

**NYSNA**

# **VOTER GUIDE 2016**

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**ENDORSED CANDIDATES**

# November 8 is fast approaching!

**O**ur Voter Guide provides endorsements for State Assembly and State Senate races, and for President of the United States.

This Guide lists candidates for elected office — 116 for Assembly, 43 for Senate — who have been endorsed by NYSNA. In the case of former Secretary of State Clinton, NYSNA carried out a member poll/vote in which 3,661 voted and the result was 68% for Clinton. By a solid majority members voted for Hillary Clinton and her endorsement reflects the vote of the majority of members voting. (See page 4.)

Our ability to pass safe staffing, healthcare for all and other important legislation depends on each of us doing our part to elect (and in many cases re-elect) candidates who have stood with nurses on safe staffing and will stand with us to do what's right for New Yorkers.

For easy referral, in these pages candidates are listed by region, county, and by Assembly or Senate District.

There are 18 candidates highlighted as "priority" endorsements. Each faces a particularly important race and many have gone above and

beyond to stand with us — on picket lines, at meetings with employers and wherever we've needed support. The "18" have earned our special support and deserve our votes. Please consider volunteering your time over the next several weeks to ensure their elections.

Use this Election Guide to familiarize yourself with the candidates in your district and be prepared to vote on November 8 or by absentee ballot.

Over the next few weeks, there are a few steps you can take to prepare to vote and ensure that 2017 will be the year that safe staffing finally becomes law in New York:

## **1. Register to vote / Confirm your voter registration!**

The New York State Board of Elections web site provides links for registering, checking your voter registration, changing party affiliation, district maps, and more:

**[www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov)**

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Share the link with family and friends who aren't yet registered or want to confirm that their registration is current.

**2. If you will be out of town on November 8, get your absentee ballot now!**

If you know you will not be able to get to the polls on Election Day, plan on getting an absentee ballot and making your vote count. Information on how to get an absentee ballot is available on the NYS Board of Elections web site:

**[www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov)**

Absentee ballots must be received by your county's election board no later than November 7, so plan accordingly.

**3. Plan your work schedule to ensure time to vote.**

Under New York State law, all voters registered to vote in New York State are entitled to sufficient leave time on Election Day so that they are able to vote. The law considers four consecutive hours between the hours of 6 am and 9 pm (when the polls are open in New York State) to be sufficient time to vote, either at the beginning of your shift or after the end of your shift.

If you will not have four hours in which to vote either before or after your shift, you are entitled to leave under the law so that you have a four hour window to vote. For example, if your shift is scheduled from 7 am-7:30 pm, you are entitled to leave at either the beginning or end of your shift so that you are able to vote. If your employer grants leave at the beginning of your shift, your leave would be from 7 am through 10 am so that you have the opportunity to vote between 6 am-10 am.

You must provide notice to your employer at least two days, but not more than ten days, prior to the election that you will need leave. Your employer may designate whether the leave will be at the beginning or end of your shift. Under New York State law, you are entitled to pay for at least two hours of leave time to vote. Under many of our collective bargaining agreements, you may be entitled to be paid for all of this leave time. Check your contract for more details about how to secure your voting rights.

If you wish to volunteer for a political campaign or as a poll worker, you can request time off from your employer through the usual process.





# Hillary Clinton for President

**B**acked by a large majority — 68% — in our recent membership vote concluded on October 6, Democrat Hillary Clinton has received NYSNA's endorsement for President of the United States. (See vote totals below.) Her resume, including U.S. Senator from New York and U.S. Secretary of State, sets out extensive experience. According to the Bernie Sanders campaign, "at least 80 percent" of what it wanted to achieve in terms of goals and policies has been incorporated into her platform. Clinton has pledged to implement these policies and thus received the endorsement of Senator Sanders and many of the labor unions and community and economic justice groups who previously supported him.



## Healthcare

On healthcare, Clinton pledges to expand the Affordable Care Act by letting people over 55 years old buy into Medicare and opening enrollment to families regardless of immigration status. She has said she will work to lower co-pays and deductibles and rein in prescription drug costs. Clinton promises to work to ensure that all women have access to preventive care, affordable contraception, and safe and legal abortion. She commits to doubling the funding for primary care services at community health centers, and supports President Obama's call for a near tripling of the size of the National Health Service Corps. Specifically on access to mental healthcare Clinton has committed

to parity for mental and behavioral healthcare and other significant reforms.

