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VOTERS GUIDE

Part II ~ Candidate Information

Election Day
November 8, 2016



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Tuesday, November 8, 2016
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 prison or on parole for a felony conviction
- not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- be registered to vote

What is on the 2016 General Election Ballot?

There will be candidates for federal, state, and local elective offices, including:

- the U.S. President and Vice President
- your U.S. Senator (one)
- your U.S. Representative
- your N.Y. State Senator
- your N.Y. State Assembly Member
- judges of various courts depending on your location
- possibly local officials, such as town council members or county district attorney.

Where can I get information on registering and voting?

League of Women Voters of New York State
www.lwvny.org
1-866-598-6971

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

Voter Registration Search/Polling Place Lookup:
voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx

Voting Machine Information:
www.elections.ny.gov/VotingMachines.html

What if I move?

Submit a Voter Registration Form (available on State League website or NYS Board of Elections website) with your new information or visit MyDMV (<https://dmv.ny.gov/mydmv/mydmv>). If you move to a new county, send the form to your new county board of elections. If you are already registered, your change of address must be received by your board of elections by October 19th to vote in the General Election. If you move within your county and cannot notify your board of elections, you can go to the polling place for your new address and vote by affidavit (paper) ballot. The ballot will be sent to the board of elections to verify the new address. If verified, your vote will be counted and your change of address will be made a part of their records. If you have a driver's license or motor vehicle registration and need to file a form with the Department of Motor Vehicles to change your address, you can notify the Board of Elections of your address change at the same time by checking "yes" for that option on DMV's Form MV-232.

You can also change your address, party affiliation or name online at dmv.ny.gov/mydmv/mydmv.

How do I make sure I am registered to vote?

New York State has a centralized data base of all registered voters and creates the voter rolls at the polling places from this information. You can access the information online by using the Voter Registration Search facility on the NYS Board of Elections website (voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx). As with all computer systems, there can be problems with the data, and your name could be erroneously eliminated from the rolls. 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. Ask them: "Am I registered to vote? Will my name appear in the polling place roll book on Election Day?"

What if I 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 if I can't go to my local polling place on election day?

If you will be away on Election Day or will be unable to go to your polling place because of illness or disability, you can vote by absentee ballot. First you must obtain an Absentee Ballot Application form from your board of elections, or download one from the New York State Board of Elections website or the League of Women Voter's website. Complete the application and submit it by mail or in person; consult the COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY portion of this guide for the deadline dates. Once it has received your Absentee Ballot Application, the board of elections will send or give you an Absentee Ballot form. Complete the ballot and submit it by mail or in person; consult the COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY portion of this guide for the deadline dates.

I am in the military and will be away. How will I vote?

Call the NYS Board of Elections at 1-800-438-8683, consult your Voting Assistance Officer on base, or visit www.fvap.gov for forms and information.

Can I get time off from work to vote?

New York State law states that if you do not have sufficient time outside your working hours to vote, you

may take off up to 2 hours at the beginning or the end of your shift, with pay, to allow you time to vote. You must notify your employer no more than 10 and not less than 2 days before the day of the election that you will take that time.

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. At a primary election, you must include the party in which you are enrolled. You may also use an affidavit ballot to challenge your party enrollment as stated in the roll book.

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.

Electronic Voter Guide: Vote 411

VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election-related information, providing nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information on the many aspects of the election process. It can be accessed online through the League's website at www.lwvny.org or directly at www.vote411.org in an easy-to-use electronic format. Citizens can enter their own address and find races and candidates that will be on their ballot; they can compare candidate information and print a customized sample ballot prior to election day.

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY 2016

General Election – Tues., Nov. 8

OCT. 14: Last day to register in person

OCT. 14: Postmark deadline to register by mail (and received by Oct. 19)

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

NOV. 7: Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person

NOV. 7: Postmark deadline to submit an absentee ballot by mail (and received by Nov. 15)

NOV. 8: Last day to deliver an absentee ballot in person to your county board of elections

More candidate info can be found on www.vote411.org or the state League website at www.lwvny.org

Ground Rules for Inclusion in the Voter Guide:

All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria:

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President;
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website; and,
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes

Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter. If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." is printed.

Question 1

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

Question 2

What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

Question 3

What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

Hillary Clinton ~ Democratic Party, Working Families Party and Women's Equality Party

Top Three Goals: 1. Grow and strengthen our economy. 2. Curb the outsized influence of big money in American politics. 3. Ensure we have the partnerships to keep our country safe.



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1. My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.

2. The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests—our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change—require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As President, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.

3. Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, end the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.

Donald Trump ~ Republican Party and Conservative Party

Top Three Goals: Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore Constitutional limits on government.



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1. I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.

2. We are the leader of the free world - whether we like it or not - and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam, & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.

3. The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return Constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court Justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The President must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read at grade level & not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.

Jill Stein ~ Green Party

Top Three Goals: 1. Green job-creation to fight climate change. 2. A fair economy that eliminates unemployment 3. Justice, true democracy, and respect for all human beings.



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1. • Eliminate unemployment by creating a job for every American who needs work.
• Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges.
• Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water.
• Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

2. Forge a new foreign policy based solidly on diplomacy, international law, respect for human rights, and consistent nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world. End the misguided policies of militarism that have produced terrorist organizations, refugee crises, failed states, and a bloated military that we can no longer afford.

3. My plan to end unemployment will transform the economic life of low income communities that are now struggling with unemployment rates two or three times the national average. Coupled with my commitment to quality public schools and community empowerment, we can not just lessen racial disparity, but bring it to an end.

Gary Johnson ~ Independence Party and Libertarian Party

Top Three Goals: Provide Congress a balanced budget within the first 100 days of office; Reduce (and in some cases eliminate) our military footprint abroad; Liberalize trade and economic activity.



