



Candidate Survey on Children's Issues 2016 Election

VOTE: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

6:00 AM – 9:00 PM

The **VOTE for KIDS** campaign is an initiative by the independent, nonpartisan organization Westchester Children's Association. It aims to elevate Westchester's children and youth to the top of the public agenda among candidates, elected officials, media, and the general public during the upcoming elections.

As a critical part of the campaign, candidates running for election in the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly were invited to answer questions about issues affecting Westchester's children and youth. Only those candidates running in the general election and in districts that encompass municipalities in Westchester County were surveyed.

This is a non-partisan effort; Westchester Children's Association does not support or oppose any candidate for public office. We understand that voters do and should make decisions based on a variety of qualifications that go beyond responses to any one questionnaire.

Candidate responses or lack thereof are included in their entirety and in the exact manner that we received them. We are grateful to the candidates who took the time to complete the survey.

Please view the full results at <http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> and pass the link on to your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues before the November 8th election.

Voting Resources:

Additional races on the ballot on November 8th include candidates for the President of the United States, United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, Westchester County District Attorney and various positions in local municipalities.

More information about these races can be found through the League of Women Voters: <http://www.vote411.org/>

To find your polling place, [click here](#).

Share on social media!

On Facebook or Twitter? Make sure to share this resource using **#VoteForKids** and tag Westchester Children's Association: @wca4kids

Sample Tweets:

- I'm voting for kids on November 8, are you? <http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> via @wca4kids #VoteForKids
- Kids can't vote but I can! I'm voting for kids on Nov. 8th! <http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> via @wca4kids #VoteForKids
- Are you an informed voter? Do your candidates prioritize kids? Find out: <http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> via @wca4kids #VoteForKids
- Where does your candidate stand on #RaisetheAgeNY? Find out: <http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> via @wca4kids #VoteForKids
- Know who will prioritize funding for #HomeVisiting programs? Find out: <http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> via @wca4kids #VoteForKids

Sample Facebook Post:

Being an informed voter is an essential part of being an engaged advocate. If you want to advocate for youth and families, make sure you know where the candidates stand on issues affecting them. @wca4kids candidate survey can help you decide!

<http://bit.ly/2016vfksurvey> #VoteForKids

Legislative District Guide:

Find which municipalities make up each legislative district in Westchester.

You can also find your legislative districts by [searching here](#).

New York State Senate:

District 34: Pelham and parts of the Bronx

District 35: Greenburgh, part of New Rochelle, Scarsdale, part of White Plains, and Yonkers

District 36: Mount Vernon and parts of the Bronx

District 37: Bedford, Eastchester, Harrison, Mamaroneck, part of New Rochelle, North Castle, Rye, part of White Plains, part of Yonkers

District 38: Ossining and parts of Rockland County

District 40: Cortlandt, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, Mount Pleasant, New Castle, North Salem, Peekskill, Pound Ridge, Somers, Yorktown, and parts of Putnam County

New York State Assembly:

District 88: Eastchester, part of New Rochelle, Pelham, Scarsdale, part of White Plains

District 89: Mount Vernon and part of Yonkers

District 90: Yonkers

District 91: Mamaroneck, part of New Rochelle, Rye

District 92: Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant

District 93: Bedford, Harrison, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge, part of White Plains

District 94: Somers, Yorktown, and parts of Putnam County

District 95: Cortlandt, Ossining, Peekskill, and parts of Putnam County

OVERVIEW OF CANDIDATE RESPONSES – ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME

		In light of tight budget constraints and competing constituent demands, how will you prioritize services for children and youth? <i>On a scale of 1 to 5, please indicate your level of support for shifting financial resources to each of the below categories.</i>								
First Name	Last Name	Continuum of early childhood home visiting services	Additional Comment?	Foster Youth College Success Initiative	Additional Comment?	Full implementation of federal child care requirements while maintaining child care subsidy slots	Additional Comment?	Youth employment opportunities	Additional Comment?	District
Thomas J.	Abinanti	5		5		5		5		NYA 92
Jamaal	Bailey	5		5		5		5		NYS 36
Alison	Boak	5	X	5	X	5		5	X	NYS 40
David	Buchwald	4		4		5	X	5	X	NYA 93
Kevin	Byrne	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NYA 94
David	Carlucci	5		5		5		5		NYS 38
Anthony	De Cintio	5		5		5		5		NYA 88
Tom	DePrisco	5		5		5		5		NYS 38
Robert	Diamond	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NYS 36
Sandra	Galef	5		4		5		5		NYA 95
Brian	Higbie	5		4	X	4		5	X	NYA 94
Julie	Killian	5		5		5		5		NYS 37
Jeff	Klein	5		5		5		5		NYS 34
George	Latimer	5		4		5		4		NYS 37
Carl	Lundgren	5		5		5	X	5		NYS 34
Shelley	Mayer	5	X	5	X	5	X	5	X	NYA 90
Aleksander	Mici	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NYS 34
Terrence	Murphy	3		3		3		4		NYS 40
Steve	Otis	5		5		5		5		NYA 91
Amy	Paulin	5	X	5	X	5	X	5	X	NYA 88
J. Gary	Pretlow	5		5		5		5		NYA 89
Greg	Purdy	NR	X	NR	X	NR	X	NR	X	NYA 95
Andrea	Stewart-Cousins	5		5		5		5		NYS 35

RESPONSE KEY:

Scale of 1 to 5:

- 1: Not important, there should be a reduction in state funding
- 3: Important, the current state funding is sufficient as it is
- 5: Very important, there should be an increase in state funding
- NR =No response

Candidates were given the opportunity to offer additional comments about their response. Those who included additional comments are noted by an “X”.

NYS=New York State Senate

NYA=New York State Assembly