

### Marc Molinaro (New York 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) Research Report

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## Marc Molinaro

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Republican Candidate in  
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## Key Findings

### **Molinaro Was An Ethically Challenged Pay To Play Politician Who Repeatedly Misused County Resources**

**Molinaro was investigated for pay-to-play allegations involving his wife’s employer, a campaign donor and county contractor.** In 2018, Molinaro came under investigation over his connection to Tinkelman Bros Development Corp, a firm that received over \$200,000 in tax breaks and contracts from Dutchess County. Molinaro’s wife was employed by Tinkelman and received tens of thousands of dollars from the company, and the firm’s managing member, Steven Tinkelman, donated thousands to Molinaro’s campaigns. During the investigation, Molinaro originally admitted to signing two of the contracts, then reversed himself and claimed he wasn’t sure he did. Molinaro was ultimately cleared of wrongdoing by the Dutchess County Ethics Board, a board considered a “partisan joke” by Dutchess County legislators, and the members of which were appointed by Molinaro.

**Molinaro took hundreds of thousands of dollars from firms doing business with Dutchess County.** As of 2018, a quarter of Molinaro’s campaign contributions to his county executive campaign came from people or entities that got payments from Dutchess County. Dutchess County legislators even demanded that Molinaro return \$330,000 in campaign contributions from companies that received \$89 million in government contracts. Molinaro admitted that some firms received contracts after giving him donations. Between 2011 and 2018, twenty firms from outside Dutchess county that received \$34 million in Dutchess County contracts contributed \$134,000 to Molinaro, including a subsidiary of a Manhattan lobbying firm.

**Molinaro steered millions in COVID relief funds to the Dutchess County baseball stadium – another source of campaign funds and employment for his wife – which may have been an illegal use of the money and subject to clawback by the Treasury Department.** Molinaro designated \$12.5 million of American Rescue Plan relief funds be spent on baseball stadium upgrades, including expanding stadium locker rooms and upgrading the outfield party deck. Molinaro’s second wife worked for the Hudson Valley Renegades, the team based at the stadium, as director of marketing and communications through at least 2015. And the stadium contractors were the source of \$59,072 in campaign contributions for Molinaro. Worse, spending American Rescue Plan money on baseball stadium upgrades might have been illegal and subject to clawback from the Treasury Department as an “ineligible” spending project. Under pressure, Molinaro reversed course and redesignated most of the funds for housing in April 2022.

**Molinaro misused county resources by using official accounts for both official and campaign business, in violation of the Dutchess County code of ethics, even as he poured tax dollars into increasing county public relations staff and salaries.** Both Molinaro’s Twitter and Facebook accounts were used to promote a mix of official resources and news, as well as content related to his county executive and congressional campaigns. Molinaro regularly shared official Dutchess County resources on his Facebook page including a livestream of an official event and a county-produced press release and graphic at the same time that his Facebook account linked to his congressional campaign website and identified him as a candidate. Since 2019, Molinaro has used county produced videos in Facebook ads for his County Executive campaign three times. On Twitter, Molinaro is equally contemptuous of ethics rules. He regularly tweeted videos produced by Dutchess County that highlighted his role as County Executive and he used the same account to promote a fundraiser for his campaign and to share his campaign logo. The Dutchess County Code of Ethics prohibited using county resources and materials for “personal or private purposes.” Meanwhile, Molinaro has added three executive office public relations staff or aides for an additional \$230,000 in salary since 2015.

## **Molinaro Raised Taxes In Every Office He Held And Wasted Taxpayer Money, Including On A Raise For Himself**

**Molinaro is a career politician who raised taxes in every elected office he has held.** Molinaro has held four elected offices since 1995 – Mayor of Tivoli, Dutchess County legislator, New York Assemblyman, and Dutchess County Executive – getting paid to be an elected politician every year of his adult life. In every one of these elected roles, he has raised taxes on his constituents. As Dutchess County Executive, Molinaro repeatedly raised property taxes and changed the sales tax formula in a way that resulted in tax increases. As an assemblyman, Molinaro voted for the largest income tax increase in New York in 50 years. In the Dutchess County Legislature, Molinaro voted repeatedly to increase property taxes. Finally, as mayor of Tivoli, Molinaro increased property taxes while giving raises to municipal employees and city contractors.

**Molinaro habitually wasted taxpayer money: On an unnecessary county jail, on cars he crashed, and even on pay raises for himself.** The list of examples of waste and abuse under Marc Molinaro is long. Molinaro pushed for a new Dutchess County jail at a cost of \$192 million, but the project was delayed for years and ultimately proved unnecessary. Taxpayers spent almost \$200,000 for Molinaro’s car usage while Dutchess County Executive, including over \$17,000 on accident repairs. And in 2003, Molinaro voted to give himself a 30% pay raise. Molinaro’s 2021 budget even cut health department funding during the pandemic, while Molinaro and county legislators received a pay raise. It’s no wonder that under Molinaro’s leadership, Moody’s downgraded Dutchess County’s credit rating from “AA2” to “AA1” resulting in increased debt interest costs.

## **Molinaro Was Bad For New Yorkers And Out Of Step With Their Priorities**

**Molinaro was a disaster for New Yorkers’ health, working to undermine Medicaid expansion and repeatedly opposing lower health care costs.** Molinaro supported an amendment to the attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act that would have slashed billions from Medicaid coverage in New York. Even as New Yorkers struggle with the price of prescription drugs, Molinaro opposed the Build Back Better Act, which would lower the cost of prescription drugs—including by allowing the government to negotiate drug prices.

**Molinaro had a long record of standing against a woman’s right to choose.** While running for governor, Molinaro claimed he would not infringe on abortion laws in the event the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, an outcome he dismissed as unlikely. But Molinaro can’t be trusted to protect a woman’s right to choose. Molinaro opposed the Reproductive Health Act, which codified the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into state law and he insensitively claimed, “only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors.” He even transferred \$2,250 from his campaign accounts to Care Net, an anti-choice group that ran crisis pregnancy centers and used misinformation to discourage women from getting abortions.

**Molinaro repeatedly voted against commonsense gun safety measures.** While serving in the New York State Assembly, Molinaro voted 32 times against bills that would have strengthened New York’s gun laws. Molinaro voted against the SAFE Act, which barred the mentally ill and felons from accessing guns, banned high-capacity magazines and assault weapons, expanded background checks, and imposed stricter penalties on those violating the law. In a new angle on the threat Molinaro poses to women, he voted against prohibiting domestic violence offenders from possessing firearms.

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# **Molinaro Was An Ethically Challenged Pay To Play Politician Who Repeatedly Misused County Resources**

## **Significant Findings**

### **2018: Molinaro Was Investigated For Pay-To-Play Allegations Involving His Wife's Employer, A Campaign Donor And County Contractor; Molinaro Was Cleared By A Board He Appointed**

- ✓ 2018: Molinaro was investigated because his wife was employed by a firm that received Dutchess County contracts and was a campaign donor to Molinaro.
- ✓ 2015-2018: Molinaro's wife Corrine Adams worked for Tinkelman Bros Development Corp, a firm that received over \$200,000 in tax breaks and contracts.
  - ✓ Tinkelman Bros. was later implicated in a secret pact to develop luxury housing in Poughkeepsie, whose mayor was "doing the bidding of the well-connected Tinkelman."
- ✓ October 2018: A formal complaint was filed against Molinaro by Democratic Dutchess County legislators asking for an investigation into "pay to play."
- ✓ Molinaro claimed to be unsure of whether he signed the two county contracts with Tinkelman Bros.
- ✓ Molinaro was cleared of wrongdoing by the Dutchess County Ethics Board, a board whose members Molinaro appointed.
  - ✓ The ethics board was chaired by Tara Sullivan, who later violated New York State Executive Law by spying on employees.

### **Molinaro Opposed Measures To Rein In Pay-To-Play Contracting In Dutchess County**

- ✓ Molinaro called for a state law banning campaign contributions from individuals or businesses that had or were pursuing government contracts, yet opposed a bill that would apply that standard to Dutchess County.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed a Dutchess County bill that banned the county executive from receiving campaign contributions from individuals or businesses that had or were pursuing government contracts.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed laws banning "pay to play" would create an unfair playing field for incumbents.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed "pay to play" was impossible in Dutchess County.

### **Molinaro Took Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars From Firms Doing Business With Dutchess County**

- ✓ As of 2018, a quarter of Molinaro's campaign contributions to his county executive campaign came from people or entities that got payments from Dutchess County.
- ✓ October 2018: Dutchess County legislators demanded that Molinaro return \$330,000 in campaign contributions from companies that received \$89 million in government contracts.
  - ✓ Molinaro acknowledged that some firms received contracts after giving him donations.

- ✓ 2011-2018: Twenty firms from outside Dutchess county that received \$34 million in Dutchess County contracts contributed \$134,000 to Molinaro.
- ✓ BSG Engineering, Molinaro's largest contributor in the 2015 cycle, contributed \$11,350 five months after bidding on a \$185,000 contract.
  - ✓ 2013: Eight BSG Engineering executives, shareholders, and managers, pled guilty to a \$1 million scheme to evade New Jersey pay-to-play laws.
- ✓ Compass Company Consultants, part of Manhattan lobbying firm Park Strategies, contributed \$8,500 to Molinaro after signing a \$20,000 contract with Dutchess County.
  - ✓ The Compass Company Consultants contribution was "larger than intended" and \$7,000 of the \$8,500 was refunded.
  - ✓ Park Strategies shared an address with two consulting firms that were paid \$61,000 by Molinaro's county executive campaigns.
- ✓ William McGahay, an owner of campaign firms that worked for Molinaro, lobbied Molinaro on behalf of his client, Triad Group.
  - ✓ Molinaro said that there was no issue being lobbied by a campaign consultant as long as it was disclosed and the lawful bidding process was followed.
  - ✓ Triad Group and its executives gave \$12,375 to Molinaro.
  - ✓ 2012: Triad Group lost a Dutchess County bid to a different firm that gave political contributions to Molinaro.
- ✓ Molinaro's county executive campaigns and Dutchess County both paid the Casale Group for work.
  - ✓ The Dutchess County Executive's Office declined to provide copies of emails between staff and Casale Group Campaign consultants.
- ✓ Molinaro's largest donors were associated with Kearny Realty and Development, which received almost \$1 million in Dutchess County contracts.
- ✓ Molinaro moved the Dutchess County Department of Health into offices owned by one of his campaign donors, despite them not having the cheapest bid.

**Molinaro Spent Millions In COVID Relief Funds On The Dutchess County Baseball Stadium, Where His Wife Previously Worked And Where He Attended More Than 100 Events**

- ✓ Molinaro wanted to spend \$12.5 million of American Rescue Plan relief funds on baseball stadium upgrades, including expanding stadium locker rooms and upgrading the outfield party deck.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed the Hudson Valley Renegades would leave without the stadium upgrades, though unlike a prior upgrade, the ARP-funded stadium renovations were not needed to bring the stadium into compliance with Major League Baseball.
  - ✓ Spending American Rescue Plan money on baseball stadium upgrades might have been illegal and subject to clawback from the Treasury Department as an "ineligible" spending project.

- ✓ April 2022: Under pressure, Molinaro reversed course and redesignated \$9.5 million of these funds for housing
- ✓ The Dutchess County Auditor found the stadium operated at a deficit from 2015-2020 and that funding for stadium upgrades was mismanaged.
  - ✓ The audit found that stadium upgrades were not fully planned for, not properly disclosed, and that funding requests were omitted from the county budget.
  - ✓ Dutchess County Auditor: “The current lease terms are unfavorable to the county and do not fully compensate for the costs incurred.”
  - ✓ Dutchess County Democratic legislators and local businesses disputed the claim that the stadium drove economic growth.
- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly called for multi-million dollar “investments” into the stadium during his time as county executive.
- ✓ Molinaro received \$59,072 from companies and associated individuals of companies which received contracts from Dutchess County for the renovation and improvement of Dutchess Stadium.
- ✓ Molinaro’s second wife worked for the Hudson Valley Renegades as director of marketing and communications through at least 2015.
- ✓ 2013 – 2021: Molinaro’s county executive calendar had at least 102 separate events at the Dutchess County Stadium, including 62 sporting events.

**Molinaro Operated A Single Twitter And Facebook Account That He Used For Both Official And Campaign Business, In Violation Of The Dutchess County Code Of Ethics**

- ✓ Molinaro used one Facebook account for both campaign and official county business.
  - ✓ Molinaro’s Facebook account linked to his congressional campaign website and identified him as a candidate.
  - ✓ Molinaro regularly shared official Dutchess County resources on his Facebook page including a livestream of an official event and a county-produced press release and graphic.
  - ✓ Since 2019, Molinaro has used county produced videos in Facebook ads for his County Executive campaign three times.
  - ✓ Molinaro recorded a video for a campaign ad inside the Dutchess County Executive office.
- ✓ Molinaro’s Twitter account was used for both campaign and official business.
  - ✓ Molinaro’s pinned tweet as of January 2022 included a county-produced video and he regularly tweeted videos produced by Dutchess County that highlighted his role as County Executive.
  - ✓ Molinaro tweeted a live stream video of an official Dutchess County government event.
  - ✓ Molinaro tweeted a graphic promoting a fundraiser for his congressional campaign.
  - ✓ Molinaro tweeted a graphic that included his campaign logo alongside the logo for a Dutchess County government initiative.

- ✓ Molinaro appeared to reproduce tweets posted by the official Dutchess County Twitter account for his own social media posts.
- ✓ The Dutchess County Code of Ethics prohibited using county resources and materials for “personal or private purposes.”

