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## W.C.F.O.A. 2015

### Voter Information Guide

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Welcome to W.C.F.O.A.'s 2015 Voter Information Guide. 2015 is an "off-off year" election, meaning that no major national or state races are taking place. Usually, in an off year, voter turnout is light. This means that determined blocks of voters, such as gun owners, can have great influence on the outcome of the elections. It has been estimated that less than 20% of registered voters will turn out in this election. Significant gun-owner turn out will have a large influence on the election results.

*It is extremely important that every gun owner in Westchester get out and vote only for pro-gun candidates.* We cannot afford to have gun owners vote for anti-gun candidates because of other considerations.  
**If they don't support your right to keep and bear arms, don't vote for them.**

A number of races may have candidates that are all unacceptable to the gun-owning community. Where no alternative, acceptable candidate exists, voters can simply **skip that line** *or* vote for a third-party candidate, if one is running and is viable. This results in low numbers of major party votes, or high numbers of third-party votes in certain races; a clear message to both the major candidates and their parties that the voters were very unhappy. But, it is still very important to vote for other acceptable candidates in other races even if you must skip the race in your Legislative district.

**KEY TO GRADE LISTINGS:**

- A - Staunch supporter of firearm rights. Holds office and sponsors pro-gun legislation and initiatives.
- B - Supports firearm rights, votes for pro-gun legislation, or has stated that intention if elected.
- C - Usually votes for firearm rights but has voted incorrectly in the past. Not a solid supporter.
- D - Opposes firearm rights or ownership. Votes consistently against firearm rights.
- F - Outspoken opponent of firearm rights and ownership. Sponsors anti-gun legislation and initiatives.
- ? - No information available position - did not respond to requests for interview - no previous track record.
- + - A plus sign after any letter grade indicates the candidate appears to be moving up in the ratings.
- \* - Incumbent seeking re-election.

**JUSTICE OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

(Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange Counties) **Two** candidates are running for **ONE** Supreme Court Seat. Vote for **ONE**.

	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
<b>B</b>	(D)(IND)	<b>GRETCHEN WALSH</b>	<b>W.C.F.O.A. ENDORSED.</b> Has pledged to volunteer to sign pistol licenses and to be fair in the process. Has already shown support for firearm rights.
<b>?</b>	(REP)(CON)(REF)	Montgomery J. Delaney	Has pledged fair and unbiased decisions but has no track record.

Endorsed Judges have pledged to be fair and unbiased in their capacity as pistol license signing Justices. Supreme Court Justices have to volunteer to sign pistol licenses. Endorsed Judges have pledged to consider each application on its own merit and sign full-carry licenses when appropriate.

Note: Judicial candidates are only able to make limited statements on their positions due to state law.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURT JUDGE**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
C	(DEM)(REP)(CON) (IND)(REF)	SUSAN CACACE*	Judge Cacace is running unopposed. She has been problematic on some pistol license decisions.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS:**

**DISTRICT 1:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
A	(REP)(CON)(REF)	JOHN G. TESTA*	<b><u>W.C.F.O.A. ENDORSED</u></b> Legislator. NRA Life Member, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association member. Supports the overhaul of Westchester’s unfair pistol licensing system.

**DISTRICT 2:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
?	(REP)(CON)(REF)	Francis T. Corcoran	No information available.
?	(DEM)(IND)(WEP)	Karen B. Schliemer	No information available.

**DISTRICT 3:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
B	(REP)(CON)(REF)	Margaret A. Cunzio	<b>W.C.F.O.A. Recommended Candidate.</b> Has stated strong support for Second Amendment rights.
?	(DEM)(WOR)(IND)	John S. Diaconis	No information available.

**DISTRICT 4:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
C	(DEM)(REF)	Michael B. Kaplowitz*	Has made some bad votes in the past but opposed the Spano Pistol License takeover and worked with WCFOA to kill it.

**DISTRICT 5:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
F	(DEM)(IND)(WOR)	Benjamin Boykin II	Has not had to make a vote on gun legislation yet, but is a sponsor of a proposed County bill to ban gun shows on County property.

**DISTRICT 6:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
B	(REP)(CON)	David B. Gelfarb*	<b>W.C.F.O.A. Recommended Candidate.</b> Has condemned the SAFE Act and states strong support for Second Amendment rights.

**DISTRICT 7:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
F	(DEM)(WOR)(WEP)	Catherine F. Parker	Has not had to make a vote on gun legislation yet, but is a sponsor of a proposed County bill to ban gun shows on County property.
?	(REP)(CON)(REF)	Susan V. Watson	No information available but is a good protest vote against Parker

**DISTRICT 8:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
F	(DEM)(WOR)	Alfreda A. Williams*	Has not had to make a vote on gun legislation yet, but is a sponsor of a proposed County bill to ban gun shows on County property.

**DISTRICT 9:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
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F	(DEM)(WOR)(IND) (WEP)	Catherine A. Borgia*	Has not had to make a vote on gun legislation yet, but is a sponsor of proposed County legislation that would ban gun shows on County Property. Has suggested tracking “how many assault weapons” are being used at Blue Mountain. Supports portions of the SAFE Act.
?	(REP)(CON))(REF)	Kathleen M. Mamone	No information available but a good protest vote against Borgia.

**DISTRICT 10**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
B	(REP)(CON)(IND) (REF)	Sheila Marcotte*	<b>W.C.F.O.A. Recommended Candidate.</b> Has worked with WCFOA in the past on legislation.
?	(DEM)(WOR)(WEP)	Haina Just-Michael	no information available

**DISTRICT 11:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
A	(REP)(REF)	James Maisano*	<b>W.C.F.O.A. ENDORSED</b> – Strong support for gun owners. Worked to stop Democrat Renewable Pistol Licenses, Trigger-Lock registration bill, Pistol License Takeover. A staunch ally.

**DISTRICT 12:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
F	(DEM)(WOR)(IND)	Mary Jane Shimsky*	Has not had to vote on gun legislation yet but has made negative statements on gun ownership. Is a sponsor of proposed County legislation which would ban gun shows on County property. <b>SKIP THIS RACE.</b>

**DISTRICT 13:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
F	(DEM)(IND)	Lyndon D. Williams*	Has not had to vote on any firearm legislation, but is a sponsor of County legislation that would ban gun shows on County property. <b>SKIP THIS RACE.</b>

**DISTRICT 14:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
C+	(REP)(CON)(REF)	Bernice Spreckman*	Voted for Renewable Pistol License but subsequently has listened to WCFOA’s position and has shown support. Opposed Spano Pistol License Takeover.
?	(DEM)	Christine Peters	no information available.

**DISTRICT 15:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
B	(REP)(CON)(REF)	Gordon A. Burrows*	<b>W.C.F.O.A. ENDORSED</b> – Supports Firearm owners. Immediately opposed Spano Pistol License Takeover and worked to kill it.
?	(DEM)	Kathleen M. Thomas	no information available.

**DISTRICT 16:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
F	(DEM)(WOR)(IND) (WEP)	Ken Jenkins*	Has not had to vote on any firearm legislation, but has made statements in support of anti-gun measures. Is a sponsor of County legislation that would ban gun shows on County property. <b>SKIP THIS RACE.</b>

**DISTRICT 17:**

Grade	Party Endorsements	Candidate Name	Comments
?	(DEM)(REF)	Virginia M. Perez	Has not had to vote on any firearm legislation but did NOT co-sponsor the Gun Show Ban proposal.
?	(IND)	Piedad Abreu	No information available

**GET OUT THE VOTE FOR PRO-GUN CANDIDATES!**