

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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## 2022 MIDTERM ELECTION RECAP



Voters across New York headed to the polls on November 8th to cast their ballots in the 2022 Midterm Election for statewide, State Senate and Assembly, and Congressional offices. MACNY looks forward to working with all of our elected officials on the issues and opportunities impacting the vital, and growing, manufacturing and technology sectors.

### New York State

The top statewide ticket went to Kathy Hochul, who won the governor's race and became the first woman elected New York Governor. Hochul, a democrat, took over as Governor in 2021 when former Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigned. Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, and New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli all won their races and will remain in their current statewide offices.

In Central New York, many incumbent state legislators won their re-election bids. Senator Rachel May won the newly drawn 48th Senate district and will now represent the western border of Onondaga County and Cayuga County. Other victorious state legislators in the region include Senator Tom O'Mara, Senator Pam Helming, Senator Joe Griffo, Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli, Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay, Assemblyman John Lemondes, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, and Assemblywoman Dr. Anna Kelles. Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, who currently represents the 116th district, won his bid for the newly-drawn 49th State Senate district that covers much of the North County.

### Federal

On the federal side, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer was re-elected to the post. Despite some tight races, Democrats held on to their majority in the U.S. Senate, after Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto was re-elected later in November, bringing the number of U.S. Senate seats under democratic control to 50,

with Vice President Kamala Harris able to break ties in the 100-member chamber.

Brandon Williams was declared the winner of the NY-22 Congressional race after absentee and affidavit ballots were counted. The newly drawn district encompasses Onondaga, Oneida, and Madison counties. U.S. Representative John Katko did not run again for office. Congressman-elect Brandon Williams is an entrepreneur and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He will be sworn into office in January.

U.S. Representative Claudia Tenney, who currently represents parts of Central New York, the Mohawk Valley, and Southern Tier, was elected to the new 24th Congressional District, which runs along much of Lake Ontario's shoreline – from Niagara County to the Thousand Islands region.

We know that the redistricting process has changed who many of our members' state and federal representatives will be in the new year. Therefore, we will be holding legislative meetings and/or webinars with certain legislators to help ease the transition process. To view the reapportionment of districts (maps) in New York state, visit: [https://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/?sec=2022\\_senate](https://www.latfor.state.ny.us/maps/?sec=2022_senate).

### Statewide Referendum

In addition to voting for their candidates of choice, New York voters also had to decide on the only stateside referendum at the ballot box. They approved \$4.2 billion in state borrowing proposed by Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature to pay for major environmental projects. The Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act will authorize the creation of state debt and the sale of state bonds in the amount of up to four billion two hundred million dollars (\$4,200,000,000) for certain capital projects for the purpose of making environmental improvements that preserve, enhance, and restore New York's natural resources.

For any other election questions or comments, please contact me at [tiffanylatinog@macny.org](mailto:tiffanylatinog@macny.org).

*Note – At the time this article went to print, the race for the 50th State Senate District was still too close to call as absentee and affidavit ballots were being counted.*