

US SENATE – FULL TERM

1. Immigration: What changes to our current immigration policy do you support?

2. Wars in Iraq/Afghanistan: What timetable would you support for the removal of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan?

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1. I support further securing our borders; prohibiting hiring of undocumented immigrants by requiring job applicants to present a secure Social Security card; creating jobs by attracting the world's best and brightest to America, and keeping them here; requiring undocumented immigrants to register with the government, pay taxes, and earn legal...

2. I was one of 18 Senators to vote to direct the President to establish a timetable for the redeployment of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Additionally, I supported the Administration's decision to end the U.S. combat mission in Iraq on August 31, and the accompanying reduction in the U.S. troop levels

JAY TOWNSEND ~ *Republican, Conservative*

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1. I would support an immigration reform bill that prohibits amnesty, enhances border security, requires that immigration laws be enforced at the border and in the workplace, and creates a workable guest worker program.

2. I will answer that question after hearing testimony from the head of our forces in Iraq and General Petraeus.

COLIA CLARK ~ *Green*

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1. I support a change to our immigration policy that would provide a fair and realistic pathway to citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants living here. I also support the DREAM Act provisions which enable states to extend in-state tuition rates to undocumented students seeking a higher education.

2. I support the withdrawal of all troops and ground personnel from Iraq by January 31, 2011. I support the phases withdrawal of all troops and ground personnel from Afghanistan beginning March, 2011 and to be completed by September 1, 2011.

RANDY A. CREDICO ~ *Anti-Prohibition, Libertarian*

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1. I support 100 percent amnesty for all undocumented workers and their families. I believe that the wall on the Mexican Arizona border should be torn down immediately. I am for open borders.

2. I did not support nor do support the wars in either country. They are not wars, they are annexations. It is all about the oil and mineral wealth. Neither country invaded the US. We have killed 100,000s of innocent civilians and innocent soldiers. We have sacrificed 1000s of Americans...

US SENATE – 2 YEAR TERM

1. Climate Change: What legislation do you support to reduce CO2 emissions?

2. Economy: Do you support substantial additional federal funding for economic recovery?

KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND ~ *Democratic, Independence, Working Families*

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1. I support aggressive action to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by the year 2050. Capping emissions and investing in green technologies will stem the effects of climate change and drive private-sector investment in clean and efficient energy sources.

2. The only way we are going to pay down the deficit and get our budget in order is by growing our economy and making wise investments to create jobs. I want to end outsourcing of jobs and see "Made in America" again by providing tax credits for businesses that...

JOSEPH DIOGUARDI ~ *Republican, Conservative, Taxpayers*

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1. I believe we should be good stewards of our environment, and that making a profit and protecting the environment are not mutually exclusive. We need to pursue further reductions in fossil fuel usage and build solar, wind, and nuclear alternatives.

2. Absolutely not. Washington is spending money we don't have and borrowing from countries we don't trust. If we are to emerge from the Great Recession, spending must be cut, taxes must be lowered and regulations must be effective but limited. The government's growth is not the answer for economic recovery.

CECILE A. LAWRENCE ~ *Green*

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1. Carbon tax with payment assistance to individuals and families below a specified income. Remove all tax subsidies for fossil fuel corporations. Switch to subsidies and rapidly phase to incentives for small scale solar, wind, thermal, with particular focus on conservation and insulation for new and existing structures.

2. Shrink the gap between the wealthy and the poor. An economic system of private businesses, decentralized democratic cooperatives, publicly owned enterprises, and alternative economic structures.

JOSEPH HUFF ~ *Rent is Too Damn High*

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JOHN CLIFTON ~ *Libertarian*

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VIVIA MORGAN ~ *Anti-Prohibition*

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1. We need disincentives to corporate / commercial burning of fossil fuels. Additionally, mass transit hubs need to be funded while personal use automobiles are required to pay higher tolls that would fund infrastructure road rail development.

2. Yes! Without question, advancing the economy is a universal call. All efforts to bring recovery are needed.

BRUCE BLAKEMAN ~ *Tax Revolt*

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Election Day
Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Polls are open 6 a.m.-9 p.m.



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PART II:
CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Election Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Polls are open 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, YOU MUST:

- be a United States citizen
- be 18 years old by Election Day
- live at your present address for at least 30 days before Election Day
- not be in jail for a felony or on parole for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- be registered.

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY: DEADLINES

OCT. 8: Postmark deadline to register by mail

OCT. 8: Last day to register in person

OCT. 26: Postmark deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail

NOV. 1: Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person

NOV. 1: Postmark deadline to submit an absentee ballot by mail

NOV. 2: Last day to deliver an absentee ballot in person to your county board of elections

NOV. 2: ELECTION DAY. Polls are open 6 am to 9 pm.

WHAT IS ON THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT?