## Supreme Court

Against the backdrop of cases like *Friedrichs* threatening to annihilate unions, Clinton has repeatedly warned about the dangers to unions of a Donald Trump appointment to the highest court. She has spoken of the need of the Supreme Court to protect voting rights, women's reproduction rights and marriage equality and to end discrimination of the LGBT community. She has also denounced the notion that "money is speech," as in the *Citizens United* ruling.

## Education

Clinton pledges to "invest in early childhood programs like Early Head Start" to "ensure that every four-year-old in America has access to high-quality preschool in the next 10 years." Significantly, Clinton proposes to eliminate college tuition at in-state public colleges and universities for families with annual incomes up to \$125,000. Her "New College Compact" would enable millions of Americans who have student debt to refinance at lower rates.

## Criminal Justice

In her speeches, Clinton has addressed the imbalance and injustice in the current American criminal justice system and has put forward proposals to fix it, including developing national guidelines on the use of force by police officers, reforming mandatory minimum sentencing, and ending sentencing disparities that create a two-tier justice system. She would commit federal funding to training local law enforcement and end racial profiling.

## Economy

"Raising middle-class incomes is the defining economic challenge of our time," Clinton has said in the course of her campaign. She pledges to achieve a \$15/hour federal minimum wage and supports tax reform that closes loopholes. As senator, she championed the Paycheck Fairness Act and co-sponsored the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help close the wage gap so women earn equal pay. She backs a "guarantee of up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave" with "at least a two-thirds wage replacement rate for workers."

## Climate Change

In her speeches and in her platform, Clinton acknowledges the reality and science of



climate change, and recognizes its threat to our economy, national security, and our children's health and futures. She has proposals to tackle it, slashing carbon pollution at home and around the world, and building a clean energy economy in the U.S. Clinton's plans are in support of the pledge President Obama made at the Paris climate conference to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 30 percent by 2025 and put the country on a path to cut emissions more than 80 percent by 2050.

## Gun Violence

On gun violence, Clinton stands for responsible gun ownership. She supports a ban on assault weapons and supports comprehensive background checks on gun purchases, pledging to close dangerous loopholes in the current system, including internet sales. She will hold irresponsible dealers and manufacturers accountable by calling for the repeal of the law that prevents victims of gun violence from suing manufacturers and dealers, and backing punitive action against "bad-actor" dealers that knowingly supply straw purchasers and traffickers.

## A total of 3,661 members voted in the survey.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PERCENT
Hillary Clinton	2,488	68.0%
Donald Trump	808	22.1%
Gary Johnson	55	1.5%
Jill Stein	72	2.0%
No Endorsement	238	6.5%

[References: Hillary Clinton campaign speeches, platform pledges and official website]

# New York City Region

## NYS ASSEMBLY

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD23	Queens	Pheffer-Amato, Stacey (D-WFP)
AD24	Queens	Weprin, David (D-WFP)
AD25	Queens	Rozic, Nily (D-WFP)
AD26	Queens	Braunstein, Ed (D-WFP)
AD27	Queens	Simanowitz, Mike (D-WFP)
AD28	Queens	Hevesi, Andrew (D-WFP)
AD29	Queens	Hyndman, Alicia (D-WFP)
AD30	Queens	Markey, Margaret (D)
AD31	Queens	Titus, Michele (D-WFP)
AD32	Queens	Cook, Vivian (D)
AD34	Queens	DenDekker, Michael (D)
AD35	Queens	Aubry, Jeffrion (D)
AD36	Queens	Simatos, Aravella (D-WFP)
AD37	Queens	Nolan, Cathy (D-WFP)
AD38	Queens	Miller, Michael (D)
AD39	Queens	Moya, Francisco (D-WFP)
AD40	Queens	Kim, Ronald (D-WFP)
AD41	Kings	Weinstein, Helene (D-WFP)
AD42	Kings	Bichotte, Rodneyse (D-WFP)
AD43	Kings	Richardson, Diana (D-WFP)
AD44	Kings	Carroll, Robert (D-WFP)
AD45	Kings	Cymbrowitz, Steven (D-WFP)
AD46	Kings	Harris, Pamela (D-WFP)
AD47	Kings	Colton, Bill (D-WFP)
AD48	Kings	Hikind, Dov (D)
AD49	Kings	Abbate Jr., Peter (D-WFP)
AD50	Kings	Lentol, Joseph (D)
AD51	Kings	Ortiz, Felix (D)
AD52	Kings	Simon, Jo Ann (D-WFP)
AD53	Kings	Davila, Maritza (D-WFP)
AD54	Kings	Dilan, Erik Martin (D)

