



To: Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Members
From: Marc Cohen, Chief of Staff
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Re: 2022 Midterm Election Overview

The 2022 Midterms were widely anticipated to bring significant wins for Republicans nationwide. That was not the case. Democrats retained the majority in the US Senate with victories in critical competitive seats (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania). Democratic victories in Gubernatorial races (Arizona, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin) and State Legislatures (Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota) were significant as well as several key House victories for Democrats and votes in favor of protecting abortion rights. That said, Republicans are on track to win back the House of Representatives.

Below is an overview, starting with our home state of New York, outlining key races and their preliminary results. While the below is intended only as a summary, pre-election briefs are attached which offer specific context for these races. Races too-close-to-call are identified as such and this overview will be updated as additional information comes available. Winners are identified with [redacted]

New York

Statewide

Democratic **Governor Kathy Hochul** defeated challenger Republican Congressman Lee Zeldin (53-47 with 93% of the precincts reporting); Democratic **Attorney General Letitia James** defeated Republican challenger Michael Henry (54-44); and Democratic **Comptroller Tom DiNapoli** defeated challenger Paul Rodriguez (56-41). United States Senator **Chuck Schumer** defeated challenger Joe Pinion (56-41).

Races Local to Rochester

NY-25 Congressional Race: La’Ron Singletary (R) v. **Joe Morelle (D)**

Incumbent Democratic Congressman Joe Morelle defeated Republican nominee La’Ron Singletary. While historically a Democratic stronghold that President Biden won by 20 points in 2020, this seat has recently drawn attention as Singletary closed the gap. Morelle ultimately won the seat 54-46.

New York State Senate and Assembly

A more comprehensive brief on the status of the NYS Assembly and Senate is forthcoming but below is the status of Rochester’s State Delegation. Overall, Democrats will continue to control both Houses but Republicans made notable gains in both the Senate and Assembly statewide.

New York State Senate (*Overall predicted to be 41 Democrats to 22 Republicans but one seat (Mannion SD50) is too close to call. The prediction would mean democrats lost the veto-proof majority*)

District 54: **Senator Pamela Helming (Incumbent) (R)** vs. Kenan Baldrige (D)

District 55: **Senator Samra Brouk (Incumbent) (D)** vs. Len Morrell (R)

District 56: **Senator Jeremy Cooney (Incumbent) (D)** vs. Jim VanBrederode (R)

District 57: **Senator George Borrello (Incumbent) (R)** vs. Daniel Brown (D)

District 62: **Senator Robert Ortt (Incumbent) (R)** *Unopposed*

New York State Assembly (*Overall the State Assembly is predicted to be at 101 Democrats to 49 Republicans meaning Democrats maintain a supermajority*)

District 130: **Brian Manktelow (Incumbent) (R)** vs. Scott Comegys (D)

District 133: **Marjorie Byrnes (Incumbent) (R)** vs. Sara Spezzano (D)

District 134: **Josh Jensen (Incumbent) (R)** *unopposed*

District 135: **Jen Lunsford (Incumbent) (D)** vs. Joseph Chenelly (R)

District 136: **Sarah Clark (Incumbent) (D)** vs. Orlando Rivera (R)

District 137: **Demond Meeks (Incumbent) (D)** vs. Marcus Williams (R)

District 138: **Harry Bronson (Incumbent) (D)** vs. Tracy DiFlorio (R)

District 139: **Stephen Hawley (Incumbent) (R)** v. Jennifer Ao Keys (D)

New York's United States House of Representatives Delegation (Competitive Seats)

NY-01: **Nick LaLota (R) v. **Bridget Fleming (D)****

This seat is open as a result of the current holder, Lee Zeldin, running for Governor. Republican Nick LaLota is projected to beat challenger Democrat Bridget Fleming keeping the seat in Republican hands.

NY-02: **Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R) vs. **Jackie Gordon (D)****

Incumbent Republican Congressman Andrew Garbarino defeated Democrat Jackie Gordon. This was a repeat of the 2020 contest in which Garbarino beat Gordon by 7 points.

