



Saugerties Conservative Committee

October 25, 2023

Dear Town of Saugerties Voter,

The Saugerties Conservative Party held its caucus this year on May 11th. The Conservative nominees are:

George Heidcamp - Town Board
Al Bruno - Town Board
Gaetana Ciarlante - Town Justice
Diane Friedman - Receiver of Taxes

Often, but not always, the Saugerties Conservative Committee supports similar values as the Republican Party. Two of the candidates chosen for the Conservative Line are *enrolled* Conservatives:

(1)--George Heidcamp. George served in the U.S. Army for three years and did tours of duty in Germany and South Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1966. After his military service, George had a 38-year career in law enforcement with the Town of Saugerties Police Department. Of those 38 years, he served for 18 years as president of the local Policemen's Benevolent Association. In addition, George also served the community for six years on the Board of Directors of Diaz Ambulance; the Saugerties Central School Board for nine years (two as Vice-President of the Board and six as its President); 35-years as Chairman of the Saugerties Conservative Party; four-years as Vice-Chairman of the Ulster County Conservative Party; and co-chaired, together with Marie Post, the fundraising of approximately \$75,000 for the benefit and subsequent construction of The Small World Playground.

(2)--The Conservative Party also endorsed our own Gaetana Ciarlante, an *enrolled Conservative* who is the embodiment of Conservative Principles, as our nominee for Saugerties Town Justice. She is also a Constitutionalist who values individual rights, conservation and limited government while maintaining the importance of community safety. Many of us know the pain of losing friends or family to addiction and Gaetana's extensive education, including a Masters Degree [MSW, SUNY Albany], training, and experience in the field of human behavior, addiction treatment, courts and legal systems, will be a valuable asset in addressing this serious community need. She has also been an outspoken advocate for freedom over government encroachment.

This year we found ourselves faced with an individual, Stan O'Dell, who had recently left the Republican Party, became a Democrat seeking backing for town justice but after losing the Democrat caucus, sought and obtained the Working Families Party line. After learning of Stan's frequent party changes and alignment with WFP, Conservatives soundly defeated his attempts to become our nominee at our caucus. The Conservative Party is a party of principles.

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Many are not familiar with the Working Families Party. The WFP is a left-wing progressive organization. Please see links below for more info on their left-wing values. Surprisingly, on July 20th, the Saugerties Republican Party endorsed him. Prior to the endorsement, Republican Committee officials vocalized their support of this WFP candidate and his alignment with this left-wing party in saying, "The voters won't even know what the Working Party stands for." Such disrespect is an affront to all voters!

As Conservatives we value openness and respect for all constituents. We stand for "Principles above Personalities" and, as in our endorsement for Gaetana Ciarlante, a "Justice for All."

Vote **Conservative Row C** on or before November 7th.

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