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD55	Kings	Walker, Latrice (D-WFP)
AD56	Kings	Wright, Tremaine (D-WFP)
AD57	Kings	Mosley, Walter (D-WFP)
AD58	Kings	Perry, N. Nick (D-WFP)
AD59	Kings	Williams, Jamie (D-WFP)
AD60	Kings	Barron, Charles (D)
AD61	Richmond	Titone, Matthew (D)
AD62	Richmond	Materna, Janine (R)
AD63	Richmond	Cusick, Michael (D)
AD65	New York	Newell, Paul (D)
AD66	New York	Glick, Deborah (D-WFP)
AD67	New York	Rosenthal, Linda (D-WFP)
AD69	New York	O'Donnell, Daniel (D)
AD70	New York	Dickens, Inez (D)
AD71	New York	Farrell Jr., Herman (Denny) (D)
AD72	New York	Linares, Guillermo (D)
AD73	New York	Quart, Dan (D-WFP)
AD74	New York	Kavanagh, Brian (D-WFP)
AD75	New York	Gottfried, Richard (D-WFP)
AD76	New York	Seawright, Rebecca (D-WFP)
AD77	Bronx	Joyner, Latoya (D-WFP)
AD78	Bronx	Rivera, Jose (D-WFP)
AD79	Bronx	Blake, Michael (D)
AD80	Bronx	Gnojaj, Mark (D)
AD81	Bronx	Dinowitz, Jeffrey (D-WFP)
AD82	Bronx	Benedetto, Michael (D)
AD83	Bronx	Heastie, Carl (D-WFP)
AD84	Bronx	Arroyo, Carmen (D)
AD85	Bronx	Crespo, Marcos (D)
AD86	Bronx	Pichardo, Victor (D-WFP)
AD87	Bronx	Sepulveda, Luis (D-WFP)



## MARISOL ALCANTARA for Senate, District 31

Marisol Alcantara is a NYSNA organizer running on the Democratic and Working Families lines for the open seat being vacated by Adriano Espaillat. She would be the first NYSNA staff member to be elected to the state legislature and the first woman of Dominican heritage elected to the Senate.

The 31st Senate District, which encompasses Washington Heights, Inwood and slivers of Harlem, is an open seat because the incumbent, Espaillat, is running for Congress

Alcantara is well-known to members at NY Presbyterian and Montefiore hospitals for her boundless energy in supporting their contract and safe staffing campaigns. If elected, she would carry the same unbridled enthusiasm to Albany and be a strong voice for quality healthcare and economic and social justice for all New York families.

Marisol Alcantara’s passion has been to educate and empower minorities, women and immigrant workers. Let’s make history on November 8 and elect one of our own to the Senate!

## NYS SENATE

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD10	Queens	Sanders, James (D-WFP)
SD11	Queens	Avella, Tony (D-IDC)
SD12	Queens	Gianaris, Mike (D-WFP)
SD13	Queens	Peralta, Jose (D-WFP)
SD14	Queens	Comrie, Leroy (D-WFP)
SD15	Queens	Addabbo, Joseph (D)
SD16	Queens	Stavisky, Toby Ann (D-WFP-I)
SD18	Kings	Dilan, Martin Malave (D)
SD19	Kings	Persaud, Roxanne (D-WFP)

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD20	Kings	Hamilton, Jesse (D)
SD21	Kings	Parker, Kevin (D-WFP)
SD22	Kings	Golden, Martin (R-C)
SD23	Kings, Richmond	Savino, Diane (D-IDC)
SD24	Richmond	Lanza, Andrew (R-C-I)
SD25	Kings	Montgomery, Velmanette (D)
SD26	Kings, New York	Squadron, Daniel (D)
SD27	New York	Hoylman, Brad (D)
SD28	New York	Krueger, Liz (D)

