

2026 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

New York

Key: ✔ Yes, supports    ✖ No, does not support    — Chose not to answer

State Legislature Candidates

| CANDIDATE                                                                                                        | Mario Mattera | Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick | Sam Sutton   | Alina Bonsell | Bill Weber   | Martha McHugh | Mark Walczyk | Joseph Griffo | George Borrello |
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| CHAMBER                                                                                                          | State Senate  | State Senate                   | State Senate | State Senate  | State Senate | State Senate  | State Senate | State Senate  | State Senate    |
| DISTRICT                                                                                                         | District 2    | District 9                     | District 22  | District 28   | District 38  | District 46   | District 49  | District 53   | District 57     |
| Q1: Legislation directing state agencies, public universities and contractors to use the IHRA definition.        | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q2: Oversee enforcement of the state anti-BDS law (contracts, pensions), or support enacting one.                | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q3: Oppose legislation endorsing a boycott of, or divestment from, Israel or analogous foreign-policy positions. | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q4: Use oversight of university boards to require enforcement of policies against antisemitic harassment.        | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | —             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q5: State review standards barring curriculum materials that promote antisemitic narratives.                     | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q6: Make antisemitism and hate-crime prosecution a coordination priority with the Attorney General.              | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q7: Legislation requiring an annual statewide hate-crime report, including antisemitic incidents.                | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q8: State budget funding for a nonprofit security grant program complementing the federal program.               | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q9: Support state economic, trade and academic ties with Israel.                                                 | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q10: Create, by statute, a state office or commission to monitor and report on antisemitism.                     | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |
| Q11: Review state grant recipients so public funds do not single out a national or religious group.              | ✔             | ✔                              | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔            | ✔             | ✔               |

| CANDIDATE                                                                                                        | Rob Ort      | Michael Fitzpatrick | Michael Novakhov | William Colton | Rebecca Seawright | Anil Beephan   | Scott Bendett  | Matthew Simpson | Josh Jensen    |
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MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL & COUNTY CANDIDATES

| CANDIDATE                                                                                                                       | Tim Ames                       | Scott Baker                   | Jeffrey Elder                 | Timothy Julian                 | Jason Kovacs                  |
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| CITY / COUNTY                                                                                                                   | Broome County                  | Broome County                 | Niagara County                | Oneida County                  | Ulster County                 |
| POSITION                                                                                                                        | County Legislature District 15 | County Legislature District 2 | County Legislature District 4 | County Legislature District 19 | County Legislature District 3 |
| Q1: Adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism as the standard for city departments.                                     | —                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q2: Ordinance for content-neutral safety buffer zones around private residences and other targeted sites.                       | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q3: Consistent enforcement against unpermitted demonstrations, illegal signage and obstruction; coordinate with state agencies. | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q4: Procurement standards excluding vendors that discriminate against Israel or Israeli entities, per state law.                | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q5: Review city grants so public funds do not advance content singling out a national or religious group.                       | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q6: Convene a working group with Jewish institutions and law enforcement on threats, security planning and security grants.     | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q7: Publicly oppose, including by a no-vote, council resolutions on foreign policy outside the city’s jurisdiction.             | —                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✖                              | ✔                             |
| Q8: Publish an annual public report on hate crimes and bias incidents, broken down by targeted group.                           | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |
| Q9: Establish a defined channel for the Jewish community to engage your office on policy and safety concerns.                   | ✔                              | ✔                             | ✔                             | ✔                              | ✔                             |