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**NY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**  
**NEW MEMBERS**

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## **Andrew Garbarino (R)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District (Parts of Nassau and Suffolk Counties):** *Seat currently held by Peter King (R)*

**Occupation:** NYS Assemblymember, Assembly District 7

**Past Professional Experience:** Attorney

**Education:** B.A George Washington University, J.D. Hofstra Law School

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### **Biography**

Andrew Garbarino is a lifelong resident of Sayville. Garbarino graduated from Sayville High School and received a B.A. in history and classical humanities from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He then returned home and earned his law degree from Hofstra University School of Law.

Since 2013, he has represented much of the south shore of Long Island in the New York State Assembly, where he has fought to increase State funding for area school districts, worked to protect Long Island's environment including the Great South Bay, opposed tax hikes, and supported law enforcement.

A third-generation local businessman, Garbarino works at his family law firm in downtown Sayville. The Garbarino family has owned/operated small businesses throughout the downtown communities from Bay Shore to Patchogue over the last several decades.

Devoted to his community, Garbarino is a member of the Rotary Club and Knights of Columbus, and is a parishioner at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church in Sayville.

### **Issues**

- **Public Safety:** Voted against bail reform and opposes all efforts to defund the police
- **Ending the Opioid Abuse Epidemic:** Expand access to medication and treatment for substance abuse disorders, strengthen laws to punish and hold drug dealers accountable
- **Environment:** Protect Long Island's drinking water by providing new regulatory authority to counties and local governments over mining activities, support a commission to study the feasibility, costs, impacts, and best locations for construction of a seawall around the city of New York's coastline
- **Ethics:** Supports term limits and has voted to subject LLCs to the existing contribution limits for corporations and require disclosure of the identity of individuals with membership interests in LLCs
- **Healthcare:** Establish the New York State Advisory Council on Mental Health Emergency and Crisis Response and establish patient protections from excessive hospital emergency charges
- **Taxes:** Lowering taxes for families and small businesses, repeal of the SALT cap
- **Economy:** Support small businesses and stop any further undue burdens on them

### **Endorsements**

- Republican Jewish Coalition
- NFIB
- U.S. Chamber



## Nicole Malliotakis (R)

**11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Richmond County and part of Kings County):** *Seat currently held by Max Rose (D)*

**Occupation:** NYS Assemblymember, Assembly District 64

**Past Professional Experience:** Liaison for State Senator John Marchi and Governor George Pataki; Public Affairs Manager, Con Ed

**Education:** B.A. Seton Hall University, MBA Wagner College

### Biography

This January, Nicole was sworn in to her 5<sup>th</sup> term as a member of the State Assembly. She was first elected to the New York State Assembly on November 2, 2010, defeating a two-term incumbent. She is the daughter of immigrants, her father from Greece and her mother a Cuban exile. Nicole currently represents a district spanning the boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island. She was the first Hispanic-American elected from Richmond County. Prior to being elected, Nicole served as a liaison for the late State Senator John Marchi and Governor George Pataki. Subsequent to Governor Pataki's departure from office, she worked as a public affairs manager for Con Edison, focusing on the State's energy, economic, and environmental policies.

During her first term in the Assembly, Nicole was named one of 2012's "40 Under 40 Latino Rising Stars" by the Hispanic Coalition of New York, and one of Greek America's "Forty Under 40" Class of 2012, for which she was recognized at the annual National Innovation Convention. In 2013, Nicole was named one of the American Conservative Union's "Top 10 Under 40" and addressed the 2013 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). She was identified by MSNBC as a "young conservative to watch." In 2014, she was selected by the China-U.S. Exchange Foundation to participate in a visit to Beijing, Chengdu, and Shanghai to strengthen diplomatic and economic ties between the two nations. She also serves as a member of the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association and as State Director of the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

Recovery from Hurricane Sandy has become a hallmark of her tenure as an elected official. Nicole's district, which encompasses the eastern shore of Staten Island, was among the hardest hit by the October 2012 storm. In addition, Nicole has successfully fought to restore and expand transit service in both Brooklyn and Staten Island, improve programs for senior citizens, and reform education in our State. She has worked to improve New York's economic climate and reduce the tax burden on small businesses and residents. She is also a passionate advocate for animal rights and strengthening animal cruelty laws.