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD29	Bronx, New York	Serrano, Jose (D)
SD30	New York	Perkins, Bill (D-WFP)
SD31	New York	Alcantara, Marisol (D)
SD32	Bronx	Diaz, Sr., Ruben (D)
SD33	Bronx	Rivera, Gustavo (D-WFP)
SD34	Bronx, Westchester	Klein, Jeffrey (D)
SD36	Bronx, Westchester	Bailey, Jamaal (D)



# Long Island Region

## NYS ASSEMBLY

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD1	Suffolk	Thiele Jr., Fred (D-WFP-I)
AD4	Suffolk	Englebright, Steve (D-WFP)
AD5	Suffolk	Graf, Alfred (R-C-I)
AD6	Suffolk	Ramos, Phil (D-WFP-I)
AD9	Nassau, Suffolk	Saladino, Joe (R-C-I)
AD10	Suffolk	Lupinacci, Chad (R-C-I)
AD11	Suffolk	Jean-Pierre, Kimberly (D-WFP)
AD12	Suffolk	Raia, Edward (R-C-I)
AD13	Nassau	Lavine, Charles (D-WFP)
AD14	Nassau	McDonough, David (R-C)
AD15	Nassau	Montesano, Mike (R-C)
AD16	Nassau	D'urso, Anthony (D-WFP)
AD17	Nassau	McKevitt, Tom (R-C-I)
AD18	Nassau	Hooper, Earlene (D)
AD19	Nassau	Ra, Edward (R-C-I)
AD20	Nassau	Eramo, Anthony (D-WFP)
AD22	Nassau	Solages, Michaelle (D-WFP)



## TODD KAMINSKY for Senate, District 9

Long Island nurses worked hard to elect Todd Kaminsky in last spring’s special election. Despite an opponent who outspent him by a margin of 3-to-1, Kaminsky won and today gives NYSNA members credit for putting him over the top. Kaminsky was the very first beneficiary of our union’s member-to-member political action program.

A former federal prosecutor turned legislator, Kaminsky championed the safe staffing act during his time in the NYS Assembly and carried leadership on the bill to the Senate following his election last April. He needs our support this November, as he faces his first regular election against the very same opponent he narrowly defeated last spring.

Let’s ensure that Kaminsky is elected to a full two-year term so that this committed politician can continue his important work on the Senate Health, Finance, and Codes committees.

## NYS SENATE

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD4	Suffolk	Boyle, Phil (R-C-I)
SD6	Nassau	Cronin, Ryan (D-WFP)
SD7	Nassau	Haber, Adam (D-WFP)
SD8	Nassau, Suffolk	Venditto, Mike (R-C-I)
SD9	Nassau	Kaminsky, Todd (D-WFP)



## ADAM HABER for Senate, District 7

Adam Haber is running on the Democratic, Working Family Party and Women’s Equality party tickets for the open Senate seat being vacated by Republican Jack Martins.

He comes to the race with a strong business background, years of service on the Roslyn school board, and a demonstrated commitment keeping Long Island’s air and water clean. He is a strong advocate of ethics reform in state government.

Haber knows the importance of listening to nurses. He is married to an RN and, if elected, has pledged to support safe staffing, the New York Health Act, and legislation to preserve a strong public health system. A win for Haber in November would give Democrats an opportunity to retake the majority in the state senate — and open the door to passage of progressive legislation essential to New Yorkers, including a vote on the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act.

## MICHAELLE C. SOLAGES for Assembly, District 22



NYSNA members at Franklin and Syosset Hospitals know they can count on the support of Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages. She’s walked our picket lines and shown strong leadership in the Assembly on safe staffing.

Now it’s our turn to give back. Solages faces a tough re-election due to a controversial development project in District 22. She will not support the development without a community benefits agreement that protects local jobs and residents. This position has served to garner support for her Republican opponent.

The race is expected to be close, and Solages needs us to get out the vote and ensure she is re-elected to continue her Assembly leadership on safe staffing and other critical issues.

