New York*

Seat vacated when Darryl Towns was appointed commissioner of New York Homes and Community Renewal

Rafael Espinal



Rafael Espinal has received backing from both the Democratic and Conservative Parties. Espinal has served as City Council Member Erik Dilan’s Chief of Staff, and is a former adult literacy teacher. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in English from Queens College. On his website, Espinal highlights finding ways to: increase funding education (especially in the areas of adult literacy, GED programs, and increasing art programs in public schools), capping property taxes, increase affordability of healthcare, and encouraging green communities.

Jesus Gonzalez



Jesus Gonzalez, a Community Organizer for Make the Road New York has received the Working Families Party nomination. Gonzalez is focusing his campaign on community. In an interview with Bushwick BK, Gonzalaz said, “In Albany I hope to continue to stand up for the things that matter for our community: access to good jobs and economic opportunity, safe and affordable housing, high quality schools, racial justice and respectful policing.” He went on to say “I will work hard to make sure that the millionaire’s tax is renewed so that we have adequate resources for education, job training and affordable housing.”

Deidra Towns



Deidra Towns is running as an Independent on her own Community First Party line. Towns currently is the Executive Vice President of Strategic Partnerships of Care and has previously worked in community relations for the Kings County District Attorney. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA. She holds a Degree in Marketing Communications from City University of New York. Towns states on her website that she “will make sure to fight so our kids receive a quality education, our seniors receive the services they need and I bring jobs and a growing economy to the people of our Community.”

73rd District: *Manhattan – Upper East Side, East Midtown, Sutton Place and Turtle Bay*
Seat vacated when Johnathan Bing was appointed as Special Deputy Superintendent of the New York Liquidation Bureau by Governor Cuomo.

Daniel Quart



Daniel Quart holds the Democratic Party and Working Families Party nominations. Quart is currently a partner at the law firm of Babchik & Young, LLP, where he specializes in contract law, labor law, and premises liability cases. Since 2009, he has partnered with Eviction Intervention Services a pro bono clinic representing tenants on the East Side who fall just above the monetary threshold for free legal services, but cannot afford an attorney. Quart is the Executive Vice President of the Lexington Democratic Club. In 2005 he unsuccessfully ran against City Council Member Jessica Lappin. He is a graduate of Binghamton University and St. John’s Law School. Quart is in favor of smaller class sizes and has previously served as a volunteer tutor for NYC Public Schools. On his website Quart promises to “work to restructure the MTA to ensure dedicated funding streams.” Other areas of emphasis are job creation through, affordable housing, and improving air quality.

Paul Niehaus



Paul Niehaus has been nominated by both the Republican and Independence Parties. Niehaus worked for various law firms in New York City before starting his own firm, Niehaus, LLP, in 2006. In the 2010 election, Niehaus ran against former Assemblymember Bing capturing 35% of the vote. He is a graduate of Princeton University and University of Chicago Law School. Issues that Niehaus lists on his website as areas of focus are: restoring fiscal sanity; creating a friendlier business environment; curing Albany’s dysfunction; improving constituent access; providing an independent voice for Manhattan; and reforming the MTA.

116th District: *Oneida County*

Seat vacated when Roann Destito was nominated by Governor Cuomo to become head of the Office of General Services

Anthony Brindisi



Anthony Brindisi has received the Democratic Party nomination. Brindisi is a member of the Utica School Board. He is also a partner at Brindisi, Murad, Brindisi, Pearlman, Julian & Pertz LLP. Brindisi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Siena College and a Law degree from Albany Law School. His website states that he is running for Assembly in order “to bring concrete reform to Albany, including fiscal responsibility and accountability.” Issues Brindisi highlights are: job creation, tax relief for middle-class families, ensuring strong public schools and fixing Albany.

Greg Johnson



Greg Johnson has received the Republican and Conservative Party nominations. Johnson is a member of the Marcy Town Council. He previously worked as an Airlines Pilot for US Airlines. In 2010 he ran for the Assembly seat against Roann Destito. Johnson’s website states that he “will fight to enact a cap on state spending to stop Albany’s out of control government spending.” He focuses on job creation for the Mohawk Valley and has released a plan that focuses on development of the region through local airports. Other areas of focus are reduction in both property and income taxes and transparency in government.

144th District: *Erie County*

Seat vacated when Sam Hoyt left to become the senior vice president for Regional Economic Development at the Empire State Development Corporation

Sean Ryan



Sean Ryan has received the Democratic Party nomination. Ryan, a lawyer, works at PUSH Buffalo, a community organization with the goals of creating affordable housing in Buffalo. Ryan is a member of the Board of Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper- a community group aimed at keeping local waters clean- and is an active member of Coalition for Economic Justice. Of his priorities Ryan has stated that, “you shouldn’t need a staff of attorneys to figure out how to help the people of Buffalo to take advantage of the benefits of state programs that are paid for by our tax money,” and that, “making these programs more accessible will be one of my top priorities.” Ryan holds degrees from Fredonia State College and Brooklyn Law School.

Sean Kipp



Sean Kipp has been nominated by the Republican and Conservative Parties. Currently, Kipp is a Sales Manager at Towne Hyundai of Orchard Park. He is a graduate of SUNY Buffalo.

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