NY-03: **George Santos (R) v. **Robert Zimmerman (D)****

Republican George Santos defeated Democrat Robert Zimmerman in this open seat, flipping it from Democrat to Republican. It is currently represented by Tom Suozzi who declined to run for reelection and instead unsuccessfully ran in the Democratic Primary for Governor.

NY-04: **Anthony D'Esposito (R) v. **Laura Gillen (D)****

Republican Anthony D'Esposito earned 51% of the vote and has declared victory over Democrat Laura Gillen.

NY-17: **Mike Lawler (R) v. **Sean Patrick Maloney (D)****

New York State Assemblyman Mike Lawler defeated incumbent Democratic Congressman (and current DCCC Chair) Sean Patrick Maloney. Maloney conceded at 10:30am on November 9th. Lawler's victory is significant as it flips the seat from Democratic control to Republican control.

NY-18: **Colin Schmitt (R) v. **Pat Ryan (D)****

Incumbent Democratic Congressman Pat Ryan defeated Republican New York State Assemblyman Colin Schmitt in a narrow victory. Schmitt conceded at 2:00am on November 9th.

NY-19: **Marc Molinaro (R) v. **Josh Riley (D)****

Republican Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro defeated Democrat Josh Riley in this newly drawn district. Molinaro earned 51% of the vote.

NY-22: **Brandon Williams (R) v. **Francis Conole (D)****

Republican Brandon Williams defeated Democrat Francis Conole in this open seat.

New York's US House Delegation sits at 11 Republicans and 15 Democrats. This is a net-loss of 4 seats for Democrats.

Arizona

Gubernatorial Race:

Republican Nominee: Kari Lake

Democratic Nominee: Katie Hobbs (won 50.4-49.6)

Senate Race:

Republican Nominee: Blake Masters

Democratic Nominee: Senator Mark Kelly (Incumbent) (won 52-46)

Georgia

Gubernatorial Race:

Republican Nominee: Brian Kemp (Incumbent) (won 54-46)

Democratic Nominee: Stacey Abrams

Senate Race: (Runoff race as no candidate received 50%+1)

Republican Nominee: Herschel Walker

Democratic Nominee: Senator Raphael Warnock (Incumbent)

Michigan

Gubernatorial Race

Republican Nominee: Tudor Dixon

Democratic Nominee: Governor Gretchen Whitmer (Incumbent) (won 52-46)

Nevada

Gubernatorial Race:

Republican Nominee: Joe Lombardo (won 49-47)

Democratic Nominee: Governor Steve Sisolak (Incumbent)

Senate Race:

Republican Nominee: Adam Laxalt

Democratic Nominee: Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (Incumbent) (won 48.8 – 48.1)

North Carolina

Senate Race:

Republican Nominee: Ted Budd (won 51-47)

Democratic Nominee: Cheri Beasley

Ohio

Senate Race:

Republican Nominee: J.D. Vance (won 53-47)

Democratic Nominee: Tim Ryan

Pennsylvania

Gubernatorial Race:

Republican Nominee: Doug Mastriano

Democratic Nominee: Josh Shapiro (won 55-43)

Senate Race:

Republican Nominee: Mehmet Oz

Democratic Nominee: John Fetterman (won 50-48)

Wisconsin

Gubernatorial Race:

Republican Nominee: Tim Michels

Democratic Nominee: Governor Tony Evers (Incumbent) (won 51-48)

Senate Race:

Republican Nominee: Senator Ron Johnson (Incumbent) (won 50.5-49.5)

Democratic Nominee: Mandela Barnes

State Races Nationally – Overview

Democrats gained in several state legislatures including both legislative chambers in Michigan, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and the Senate in Minnesota. There was also a strong showing among Democrats by way of winning incumbents and pickups in states like Massachusetts and Maryland. Per the results of this last election, Democrats won the Governor's Mansion and both Houses of the State Legislature in Colorado, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, and New York. Republicans won all three in Georgia.

Control of statehouses and Governors' mansions is important as issues like elections administration and access to abortions are at the forefront. Abortion access was on the ballot in California, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, and Vermont. The results in each hold that voters are in favor of access.