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NYSNA election endorsements

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Sacred rights worth defending

By Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, RN,
NYSNA President



One hundred years ago, women in this country did not have the legal right to vote.

Fifty years ago, African-Americans in most southern states risked their lives if they attempted to exercise their right to vote.

How aware are we of our people's history; the heroic struggles of so many that came before us so that we could enjoy the things we now take for granted?



I'll bet at least half of our readers are unaware that the Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the Voting rights Act only last year!

Even if written into law, sacred rights require constant vigilance.

There are open – and insidious – attacks on such rights every day.

Freedom of speech and freedom of thought are only two examples.

Big brother: in our schools and hospitals

Right now, in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, there is an attempt by a right wing school board majority (by a vote of 3 to 2) to “adjust” the AP history curriculum so that it is more “patriotic” and emphasizes the “free enterprise system,” rather than mention “civil unrest” or the “questioning of authority” to correct injustices.

Ironically, this attempt has been met by protests on behalf of students, parents and teachers, who are demonstrating, circulating petitions and engaging in “civil

unrest,” the very thing that the School Board wishes to omit from US history!

The proliferation of standardized tests, scripted curriculum and prescribed thinking in our schools is much like the overkill we see in our hospitals. Nurses are besieged with standardized computer-driven assessments and data collection, scripted speeches we are directed to give to patients, adoption of new ways of thinking about patients – throughput, lean management, reducing length of stay, satisfaction surveys, endless new “initiatives,” theoretically to “streamline” care.

The manner in which nurses are forced to practice in today's environment is a betrayal of what we learned in nursing school and what we entered the profession for in the first place. Teachers, social workers, even doctors express many of the same frustrations.

Factory model human services

All people are individuals. They learn, think, get sick and heal in different ways. The challenge and the joy of being a professional is built around tapping our knowledge base and life experiences to impact our patients, clients or students in our own unique way. The key element in this construct is the *relationship* we build with those for whom we are providing services.

There is a psychological purpose behind this factory-like environment that healthcare facilities have turned into. The transfer of time spent with patients to time spent with machines – computers, scanners, pumps and the pyxis – distorts our nurse/patient relationship as our priorities shift from human interaction to data entry. Even our relationships with colleagues have shifted to computers instead of conversation. E-learning has replaced classroom instruction; text messaging, electronic reports and virtual conversations have replaced real ones. Doctors can enter orders, nurses can administer medications and treatments, both can document care – without ever actually speaking or even knowing each other!

A salient example of this clinical alienation was seen in the

Dallas Ebola case, where the nurse documented the patient's travel to Liberia and the doctor apparently never saw it.

That is because the purpose of all of this technology is not about care – it is about reimbursement.

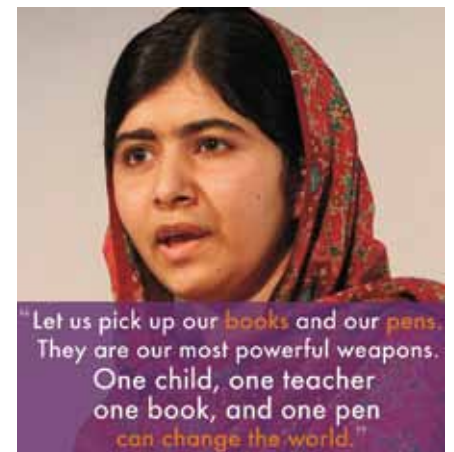
The patient as commodity

In our current healthcare system, Revenue has replaced Relationships. Patients, like students in our schools, are seen as numbers and income generators, not as unique individuals. Thus, the mandate is for professionals to march in lock-step to a prescribed set of values, practices and thinking in order to implement “the program”.

By buying into complacency, we *de facto* accept that we are no longer capable of independent thinking, reasoning and, yes, protesting. This is why what happened in Colorado is a chilling view of what could become the way forward if the current trajectory of things is to continue. If we allow ourselves to view our patients as income for the hospital, following all of these ideological trends without question, half the battle is lost.

Beyond voting

Paying thoughtful attention to who we vote for is important. Actively holding politicians to campaign promises is even more valuable. However, the most crucial



Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Peace Prize winner

thing we can do is to question what we hear, are taught and are directed to do by those in power. With the strength of our numbers and our protected rights as union members, we can actually change things for the better. We already have.

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A Biennial to remember

During two days in September, converging at Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan, 1,800 NYSNA members met, reviewed the year, attended a slew of workshop offerings and heard from elected officials. Some members attended voting body and congress. Less than two months from the November elections, there was talk of endorsements and the prospects for new laws in New York – for safe staffing and a single payer health system.

Politics was in the air, and on the podium. Public Advocate Tish James gave a rousing speech, recalling the care her mother received from a nurse. State Senators Bill Perkins (see his endorsement, p. 6) and Ruth Hassell Thompson (see p. 7) also spoke.

