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This November, New Yorkers will elect a governor, attorney general, and comptroller. For the first time in 2026, gubernatorial candidates chose their running mates before the primary, and Governor Kathy Hochul (D) is up for reelection with a new running mate. All 150 assembly seats and all 63 senate seats are also on the ballot.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman (R) is the Republican nominee for the 2026 gubernatorial contest. He previously served as a commissioner for the Port Authority and in the Nassau County legislator. Blakeman's campaign website advertises his record cutting taxes, backing law enforcement, and pushing for policy independence in Nassau County.

Blakeman opposes sanctuary policies and instructed local authorities to work with ICE. Furthermore, as County Executive, Blakeman hired 600 new law enforcement officers. On affordability, Blakeman canceled \$150 million of property tax increases that his predecessor, Laura Curran (D).

Blakeman also took a stance on social issues during his term, signing an executive order banning transgender women and girls from participating in sports at county facilities. If elected Governor, Blakeman has promised to end New York's offshore wind and renewable energy programs.

Blakeman is endorsed by President Donald Trump (R).

The Cook Political Report and the Center for Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball rate this race as Safe Democratic.