**Molinaro Increased County Public Relations Staff And Salaries As He Was Using County-Produced Media Assets For His Campaigns**

- ✓ Since 2015, Molinaro has added three executive office public relations staff or aides for an additional \$230,000 in salary.
- ✓ 2015-2022: Molinaro increased total executive office spending by nearly \$1 million and increased executive office salaries and wages by \$630,000.

**Molinaro Potentially Violated Federal Election Laws By Using County And State Campaign Funds To Pay For Campaign Mailers And Facebook Ads For His Upcoming Federal Campaign**

- ✓ March 2021: Molinaro said he was “definitely considering a congressional run.”
  - ✓ September 2021: Molinaro officially filed to run for Congress.
- ✓ April 2021 – June 2021: Molinaro ran Facebook ads from his County Executive campaign on federal issues including opposing adding justices to the Supreme Court, opposing President Biden’s federal budget proposal, and opposing making Washington, D.C. the 51<sup>st</sup> state.
  - ✓ Between April and June, Molinaro for Dutchess reported spending \$3,150 on Facebook ads.
- ✓ April 21, 2021: Molinaro transferred \$7,500 out of his county executive campaign account into his gubernatorial campaign account. The same day, Molinaro’s gubernatorial campaign account spent \$7,500 on campaign mailers.
- ✓ Federal law prohibited spending non-federal campaign funds in connection with an election for federal office.

**2018: Molinaro Was Investigated For Pay-To-Play Allegations, Then Cleared By A Board He Appointed**

**2018: Molinaro Was Investigated For Corruption Because His Wife Was Employed By A Firm That Received Dutchess County Contracts And Whose Manager Was A Campaign Donor To Molinaro**

**2015-2018: Molinaro’s Wife Corrine Adams Worked For Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp, A Firm That Received Tax Breaks From And Contracts From Dutchess County, Where Molinaro Was County Executive**

**2015-2018: Molinaro’s Wife Corrine Adams Worked For Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp. As Director Of Advertising And Communications, And Was Paid \$26,500 For Her Work.** “Corinne Adams, Molinaro’s wife, worked at Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp. from the summer of 2015 through earlier this year, when she left the job to focus on family and her pregnancy, according to Molinaro’s campaign. Molinaro and Adams were married in November 2015, not long after she took the job. Adams’ official title with Tinkelman, which is based in Poughkeepsie, was director of advertising and communications, according to Molinaro’s state financial disclosure

form. Adams was paid about \$26,500 for her work by Tinkelman Bros. in 2017, according to Molinaro’s 2017 tax returns. A summary of his prior years’ tax returns showed a similar joint income level in 2016.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Tinkelman Bros. Received \$227,206 Worth Of Property Tax Breaks From Dutchess County.** “Cuomo’s ad points to tax breaks handed down by the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency for a Tinkelman project known as Van Wagner Place. The \$5 million mixed-use development project, a mix of apartments, restaurants and boutique shops, received sales- and property-tax breaks worth \$227,276 from 2015 through 2017, according to the IDA’s annual reports.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Tinkelman Architecture, A Sister Company Of Tinkelman Bros., Received About \$70,000 Worth Of Contracts From Dutchess County.** “Tinkelman Architecture, a sister company of Tinkelman Bros., has also done work for Dutchess County on a contract basis, with the firm receiving about \$70,000 from the county from January through Aug. 31 of this year, according to county records.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Manager Steven Tinkelman Donated \$6,025 To Molinaro Over Twelve Years.** “Steven Tinkleman, managing member of the firm and its sister companies, said he hired Adams because of her skillset and background in design and communications.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Steven Tinkelman Donations To Molinaro**

Donor	Recipient	Date	Amount
Steven Tinkelman	Marc for US	9/30/21	\$1,000
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	3/5/2019	\$100
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Governor	7/9/2018	\$1,000
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	3/8/2018	\$150
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	1/25/2016	\$150
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	5/15/2014	\$200
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	6/18/2013	\$500
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	1/28/2013	\$125
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	6/10/2012	\$1,000
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	4/2/2012	\$500
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	7/16/2011	\$300
Steven Tinkelman	Molinaro for Dutchess	5/23/2011	\$1,000

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 4/20/22]

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**Tinkelman Was Implicated In A Secret Pact To Develop Luxury Housing In Poughkeepsie**

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**Headline: “Secret Memo Reveals Wheaton Park Pact Between Poughkeepsie and Developer.”** [The River, [11/1/21](#)]

**Developers Steven Tinkelman And Wayne Nussbickel Sued The City Of Poughkeepsie After The City Historic Commission Blocked Plans To Build High-End Housing In Wheaton Park.** “Over the last few years that local architect and aspiring developer Steven Tinkelman has plodded through Poughkeepsie’s municipal approval process to build high-end housing overlooking the Hudson River in Wheaton Park, Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison has held himself above the fray. ‘There is a process,’ has been the two-term mayor’s refrain in multiple public settings. That process has indeed played out. The Poughkeepsie Historic District and Landmark Preservation Commission, which has jurisdiction over the historically registered park, twice denied the developers’ plans. Tinkelman appealed to the city legislature, but the Common Council determined that the HDLPC had faithfully followed its delimited criteria. Tinkelman and Wayne Nussbickel, the only other publicly identified investor, then sued the city, the Common Council, and the HDLPC in January. A review of the court documents suggests their case is not going well, and with all motions filed by mid-September, a judge could rule before the end of the year.” [The River, [11/1/21](#)]

- **Tinkelman And Nussbickel Gave A Combined \$3,000 To Molinaro's Congressional Campaign.** [FEC.gov, accessed 11/1/21]

**A Confidential Memo From The City Of Poughkeepsie To The Historic Commission Laid Out A Settlement Agreement To Advance The Wheaton Park Project Pending The Approval Of The Historic Commission.** “A confidential memo obtained by The River spells out a ‘conceptual agreement’ between city administration and the developers to try to win over the commission. But the core of the new offer—to rent the park’s the historic Pelton mansion to an arts group—is a matter outside the HDLPC’s remit, which does not cover building use but rather deals with exteriors and preservation of the overall historic setting. The commission has already determined those factors would be overwhelmed by the development’s sheer mass and scale. In effect, City Hall is asking the commission to violate its own mandate. In doing so, it would jettison hundreds of hours over more than two years of working with the developer to find a project plan the city could sign off on. [...] The four-page memo acknowledges that the HDLPC would have to consent to the new proposal, even while the developers, Pelton Partners, are suing on the grounds that the commission does not properly have jurisdiction. Entertaining the new offer would seemingly discredit the commission, which city officials publicly praise as vital to protecting Poughkeepsie’s much diminished historic inventory, at least rhetorically regarded as vital assets.” [The River, 11/1/21]

**The River: Poughkeepsie Mayor Rolison Was “Doing The Bidding Of The Well-Connected Tinkelman” Whose Contributions To Molinaro Were A 2018 Campaign Issue.** “As mayor, Rolison’s record on historic preservation has been better than Tkazyik’s, but not by much. He actively opposed historic designations of College Hill and the Eastman Oval. He also submitted a letter to the commission supporting Tinkelman’s project as the ‘best possible plan,’ in part because no other proposal will contain ‘all that everyone would like to see.’ But this ignores the fact that Tinkelman’s option-to-buy contract locks in his position indefinitely, while the city has no clear exit from that document, and in the meantime cannot entertain other proposals. Now Rolison is doing the bidding of the well-connected Tinkelman, whose political donation to Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro’s gubernatorial run, as well as his hiring of Molinaro’s wife, Corinne Adams, briefly flared as a campaign issue in an ad by then Governor Andrew Cuomo about pay-to-play politics.” [The River, 11/1/21]

### **October 2018: Dutchess County Lawmakers Requested An Investigation Of Molinaro By The State And County Into Alleged Pay-To-Play Allegations**

**October 2018: Eight Democratic Dutchess County Legislators Filed A Formal Ethics Complaint Against Molinaro.** “Eight of 11 Democratic Dutchess County lawmakers submitted a formal complaint to the state Attorney General’s Office and Joint Commission on Public Ethics on Oct. 5, calling on the state to investigate possible ethics violations against Molinaro, who is the Dutchess county executive. The allegations surround Molinaro’s wife, Corrine Adams, who was awarded a job at the architectural firm Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp., of Poughkeepsie, which was awarded county contracts and tax breaks. The company made donations totaling \$6,800 to Molinaro from 2006-2018, according to the complaint.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/10/18]

**October 2018: Dutchess County Legislators Requested State And Local Investigations Into Possible Corruption By Molinaro In County Bidding Processes.** “The legislators’ letter came days after the same eight lawmakers formally requested state and local investigators to probe Molinaro regarding ‘possible corruption’ in the county bidding process. In that letter, they asked the county Board of Ethics, and the state Attorney General’s Office and the Joint Commission on Public Ethics to investigate \$6,800 in contributions Molinaro received from Tinkelman Brothers, an architecture firm that received \$70,000 in tax breaks from the county and paid Molinaro’s wife \$26,500 for marketing work.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

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### **Molinaro Claimed He Was Uncertain Whether He Signed Contracts With Tinkelman Bros.**

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**Molinaro Claimed To Be Unsure If He Signed The Contracts With Tinkelman Brothers.** “Molinaro said he recused himself from the contract decisions and the only involvement on his end was that he legally is required to sign them. However, he backtracked, saying he’s unsure if he even signed the two contracts in question. ‘I don’t

think I did sign those contracts. I don't think I did,' he said. 'But Bill O'Neill as deputy county executive often steps in at my request.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

## **Molinaro Was Cleared By An Ethics Board Consisting Of Members That He Himself Appointed, Whose Chair Was Later Investigated For Spying On Employees**

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### **Molinaro Was Cleared By The County Ethics Board, Whose Members He Appointed**

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**The Dutchess County Ethics Board Cleared Molinaro Of Wrongdoing, Claiming That Adams Was Paid Market-Value For Her Work.** "Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has been cleared of violating any county ethics rules in connection with his wife's former job with a local contractor and campaign donor, which Democrats attempted to use against him in his 2018 gubernatorial campaign. The Dutchess County Board of Ethics ruled Dec. 7 that Corinne Adams' job with Tinkelman Bros., a Dutchess-based architecture firm, from 2015 through early 2018 did not amount to a gift because she was paid fair-market value for her work." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/19]

**The County Ethics Board, Which Was Appointed By Molinaro, Found That He Played No Role In Awarding Tax Breaks Or Contracts To Tinkelman.** "But the county Ethics Board, a bipartisan group appointed by Molinaro and confirmed by the county Legislature, found Molinaro had nothing to do with awarding the tax breaks or a county contract held by Tinkelman, which was competitively bid." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/19]

- **Under The General Municipal Law, There Was No Conflict Of Interest If A Spouse Is Employed By A County Contractor But Does Not Work On The Public Job In Question.** "As county executive, Molinaro comes under General Municipal Law, which states there is no conflict of interest if a spouse is employed by a county contractor, but does not work on the public job in question, Leventhal said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/5/18]

**The Dutchess County Ethics Board Decision Clearing Molinaro, His Wife, And Tinkelman Was Unanimous.** "The complaint lodged by Dutchess County Democrats as Molinaro challenged Cuomo last year alleged that a development company that had donated to Molinaro's campaigns also hired his wife and received county contracts and tax breaks. Cuomo used the issue in a campaign ad. But the Dutchess County Board of Ethics in December unanimously found there was no wrongdoing by Molinaro, his wife or the company." [New York Daily News, 1/7/19]

**Tara Sullivan Chaired The County Ethics Board Which Cleared Molinaro.** "But the county Ethics Board, a bipartisan group appointed by Molinaro and confirmed by the county Legislature, found Molinaro had nothing to do with awarding the tax breaks or a county contract held by Tinkelman, which was competitively bid. 'The County Executive's wife's salary was not a 'gift' within the meaning of the Dutchess County Code of Ethics inasmuch as she received fair market value for hourly part-time services rendered,' the board's decision read. The decision was rendered Dec. 7 and unanimously approved. It was signed by Tara Sullivan, the board's acting chair." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/19]

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### **Dutchess County Legislators Considered The Board Of Ethics "A Partisan Joke"**

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**After The Dutchess County Board Of Ethics Found Legislator Kristofer Munn Violated The County Ethics Code, He Called The Board Of Ethics "A Partisan Joke" And Criticized Them For Letting Molinaro Off The Hook For Failing To Disclose His Wife Was Paid By A County Contractor.** "Dutchess County Legislator Kristofer Munn violated the county's ethics code earlier this year by raising money to defend himself against a lawsuit, the county Board of Ethics has ruled. [...] The ethics board voted unanimously following an hourlong executive session Thursday to find Munn, D-Red Hook, in violation of Section 5A of the Dutchess County Code of Ethics. The board is expected to issue a written decision, including its findings and any recommendations for action against Munn next week. [...] The legislator also criticized the Board of Ethics. 'Everybody knows that the Dutchess County Board of Ethics is a partisan joke filled with [County Executive] Marc Molinaro's friends,

supporters and donors,' he said. 'This has been clear since their ruling in 2018/2019 that the failure of Marc Molinaro to report over \$20,000 that his family received from a county contractor – in clear violation of the ethics laws – was OK because they claimed the amount of money involved was too small to matter.'" [Daily Freeman, [11/19/21](#)]

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## **Dutchess County Ethics Chair Tara Sullivan Violated New York State Executive Law By Spying On Employees, And Faced Calls To Resign From The Ethics Commission**