Voters in New York State will elect state and federal officials: two US senators (one for a six year term, one for a 2 year term); all NYS members of the US House of Representatives; the NYS governor, lieutenant governor, comptroller and attorney general; all members of the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly; and NYS Supreme Court justices (actually the delegates to the convention that will elect them). You may also be voting on local ballot proposals; there are no statewide ballot proposals this year.

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON REGISTERING AND VOTING?

New York State Board of Elections
www.elections.state.ny.us
1-800-367-8683

League of Women Voters of New York State
www.lwvny.org

Voters Guide Part I: Facts for Voters
www.lwvny.org/vote/VG_part1.pdf

WHAT IF YOU MOVE?

If you file a new Voter Registration Form by October 13, your new information will be processed and entered in the records time for the General Election. If you move within your county and have not had the opportunity to notify the board of elections, you can go to the polling place in your new location and vote by affidavit ballot. This ballot will be sent to the board of elections

for verification and your vote will be counted.

DON'T KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?

Most boards of elections in New York State send a postcard noting that you are registered and telling you the location of your polling place. If you do not receive this postcard, call your county board of elections to verify your registration and the location of your polling place. You can also use the "Look up your voter registration" facility on the NYS Board of Elections web site (www.elections.state.ny.us) under "Voting Information".

AT THE POLLING PLACE

Polling places are required to post a sample ballot. If you do not know how to use the voting machine, ask one of the election inspectors for assistance. If your name does not appear in the polling book and you believe you are eligible to vote in the district, you are legally entitled to vote using an "affidavit" (paper) ballot. Ask for one, and ask the poll worker for advisement about following up on your status. After validation by your county board of elections, your paper ballot will be counted. Be sure to bring some identification.

WHAT ID DO I NEED?

A federal law requires persons who register by mail for the first time to provide identification. Identification means a current NYS driver's license or 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. If you do not provide identification with the registration form, you will be asked for it the first time you vote.

THE VOTING MACHINE

The old lever machines have been replaced by paper ballots and optical scanning equipment. You may have received a brochure about the new machines from your board of elections. To view the machines and procedures in advance, consult this brochure or the NYS Board of Elections equipment information website at www.vote-ny.com. There may be scheduled demonstrations of the new equipment in your community. There will also be at least one Ballot Marking Device (BMD) for disabled individuals who cannot mark a ballot without assistance. Ask your poll workers for help with this equipment; they are trained to provide this assistance.

More candidate info can be found on www.smartvoter.org

GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Questions posed to candidates. The first 50 words of each reply to these questions are printed as received with no correction of spelling, punctuation or grammar.

1. Economy: What measures do you support to save existing jobs and create new jobs in New York State?

2. Budget: How do you think New York can best deal with upcoming unsustainable deficit budgets?

3. Reform: What reforms would you propose to address inadequate campaign finance rules and enforcement in New York?

4. Reform: What reforms would you support for the redistricting process?

5. Education: Would you support a cap on property taxes and, if so, how do you think school districts can deal with the decrease in revenue?

ANDREW CUOMO ~ *Democratic, Independence, Working Families*

EXPERIENCE: NYS Attorney General; Clinton Secretary for HUD **EDUCATION:** BA, Fordham University; JD, Albany Law School **LT. GOVERNOR:** Robert J. Duffy **WEB SITE:** <http://www.andrewcuomo.com/>

1. I recently released a comprehensive jobs plan, called NY Works that will help create and retain jobs across New York, including lowering business costs, creating targeted tax incentives and regionalizing economic activity. Please see my website at <http://www.andrewcuomo.com/CuomoCentral/press/press-release/2010-09-cuomo-announces-comprehensive-7-part-plan-to-revital-for-more-information>.

2. Tough and decisive measures are needed to address these challenges. First, we need an Emergency Financial Plan to freeze taxes and cap both State spending and local property taxes. New York can no longer afford the size of government it has amassed over the past several decades nor can we...

3. I have an aggressive Clean Up Albany plan that, among other things, calls for a voluntary system of public funding of election campaigns, reducing sky-high campaign contribution limits, closing corporate subsidiary and LLC loopholes and improving enforcement of campaign finance laws. Please see http://www.andrewcuomo.com/issues_and_agenda for more detailed information.

4. I will fight for the creation of an independent redistricting commission and will veto any redistricting plan in 2012 that reflects partisan gerrymandering and ensure that the State has set itself on a path to reforming the process itself. Please see http://www.andrewcuomo.com/issues_and_agenda for more detailed information.

5. I have a comprehensive plan to get our fiscal house in order, including imposing a local property tax cap. However, we must also eliminate mandates that make it impossible for school districts and localities to contain costs. Please see http://www.andrewcuomo.com/issues_and_agenda for more detailed information.

