

# Endorsements

The Committee to Elect Michael Kavanagh offers the following list of Endorsements to the voters of Ulster County to offer an insight into the qualifications of the two men running for Ulster County District Attorney. We feel that the men and woman who have worked hand and hand with the District Attorney's office are uniquely positioned to determine who would be serve as our next District Attorney.

**Maggie Waage**

*Det. Sgt. Ulster County Sheriff.*

**Jim Hanstein**

*Special Agent FBI. R Former Ulster County Jail  
Superintendent.*

**Mario Ristivo**

*Captain, New York State Police Zone 3 Commander.  
Retired*

**Wayne Maisch**

*Detective Sergeant, Kingston Police Department. Retired.*

**Robert McCrindle, Jr.**

*Detective Sergeant, Town of Ulster Police Dept. Retired.*

**Robert Nuzzo**

*Lt. Colonel, New York State Police. Retired.*

**Jerry Keller**

*Chief of Police, Kingston Police Department. Retired.*

**Cliff Tremper**

*Lt. Kingston Police Department. Retired.*

**Ron Lapp**

*Sergeant, New Paltz Police Department. Retired.*

**D. Holley Carnright**

*Former Ulster County District Attorney*

**John Tobin**

*Former Ulster County Chief Assistant District Attorney.*

**Aaron Fitzgerald**

*Det. Kingston Police Department. Retired.*

**Pete Kusminsky**

*Former NYS Police Sr. Investigator Bureau of Criminal  
Investigations – Greene County Sheriff*

**Hon. Matthew Parker,**

*Justice, Village of Ellenville, Retired.*

**Jim Michael**

*New York State Police Major, Troop F. Retired.*

**Kevin Drescher**

*Deputy Sergeant, Acting Chief Saugerties Police Dept.  
Retired.*

**Paul Van Blarcum**

*Former Ulster County Sheriff*

**Joe Synder**

*Chief of Police, New Paltz Police Department. Retired.*

**Steve Pavlak**

*Investigator, New York State Police. Retired.*

**Matt Klien**

*Zone Sergeant, New York State Police. Retired.*

**Scott Herrington**

*Sergeant, Kingston Police Department. Retired.*

**Kevin Costello**

*Lt. BCI, New York State Police. Retired.*

**Collin Bell**

*Poughkeepsie Police Department. Retired.*

**Ruth Boyer**

*Former Ulster County Public Defender.*

**Wayne Olson**

*Major Troop F New York State Police, Retired.*

**Erik Thiele**

*Detective Saugerties Police Department, Retired.*

**Anthony Weed**

*Former Orange County Undersheriff—Capt Ellenville  
Police Department*

**J.P. Gromaglia**

*Lt. Town of Ulster Police Department – Retired.*

**Paul Hogan**

*New York State Police Major / Staff Inspector – Retired.*

**Carmine Goffredo**

*Sr. Investigator, Criminal Bureau NYSP Retired.*

**Dan Waage**

*Former Chief of Police Town of Lloyd Police Department.*

**Hon. Ronald E. Keilor, Jr.**

*Former Town of Rochester Justice – New York State Police  
Sr. Investigator – Retired.*

**Lori Thiele**

*New York State Police Investigator – Retired.*

**Hon. Robert Vosper**

*Retired, Justice, Town of Rosendale*

**Frank Faluotico**

*Undersheriff Ulster County Sheriff Department,  
URGENT Task Force. Retired.*

**Hon. Marsha Weiss**

*Retired Justice, Town of Ulster*

**Mark Scarselli**

*New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation.  
Retired*

**Harry Baldwin**

*Police Chief of the Town of Woodstock Police Department.  
Retired*

**Dan Heppner**

*Retired Corporation Counsel, City of Kingston*

**Hon. Paul L. Gruner**

*Retired, Ulster County Public Defender*

**Mike DiBattisa**

*NYSP Station Commander, Retired Town of Lloyd  
Police Chief, and Retired Town of Rosendale Police Chief.*

**Jack Hayes**

*Sergeant NYSP Retired*

**Joe Traficanti**

*former Deputy Chief Administrator of the N.Y. Courts,  
former Ulster County Surrogate Court Judge and  
Assistant DA in Ulster County*

*Police Chief's Association of Ulster County, August 11, 2023:*

...“ As the District Attorney, one must lead the agency by example, maintain accountability for the agency, and provide a team dedicated to our communities. It is based upon these traits ... that the Police Chiefs of Ulster County are endorsing Michael Kavanagh to represent the people of Ulster County as our District Attorney”

*Ulster County Deputy Sheriffs' Police Benevolent Association, June 10, 2023:*

... “ Our members believe that you possess the essential skills and qualities to be an effective District Attorney.”

*Town of Woodstock, PBA, May 24, 2023:*

... “ We know that as a Prosecutor Public Safety is paramount to you and feel that you will oversee the office with comprehensiveness and fairness.”

*New York State Police Investigators' Association, September 12, 2023:*

... “ You are steadfast in your commitment to promoting Justice for victims and helping deter violent crime.”

*Marlborough Town Police Benevolent Association, June 8, 2023:*

...“unanimous endorsement...”

*Town of Saugerties Police Benevolent Association, August 19, 2023*

*Town of Lloyd Police Benevolent Association, September 21, 2023*

*Ulster County Sheriffs' Employee's Association, April 19th, 2023:*

...“we fully trust that your election to this office would benefit the people of Ulster County...”

*Town of Plattekill PBA, May 16, 2023:*

...“ we are confident in your ability to lead the District Attorney's Office and we look forward to working side by side to further our mission of insuring community safety and honoring the public's trust.”

*New York State Troopers PBA, October 14th, 2023*

This universal support has a two-fold message. First, of course, is the vote of confidence for Mike. But the second, equally powerful message is the **VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE FOR HIS OPPONENT.**

We are proud and humbled by the universal support from our Law Enforcement community.