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**Headline: "Former bridge authority boss says she won't step down as ethics chair"** [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**The Dutchess County Democrats Called On County Ethics Chair And Molinaro Appointee Tara Sullivan To Resign From The Ethics Commission After She Violated The State Executive Law As Executive Director Of The New York State Bridge Authority.** "Tara Sullivan, the former Acting Executive Director of the New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA), and current chairwoman of the Dutchess County Ethics Committee is being asked to resign by the Dutchess County Democratic Committee. Sullivan told Mid-Hudson News that she has no plans to step down. Sullivan was recently found to have violated state executive law while at NYSBA, by the New York State Inspector General. [...] Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro nominated Sullivan and the other members to the committee. The county legislature then approved the nominations. The demand by Democrats for the resignation included allegations that Sullivan ignored ethics complaints against Molinaro a few years ago which Sullivan dismissed as unfounded." [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman Elisa Sumner Called For Sullivan's "Immediate Resignation As Chair Of The Dutchess County Board of Ethics."** "The NYS IG report concluded that Sullivan had violated state law and acted in an imprudent manner. [...] On December 1, two days after the Mid-Hudson News exclusive story about the NYS IG letter, the Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman, Elisa Sumner, issued a statement calling for Sullivan's resignation from the ethics committee based on the NYS IG findings. Sumner said in part, 'Acting Executive Director of the NYS Bridge Authority (NYSBA) Tara Sullivan violated the law, we, the Dutchess County Democrats, call for her immediate resignation as Chair of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics and that she permanently step down from the Board.'" [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

- **Sumner: "The IGA's Report Makes Clear That Sullivan Is Not Fit To Serve On The Body Charged With The Review And Enforcement Of... Ethical Conduct For Officers, Employees, And Certain Appointed Officials Of The County Of Dutchess."** "On December 1, two days after the Mid-Hudson News exclusive story about the NYS IG letter, the Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman, Elisa Sumner, issued a statement calling for Sullivan's resignation from the ethics committee [...] The Democratic leader also said, 'The IGA's report makes clear that Sullivan is not fit to serve on the body charged with the review and enforcement of... ethical conduct for officers, employees, and certain appointed officials of the County of Dutchess, to afford them clear guidance as to these standards, and to ensure that county government is free from improper influence so as to assure public confidence and trust.'" [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Dutchess Democrats' Statement Calling For Sullivan To Resign Also Accused Her Of Ignoring Ethics Complaints Against Molinaro In The Past.** "Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro nominated Sullivan and the other members to the committee. The county legislature then approved the nominations. The demand by Democrats for the resignation included allegations that Sullivan ignored ethics complaints against Molinaro a few years ago which Sullivan dismissed as unfounded. 'The Democratic Committee's statement is full of misinformation and addresses issues that have long been resolved by the Ethics committee's unanimous decisions,' she said. Sullivan is one of five members of the Ethics Committee and was selected as chairperson by the committee members." [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Sullivan: "I Do Not Intend To Resign My Role As Chair Of The Dutchess County Ethics Board As Long As The County Executive Continues To Want My Service [...] I Have Done Nothing Unethical."** "The attorney also provided Sullivan's response to the Mid-Hudson News inquiry regarding the resignation request. Sullivan, through her counsel, said 'I do not intend to resign my role as Chair of the Dutchess County Ethics Board as long as

the County Executive continues to want my service,' adding "I have done nothing unethical." [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Sullivan Abruptly Resigned From Her Position On The Bridge Commission During An Inspector General Investigation That Ultimately Found She Violated The Law By Spying On Bridge Employees.** "In 2020, while Sullivan was in charge of the NYSBA, she was accused of spying on Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge employees which resulted in investigations by the state police and the inspector general. [...] During the IG's investigation into the matter, Sullivan abruptly resigned from her position, effective on July 15, 2021. At the time, Sullivan's departure was announced as a retirement through an NYSBA news release which has since been removed from the NYSBA website. [...] The NYS IG report concluded that Sullivan had violated state law and acted in an imprudent manner." [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**In Response To A Request For Comment, Sullivan's Attorney Issued A Cease And Desist Warning And Demanded A Retraction Of Reporting That Sullivan Resigned From The Bridge Commission Over The IG Investigation.** "Mid-Hudson News contacted Sullivan, a former Woodstock town board member, and Ulster County legislator on Wednesday afternoon. Asked to respond to questions regarding the Democrats' statement, she responded Wednesday night through an email from Rhinebeck attorney Nathaniel Charny. He was retained by Sullivan in response to recent Mid-Hudson News reporting on Sullivan's ties to the 'spy-gate' issue. Charny said in part, 'you are instructed to cease and desist from publishing the inaccurate information on this topic and retract all references that state or imply that Ms. Sullivan resigned due to the IG investigation.' The NYS IG letter that was the basis for the Mid-Hudson News story said in part, 'During the investigation, Sullivan resigned her position at the Bridge Authority effective July 15, 2021.'" [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

## **Molinaro Claimed To Support Good Government, But Opposed Measures To Rein In Pay-To-Play In Dutchess County**

### **Molinaro Called For A State Law Banning Campaign Contributions From Individuals Or Businesses That Had Or Were Pursuing Government Contracts...**

**Molinaro Called For A State Law Banning Campaign Contributions To State Political Candidates From Individuals Or Businesses That Had Or Were Pursuing State Government Contracts.** "In 2018, Molinaro called for a state law banning campaign contributions to state political candidates from individuals or businesses that have or may be pursuing state government contracts. However, in Dutchess County, where Molinaro has raised such funds for his own campaigns, he opposed a similar bill that same year that would apply to him as the incumbent county executive. The Times Union found that roughly a quarter of Molinaro's \$1.4 million in campaign fundraising for his county executive campaigns has come from people or entities that have gotten payments from the county government he runs, records show." [Albany Times Union, 9/22/18]

- **Molinaro Called For A Law Banning Campaign Contributions From Companies Pursuing Government Contracts.** "The Republican candidate for governor, Marc Molinaro, on Wednesday called for a state law banning campaign contributions to state political candidates from individuals or businesses that have or may be pursuing state government contracts. At an event in Buffalo, Molinaro, who is the Dutchess County executive, noted the upcoming corruption trial of five men accused of rigging bids in connection with the 'Buffalo Billion' and other state-funded development initiatives. The alleged illegal actions took place amid heavy campaign contributions to Gov. Andrew Cuomo from the developers who are awaiting trial, although the campaign donations are not central to the criminal case." [Times-Union, 5/31/18]

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**Albany Times Union: Molinaro Could Have Easily Passed A Law In Dutchess County Preventing Pay To Play, But He Opposed Such A Bill Modeled After One Passed By Republicans In Neighboring Orange County.** "In Molinaro's current job, passing such a law would not be so difficult: In Dutchess County, Republicans control the county legislature and Molinaro has significant sway over its agenda. Yet Molinaro and fellow Republicans opposed such a bill -- modeled after an anti-pay-to-play measure passed by Republicans in Orange County -- when it was introduced by county Democrats last year." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**Molinaro Claimed Laws Banning "Pay To Play" Would Create An Unfair Playing Field For Incumbents.** "Molinaro has argued in the past that the law would create an unfair playing field for Dutchess County incumbents, who would be constrained by the restrictions of the law while their electoral challengers would not be. And Molinaro said that while neighboring counties have passed pay-to-play laws, he trusts the opinion of Dutchess County counsel, who says such programs would not pass legal muster -- unless implemented on a statewide basis." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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### **Molinaro Claimed "Pay To Play" Was Impossible In Dutchess County**

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**Molinaro Claimed The Dutchess County System Made "Pay To Play" Impossible.** "Even contracts under \$20,000 are verbally bid, and all contracts require the sign-off of the county comptroller. Asked last year by a constituent about possible pay-to-play in Dutchess County, Molinaro maintained that system simply would not allow it. 'That premise is entirely false, unless you suggest that competitive bidding results in people getting contracts because they made a (campaign) contribution' Molinaro said." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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### **Molinaro Called For Taking Politics Out Of Ethics Enforcement**

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**Molinaro Called For Taking Politics Out Of Ethics Enforcement.** "The proposed Albany Accountability Act he rolled out in July was a good-government wish list: term limits for all state officials; a "database of deals" to track public contracts; bans on corporate subsidies and campaign contributions from companies with business before the state; eliminating the loophole that enables individuals and businesses to make huge donations through multiple limited liability companies; and taking politics out of ethics enforcement and legislative redistricting (independent panels established by the state's highest court would do those jobs). His 30-page white paper on the MTA caused a minor sensation among transit wonks." [Crains New York Business, 10/29/18]

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### **Molinaro Claimed He Increased Ethics Legislation In Dutchess County**

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**Molinaro Claimed He Expanded Ethics Legislation In Dutchess County.** "Among his proposals are term limits, an end to political contributions from private sector entities doing business with the state, an end to direct aid to private business and an ethics commission with teeth. He said he has experience expanding ethics legislation in his current role as Dutchess County executive." [Watertown Daily Times, 9/21/18]

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### **Molinaro Accepted Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Campaign Contributions From Firms Doing Business With Dutchess County**

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**October 2018: Dutchess County Lawmakers Demanded Molinaro Return \$330,000 In Campaign Contributions From 67 Companies That Received \$89 Million In County Contracts, Which Contributed To A “Pay-To-Play” Culture.** “A coalition of Dutchess County lawmakers are demanding that County Executive Marc Molinaro, the GOP candidate for governor, return \$330,000 in campaign contributions from 67 companies doing business with the county. A letter from eight of 11 Democrats who sit on the Dutchess County Legislature said the same donor companies have gotten \$89 million in county contracts over the past seven years, giving the contributions the semblance of a ‘pay-to-play’ culture.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

**Headline: “Dutchess Lawmakers Want Candidate Marc Molinaro To Return \$330K In Campaign Cash.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

**Molinaro Acknowledged That Some Firms Received Contracts After Giving Him Donations.** “He also denied ever awarding county contracts based on campaign contributions. He acknowledged that some donors had been awarded contracts after making donations, but they never received contracts because of a donation. ‘They may have gotten county contracts, and they may have contributed,’ he said. ‘By stating that they made contributions and then got contracts, that’s not true I’m not willing to cede that.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

**2011-2018: Twenty Firms From Outside Dutchess County That Won \$34 Million In Dutchess County Contracts Contributed At Least \$134,000 To Molinaro**

**2011-2018: Twenty Firms From Outside Dutchess County Received \$34 Million In County Contracts And Contributed \$134,000 To Molinaro.** “They said that 20 of the firms that received county contracts and made campaign contributions to the county executive’s races were from outside of Dutchess County, including a San Francisco-based law firm. Those firms donated \$134,000 to Molinaro campaigns over the past seven years, and received about \$34 million in county contracts. Among them was Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, an international law firm based in San Francisco, that donated \$5,500 to Molinaro and received \$109,000 in county work. Others include: Park Strategies, a consulting firm founded by former U.S. Sen. Al D’Amato with offices in Washington, D.C., and New York City, which donated \$900 and received \$20,000 in county contracts. Birdsall Services Group, an engineering firm with offices in White Plains that donated \$11,350 and received more than \$169,000 in contracts from Dutchess County. ‘It’s much bigger than Tinkleman or his wife,’ said Tyner, the Dutchess legislator. ‘There’s 20 different companies from way outside Dutchess County. If you add that in with the companies inside Dutchess County, that’s not chump change.’” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 10/21/18]

- **Among The Campaign Donors Receiving Contracts Were A San Francisco-Based Law Firm And A Consulting Firm With Offices In Washington, DC.** “They said that 20 of the firms that received county contracts and made campaign contributions to the county executive’s races were from outside of Dutchess County, including a San Francisco-based law firm. Those firms donated \$134,000 to Molinaro campaigns over the past seven years, and received about \$34 million in county contracts. Among them was Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, an international law firm based in San Francisco, that donated \$5,500 to Molinaro and received \$109,000 in county work. Others include: Park Strategies, a consulting firm founded by former U.S. Sen. Al D’Amato with offices in Washington, D.C., and New York City, which donated \$900 and received \$20,000 in county contracts.” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 10/21/18]

**Molinaro Claimed That Businesses Outside Of Dutchess County Donated To Him Because They Supported His Policies And “Don't Those People Care About Good Government?”** “Asked by the Times Union why business interests far outside Dutchess County would want to donate heavily to his executive campaigns if the donations did not help them land contracts, Molinaro said those donors must support his policies. ‘Don't those people care about good government?’ he said.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**BSG Engineering, Molinaro’s Largest Contributor In The 2015 Cycle, Contributed \$11,350 Five Months After Bidding On A \$185,000 Contract**

**November 2012: BSG Engineering Gave Molinaro An \$11,350 Contribution, Five Months After Bidding On A \$185,000 Contract In Dutchess County.** “Molinaro's biggest single campaign contribution of \$11,350 came in November 2012 from a firm based in Westchester County, BSG Engineering. It was by far the firm's largest gift in a New York election. About five months before the donation, BSG began a competitively bid Dutchess County contract worth \$185,000 for ‘waterfront improvement’ engineering services.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**2018: Molinaro Said He Was Unfamiliar With The Contract BSG Bid On, Or BSG.** “Following a March 2013 indictment in New Jersey, eight former executives, shareholders and managers of BSG would go on to plead guilty to a \$1 million scheme to evade that state's pay-to-play law. Molinaro said he was unfamiliar with the contract or the company.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**Compass Company Consultants, Part Of Manhattan Lobbying Firm Park Strategies, Contributed \$8,500 To Molinaro After Signing A \$20,000 Contract With Dutchess County**

