# THE WARWICK TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE VOTERS' GUIDE TO THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION



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# Election Day: Tuesday, November 5

**Early voting period:** Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, November 3 **Last day to register:** Saturday, October 26

Find early voting locations and check your registration status at voterlookup.elections.ny.gov

WHEN YOU<br/>MAKE SURE THAT YOUR MARKS ARE CLEARMARK YOUR<br/>BALLOT,<br/>REMEMBER:Image: Make Sure That your marks are clearIf you make a mistake or wish to change your vote, you may request a new<br/>BALLOT FROM A POLL WORKER.

# The Warwick Town Democratic Committee recommends that you cast your vote for the candidates below in blue.

*IMPORTANT:* Candidates may appear on more than one line. For example, on both the Democratic and Working Families lines. You may vote on any line, but vote only once per candidate.

### **President and Vice President (Vote for one)** Four-year term; Vote for **one**.

### Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz (Democratic)

O Donald J. Trump / JD Vance (Republican)

# United States Senator (Vote for one)

Six-year term; Vote for **one**.

### Kirsten E. Gillibrand (Dem.)

- O Michael D. Sapraicone (Rep.)
- O Diane Sare (LaRouche)

# State Senator - District 42

Two-year term; Vote for **one**.

## James G. Skoufis (Dem.)

- O Dorey F. Houle (Rep.)
- O Timothy Mitts (Conservative)

## **Representative in Congress - District 18** Two-year term; Vote for **one**.

- Pat Ryan (Dem.)
  - O Alison Esposito (Rep.)

Supreme Court Justice - Judicial District 9 Fourteen-year term; Vote for up to five. Colleen D. Duffy (Dem.) Brett Broge (Dem.) Kyle C. McGovern (Dem.) Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber (Dem.) Rachel E. Tanguay (Dem.)

- O Thomas Humbach (Rep.)
- O Edward R. Mevec (Rep.)
- 🔘 Karen A. Osterberg (Rep.)
- O Mark T. Starkman (Rep.)
- O Leslie Kahn (Rep.)

### Proposal number one, an Amendment

This proposal would protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. It also protects against unequal treatment based on reproductive heathcare and autonomy.



# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

# US SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# **Q:** Why is it important to vote for your U.S. senator and your representative?

It's not enough to simply elect Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. If they win the White House, they will need majorities in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to move our country forward.

The party that wins a majority of seats in the House of Representatives gets to name the Speaker of the House, and that individual has a lot of power to decide what bills get voted on and how the House conducts its business. The House is also responsible for approving the federal budget and debt limit.

Among other powers, a Senate majority grants the power to approve judges who are appointed by the President, including any Supreme Court Justices the President may name.

### **NEW YORK STATE SENATOR**

# **Q:** Why is it important to vote for your New York State Senator?

It is the duty of the person elected as state senator to represent your interests on the local level, and to introduce and vote on laws that will improve your daily life. It is important that the person you elect is in-line with your values and priorities.

As an example, our current state senator, James Skoufis, wrote and worked to pass a new state law that allows small family-owned cideries and breweries to ship their products to customers, including customers out of state. Laws like this have significant impact on local businesses here in Warwick.

### NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

# **Q:** Why are State Supreme Court Justices important? What do they do?

New York State's court terminology confuses a lot of people. In every other state (and at the federal level) the Supreme Court is the highest appellate court. In New York, that is the Court of Appeals. What New York calls a "Supreme Court Justice" in most states is known as a judge. They do not hear appeals unless named to the Appellate Division by the Governor.

# NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES (continued)

New York State Supreme Court Justices serve 14-year terms, presiding over criminal and civil cases. The 9th District includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties. They are required by law to retire at age 70, but may serve up to age 76 at the discretion of the Office of Court Administration.

# **Q:** Who are the candidates for State Supreme Court Justice in the 9th District?

Below is a summary of the ten candidates for New York State Supreme Court Justice. We have included information from the candidates' campaign websites and from the Board of Elections, specifically regarding their legal and/or judicial experience.

### Brett Broge (D) - ENDORSE

20+ years as civil and criminal trial attorney; supervising attorney for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley; chair of Orange County Democratic Committee, 2014-2022.

### Colleen D. Duffy (D) - ENDORSE

NY State Supreme Court Justice (incumbent) elected November 2010. Appointed to Appellate Division Jan 2014.

### Kyle C. McGovern (D) - ENDORSE

21 years as judge in the Village of Tarrytown; administrative law judge for Westchester County Human Rights Commission.

### Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber (D) - ENDORSE

Elected city judge in Yonkers in 2008, simultaneously served as acting Family Court judge in Westchester; elected as Family Court judge in Westchester in 2017.

### Rachel E. Tanguay (D) - ENDORSE

Has served as Rockland County Family Court judge since 2016; designated acting Supreme Court justice in 2023.

### Thomas Humbach (R) - OPPOSE

10 years as attorney in Rockland County; considered running for state Attorney General in 2018.

### Edward R. Mevec (R) - OPPOSE

34 years as an attorney; currently administrative law judge for NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (formerly NYS Division of Parole).

### Karen A. Osterberg (R) - OPPOSE

Currently serves as town judge in Minisink; ran unsuccessfully for State Supreme Court Justice in 2023.

### Mark T. Starkman (R) - OPPOSE

Attorney in New Windsor; ran unsuccessfully for State Supreme Court Justice in 2020 and 2021.

### Leslie Kahn (R) - OPPOSE

Elected Clarkstown town justice in 2021.