

NEW YORK

Voters in New York will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 Assembly seats will be on the ballot as well as all 63 Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, the Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Congressman Lee Zeldin (R)

Congressman Lee Zeldin (R) is looking to unseat incumbent Governor Kathy Hochul (D). Zeldin represents eastern Long Island in the House.

Zeldin has made <u>public safety</u> a centerpiece in his campaign vowing to make the streets of New York safer. He pledges to oppose any efforts to minimize police force funding and is a proponent of enacting a Law Enforcement Bill of Rights.

Zeldin pledges to end all COVID-19 mandates in the State of New York.

He plans to reform the state government of New York by establishing term limits and overhauling the Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

Zeldin has made the financial interests of New Yorkers a priority in his campaign and plans to cut taxes, create jobs, suspend the gas tax, and cut spending. Earlier this year he detailed a 3-part plan for the State of New York to lower energy costs.

Zeldin has condemned the Hochul Administration's halting of the national Grid's Loop Pipeline, stating that this measure has raised the price of energy for New Yorkers while decreasing its supply.

He is running on his experience in both the State Senate of New York and in the U.S. Congress, citing work he has done to improve Long Island such as securing funding to address opioid abuse and working with the Army Corps of Engineers to protect coastlines.

Fellow Republican gubernatorial candidate Harry Wilson <u>sued</u> Zeldin for allegedly violating campaign finance laws when he transferred over \$720,000 from a separate account he held with lieutenant governor candidate Alison Esposito. The New York State Supreme Court tossed the lawsuit.

Trivia: Zeldin, then a member of the Military Intelligence Corps, deployed to Iraq in 2006 with members of the 82nd Airborne Division.