



Memorandum

To: Friends of the Conservative Party

Fr: Jerry Kassar, State Chairman

Re: Update on Legislation, Litigation & Primaries

Those who describe the odd years in politics as odd years need to spend more time with the Conservative Party.

The Conservative Party is running hundreds of candidates for local offices ranging from County to Towns and everything in between. Some were in GOP primaries this past Tuesday with good results. The merged lines backing our candidates will allow us to put our strongest efforts forward in November.

A few will be unopposed, but most will have active campaigns that the State Party will support directly or indirectly through our county organizations.

The State Legislature passed, and the Governor is strongly considering signing legislation that moves almost all local elections outside cities to even-numbered years. This would result in a Town Council candidate running on a ticket with a Presidential, Gubernatorial, Congressional, or State Legislative candidate. This dilutes the focus on local candidates and local issues. It is also a backdoor way for the progressives to make community gains. There are questions about the State Legislature's authority to make such a change, which we are reviewing with Counsel; as we consider litigation.

The State Legislature has also passed a workaround to create a version of universal paper ballots. As you know, we successfully fought an attempt to amend the NYS Constitution, creating universal paper ballots. The voters understood the increased danger of fraud. An almost two-to-one margin defeated the proposition. We plan to join in litigation as we believe it blatantly violates the State Constitution.

Our weak, liberal Governor and progressive Legislature got it wrong every week in session. However, there were some issues in which our strong advocacy played a positive role.

- Removal of local zoning overrides from the State Budget
- Inaction on "good cause" evictions
- Full government-funded healthcare for illegal migrants
- Inaction on assisted suicide

There were other wins, but frankly, the best day of the year for New York taxpayers is the day the Legislature adjourns.

In order to do better, we must do better on Election Day

Indeed, with your help, we will have many wins this year as we move forward with our preparation for the next.

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To this point, I ask you to consider financially supporting the Conservative Party. All funds raised from this e-mail will be used to put our best effort forward in candidate recruitment, voter outreach, campaign activities, and litigation.

Thank You.