Members were engaged and enthusiastic. “It’s my first conference. It’s a great experience that reminds you that you are not alone, you are part of something larger,” said Donna Simons, RN, of



New York City Council Member Ben Kallos spoke at the Rally for safe staffing. His support of NYSNA, together with efforts for affordable education and housing, has been outstanding.



On September 17, the March that preceded the Rally saw 2,000 members from the Biennial and area hospitals voice their calls for safe staffing and the safeguarding of patient care.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center. “Staffing is a big issue, safety as well; we always seem to be understaffed. But I’m optimistic. If we keep with it and stay committed we’ll succeed.”

“The biggest challenge is empowering younger nurses, making them realize how much power they have, giving them a voice and creating a healthy work environment for them,” said Bernita Stewart, RN, Montefiore Medical Center. “With this union there’s very little ‘us and them,’ so nurses feel that they can decide the future, they feel that they are the union.”

March and rally

NYSNA was also in the streets during this Biennial. In the late morning of day two, September 17, NYSNA members marched on West 57th Street in Manhattan – outside the offices of the Greater New York Hospital Association and the NYC office of the Healthcare Association of New York State. More than a dozen elected officials and other union leaders joined several NYSNA board members before a large crowd of members and supporters. “Safe staffing” was the theme and that message was delivered loud and clear.



Letitia James, Public Advocate of New York City, spoke of her strong and enduring commitment to NYSNA and the protection of medically-underserved communities.



“Crisis in Retirement Security and the Labor Movement,” one of two dozen sessions and workshops held at the Biennial, included an engaging question and answer period.

ON THE COVER Members put out the word to vote on November 4.

Continuing a winning agenda for NYSNA



By Jill Furillo, RN, NYSNA
Executive Director

The election season has been very full for our union, as we stepped up to assess and approve a long list of prospective candidate endorsements. The NYSNA imprimatur is valued – by us, and by those seeking it. The Board selected 176 candidates worthy of NYSNA's backing (see pages 5-10 for some candidate snapshots and Voter Guide). Please review these selections.

Endorsements were made for candidates in New York State Assembly and Senate, State Attorney General and Comptroller, and U.S. Congress from New York. The Board believes that these candidates will serve the best interests of patients and support issues affecting access to healthcare. These candidates understand our priorities and will give

NYSNA urges all its members to vote on November 4. Your vote counts.

New York City and in county candidates were a huge victory. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Public Advocate Tish James, a number of outstanding New York City Council Members and others were elected. In a short time, they have helped advance our agenda in significant ways. Quality access to healthcare for all New Yorkers headlines that agenda.

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A very full season

The election season has been full with other commitments and challenges. On September 21, NYSNA members joined thousands of people from around the world in the largest climate march to date: the People's Climate March. Our contingent stood tall, joining scores of other labor unions and supporters and making up one segment of the March, which extended scores of blocks in midtown Manhattan.

Our members have shared their insights into the serious and profound affects climate change has had on the public's health. Carbon emissions, which raise the temperature of the atmosphere and lead to Extreme Weather Events, such as Super Storm Sandy, are the substance of air pollution, a major killer in urban centers throughout the world.

This fall, NYSNA members throughout the state have been on the move to achieve their demands: protect patient care and keep the community informed.

Members from several hospitals joined together – a first – in a one-day picket in the Capital Region and continue to move forward, united in demands for safe staffing and respect for RNs. On Long Island, our RNs picketed at Franklin

Hospital in the face of intransigent management. (see p. 11)

This season also finds us preparing for and initiating bargaining at a number of private hospitals in New York City. Contracts for 18,000 members are at issue and NYSNA stands ready. Your views and participation help us hone the edge.

Proper measures to stop Ebola

This season has also brought us the Ebola virus, a scourge in West Africa where thousands have perished, with cases in other parts of the world, including Spain and in the U.S.

NYSNA said that in this public health crisis our number one priority is to provide safe, quality care to every patient.

In facilities where NYSNA represents nurses we insist on: safe levels of staffing to care for patients with infectious diseases; optimal personal protective equipment that meet the highest standards used by the University of Nebraska, including full-body hazmat suits resistant to blood-borne pathogens and powered air purifying respirators; continuous, interactive hands-on training that is responsive to the changing nature of the disease; and optimal biohazard containment rooms for each suspected or diagnosed case of Ebola.

We urge that all facilities, with or without union representation, will adopt the standards outlined above.

NYSNA supports the State's decision to require hospitals to have written protocols for immediately identifying, isolating and medically evaluating any person who could potentially be infected with Ebola. NYSNA looks forward to working with the NYS Department of Health to implement optimal state-wide requirements for high-quality, safe care for all New Yorkers.



our legislative policies and goals very serious consideration.

The values of the union – patient safety and quality care, respect for RNs, protections for RNs in the workplace – are central. NYSNA stands for universal, affordable access to healthcare for all and for making every community in New York a safe and healthy place to live. In each candidate the Board sought to find a record in office, in careers and commitments, founded upon principles of equality – in opportunity and in access to essential services.

