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# VOTERS GUIDE

## Part II ~ Candidate Information

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# Election Day 2018

**General Election – Tuesday, November 6, 2018**  
**Polls are open 6 a.m.-9 p.m.**

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## **FOR WHOM/WHAT WILL I BE VOTING IN THE 2018 ELECTION?**

In the General Election (November 6th), voters in New York State (NYS) will elect federal officials (U.S. House and Senate), statewide officials (the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and comptroller), your state senator and assemblyperson, and other officials depending on your location in the state. In the General Election, you may also be voting on local ballot proposals.

## **HOW DO I MAKE SURE I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

You can access the information online by using the Voter Registration Search facility on the NYS Board of Elections website (<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov>). Protect your right to vote by watching your mail for a card from your board of elections with the location of your polling place. If you do not receive such a card well before the election date and do not find yourself listed when using the Voter Registration Search (as above), call your local board of elections to inquire about your status.

## **DON'T KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?**

The board of elections should send you a card telling you the location of your polling place. If you do not receive it, use the online Voter Registration Search facility on the NYS Board of Elections website or call your county board of elections to verify your registration and ask about your polling place.

## **WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN I GO TO THE POLLS?**

A sample ballot should be posted. If you do not know how to use the voting machine, ask one of the election inspectors for assistance. If you are not on

the rolls at your polling place, but believe you are registered to vote, and have verified with the poll worker that you are at the correct polling place for your address, you are legally entitled to vote on an affidavit (paper) ballot. You should also ask the poll worker for advice about following up on your status. After validation by your county board of elections, your affidavit ballot will be counted. If you determine that you are in the wrong polling place, go to the correct one to vote. Be sure to bring some identification, especially if you are voting for the first time.

## **WHAT IS AN AFFIDAVIT BALLOT?**

An affidavit ballot, sometimes called a “provisional ballot” or “paper ballot,” is used when a voter’s name has been omitted from the computer-generated roll book. If you need to use one, you must swear that you are a registered voter and provide your current and previous addresses.

## **WHAT IDENTIFICATION DO I NEED TO VOTE?**

Federal law requires persons who register by mail and are voting for the first time to provide identification, either on the Voter Registration Form or in person at the polling place. Identification usually means a current NYS driver’s license or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have a current NYS driver’s license, you need to provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have either of these, you may provide a copy of a valid photo ID, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or some other government documentation that shows your name and address. It’s a good idea to bring your ID to the polls, especially if you registered by mail and are voting for the first time.

# GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

*The candidates are in the order that they will appear on the ballot.*

## Questions posed to candidates.

Responses (1,000 character limit) are printed as received with no correction of spelling, punctuation or grammar.

**1.** What will be your top three priorities if elected?

**2.** What reforms would you propose to strengthen NYS's ethics and campaign finance laws and enforcement? Please explain your answer.

**3.** NYS has one of the lowest voter participation rates in the country. What election reforms would you support to improve voter participation? Please explain your answer.

## **ANDREW CUOMO** ~ *Democratic, Working Families, Independence, Women's Equality*

**EDUCATION:** B.A., Fordham University; JD, Albany Law School **LT GOV:** Kathy Hochul **CAMPAIGN WEB SITE:** [www.andrewcuomo.com](http://www.andrewcuomo.com) **CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/andrewcuomo](http://www.facebook.com/andrewcuomo) **CAMPAIGN TWITTER:** @AndrewCuomo **CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** Governor of the State of New York

**1.** Protect New York's healthcare—including reproductive healthcare—from the federal onslaught and expand educational opportunity for all, especially New York's neediest communities. b. Expand voting rights. c. Advance commonsense gun safety.

**2.** In 2018, Governor Cuomo proposed a package of reforms, including constitutional amendments to limit outside income for members of the New York State Legislature, and to impose term limits for members of the Legislature and state-wide elected officials. He has also proposed closing the "LLC loophole"; implementing a public financing system that matches small donations with public funds; placing a \$25,000 contribution cap on "housekeeping" accounts; and requiring "bundlers" to disclose their identities.

**3.** Governor Cuomo has proposed and will continue to champion a suite of actions, including legislation, to expand voting rights and increase voter turnout through early voting, automatic voter registration, and same day voter registration. Governor Cuomo also signed an executive order to restore voting rights to individuals on parole, as well as an executive order directing every state agency to make available voter registration forms. Additionally, the Governor created the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles' online registration portal in 2012, registering more than one million people to vote to date, including more than 450,000 first-time voters.

