

Greeting fellow Democrats!

Happy New Year! Hoping everyone is safe and well. 2020 was certainly a challenging year for all. As far as our work as Olive Democrats, the pandemic made getting information to our voters especially challenging. We made phone calls, dropped literature and had “socially distanced” visits with our neighbors and the results were incredible! **88% of registered Democrats in the Town voted in the 2020 election.** Thank you to all the volunteers who spent countless hours helping in the effort to make this happen and to the voters who made sure to get in their ballots.

We want to let you know that 2021 will be an important political year in the Town of Olive for local and county elections. We will have the following seats up for election in the Town of Olive:

- **Town Supervisor (Position currently held by Jim Sofranko)**
- **2 Town Board seats (Positions currently held by Victoria Read and Scott Kelder)**
- **Town Clerk (Position currently held by Dawn Giuditta)**
- **Town Justice (Position currently held by Tim Cox)**
- **Town Highway Supervisor (Position currently held by Brian Burns)**

In September 2020 the Olive Democratic committee voted to move to a Primary system instead of a Caucus for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for town office positions. The Olive Democratic committee will therefore need to petition for candidates to be on the State Primary ballot in June. This petitioning process will start in late February so it is imperative that all of those interested in running for re-election or those newly interested in running for any of the town positions on the Democratic ballot should identify themselves to the Committee. All prospective candidates will need to contact the Olive Democratic Committee to seek the Committee’s endorsement. This does not preclude someone from petitioning on their own to get on the Primary ballot but if you are endorsed you will have the Committee behind you and have our help in collecting needed signatures on petitions.

We will also be having races on the county level for Legislator for our district 22 (currently held by John Parete.) Kathy Nolan has expressed interest in running to reclaim that seat. Also, the County Comptroller and County Clerk are up for election and two NY State Supreme Court Justice positions are opening up. I am not positive this is an all inclusive list as far as the County goes but we will keep you updated.

We look forward to hearing from all candidates wishing to run on the Democratic line ASAP so that we can begin the process of interviewing in January. We will need to have candidates selected by early February.

Email us at olivedemocraticparty@gmail.com if you are interested in being considered as a candidate for one of the Town positions.