## RYAN CRONIN for Senate, District 6





# Capital/North Country Region

## NYS ASSEMBLY

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD107	Columbia, Rensselaer, Washington	McLaughlin, Steve (R-C-I)
AD109	Albany	Fahy, Patricia (D-WFP)
AD110	Albany, Schenectady	Steck, Phil (D-WFP)
AD111	Albany, Montgomery, Schenectady	Santabarbara, Angelo (D-WFP)
AD113	Saratoga, Washington	Woerner, Carrie (D)

## NYS SENATE

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD43	Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Washington	Francis, Shaun (D-WFP)
SD44	Albany, Rensselaer	Breslin, Neil (D-WFP)
SD46	Albany, Greene, Montgomery, Schenectady, Ulster	Niccoli, Sara (D-WFP)



## ASSEMBLY TRI-FECTA

### Phil Steck (D-110), Angelo Santabarbara (D-111), and Carrie Woerner (D-113)

This trio of Albany area Assemblymembers who represent neighboring districts has been unwavering in support of legislation that helps New York’s nurses, patients and families: all championed the safe staffing bill, all are sponsors of the New York Health Act, and all voted to raise the minimum wage and pass paid family leave.

Outside of the halls of the Assembly, each of these outstanding politicians has been unflinching in his or her support for Capital area nurses — walking picket lines at Ellis, Bellevue and Nathan Littauer — and in partnering with NYSNA on many of our environmental justice causes, including fighting to protect our communities and environment from the dangers of “bomb” trains. Because oil trains regularly travel through Santabarbara’s district, he recently secured additional state funding for first responders to deal with potential disasters.

The trio’s commitment to working New Yorkers has put them in the crosshairs of the business interests’ radar. Santabarbara and Woerner face particularly tough races. The 111th District is historically conservative and Republican leaning. Santabarbara has been targeted by the Right for his support of raising the minimum wage. Hospital managers are supporting his opponent because of Santabarbara’s unflinching support of the safe staffing bill. In the 113th District, Woerner faces a strong opponent with a sophisticated campaign apparatus.

Each of these three candidates was a major force in the Assembly in securing the passage of the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act. Time and again, they have been there for nurses whenever and wherever we’ve needed them! Let’s ensure they are back in the Assembly next year to continue their great work.



**PHIL STECK for Assembly, District 110**



**ANGELO SANTABARBARA for Assembly, District 111**



**SARA NICCOLI for Senate, District 46**

Democrat Sara Niccoli is challenging incumbent Republican George Amedore, Jr., a one-term Senator who is anti-choice and against safe staffing.

As executive director of the NYS Labor-Religion Coalition and Palatine Town Supervisor, Niccoli was there for members at Ellis, Bellevue Woman’s and Nathan Littauer Hospitals, helping to pull together community coalitions that led to our winning contract fights. She walked the line with us, even risking arrest on our behalf when she personally walked Nathan Littauer nurses back into the hospital following the January strike. She’s a great advocate for communities, a true believer in safe staffing, and a vocal advocate for raising the minimum wage and paid family leave.

While Palatine Town Supervisor, Niccoli demonstrated a talent for attracting people from across the political spectrum and achieving results. She needs — and deserves — our support! The 46th District is geographically large, spanning Montgomery County and continuing south through Schenectady, Albany, Greene and Ulster Counties. Volunteers are needed to spread the word on her outstanding record of reform and commitment to standing up for what’s right.



**CARRIE WOERNER for Assembly, District 113 (center)**



# Central Region

## NYS ASSEMBLY

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD116	Jefferson, St. Lawrence	Russell, Addie (D-WFP)
AD119	Herkimer, Oneida	Brindisi, Anthony (D-WFP)
AD123	Broome	Lupardo, Donna (D-WFP)
AD125	Cortland, Tompkins	Lifton, Barbara (D-WFP)
AD126	Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Onondaga	Dwire, Diane (D-WFP)
AD127	Onondaga	Stirpe, Albert (D-WFP)
AD128	Onondaga	Hunter, Pamela (D-WFP)
AD129	Onondaga	Magnarelli, Bill (D-WFP)