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1. Submit to Congress a balanced budget to provide a template to stop unsustainable growth of the national debt, debt that weighs on employers, entrepreneurs and the economy. Support a simpler, fairer tax code that won't penalize productivity or investment. Fight to provide certainty in spending, taxes, and regulation so employers, entrepreneurs and investors make decisions that put people to work.

2. Above all, we must maintain a national defense that is second to none. Government's first responsibility is to protect us from threats abroad. If attacked, we respond. Our greatest assets are economy and culture. Blue jeans and computers did more to win the Cold War than stockpiled warheads. I will pursue vigorous diplomacy based on our economic might, not idle threats and military interventions.

3. I would do everything in the Presidency's power to end the militarization of the police. I would end the failed drug war, which unfairly targets communities of color. I would use the powers of the Federal Government to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, aggressively enforcing 14th Amendment protections. I would continue the work to help all Americans to achieve equality of opportunity.

US Senate

Description: US Senator (New York)

Question

Economy: What steps would you propose at the federal level to reduce income inequality, while still encouraging economic growth?

Democratic Party, Women's Equality Party, Working Families Party, Independence Party

Charles Schumer



Education: Harvard College, Harvard Law School **Experience and Qualifications:** New York State Assemblyman 1975-1980; U.S. Congressman 1981-1999; U.S. Senator 1999-Present
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Twitter: twitter.com/senschumer

A. Income inequality is one of the greatest economic challenges our country faces. A rise in the minimum wage is imperative. We must also invest in higher funding for our infrastructure, scientific research and education. And we must ensure our tax code collects enough revenue to meet those investment needs and works for low- and middle-income families. Two ways we can change U.S. tax policy to provide an economic boost to middle-class Americans and working families: expand the Child Tax Credit so that the credit's value keeps pace with family needs, and make the Earned Income Tax Credit available to more taxpayers.

Republican Party, Conservative Party, Reform Party

Wendy Long



Education: Wendy received her A.B. from Dartmouth College and her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. She also attended Harvard Law School and was awarded a Publius Fellowship at the Claremont Institute. **Experience and Qualifications:** She served as a law clerk for Judge Ralph K. Winter at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York and at the United States Supreme Court for Justice Clarence Thomas. She worked for two U.S. Senators who both served only two terms and went home. Wendy was a litigation partner at a New York law firm and then was general counsel of Judicial Confirmation Network. She most recently spent several years as a homeschool teacher.

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A. Obama-Schumer high-tax policies have led to a weak recovery from the Financial Crisis that has kept middle-class incomes stagnant and produced low quality jobs for many New Yorkers. Chuck Schumer realized that the Obama tax policies raised taxes on middle-class New Yorkers, but supported them nonetheless. Our tax code is also overly complicated with provisions that benefit special interests and not the forgotten working individuals and small businesses. I will support any plan to lower individual tax rates, simplify the tax code, and eliminate special interest loopholes like the carried interest loophole and deduction for mortgage interest on vacation homes. I would propose, for example, reducing today's seven tax brackets to three (10%, 25%, and 28%), and eliminating the Obamacare taxes.

Green Party

Robin Laverne Wilson

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Twitter: twitter.com/RobinforSenator

A. Candidate did not respond.

Libertarian Party

Alex Merced



Education: B.A. from Bowling Green State University **Experience and Qualifications:** Worked Training People In finance which has helped me see the role of finance in the economy - Entrepreneur has started a few businesses giving me perspective on the challenges of small business owners - Lived in Suburban, Urban, and Rural areas which helps understand the challenges of living in all these areas **Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.alexmercedfornyc.com> **Campaign Phone:** (860) 995-1048 **Campaign Email:** Contact@AlexMercedforNY.com **Community Involvement:** I am involved in the Brooklyn and Manhattan Libertarian Parties not much else due to the heavy time demands of my full time Job prior to the campaign

A. Inequality is byproduct of the the rising cost of opportunity, this makes opportunity less accessible to those who can least afford it (the poor) which makes inequality grow over time. Opportunity for economic mobility come from developing skills by education or on the job, investment, and entrepreneurship. Complex tax and regulatory burdens, occupational licensing, and other economic interventions have made all of these avenues of mobility more costly for the poorest among us making them systematically worse off, I aim to remove these barriers to opportunity.

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Please Join Us

Membership is open to women and men. There are over 50 local Leagues across NY state. Joining at any level automatically confers membership at every level: local, state and national. Membership enables you to support the League and receive publications from all three levels, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

Visit www.lwvny.org and click on **JOIN LWWNYS**. To find a local League in your area, click on **FIND A LOCAL LEAGUE**.

Did you know you are able to register as an organ and tissue donor when you register to vote?

In 2009, New York became the first state to include an organ and tissue donor enrollment section on voter registration forms. Since inception, over 160,000 individuals have joined the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry this way.

Transplantation is a remarkable success story. One organ and tissue donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation, and improve fifty or more lives through tissue donation by restoring eyesight, helping fight infections in burn patients and preventing the loss of mobility and disability. However, the need for donated organs and tissues continues to grow. There are currently more than 123,000 people in the U.S. waiting for organ transplants, and about 10,000 of those people are waiting right here in New York State. Sadly, each year, approximately 6,000 people in the U.S. die waiting for an organ transplant that would have given them a second chance at life with their families.

By enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, you are giving legal consent to the donation of your organs and tissues in the event of your death. You are authorizing the State Department of Health to share this information at or near the time of your death with federally regulated organ procurement organizations, New York State licensed eye and tissue banks and entities formally approved by the Commissioner.

To learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation, visit www.donatelifenewyork.com

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