2026 NYSRPA Candidate Questionnaire Results

The New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRPA) has completed its 2026 Candidate Second Amendment Questionnaire process.

NYSRPA sent its questionnaire to candidates seeking public office and asked candidates to respond to 11 questions addressing the Second Amendment, firearms ownership, and federal firearms legislation. Candidates were asked to answer YES, NO, or UNDECIDED and were given the opportunity to provide additional comments or explanations.

Thank You to the Candidates

NYSRPA would like to thank every candidate who took the time to complete and return our questionnaire.

We appreciate the candidates who took the time to review the questions, provide their positions, and participate in this process. Their responses allow New York voters to see where candidates stand on important Second Amendment and firearms-related issues.

How the Ratings Were Determined

To provide a consistent process, NYSRPA established the following rating methodology based on the responses submitted by each candidate:

- A — All 11 questions answered YES
- B — 1–2 effective NO responses
- C — 3–4 effective NO responses
- D — 5 or more effective NO responses
- * — Failed to submit a questionnaire

For purposes of the questionnaire review, an UNDECIDED response without an accompanying candidate explanation or comment is treated as a NO. An UNDECIDED response accompanied by comments or an explanation is subject to additional review.

Questionnaires received after the original requested return date are also included in the review and rating process.

Our Review Process

NYSRPA has completed its final review of the questionnaire responses and ratings prior to publication.

The published results reflect the positions stated by the candidates on the questionnaire. Ratings are based on the candidates' submitted responses and NYSRPA's established rating methodology. NYSRPA does not infer a candidate's position from campaign materials, endorsements, or public statements.

Candidates who believe their questionnaire responses have been recorded incorrectly should contact NYSRPA at info@nysrpa.org so that our records can be reviewed.

2026 Candidate Ratings

The ratings below are organized by office. An asterisk (*) indicates that a candidate did not submit a questionnaire.

Governor

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Bruce Blakeman	Governor	New York State	A

Lieutenant Governor

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Todd Hood	Lieutenant Governor	New York State	A

Attorney General

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Saritha Komatireddy	Attorney General	New York State	A

Comptroller

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Joseph Hernandez	Comptroller	New York State	A

Congress

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Nicholas J. "Nick" LaLota	Congress	NY-1	A
Andrew R. Garbarino	Congress	NY-2	*
Michael J. "Mike" LiPetri Jr.	Congress	NY-3	*
Jeanine C. Driscoll	Congress	NY-4	*
George Marsh	Congress	NY-5	A
Joseph Chou	Congress	NY-6	A
Melvin Rivera	Congress	NY-7	*
Lewis Mizrahi	Congress	NY-8	*
Joel Anabilah-Azumah	Congress	NY-9	*
Jennifer E. Moore	Congress	NY-10	*
Nicole Malliotakis	Congress	NY-11	C
Caroline Shinkle	Congress	NY-12	*
Jomo Manual Williams	Congress	NY-13	*
Diamant Hysenaj	Congress	NY-14	*
Stylo Adonis Sapaskis	Congress	NY-15	*
Gonzalo Duran	Congress	NY-15	*
Joseph J. Cinquemani	Congress	NY-16	*
Michael Vincent "Mike" Lawler	Congress	NY-17	C
Jacqueline Mary "Jackie" Auringer	Congress	NY-18	A
Peter Karl Oberacker Jr.	Congress	NY-19	A
Ralph F. Ambrosio	Congress	NY-20	*
Anthony Thomas Constantino	Congress	NY-21	A
Kailee Marie Buller	Congress	NY-22	A
Nicholas A. "Nick" Langworthy	Congress	NY-23	A
Claudia Tenney	Congress	NY-24	A
Virginia E. McIntyre	Congress	NY-25	*
Dennis E. Hannon	Congress	NY-26	*

Senate

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Anthony H. Palumbo	Senate	NY Senate-1	A
Mario R. Mattera	Senate	NY Senate-2	*
Dean Murray	Senate	NY Senate-3	A
Brianne R. Wakefield	Senate	NY Senate-4	A
Steven D. Rhoads	Senate	NY Senate-5	*
Matthew Capp	Senate	NY Senate-6	*
Jacob Blumencranz	Senate	NY Senate-7	*
Jarett C. Gandolfo	Senate	NY Senate-8	*
Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick	Senate	NY Senate-9	*
John Healy	Senate	NY Senate-13	*
Steve Chan	Senate	NY Senate-17	*
Ronald Seifert	Senate	NY Senate-21	*
Nachman Caller	Senate	NY Senate-22	*
Andrew Lanza	Senate	NY Senate-24	*
Tom Stanten	Senate	NY Senate-26	*
Jason Murillo	Senate	NY Senate-27	*
Alina Bonsell	Senate	NY Senate-28	*
Adrian Romero	Senate	NY Senate-34	*
Anthony Merante	Senate	NY Senate-35	C
Grace Marrero	Senate	NY Senate-36	*
Thomas Fix Jr.	Senate	NY Senate-37	*

