



National Organization for Women- New York General Elections Endorsements

NOW is committed to increasing women's representation in elected office at every level and getting behind male allies who are pro-women's rights. Learn more about the pro-choice and pro-women's rights candidates that NOW New York has endorsed for the 2016 General Election.

New York State Senate



Adam Haber (D)

NYS District 7: Nassau County

[Adam Haber](#) is committed to making change in Nassau County. He is an outspoken advocate for equal pay and workplace equality for women. Mr. Haber is committed to supporting policies like paid family leave and increasing the minimum wage, while creating better educational and job opportunities for everyone.



Kaminsky (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 9: Nassau County

[State Senator Kaminsky](#) has dedicated his career to fighting for Long Island families. During his time as an Assemblyman, he led on issues important to the Long Island community, including property tax relief and government reform. Named one of *City & State's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars*, Senator Kaminsky has been recognized for his work as a US Attorney prosecuting public corruption cases.



Toby Ann Stavisky (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 16: Queens County

[State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky](#) is the first and only woman State Senator to represent Queens. She has a strong track record on NOW's issues: fighting for seniors, standing up for abortion rights, elevating and mentoring women leaders in the community, and spearheading legislation addressing campus sexual assault and domestic violence.



Roxanne Persaud (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 19: Brooklyn

[State Senator Persaud](#) spent many years as a Higher Education Administrator and has served a number of organizations that work to raise awareness of domestic violence. Senator Persaud's priorities are clear: make housing affordable again, increase funding for schools and libraries, and support services for youth and seniors.



George Latimer (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 37: Westchester

[State Senator Latimer](#) has an accomplished record in protecting the rights of the people of Westchester. Senator Latimer oversaw the passage of the legislation creating the Human Rights Commission, and he has dedicated much of his time addressing environmental issues impacting New York. He is also a strong reproductive rights ally, advocating for keeping New York pro-choice.



Terry Gipson (D)

NYS District 41: Dutchess & Putnam

[Terry Gipson](#) challenges Republican and anti-choice Senator Sue Serino to a rematch. As a former State Senator, Mr. Gipson fully supported the Women's Equality Act and the protection of *Roe v. Wade*. Dedicated to advancing women's rights, he supports bills that would require equal pay, continues to support domestic violence victims, and plans to fight for strengthening our anti-human trafficking legislation.



Sara Niccoli (D)

NYS District 46: Albany & Montgomery

[Sara Niccoli](#) is a mother, family farmer, and Town Supervisor. Having devoted her career to building community in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Niccoli currently serves as the Director of the NYS Labor-Religion Coalition, where she has successfully advocated for measures like raising the minimum wage and securing paid family leave.



Chad Putman (D)

NYS District 49: Hamilton & Saratoga

[Chad Putman](#) is a fierce advocate for not only women's rights, but the rights of LGBT people and people living in poverty. Mr. Putman understands that the student debt crisis makes college inaccessible to many, and he is pro-choice and a supporter Gender Expression Non Discrimination Act (GENDA).



Jermaine Bagnall-Graham (D)

NYS District 51: Cayuga & Cortland

As a military veteran, [Jermaine Bagnall-Graham](#) understands what it means to serve the public sector with integrity, and he is taking a stand against political corruption. An advocate for gender equality, he is committed to ending discrimination and supporting equality.



David Valesky (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 53: Syracuse & Hamilton

[State Senator Valesky](#) has a dedicated his work to job creation in Upstate NY. Senator Valesky works toward legislation that protects Senior Citizens and families.



Leslie Danks Burke (D)

NYS District 58: Tompkins

[Leslie Danks Burke](#) has been dedicated to community service and economic outreach for local businesses in the Finger Lakes. Serving on the boards of Tompkins-Cortland Community College Foundation and Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes, she is a committed advocate for women and girls as well as community members with the highest needs. Mrs. Danks Burke stands for jobs, schools, and farms, and gender equality.