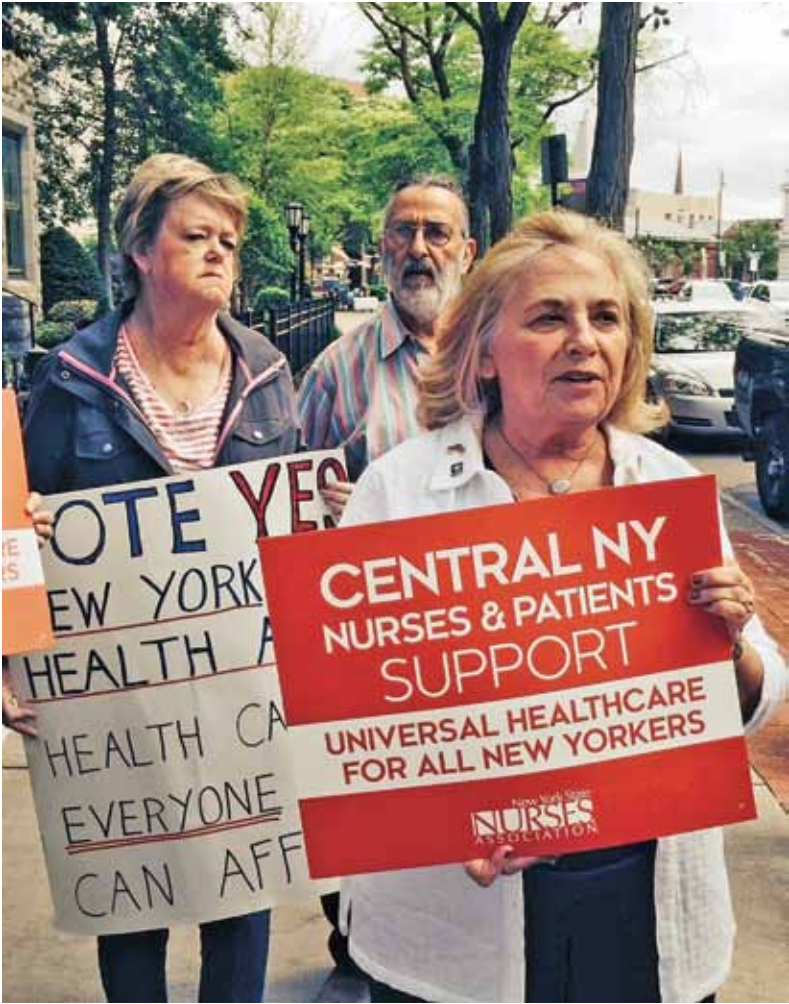
### ADDIE RUSSELL for Assembly, District 116

Samaritan Medical Center nurses in Watertown give Democrat Addie Russell considerable credit in their recent contract victory. Russell came to every picket line and maintained pressure on the hospital’s CEO until nurses got their contact in August.

Nurses at Messina Memorial Hospital also know her well. Russell was an early and vocal advocate of maintaining Messina as a public hospital and has been a strong supporter of the Enhanced Safety Net Hospital bill that will provide increased funding for five hospitals in the 116th District.

Russell is a fighter for working New Yorkers. She is critical of the pay disparity for Upstate nurses and voted to increase New York’s minimum wage, for paid family leave and in favor of the women’s equality act.

Hospital CEOs want her out. They are pouring money into the campaign of her Republican opponent, John Byrne, III — the same person who challenged her two years ago and lost by less than 100 votes. This time around, the hospitals have ensured Byrne is better financed. Nurses must fight corporate money with our voices. Volunteer to make phone calls, go door-to-door to register new voters and make sure your family and friends all vote for Addie Russell.



### DIANE DWIRE for Assembly, District 126

NYSNA members in the 126th District have an opportunity to make history on November 8 and elect one of our own to the Assembly. Diane Dwire, RN, is a retired NYSNA member and Onondaga County nurse who also served in the Army Nurse Corp.

This year she’s making her third run for the seat, which has been held by Republican William Magee since 1990. Each attempt has resulted in progressively better results, and we want 2016 to be the year that Dwire wins the seat.

Dwire is the former Onondaga County Democratic Chair and is the Assembly Democrats’ top priority for election in the region. She needs help from her NYSNA sisters and brothers to put her over the top and onto the Assembly floor where she will be a strong voice for New York patients and nurses. Do your part to ensure she gets there!