## **MARC MOLINARO** ~ *Republican, Conservative, Reform*

**EDUCATION:** Dutchess Community College **LT GOV:** Julie Killian **CAMPAIGN WEB SITE:** [www.molinarofornny.com](http://www.molinarofornny.com) **CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/MarcMolinaroNY](http://www.facebook.com/MarcMolinaroNY) **CAMPAIGN TWITTER:** @marcmolinaro **CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** County Executive, Dutchess County, New York

**1. CUT TAXES & STIMULATE JOB GROWTH** I have a real plan to reduce property taxes by nearly 30%. The Empire State Freedom Plan is a historic tax reduction plan, that will make New York more affordable for all. The plan includes a state takeover of Medicaid ensuring the state pays its fair share and will end the practice of the state pushing spending down onto counties and municipalities. The plan also includes a doubling of the retirement exemption and will expand a zero tax rate to all New York manufacturers. We will also streamline NY's government making it more efficient and effective and make New York more business friendly, especially for existing and small business. By making New York more affordable, we will stop outmigration and focus on keeping our young people and families here.

**END CUOMO'S CORRUPTION** I have introduced the 2019 Albany Accountability Act (AAA) to once and for all end the corruption that plagues and embarrasses our state government. The AAA will enact term limits for all statewide and legislative offices. I am also committed to leading by example and will start with myself, by imposing a term limit of 2 4-year terms or eight years. The plan also abolishes cash giveaways to corporations and bans all pay-to-play donations. Most importantly we will restore honor and integrity to the Governor's Office and our state government.

# GOVERNOR CANDIDATES (CONT.)

## **MARC MOLINARO** *(cont.)*

**KEEP NEW YORKERS SAFE** I pledge to keep cop killers, sex offenders, and other violent criminals off the streets and I will end parole for cop killers. I will ensure that we have the necessary resources needed to fight and eradicate MS-13 gangs on Long Island and we will once and for all effectively tackle and end the heroine and drug epidemics that plague our communities. I am committed to repairing the fouled drinking water systems putting many of our communities at risk.

**2.** As mentioned, I have introduced the 2019 Albany Accountability Act (AAA): New York is the most corrupt state in America. It needs vibrant new leadership that's willing to do more than pay lip service to reform. Governor Cuomo lacks the commitment to see reform policies through and to free New York from the cost of corruption.

Systemic and structural failures allow bad actors to thrive in New York. They incentivize corrupt behavior. That is why we have introduced a bold, new and far-reaching proposal that will make New Yorkers #believeagain in their State government. The "2019 Albany Accountability Act" is organized around five central goals to restore trust between New Yorkers and their elected leaders in Albany: 1. Creating a Government "of the People, by the People, and for the People" 2. Opening the Doors of Government and Providing Real Transparency 3. Taking Big Money Out of Politics 4. Holding Politicians Accountable and Providing for Independent Oversight 5. Rethinking and Rightsizing our Economic Development Programs

**3.** When politicians are more interested in self-service than public service, people lose their faith in government. To improve voter participation let's first concentrate on achieving the most glaringly necessary reforms. First, we must establish a single uniform primary voting date for federal, state and local elections. At the same time, we must commit to universally accessible polling sites and uniform hours of voting - upstate and downstate as well the number of hours open for the primary and general elections. In the context of other reforms, we must commit to update and maintain an accurate statewide database of voters and confirmation of residency. I also support the concept of early voting, but believe that it must go hand in hand with resources allocated to allow the Board of Elections offices, across New York, to process and handle these submissions.

