
Ramapo Catskill Library System

Advocacy Guide 2019



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Senator David Carlucci

38th Senate District



Political Party:	Democratic
Political Philosophy:	“Work to deliver REAL results.”
Assumed Office:	January 1, 2011
Previous Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independent Democratic Conference Whip, New York State Senate• Staff Assistant in Congressman Eliot Engel's office from 2004 to 2005• Clarkstown Town Clerk for three terms
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BS, Industrial Labor Relations, Cornell University, 2002• AA, Business Administration, State University of New York, Rockland, 2000
Family:	Married to Lauren Grossberg Carlucci Two children
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Chair• Energy and Telecommunications• Health• Insurance• Investigations and Government Operations• Transportation
Priorities:	Fiscal discipline, progressive issues, “getting results and delivering for his constituents in the Hudson Valley.”
Libraries in District:	Blauvelt, Nanuet, New City, Nyack, Orangeburg, Palisades, Pearl River, Piermont, Sloatsburg, Spring Valley, Suffern, Tappan, Valley Cottage and West Nyack
Local Office:	20 South Main Street, New City, NY 10956
Local Phone:	845-623-3627
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Senator James G. Skoufis

39th Senate District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	2019
Previous Positions:	Assembly Member, New York State Assembly, 2013-2018 Member, Woodbury Town Council
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MA, Political Science, Columbia University• BA, Political Science, George Washington University (summa cum laude)
Family:	Married Hillary Stuchin in 2017
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigations and Government Operations, Chair• Agriculture• Corporations, Authorities and Commissions• Finance• Internet and Technology• Local Government• Transportation
Priorities:	During his six years in the State Assembly, James Skoufis fought for the Hudson Valley's working- and middle-classes who are often overlooked by government. He's been a champion of better schools, stronger infrastructure, and leveling the playing field.
Libraries in District:	Chester, Cornwall, Haverstraw, Highland Falls, Monroe, Montgomery, Newburgh, Pine Bush, Stony Point, Tomkins Cove, Walden, Washingtonville, Woodbury
Local Office:	1093 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553
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Senator Jen Metzger

42nd Senate District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	2019
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the Rosendale Environmental Commission• Deputy Town Supervisor• Town Councilwoman• Co-founder and Director of Citizens for Local Power• Public Affairs Coordinator for the United Nations Association
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ph.D, Political Science, Rutgers University, 2004• BA, Government, Oberlin College, 1987
Family:	Married to John Schwartz 3 Sons
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture, Chair• Domestic Animal Welfare• Education• Energy and Telecommunications• Environmental Conservation• Health• Legislative Commission on Rural Resources• Local Government• Women's Issues
Priorities:	Senator Metzger has long been a strong advocate for improving the economic well-being and quality of life of residents in the region, and ensuring that everyone has the chance to realize their full potential. Affordable, guaranteed healthcare for all, a clean energy economy that creates good local jobs, strong protection of women's reproductive health, sustaining our small farms and preserving our agricultural heritage, a strong and equitable public education system, and a government that truly represents people, not corporate donors.
Libraries in District:	Cragsmoor, Eldred, Ellenville, Fallsburg, Florida, Gardiner, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Grahamsville, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Mamakating, Middletown, Monticello, Port Jervis, Roscoe, Tuxedo Park, Wallkill, Warwick, Western Sullivan
Local Office:	201 Dolson Avenue, Suite F, Middletown, NY 10940
Local Phone:	845-344-3311
Albany Office:	198 State Street, Legislative Office Building, Room 817, Albany, NY 12247
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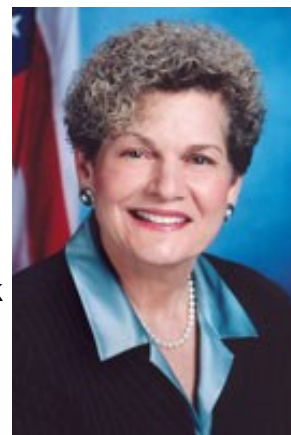
Assemblymember Kenneth Zebrowski, Jr. 96th Assembly District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	May 2007
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislator, Rockland County Legislature• Counsel with Braufotel & Frendel, LLC law firm• Partner with Zebrowski & Zebrowski PC law firm
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BA Magna Cum Laude in Political Science from State University of New York at Albany• Juris Doctor degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banks, Chair• Codes• Ethics and Guidance• Governmental Employees• Judiciary• Labor• Subcommittee on Criminal Procedure• Subcommittee on Emerging Workforce
Priorities:	<p>A reform minded legislator who has sponsored bills to ensure transparency in campaign material and co-sponsored measures to close the LLC loophole and strip corrupt public officials of their taxpayer funded pensions.</p> <p>He ensures that Rockland County is not overlooked in State Government.</p>
Libraries in District:	Haverstraw, Nanuet, New City, Nyack, Spring Valley, Valley Cottage, West Nyack
Local Office:	67 North Main Street, New City, NY 10956
Local Phone:	845-634-9791
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Assemblymember Ellen C. Jaffee

97th Assembly District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	January 1, 2006
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Legislator, District 12- New York Rockland County, 1997-2006• Candidate, New York State Assembly, District 95, 2002• Trustee, Village of Suffern, 1995-1997• Educational Consultant/Teacher, Ponoma Middle School, 1981-2002
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.A. in Education from Brooklyn College• M.S. in Special Education from Fordham University
Family:	Widow of Steven; two Children;
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Chair• Education• Environmental Conservation• Health• Mental Health• Task Force on Women's Issues• Legislative Women's Caucus
Priorities:	Full equality for women, equal pay for equal work, reproductive rights, high-quality, affordable child care for everyone who needs it and a quality education from early childhood through college.
Libraries in District:	Blauvelt, Nyack, Orangeburg, Palisades, Pearl River, Piermont, Spring Valley, Suffern, Tappan
Local Office:	1 Blue Hill Plaza, Ste. 1116, P.O. Box 1549, Pearl River, NY 10965
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Assemblymember Karl Brabenec