William Weber Jr.	Senate	NY Senate-38	*
Robert Rolison	Senate	NY Senate-39	*
Sergio Esposito	Senate	NY Senate-40	*
Patrick Sheehan	Senate	NY Senate-41	*
Jennifer R. Figueroa	Senate	NY Senate-42	*
Jake Ashby	Senate	NY Senate-43	A
James "Jim" N. Tedisco	Senate	NY Senate-44	A
Daniel G. Stec	Senate	NY Senate-45	A
Martha McHugh	Senate	NY Senate-46	A
Charlotte Friedman	Senate	NY Senate-47	*
Emily YueXin Miller	Senate	NY Senate-47	*
Mark C. Walczyk	Senate	NY Senate-49	A
James E. Corl III	Senate	NY Senate-50	A
Christopher Tague	Senate	NY Senate-51	A
Michael "Mike" S. Bolles	Senate	NY Senate-52	*
Joseph A. Griffo	Senate	NY Senate-53	A
Pamela "Pam" A. Helming	Senate	NY Senate-54	A
Chris Brown	Senate	NY Senate-55	A
Orlando J. Rivera	Senate	NY Senate-56	A
George M. Borrello	Senate	NY Senate-57	A
Thomas F. O'Mara	Senate	NY Senate-58	A
Patrick M. Gallivan	Senate	NY Senate-60	A
Robert G. Ortt	Senate	NY Senate-62	A
Geoffrey M. Szymanski	Senate	NY Senate-63	*

Assembly

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Stephen Kiely	Assembly	NY Assembly-1	*
Jodi Giglio	Assembly	NY Assembly-2	*
Joe DeStefano	Assembly	NY Assembly-3	A
William Sussman	Assembly	NY Assembly-4	A
Douglas M. Smith	Assembly	NY Assembly-5	*
Ryan S. Skelly	Assembly	NY Assembly-6	*
Dawn Marie D. Kuhn	Assembly	NY Assembly-7	*
Michael J. Fitzpatrick	Assembly	NY Assembly-8	A
Michael Durso	Assembly	NY Assembly-9	*
Tiffany LeGrow	Assembly	NY Assembly-10	*
Joseph Cardinale	Assembly	NY Assembly-11	A
David Weber	Assembly	NY Assembly-12	*
Conner Dunleavy	Assembly	NY Assembly-13	*
Shannon Fredericks	Assembly	NY Assembly-14	*
Paolo Pironi	Assembly	NY Assembly-15	*
David Hassid	Assembly	NY Assembly-16	*
John K. Mikulin	Assembly	NY Assembly-17	*
Charlene Jackson	Assembly	NY Assembly-18	A
Edward Ra	Assembly	NY Assembly-19	A
Ari Brown	Assembly	NY Assembly-20	A
Irene Villacci	Assembly	NY Assembly-21	*
Robert Inzerillo	Assembly	NY Assembly-22	*
Thomas P. Sullivan	Assembly	NY Assembly-23	A
Welson Chang	Assembly	NY Assembly-24	*
Robert Speranza	Assembly	NY Assembly-26	*
Brandon Castro	Assembly	NY Assembly-30	*
Edward Lee	Assembly	NY Assembly-36	*
Ruben Cruz II	Assembly	NY Assembly-38	*
Ramses Frias	Assembly	NY Assembly-39	*
Kalman Yeger	Assembly	NY Assembly-41	*
Herman G. Hall	Assembly	NY Assembly-42	*
Anna Shpilkovskaya	Assembly	NY Assembly-43	*
Glenn Nocera	Assembly	NY Assembly-44	*
Michael Novakhov	Assembly	NY Assembly-45	*
Alec Brook-Krasny	Assembly	NY Assembly-46	*
John Ricottone	Assembly	NY Assembly-47	*
Simcha Eichenstein	Assembly	NY Assembly-48	*
Lester Chang	Assembly	NY Assembly-49	*
Carla Danielson	Assembly	NY Assembly-51	*
Brett Wynkoop	Assembly	NY Assembly-52	*
Yolanda Allison	Assembly	NY Assembly-57	*
Norman H. Ramsey	Assembly	NY Assembly-60	*
Casey O'Connor Manasia	Assembly	NY Assembly-61	*

