



# Media Release

**ONTARIO COUNTY  
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## **ONTARIO COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE ENDORSES EIGHT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**

**CANANDAIGUA NY**– The Ontario County Republican Committee endorsed candidates for local, state and federal offices at its meeting March 3, 2022, at the Elks Club.

Receiving the backing of the county committee were Congressman **Chris Jacobs** for Congressional District 24 and **La’Ron Singletary** for Congressional District 25, Senator **Pam Helming** for Senate District 54, Assemblyman **Jeff Gallahan** for Assembly District 131 and Assemblywoman **Marjorie Byrnes** for Assembly District 133, **Gary Baxter** for Ontario County Treasurer, and **Scott “Scooter” Avedisian** and **Terri Haskins** for Ontario County Coroner.

“Our incumbents have been representing their constituents well for several years and deserve our support,” said Trisha Turner, Chairwoman of the Ontario County Republican Committee. “We also strongly believe that our first-time candidates will quickly prove their value to the people they serve.”

Incumbent Rep. Jacobs is seeking re-election in the new 24<sup>th</sup> District, which includes the Ontario County towns of West Bloomfield, Hopewell District 1, Seneca, Manchester, Phelps, Gorham, South Bristol, Richmond, Naples, Farmington and Canadice.

Jacobs was endorsed by the county committee in 2020 for the April special election to fill the empty 27<sup>th</sup> District congressional seat, which was vacant due to the resignation of Rep. Chris Collins. Jacobs won the special election and then was elected in November 2020 to fill the seat for the next two years.

He is a former New York State Senator for the 60th district and former Secretary of State of New York. Until Dec. 31, 2016, he was the County Clerk of Erie County.

**Singletary**, former Rochester police chief, is running in the new 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Located in the 25<sup>th</sup> District are the Ontario towns of Victor, East Bloomfield, Canandaigua, Hopewell District 2, Hopewell District 3 and the City of Canandaigua.

Singletary was born and raised in Rochester and is a graduate of John Marshall High School, Monroe Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Keuka College in 2006 and SUNY Brockport College in 2009 with a Master of Public Administration Degree. After graduating from Monroe Community College, Singletary joined the Rochester Police Department and eventually became chief.

**Helming** is seeking re-election to the State Senate from the 54<sup>th</sup> District, which includes all of Ontario County. A former Canandaigua Town Supervisor, she was first elected to the State Senate in 2016 and was re-elected in 2018.

**Gallahan**, the incumbent in the 131<sup>st</sup> State Assembly District, is seeking re-election. The 131<sup>st</sup> District includes the Ontario cities of Canandaigua and Geneva and the Towns of Hopewell, Seneca, Phelps, Manchester, Gorham, Canandaigua and Geneva.

He is a former Manchester Town Supervisor. He and his wife, Lynn, own CR7 Catering & Food Trailer in Shortsville.

**Byrnes**, of Caledonia, has represented the 133rd district of the New York State Assembly, covering Livingston County and other areas to the south of Rochester since 2019. The district now includes the Ontario towns of South Bristol, Richmond, West Bloomfield, Naples, Farmington, Victor, East Bloomfield, Canadice and Bristol.

She has been an attorney for 32 years, and for 10 years she served as a Rochester City Court Judge. In January 2017, she retired from the New York State court system and then served as a Caledonia Village Trustee.

**Baxter**, a former Geneva City Councilor and retired Geneva police officer, was endorsed for Ontario County Treasurer. He began serving as treasurer in 2005 when he was appointed to the position by Gov. George Pataki to complete an unexpired term. After his first election win in 2006, he was re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2015 and 2019.

**Avedisian** and **Haskins** received the support of the committee for Ontario County Coroner. Avedisian, a retired Ontario sheriff's deputy, was elected coroner four years ago. Haskins, of Geneva, is a family nurse practitioner.

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