CARL PALADINO ~ *Republican, Conservative (unofficial per BOE 9/30), Taxpayers*

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HOWIE HAWKINS ~ *Green*

EXPERIENCE: UPS employee; Co-op organizer **LT. GOVERNOR:** Gloria Mattera **WEB SITE:** <http://www.howiehawkins.com/2010/>

1. A Green New Deal. WPA-style public jobs in public works and services to guarantee every worker the right to a living wage job. A state fiscal stimulus of public investment in renewable energy, mass transit, and other green industries to increase employment, raise consumer spending, and revive the economy.

2. Progressive Tax Reform. Stop rebating Stock Transfer Tax to Wall Street (\$16 billion). 50% Bankers Bonus Tax (\$10 billion). Restore 1972 progressive income tax structure (\$8 billion more in revenues, tax cut for 95%). Equals \$34 billion. Subtract \$9 billion projected deficit. Yields \$25 billion for Green New Deal.

3. Public Campaign Finance. Like Maine, Arizona, Vermont, Colorado. Public elections should be publicly financed, not subjected to legalized bribery by wealthy special interests. Public financing should be voluntary. Candidates choosing private financing must comply with disclosure rules and contribution limits, which in New York need to be strengthened and enforced.

4. Proportional Representation. Like New York City, 1938-1949. Like most democracies. Each party gets legislative representation proportional to the votes its candidates receive. Gerrymandered districts are impossible. Political minorities get their fair share of representation. With multi-member districts for proportional representation, or without them, I support an independent redistricting commission.

5. No. Fully Fund Public Schools. The property tax cap is an ill-conceived state mandate to cut school funding and reduce home rule on local taxes. We can provide far greater property tax relief through single payer health care that takes over county Medicaid costs, over half of most counties' budgets.

JIMMY MCMILLAN ~ *Rent is Too Damn High*

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WARREN REDLICH ~ *Libertarian*

EXPERIENCE: Attorney; Entrepreneur **EDUCATION:** BA, Rice University; AM, Stanford; JD, Albany Law School **LT. GOVERNOR:** Alden Link **WEB SITE:** <http://wredlich.com/ny/>

1. We need to stop wasting money. High taxes and difficult regulations hamper business. I will cap bureaucrat pay at \$100,000 a year and eliminate several state agencies. By making necessary cuts, we will protect private sector jobs and important public sector jobs like teachers.

2. We must cut spending. Other cuts I would make include capping public pensions at \$75K, requiring voter referenda on all politician pay increases, and eliminating all "economic development" spending, which is really corporate welfare and crony capitalism. More details at: <http://wredlich.com/ny/issues/cuts/>

3. The biggest problem is the institutional barriers to outsider candidates. Incumbents and party insiders have huge advantages. I would provide free postage to all candidates who get on the ballot, at perhaps 25 cents per registered voter in the candidate's district. This would help even the playing field.

4. I support the LWWNY's call for an independent redistricting commission.

5. No. Caps on taxes are meaningless unless we cut spending. School districts will save a lot of money if we cap administrator pay and pensions. We also need to reform capital spending, such as "prevailing wage," to help schools protect teacher jobs and pay, and lower taxes.

KRISTIN M. DAVIS ~ *Anti-Prohibition*

EXPERIENCE: Escort service founder; Capital management company **EDUCATION:** BA, St. Mary's College **LT. GOVERNOR:** Tanya Gendelman **WEB SITE:** <http://www.kristindavis2010.com/>

1. I support the legalization of marijuana to restore economic growth to NY State. Ending the prohibition on marijuana would generate over \$2 Billion in new tax revenue, an immediate 50,000 and a total economic impact from spinoff industries of \$15 Billion. I also favor cuts in the income tax and...

2. First, we need to reduce spending by cutting the unnecessary member items out of the budget. These slush funds are a playground for corruption and political horse-trading. I favor capping increases in the growth of state spending at the rate of inflation. Because we have a regressive income tax...

3. I favor lifting all restrictions on campaign giving. Contributions are speech. I favor full immediate on-line disclosure of campaign contributions to eliminate the buying of access. I oppose public financing of elections. "Requiring a man to subscribe with his tax dollars to a cause he does not support is tyranny"

4. I favor a bi-partisan commission to draw districts based on fairness, balance and efficiency - not political advantage. Both Parties have worked together to raise taxes and spend us into oblivion. Redistricting is too important to leave to them.

5. Yes. If the state produces new revenue based on ending the prohibition on marijuana, casino gambling we could actually increase school funding.

CHARLES BARRON ~ *Freedom*

EXPERIENCE: NYC Councilperson; Community organizer **EDUCATION:** BA, Hunter College **LT. GOVERNOR:** Eva M. Doyle **WEB SITE:** <http://www.peopleofcolororganize.com/activism/support-charles-barron-athe-freedom-party/>

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