

NY-03 District Primer

In 2024, Democrat Tom Suozzi won this seat by 12,958 votes.

That's close! With a winning margin of *just one vote per precinct*, we can't afford to lose a single vote. With your help, we're going to **HOLD** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates

Filing Deadline: April 6

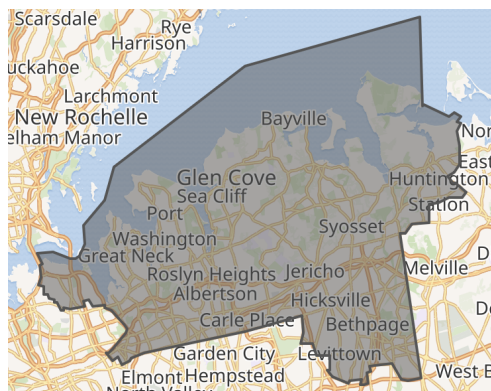
Primary: June 23

Midterms: November 3

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Trump: 194,286 (51%) Harris: 178,099 (47%)	Tom Suozzi (D): 187,651 (52%) Mike LiPetri, Jr. (R): 174,693 (48%)	George Santos (R): 145,824 (52%) Robert Zimmerman (D): 125,404 (48%)

District Facts & Stats



Citizenry

NY-03 is the wealthiest congressional district in New York, with a median annual household income of \$133K. Approximately 92.4% of residents are U.S. citizens.

The racial and ethnic makeup is 54.5% white, 23.5% Asian, 15% Hispanic, and 3.6% Black. Approximately 36.5% of households speak a language other than English at home, with Spanish (10.2%), Chinese (6.8%), and Korean (2.6%) being the three most common.

Educational attainment is high, with 51.2% of residents holding a Bachelor's degree or higher.

The Local Vibe

There have been significant No Kings protests in Port Washington and Huntington. Protestors were especially motivated by ongoing ICE activity in the district.

On January 26, 2026 Rep. Suozzi expressed regret for his vote to fund DHS.

The top employers in the district are several hospital systems, including NYU Langone Health, and Hofstra University, which is located just south of the district in Hempstead. The district is also home to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Long Island University's Post Campus.

Largest Cities

- Oyster Bay, pop. 303,322
- North Hempstead, 237,639
- Huntington, 204,127

Geography

NY-03 is a suburban district spanning Long Island's North Shore, including parts of Suffolk and Nassau counties and extending into northeastern Queens. It is characterized by high-density residential areas and affluent coastal communities.

Key Issues

- **Health care:** Federal cuts are threatening the district's hospitals. Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Hyde Park employs 16,000 people and depends on Medicaid programs to care for patients.
 - **Research funding:** DOGE cuts threaten \$16M of federal funding for Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, a major research institution for biology and medicine, including cancer therapeutics.
 - **Attacks on universities:** In April 2025, visas for eleven international students at SUNY Stony Brook were revoked, prompting outcry in the community.
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About the Candidates

Tom Suozzi | Democratic Incumbent

Elected to represent NY-03 after the disgraced George Santos was expelled from the House in 2023, **Tom Suozzi** is a moderate Democrat whose long involvement in local politics makes him a familiar figure in the district.

Before joining the 118th Congress, Suozzi had previously served as the district's representative from 2016-2022. He also served as Nassau County Executive—the first Democrat to hold that position in three decades—and was mayor of his hometown, Glen Cove, for eight years. He ran for governor of New York in 2006 and again in 2022.

A lawyer and CPA, Rep. Suozzi has focused on tax policy during his time in Washington, writing legislation to undo the \$10K cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, which eases costs for homeowners. He is the Democratic co-chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus.

He has broken with the Democratic Party on some issues, and his votes are not always popular. In January 2026, he voted in favor of funding ICE, but issued a statement of regret for that vote after the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis.

Rep. Suozzi has earned endorsements from a slew of national and local organizations and labor unions including 1199 SEIU, CSEA, IBEW Local 3, LiUNA! NY, the NY State Teachers' Union, End Citizens United, Moms Demand Action, Reproductive Freedom for All, Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, and Giffords PAC, among others. As of June, his campaign had more than \$1.5 million in cash on hand.

Michael R. LiPetri, Jr. | Republican Challenger

After serving one term in the NY State Assembly, Mike LiPetri in 2020 was defeated in the primary election to represent NY-02. He was defeated again, by Rep. Suozzi, in the 2024 race to represent NY-03. Before getting into politics, LiPetri was counsel for the City of New York. LiPetri holds a JD from Albany Law School of Union University and a BA in political science from SUNY Albany.

Pro-cop and anti-trans, LiPetri proudly touts his endorsement from Donald Trump. He has also engaged in inflammatory stunts, such as participating in a ride-along with federal immigration agents ahead of raids and making bigoted statements about immigrants. But some of his positions are at odds with those of his MAGA backers (e.g., he supports cryptocurrency regulation). As a result, it's not clear what his commitments are. As of June, he was endorsed by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 138 and a handful of politicians in addition to Trump; his campaign had ~\$860K in cash on hand.

The contrast: Rep. Suozzi is an experienced legislator focused on delivering for his constituents. When makes a mistake, he acknowledges it. His opponent's record of public service is thin and opportunistic, and even at this early point it is clear that he intends to devote himself not to his constituents but to pleasing Trump.

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