# Westchester/Hudson Valley Region

## NYS ASSEMBLY

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD88	Westchester	Paulin, Amy (D-WFP)
AD89	Westchester	Pretlow, Gary (D-WFP)
AD90	Westchester	Mayer, Shelley (D-WFP)
AD91	Westchester	Otis, Steve (D-WFP)
AD92	Westchester	Abinanti, Thomas (D-WFP)
AD93	Westchester	Buchwald, David (D-WFP)
AD95	Putnam, Westchester	Galef, Sandy (D-WFP)
AD96	Rockland	Zebrowski, Ken (D-WFP)
AD97	Rockland	Jaffee, Ellen (D-WFP)
AD98	Orange, Rockland	Brabanec, Karl (R)
AD99	Orange, Rockland	Skoufis, James (D-WFP)
AD100	Orange, Sullivan	Gunther, Aileen (D-WFP)
AD103	Dutchess, Ulster	Cahill, Kevin (D-WFP)



### CHRIS EACHUS for State Senate, District 39

Chris Eachus is running on the Democratic and Working Family Party lines to represent the 39th District, which includes parts of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. The incumbent is Republican Bill Larkin who, at 88-years old, is one of longest-serving members of the state legislature. Larkin voted against New York’s 2011 Marriage Equality Act.

Eachus was a high school science teacher and science advisor for three decades before taking on the added responsibility in 2006 of representing the town of New Windsor in the Orange County Legislature. He is a long-time member of the teachers’ union and in 2015 was awarded the Lifetime Service Award by the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation. He was also recognized for Leadership in Education by the SUNY, Orange Foundation.

When Eachus first challenged Larkin in 2012, he came within five percentage points of winning. If he is successful this November, he pledges to be a strong Senate ally on the safe staffing and single payer bills. Nearly 600 NYSNA members live in the 39th district, and we can make a difference in what is expected to be a close race.

## NYS SENATE

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD35	Westchester	Stewart-Cousins (D-WFP)
SD36	Bronx, Westchester	Bailey, Jamaal (D)
SD37	Westchester	Latimer, George (D-WFP)
SD38	Rockland, Westchester	Carlucci, David (D)
SD39	Orange, Rockland, Ulster	Eachus, Chris (D-WFP)
SD40	Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester	Murphy, Terrence (R-C-I)
SD42	Delaware, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster	Bonacic, John (R-C-I)



### TERRENCE MURPHY for State Senate, District 40

Murphy is a Republican running for his first re-election in the 40th Senate District, which includes Westchester Medical Center, and portions of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties.

He won endorsement by NYSNA, as well as CSEA, the teachers union, and the police union, for his labor-friendly positions.

Dr. Murphy is a licensed chiropractor who values nurse input: he has an active nurse advisory committee, is a sponsor of the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act, and his spouse is an RN at Northern Westchester Hospital. Let’s ensure that he is re-elected and continues his leadership on healthcare issues in the state senate.



### GEORGE LATIMER for State Senate, District 37

George Latimer has been a leader in Westchester County politics for more than 20 years, having served in the county legislature and state assembly before being elected to the NYS Senate in 2012.

He is a strong supporter of safe staffing, the New York Health Act, and environmental protections — and has always stood with nurses on our issues. State Republicans have made his defeat their primary target for maintaining the party’s majority in the state senate.

He needs our votes and support! If you live in the 37th District — which includes Bedford, Bronxville, Eastchester, Harrison, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook, Tuckahoe, White Plains and Yonkers — volunteer for his re-election campaign and be sure to vote on November 8th!

### ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS for Senate, District 35

Stewart-Cousins is running on the Democratic, Independence, and Working Family Party lines for re-election to represent the 35th Senate District, which encompasses Greenburgh, Scarsdale, and parts of Yonkers, White Plains, and New Rochelle. She was first elected to the state senate in 2006 and, in 2012, became the first female to serve as leader of the Senate Democratic Conference.



Stewart-Cousins has long been a strong supporter of NYSNA’s legislative agenda.

She is a vocal advocate for human rights, quality education and accessible, affordable healthcare. She also has taken stands to make government more efficient, demanding transparency and accountability to New York’s citizens.

If she is re-elected, and Democrats win the majority in the Senate on November 8, Stewart-Cousins would become Senate Majority Leader and would be a key person to support our legislative agenda.