Michael Reilly	Assembly	NY Assembly-62	*
Samuel Pirozzolo	Assembly	NY Assembly-63	A
Michael Tannousis	Assembly	NY Assembly-64	*
Helen Qiu	Assembly	NY Assembly-65	*
Veronica Gonzalez	Assembly	NY Assembly-74	*
Christine Fontanelli	Assembly	NY Assembly-75	*
Louis Puliafito	Assembly	NY Assembly-76	*
Irene Guanill	Assembly	NY Assembly-82	*
Maria Diaz	Assembly	NY Assembly-86	*
Brandon Neider	Assembly	NY Assembly-89	*
John Isaac	Assembly	NY Assembly-90	*
Bob Welch	Assembly	NY Assembly-92	*
Braille Diaz	Assembly	NY Assembly-93	*
Matthew Slater	Assembly	NY Assembly-94	A
Brett Yagel	Assembly	NY Assembly-96	*
Abraham Klein	Assembly	NY Assembly-97	*
Karl Brabenec	Assembly	NY Assembly-98	A
Richard Vargus	Assembly	NY Assembly-99	*
Brian Maher	Assembly	NY Assembly-101	A
Marcus Molinaro	Assembly	NY Assembly-102	*
Santos Lopez	Assembly	NY Assembly-103	A
Anil Beephan Jr.	Assembly	NY Assembly-105	*
Gregory Campus	Assembly	NY Assembly-106	B
Scott Bendett	Assembly	NY Assembly-107	A
Joseph Adamo	Assembly	NY Assembly-108	*
Frank Mauriello	Assembly	NY Assembly-110	A
Nicholas Sokaris	Assembly	NY Assembly-111	A
Mary Beth Walsh	Assembly	NY Assembly-112	A
Allen Caruso	Assembly	NY Assembly-113	A
Matt Simpson	Assembly	NY Assembly-114	A
Scott Gray	Assembly	NY Assembly-116	A
Tammie Nabywaniec	Assembly	NY Assembly-117	A
Heather Scribner	Assembly	NY Assembly-118	A
Mike Gentile	Assembly	NY Assembly-119	A
James Weatherup	Assembly	NY Assembly-120	A
Joe Angelino	Assembly	NY Assembly-121	A
Brian Miller	Assembly	NY Assembly-122	A
Chris Friend	Assembly	NY Assembly-124	A
John Lemondes Jr.	Assembly	NY Assembly-126	*
Timothy Kelly	Assembly	NY Assembly-127	A
Patrick Becher	Assembly	NY Assembly-128	*
Patrick Guy	Assembly	NY Assembly-129	*
George Dobbins	Assembly	NY Assembly-130	A
Mark Benjamin	Assembly	NY Assembly-131	*
Philip Palmesano	Assembly	NY Assembly-132	A
Andrea Bailey	Assembly	NY Assembly-133	A
Josh Jensen	Assembly	NY Assembly-134	*
Stephen Hawley	Assembly	NY Assembly-139	A
Patrick Chludzinski	Assembly	NY Assembly-143	A
Paul Bologna	Assembly	NY Assembly-144	*
Becky Wydysh	Assembly	NY Assembly-145	A
David J. DiPietro	Assembly	NY Assembly-147	A
Joe Sempolinski	Assembly	NY Assembly-148	A
Andrew Molitor	Assembly	NY Assembly-150	A

Supreme Court Justice

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Judge John Ellis	Supreme Court Justice	4th Judicial District	C

County Executive

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Tatiana Brahimi	County Executive	Putnam County	A
Kevin Byrne	County Executive	Putnam County	A

County Clerk

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Michael Bartolotti	County Clerk	Putnam County	B

County Legislature

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Tony D'Aquanni	County Legislature	Dutchess County	A
Christopher J. McKimmie	County Legislature	Niagara County	A

Supervisor

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Stephen Oscarlece	Supervisor	Town of Poughkeepsie	B

Town Clerk

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Jennifer Schmitt	Town Clerk	Town of Kiantone	A

Town Justice

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
M. William Boller	Town Justice	Town of Elma	A

County Representative

Candidate	Office	District / County / Town	Final Grade
Arthur Rorick	County Representative	City of Oneonta	A

Reviewing the Results

The results are organized by office and district, county, or town, as applicable, to make it easier for New York voters to review the responses of candidates seeking to represent them.

We encourage voters to review the questionnaire results and candidates' stated positions as they consider the choices before them in the 2026 election.

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