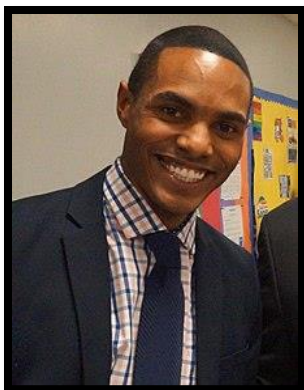
### Issues

- **Education:** Supports parent involvement in schools and protecting after-school and community-based Pre-K programs, opposed to New York City's plan to lower admission standards for its specialized high schools and close Gifted and Talented schools
- **Environment:** Supports both clean air and water measures, combat beach erosion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand the use of renewable energy
- **Ethics:** Advocated for good government reforms and taking pensions away from elected officials convicted of corruption
- **Healthcare:** Provide protections to ensure that individuals with pre-existing conditions could purchase health insurance and expand the State's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage program, stop price gouging by pharmaceutical companies

- Immigration: Supports strengthening the border and opposes sanctuary city policies
- Economy: Supports vocational training opportunities and lowering taxes for small businesses and the USMCA, opposes burdensome regulations, red tape and taxes
- Public Safety: Opposes efforts to close Rikers Island and establish supervised injection centers
- Senior Issues: Voted to expand the State EPIC program to supplement out-of-pocket Medicare Part D prescription costs for seniors, supports strengthening Medicare and Social Security
- Transportation: Secure federal mass transit funding to expand service, improve the system's state of good repair

### **Endorsements**

- PBA
- NYS Troopers PBA
- APWU
- League of Humane Voters
- Log Cabin Republicans
- NFIB



## **Ritchie Torres (D)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Part of Bronx County):** *Seat currently held by Jose Serrano (D)*

**Occupation:** New York City Councilmember

**Past Professional Experience:** Housing Director, New York Council Member James Vacca

**Education:** NYU

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### **Biography**

Ritchie Torres was born in the Bronx to a single mother who kept his family afloat on a \$4.25 minimum wage. He grew up in a housing project that was full of leaks and lead, with no reliable heat or hot water in the winter.

As a product of public housing, public schools, and public hospitals, he had a dream of fighting for his community in the hopes of building a better Bronx. At 25, against all odds, Torres became the youngest elected official in New York City, and the first openly LGBT elected official from the Bronx. He has represented Bronx communities on the New York City Council, and now is running to represent New York's 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District – “because the Bronx needs one of our own to fight for us in Washington.”

Torres will fight for quality healthcare and housing, schools and jobs and stand up for immigrants, seniors, and the youth. He will fight everyday to protect our neighborhoods from gun violence and make the Bronx a safe, decent, affordable place to live. His motto in life is simple: ‘If you do nothing, nothing will change’. We can build a better Bronx, but we have to do it together.

### **Issues**

- Housing: Increase tenant protections
- Healthcare: Combat the opioid crisis, expand mental health services, expand health services for the LGBT community
- Education: End segregation and bullying in schools
- Ethics: Ethics reform and expanding voting rights

### **Endorsements**

- NYLCV
- Hotel Trades Council
- IAMAW
- Equality PAC
- CWA
- IBEW
- Human Rights Campaign



## **Jamaal Bowman (D)**

**16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Parts of Bronx and Westchester Counties):** *Seat currently held by Eliot Engel (D)*

**Occupation:** Principal, Cornerstone Academy for Social Action

**Past Professional Experience:** Public School Teacher; Steering Committee Member for New York State Allies for Public Education

**Education:** B.A. University of New Haven, Ph.D. Manhattanville College

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### **Biography**

Jamaal was born and raised in New York City. He spent his early years in public housing and later in rent-controlled apartments. He didn't have much growing up, but his mother provided him all that he needed: love, a stable family, and a sense of community. Jamaal now lives in Yonkers with his wife and three kids, and he works as the founding principal of one of the best public middle schools in the city.

Jamaal has fought for teachers, students, and families for twenty years. As a leader in the opt-out movement across the State, Jamaal connected parents from diverse backgrounds to the fight. He has been a steering committee member for New York State Allies for Public Education, where his work centered on successfully dismantling Common Core in New York and decoupling teacher evaluations from student test scores. He has also been a member of the New York State Early Childhood Blue Ribbon Committee, where he championed early childhood learning standards. He worked with Bronx Legal and Visiting Nurse Services to push for policy that trains every teacher in New York State in trauma-informed practices. He worked with Avenues the World school, Negus World, and Hip Hop Saves Lives to implement innovative design thinking and social justice curriculum. He has also led efforts to educate elected officials on the impact of toxic stress on health and education outcomes. He recently earned his doctorate in education focusing on the benefit of the community school model, which is an alternative to charter schools and the roadmap to fixing our public school system.

After seeing the failures in our education system, Jamaal started Cornerstone Academy for Social Action (CASA). Located in the Baychester neighborhood of the Bronx, CASA is an innovative public school with a strong emphasis on student voice, holistic education, cultural awareness, and love. Through his work in education, he has seen firsthand how low-income families are locked out of opportunity by a system that's rigged for the wealthy and privileged few. Through his work as an advocate and a principal, he has seen the results of inadequate housing, homelessness, mental health, a discriminatory immigration system, the school to prison pipeline, food deserts, and trauma filled environments.

