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ONTARIO REPUBLICAN CHAIR CONGRATULATES CANDIDATES ON THEIR EXCITING VICTORIES



CANANDAIGUA – Ontario County Republican Committee Chair Trisha Turner today congratulated all of the Republican candidates on their exciting victories in the county.

“I am reflecting on when we passed petitions in the freezing weather, we marched in parades in the sweltering heat, we enjoyed BBQs and fundraisers, not to mention the hundreds of miles you have walked knocking on doors,” said Turner.

The election results indicate a groundswell of support for Republican candidates across Ontario County. Moving forward, it will be important for newly elected officials to listen to the needs of all constituents and develop collaborative solutions that serve the best interests of the entire community. Further, that this is the perfect combination of hard work, outstanding volunteers, and exceptional candidates,” she added. “I am thrilled to say we brought home the vote.”

In county races, Jean Chrisman will serve as the first female Ontario County Clerk. Tom Cheney, the newest coroner, received the most votes of all coroner candidates and Jim DeVaney secured another term in his bid for re-election. Judge Alex Renzi and Joe Waldorf were the top vote getters in the race for the 7th Judicial District State Supreme Court. The district has eight counties, including Ontario.

“We were excited to win the mayor's seat in the City of Geneva as well as some City Council seats,” Turner noted. “Not only have we already captured the mayor's seat in the City of Canandaigua, but we have also now won the mayor's seat in the City of Geneva. Congratulations to Mayor Stephen Valentino.

Republican City Council candidates Bill Pealer, an incumbent, Pat Grimaldi, Pete Gillotte and Jim Petropoulos won ward council seats. One seat in Ward 6 remains a tie and the new council will appoint the councilor.

Alexis Ogra, wife of Ontario Committee Vice Chair and Victor Town Chair Chris Catt, will be the only woman serving on the Victor Town Board when she takes office. David Sauter, who was re-elected to the Canandaigua Town Board, was the top vote-getter among the three candidates seeking two open seats on the board.

In the Town of Farmington, incumbent town board members Nate Bowerman and Ron Herendeen won re-election. In Naples, Kory Bay and Kathleen Riesenberger were voted on the town council. Ruth Smith was elected to the town board in West Bloomfield on the Good Governance line and was supported by the Ontario County Republican Committee.

Turner pointed out that “many of the Republican candidates secured the top vote in their communities. Working together, we can maintain Ontario County's high quality of life for years to come. By prioritizing fiscal responsibility, transparency and community engagement, our county leaders can ensure resources are used efficiently and programs meet the evolving demands of residents and businesses. With steady progress and a spirit of goodwill, Ontario County's future remains bright under the leadership of officials who embrace the responsibility to represent all members of our vibrant and diverse county.”

Please visit > <https://ontariocountyny.gov/107/Board-of-Elections> for all the final Ontario County election results.