

2012



Congressional Primary

Voter Guide

by the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

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Primary Election on Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Polls open: Noon - 9 p.m.

About this Voter Guide

This Voter Guide is published by the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County to help citizens prepare to cast an informed vote. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

An interactive online version of this guide is available on the League's Vote411.org website. Enter your address to see only those races that will be on your ballot.

New Congressional Districts

Election districts have changed! The incumbent who previously represented you may change after this year, even if the incumbent is reelected. Boundary lines and district numbers have changed.

The U.S. Constitution requires that district lines be redrawn following each U.S. census to reflect changes in population.

You can find the new district lines for your Congressional district at the [2012 New York Congressional Maps](#) of the New York State Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR).

Where to Vote

Polls will be open noon – 9 p.m. on June 26, 2012. You can find your polling place for the new districts by contacting the [Saratoga County Board of Elections](#) at (518)885-2249

Voting Machines

Learn about the new voting machines in your county at Vote-NY.com.

More Information

For more information about voting, see the website of the [League of Women Voters of Saratoga County](#) or the website of the [New York State Board of Elections](#).

U.S. Senate Primary

U.S. Senator – Republican Primary

Description: New York State's junior Senator.

Candidates (choose 1):

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Wendy Long



Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Parties: Registered Republican, Candidate in June 26th Republican Primary, nominee of the NYS Conservative Party.

Campaign Web Site: www.wendylongfornewyork.com/

Education: Dartmouth College, attended Northwestern University School of Law and Harvard Law School, J.D. from Northwestern.

Experience and Qualifications: Press Secretary to U.S. Senator Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and Senator William Armstrong (R-CO), Law Clerk to Judge Ralph Winters of U.S. Court of Appeals and to Justice Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court of the United States, litigation partner at Kirkland & Ellis, Counsel and Spokesperson for the Judicial Confirmation Network (now the Judicial Crisis Network).

Key Endorsements: Ambassador John Bolton, Sean Hannity, Grover Norquist, Steve Forbes, Laura Ingraham, Citizens United, Susan B. Anthony List, Staten Island Boro President Jim Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks, Oneida County Executive Tony Picente, NY State Senators: John DeFrancisco, Hugh Farley, William Larkin, Mike Nozzolio, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and Assemblymembers: Bob Oaks, Gary Finch, Will Barclay, Annie Rabbitt, Jane Corwin, Marc Butler, Don Miller Nancy Calhoun, Ray Walter, Nicole Malliotakis.

Questions:

Q: Priorities: *What would be your top three priorities if elected? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Stopping wasteful government spending so we can rein in the deficit and shrink the national debt. Cut taxes so that small business owners have the capital needed to expand and create new jobs. Repeal Obamacare, defend the 2nd Amendment and be a U.S. Senator who believes in and defends the U.S. Constitution.

Q: Economy: *What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy and reduce unemployment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Lower taxes so that small business owners and individuals have the capital needed to reinvest in America. Cut burdensome government regulations so that businesses and individuals may grow and prosper.

Q: Energy Policy: *What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting the local and global environment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Allow the extraction of Natural Gas from Marcellus Shale, build the Keystone Pipeline, allow the exploration and extraction of gas and oil from Federal lands and from off-shore sites. Not only is this good energy policy but, also good national security and economic policy too.

Q: Money in Politics: *Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures, so that voters can determine the actual sources of funds being spent to influence federal elections? (Maximum of 250 characters)*

A: NO.

Q: Health Care: *What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Repeal Obamacare, work to lower insurance barriers between states, cut waste and theft so we can lower the cost of delivering healthcare. The solutions to high healthcare costs lies in the private sector, not in big government.

George Maragos



Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Parties: Republican

Campaign Web Site: www.maragos4ny.com

Education: B.E.E. in Engineering from McGill University. M.B.A. In Finance from Pace University.

Experience and Qualifications: 35 years of senior management experience. Vice President at two major banks. CEO of own company for 22 years.

Key Endorsements: Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Assemblyman Joe Saladino, Dave McDonough, Michael Montesano, Edward Ra, and Brian Curran, Nassau County Conservative Party, Conservative Party USA (NY), Republican Committee's in Nassau, Suffolk, Clinton, Washington, Rensselaer, Delaware, among others

Questions:

Q: Priorities: *What would be your top three priorities if elected? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: My top three priorities would be to grow the economy and reduce unemployment, work towards achieving energy independence in ten years, and improve the quality of education and make it more affordable for our families.

Q: Economy: *What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy and reduce unemployment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Lower taxes, simplify our nation's tax code and reduce the regulatory burden on our companies.

Q: Energy Policy: *What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting the local and global environment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: I would pursue developing new and alternate energy sources that are ecologically friendly.

Q: *Money in Politics: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures, so that voters can determine the actual sources of funds being spent to influence federal elections? (Maximum of 250 characters)*

A: Yes I do.