Your vote counts

Our efforts last year, first of its kind, to endorse and work to elect

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NYSNA Endorsements – Election 2014

Snapshots of some of our candidates

Upon careful consideration and review, NYSNA has selected 176 candidates to endorse for New York Senate and Assembly and U. S. Congress in the 2014 elections. Considerations of issues directly related to nurses and our profession, as well as to the communities in which we live and work, were taken into account.

In the following pages, some of these candidates in the state and federal contests are profiled. On pages 9 and 10 please find a Voter Guide broken down by legislative body and district.



NY State Comptroller

TOM DiNAPOLI

Statewide
D – WFP

Tom DiNapoli is a strong supporter of workers and public employee pension rights. He has worked to keep our pension funds secure and to protect our retirees.



NY State Attorney General

ERIC SCHNEIDERMAN

Statewide
D – WFP

Eric Schneiderman is taking on an increasingly important role in policing corporate abuses that harm working people and protecting patients and tax payers from healthcare fraud.

NEW YORK CITY

US CONGRESS

6 GRACE MENG

D – WFP

Grace Meng is the first Asian-American Member of Congress from New York. She has worked hard to protect Medicare and Social Security. Prior to serving in Congress, Rep. Meng was a member of the NYS Assembly, passing laws to extend unemployment coverage and was a sponsor of safe staffing legislation.



14 JOE CROWLEY

D – WFP

Joe Crowley was instrumental in passing the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act to provide 9/11 first responders and workers with health monitoring and care. He supports urban hospitals and specialty health centers.



17 NITA LOWEY

D – WFP

Nita Lowey is the ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee. She is a leading proponent in areas of educational opportunity, healthcare quality protections, the environment and women's rights. Rep. Lowey authored a bill to ensure that women in managed care plans have direct access to their ob-gyns and is a strong supporter of legislation to guarantee that doctors and patients – not insurance companies – make decisions about appropriate care.



ASSEMBLY

37 CATHERINE NOLAN

Queens
D – WFP

Catherine Nolan is a longtime supporter of staffing ratios and a friend to union nurses.



43 KARIM CAMARA

Brooklyn
D – WFP

Karim Camara is a key leader in the Assembly and the Chair of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus. He is a sponsor of staffing ratios legislation and a fighter for universal access to healthcare.



44 JAMES BRENNAN

Brooklyn
D – WFP

James Brennan has been a leader in the fight to preserve access to care in our Brooklyn communities and played a leading role in the fight to save LICH. He is a sponsor of staffing ratios legislation.



NEW YORK CITY



SENATE

14 LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.

Queens
D – WFP

Leroy Comrie was a supporter of nurses issues on the NY City Council and will continue the fight in the State Senate.



16 TOBY STAVISKY

Queens
D – WFP

Toby Stavisky is a sponsor of our staffing ratios bill and was a strong supporter of NYSNA nurses during their contract fight at Flushing Hospital Medical Center.



26 DANIEL SQUADRON

Brooklyn
D – WFP

Dan Squadron is one of the leaders of the fight to save LICH and a strong supporter of maintaining community access to healthcare.



SENATE

28 LIZ KRUEGER

Manhattan
D-WFP

Liz Krueger is a sponsor of our staffing ratios bill and a strong voice for the women's equality agenda in the State Senate.



30 BILL PERKINS

Manhattan
D-WFP

Bill Perkins is a strong advocate for quality healthcare. He is a sponsor of our staffing ratios bill and a leader in the fight for single payer in New York.



US CONGRESS

7 NYDIA VALEZQUEZ

D – WFP

Nydia Velazquez is the first Puerto Rican woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress; and the first Latina to chair a full Congressional committee – the House Small Business Committee. Rep. Valezquez was on the frontlines with NYSNA in the struggle to save LICH. And she is a fighter for equal rights and economic opportunity for the working class and the poor, protecting community health and the environment and seeking to secure access to affordable housing, quality education and healthcare for all New Yorkers.

SENATE

31* ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

Bronx / Manhattan
D – WFP

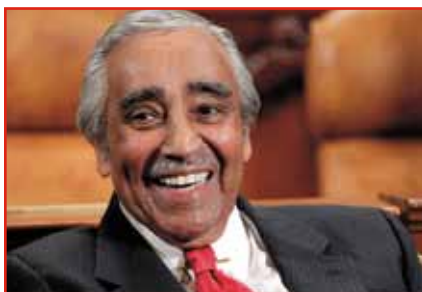
Adriano Espailat is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and a strong advocate for safe patient care. He was active in supporting nurses and other healthcare workers in their demands for quality care at NY Presbyterian hospital.

*Electoral District

Vote for endorsed candidates on the Working Families Party (WFP) line.

A stronger WFP will help us win ratios!

NEW YORK CITY



US CONGRESS

13 CHARLIE RANGEL

D

The first African American member of the U.S. Congress to lead the House Ways and Means Committee and a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Charlie Rangel has worked tirelessly during 22 terms in the House to improve the lives of working people, boosting the incomes of millions of working families with the Earned Income Tax Credit, and pumping billions of dollars into revitalization of communities across the nation, including his home district in Harlem and the Bronx.