**November 2012: Compass Company Consultants, A Manhattan LLC, Gave Molinaro \$8,500 Six Weeks After Signing A \$20,000 Contract With Dutchess County.** “The second-largest campaign donation to Molinaro was \$8,500 in November 2012 from a Manhattan limited liability company, Compass Company Consultants, which previously had hardly ever donated in New York elections. About six weeks beforehand, records show, Compass had signed a \$20,000 contract with Dutchess County to perform an audit of its self-insured workers compensation program.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**The Initial Compass Company Consultant Donation Was The Second Largest Donation To Molinaro’s 2015 Campaign.** “The second-largest campaign donation to Molinaro was \$8,500 in November 2012 from a Manhattan limited liability company, Compass Company Consultants, which previously had hardly ever donated in New York elections.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Compass Company Consulting Was Part Of A Manhattan Lobbying Firm, Park Strategies.** “Compass, which focuses on insurance regulation consulting, is part of a major lobbying firm, Manhattan-based Park Strategies. Park shares an address with two campaign-consulting firms that have been paid about \$61,000 by Molinaro's county executive campaign account, Verus Partners and Capitol Public Strategies.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2013: Park Strategies Won A \$20,000 Dutchess County Contract.** “Records show Park Strategies has itself won a \$20,000 contract in 2013 from Molinaro's county government for communications work during the design phase of the building of a new county jail.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Park Strategies Was Founded By Former Republican Senator Al D’Amato, Who Had Previously Lobbied Molinaro.** “Park Strategies, founded in 1999 by former Republican U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato, has lobbied Molinaro on behalf of its clients, who have also donated to Molinaro. Government-reform groups have long criticized the practice of campaign firms lobbying the people they help elect.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**William McGahay, An Owner Of Campaign Firms That Worked For Molinaro, Lobbied Molinaro On Behalf Of His Client, Triad Group**

**William McGahay, An Owner Of Park-Affiliated Campaign Firms That Worked For Molinaro, Lobbied Molinaro On Behalf Of His Client, Triad Group.** Park's clients include Triad Group, a Troy-based firm that focuses on providing workers' compensation services. In early 2013, Park Strategies managing director William McGahay reported lobbying Molinaro's administration on behalf of Triad. Molinaro said that McGahay, an owner of the Park-affiliated campaign firms that have worked for Molinaro, had met with him and other county officials. He said there was no issue with being lobbied by a campaign consultant as long as it was disclosed and the lawful bidding process was followed.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**2017: Triad Group Won A \$721,000 Bid With Dutchess County**

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**Molinaro’s County Executive Campaigns And Dutchess County Both Paid The Casale Group**

**Molinaro’s Campaigns Have Paid The Casale Group At Least \$61,000.** “Molinaro's county executive campaigns have paid another well-known Republican political firm, the Casale Group, more than \$61,000. The firm's Lynn Krogh is managing Molinaro's gubernatorial campaign.” [Albany Union, 7/1/18]

**2017: Dutchess County Gave The Casale Group A \$15,000 Contract To Produce A Video For The County.** “In February 2017, records show Dutchess County also signed a \$15,000 deal with Casale Group to produce a minute-long video for Molinaro's ‘Think Differently’ campaign, which encourages people to change their attitudes towards people with special needs.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2017: Dutchess County Gave The Casale Group \$4,000 To Do Robocalls For The County.** “Casale Group has also been paid about \$4,000 more in taxpayer money in 2017 to do ‘robocalls’ regarding public hearings on a county tax savings plan.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**The Dutchess County Executive’s Office Declined To Provide Copies Of Emails Between Staff And Casale Group Campaign Consultants**

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**When Asked For Emails Between The Molinaro’s Office And Campaign Consultants, The Dutchess County Executive Office Declined To Provide Them.** “The Dutchess County executive's office declined to provide the Times Union with copies of any emails between Molinaro administration officials and his campaign consultants, saying that the newspaper would have to provide the private email addresses for each consultant.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro’s Largest Donors Were Associated With Kearny Realty And Development, Which Received Almost \$1 Million In Dutchess County Contracts**

**Molinaro’s Largest Donors Were Associated With Kearney Realty And Development, Who Had Given Molinaro Almost \$50,000.** “Molinaro's biggest donor appears to be companies and people connected to a Putnam County-based affordable housing developer, Kearney Realty and Development, a group tied to about \$50,000 in donations to Molinaro.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

- **Kearny Also Gave Large Contributions To Andrew Cuomo.** “Kearney, which has donated even more heavily to Cuomo, did not return a request for comment.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Kearney Realty And Development Received Three Payments Of \$295,000 Each From Dutchess County.**

“Dutchess County has made three different payments of \$295,000 each -- part of the of the federal HOME program -- to Kearney projects. Those dollars go through the county's Community Development Council, which makes recommendations to Molinaro. He does not recall ever going against the Council's advice.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro Moved The Dutchess County Department Of Health Into Offices Owned By One Of His Campaign Donors, Despite Them Not Having The Cheapest Bid**

**Molinaro Moved The Dutchess County Department Of Health To New Offices In Page Park Associate's Poughkeepsie Journal Building.**

“For the Health Department's new office, the county selected Page Park Associate's Poughkeepsie Journal building at 85 Civic Center Plaza in the city. Page Park's lease proposal included rent at \$24.25 per square foot, which did not include telephone or Internet utilities or any increases in county, city or school taxes from the initial lease year. The county negotiated a final lease rate of \$23.20 per square foot with the same exclusives.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/22/12]

**Page Park Donated \$2,610 To Molinaro's Assembly Campaigns.** “Between 2009 and 2010, Molinaro received \$2,610 in donations from Page Park during his run for Assembly, according to campaign finance records on the website of the state Attorney General's Office. In addition, Page Park managing partners Darin and Jason Page have donated a combined \$310 to Molinaro between 2009 and 2011 for state and county races. Molinaro said those donations didn't have any influence on the Page Park lease agreement. Patrick Properties also donated to Molinaro, including \$500 for his county executive campaign. Property manager Vincent Dimaso individually donated \$150 to Molinaro.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/22/12]

**Page Park Did Not Have The Cheapest Bid For The Health Department's New Offices.** “At a rate of \$22 per square foot, HP Mitchell of White Plains submitted a proposal in an attempt to keep the Health Department as its tenant at 387 Main St [...] At a rate of \$20 per square foot, CR Properties proposed space at 331 Main St., the Indotronix International Corp. building. The rent included property and school taxes, maintenance and utility cost. Although it appears to be the cheapest option, CR Properties offered 10 of the 46 required on-site parking spaces, Molinaro said [...] At a first-year rate of \$20 per square foot, Patrick Properties offered an office in Canterbury Plaza on Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Rent would increase to \$21.40 for year three, \$21.80 for year four and \$21.22 for year five. Excluded were increases in property tax and school tax, a portion of liability insurance, and increases in gas and electric. The proposal included 262 parking spaces and the landlord agreed to pay up to \$150,000 to put in partitioned walls and some furniture.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/22/12]

**Dutchess County Baseball Stadium**

**2013: Molinaro Called For \$1 Million In Stadium Upgrades To Boost Tourism And Keep The Stadium Competitive With Others In The Region**

**2013: Molinaro Claimed Stadium Upgrades Would Boost Tourism.** “To encourage tourism, Molinaro promised the completion the Dutchess County Rail Trail, connecting it to the Walkway Over the Hudson state park, and repairs and upgrades to Dutchess Stadium. He said continued investment in tourism and local businesses is crucial to maximize the county's resources.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/31/13]

**2013: Molinaro Called For A \$1 Million Investment To Improve The Dutchess County Stadium And Keep It Competitive With Newer Stadiums In The Region.** “This year begins the 20th year of Dutchess Stadium. It was built fast and cheap, Molinaro said. Today, it is aging and in need of repair and upgrades. ‘We will proceed with several short-term improvements including drainage and electrical repairs, preventative maintenance and full field replacement. To complete necessary field improvements by opening day, we will seek legislative support next

month for the \$1 million adopted in this year's capital plan,' he said. 'To remain competitive with newer stadiums built in the region and ensure 'the Dutch' remains a regional attraction and economic engine in southern Dutchess County we will begin developing a broader campus plan to expand opportunities on-site for a multi-use, multi-season recreational facility,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/31/13]

### **2018: Molinaro Called For A \$3 Million Bond To Upgrade The Stadium; The County Legislature Approved \$2.4 Million**

**2018: Molinaro Called For A \$3 Million Bond To Upgrade The Stadium** "The budget also called for a \$3 million bond - which will be matched in part by the state Empire Development a total of \$6 million - for improvements at Dutchess Stadium. The county's contract with the Hudson Valley Renegades is expiring and Molinaro said the county is looking for a long-term commitment from the minor-league organization. Either way, he said, the stadium is in need of improvements. 'As we continue to negotiate a new contract with the Hudson Valley Renegades and its ownership, Dutchess County must also make a commitment to ensure that the physical construction of the stadium is safe, secure and, ultimately, that we expand the fan experience,' Molinaro said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/30/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said Dutchess County Needed To Spend Millions On Stadium Renovations To Keep The Contract With The Minor League Team.** "The Legislature voted down a measure on Tuesday that would've authorized the county to set aside \$2.4 million in bonds to renovate seating, resurface concrete and repave the parking lot. County Executive Marc Molinaro, who proposed the resolution, says it would need to pass for the county's contract with the Renegades and the Beacon school district - which owns the land - to be extended another five years. The contract is set to expire Dec. 31." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/16/18]

**2018: Dutchess County Committed \$2.4 Million For Stadium Renovations And Upgrades.** "In 2018, the county committed \$2.4 million to repairs and upgrades at the stadium, which sits on land owned by the Beacon City School District. The county pays rent to Beacon for use of the land, and the Renegades pay rent to the county for use of the stadium." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

- **The Dutchess County Legislature Vote Was Unanimous After Previously Voting Against It.** "The Legislature's vote was unanimous on Monday, after it voted against the bond in November. Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver said County Executive Marc Molinaro provided the governing body with more details of the agreement, which swayed the lawmakers." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/6/18]

### **2021: Molinaro Wanted To Spend \$12.5 Million Of American Rescue Plan Relief Funds On Baseball Stadium Upgrades, Before Backtracking Following Criticism**

**Dutchess County Allocated \$12.5 Million Of Its \$57 Million In American Rescue Plan Relief Funds Toward Improvements For Dutchess Stadium.** "Minor league teams took a combined \$40 million in Paycheck Protection Program loans early in the pandemic to cover worker salaries. But unlike Broadway theaters and live music venues they've been shut out of additional government relief. That's why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials." [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Residents Questioned Why The New York Yankees, The Parent Club For The Renegades, Couldn't Pay For The Stadium Upgrades.** "While a majority of residents who submitted letters to the Legislature regarding the proposal were in favor of fronting the money for they upgrades, some questioned why the New York Yankees, the Renegades' new parent club, cannot pay the expense." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

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**Mindy Franklin-Levine, The Wife Of Yankees President Randy Levine, Gave Molinaro \$3,500**

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**Mindy Franklin-Levine Was Married To Yankees President Randy Levine.** “But, the family will have a home in Union Vale for at least the next year, courtesy of a donation by a Pawling woman and her husband, the president of the New York Yankees. Mindy Franklin Levine and Randy Levine recently gave a check to Town Supervisor Betsy Maas to cover a year of rent in a home owned by the town.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/19]

### **Mindy Franklin-Levine Gave Molinaro \$3,500.**

Mindy Franklin-Levine Donations To Molinaro

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mindy Franklin-Levine	Molinaro for Dutchess	10/31/2017	\$1,000
Mindy Franklin-Levine	Molinaro for Dutchess	1/11/2018	\$2,500

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 4/18/22]

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### **The \$12.5M Allocated Was More Than The Anticipated Total Cost Of Stadium Renovations Estimate Earlier In The Year**

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#### **As Of February 2021, The Total Expected Cost To Renovate The Stadium Was Around \$10 Million.**

“However, some legislators aren't sold on the deal, which is only one phase of roughly \$10 million in executed or planned improvements for the stadium, and had questions when the county Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee discussed the resolution Thursday. While a majority of residents who submitted letters to the Legislature regarding the proposal were in favor of fronting the money for they upgrades, some questioned why the New York Yankees, the Renegades' new parent club, cannot pay the expense. The Legislature is expected to vote on the resolution to approve or reject a \$1.44 million bond to make the upgrades at its meeting tonight.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

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### **Molinaro Claimed The Hudson Valley Renegades Would Leave Dutchess County Without The ARP-Funded Stadium Upgrades**

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**Molinaro Said Without The ARP-Funded Investment In Dutchess Stadium, The County Would Lose The Hudson Valley Renegades As Its Tenant.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] But without the investment the county, which owns the stadium and collects rent from the Renegades, wouldn’t have a paying tenant, said County Executive Marc Molinaro. Dutchess County expects a \$16 million return in increased tourism, sales, and hotel tax revenue from the agreement, which secures the Renegades as a Yankee team for 25 more years, he said.” [Bloomberg Law, 10/25/21]

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### **Unlike Prior Renovations, The Stadium Renovations Were Not Needed To Bring The Stadium In Compliance With Major League Baseball**

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**Unlike A Prior \$1.44M Upgrade, The ARP-Funded Stadium Renovations Were Not Needed To Bring The Stadium Into Compliance With Major League Baseball.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] Unlike the \$1.44 million previously approved for stadium upgrades, the upgrades planned are not expressly necessary to bring the stadium into compliance with Major League Baseball's standards. The next stadium improvements include new pitching and batting areas, a new clubhouse, a new seating area and enclosed event space.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/16/21]

- **The Dutchess County Legislature Voted On The Proposed \$1.44 Million Bond In February 2021.**

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letters to the Legislature regarding the proposal were in favor of fronting the money for they upgrades, some questioned why the New York Yankees, the Renegades' new parent club, cannot pay the expense. The Legislature is expected to vote on the resolution to approve or reject a \$1.44 million bond to make the upgrades at its meeting tonight.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

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### **Molinaro Claimed The Stadium Upgrades Would Pay For Themselves By Boosting Tourism, A Claim A Local Business Owner Disputed And A County Legislator Called “Insane”**

