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2017 LOCAL VOTER GUIDE FOR TOMPKINS COUNTY VOTERS

OFFICES, CANDIDATES, AND BALLOT PROPOSALS

NOVEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

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Who/What Tompkins County voters will be asked to vote on:

- Candidate for State Supreme Court Justice, 6th J.D.
- Candidates for the 2017 county, city, and town offices to be filled in Tompkins County
- Three New York State ballot proposals
- City of Ithaca voters will also be asked to vote on one City of Ithaca ballot proposals

Purpose of the 2017 Local Tompkins County Voter Guide and VOTE411 is to provide nonpartisan information: (Be sure to look on both sides of your ballot when you vote)

- How the proposal questions will appear on the ballot.
- The 2017 county, city and town offices to be filled in Tompkins County; whether contested or uncontested
- The candidates for each office that will appear on the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot

VOTE411.ORG: The VOTE411.org link is also on the LWVTC website (www.lwvtompkins.org) and can be accessed by scrolling to the bottom of the Home Page and clicking on the link. **State and local ballot propositions, candidate responses to the contact/biographical and general questions mailed to them, and other voting and election information can be found there.** If a candidate chose not to reply by the deadline, their name and the office that they are running for will be listed with the notation “no response by deadline;” candidate responses to questions received should appear the week of October 10th.

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2017 OFFICES AND CANDIDATE

2017 Offices to be Filled in Tompkins County and Candidates that will appear on the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot

Source of Information: The 2017 Tompkins County Board of Elections Designating Petitions, Caucus Nominations, Primary results, and Independent Nominations* filed. Thank you to the Commissioners and Staff for their assistance.

State Supreme Court Justice, 6th J.D. (14 year term; vote for one)

Uncontested: One Candidate Running – Jeffrey A. Tait Republican

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICTS 01-14

Uncontested: Candidates for Districts 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 are running unopposed.

Contested: Contested elections include Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, and 14 with two candidates running for one office in each district.

District 1: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Leslyn McBean-Clairborne Democratic, Working Families

District 2: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Anna R. Kelles Democratic, Working Families

District 3: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Henry Granison Democratic
- Carolina Osorio Gil Working Families*

District 4: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Rich John Democratic, Bridge Builders*
- Reed Steberger [withdrew; Note: will be on the ballot - Working Families party line]

District 5: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Anne Koreman Democratic, Working Families
- Keith Hannon Independence, Cayuga United*

District 6: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Michael J. Sigler Republican, Independence
- Mike Koplinka-Loehr Democratic, Working Families; Lansing Lighthouse*

District 7: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Dan Klein Democratic

District 8: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- David M. McKenna Republican, Independence

District 9: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Glenn Morey Republican

District 10: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Deborah Dawson Democratic, Working Families

District 11: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Shawna Black Democratic, Working Families

District 12: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Amanda K. Champion Democratic, Working Families
- Jennifer L. Karius Freedom and Equity*

District 13: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Martha O. Robertson Democratic, Working Families, Protecting Dryden*

District 14: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term.

- Michael E. Lane Democratic, Protecting Dryden*
- Nathan N. Busby Republican, Independence

CITY OF ITHACA

City of Ithaca – Alderperson – Wards 1-5

Uncontested: Candidates for Alderperson for Wards 2, 3, 4, and Ward 5 (4 year term) are running unopposed.

Contested: Three candidates are running for one office for Alderperson for Wards 1.

Three candidates are running for one office for Alderperson for Ward 5 (to fill a 2 year term).

Alderperson – Ward 1: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term

- Cynthia L. Brock Democratic, Working Families
- James T. Lukasavage Ithaca New Cynics*
- Anthony J. Hayton Operation West Hill

Alderperson – Ward 2: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term

- Seph Murtagh Democratic, Working Families

Alderperson – Ward 3: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term

- Donna Fleming Democratic

Alderperson – Ward 4: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term

- Graham S. Kerslick Democratic

Alderperson – Ward 5: Vote for one candidate for a four-year term

- Deborah A. Mohlenhoff Democratic

Alderperson – Ward 5: Vote for one candidate to fill a two-year term

- Laura A. Lewis Democratic, Neighborhood Partners*
- Aryeal Jackson Representation*
- Melissa A. Hall Fall Creek Voice*

TOWN OF CAROLINE – Two candidates for one Town Justice office; other candidates-unopposed

Town of Caroline Supervisor: Vote for one candidate for a two-year term.

- Mark C. Witmer Democratic

Town of Caroline Town Councilperson: Vote for two councilpersons for a four-year term.

- John R. Fracchia Democratic
- Calvin C. Snow Democratic

Town of Caroline Town Justice: Vote for one Justice for a four-year term.

- Brett A. Cary Republican
- Gary Reinbolt Democratic

TOWN OF DANBY – All candidates are running unopposed.

Town of Danby Supervisor: Vote for one Supervisor for a two-year term.

- Ric Dietrich Democratic

Town of Danby Clerk: Vote for one Clerk for a two-year term.

- Pamela Goddard Democratic

Town of Danby Town Councilperson (two councilpersons for a four-year term)

- Matt Ulinski Democratic
- Jim Holahan Democratic

Town of Danby Highway Superintendent (one highway superintendent for a two-year term)

- Carl Seamon Democratic

TOWN OF DRYDEN

Uncontested: The Highway Superintendent candidate is running unopposed

Contested: Two candidates are running for the office of Supervisor and four candidates are running for two Councilperson offices.

Town of Dryden Supervisor: Vote for one Supervisor for a two-year term.