ASSEMBLY

45 STEVEN CYMBROWITZ

Brooklyn
D – WFP

Steven Cymbrowitz is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and has fought to maintain health services in Brooklyn, including efforts to protect SUNY Downstate's vital role as a medical training center.

49 PETER ABBATE

Brooklyn
D – WFP

Peter Abbate has been an advocate for public workers and in passing legislation to protect the healthcare rights of first responders who were injured on 9-11. He is a sponsor of staffing ratios legislation.

50 JOSEPH LENTOL

Brooklyn
D

Joseph Lentol is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill in the Assembly. He played an active role in the fight to maintain access to care in Brooklyn, and in the fight to save LICH.

52 JO ANNE SIMON

Brooklyn
D

Jo Anne Simon is running for the seat of retiring Assemblywoman Joan Millman. She was active in the fight to save LICH and strongly believes that decisions that affect the healthcare of our communities must be based on real needs of the community.

ASSEMBLY

56 ANNETTE ROBINSON

Brooklyn
D

Annette Robinson is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and a strong fighter to preserve healthcare services. She was active in the fight to stop hospital closures. She fought tooth and nail with NYSNA and the community to keep the state from closing Interfaith Medical Center, one of the most vital safety net providers in a medically-underserved part of Brooklyn.

57 WALTER MOSELY

Brooklyn
D

Walter Mosely was a key leader in the fight to preserve healthcare services in Brooklyn and was particularly active in the fight to save Interfaith. He is a sponsor of the staffing ratios legislation.

67 LINDA ROSENTHAL

Manhattan
D – WFP

Linda Rosenthal is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and an advocate of single payer coverage. She is a leader in the fight for equality in pay and opportunities for women.

71 HERMAN FARRELL

Manhattan
D

Herman "Denny" Farrell has a long history of leadership on women's rights, civil rights and labor issues. He supports a moratorium on hydrofracking and has led the fight to increase the minimum wage.



US CONGRESS

8 HAKEEM JEFFRIES

D – WFP

Hakeem Jeffries stood with nurses and the community to keep open Interfaith Medical Center, critical to healthcare in Central Brooklyn. He is a vocal proponent of improving the quality of justice for minorities through reform of the federal criminal code. He has been a champion to senior citizens, opposing cuts to Social Security benefits and Medicare. He is an aggressive advocate in the fight for affordable housing.

ASSEMBLY

75 RICHARD GOTTFRIED

Manhattan
D – WFP

Dick Gottfried is the leading sponsor of staffing ratios and single payer legislation in the Assembly. He has also played a key role in the fight to keep for-profit corporate hospital and healthcare operators out of New York.

76 REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

Manhattan
D – WFP

Rebecca Seawright is a strong advocate for the public school system and favors reducing class sizes. She is running for a vacant Assembly seat on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. She supports increasing the minimum wage, the Women's Equality Agenda and strengthening our rent laws to protect tenants.

77 LATOYA JOYNER

Bronx
D – WFP

Latoya Joyner is a first time candidate for office who has the support of a wide range of labor unions and progressive organizations. She is committed to improving health services for the people of the Bronx.

83 CARL HEASTIE

Bronx
D – WFP

Carl Heastie is a key leader in the fight to protect the rights of nurses, healthcare workers and other working people in New York State. He is also a sponsor of staffing ratios legislation.



US CONGRESS

11 DOMINIC RECCHIA

D – WFP

A former New York City Council member, Domenic Recchia has a proven track record in behalf of working people, having helped save more than 4000 teacher and school aide jobs in New York City. Recchia has spoken out against the cost of insurance premiums. He also has pledged to safeguard and improve Medicare.



ASSEMBLY

66 DEBORAH GLICK

Manhattan
D

Deborah Glick is a staunch advocate for quality patient care. She is a sponsor of staffing ratios and understands the importance of maintaining the highest level of professional standards of nursing.

LONG ISLAND

SENATE

3 ADRIENNE ESPOSITO

Suffolk
D – WFP

Adrienne Esposito is a longtime environmental activist running for an open seat on Long Island. She is a strong supporter of the Women's Equality Agenda.

ASSEMBLY

2 THOMAS SCHILIRO

Suffolk
D – WFP

Tom Schiliro supports staffing ratios and single payer legislation in New York State.

22 MICHAELLE SOLAGES

Nassau
D – WFP

Michaelle Solages has been a staunch supporter of nurses and patients on Long Island. She is a sponsor of staffing ratios and has actively supported NYSNA nurses to improve their working conditions.

US CONGRESS

1 TIM BISHOP

D – WFP



Tim Bishop has made special efforts in behalf of veterans, the environment, education and healthcare. During his tenure in Congress, his focus has included access to higher education and defending retirement security.

4 KATHLEEN RICE

D – WFP



Kathleen Rice promises to work to make healthcare affordable. She would oppose efforts that would cut benefits, shift more costs onto beneficiaries or convert Medicare to a voucher system.