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**Molinaro Claimed That Keeping A Minor League Baseball Team Would Offset Revenue Losses Incurred During The Pandemic.** “Molinaro, a Republican, countered that keeping the Renegades, a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the New York Yankees, would offset revenue losses incurred during the pandemic in the long run, as the county has long prized the team’s ability to drive tourism spending. And, in the weeks since, the county has approved funding for youth services and other needs.” [The Journal News, 7/27/21]

**Dutchess County Legislator Nick Page: “This Is Single-A Baseball. To Pretend It’s An Economic Driver Is Insane [...] This Is Not Doing Any Good For The Average Person In Dutchess County.”** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. But the decision is not without opposition. ‘This is single-A baseball. To pretend it’s an economic driver is insane,’ said Democrat Nick Page, a county legislator and self-described baseball fan who voted against giving the money to the Renegades in favor of using it for housing, broadband, and infrastructure projects. ‘This is not doing any good for the average person in Dutchess County who has suffered during Covid.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Owner Of Red Pepper Diner Near Dutchess Stadium: “Nobody Gets Business From The Stadium [...] People Come In, They Park There, And They Leave.”** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. But the decision is not without opposition. [...] But the owner of Red Pepper Diner near the stadium has a different take. ‘Nobody gets business from the stadium,’ said Saman Munaweera. ‘People come in, they park there, and they leave.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Community Leaders Opposed Spending American Rescue Plan Funding On A Baseball Stadium.** “Among the county’s first allocations was \$12.5 million for upgrades to Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill that were required as part of a long-term lease with the Hudson Valley Renegades. The decision sparked dispute from some community leaders and Democratic officials, who questioned why more funding was not spent on social services.” [The Journal News, 7/27/21]

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### **Spending American Rescue Plan Relief Funds On Baseball Stadium Upgrades Was Potentially Illegal And Subject To Clawback**

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**National Taxpayers Union Foundation VP Of Tax Policy Joe Bishop-Henchman: “Spending The [ARP] Money On Baseball Stadiums Is A Walk On The Legal Wild Side.”** “The U.S. Treasury has said it will recoup any funds used on ‘ineligible’ expenses, and is already fighting a dozen states in court over a provision barring use of Covid-relief funds to offset state tax cuts. It’s instructed recipients to follow an outline of Covid-related

economic priorities while they await final guidance. [...] ‘Spending the money on baseball stadiums is a walk on the legal wild side,’ said Joe Bishop-Henchman, vice president of tax policy and litigation at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘I’m not sure which bucket this would fall under unless they’re fixing the sewers in the stadium. Time will tell how vigilant Treasury wants to be, but we’ve already seen them actively fight six lawsuits over restrictions.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**The U.S. Treasury Said It Would Clawback COVID Relief Funds Used On “Ineligible” Expenses.** “The U.S. Treasury has said it will recoup any funds used on ‘ineligible’ expenses, and is already fighting a dozen states in court over a provision barring use of Covid-relief funds to offset state tax cuts. It’s instructed recipients to follow an outline of Covid-related economic priorities while they await final guidance.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**The U.S. Treasury Did Not Respond To Press Inquiries Asking If Dutchess County’s ARP Spending On Dutchess Stadium Would Be Clawbacked Over Illegal Spending.** “‘Spending the money on baseball stadiums is a walk on the legal wild side,’ said Joe Bishop-Henchman, vice president of tax policy and litigation at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘I’m not sure which bucket this would fall under unless they’re fixing the sewers in the stadium. Time will tell how vigilant Treasury wants to be, but we’ve already seen them actively fight six lawsuits over restrictions.’ [...] Treasury did not respond to inquiries on whether the allocations in Dutchess, Berks, and Lackawanna counties would be subject to clawback.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

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**April 2022: Following Criticism, Molinaro Designated \$9.5 Million Of ARP Funds That Would Have Been Used On The Stadium To Pay For Housing Instead.**

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**April 2022: Dutchess County Announced It Would Spend \$9.5 Million Of The Planned \$12.5 Million Stadium Renovation On Housing Instead.** “Dutchess County has pivoted its plans to allocate \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for improvements to Dutchess Stadium, instead earmarking \$9.5 million for housing, according to an announcement by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro at a recent county legislature meeting.” [Albany Times Union, [4/11/22](#)]

**Albany Times Union Headline: “Dutchess County Reverses Course On Stadium Spending.”**” [Albany Times Union, [4/11/22](#)]

**Molinaro Had Been Criticized By Community Members For Wanting To Spend ARP Funds On A Baseball Stadium Instead Of More Pressing Needs.** “In recent weeks, Molinaro’s planned allocation of ARP funds for the stadium was criticized by some community members and advocates who wanted to see the funding spent on more pressing county needs.” [Albany Times Union, [4/11/22](#)]

**Dutchess County Auditor Found The Stadium Operated At A Deficit From 2015 To 2020 And Funding For It Was Mismanaged**

**Dutchess County Auditor: The Stadium Has Operated A Yearly Deficit Of At Least \$134,000 From 2015 To 2020.** “That system has been questioned in the past, namely by county Comptroller Robin Lois, who in November issued an audit pointing out the stadium has operated at a deficit of more than \$134,000 each year between 2015 and 2020.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [2/8/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Auditor: “Capital Projects For The Stadium Have Not Been Properly Planned And Fully Disclosed.”** “This audit report finds the capital projects for the Stadium have not been properly planned for and fully disclosed in the County’s 5-year capital plan.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

**Dutchess County Auditor: Stadium Funding “Was Hurried And Omitted From The Budget.”** “Although the County had knowledge of the needed repairs for several years prior to 2018, the request for funding was hurried and omitted from the budget.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

**Dutchess County Auditor: “The Current Lease Terms Are Unfavorable To The County And Do Not Fully Compensate For The Costs Incurred.”** “The County currently has a 5-year lease extension with the tenant that expires 12/31/23 and will soon need to be re-negotiated. The current lease terms are unfavorable to the County and do not fully compensate for the costs incurred. Although the Stadium is listed as a county park, it does not provide public access for resident enjoyment and is operated by a for-profit entity. The new lease agreement must safeguard taxpayer funds while planning for improvements to the quality and experience for the Stadium tenants and visitors alike. A fair and equitable lease would include remittance for operating expenses and allowance for anticipated increase in annual capital bond and interest costs incurred by the County.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

**Dutchess County Auditor: Dutchess County’s Capital Plans Did Not Include Needed Capital Improvements For The Stadium.** “The County’s annual 5-year Capital Program/Plans (2016-2018) did not include or account for the needed capital improvements to the Stadium required to keep it usable and safe. Although the County had a long-term lease with Keystone and was aware of the impending needed improvements and repairs, there was no capital plan or repair schedule documented or followed. As an owned asset, the County has an obligation and responsibility for upkeep of the Stadium for not only the safety of its residents but under the obligations of the lease with the tenant. In a letter dated November 16, 2018 by Keystone President Jeff Goldklang (see Exhibit I), the needed repairs were stated as known by the County since 2016. Repairs were not part of the capital plans in 2015-2018 and a rush approval by the Legislature was requested in November 2018 by the administration; This required a request to waive rules of the Legislature (see Exhibit II), which was granted. Subsequently, the proposed repairs were approved by the Legislature in December 2018.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

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### **Molinaro Responded To The Audit By Claiming The Stadium Brought Economic Benefits Not Mentioned In The Audit**

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**Molinaro Touted Economic Benefits Of Dutchess Stadium After County Comptroller Released Audit Questioning Its Economic Value.** “However, an audit released last week from county Comptroller Robin Lois questions the economic benefit of the stadium, the amount of money taxpayers have put into the property despite the county neither owning nor operating it directly, and a lack of details regarding additional planned improvement expenditures noted in an application for Empire State Development funding. Lois in the audit, which spanned 2015 to October 2020, concluded the stadium has operated at a deficit of more than \$134,000 each year - and in some cases much more - from 2015-2019, and said in 2020 the Renegades had yet to pay any rental fees [...] Molinaro said that 60% of fans that go to Dutchess Stadium each year are from outside the county, and that group of people spends \$1 million per year locally. He said it's difficult to evaluate what area residents spend during the Renegades' season, as they are already spending their money in the county year-round. ‘There will be additional economic investment. People spend money, whether they're buying gas or souvenirs,’ Molinaro said. ‘They're spending money in Dutchess County.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/17/20]

**Molinaro Claimed The Stadium Will Generate A Yearly Surplus Of At Least \$750,000.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, who has thrown his support behind the resolution, pointed to a 2012 report that estimated non-Dutchess residents, who comprise roughly 60% of visitors to Renegades games, spend nearly \$1 million annually. He also said revenue over the course of a 20-year agreement with the team will offset the cost of the upgrades, as he projects the county to end up gaining a \$750,000 surplus through various agreed-upon revenue streams.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

**The Dutchess County Department Of Public Works Said They Viewed Losses From The Stadium As The Cost Of Operating A County Park, Not As A Deficit.** “Lois in the audit, which spanned 2015 to October 2020, concluded the stadium has operated at a deficit of more than \$134,000 each year – and in some cases much more – from 2015-2019, and said in 2020 the Renegades had yet to pay any rental fees. In response, the county Department of Public Works Commissioner Robert Balkind said the administration is in the process of purchasing the land for the stadium from the school district and is interested in a long-term agreement with the Renegades, after which more improvements would be planned. He also noted the department does not look at losses relating to the stadium as a deficit, but rather the cost of operating a county park.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/17/20]

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Donations To Molinaro From Companies And Individuals Associated With The Dutchess County Baseball Stadium

<b>Firm Receiving Contract / Donors Affiliated with Firm</b>	<b>Donated Amount</b>	<b>Services Provided</b>	<b>Amount Received in Contracts</b>
<b>Royal Carting Service Co</b>	<b>\$29,348.00</b>	Haulage and Disposal	\$5,58.00
Emil Panichi	\$23,700.00		
Evelyn Constantino	\$300.00		
James P Constantino	\$1,598.00		
Royal Carting Service Co	\$3,750.00		
<b>A Colarusso &amp; Son, Inc.</b>	<b>\$17,150.00</b>	Parking Lot	\$969,657.00
A. Colarusso & Son Inc	\$7,500.00		
Paul A Colarusso	\$9,650.00		
<b>Swartz Architecture, DPC</b>	<b>\$5,724.00</b>	Design ADA Ramp	\$2,900.00
Donald Swartz	\$2,950.00		
Swartz Architecture	\$2,774.00		
<b>MJ Engineering and Land Surveying PC</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>	Design Services for Parking Lot Improvement	\$100,500.00
Mj Engineering And Land Surveying, Pc	\$3,150.00		
<b>Veith Enterprises, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>	5 Electric Circuits to PA Booth	\$5,200
Veith Enterprises Inc	\$1,700.00		
Donald Veith Jr.	\$500.00		
<b>PSH Corp DBA John Herbert Co</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	Removal and Installation of Carpet	\$13,528.00
John Herbert Company	\$900.00		
<b>Keystone Professional Baseball Club Inc.</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	Team Using the Stadium	Team Using the Stadium
Keystone Professional Baseball Club Inc.	\$600.00		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$59,072.00</b>		

[Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020; New York State Board of Elections, accessed 4/18/22; FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 4/18/22]

**2021: The Renegades Were Acquired By Diamond Baseball Holdings, A Subsidiary Of Entertainment Giant Endeavor**

**2021: Molinaro Congratulated The Hudson Valley Renegades On Being Acquired By Diamond Baseball Holdings.** “The Hudson Valley Renegades are slated to be sold to Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), a subsidiary of Endeavor Group Holdings. DBH is purchasing the team from the Goldklang Group, which has interests in several Minor League Baseball teams. The new ownership is the second major change for the team, following the transition to becoming an affiliate of the New York Yankees for the 2021 season. [...] Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, a NY Mets fan that has cheered for the Renegades despite their affiliation with the NY Yankees said, ‘We congratulate the Hudson Valley Renegades on being the newest member of Diamond Baseball Holdings, and we, as a community, look forward to an even better fan experience as a result of this DBH’s investment and innovation.’” [Mid Hudson News, [12/9/21](#)]

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**Diamond Baseball Holdings Was A Part Of Endeavor, A Sports & Entertainment Conglomerate That Owned UFC And Multiple Talent Agencies**

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**Diamond Baseball Holdings Was A Part Of Endeavor, A Sports & Entertainment Conglomerate That Owned UFC And Multiple Talent Agencies.** “Endeavor, a global sports and entertainment company, has created Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH) and agreed to purchase nine Minor League Baseball teams, the group announced Wednesday. Following the closing of the transaction, DBH will manage the following teams: Iowa Cubs (Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs); Memphis Redbirds (Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals); Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders (Triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees); Hudson Valley Renegades (High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees); San Jose Giants (Single-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants) [...] Endeavor also owns the UFC as well as talent agencies WME and IMG.” [The Athletic, 12/8/21]

**Molinaro’s Wife, Corinne Adams, Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades, The Tenants Of Dutchess County Stadium, Through 2015**

**Molinaro’s Wife, Corinne Adams, Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades As Director Of Marketing And Communications.** “Prior to joining Tinkelman Bros., Adams was director of marketing and communications for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a Class A baseball team in Dutchess County.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/21/18]

**Corinne Adams Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades Through 2015.**

Corinne Adams Earned Income			
Year	Source	Type	Amount
2017	Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp	Salary	\$26,449
2016	Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp	Salary	\$34,377
2015	Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp	Salary	\$21,690
2015	Keystone Professional Baseball Club	Salary	\$10,221

[Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18; Molinaro 2016 Tax Return, filed 4/12/17; Molinaro 2015 Tax Return, filed 4/8/16]

**Keystone Professional Baseball Club Was The Hudson Valley Renegades.** “The County has leased the Stadium to Keystone Professional Baseball Club, Inc. for the primary use of minor league baseball doing business as the Hudson Valley Renegades.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, 11/20]

**Corinne Adams’ LinkedIn Said She Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades From “January 2011 – Present.”**

 **Corinne Adams**  
Director of Marketing & Communication

## Experience



### Hudson Valley Renegades

10 yrs 11 mos

#### Director of Community Marketing & Communication

Oct 2011 – Present · 10 yrs 2 mos

Wappingers Falls, New York

Corinne is currently the Director of Community Marketing & Communications at the Hudson Valley Renegades (Short Season Single-A Affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays). Responsibilities include Public Relations, Marketing, Social Media, Graphic Design and Web Design. Corinne is also heavily involved with the Community Relations aspect of the organization and builds strong community relationships within the Greater New York area.

