

NY-17 District Primer

In 2024, Republican Mike Lawler won this seat by 23,946 votes—just *four* votes per precinct. *That's close!* If we can persuade just five voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates

Filing Deadline: April 6

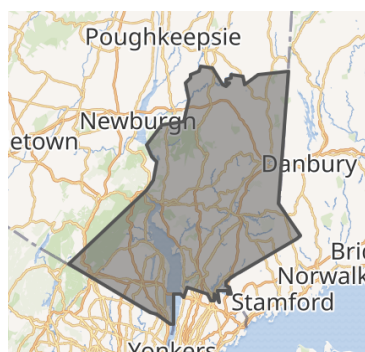
Primary: June 23

Midterms: November 3

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 194,302 (50%) Trump: 192,139 (49%)	Mike Lawler (R): 197,845 (52.1%) Mondaire Jones (D): 173,899 (45.8%)	Mike Lawler (R): 143,550 (49.2%) Sean Maloney (D): 141,730 (48.6%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Ramapo: 148,919
- Clarkstown: 86,855
- Orangetown: 48,655

Geography

Located just north of Manhattan and bordering both Connecticut and New Jersey, largely suburban NY-17 encompasses the entirety of Rockland and Putnam counties, as well as most of northern Westchester and parts of southern Dutchess counties in the Hudson Valley. Redistricting in 2022 removed White Plains and Greensburg, making the once firmly Democratic district a heavier lift for Dems.

Citizenry

Many residents of this socioeconomically mixed district commute for work in NYC. About 21% identify as Hispanic. Rockland County is home to the nation's largest per-capita Jewish population (31.4%), including a large Hasidic community. 211,500 residents of NY-17 are enrolled in Medicaid, and 10k households in SNAP. 35% of Rockland County residents (and 46% of children) rely on Medicaid. Service jobs, especially in healthcare, account for 83% of all jobs in the district.

The Local Vibe

People here are especially worried about the budget cuts to social assistance and to funding for hospitals.

At Lawler's town halls, hundreds of angry residents have voiced intense opposition to his choices in Washington. Senior citizens and healthcare advocates are very concerned about proposed cuts, which include more than \$7 billion for NY hospitals.

Local school boards have strongly resisted attempts to remove DEI policies.

In June 2025, 2,500 people attended a No Kings demonstration in Nanuet.

In this year's gubernatorial race, Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) takes on Bruce Blakeman (R) of Nassau County.

Sign up for another event: mobilize.us/swingleft

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Key Issues

- **Threats to essential services:** Many district residents rely on Medicaid and food assistance, and many jobs in the district are in healthcare, hospitals and social services, sectors threatened by budget cuts to hospitals and healthcare.
 - **A duplicitous rep:** Mike Lawler presents himself as a moderate but votes 100% of the time for Trump-aligned priorities; constituents at his town halls have been vocal in their protest.
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About the Candidates

Mike Lawler | GOP Incumbent

Mike Lawler serves on the House Committees on Financial Services and Foreign Affairs. He has proudly claimed to be a top recipient of America PAC, a super PAC created by Elon Musk, from which he received more than \$1.7 million in 2024. Lawler had considered a run for governor, announcing his candidacy in July 2025. Trump then pressured him to hold onto his Congressional seat—a pressure to which he acquiesced.

Despite representing a purple district and cultivating a reputation as a moderate, Lawler votes with Trump 100% of the time. Despite vocal opposition from his constituents (and contrary to his own promises) he voted to cut social service programs like Medicaid and the food assistance programs that support 10,000 households in his district.

Cait Conley | Democratic Challenger

Spurred by the tragedy of 9/11 while still in high school, Cait Conley, now 41, enrolled in West Point where she graduated in the top 2% of her class. She is an Army veteran who served 16 years in active duty, earning three Bronze Stars. She proudly cites her six tours to combat zones including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Yemen. She was one of the first women in Special Ops leadership.

A former election security official, Conley previously served on Biden's National Security Council and most recently worked at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Her platform is focused on affordability and investments in the Hudson Valley's infrastructure. Other priorities include fighting corruption, protecting democracy, broadening access to healthcare, investing in education, and tackling climate change. She has earned endorsements from a slew of national and local leaders and organizations including Vote Vets, Giffords PAC, and Future Forum PAC.

Conley earned a BA from West Point, and master's degrees from MIT and Harvard. She lives in Ossining.

The contrast: Mike Lawler's voting record reflects his servile alignment with Trump/MAGA's reactionary, anti-democratic politics, symbolized and spearheaded by Trump and multi-billionaire Elon Musk. This orientation toward the rich and powerful puts Lawler far out of step with his constituents, who are concerned with matters of affordability, and the threats to residents' jobs and well-being posed by the Trump regime. Cait Conley, in contrast, is a hardworking public servant with exceptional qualifications who will keep her constituents' concerns in mind while remaining alert to the dangers of rampant wealth inequality and of antidemocratic forces in the US and around the world.