WESTERN NY

SENATE

55 TED O'BRIEN

Monroe/Ontario
D – WFP

Ted O'Brien voted to raise New York's minimum wage and is a strong supporter of women's rights, including their right to control their own reproductive health choices



ASSEMBLY

121 WILLIAM MAGEE

Madison/Oneida/Otsego
D

William Magee is a sponsor of safe staffing ratios legislation and was a sponsor of the medical marijuana bill. He is also an opponent of hydrofracking in New York State.



ASSEMBLY

135 MARK JOHNS

Monroe
R – C – WFP

Mark Johns was first elected to the State Assembly in 2010 and was re-elected in 2012. Prior to his service in the Assembly, he worked for the Monroe County Department of Public Health for more than 30 years.



141 CRYSTAL PEPOLES-STOKES

Erie
D – WFP

Crystal Pepole-Stokes is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and has been a strong advocate for increased health services in her community. She supported funding to provide a school nurse in every school. She is also a supporter of campaign finance reform to limit the power of big corporations and wealthy contributors.



US CONGRESS

25 LOUISE SLAUGHTER

D – WFP

In 2007, Louise Slaughter became the first woman to chair the influential House Committee on Rules, where she helped to bring the ACA, Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, and the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act to passage. She is a founding member of the Congressional pro-Choice Caucus and its co-chair.

CAPITAL REGION

SENATE

46 CECILIA TKACZYK

Albany/Greene/Montgomery/
Schenectady/Ulster
D – WFP

Cece Tkaczyk is a sponsor of staffing ratios and has been a staunch supporter of NYSNA nurses in the Capital and Hudson Valley areas, turning out for NYSNA picket lines and backing nurses.



49 MADELYN THORNE

Fulton/Hamilton/Herkimer/
Saratoga/Schenectady
D – WFP

Madelyn Thorne has been out on the line in supporting nurses to improve working conditions and to win union organizing rights.



ASSEMBLY

110 PHIL STECK

Albany/Schenectady
D – WFP

Phil Steck is a strong supporter of staffing ratios and has been tireless in his on the ground support for nurses in the Capital Region, turning out at picket lines and pushing employers to do the right thing.



111 ANGELO SANTABARBARA

Albany/Montgomery/
Schenectady
D – WFP

Angelo Santabarbara is a champion of nurses and working people. He has come out in support of numerous struggles by NYSNA nurses and other area unions. He is a backer of staffing ratios legislation.



HUDSON VALLEY



ASSEMBLY

90 SHELLEY MAYER

Westchester
D – WFP

Shelley Mayer is a sponsor of our staffing ratios bill and a strong supporter of the ongoing struggle of NYSNA nurses at Westchester County Medical Center for a fair contract.



94 ANDREW FALK

Westchester
D – WFP

Andrew Falk is running against an incumbent who is not a sponsor of staffing ratios. He is a strong advocate for the environment and has been endorsed by the League of Conservation Votes. He was endorsed by NYSNA when he ran for the seat in 2012 and we look forward to working with him in the Assembly in 2015.



99 JAMES SKOUFIS

Rockland/Orange
D – WFP

James Skoufis is a sponsor of staffing ratios legislation and has taken an active role in the fight against closure of hospitals and downgrading of healthcare services in his district and the Hudson Valley area.



100 AILEEN GUNTHER

Orange/Sullivan
D – WFP

Aileen Gunther is a nurse and has taken an active role in defending nursing and patient care. She is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and played a key leadership role in the passage of the safe patient handling bill this year.



US CONGRESS

18 SEAN MALONEY

D – WFP

Rep. Sean Maloney was credited with helping to create over 800,000 jobs in New York in the 1990s. Strengthening the health and financial security of America's retirees have been among his priorities in the 113th Congress.



19 SEAN ELDRIDGE

D – WFP

Sean Eldridge is president of the Hudson River Fund, which invests in small businesses in the Hudson Valley region. He believes that affordable healthcare is a basic right of every American. Eldridge opposes cuts to Social Security and Medicare, is a stalwart on issues of environmental protection, LGBT equality and campaign finance reform.



SENATE

35 ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

Yonkers/Westchester
D – WFP

Andrea Stewart-Cousins is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and plays a leading role in preserving tenant's rights, increasing the minimum wage and passing the Women's Equality Act in Albany.

36 RUTH HASSEL-THOMPSON

Bronx/Westchester
D

Ruth Hassel-Thompson is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and a strong voice for workers in the Senate.



40 JUSTIN WAGNER

Dutchess/Putnam/
Westchester
D – WFP

Justin Wagner is running for a vacant seat in the Senate and his victory will help elect a Senate that will act on issues that are vital to nurses, patients and their communities.



41 TERRY GIPSON

Dutchess/Putnam
D – WFP

Terry Gipson is a sponsor of the staffing ratios bill and has supported increases in the minimum wage. He is a sponsor of the Women's Equality Act.