Q: *Health Care: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Repeal Obamacare, eliminate fraud and waste in Medicare and Medicaid while ensuring that American's have access to affordable health care.

Bob Turner



Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Parties: Republican

Campaign Web Site: www.TurnerforNY.com

Education: St John's University

Experience and Qualifications: Businessman who ran for Congress and won. Has the experience that can put New Yorkers back to work.

Key Endorsements: Rudy Giuliani

Questions:

Q: *Priorities: What would be your top three priorities if elected? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: The top priority for anyone serving in public office today has to be reducing debt and spending to get this economy moving again. That is what spurred me as a semi-retired private citizen to enter politics two years ago. America is borrowing 40 cents of every dollar it spends and our children will pay for it. As a father and grandfather, I cannot allow that to keep happening. I am a businessman, not a politician. I did not go to Congress to build a political career. This economy is my focus.

Q: *Economy: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy and reduce unemployment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Reduce federal spending. Simplify the tax code to create jobs and unburden taxpayers. Greatly reduce the national debt to free up more investment capital for private business growth. We know what to do, we just need leaders with the political courage to do it.

Q: *Energy Policy: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting the local and global environment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Build the Keystone pipeline. Increase onshore and offshore drilling. Begin properly-regulated natural gas drilling in New York, which will create thousands of new jobs. Continue to pursue scientific advancement in new energy technologies. In

short, do it all. And keep politics out of energy production. We need it to lower gas and oil prices and to make America self-reliant.

Q: *Money in Politics: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures, so that voters can determine the actual sources of funds being spent to influence federal elections? (Maximum of 250 characters)*

A: Yes. I believe individuals and organizations have the right to free speech, and in today's media world, that means being able to spend money on advertising. But I believe strongly in disclosure. The public deserves to know who is spending the money

Q: *Health Care: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Overturn Obamacare. It is stripping \$500 billion from Medicare and it will bankrupt the country. There are free-market solutions to healthcare costs that will work, including cross state competition among medical insurers and providers. President Obama took a complicated U.S. healthcare system and made it worse. Medical decisions should be made by doctors and patients, not Washington bureaucrats. President Obama and Senator Gillibrand forced Obacare through against the clear will of the people.

U.S. Congress - Primaries in New York

US Congress, District 21 – Republican Primary

Description: New York's 21st US Congressional District encompasses Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St.Lawrence, Warren, Washington, and parts of Herkimer and Saratoga Counties.

Candidates (choose 1):

Republicans may vote for no more than 1.

Matthew A. Doheny



Party: REP

Campaign Web Site: www.doheny4congress.com

Questions: Candidate has not responded.

Kellie A. Greene



Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Parties: Republican

Campaign Web Site: www.kelliegreene4congress.com

Education: Associates Degree in Business from Bay Path College, Bachelors of Science in Business and Logistics Management from Syracuse University, MBA in International Business from Rochester Institute of Technology, and Masters of Arts in Theology from Fuller

Theological Seminary

Experience and Qualifications: Over 20 years of professional business experience in global trade, shipping and logistics. Over 8 years of political activism experience and campaign experience with other candidates for various offices.

Key Endorsements: The only endorsement that I seek is that of the voters!

Questions:

Q: Priorities: *What would be your top three priorities if elected? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: 1. Economy and Jobs 2. National Debt and Deficit and restoring fiscal sanity and control to our government including sound reform of entitlements and returning to limited government and the principles of the constitution 3. National Security/Border Security/Illegal Immigration

Q: Economy: *What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy and reduce unemployment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: First, we need to reduce or eliminate the corporate tax rates and burdensome regulations that businesses face. We also need to get rid of the IRS and go to a flat tax and simpler code for all American's and businesses. Second, we need to really look at our export policies as well as our import policies as there are a lot of missed opportunities. We need to focus on smart infrastructure development and not just building roads - we have ports and rail that need to be better utilized.

Q: Energy Policy: *What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting the local and global environment? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: We have an enormous amount of natural resources in the United States that can be safely accessed in environmentally friendly ways. We need to be utilizing our oil, natural gas, coal and other resources. We can do this safely and it is imperative that we become energy independent.

Q: Money in Politics: *Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures, so that voters can determine the actual sources of funds being spent to influence federal elections? (Maximum of 250 characters)*

A: Yes, I do. However, in general campaigns have become wasteful in spending and when any candidate or group spends excessively, I think we need to ask ourselves if they will be fiscally responsible in congress when they are wasteful in their campaigns

Q: *Health Care: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? (Maximum of 500 characters)*

A: Obamacare needs to be repealed. We need tort reform and we need open markets to buy insurance across state lines. Free market competition is a big part of the solution. The government should not be involved in health care. It is an individual right and responsibility.