98th Assembly District



Political Party:	Republican
Assumed Office:	November 4, 2014
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervisor/Budget Officer, Town of Deerpark, New York, 2010-2014• Council Member, Town of Deerpark, 2008-2010• Vice Chair, New York State Young Republicans, 1999-2001
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MPA, Public Administration/Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice• BA, Political Science/History, Mount Saint Mary College
Family:	Two Children: son and daughter
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aging• Cities• Election Law• Labor• Local Governments
Priorities:	Improving the quality of life for his community by alleviating the crushing tax burden facing residents with smarter budget solutions and spending cuts
Libraries in District:	Florida, Greenwood Lake, Monroe, Port Jervis, Sloatsburg, Suffern, Tuxedo Park, Warwick
Local Office:	28 North Main Street, Suite 2, Florida, NY 10921
Local Phone:	845-544-7551
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Assemblymember Colin J. Schmitt

99th Assembly District



Political Party:	Republican, Conservative, Independence, Reform
Assumed Office:	2019
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief of Staff for the Town of New Windsor• Director of Operations for the NYS Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee for Senator Greg Ball• Member of the Army National Guard
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree in Politics with a minor in Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America, Pi Gamma Mu honors• Valley Central High School
Family:	Married wife Nikki Pagano-Schmitt in the fall of 2018
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banks• Housing• Labor• Local Governments• Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development
Priorities:	Colin J. Schmitt as Chief of Staff for the Town of New Windsor demonstrated his dedication for his community by bringing together the county, town and the private sector to secure significant economic development investments for the community. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding were procured for various town projects, including restoration of the historic New Windsor Woodlawn Cemetery and the establishment of a town tree committee and Arbor Day celebration honoring first responders and veterans. He is a member of the Army National Guard currently assigned to the 1569th Transportation Company in New Windsor, New York Army National Guard.
Libraries in District:	Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Highland Falls, Middletown, Stony Point, Tomkins Cove, Warwick, Washingtonville, Woodbury
Local Office:	11 Main Street, Chester, NY 10918
Local Phone:	845-469-6929
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Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther

100th Assembly District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	2003
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended, Liberal Arts, State University of New York, New Paltz• Graduated, Nursing, Orange County Community College
Family:	Widow of Jake, three children
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental Health, Chair• Subcommittee on Women's Health, Chair• Agriculture• Environmental Conservation• Health• Legislative Women's Caucus• Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force• Racing and Wagering• Task Force on Women's Issues
Priorities:	Increase funding for schools, fire departments, and access to health care for all New Yorkers. Worked with Governor Cuomo to lower middle class taxes and to reduce state spending.
Libraries in District:	Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Mamakating, Middletown, Monticello, Roscoe, Western Sullivan
Local Office:	18 Anawana Lake Road, Monticello, NY 12701
Local Phone:	845-794-5807
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Extra:	On March 9, 2017, Aileen was honored by <i>The River Reporter</i> with the "Best Politician Award"

Assemblymember Brian D. Miller

101st Assembly District



Political Party:	Republican, Independence
Assumed Office:	2017
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oneida County Legislator in the 16th District, 2000-2016• Bridgewater Town Supervisor
Education:	Graduated, Mohawk Valley Community College
Family:	Wife Dawn and 1 son
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture• Consumer Affairs and Protection• Environmental Conservation• Real Property Taxation• Transportation
Priorities:	Reduce taxes and unfunded mandates, overhaul the Common Core education standards, and eliminate the restraints of the SAFE Act, as well as increase employment opportunities and mental health services for veterans. To address the heroin epidemic by increasing treatment options and improving education on the dangers of opioids and heroin.
Libraries in District:	Cragsmoor, Ellenville, Grahamsville, Montgomery, Pine Bush, Walden, Walkill
Local Office:	14 Central Ave, Suite 101, P.O. Box 247, Walkill, NY 12589
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Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill

103rd Assembly District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	1992-1994, 1998-present
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minority Leader/County Legislator• Ulster County Legislature, 1986-1992
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JD, Albany Law School, 1980• BA, Political Science, SUNY New Paltz, 1977
Family:	2 children
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance, Chair• Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry• Health• Higher Education• Ways and Means
Priorities:	Forefront in the effort to providing New Yorkers with quality, affordable insurance for home, health and property; promoting renewable power generation, sustainable building practices, energy efficiency and the development of a green workforce; protecting our environment thereby preserving the beauty and natural resources of New York State for future generations; committing to higher education and providing a strong education to young people; and supporting local arts organizations.
Libraries in District:	Gardiner
Local Office:	Governor Clinton Bldg. Suite G-4, 1 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401
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Assemblymember Jonathan G. Jacobson

104th Assembly District



Political Party:	Democratic
Assumed Office:	2019
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newburgh City Councilman• Assistant Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly• Assistant New York State Attorney General• New York State Workers' Compensation Law Judge
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duke University, cum laude, with Honors in Political Science• New York Law School• Newburgh Free Academy
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities• Election Law• Insurance• Local GovernmentsSmall Business• Transportation
Priorities:	Improving his community through infrastructure repair and finding funding for the repairs, labor, protecting New Yorkers from fraudulent and illegal business practices, workers' compensation and Social Security disability.
Libraries in District:	Newburgh
Local Office:	154 North Plank Road, Suite 2, Newburgh, NY 12550
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