

2016 Special Edition Voters Guide

Addendum to the League of Women Voters of Westchester's 2016 Voters Guide for New York State Senate District #40

The League of Women Voters of Westchester recently published its **2016 Voters Guide**. However, it was printed before the candidates for New York State Senate District #40 submitted their responses. Therefore, the New Castle League prepared this **2016 Special Edition Voters Guide**.

Note: The candidates themselves supply candidate information in this Voters Guide. The League takes no responsibility for the content or accuracy of the responses.

New York Senate District 40

New York's 40th District includes the towns of Beekman, Pawling and the village of Pawling in Dutchess County, the towns of Carmel, Patterson and Southeast, and the village of Brewster in Putnam County, and the city of Peekskill, the towns of Cortlandt, Lewisboro, Mount Pleasant, New Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge, Somers and Yorktown, the town/village of Mount Kisco, and the villages of Briarcliff Manor, Buchanan, Croton-on-Hudson, Pleasantville and Sleepy Hollow in Westchester County.

Term: two-year terms. There are no limits on the number of terms one may serve.



Alison Boak (Dem)

Co-Founder of the International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA); Leader in Residence at Colin Powell School for Global and Civic Leadership, City College of New York



Terrence Murphy (I, Rep, Rfm, C)
State Senator

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Alison Boak:

Public Health, 1998 State University of New York at Albany, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, 1993

Bio Ali grew up in middle-class household in Oswego, NY and was the first in her family to graduate from university (SUNY Albany). She began her career in public service as a Peace Corps Volunteer and Fulbright Scholar in the Baltic States where she worked to establish youth health centers. After receiving a Master's of Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, Ali co-founded the International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA), an international nonprofit organization which has worked in more than 22 countries to eliminate the exploitation and trafficking of vulnerable youth. She was a member of the United Nations Working Group for Girls and served on several national anti-trafficking working groups including the Lutheran Immigrant Refugees Services National Child Welfare Advisory Board. Ali has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work to address child trafficking across New York State including from the Westchester County Board of Legislators, County Executive Rob Astorino, Congresswoman Nita Lowey and My Sisters' Place. Ali currently lives in Pound Ridge, NY with her husband and their four daughters. She has been an active member of the community including serving on the Pound Ridge Town Board, the Bedford Central School District's Budget Advisory Committee, Bedford/Lewisboro/Pound Ridge Drug Abuse Council, North East Westchester Domestic Abuse Alliance (NEW-DAA), among many others. She currently teaches Human Rights as a Leader-in-Residence at the City University of New York (CCNY).

Endorsements Endorsed April 30, 2016 by the tri-county convention of the Democratic committees from Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties in the district. Elected Officials New York State Senate Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (35th SD) Senator George Latimer (37th SD) New York State Assembly Endorsed by every Democratic New York State Assembly Member whose district overlaps with the 40th SD including:

Terrence Murphy:

Bio Dr. Terrence Murphy is a small business owner and lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley with a deep-rooted commitment to public service. His family originally moved to Yorktown in 1962 when Yorktown's mascot, the Cornhusker, was still a common and public sight. Growing up next to Wilkens Fruit Farm, he enjoyed an incredible childhood which included apple picking and skating on Mill Pond. As the youngest of six children, his father Jack, a blue-collar, Navy vet of the Korean War, union man and labor advocate who worked for Con Edison for over fifty years, taught him the importance of hard work, dedication, and commitment to community. Remembering his father's teachings of the importance of community Dr. Murphy was always willing to help others in need. It was little surprise to his family when Dr. Murphy decided to study nutrition following his graduation from Yorktown High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and a Doctorate of Chiropractic from Life University College of Chiropractic. In 1999, he made his first official mark on the Hudson Valley by opening the Yorktown Health and Wellness Center on Commerce Street in Yorktown Heights. Today, Dr. Murphy continues to manage his chiropractic practice. Always keeping family first, Dr. Murphy's favorite time is spent with his wife Caroline, and children McKayla, Jack, and Kian. He was elected to the Yorktown Town Board in 2009 and re-elected in 2013, delivering the first back-to-back tax cuts in a generation and ushering in \$250 million in economic development projects. In 2014, he was elected to the New York State Senate with 55.3% of the vote, representing the 40th District, which includes portions of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties.