#### Group Sales

Jan 2011 – Sep 2011 · 9 mos

Wappingers Falls, New York

For the 2011 season, Corinne worked within the ticket department with a concentration on Group Sales.



### Group & Corporate Sales

Richmond Flying Squirrels

May 2010 – Dec 2010 · 8 mos

Richmond, Virginia Area

Corinne started off her Minor League Baseball experience as an intern with the Richmond Flying Squirrels (Double-A Affiliate of the SF Giants) in the Group Sales & Corporate Sales Department.

## Education



### James Madison University

BA, Communication Studies: Public Relations

2007 – 2010

Major: Communication Studies

Concentration: Public Relations

Minor: Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication

[Corinne Adams, LinkedIn, accessed 12/10/21]

## Molinaro Attended At Least 103 Events At The Stadium While County Executive, Including 63 Games

**Molinaro Had At Least 102 Unique Events At The Dutchess County Baseball Stadium On His Executive Calendar.** [Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part one, accessed 12/4/21; Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part two, accessed 12/4/21]

**Molinaro Had At Least 62 Baseball And Football Games On His Executive Calendar.** [Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part one, accessed 12/4/21; Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part two, accessed 12/4/21]

### Molinaro Events At Dutchess County Baseball Stadium

Date	Event At Stadium	Sports Game?
12/13/2013	Meet with Michael Howard/YNN	No
1/17/2014	Dutchess Stadium Site Visit	No
4/23/2014	D.C. Chamber Foundation Home Run Helicopter Drop	No
5/3/2014	Renegades 5k	No

5/6/2014	Dutchess Tourism Brochure Exchange & Press Conference	No
5/18/2014	HV Renegades Family Fest	No
6/8/2014	KFest	No
6/11/2014	Media Day	No
6/13/2014	Opening Day Renegades Game HOME	Yes
7/9/2014	Hudson Valley Labor Federation, AFL-CIO Picnic with the Renegades	Yes
8/7/2014	CSEA Night with The Renegades	Yes
9/11/2014	Hometown Heroes 9-11 All Star Tribute Game	Yes
11/6/2014	Maintenance Tour of Dutchess Stadium	No
11/15/2014	Marist College Football Game - Marist vs. Davison (Private Reception)	Yes
3/28/2015	Renegades Easter Egg Hunt	No
5/5/2015	Dutchess Tourism Brochure Exchange	No
5/29/2015	Opening Remarks: American Cancer Society Relay for Life	No
5/31/2015	Family Fest	No
6/24/2015	Throw Opening Pitch at Renegades Game for Mid-Hudson Association for Persons	Yes
8/4/2015	Hudson Valley Renegades Beacon-Nite-Out	Yes
8/5/2015	FYI: Home Run Helicopter Drop	Yes
8/6/2015	Football Announcement	No
8/29/2015	FYI: DCC Day (Renegades Game & Fireworks)	Yes
9/19/2015	FYI: Guns & Hoses Ceremony	No
10/10/2015	First Football Game (Gates open at 6 and game at 7:05 pm)	Yes
10/18/2015	FYI: Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley Buddy Walk	No
10/23/2015	Chair of Honor Dedication	No
6/17/2016	Confirmed: Throw out Opening Pitch at Renegades first Home Game of the Season	Yes
6/20/2016	Ryan McElroy Foundation Fundraiser with Odell Beckham (Wings Celebrity Softball Game)	Yes
6/24/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Lowell (Fireworks Friday)	Yes
6/28/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
6/30/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
7/1/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Tri-City	Yes
7/2/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Tri-City	Yes
7/3/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Tri-City	Yes
7/5/2016	Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
7/12/2016	Hudson Valley Renegades - County Employee Night	Yes
7/13/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. West Virginia	Yes
7/17/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
7/18/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
7/19/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
7/24/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Aberdeen	Yes
7/25/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Aberdeen	Yes
7/26/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Aberdeen	Yes
7/28/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
7/30/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
8/4/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes

8/5/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
8/6/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Mahoning Valley	Yes
8/7/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Mahoning Valley	Yes
8/8/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Mahoning Valley	Yes
8/16/2016	FYI: North vs. South (All-Star Game)	Yes
8/17/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Auburn	Yes
8/18/2016	Hudson Valley Renegades - Employee Night	Yes
8/19/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Auburn	Yes
8/23/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Connecticut	Yes
8/24/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Connecticut	Yes
8/25/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Connecticut	Yes
9/1/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Vermon	Yes
9/2/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Vermon	Yes
9/3/2016	Keynote Speaker at Hudson Valley Veterans' Appreciation Day Celebration (Re	Yes
9/11/2016	Offer Remarks at Hometown Heroes 9/11 Tribute Game	Yes
10/6/2016	CAPE 1st Annual Youth Health Rally	No
3/3/2017	Stadium Meeting & Walk Through	No
4/24/2017	Dutchess Stadium	No
6/17/2017	HV Renegades 2017 Family Fest Pet Expo	No
6/21/2017	Renegades Opening Day	Yes
7/15/2017	Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp	No
7/16/2017	D3 Renegades Game	Yes
8/21/2017	County Employee Appreciation Picnic	Yes
9/2/2017	NER/KK/PC: Hudson Valley Veterans Appreciation Day - Dutchess Stadium	Yes
9/11/2017	Renegades Hometown Heroes Game	Yes
9/23/2017	STOP BY: Hudson Valley World Series Softball (Substance Abuse Recovering	Yes
10/5/2017	CAPE Youth Rally	No
10/22/2017	FYI: Opening Ceremony Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley 2017	No
6/21/2018	Renegades Opening Day	Yes
6/25/2018	Hometown Heroes Event Honoring MJM	No
8/18/2018	D3 Think Differently Baseball Camp	No
9/1/2018	Hudson Valley Renegades Veterans Appreciation Day Baseball Game	Yes
6/5/2019	Recording Social Media Videos	No
6/16/2019	Renegades Opening Day	Yes
6/17/2019	Renegades/Catholic Schools Night with Cardinal Dolan Appearance	Yes
7/11/2019	CONFIRMED: Renegades Game/Video Shoot	Yes
7/12/2019	FYI: Hudson Valley Renegade Zylofone Fundraiser Game	Yes
7/18/2019	Dutchess County Employees Night at Dutchess Stadium	Yes
7/31/2019	FYI: DCRCOG Joint Business After Hours	Yes
8/1/2019	DCMSA "Suite Night" at Dutchess Stadium	Yes
8/3/2019	Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp	No
8/4/2019	D3 Baseball Game	Yes
8/18/2019	FYI: Jewish Heritage Night	Yes
8/31/2019	Renegades Veterans Appreciation Day (Ceremony from 5-6)	Yes
10/6/2019	Remarks/ Kickoff Hudson Valley Down Syndrome Annual Buddy Walk	No
10/31/2019	FYI: Dutchess Stadium Trick or Treating	No

3/23/2020	Visit Nuvance collection site at Dutchess Stadium	No
6/11/2020	NYY Meeting	No
6/12/2020	HOLD: HVR Virtual Opening Night video	No
7/29/2020	Renegades "Bottom of the 9th" Tournament	No
10/15/2020	Stop By: Dutchess Stadium	No
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12/13/2020	Dutchess Stadium Tree Lighting Event	No
0		
1/14/2021	FYI STOP BY: Rotary Million Mask Challenge Tour	No
4/28/2021	LED Demo at Dutchess Stadium	No
5/4/2021	Dutchess Tourism Brochure Exchange Event	No
5/21/2021	DCC Graduation	No

[Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part one, accessed 12/4/21; Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part two, accessed 12/4/21]

### **Molinaro Said The County Should Not Give Up Stadium Ownership**

**Molinaro Said The County Should Not Give Up Stadium Ownership, Though He Acknowledged Its Relationship To The Renegades Was Not The “Most Ideal.”** “In 1994, a public authority was formed to own and operate the stadium on land leased from the Beacon schools, Molinaro said. Several years later - he's not exactly sure how many - Dutchess took over as owner and the stadium became a county park. It was a decision, he said, that likely wouldn't be repeated in 2018 - a county getting into the business of owning a sports stadium. He brought up that point at Tuesday's meeting, but said that doesn't mean he wants the county to give up the stadium. ‘This isn't the most ideal relationship, but it's the relationship we inherited,’ he said. ‘It is one we need to sustain and maintain.’ In the relationship, he said, Dutchess is like a landlord and the Renegades are the tenant, paying an annual fee. Dutchess also pays an annual fee to Beacon schools, the land owner.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/16/18]

### **Molinaro Operated A Single Twitter And Facebook Account That He Used For Both Official And Campaign Business In Violation Of The Dutchess County Code Of Ethics**

#### **Molinaro Mixed Campaign And Official Business On His Facebook Account**

**Molinaro’s Facebook Account Linked To His Congressional Campaign Website And Identified Him As A Congressional Candidate**

**Molinaro’s Facebook Account Referred To Himself As A Congressional Candidate, Linked To His Congressional Campaign Website, And Included A Campaign Video In The Pinned Post.**

**Marc Molinaro** ✓  
48K followers • 580 following

Following Contact us

Posts About Mentions Followers Photos Videos More ▾

**Intro**

Husband. Father. Son. Dutchess County Executive. Candidate for Congress. #ThinkDIFFERENTLY #MarcForUS

Page · Public Figure

MARC FOR US is responsible for this Page

MarcforUS.com

**Posts** Filters

Pinned Post

Marc Molinaro ✓  
September 26 · 🌐

As your congressman, I will demand that Washington knows its impact on families, on farmers, on seniors and on small businesses. It's what I've done as County Executive, and it's what has allowed us to improve services, all while cutting taxes. Government is better when it's smaller and it's smarter. ... See more

726 154 Comments 94 Shares

**Photos** See All Photos

[Facebook, Marc Molinaro, accessed 11/15/21]

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**2021: Molinaro Posted A Livestream Of An Official Government Event To His Facebook Account**

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**Molinaro Posted An Official Dutchess County Town Hall Stream To His Facebook Account.**

 **Marc Molinaro** ✓  
3h · 🌐

**Thanks for tuning in!**  
**We'll be LIVE momentarily...**

 **Closed-captioning will be available during the broadcast**

0:11 / 18:36

**Dutchess County Government** was live.  
3h · 🌐

County Executive Marc Molinaro is hosting his latest virtual town hall forum regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and local response.

 Visit the COVID-19 Information Center for vaccine resources.  
[Get Vaccine Info](#)

[Facebook, Marc Molinaro, 11/15/21]

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**2021: Molinaro Shared An Official Dutchess County Press Release And County Produced Graphic On His Facebook Page**

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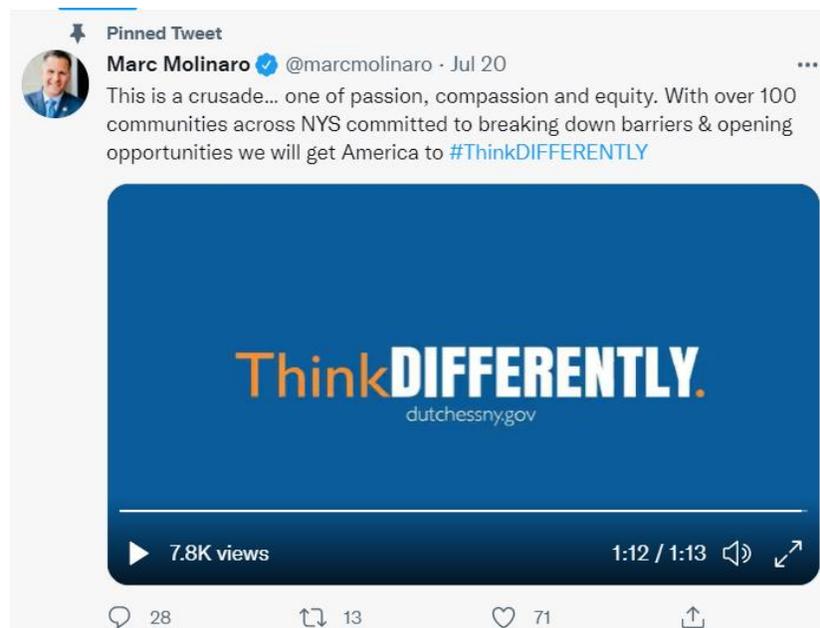


[Facebook, Marc Molinaro, 10/20/21]

**Molinaro's Twitter Account Was Used For Both Campaign And Official Government Business**

**The Pinned Tweet On Molinaro's Twitter Account Was A County Produced Video**

**Molinaro Had A County Produced Video As The Pinned Tweet On His Twitter Profile.**



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, accessed 12/5/21]

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## Molinaro Regularly Tweeted County Produced Videos That Highlighted His Role As County Executive

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### Molinaro Regularly Tweeted Videos Produced By Dutchess County That Highlighted His Role As County Executive.



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 11/26/21]



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/23/21]



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/15/21]



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/13/21]

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**2021: Molinaro Used His Twitter Account To Promote An Official Dutchess County Town Hall Event**

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**Molinaro Used His Twitter Account To Promote An Official County Government Town Hall Event.**



Join Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver and I on this month's telephone town hall. Yes, I'll be calling...