While the current leadership has failed to produce results, Jamaal has been successfully fighting for families in the State. With this election, we can build the movement by putting Jamaal, an effective advocate, and educator, into the halls of Congress so he can continue to work for not just the state of New York, but our country.

## Issues

- Combat Racism: Establish a National Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Social Justice: Provide federal matching grants for states and municipalities that create crisis care units of violence interrupters, social workers, and mental health intervention, criminal justice reform, policing reforms
- Healthcare: Medicare for All, low prescription costs, protect reproductive rights
- Education: Invest more in public education, provide free college and cancel student debt
- Housing: Increase tenant protections and rent control
- Environment: Invest in the Green New Deal
- Immigration: Expand rights for immigrants, create a pathway to citizenship
- Senior Services: Expand Social Security, protect pensions
- Gun Violence Prevention: Universal background checks, close loopholes, improve the Gun Free School Zones Act

## Endorsements

- Justice Democrats
- Make the Road
- Democratic Socialists of America
- New York State Nurses Union
- Planned Parenthood
- Sierra Club





## **Mondaire Jones (D)**

**17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Rockland County and Part of Westchester County):** *Seat currently held by Nita Lowey (D)*

**Occupation:** Attorney, Law Department, Westchester County

**Past Professional Experience:** Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

**Education:** B.A Stanford University, J.D. Harvard Law School

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### **Biography**

Mondaire Jones was born in Nyack to a single mother and raised in the working-class Village of Spring Valley with the help of his grandparents. When daycare was too expensive, his grandmother brought him to work where she cleaned homes. He attended public schools in East Ramapo throughout his childhood.

Mondaire realized at a young age that to improve his community, he should not wait on others to take action. Faced with the constant threat of defeat of the East Ramapo public school budget while in high school, Mondaire revived the Spring Valley NAACP Youth Council and led that organization in registering and mobilizing voters. When he was 19, Mondaire was elected chair of a committee by the NAACP's National Board of Directors. Mondaire took his activism to Stanford University, where as a student leader he championed progressive causes, from faculty and graduate student diversity to a living wage for dining hall and maintenance workers. When the Palo Alto Police Chief made public statements endorsing racial profiling, Mondaire organized his fellow students. Their efforts helped lead to the police chief's resignation and reforms within the department.

After college, Mondaire served in the Obama Administration. In the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice, Mondaire worked on judicial nominations for the White House, including that of future Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan. At DOJ, Mondaire also co-authored a report to Attorney General Eric Holder on reducing the recidivism of people leaving federal prisons and helping them rejoin society.

In order to win justice for vulnerable communities through litigation and public policy, Mondaire decided to become an attorney. While a student at Harvard Law School, Mondaire represented defendants who could not afford counsel in criminal proceedings.

Following graduation, he worked at a law firm and was honored by the Legal Aid Society for his hundreds of hours of pro bono legal work. Namely, he investigated claims of discrimination under federal and local laws, and helped victims of mortgage modification fraud get compensated for what happened to them during the financial crisis. Mondaire worked at the law firm long enough to pay off most of his student loan debt, which liberated him to pursue public service full-time in his next job. Most recently, Mondaire was an attorney in Westchester County's Law Department. There, he litigated Westchester County's biggest cases and served as a legal advisor to the County Executive, the Board of Legislators, and the Human Rights Commission. His role included drafting and advising on legislation. Mondaire is the co-founder of the non-profit Rising Leaders, Inc., which teaches leadership skills to underserved middle-school students in three cities. In 2018, the organization received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Additionally, Mondaire serves on the board of Yonkers Partners in Education.

## Issues

- Healthcare: Support Medicare for All and mandatory sick leave
- Environment: Supports a Green New Deal
- Election Reform: Increase participation in the electoral process through Automatic Voter Registration and campaign financing, eliminate “voter ID laws”, mandating independent redistricting commissions
- Workers’ Rights: \$15 federal minimum wage for all workers, including tipped workers, supporting the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively
- Education: Fully fund public education, advocate for the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act, college debt forgiveness and tuition-free public college
- Childcare: Will support universal child care and 36 weeks of paid parental leave
- Fully restore the SALT deduction
- Women’s Rights: Support women’s access to reproductive healthcare services, work to codify *Roe v. Wade* by statute, repeal the Hyde Amendment
- Criminal Justice: Fighting to achieve equality and dismantle systemic racism, advocating for comprehensive criminal justice and policing reform, the legalization and regulation of cannabis
- Immigration: Creating a fair pathway to citizenship for undocumented people, revamping our visa system, codifying DACA
- Gun Violence: Universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and a mandatory buyback of all assault weapons in the hands of civilians, closing loopholes on gun sales, create civil liability for manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of firearms
- Social Services: Expand Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income, opposes efforts to narrow eligibility requirements for Social Security and SNAP benefits

## Endorsements

- UAW
- Equality PAC
- Democracy for America
- New York Immigrant Coalition