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## **HOWIE HAWKINS** ~ *Green*

**EDUCATION:** Dartmouth College **LT GOV:** Jia Lee **CAMPAIGN WEB SITE:** [www.howiehawkins.org](http://www.howiehawkins.org) **CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/HawkinsforNYGovernor](http://www.facebook.com/HawkinsforNYGovernor) **CAMPAIGN TWITTER:** @HowieHawkins **CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** Retired UPS

**1.** (1) 100% Clean Energy and Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030: Enact the New York Off Fossil Fuels Act (NY OFF: A5105A/S5908A). (2) Universal Single-Payer Health Care: Enact the New York Health Act (A4738/S4840). (3) Progressive Education Reform: Fully fund Foundation Aid for public schools; Universal pre-k and kindergarten; Tuition-free CUNY and SUNY; Opt Out of teacher evaluations and school receiverships based on high-stakes standardized tests; Desegregate New York's most segregated schools in the nation by ending tracking and enacting controlled choice. Tracking segregates within as well as between schools. Stop rationing good education. Controlled choice means families rank their choice of schools from across the district and students are assigned to schools by combining preferences and balancing all schools by family income. This means of integration has worked well in Raleigh/Wake County NC, Cambridge MA, and many other school districts across the country.

**2.** Create a new Moreland Commission on Public Corruption. Replace JCOPE (Joint Committee on Political Ethics) with Independent Ethics Oversight which has the resources necessary to vigorously investigate and punish ethics rules violations by members of both the executive and legislative branches, no elected officials on its governing board, a five-year revolving door restriction for recent politicians and their staff members to serve as board or staff, and is subject to Freedom of Information and Open Meetings laws. Full-Time Legislature with limits on income from outside work similar to Congress. Term Limits: 2 four-year terms for executive officers, 6 two-year terms for legislators. Full Public Campaign Financing on the Clean Money model used in Arizona and Maine. Close the LLC Loop-hole. Ban Campaign Contributions from Lobbyists. Prohibit Legislative Staff from Working on Political Campaigns.



### **HOWIE HAWKINS** *(cont.)*

**3.** Make all elections competitive by making every vote count with Proportional Representation from multi-member districts for legislative bodies and Ranked-Choice Instant-Runoff Voting for single seat executive offices. End non-competitive gerrymandered districts through proportional representation from multi-member districts and replacing LATFOR (Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment) with an Independent Redistricting Commission. Same day for federal, state, and local primaries. Same-Day Registration. Make election days state holidays. Early Voting: In-person voting for a designated period before election days. No-Excuse Absentee Voting. Ballot Reform: one page for each office or ballot proposition; random ordering of candidates on each ballot; one ballot line for each candidate with all party endorsements on that line; a voter guide mailed to all registered voters with sample ballots and statements from each political party and candidate of up to 250 words.

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### **STEPHANIE MINER** ~ *Serve America Movement*

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**CAMPAIGN TWITTER:** @MinerNYS **CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** Former Syracuse Mayor

**1.** We will enact ethics reform and clean up Albany's culture of corruption by eliminating JCOPE and replacing it with an independent entity similar to a model used by the judiciary, which monitors officials and independently investigates as necessary. We will also limit outside compensation of state officials and legislators and ban anonymous campaign contributions.

Our mass transit systems, roads, water, energy and internet services are all in disrepair. We will invest in our state's crumbling infrastructure including the MTA. We will use data and evidence to drive decision-making and use our convening power to coordinate across private and public sector agencies to stretch dollars further and deliver measurable progress for residents.

We will abolish economic development programs, which are the most expensive and least effective in the country, and instead use that money to takeover the local share of Medicaid costs outside of New York City and remit those savings to property tax payers.

**2.** Our government must be less opaque and more open. We will create a truly independent commission for ethics, and strictly enforce conflict of interest policies to ensure government policy makers are focused on the public's business, and not self-enrichment. We need to re-examine the Public Meetings Law to strengthen its application of opening the process, and stop the closed-door, back room approach to budget negotiations. Additionally, I would insist on compliance with Freedom of Information Law requests and support the creation of an open database so the public could see and monitor the bidding and contracting process. All contracts for goods or services will be subject to open competitive bidding with approval and oversight by the State Comptroller. I would end the practice of designating a "preferred developer" on all state economic developer projects. I will use my appointments on the Board of Election to immediately ban donations from Limited Liability Corporations.

**3.** To reverse these trends, we need to recognize that both parties have exploited their position to create laws that favor incumbents and stifle democratic choice. We will work to get the money out of politics, and exploring a wide array of options to achieve that objective will be my first priority. I already have done this. First, I stopped accepting contributions for LLCs in 2015 and I have continued to do so with this campaign. While this makes raising money exponentially more difficult, it is to me a vital indication of my commitment to changing the political status quo. To truly restore trust in government, we need to revitalize voter participation: (1) pursue non-partisan redistricting; (2) establish vote by mail; (3) early voting; (4) no excuse absentee voting, (5) provide automatic and same day voter registration; and (6) support nonpartisan special elections for open state legislative seats.