7:30 AM · Sep 26, 2021 from New York, USA · Twitter for iPhone

[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 9/26/21]

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## 2021: Molinaro Promoted A Congressional Campaign Fundraiser On His Twitter Account

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**Molinaro Used His Twitter Account To Promote A Congressional Campaign Fundraiser.**



5:28 PM · Oct 19, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/19/21]

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## Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic That Included The Logo For His Campaign Alongside An Official County Logo

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### Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic That Included His Campaign Logo Next To The Logo For The County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY Program.

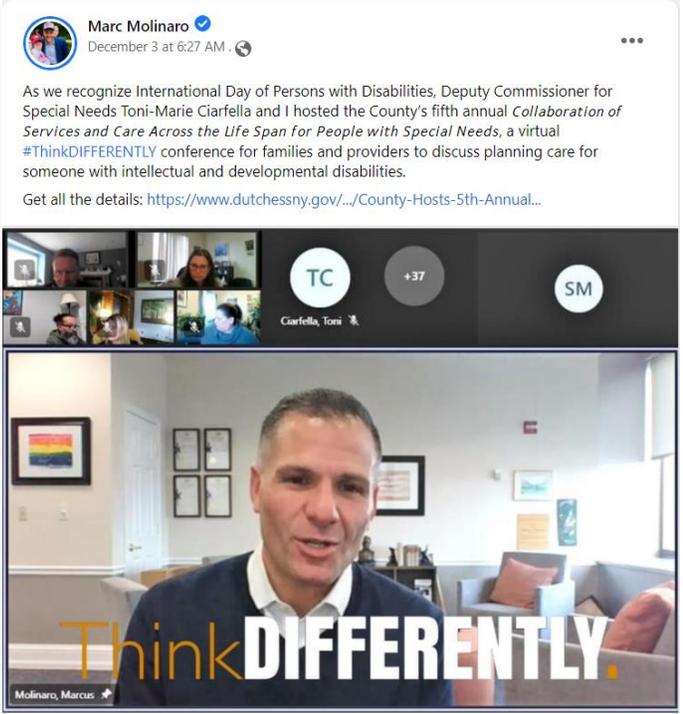


[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 12/3/21]

**ThinkDIFFERENTLY Was A Dutchess County Program Intended To Connect Those With Special Needs With Services Providers And Resources.** “In 2015, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro created the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative to bring awareness to the community about local residents living with special needs. ThinkDIFFERENTLY is a great resource that allows for people, businesses, and communities to connect with services around the county and area. ‘The website that followed was designed to create linkages for people with IDD (Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities), their families and service providers to find these resources,’ says Toni-Marie Ciarfella, Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs.” [Chronogram.com, 5/6/20]

### Molinaro Appeared To Plagiarize Tweets Posted From The Official Dutchess County Twitter Account For His Own Social Media Accounts

**Molinaro Made A Facebook Post That Was Nearly Identical To A Tweet Posted From The Official Dutchess County Facebook Account The Day Before.** [Facebook, 12/3/21; Twitter, @DutchessCoGov, 12/2/21]



**Molinaro Posted A Tweet That Was Nearly Identical To A Tweet Posted By The Official Dutchess County Twitter Account.** [Twitter, @DutchessCoGov, 10/20/21; Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/20/21]



**Molinaro Violated County Ethics Rules By Using Official County Materials In Facebook Ads For His County Executive Campaign**

**2019-2021: Molinaro Used Official County Produced Videos In Facebook Ads For His County Executive Campaign Three Times**

**July 2021: Molinaro Used An Official Dutchess County Video In A Facebook Ad For His County Executive Campaign:**

About the ad

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored • Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 364811701828289

Thinking differently about those with disabilities has grown into a crusade of passion - proving that even the smallest acts make the biggest difference in a person's life.

Join us in our campaign to break down barriers and create real opportunities for everyone of every ability. We're proud to #ThinkDIFFERENTLY!



Data behind the ad

Inactive  
Jul 20, 2021 - Jul 26, 2021  
ID: 364811701828289

Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size

**Estimated Audience Size**  
Estimated Audience Size generally estimates how many people meet the targeting and ad placement criteria that advertisers select while creating an ad. [See more](#)

Estimated Audience Size  
**100K - 500K people**

**Amount spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount spent  
**\$500 - \$599 (USD)**

[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 12/5/21]

About the ad

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored • Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 560978358270077

Today, on the 31st Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act, I'm reminded of how far we have come with ThinkDIFFERENTLY. How proud I am of those who embrace this call to action. And how there is so much more we must do to break down barriers and build a state of inclusion.



ADA\_ThinkDIFFERENTLY

Data behind the ad

Inactive  
Jul 26, 2021 - Jul 27, 2021  
ID: 560978358270077

Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size

**Estimated Audience Size**  
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Estimated Audience Size  
**500K - 1M people**

**Amount spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount spent  
**<\$100 (USD)**

[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 12/5/21]

**March 2020: Molinaro For Dutchess Ran A Facebook Ad Featuring An Official Dutchess County Government Video.**

● Inactive ⋮

Mar 28, 2020 - Mar 31, 2020

Platforms  

Categories 

 Impressions: **25K - 30K**

ID: 1877205889082269

See Ad Details

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 **Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess

To all the parents, grandparents, siblings, families, teachers, library staff, caretakers doing your part to get through these unprecedented times... your generosity, caring and kindness is contagious too. Together, #DutchessResponds



Parents\_Thank You

[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 11/15/21]

**August 2019: Molinaro Used An Official Dutchess County Video In A Facebook Ad For His County Executive Campaign.**

### About the Ad

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 518372535597715

My good friend, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, and I hosted dozens of local farmers and stakeholders for Dutchess County's 5th annual Agricultural Forum this morning at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

In addition to a discussion about issues and policies regarding agriculture and agri-business, I signed the County's Right-to-Farm law, which allows farmers to utilize the agricultural practices necessary to run their business free from undue restrictions and interference —

Read more about the event at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Executive/38987.htm>



Dutchess County Hosts 5th Annual Agricultural Forum

### Data Behind the Ad

Inactive  
Aug 23, 2019 - Aug 25, 2019  
ID: 518372535597715

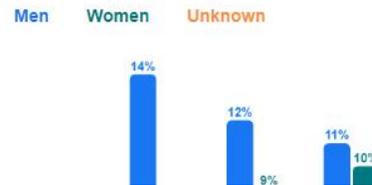
**Amount Spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount Spent  
**<\$100 (USD)**

**Impressions**  
The number of times an ad was on a screen. May include multiple views by the same people. [Learn more](#)

Impressions  
**4K - 5K**

**Who Was Shown This Ad**  
The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.



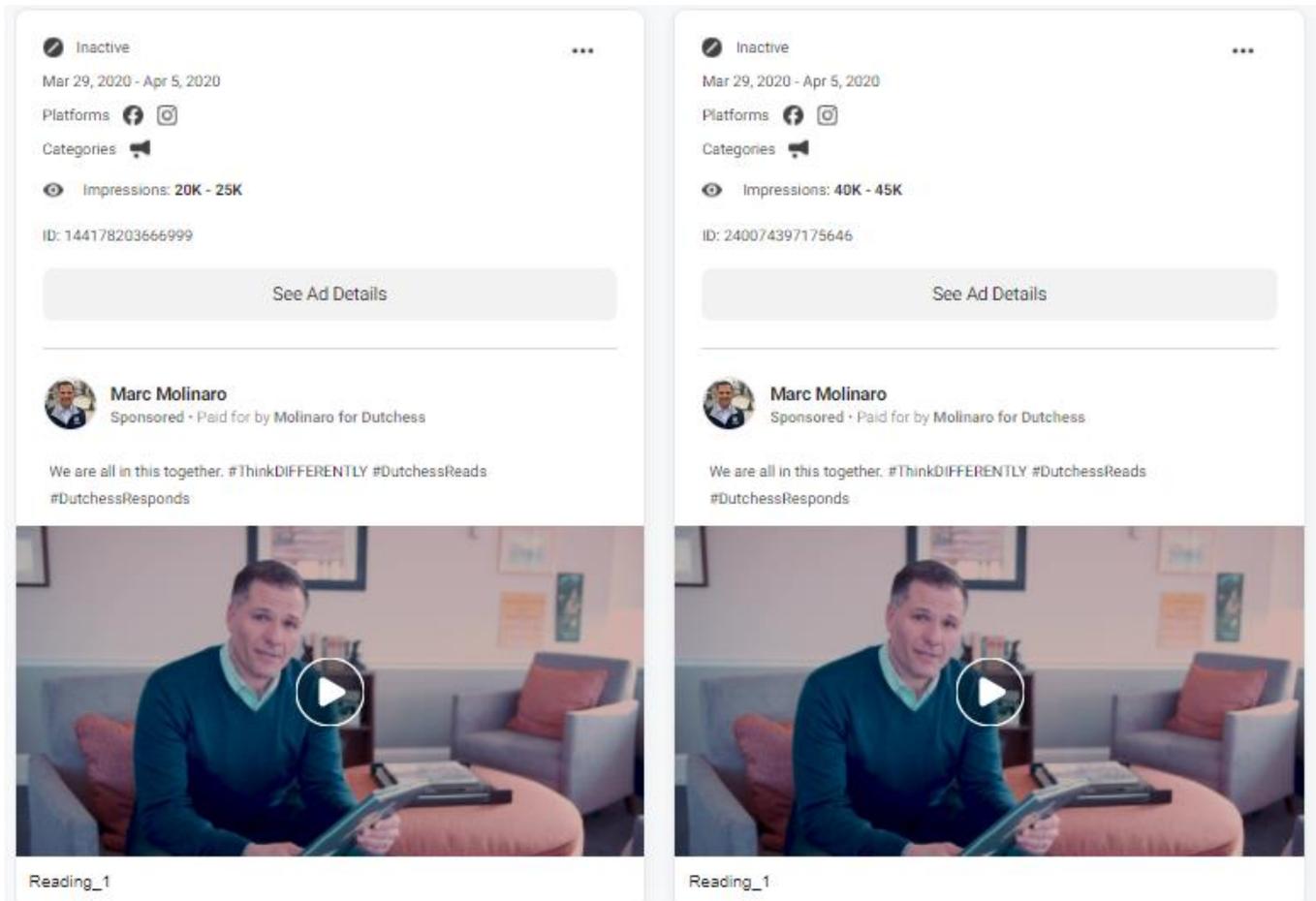
[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 11/15/21]

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## 2020: Molinaro Recorded A Video For A Campaign Ad Inside The Dutchess County Executive Office

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Molinaro Recorded A Video For A Campaign Ad In The Dutchess County Executive Office.



[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 11/15/21]

**The Dutchess County Code Of Ethics Prohibited Using County Resources And Materials For “Personal Or Private Purposes.”**

**The Dutchess County Code of Ethics Prohibited County Officers From Using County Materials For “Personal Or Private Purposes.”** “Use of County Resources. County resources shall be used for lawful County purposes. County resources include, but are not limited to, County personnel, and the County’s money, vehicles, equipment, materials, supplies or other property. No County officer or employee may use or permit the use of County resources for personal or private purposes, but this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting: any use of County resources authorized by law or County policy; the use of County resources for personal or private purposes when provided to a County officer or employee as part of his or her compensation; or the occasional and incidental use during the business day of County telephones and computers for necessary personal matters such as family care and changes in work schedule. No County officer or employee shall cause the County to spend more than is reasonably necessary for transportation, meals or lodging in connection with official travel.” [Dutchess County Code of Ethics, Section5(m), accessed 9/20/21]

**Molinaro Potentially Violated Federal Election Law By Using His County Executive Campaign To Fund Facebook Ads On Federal Issues After Saying He Was Considering A Run For Congress**

**Molinaro Spent March-September 2021 Openly Preparing To Run For Congress**

**March 2021: Molinaro Said He Was “Definitely Considering A Congressional Run.”**

**Molinaro: “I’ll Also Be Candid, I’m Definitely Considering A Congressional Run.”** MOLINARO: “I’ll also be candid, I’m definitely considering a Congressional run. And the reason I say these things is because what I’ve learned these last 12 months is we need competency, and I’ve always thought this but it’s not a sexy thing to talk about.” [Eye on NY Podcast, 36:35-36:50, 3/9/21] (AUDIO)