NORTH COUNTRY

US CONGRESS

21 AARON WOOLF

D – WFP

Aaron Wolff is a strong backer of Medicare and Social Security. He often speaks in support of the need for greater access to health services. He has worked in behalf of pro-choice policies and LGBT equality. Before running for office, Mr. Wolff produced and directed award-winning documentaries about the human consequences of government policy for more than 20 years.



CENTRAL NY



ASSEMBLY

126 DIANE DWIRE

Cayuga/Chenango/Onondaga/
Cortland
D – WFP

Diane Dwire is a nurse and NYSNA member running against an incumbent. She is a strong supporter of staffing ratios legislation and creating a single payer system in New York.

NYSNA GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Office	Candidate	Area Represented	Party
NY State Comptroller	Tom DiNapoli	Statewide	D – WFP
NY State Attorney General	Eric Schneiderman	Statewide	D – WFP

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NY STATE SENATE DISTRICT

District Candidate
Area Represented
Party

3 Adrienne Esposito Suffolk D – WFP	16 Toby Stavisky Queens D – WFP	27 Brad Holyman Manhattan D – WFP	35 Andrea Stewart-Cousins Yonkers/Westchester D – WFP	44 Neil Breslin Albany/Rensselaer D – WFP
4 Phil Boyle Suffolk/Nassau R – C	18 Martin Dilan Brooklyn D	28 Liz Krueger Manhattan D – WFP	36 Ruth Hassel-Thompson Bronx/Westchester D	46 Cecilia Tkaczyk Albany/Greene/ Montgomery/ Schenectady/Ulster D – WFP
10 James Sanders Queens D – WFP	20 Jesse Hamilton Brooklyn D	29 Jose Serrano Manhattan/Bronx D – WFP	37 George Latimer Westchester D – WFP	49 Madelyn Thorne Fulton/Hamilton/Herkimer- Saratoga/Schenectady D – WFP
11 Tony Avella Queens D – IDC	21 Kevin Parker Brooklyn D – WFP	30 Bill Perkins Manhattan D – WFP	38 David Carlucci Rockland/Westchester D – WFP – IDC	53 David Valesky Madison/Onondaga/Oneida D – IDC
12 Michael Giannaris Queens D – WFP	23 Diane Savino Brooklyn/Staten Island D – IDC	31 Adriano Espaillat Bronx D – WFP	40 Justin Wagner Dutchess/Putnam/ Westchester D – WFP	55 Ted O'Brien Monroe/Ontario D – WFP
13 Jose Peralta Queens D – WFP	24 Andrew Lanza Staten Island R – C	32 Ruben Diaz Bronx D	41 Terry Gipson Dutchess/Putnam D – WFP	60 Marc Panepinto Erie D – WFP
14 Leroy G. Comrie, Jr. Queens D – WFP	25 Velmanette Montgomery Brooklyn D – WFP	33 Gustavo Rivera Bronx D – WFP	42 John Bonacic Delaware/Orange/Putnam/ Ulster R – C	63 Timothy Kennedy Erie D – WFP
15 Joe Addabbo Queens D – WFP	26 Daniel Squadron Brooklyn D – WFP	34 Jeffrey Klein Bronx/Westchester D – IDC		

NY STATE ASSEMBLY

District Candidate
Area Represented
Party

1 Fred Thiele Suffolk D – WFP	11 Kim Jean-Pierre Nassau/Suffolk D – WFP	19 Edward Ra Nassau R – C	32 Vivian Cook Queens D	40 Ron Kim Queens D – WFP
2 Thomas Schiliro Suffolk D – WFP	12 Andrew Raia Suffolk R – C	20 Todd Kaminsky Nassau D – WFP	33 Barbara Clark Queens D – WFP	41 Helene Weinstein Brooklyn D – WFP
3 Edward Hennessey Suffolk D – WFP	13 Charles Lavine Suffolk/Nassau D – WFP	22 Michaelle Solages Nassau D – WFP	34 Michael DenDekker Queens D – WFP	42 Rodynese Bichotte Brooklyn D – WFP
4 Steve Englebright Suffolk D – WFP	14 David McDonough Nassau R – C	24 David Weprin Queens D – WFP	35 Jeffrion Aubry Queens D – WFP	43 Karim Camara Brooklyn D – WFP
5 Al Graff Suffolk R – C	15 Michael Montesano Nassau R – C	25 Nily Rozic Queens D – WFP	36 Aravella Simotas Queens D – WFP	44 James Brennan Brooklyn D – WFP
6 Phillip Ramos Suffolk D – WFP	16 Michelle Schimel Nassau D – WFP	26 Ed Braunstein Queens D – WFP	37 Catherine Nolan Queens D – WFP	45 Steven Cymbrowitz Brooklyn D – WFP
9 Joseph Saladino Nassau/Suffolk R – C	17 Tom Mckevitt Nassau R – C	30 Margaret Markey Queens D	38 Mike Miller Queens D	46 Alec Brook-Krasny Brooklyn D
10 Chad Lupinacci Nassau/Suffolk R – C	18 Earlene Hooper Nassau D	31 Michele Titus Queens D – WFP	39 Francisco Moya Queens D – WFP	47 William Colton Brooklyn D