Endorsements New York State AFL-CIO New York State Association of PBAs AFSCME District Council 37 District Council 1707 AFSCME Council 66 AFSCME Council 82 AFSCME Council 35 Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body, AFL-CIO New York State Troopers PBA Westchester County Correction Superior Officers Association New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) New York State Operating

Alison Boak:

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (92nd AD)
Assemblyman David Buchwald (93rd AD)
Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (95th AD) Also,
Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (88th AD) Shelley
Mayer (90th AD) Westchester County Board of
Legislators Catherine Borgia, Majority Leader,
District 9 Kenneth Jenkins, District 16 Michael
Kaplowitz, Chair, District 4 Catherine Parker,
District 7 Lyndon Williams, District 13 Local
Elected Officials Chris Burdick, Supervisor,
Town of Bedford Richard Clinchy, Councilman,
Somers Town Board Lynne Eckhardt, Town
Board Member, Town of Southeast Jean Farber,
Trustee, Village of Mt. Kisco Anthony Markus,
Deputy Mayor, Mt. Kisco Vishnu Patel,
Councilman, Town of Yorktown Peter Parsons,
Supervisor, Town of Lewisboro Daniel Paschkes,
Town Board Member, Town of Pound Ridge
Jeremy Saland, Town Board Member, Town of
New Castle Karen Schleimer, Trustee, Village of
Mt. Kisco Town/Village Committees Dutchess
The Beekman Democratic Committee Putnam
The Carmel/Mahopac Democratic Committee
The Southeast Democratic Committee
Westchester The Lewisboro Democratic
Committee The Mount Pleasant Democratic
Committee The Mt. Kisco Democratic
Committee The New Castle Democratic
Committee The Peekskill Democratic Committee
The North Salem Democratic Committee The
Pound Ridge Democratic Committee The
Somers Democratic Club The Yorktown
Democratic Committee Organizational Support
SEIU 32BJ Eleanor's Legacy EMILY's List
Fighting for Children's PAC New York Social
Justice PAC NYCLASS Planned Parenthood
Advocates of New York Political Committee
SEIU Local 200 United United Auto Workers
(UAW) Region 9A WCLA PAC Individuals
Hamra Ahmad, Executive Director, Hudson
Valley Justice Center Dawn Greenberg, Founder
of Chappaqua Friends of Hillary Laura Germino,
Co-founder of the Coalition of Immokalee
Workers (CIW) David Ryan, Chief of Police,
Pound Ridge

Terrence Murphy:

Engineers IOUE Local 137 New York City
Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Yonkers
PBA Supreme Court Officers Association New
York State Nurses Association CSEA Local 1000
Utility Workers of America Local 1-2 Affiliated
Police Associations of Westchester-Putnam
AFL-CIO Uniformed Firefighters Association,
FDNY Uniformed EMT's, Paramedics & Fire
Inspectors Local 2507 Uniformed EMS Officers
Union, Local 3621 Uniformed Fire Alarm
Dispatchers Benevolent Association Fire
Marshal Benevolent Association of Nassau
County Nassau County Deputy Sheriff's
Benevolent Association Nassau County Police
Medic Association, Inc. Empire State
Supervisors & Administrators Association
Suffolk County Correction Officers Association,
Inc. Fire Alarm Dispatchers Benevolent
Association, FDNY Westchester County
Correction Officers Benevolent Association
Rockland County Patrolman's Benevolent
Association New York State FOP Police
Conference of New York

What would be your top three priorities?

Alison Boak:

My top priority is changing the culture of corruption in Albany beginning with my pledge to limit my outside income and serve as a full-time legislator.
I am committed to making our community more affordable by lowering taxes, addressing sky-rocketing college tuition and supporting our local main streets.
I am a staunch advocate for women and children. I will work for equal pay, to ensure that women can make their own health care decision with their doctors, and pass the Child Victim's Act.

Terrence Murphy:

Winning the war on addiction, delivering the Hudson Valley's fair share of education aid and improving the business climate in New York.
We passed milestone heroin legislation that now stands as a national model but more needs to be done. Proper education funding is critical for us to give every child the opportunity to succeed. New York is over-regulated. We have to address the crushing weight of the red tape that continues to strangle the life out of our businesses.

What further changes, if any, to campaign finance and ethics rules in New York State do you propose? Please explain.

Alison Boak:

To change the culture in Albany we need to change the rules. I support limiting outside income to reduce conflicts of interest. We need to close the LLC loophole which allows wealthy individuals to give unlimited political contributions. We must also ensure that we demand full transparency in how funds allocated by members of the legislature are distributed.
Finally, we should move towards public financing of elections to give every New Yorker the chance to run for office.

Terrence Murphy:

A 5-point plan. Pass real term limits for legislators and the executive branch. Again pass pension forfeiture for corrupt politicians. Create voter ballot initiative, referendum and recall elections. Close "the De Blasio Loophole" and increase penalties for mega-donors who circumvent contribution limits by using straw donors. Make lobbyists and special interests who use the "agents of the city" exemption subject to FOIL.

What election reforms would you support, such as: early voting; voting by mail; better ballot design; and voter registration modernization?

Alison Boak:

I support early voting, voting by mail, and better ballot design (where you can actually read the text!). I also believe that one of the best ways we can modernize our electoral system and enhance participation in our democracy is to implement automatic voter registration.

Terrence Murphy:

New York already technically allows early voting by mail through no excuse absentee balloting. The system should be retooled so military voters can receive their ballots in time for the election and return their ballots in enough time to have their vote count. Online voter registrations should have better safeguards to protect against voter fraud such as a photo ID requirement. Let's put the people back in charge in Albany. It's about public service, not self-service.