



Welcome to the 2023

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KATHY HOCHUL GOVERNOR



Kathy Hochul is the 57th and first female Governor of New York State. She began her career in public service on her local Town Board, before serving as Erie County Clerk, and then as a member of Congress for New York's 26th Congressional District.

As Lieutenant Governor from 2015 to 2021, she successfully spearheaded numerous initiatives and led the administration's economic development and job creation efforts across the state. She chaired the statewide Regional Economic Development Councils, and served as co-chair of the State's Heroin and Opioid Task Force, Women's Suffrage Commission, Child Care Availability Task Force. She also helped New York State manage the COVID-19 pandemic response, while focusing on a recovery that builds back better and more inclusive.

Since being sworn into office in 2021, Governor Hochul has proposed a bold vision for New York's future. In her first State of the State address, she declared that this was a new era for New York, and laid out a comprehensive list of policy proposals and initiatives that will help New Yorkers and their families now, while ensuring the State's economic recovery is swift and vast.

Governor Hochul worked with the legislature to pass a budget that included historic-level of investments in the people, places, and things that will make that happen – from healthcare workers and middle-class families to infrastructure, education, and workforce development – while funding the State's reserves to historic levels as well. And in the wake of the Supreme Court's reckless decisions to strip away abortion rights and strike down gun regulations, Governor Hochul led the charge in Albany to successfully pass new legislation protecting reproductive health, strengthening New York's gun safety laws and beginning the charge to add an Equal Rights Amendment to the New York State Constitution.

Governor Hochul was born and raised in Western New York. She and her husband, Bill Hochul, are the proud parents of two children and recently became grandparents for the first time.

ANTONIO DELGADO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Antonio Delgado is from Schenectady, NY, and lives in Rhinebeck with his wife, Lacey, and their twin sons, Maxwell and Coltrane. Growing up, his parents worked for General Electric in Schenectady, demonstrating the values of hard work and commitment to community. That hard-working spirit has stayed with him throughout his life: he earned a Rhodes Scholarship while attending Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, and after returning home from Oxford, he received a law degree from Harvard Law School. Before serving as Lieutenant Governor, Delgado enjoyed a

career in the music industry focused on empowering young people through hip hop; worked as an attorney focusing on complex commercial litigation, while dedicating significant time to pro bono work in connection with criminal justice reform; and served in the U.S. House representing New York's 19th Congressional District. It's because of these diverse professional and personal experiences that Delgado finds common ground with people from all walks of life.

Lieutenant Governor Delgado was the first person of color to represent upstate New York in Congress. While there, he focused on improving the lives of New Yorkers, working with local, state, and federal partners — regardless of party — to get results. From improving access to quality, affordable health care, to fighting for universal Pre-K, to serving our nation's veterans, to protecting our small businesses and family farms, Delgado was an effective legislator who achieved results. Eighteen of his bills were signed into law under two different presidents and he was recognized by various organizations throughout his tenure in Congress for his bipartisan work. His legislative accomplishments include passage of his Family Farmer Relief Act, the Strengthening Financial Aid for Students Act, and the Improving Benefits for Underserved Veterans Act, among others. When the pandemic hit, Delgado shifted his focus to securing federal support for frontline and essential workers and small businesses. He successfully secured much-needed loan repayment relief for small businesses and his Direct Support for Communities Act delivered \$10.8 billion to New York State counties, cities, towns, and villages for economic recovery.

Lieutenant Governor Delgado served as Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit as well as the House Small Business and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees.

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LETITIA A. JAMES ATTORNEY GENERAL



Letitia “Tish” James is the 67th Attorney General for the State of New York. With decades of work, she is an experienced attorney and public servant with a record of accomplishments. She is the first woman of color to hold statewide office in New York and the first woman to be elected Attorney General.

In 2013, Ms. James was elected Public Advocate for the City of New York and became the first woman of color to hold citywide office. As Public Advocate, Ms. James served as a watchdog over New York City government agencies and an advocate for the most vulnerable communities.

Her office handled over 32,000 constituent complaints and passed more legislation than all previous Public Advocates combined, including groundbreaking legislation that banned questions about salary history from the employment process to address the gender wage gap. Ms. James successfully took on the gun industry by pushing New York City’s largest pension fund to divest from gun and ammunition retailers. She fought in court on behalf of children and families, reforming the foster care system and protecting tenants. New Yorkers overwhelmingly elected Tish James to a second term in November 2017.

Prior to serving as Public Advocate, Tish James represented Brooklyn’s 35th Council District in the New York City Council for ten years. As a Council Member, she passed the Safe Housing Act, legislation that forced landlords to improve living conditions in the city’s worst buildings. She helped uncover the corruption behind the Office of Payroll Administration’s CityTime contract, a scheme that cost New York City over \$600 million. She also pushed through a revolutionary recycling package that expanded recycling throughout the city.

Before her time in the City Council, Tish James served as head of the Brooklyn Regional Office of the New York State Attorney General’s Office. She resolved hundreds of consumer complaints and investigated predatory lenders who preyed on homebuyers. She assisted in the investigation of the NYPD’s stop-and-frisk policy and cracked down on firms engaged in deceptive business practices including violations of human rights, environmental laws, and scams targeting immigrants.

Tish James began her career as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society. A proud Brooklynite, she is a graduate of Lehman College and Howard University School of Law.

THOMAS P. DINAPOLI STATE COMPTROLLER



Thomas P. DiNapoli is the 54th Comptroller of the State of New York. A life-long Long Islander, he was born in Rockville Centre on Feb. 10, 1954. His father, a veteran of World War II, worked as a cable splicer and foreman and his mother as a clerk for the county police department. Raised in a middle-class, union household, he saw the value of hard work, stretching every dollar and giving back to the community at an early age.

In 1972, Tom won his first election and served as a trustee on the Mineola Board of Education, becoming the first 18-year-old in New York State to hold public office. He served on the board for 10 years, including two terms as board president, and learned first-hand the challenges faced by public schools and the importance of tracking how every taxpayer dollar is spent.

He attended Hofstra University, earning a bachelor’s degree in history and graduated magna cum laude in 1976. He worked in the telecommunications industry for 10 years and attended night classes to earn his master’s degree from The New School University’s Graduate School of Management and Urban Professions.

In 1986, he ran for the New York State Assembly and was chosen by voters 11 times to represent the 16th District in northwestern Nassau County for the next 20 years. As a lawmaker, he was known for his bipartisan approach to generating results for New Yorkers. He was recognized as one of the State Legislature’s leading voices on environmental issues and sponsored the landmark Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act. He chaired the Local Governments Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Governmental Operations Committee and the Environmental Conservation Committee.

Tom was elected State Comptroller on Feb. 7, 2007 by a bipartisan majority of the State Legislature to fill a vacancy in the office. He was elected Comptroller by the voters in 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022.

As State Comptroller, Tom has fought waste, fraud and abuse in government spending and pursued officials who abuse their public positions or steal money from taxpayers. Under his stewardship, the state pension fund is one of the best-managed and best-funded public pension funds in the country. He believes in making government answerable to the people and has earned praise for his early warning system to track local governments in fiscal stress and for his transparency website openbooknewyork.com. He has fought for prudent budget and procurement reforms to help New York change how it does business and put it on better fiscal footing.

Tom is known for his integrity, independence and even-keeled leadership. His record as State Comptroller reflects an unwavering commitment to protect the people’s money, keep government accountable and build toward a more secure future for New Yorkers.



**NOTABLE TRAILBLAZING WOMEN
OF NEW YORK STATE**

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