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49	Peter Abbate Brooklyn D – WFP	65	Sheldon Silver Manhattan D – WFP	82	Michael Benedetto Bronx D	100	Aileen Gunther Orange/Sullivan D – WFP	123	Donna Lupardo Broome D – WFP
50	Joseph Lentol Brooklyn D	66	Deborah Glick Manhattan D	83	Carl Heastie Bronx D – WFP	103	Kevin Cahill Dutchess/Ulster D – WFP	125	Barbara Lfiton Cortland/Tompkins D – WFP
51	Felix Ortiz Brooklyn D	67	Linda Rosenthal Manhattan D – WFP	85	Marcos Crespo Bronx D	104	Frank Skartados Dutchess/Ulster/Orange D – WFP	126	Diane Dwire Cayuga/Chenango/ Onondaga/Cortland D – WFP
52	Jo Ann Simon Brooklyn D	68	Robert Rodriguez Manhattan D – WFP	86	Victor Pichardo Bronx D – WFP	106	Didi Barrett Columbia/Dutchess D – WFP	127	Al Stirpe Onondaga D – WFP
53	Maritza Davilla Brooklyn D	69	Daniel O’Donnell Manhattan D	87	Luis Sepulveda Bronx D – WFP	109	Patricia Fahy Albany D – WFP	128	Sam Roberts Onondaga D – WFP
54	Erik Dilan Brooklyn D	70	Keith Wright Manhattan D – WFP	88	Amy Paulin Westchester D – WFP	110	Phil Steck Albany/Schenectady D – WFP	129	William Magnarelli Onondaga D – WFP
55	Latrice Walker Brooklyn D	71	Herman Farrell Manhattan D	89	Gary Pretlow Westchester D	111	Angelo Santabarbara Albany/Montgomery/ Schenectady D – WFP	135	Mark Johns Monroe R – C – WFP
56	Annette Robinson Brooklyn D	72	Guillermo Linares Manhattan D	90	Shelley Mayer Westchester D – WFP	112	James Tedisco Saratoga/Schenectady R – C	136	Joe Morelle Monroe, Rochester area D
57	Walter Mosely Brooklyn D	74	Brian Kavanaugh Manhattan D – WFP	91	Steven Otis Westchester D	113	Carrie Woerner Saratoga/Washington D – WFP	137	David Gantt Monroe/Rochester area D
58	Nick Perry Brooklyn D	75	Richard Gottfried Manhattan D – WFP	92	Thomas Abinanti Westchester D – WFP	116	Addie Russell Jefferson/St.Lawrence D – WFP	138	Harry Bronson Monroe D – WFP
59	Roxanne Persaud Brooklyn D	76	Rebecca Seawright Manhattan D – WFP	93	David Buchwald Westchester D – WFP	118	Marc Butler Fulton/Hamilton/Herkimer/ Oneida/St. Lawrence R – C	141	Crystal Peoples-Stokes Erie D – WFP
60	Charles Barron Brooklyn D	77	Latoya Joyner Bronx D – WFP	94	Andrew Falk Westchester D – WFP	119	Anthony Brindisi Herkimer/Oneida D – WFP	142	Michael Kearns Erie D – R – C
61	Matthew Titone Staten Island D – WFP	78	Jose Rivera Bronx D	96	Kenneth Zebrowski Rockland D	121	William Magee Madison/Oneida/Otsego D	145	John Ceretto Erie/Niagra R – C
62	Joe Borelli Staten Island R – C	79	Michael Blake Bronx D	97	Ellen Jaffee Rockland D – WFP			149	Sean Ryan Erie D – WFP
63	Michael Cusick Staten Island D – C	81	Jeffrey Dinowitz Bronx D – WFP	99	James Skoufis Rockland/Orange D – WFP				

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1	Tim Bishop Long Island D – WFP	7	Nydia Velazquez Brooklyn D – WFP	12	Carolyn Maloney Manhattan/Queens D – WFP	17	Nita Lowey Bronx/Westchester D – WFP	23	Martha Robertson South-Western NY/Finger Lakes D – WFP
3	Steve Israel Long Island D – WFP	8	Hakeem Jeffries Brooklyn D – WFP	13	Charlie Rangel Manhattan/Bronx D	18	Sean Maloney Hudson Valley D – WFP	24	Dan Maffei North-Central NY/Syracuse D – WFP
4	Kathleen Rice Long Island/Queens D – WFP	9	Yvette Clarke Brooklyn D – WFP	14	Joe Crowley Queens D – WFP	19	Sean Eldridge Hudson Valley D – WFP	25	Louise Slaughter North-West NY/Rochester D – WFP
5	Gregory Meeks Queens D	10	Jerrold Nadler Manhattan D – WFP	15	Jose Serrano Bronx D – WFP	20	Paul Tonko Albany Area D – WFP	26	Brian Higgins Western NY/Erie/Niagra/ Buffalo D – WFP
6	Grace Meng Queens D – WFP	11	Dominic Recchia Staten Island/Brooklyn D – WFP	16	Eliot Engel Bronx D – WFP	21	Aaron Woolf North Country D – WFP		





Franklin Hospital protests

Franklin Hospital nurses in Valley Stream, Long Island, picketed on September 10 to protest North Shore LIJ Health System's proposed cuts. North Shore LIJ would cut or eliminate Safe Patient Handling and Safe RN Staffing measures, as well as effectively ignore Violence in Workplace initiatives.