# Western Region

## NYS ASSEMBLY

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
AD135	Monroe	Johns, Mark (R)
AD137	Monroe	Gantt, David (D)
AD138	Monroe	Bronson, Harry (D-WFP)
AD141	Erie	Peoples-Stokes, Crystal (D-WFP)
AD142	Erie	Kearns, Michael (D-R-C-I)
AD143	Erie	Wallace, Monica (D-WFP)
AD145	Erie, Niagara	Ceretto, John (D)
AD146	Erie, Niagara	Meyer, Steven (D-WFP)
AD149	Erie	Ryan, Sean (D-WFP)



### MONICA WALLACE for Assembly, District 143

Monica Wallace is running on the Democratic Party ticket for the open seat being vacated by Republican Angela Wozniak following sanctions for ethics violations.

Wallace spent most of her career as a public interest lawyer, speaking out on issues affecting women, children and the community overall. She is on the faculty of SUNY Buffalo Law School.

A Wallace victory would add to the Assembly’s Democratic majority. She is committed to a progressive platform that includes ethics reform, making higher education affordable for working families, and economic development. She has pledged to support safe staffing, healthcare for all, and other NYSNA legislative priorities.

## NYS SENATE

District	County(ies)	Candidate (Affiliation)
SD56	Monroe, Orleans	Robach, Joe (R-C-I)
SD60	Erie	Small, Amber (D-WFP)
SD63	Erie	Kennedy, Tim (D-WFP-I)



### AMBER SMALL for Senate, District 60

Amber Small is running on the Democratic and Working Family party tickets for the open Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Marc Panepinto.

This is her first run for elected office, and she is the first Democratic woman to ever be nominated by the party to run for Senate in Western New York.

Small has spent her career as a community activist and organizer for the Parkside Community Association, Planned Parenthood and the City of Buffalo. Her leadership and commitment have been recognized throughout the county and region by numerous civic organizations.

Her opponent, Republican Chris Jacobs, is the current Erie County Clerk. Jacobs’ family is very affluent and his campaign is receiving extensive support from local businessman and Trump surrogate Carl Paladino. Jacobs is also receiving campaign contributions from Alice Walton, matriarch of the Walmart fortune, and from charter school groups, hospital CEOs and big Tobacco.

NYSNA nurses can make a big difference in this heated race by making phone calls, knocking on doors, displaying lawn signs and voting. As Amber says, “It’s time to think big. Vote Small.”



### CRYSTAL PEOPLES-STOKES for Assembly, District 141

Crystal Peoples-Stokes has represented the 141st District since 2003, when she became the first African American woman to represent Buffalo in the Assembly. She is running for re election on the Democratic and Working Family Party tickets.

Peoples-Stokes is a strong advocate for New York patients and nurses. She sponsored the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act and the New York Health Act. She has been a steadfast supporter of Erie County Medical Center and was a strong Assembly voice in the most recent session for passage of the Enhanced Safety Net Hospital bill.

Let’s ensure she is re-elected on November 8 and can continue her important work in the Assembly Committees she serves on: Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Environmental Conservation; Health; Higher Education; and Insurance.







# NYSNA Priority Candidates

## New York City

### SENATE

Marisol Alcantara (D31)

## Hudson Valley

### SENATE

Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D35)

### SENATE

George Latimer (D37)

### SENATE

Chris Eachus (D39)

### SENATE

Terrence Murphy (D40)

## Capital Region

### SENATE

Sara Niccoli (D46)

### ASSEMBLY

Phil Steck (D110)

### ASSEMBLY

Angelo Santabarbara (D111)

### ASSEMBLY

Carrie Woerner (D113)

## Long Island

### SENATE

Ryan Cronin (D6)

### SENATE

Adam Haber (D7)

### SENATE

Todd Kaminsky (D9)

### ASSEMBLY

Michaelle Solages (D22)

## Central NY

### ASSEMBLY

Addie Russell (D116)

### ASSEMBLY

Diane Dwire (D126)

## Western NY

### SENATE

Amber Small (D60)

### ASSEMBLY

Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes (D141)

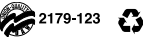
### ASSEMBLY

Monica Wallace (D143)



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