

Meet our 2024 local Democratic ticket

This March, all political parties collected signatures from their respective registered voters to nominate candidates for office. Each party nominated a single candidate for each contested office, meaning that there will be no primary elections this June in Clarence. The tickets are punched, and I'm excited to introduce our endorsed 2024 local lineup.

For the State Assembly, we are excited to endorse Michelle Roman for NY District 144. Michelle is the former mayor of the City of Lockport and is currently a special education teacher. Her leadership in the City of Lockport resulted in a balanced city budget and a reduction in the property tax levy while also increasing services to make the city a more beautiful community for its residents. Her fiscal responsibility, people-over-party attitude, and record of coalition-building will serve the unique needs of District 144 residents well in Albany.

For Erie County District Attorney, we have endorsed acting DA Michael Keane. Since assuming his role as acting DA this April, he has worked tirelessly to combat issues facing our community. He has created a dedicated unit to address the surge in vehicle thefts across the county and is fighting crime at its root causes through high-risk youth outreach and habilitation programs. His dedication and vision for Erie County have earned him the endorsement of various police benevolent associations across the county, including the Erie County Sheriff's and New York State Trooper's police be-

nevolent associations.

A new judicial seat was created this year to address the congestion in our county family court system. We are thrilled to endorse Judge Kara Buscaglia for Erie County family court judge. Judge Buscaglia currently serves as a town justice in Amherst, where she has presided since 2014. When she is not on the bench in Amherst, she works in private practice, specializing in family law. As town justice, she has presided over a diverse range of cases covering nearly every aspect of the law. She also helped create the first town-level opioid treatment court in Western New York. She hopes to bring her wealth of experience and the lessons she has learned in treatment court to Erie County Family Court.

Finally, for the only Clarence-specific election of 2024, we have endorsed Judge Mike Powers for reelection as Clarence town justice. In addition to a proven fair track record, Judge Powers is also responsible for creating Clarence's drug treatment court, which is an invaluable service to the community. When meeting with us to seek our endorsement, Judge Powers displayed remarkable compassion and care for those who came before him in treatment court.

Our ticket is ready to fight for you, but we need your help to get them there between now and Nov. 5. To find out how you can get involved in local Democratic politics, visit clarenceydem.com or attend our next monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, in the Clarence Center American Legion Hall.



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