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Voters fill in their ballots at Vassar Road Elementary School in the Town of Poughkeepsie on November 4, 2025. PATRICK OEHLER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

2026 candidates share their top priorities

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We asked candidates for the Dutchess County Legislature to identify their top priorities and the biggest issues facing the districts they hope to represent.

Out of the 25 districts within the county, 17 have contested races in the Nov. 3 general election.

In Dutchess County, early voting began Oct. 24 and will be available through Nov. 1 at multiple polling locations. On Election Day, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. To find your polling location, visit elections.dutchessny.gov.

Here, get to know the candidates running for Dutchess County Legislature in 2026. To find your district, visit gis.dutchessny.gov.

The following responses were submitted by candidates through an online questionnaire. All candidates received the same questions and word limits. Their answers have been published as provided, except for minor edits for length or clarity when necessary. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

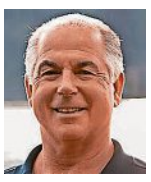
Dutchess County Legislature Candidates: What are the three biggest issues facing the community, and which is your top priority? Why?

District 1

Dutchess County Legislature District 1 represents the Town of Poughkeepsie. To find out if you are in this district, visit gis.dutchessny.gov/legislative-districts/#1.

Robert V. Gorman (Republican, Conservative)

Gorman, 64, of the Town of Poughkeepsie, is a mechanic and tow truck driver.



Gorman

Cost of living, taxes, and affordability are the top issues facing our community today. As the cost of living continues to rise, local government must do what it can to help ease this burden. This is why, in my time in the Legislature, I voted to reduce the property tax rate in the 2025 and 2026 budget. At the same time, I voted to invest significantly in programs to tackle affordability, including allocating more than $2 million to our Housing Trust Fund.

Communities across New York State are facing an EMS crisis, and in Dutchess County, we took action to address this issue. When I was a member of the Legislature, I voted for the first-of-its-kind program that invested $2 million annually in supplemental EMS coverage in Dutchess County. The program has been successful, putting ALS and

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Meet the candidates running for State Assembly

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We asked candidates for the New York State Assembly to identify their top priorities and the biggest issues facing the districts they hope to represent.

Out of the four local assembly districts covering all of Dutchess and portions of Orange and Ulster counties, three have contested races in the Nov. 3 general election.

For New York State Assembly, District 104 Democratic and Working Families candidate Jonathan G. Jacobson is running uncontested. District 104 encompasses a portion of Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties, including the cities of Beacon, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, as well as the towns of Lloyd, Marlboro, Newburgh and Plattekill.

Click here to see a map of State Assembly District 104. To learn more about Jacobson, check out his website jacobsonfornyassembly.com. You can also find Jacobson on Facebook and Instagram, @Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson and @aasemblymember.jonathan.jacobson, respectively.

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Pompeii cupboard sheds light on ancient life

Crispian Balmer
REUTERS

ROME – A cupboard sealed for almost 2,000 years in Pompeii has yielded an intimate snapshot of one resident's life before Mount Vesuvius destroyed the ancient Roman city, from make-up utensils and perfume to coins, cooking pots and childhood amulets.

The once-thriving city of Pompeii, near Naples, was buried by a volcanic eruption in AD 79, preserving buildings, objects and graffiti under meters of ash.

Archaeologists pieced together bits of the wooden cupboard from traces uncovered in a house on Via dell'Abbondanza, one of the busiest streets of ancient Pompeii, the site said in a statement.

"We cannot reconstruct with certainty the identity of whoever lived in the house, but these fragments bring us closer to their daily life," said site director Gabriel Zuchtriegel.

Among the objects stored inside was a necklace comprising at least 24 tiny objects made of bone, glass paste, earthenware and rock crystal, including images of the gods Bes and Mercury, as well as miniature hands, feet, pine cones and bunches of grapes.

Such necklaces, known as crepundia, were traditionally given to Roman children both as protective amulets and as rattles whose sounds helped adults keep track of them.

They were sometimes kept into adulthood as mementos of childhood, offering a particularly personal connection to the unknown inhabitant of the house.

Other finds tell a more prosaic story of daily life.

There were tweezers, a small glass perfume or ointment bottle and an incense burner, alongside bronze, glass and ceramic vessels and cooking pots. Lead weights in a wooden box suggested that someone in the house was involved in trade.

A small woven container held 38 bronze coins.

The fact that both money and objects with apparent sentimental value remained behind suggests the owners had no time to retrieve them after

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