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ONTARIO COUNTY LEADERS BACK LEE ZELDIN IN PRIMARY RACE FOR NEW YORK GOVERNOR

GENEVA – As the primary election nears, Ontario County leaders are lining up for Rep. Lee Zeldin for the Republican nomination for Governor of New York.

Congressman Zeldin, who has been campaigning across the state for two years, is in a four-way race for the nomination in the Tuesday, June 28, primary election.

"I'm proud to have endorsed Lee Zeldin from day one and my support has not wavered," said Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan. "Rising prices and continued lawlessness need to be addressed and Kathy Hochul has failed to do so. Instead, her first decision as Governor was to appoint a corrupt Lieutenant Governor, who resigned in disgrace after his arrest. Our state is facing critical issues and Lee Zeldin will take on challenges and deliver real results for New York families," said Assemblyman Gallahan.

"Lee Zeldin is the endorsed Republican and Conservative candidate and is the strongest candidate to challenge Hochul in the fall," said Trisha Turner, Chairwoman of the Ontario County Republican Committee.

Cindy Wade, Chairwoman of the Canandaigua City Republican Committee and former Canandaigua councilwoman, said she supports Zeldin for the following reasons:

"He is a veteran who served our country admirably and has done much to support our veterans. He fought hard for his district and state in the NYS Senate and as a U.S. Congressman supporting Republican and Conservative values, such as being pro-life, opposing New York's ridiculous Bail Reform, repeatedly calling for its repeal,

supporting keeping our environment safe in several bills proposed and supporting state legislation versus Federal 'all in one' legislation.

"Please join me and vote for Lee Zeldin on June 28th and in November for NYS Governor. New York needs a new experienced leader who is not afraid to go up against his enemies to bring about positive change."

Congressman Zeldin grew up in Suffolk County. After completing Army ROTC , he served four years on active duty. In 2007, he transitioned from active duty to the Army Reserve, where he currently serves as a Lieutenant Colonel.

In 2008, Zeldin opened a successful law practice in Smithtown, NY, which he operated full time until he was elected to the New York State Senate in 2010, representing New York's 3rd Senate District. In 2014, following four years in the State Senate, Zeldin was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing New York's First Congressional District.

Zeldin lives in his hometown of Shirley with his wife, Diana, and their twin daughters, Mikayla and Arianna.

Town of Farmington Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe, a veteran, believes that Zeldin's military experience will serve him well as he fights to bring law and order to New York State. "Keeping New Yorkers safe from crime will be a priority for Zeldin," he added.

"Congressman Zeldin is a man of honor and integrity who has a proven record of putting both America and New York State first," said Annie Chwiecko, Chairwoman of the Gorham Town Republican Committee and retired Community Representative for State Sen. Patrick Gallivan. "With all three houses of our New York State government in total control of one party, there are no checks and balances. Lee Zeldin brings honesty and equity for all New Yorkers with him to Albany."

Roslyn Grammar of Geneva, who was recently honored as one of 30 Young Republican Rising Stars from across New York State, believes that "New York is ready for leadership change and Lee Zeldin is the person for the job. He understands the issues all New Yorkers are facing and is prepared to use his vast experience, education and beliefs to make the changes necessary to deliver a better New York to all of us."

Ethel Peters, chairwoman of the Geneva City Republican Committee, sees Zeldin as an "outstanding leader who will work to improve the quality of life for all New York State residents. He is a fighter and will not give up until he succeeds. I am proud to support Lee Zeldin for Governor."

Ontario County Treasurer Gary Baxter likes what Zeldin says about making New York a better place to live. "He has great ideas and seems to be the person that can get the job done. With his past experiences in Washington and New York he has what it takes to be a great Governor," said Baxter.

Drew Wickham, Town of Seneca Supervisor, knows first hand the problems that local governments are having dealing with New York State under Gov. Hochul and he is looking forward to change under Zeldin. "Lee Zeldin speaks for the people and he knows that local government is closest to the people. He will advocate for us and help us."

Early voting in the Primary election started on June 18 and continues through June 26 at the following locations in Ontario County: Board of Elections Office, 74 Ontario St. Canandaigua; Victor Town Hall, 85 E. Main St., Victor; and Geneva Housing Authority Main Office, 41 Lewis St., Geneva.

Zeldin's running mate for lieutenant governor is Alison Esposito, a former New York Police Department Deputy Inspector. She recently retired after 24 years in the NYPD.

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