# GOVERNOR CANDIDATES (CONT.)

## **LARRY SHARPE** ~ *Libertarian*

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**CAMPAIGN TWITTER:** @LarrySharpe **CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** Businessman

1. Economy, Taxes and Individual Rights

2. Transparency, transparency and transparency, which means simpler rules with more disclosure. Politicians should be like NASCAR drivers, all the big donors/supporters should be on their sleeves (figuratively). In addition, people should not be able to hide behind corporate entities. The individual votes, not the corporate entity.

3. Open primaries and easier ballot access. Anyone who is registered to vote, should be able to vote in primaries. Ballot access laws need to be redressed to make it easier to have more grassroots candidates. Excitement gets people to vote.

## Want to find out more?

Visit [www.VotingNewYork.org](http://www.VotingNewYork.org) to see information for all the candidates who will appear on your ballot.

Find out:

- What elections will be on your ballot,
- Where candidates stand on various issues,
- Where to vote,
- And much more!

While you're there make a plan to vote and sign up for text or email reminders to vote!

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## NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER

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### Question posed to candidates.

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Given the recent convictions related to state contract corruption, what can the Comptroller, as chief fiscal officer of the state, do to encourage sound fiscal practices?

### **THOMAS DINAPOLI** ~ *Democratic, Working Families, Independence, Women's Equality, Reform*

**EDUCATION:** B.A., Hofstra University; M.A., The New School, Management and Urban Studies

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**TWITTER:** @TomDiNapoli **CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** New York State Comptroller

I have advanced procurement reform legislation that I believe would improve oversight and accountability with regard to contracts. My Procurement Integrity Act would restore contract oversight stripped from the Comptroller's Office on certain SUNY and CUNY contracts and centralized contracts. It would strengthen ethics requirements in contracting and prohibit contracting through non-profit entities to circumvent approvals and reviews that apply to State agencies unless authorized by law.

Together with the Database of Deals legislation, these two initiatives would address many of the issues revealed in the corruption trials. The Senate passed both and I will continue to advocate for their passage in the Assembly.

Even without these reforms, my Office performs important oversight of contracts, payments and spending. We are moving forward with assessing how new data analytics tools will enhance this oversight. Our audits of State agencies and public authorities have identified hundreds of millions of dollars of waste and misuse of taxpayer dollars.

### **JONATHAN TRICHTER** ~ *Republican, Conservative*

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**CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICE OR OCCUPATION:** Investment Banker

I would revamp the Comptroller's pre-audit authority. Rather than rubberstamping contracts, I would conduct a comprehensive review of every one of them and refuse to sign off on any that weren't in the best interest of New Yorkers. The incumbent treats that responsibility as perfunctory. He has approved an MTA contract with a company facing a bribery scandal, signed off on payments to Albany legislators for non-existent jobs and authorized using tax dollars for hush money payments that were meant to keep victims of sexual harassment in Albany silent. I would put an end to that practice and to the Comptroller's rubberstamp. I'd take a private sector approach to auditing and target the biggest agencies for full forensic reviews. By contrast, the incumbent has refused to audit major problems at agencies like the MTA. Lastly, I would rein in the State's economic development boondoggles that have done nothing to create jobs and served only to reward politically connected Albany insiders.

### **MARK DUNLEA** ~ *Green*

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The State Comptroller should provide additional scrutiny to state contracts that are awarded to companies whose owners have made campaign contributions to state elected officials. We need to elect a state comptroller who is independent from the two major parties that have been the source of so much corruption in the state. The comptroller should also advocate for fair taxes in the state, such as compliance by the Governor and state lawmakers on the court rulings related to the funding of schools. The comptroller should advocate for the restoration of revenue sharing with local governments of 8% of state revenues as previously required under Sec 54 of the state finance law, rather than the 0.4% presently provided. This would be far more effective in reducing local property taxes than the Governor's so-called tax cap.

### **CRUGER GALLAUDET** ~ *Libertarian*

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The Comptroller's office has broad powers to audit and review. I would use them to the fullest to root out corruption.



# NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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## Question posed to candidates.

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1. What would be your top three priorities if elected?
2. Do you envision a more robust role for the Attorney General's office in investigating and prosecuting public corruption? Please explain your answer.

### **LETITIA JAMES** ~ *Democratic. Working Families, Independence*

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**CURRENT POSITION:** NYC Public Advocate

**1.** Protect the Economically Vulnerable: I will use all the powers at my disposal to crack down on scams against immigrants and seniors, ensure that labor law violations are enforced, and that workplace harassment and discrimination has consequences for bad actors.

Defend Civil Rights for All: The Trump Administration is not only failing to protect civil rights, but actively violating them. As Attorney General, I will take legal action against the Administration's unlawful policies and prioritize enforcement actions that protect civil rights for all New Yorkers.

Protect New Yorkers from the Trump Administration's Unlawful Actions: The Trump Administration has flouted the law at every turn, seeking to roll back generations of progress. As Attorney General, I will seek every lever of power available to challenge the Administration's unlawful actions and to protect New Yorkers from their attacks on our basic rights.

**2.** I have said repeatedly, openly and publicly that I believe the Attorney General must have the permanent power to investigate and prosecute public corruption and enforce ethics violations. As Attorney General, I will push the Governor to provide a standing referral to investigate and prosecute cases of public corruption and fight for a permanent statutory solution so that power cannot simply be taken away with the stroke of the governor's pen.

As our next Attorney General, I will use every power at my disposal to fight corruption, wherever it lies, without fear or favor. Where corruption hurts this state or its people, I will investigate and hold the perpetrators accountable whether their office is in the New York State Capitol Building, a Wall Street C-Suite, or Trump Tower. When the Attorney General's broad powers are insufficient to do the job right, I will use my decades of experience fighting for and winning real world change to expand the powers of the office.

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### **KEITH WOFFORD** ~ *Republican. Conservative*

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**CURRENT POSITION:** Attorney

**1.** Tackling political corruption. We have grown too accustomed to political scandals in New York State. If elected, I will use the full authority of the office to review contracts that harm taxpayers and go after public corruption wherever it leads. I will bring charges against those who violate public trust, regardless of their political party or title.

Job growth and economic opportunity. New York has the most hostile business climate in the nation. We need a government that supports pro-growth policies for all businesses. I have seen talent in some of New York's most underserved communities, and we need to energize that talent to grow our economy.

Fighting the opioid epidemic. The number of families affected by the opioid epidemic has exponentially increased over the past few years. We must do more to help those who are struggling with addiction. As Attorney General, I will work with local District Attorneys to investigate the distribution and manufacturing of illicit opioids and engage communities in prevention and recovery efforts.





## **KEITH WOFFORD** *(cont.)*

**2.** Yes. As New York State Attorney General, I will have the independent legal ability to investigate and prosecute government corruption without the consent of the Governor or Legislature. When elected, I will use the power granted to the office to immediately initiate an investigation into systemic corruption involving state and local government officials across the state. In courtrooms across New York State, juries have convicted government officials of bribery, extortion and other serious crimes involving billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded contracts. New York, as a sovereign State with its own police power, cannot outsource its civil or criminal law enforcement responsibilities to the federal government. From day one as New York State Attorney General, I will use every tool at my disposal to fight corruption and protect taxpayers. I intend to fulfill my constitutional duty to protect the hardworking residents of this state.

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## **MICHAEL SUSSMAN** ~ *Green*

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**1.** The three top priorities are: [a] an aggressive campaign against public corruption in our State. I view the current situation as a public disgrace. We have ceded sovereignty to prosecute major political corruption to the federal government, led by Mr. Trump. This is laughable and ironic. We need to police and safeguard our own political process. [b] Campaign finance reform; the AG should write and advocate for that legislation. My proposal is on my web site. Without this, corruption will continue to be endemic. [c] the AG's office cannot knee-jerk defend unconstitutional and illegal agency/individual conduct by those who work for the State. I will NOT waste taxpayer dollars defending indefensible lawsuits and, instead, will re-deploy the office's resources to protect public health and safety and fight corruption and consumer fraud and abuses in the private sector. Today, the AG's office abjures the federal court ordered mediation process in employment discrimination cases and stretches meritorious cases out, wasting money and prolonging victims' agony. This must stop!