- Bruno P. Schickel Republican, Independence
- Jason Leifer Democratic, Protecting Dryden*

Town of Dryden Town Councilperson: Vote for two councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Don Scutt Republican, Independence
- Joseph F. Osmeloski Republican, Independence
- Kathy D. Servoss Democratic, Protecting Dryden*
- Dan Lamb Democratic, Protecting Dryden*

Town of Dryden Highway Superintendent: Vote for one highway superintendent for a four-year term.

- Richard J. Young, Jr. Democratic, Republican, Independence, Protecting Dryden*

TOWN OF ENFIELD – All candidates are running unopposed.

Town of Enfield Supervisor: Vote for one Town Supervisor for a two-year term.

- Beth McGee Democratic, Enfield Community Values*

Town of Enfield Town Clerk: Vote for one Town Clerk for a two-year term.

- Alice M. Linton Democratic, Republican

Town of Enfield Town Councilperson: Vote for two Councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Virginia Bryant Democratic, Enfield Community Values*
- Mimi Mehaffey Democratic, Enfield Community Values*

Town of Enfield Town Councilperson: Vote for one Councilperson to fill a two-year term.

- Rebecca Sims Democratic, Enfield Community Values*

Town of Enfield Town Justice: Vote for one Justice for a four-year term.

- Betty F. Poole Democratic, Republican

Town of Enfield Highway Superintendent: Vote for one Highway Superintendent for a two-year term.

- Barry Rollins, Sr. Democratic, Republican, Enfield for Common Sense*

TOWN OF GROTON

Uncontested: Candidates for the office of Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are running unopposed.

Contested: Four candidates are running for two Town Councilperson offices, and two candidates are running for the office of Highway Superintendent.

Town of Groton Supervisor: Vote for one Town Supervisor for a four-year term.

- Donald F. Scheffler Republican

Town of Groton Town Clerk: Vote for one Clerk for a four-year term.

- April L. Scheffler Republican

Town of Groton Town Councilperson: Vote for two Councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Richard B. Gamel Republican
- Crystal L. Young Republican
- Kelly L. Smith Democratic
- Faith Tyler Democratic

Town of Groton Highway Superintendent: Vote for one Highway Superintendent for a four-year term.

- Richard C. Case, Jr. Republican
- Patrick M. O'Neill Let's Be Fair*

TOWN OF ITHACA – All Candidates are running unopposed.

Town of Ithaca Town Councilperson: Vote for three Councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Richard P. DePaolo Democratic
- Tee-Ann Hunter Democratic
- Patricia A. Leary Democratic, Working Families

Town of Ithaca Town Justice: Vote for one Justice for a four-year term.

- Jim Salk Democratic

TOWN OF LANSING

Contested: Four candidates are running for two Town Councilperson offices.

Town of Lansing Town Councilperson: Vote for two Councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Robert A. Cree Republican, Independence
- Doug Dake Republican, Independence
- Joseph Wetmore Democratic, Green, Lansing Lighthouse*
- Walaa Maharem-Horan Democratic, Lansing Lighthouse*

TOWN OF NEWFIELD – All Candidates are running unopposed.

Town of Newfield Town Supervisor: Vote for one Town Supervisor for a four-year term.

- Jeffrey M. Hart Republican, Independence

Town of Newfield Town Councilperson: Vote for two Councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Christine M. Laughlin Republican, Independence
- Joanne James Democratic, Better Newfield*

Town of Newfield Town Clerk: Vote for one Clerk for a four-year term.

- Karen Miller-Kenerson Democratic, Republican, Independence

Town of Newfield Highway Superintendent: Vote for one Highway Superintendent for a four-year term.

- Kevin Berggren Democratic, Republican, Independence

TOWN OF ULYSSES

Town of Ulysses:

Uncontested: Candidates for Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are running unopposed.

Contested: Two candidates are running for the one office of Highway Superintendent.

Town of Ulysses Town Supervisor: Vote for one Town Supervisor for a four-year term.

- Elizabeth G. Thomas Democratic

Town of Ulysses Town Clerk: Vote for one Town Clerk for a four year term.

- Carissa M. Parlato Democratic

Town of Ulysses Town Councilperson: Vote for two Town Councilpersons for a four-year term.

- Nancy B. Zahler Democratic
- Richard Goldman Democratic

Town of Ulysses Highway Superintendent: Vote for one Town Highway Superintendent for a four-year term)

- David G. Reynolds Republican
- Benjamin Carver Democratic

BALLOT PROPOSALS

2017 State and Local Ballot Proposals that will appear on the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot for Tompkins County Voters

NEW YORK STATE

There will be three state ballot proposals on the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot for voters to vote on.

1. Constitutional Convention Question

How the Question will appear:

Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution and amend the same?

2. Pension Forfeiture for Elected Officials Convicted of Felony Question

How the Question will appear:

Allowing the Complete or Partial Forfeiture of a Public Officer's Pension if He or She is Convicted of a Certain Type of Felony

The proposed amendment to section 7 of Article 2 of the State Constitution would allow a court to reduce or revoke the public pension of a public officer who is convicted of a felony that has a direct and actual relationship to the performance of the public officer's duties. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

3. Adirondack Park Maintenance, Construction, and Water Testing Question

How the Question will appear:

Authorizing the Use of Forest Preserve Land for Specified Purposes

The proposed amendment will create a land account with up to 250 acres of forest preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using forest preserve land to address specific public health and safety concerns; as a substitute for the land removed from the forest preserve, another 250 acres of land, will be added to the forest preserve, subject to legislative approval. The proposed amendment also will allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specified highways that cross the forest preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

CITY OF ITHACA – BALLOT PROPOSAL

There will be one municipal ballot proposal on the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot for City of Ithaca voters.

How the Question will appear:

Shall a local law be approved that would amend the Ithaca City Charter and the City of Ithaca Municipal Code to replace eleven boards, committees, commissions and councils with four new volunteer Advisory Commissions intended to empower public participation in setting City policy?