Single payer hearings

Starting November 12, in Buffalo, Richard Gottfried, author of New York Health, begins NY State Assembly Health Committee hearings on single payer legislation. This is the first of six hearings. For schedule of others and details, see www.nysna.org.



A first for the Capital Region

In the Capital Region, hundreds of NYSNA nurses from Ellis Medicine, Bellevue Woman's Center and Nathan Littauer Hospital join together in a multi-facility picket on October 9. This was the first time nurses from several facilities in the area came out in unison, seeking patient protections in the form of safe staffing guidelines and demanding respect for RNs. An Interregional meeting for these nurses is scheduled for the evening of October 29.



HHC victory

On October 1, nurses from the 11 public hospitals and mayorals celebrated their "no givebacks" contract victory in Manhattan. More than 8,000 NYSNA members comprise the union's HHC membership. They voted overwhelmingly – by a margin of 97% – for the new contract over the summer.



Climate march

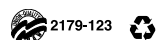
NYSNA joined the historic People's Climate March in New York City on September 21, where more than a quarter million marched and rallied in mid-town Manhattan. People from around the world came to join the March, as awareness of climate change, and its profound threat to the environment and public health, tops global agendas.



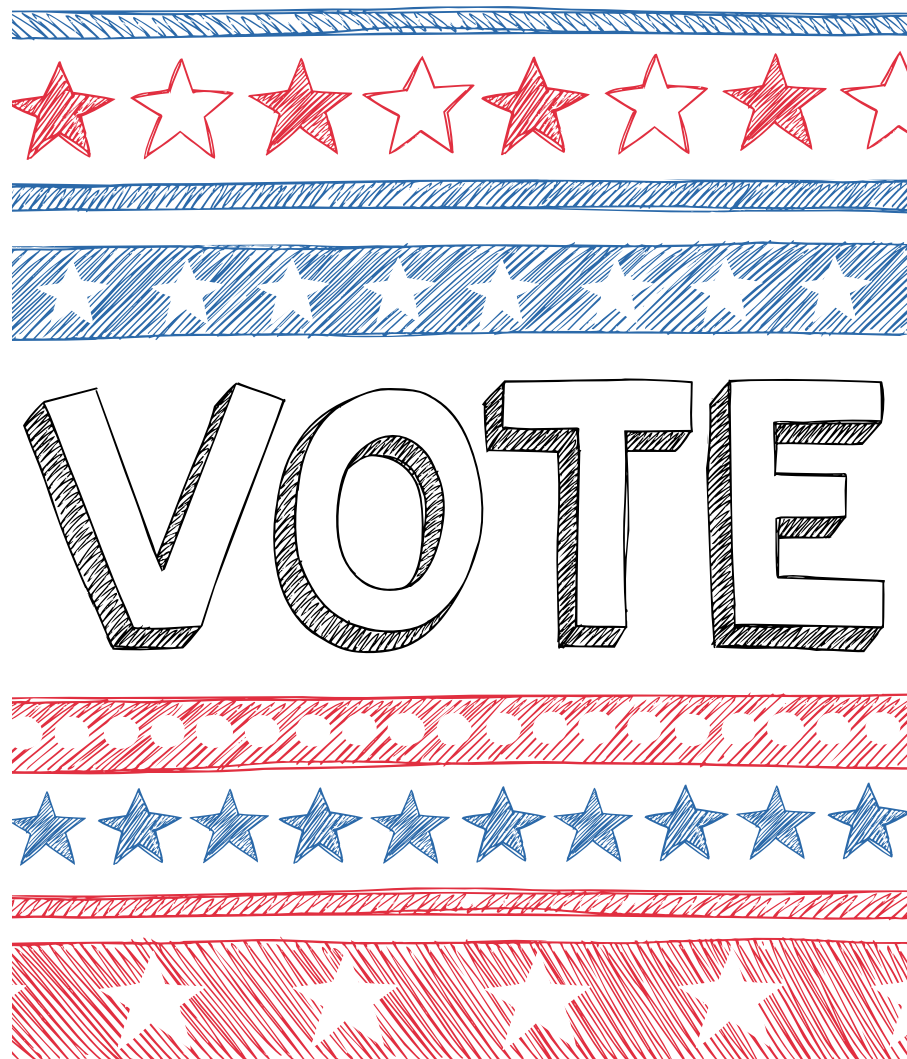
NYSNA President Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez addressed a rally made up of labor's supporters for the climate march. NYSNA was the first union to endorse the People's Climate March.

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