**2.** Absolutely. As noted above, the status quo is untenable. We cannot depend on Donald Trump's Department of Justice to maintain the integrity of our political system. The Percoco conviction, the Silver and Skelos convictions, the Sampson conviction, the Buffalo billions trial – all these demonstrate that corruption exists at the highest levels of state government. I am the only independent candidate running with significant political and legal experience, 40 years, and am tough enough to rid the state of this nonsense. I also owe no politicians in this State for anything and, when I win this election, it will represent an earthquake in the State's politics. That earthquake will signal an end to the clubishness which has characterized so much of our processes and insulated corruption for generations.

# NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL (CONT.)



## **NANCY SLIWA** ~ *Reform*

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**1.** To Implement a Comprehensive Statewide Animal Right Policy. This policy will mandate transparency, humane policies & progressive practices and above all maximize the preservation of animal lives. Inherent in this policy is the immediate implementation in all taxpayer funded shelters a No-Kill policy. This is completely realizable with the existing shelter funding but requires a re-assessment of the current shelter system and an overhaul of the protocols that currently euthanize incoming animals in less than 72 hours. This equates to a death sentence for each every animal brought into the shelter system, a sentence imposed for no other reason than being at the wrong place at the wrong time. With over 60% of New York State residents being animal owners it is clear that the majority of people in New York value and cherish the lives of animals. And for that sentiment to not be reflected in a state as progressive as New York is a travesty to animals and people alike. Several other policies within the Animal Right agenda include a Statewide Animal Registry, implementation of existing feral cat colonies to combat the rat crisis in the boroughs (currently being combated with toxic pesticides in public places) and the creation of an independent animal welfare agency.

**2.** Combating Corruption from within the State – It is an unfortunate distinction to acknowledge but sadly New York has become the most corrupt state in the United States. In spite of periodic political grandstanding efforts there is truly no fight against corruption with the ranks of those in New York causing the most harm to its residents. While most New York politicians are calling out Donald Trump and proclaiming loudly how far they will go to oppose his actions, can the same be said of their willingness to call out the political swamp that is Albany? Hardly. When dealing with career politicians there is an inherent vested interest in not “rocking the boat” because anything that could affect a fellow politician could come back to hurt them. So New Yorkers suffer because corruption in the state goes unabated while finger pointing toward the federal government remains at an all-time high. All politics is local but by diverting away from local corruption and pointing far away everyone suffers as they are forced to go along for the ride - a ride that gives them no benefit and continues to ensure that the entrenched corrupt politicians in office continue to stay in office. This must stop NOW.

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## **CHRISTOPHER GARVEY** ~ *Libertarian*

**EDUCATION:** A.B. Columbia University, J.D. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University  
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**1.** 1. To Uphold: - the Bill of Rights, and - the Libertarian Principle: People should be free to do as they wish, except to initiate force or fraud against others or their property. 2. To Prosecute corrupt Public Officials. 3. To Overturn bad laws in Court.

**2.** Yes. NY State steals more money from its people (primarily by taxation) than any other thieving entity in NY. I shall investigate & prosecute public officials (elected & otherwise) who divert this money to themselves or to their friends. My loyalty is to the people - - not to high officials of established political parties. NY's over-regulation of its people costs the people jobs, time, and money. I would scrutinize bad regulations, laws, & enforcement for unconstitutional flaws, and work to invalidate such laws. Victims have helped me identify such bad regulations & laws. My election would encourage more victims of bad laws to tell me about more such regulations & laws. I will publicly encourage them.

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### Question posed to candidates.

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What are the most important challenges facing our country and how to propose to address them?

### **KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND** ~ *Democratic, Working Families, Independence, Women's Equality*

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As I travel the state and speak with voters the two largest concerns I hear are the high cost of healthcare and the lack of good paying jobs and income inequality. Too many New Yorkers are working more for less. I believe healthcare is a right not a privilege. We also need to get back to rewarding work in this country. Too many corporate decisions are based solely on shareholder value and not the best interest of the company's long term health, it's employees or the economy at-large. In the Senate I will advocate for Medicare of All to reduce healthcare costs and economic policies designed to reward work and promote investments in wages over stock holders dividends. I will also fight all efforts to reduce Social Security payments for seniors and any attack on Medicare and Medicaid.

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