Amber Small (D)

NYS District 60: Buffalo

[Amber Small](#) is an outspoken advocate for strengthening the voices of women in the government and other sectors. As Development Director of WomenElect, she helped cultivate the next generation of women leaders in Western New York. A stand-out feminist leader, gender equality in the workplace has been a priority for Ms. Small throughout her career.

New York State Assembly



Yuh-Line Niou (D)

NYS District 65: New York County (Lower Manhattan)

[Yuh-Line Niou](#) is an advocate for low income and immigrant families. An immigrant herself, Ms. Niou is at the forefront of addressing issues in the legislature where those with language barriers fall through the cracks. With a career built on advocacy and community organizing, Ms. Niou has been a passionate and effective voice for the needy and vulnerable and has a proven track record of bringing communities together to make state government work.



Deborah J. Glick (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 66: New York City (Lower Manhattan)

Serving her 13th term, [Assemblywoman Glick](#) has been a lifetime champion and leader for women's rights, advocating for the milestone Women's Health & Wellness Act and fighting to hold the line on women's reproductive healthcare in our state. Not only is she the lead sponsor on the Reproductive Health Act - to codify *Roe v. Wade* into NYS law - she is also a champion of LGBTQ+ rights, passing the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act.



Amy Paulin (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 88: Pelham, Eastchester, Scarsdale, New Rochelle, White Plains

[Assemblywoman Amy Paulin](#) has served the 88th New York Assembly District since 2011 and has been a powerful and proactive leader for women's rights with a stand-out record of effective legislation. Her diverse legislative agenda includes strong new laws on state government reform, advancing the lives and well-being of children and families, supporting victims of domestic violence, and ending sex trafficking and violence against women.



Sandy Galef (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 95: Croton-on-Hudson, Phillipstown, Kent

[Assemblywoman Sandy Galef](#)'s lifelong commitment to public service began decades ago in Westchester County. A leading advocate for legislative reform in Albany, she has championed many issues that matter to women, including advancing education, improving the environment, and advancing the rights of seniors and those with disabilities.



Diane Dwire (D)

NYS District 126: Cayuga County

As a U.S. Army Nurse Corp veteran serving the NYS Health Department for 27 years, [Ms. Dwire](#) is on the pulse of the needs of her community. Advocating for lower taxes and government spending, she will be a fighter to preserve affordability and quality of life in her district. A strong advocate for women's rights and pay equity, Ms. Dwire supports the full passage of the Women's Equality Act.



Pamela J. Hunter (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 128: Cayuga County

[Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter](#) is a native of upstate New York and a U.S. Army Veteran. Having served as the chair of Public Safety committee and on the Board of the Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, she is passionate about building a better future by creating good jobs, improving our schools and keeping our streets safe. She has also worked tirelessly for legislation that would help victims of domestic violence and provide paid family leave.



Dorothy Styk (D)

NYS District 135: Monroe County

Serving in the Monroe County Legislature, [Ms. Styk](#) is an advocate for both Paid Family Leave and Equal Pay for Equal Work. In contrast to her opponent, Ms. Styk supports increasing the minimum wage and working towards ending employment discrimination based on gender, sexuality, or reproductive health choices.



Harry Bronson (D) - Incumbent

NYS District 138: Rochester, Chili, Henrietta

[Assemblymember Harry Bronson](#)'s passion for social justice, equality, and fairness has defined his public service. He has made it a priority to fight for families, by advocating for strong anti-poverty initiatives and helping New Yorkers gain access to quality, affordable child care. Assemblymember Bronson vigorously supported increasing the minimum wage and providing 12 weeks of paid family leave in our state.



Steven Meyer (D)

NYS District 146: Amherst, Pendleton, Williamsville

[Steven Meyer](#) has a steadfast commitment to social justice reform and gender equality. An outspoken advocate for fair pay and the Women's Equality Act, he is a champion for honesty and transparency in politics. As Executive Director of the Erie County Democratic Committee, he supported quality job training and the creation of programs to expand opportunities for women and people of color.