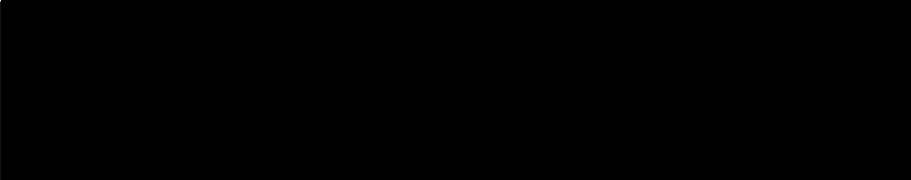


Democratic Rural Conference of New York State


2018 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE DEMOCRATIC RURAL CONFERENCE

CANDIDATE'S NAME and HOME ADDRESS:

Position for which you are a candidate: Lieutenant Governor



THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE DRC WEB SITE, Facebook Page, and as many other media outlets as possible.

Name, cell phone number and e-mail address for the person on your staff who will be your liaison with the DRC. 

List your qualifications for this office including but not limited to other offices you have held, educational background, etc.

Please address these questions, but make your answers brief so the entire questionnaire does not exceed 4 pages.

1. ABILITY TO LEAD THE ENTIRE STATE – What contact and experiences have you had with parts of the state, other than where you currently reside, which demonstrate your recognition of the geographic, demographic and economic diversity of the state and your ability to provide leadership on behalf of all New Yorkers? The Lieutenant Governor has deep relationships through the state. As a Democrat activist, she has crisscrossed the state supporting Democrat picnics and dinners as well campaigning with candidates.
2. KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUES – What issues do you believe are of most concern to voters in rural counties, and what will be your message in addressing those issues? The Lieutenant Governor will continue her ground-breaking work on helping save New Yorkers, families and communities from the opioids epidemic. Kathy was the Co-Chair of the Governor's Task Force to combat Heroin and Opioid addiction, an issue that was truly personal to her after losing a nephew to the epidemic, and successfully pushed through comprehensive reforms. She will also continue to bring economic development projects to rural areas of

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the state. The Lieutenant Governor will continue her fight to preserve Medicaid and ACA for all New Yorkers.

3. PARTY BUILDING – How have you expressed and demonstrated a commitment toward building our party statewide and what are your ideas for future party building, specific to rural counties? The Lieutenant Governor has supported and endorsed Democratic candidates and local Democratic committees across the state particularly rural areas over the past 4 years. The Lieutenant Governor has served in public office for nearly 25 years, first serving as a town board member in the Town of Hamburg, a position she held for 14 years. She knows that in order to continue growing the Democratic Party we need a strong bench of candidates, and elected officials at every level of government. As a trailblazing woman herself who has served at the local, state, and federal level, the Lieutenant Governor is especially focused on bringing more women into public office.
4. In the event of a primary for the office you are seeking, will you support the winner of the Democratic primary? (This calls for a YES or NO answer only.)
YES
5. FAIRNESS IN SHARING POLITICAL POWER - How have you and how will you defend and further the rights of small counties to be represented in the decision making process and in governmental and political positions? As the only upstate statewide elected and only woman in statewide leadership, the Lieutenant Governor has spent her career fighting for the inclusion of upstate, rural areas and women. During her second term, she will continue to fight for parity.
6. INCLUSION – If elected, how would your administration include the people from DRC counties and address the issues of concern in those counties? he Lieutenant Governor would continue to place qualified subject matter experts on the various task forces she chairs and those she will chair in the next four years. Additionally, she will continue travelling throughout the state meeting with New Yorkers to hear from them and to bring the capitol to the community.
7. VOTER APPEAL – What qualities or experiences do you have that would attract support from voters in DRC counties, not just from Democrats but also from non-enrolled voters and cross-over Republicans? The Lieutenant Governor is a tenacious campaigner and leader. She has a proven record of attracting votes from Democrats, Republicans and Independents.
8. CAMPAIGN IN DRC COUNTIES – How would you campaign in DRC counties? Have you personally appeared with any local rural candidates? In what rural counties have you campaigned? How have you helped rural candidates campaign? The

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Lieutenant Governor has said on numerous occasions that after September 13th she will be spending a good portion of her time Upstate to help elect democrats to the State Senate and other local offices. The Lieutenant Governor as traveled to all 62 counties every year she has been in office. She has met with County Chairs, party officials and candidates from Chautauqua to Plattsburgh to Suffolk. Throughout her 4 years, she has headlined numerous Democratic County dinners and other events, most of them being Upstate.

9. OTHER CRITERIA – Please set forth anything else you want us to consider. Throughout her term, the Lieutenant Governor proudly spearheaded the campaign to combat sexual assault on college campuses and fought to raise the minimum wage and establish the most comprehensive Paid Family Leave program in the nation. She is proud of her work to elevate working families and give every New Yorker a chance to succeed.

8/16/18

Date

Kathy Hanel

Signature of the Candidate

THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE postmarked or e-mailed at your earliest convenience but no later than _____, 2018 to Phil Jones at 19 Elm Street, Geneseo, NY 14454 or via e- mail at paj12147@gmail.com. INTERVIEWS MAY BE ARRANGED THEREAFTER.

