

# NY-03 District Primer

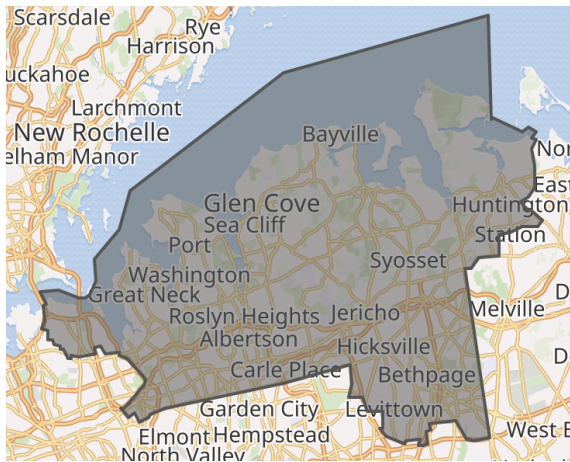
In 2024, Democrat Tom Suozzi won this seat by 12,958 votes. **That's close!** With a winning margin of just one vote per precinct, we can't afford to lose a single vote. With your help, we're going to **HOLD** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
<b>Filing Deadline:</b> April 6
<b>Primary:</b> June 23
<b>Midterms:</b> November 3

## Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
<b>Harris: 159,879 (49.3%)</b> Trump: 154,900 (47.8%)	<b>Tom Suozzi (D): 158,264 (49.3%)</b> Mike LiPetri, Jr. (R): 157,611 (49.9%)	<b>George Santos (R): 145,824 (52.4%)</b> Robert Zimmerman (D): 125,404 (47.6%)

## District Facts & Stats



### Citizenry

NY-17 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 most common.

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

### The Local Vibe

In June 2025, there were significant No Kings protests in Port Washington and Huntington; protestors were especially motivated by recent ICE activity in the district.

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

The district is home to SUNY Stony Brook, New York's flagship public university and a major research center. It is the single largest employer on Long Island. More than 25,000 students are enrolled there. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is also in the district.

### 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 Nassau and Suffolk counties and extending into northeastern Queens. It is characterized by high-density residential areas and affluent coastal communities.

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## 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 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, a major research institution for biology and medicine, including cancer therapeutics. The facility stands to lose three-quarters or about \$16M of its current NIH funding.
  - **Attacks on universities:** In April 2025, visas for 11 international students at SUNY Stony Brook were revoked, prompting outcry in the community.
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## About the Candidates

### Tom Suozzi | Democratic Incumbent

Re-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 2016-2020. 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 many 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 will face **Danielle Welch**, a public defender running on a broadly progressive platform, in the primary election on June 23.

### Republican Challenger(s)

*The primary election is on June 23. Until then, we've identified these front runners:*

A lawyer and former talk show host from Farmingdale, **Mike LiPetri** is the district's leading MAGA candidate. He is pro-cop and anti-trans, and he takes a hard line on immigration. He also favors more middle-of-the-road policies, such as revising the tax code as a way to provide families with tax relief.

Born in Hicksville, **Gregory Hach** is an Air Force veteran and personal injury lawyer who also toes the MAGA line. As of April 2026, he had raised about \$360,000 for his campaign.

**Michael Lavery** is also running.

**The contrast:** Rep. Suozzi is an experienced legislator focused on delivering for his constituents. When makes a mistake, he acknowledges it. Neither of his opponents have a record of public service, and both kowtow to Trump and MAGA. Their extremism puts them out of step with this swing district.

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