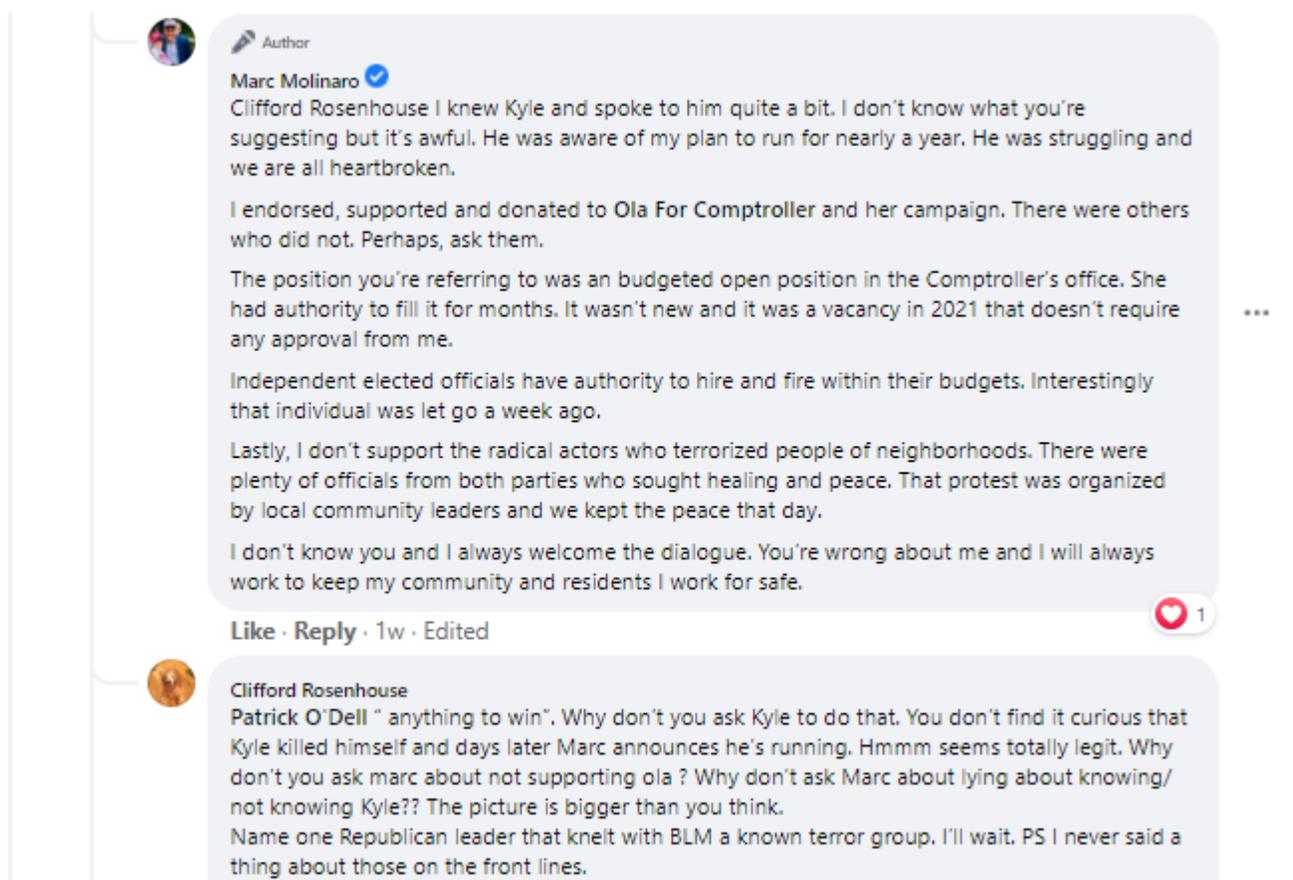
**After Being Asked If He Was Considering A Run For Congress Following The Release Of A Campaign Video, Molinaro Said “I’ve Not Ruled Anything Out.”** “Just what is Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro up to? The 2018 GOP nominee for governor on Wednesday released a video on social media and by his political arm that looks lot like the announcement for a campaign. Another run for the executive mansion? Or is he considering a run for Congress? ‘I will let the video speak for itself,’ Molinaro said. ‘I’m dedicated to the work at hand in my county - and will work to hold Albany and Washington accountable to the people it serves. I’ve not ruled anything out.’” [News 1, 4/14/21]

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### **November 2021: Molinaro Indicated He Had Been Planning To Run For Congress For Nearly A Year**

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**November 2021: Molinaro Claimed A Potential Opponent “Was Aware Of My Plan To Run For Nearly A Year.”** Molinaro posted on Facebook about a former candidate for the 19<sup>th</sup> District congressional race, Kyle Van De Water, after his suicide in November 2021: “I knew Kyle and spoke to him quite a bit. I don't know what you're suggesting but it's awful. He was aware of my plan to run for nearly a year. He was struggling and we are all heartbroken.” [Facebook, 11/23/21]



[Facebook, 11/23/21]

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### **September 2021: Molinaro Officially Filed To Run For Congress**

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**9/17/21: Molinaro Filed To Run For Congress.** [FEC.gov, Filed 9/17/21]

## April 2021 – June 2021: Molinaro’s County Executive Campaign Ran Multiple Facebook Ads Focused On Federal Issues

### April 19 – June 1: Molinaro For Dutchess Ran Facebook Ads Focused On Federal Issues

4/19/21 – 4/22/21: Molinaro For Dutchess Was Running Ads Opposing A Proposal To Add Justices To The U.S. Supreme Court. [Facebook Ad Library, accessed [9/29/21](#)]

#### About the ad

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored • Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 2905955152997973

New York congressional Democrats are leading the charge to pack the Supreme Court.

Their legislation to add four new justices to the Supreme Court is nothing more than a partisan power grab that will further erode people's trust in the rule of law and our institutions.

There's a reason even Ruth Bader Ginsburg opposed this idea. In her own words, "If anything would make the court appear partisan it would be that"...



SECURE.ANEDOT.COM  
NOT AFFILIATED WITH FACEBOOK  
Send a Message to Congress. Don't Pack the Court!  
With your support, we can stand up for what's right and send a message to members of Congress. [Donate now](#)

#### Data behind the ad

Inactive  
Apr 19, 2021 - Apr 21, 2021  
ID: 2905955152997973

Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size

#### Estimated Audience Size

Estimated Audience Size generally estimates how many people meet the targeting and ad placement criteria that advertisers select while creating an ad... [See more](#)

Estimated Audience Size  
**500K - 1M people**

#### Amount spent

The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount spent  
**\$100 - \$199 (USD)**

#### Impressions

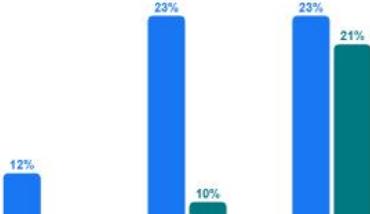
The number of times an ad was on a screen. May include multiple views by the same people. [Learn more](#)

Impressions  
**20K - 25K**

#### Who was shown this ad

The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.

Men Women Unknown



Gender	Percentage
Men	12%
Women	23%
Unknown	21%

4/27/21 – 4/30/21: Molinaro Was Running Facebook Ads Opposing Congress Admitting Washington, D.C. As The 51<sup>st</sup> State. [Facebook Ad Library, accessed [9/29/21](#)]

## About the ad



**Marc Molinaro**

Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess

ID: 297173828668586



The attempt to turn Washington D.C. into the 51st state has nothing to do with representation, and everything to do with politics.

There are common sense solutions out there - like the idea to simply add D.C. back into Maryland.

But Washington continues to be a showcase in failed leadership. Rather than find solutions, they merely seek to maintain power.



### About the disclaimer

When an advertiser categorizes their ad as being about social issues, elections or politics, they are required to disclose who paid for the ad. [Learn more](#)

Information from the advertiser



## Data behind the ad

Inactive

Apr 27, 2021 - Apr 30, 2021

ID: 297173828668586



Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size



### Estimated Audience Size

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Estimated Audience Size

**100K - 500K people**

### Amount spent

The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount spent

**<\$100 (USD)**

### Impressions

The number of times an ad was on a screen. May include multiple views by the same people. [Learn more](#)

Impressions

**6K - 7K**

### Who was shown this ad

The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.

Men Women Unknown

20%



**5/30/21 – 6/1/21: Molinaro For Dutchess Was Running Ads Opposing The Biden Federal Budget Proposal.**  
[Facebook Ad Library, accessed [9/29/21](#)]

Inactive  
 May 30, 2021 - May 31, 2021  
 Platforms   
 Categories   
 Estimated Audience Size: 100K - 500K people  
 Amount spent (USD): <\$100  
 Impressions: 8K - 9K  
 ID: 150127253805248

[See ad details](#)

**Marc Molinaro**  
 Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess

We have held spending to 1.5% annual growth while cutting taxes & expanding critical services in mental health, public safety, youth services and infrastructure.

This budget will increase federal spending to World War II levels! Sooner or later, they have to realize they've run out of other people's money.

Washington & Albany are spending more than we have, taxing more than we can...



NYPOST.COM  
 Biden is mortgaging our future with more spending, debt and taxes than ever before  
 Two distressing facts to remember about President Biden's new 10-year budget proposal. First, his proposed spending spree would bring the largest federal debt in...

Inactive  
 May 30, 2021 - Jun 1, 2021  
 Platforms   
 Categories   
 Estimated Audience Size: 50K - 100K people  
 Amount spent (USD): <\$100  
 Impressions: 4K - 5K  
 ID: 144572370953190

[See ad details](#)

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**April - June: Molinaro For Dutchess Reported Spending \$3,150 On Facebook Ads**

**Molinaro For Dutchess Paid \$3,150 To Facebook Around The Time The Campaign Was Running Facebook Ads On Federal Issues:**

Molinaro For Dutchess Facebook Ad Spending			
Committee	Recipient	Expenditure Date	Amount
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	4/7/21	\$900
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	4/14/21	\$100
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	4/20/21	\$900
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	5/14/21	\$550
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	6/14/21	\$700

**Total: \$3,150**

[New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for Dutchess July Periodic Report Amendment, Filed 10/8/21]

**Federal Law Prohibited Spending Non-Federal Campaign Funds In Connection With An Election For Federal Office**

**It Was Against Federal Law For Candidates To Spend Or Disburse Funds From A State Account In Connection With An Election For Federal Office.** “§ 300.61 Federal elections (52 U.S.C. 30125(e)(1)(A)). No person described in 11 CFR 300.60 shall solicit, receive, direct, transfer, spend, or disburse funds in connection with an election for Federal office, including funds for any Federal election activity as defined in 11 CFR 100.24, unless the amounts consist of Federal funds that are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of the Act.” [Code of Federal Regulations, accessed 11/15/21]

**Molinaro Transferred \$7,500 From His County Executive Account To His State Campaign Account To Pay For Campaign Mailers After Announcing He Was Exploring A Federal Campaign**

**April 2021: Molinaro Transferred \$7,500 From His County Account To His State Account Days Before The State Account Spent \$7,500 On Campaign Mailers**

**4/14/21: Molinaro Transferred \$7,500 Out Of His County Executive Campaign Account Into His Gubernatorial Campaign Account.** [New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for Dutchess July Periodic Report Amendment, Filed 10/8/21]

**Molinaro Campaign Transfer**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/14/21	Molinaro For New York	\$7,500	Political Contributions

[New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for Dutchess July Periodic Report Amendment, Filed 10/8/21]

**4/16/21: Molinaro For New York Spent \$7,500 On Campaign Mailers.** [New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for New York July Periodic Report, Filed 7/15/21]

**Molinaro For New York Spending**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/16/21	Spectrum	\$7,500	Campaign Mailings

[New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for New York July Periodic Report, Filed 7/15/21]

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# **Molinaro Raised Taxes In Every Office He Held And Wasted Taxpayer Money, Including On Pay Raises For Himself**

## **Significant Findings**

### **Molinaro Was A Career Politician Who Spent Every Year Of His Adult Life As An Elected Official:**

- ✓ January 2012 – Present: Dutchess County Executive
- ✓ 2007 – 2011: New York State Assemblyman
- ✓ 1999 – 2006: Dutchess County Legislature
- ✓ 1995 – 2007: Mayor of Tivoli, New York

### **Molinaro Raised Taxes On His Constituents In Every Elected Office He Has Ever Held - As Mayor Of Tivoli, Dutchess County Legislator, New York State Assemblyman, And Dutchess County Executive**

#### **As Dutchess County Executive:**

- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly raised property taxes while Dutchess County Executive and changed the sales tax formula which resulted in tax increases in Dutchess County cities.
  - Molinaro’s first three Dutchess County budgets raised the property tax rate to a high of \$3.68/\$1,000 of assessed value.
  - 2013: The Dutchess County Budget raised property taxes by 3.2%, a 20 cent increase per \$1,000 assessed value, and increased the average tax rate by 6.5%.
  - 2014: The Dutchess County budget raised property taxes by 1.9%.
  - 2015: The Dutchess County budget raised property taxes by three cents to a high of \$3.68/\$1,000 of assessed value.
- ✓ 2013: Molinaro forced local municipalities to raise taxes on residents by capping the sales tax revenue provided to them.
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#### **As New York State Assemblyman:**

- ✓ Molinaro voted in the Assembly for the 2011 Millionaire’s Tax, the largest NY income tax increase in 50 years, which raised the top income tax rate to 8.82%, the second highest in America.
  - While campaigning for Governor in 2018, Molinaro spoke out against the millionaire’s tax, despite voting for it in 2011.

#### **As Dutchess County Legislator:**

- ✓ In the Dutchess County Legislature, Molinaro voted repeatedly to increase property taxes, with a \$0.24 increase in the 2005 budget.

- ✓ 2004: Molinaro supported and voted for a 30 cent/month cellphone tax.
- ✓ 2003: Molinaro voted for a 30% pay raise for himself.

### **As Mayor of Tivoli:**

- ✓ As mayor of Tivoli in 2000 and 2002, Molinaro increased property taxes while giving raises to municipal employees (in 2002) and city contractors (in 2000).
- ✓ As mayor of Tivoli, Molinaro repeatedly increased water rates for residents.

### **Molinaro Repeatedly Mismanaged Or Wasted Taxpayer Money, Pushed For An Unnecessary New County Jail, And Charged The Taxpayers Over \$200,000 For Cars He Crashed**

- ✓ Molinaro’s 2017 and 2020 county budgets resulted in a deficit.
- ✓ Molinaro’s 2021 budget cut health department funding during the pandemic, even while Molinaro and county legislators received a pay raise.
- ✓ Dutchess County Democrats argued Molinaro “kicked the debt can down the road” by temporarily reducing county debt before an anticipated doubling of debt starting in 2025.
  - 2022: Molinaro’s budget projected higher debt services for the county than in previous budgets for the years 2025 – 2027.
- ✓ Molinaro nearly doubled his county executive budget by quadrupling the number of communications staff and aides in his office.
- ✓ Dutchess County executive salaries went over budget six different years and total Dutchess County executive appropriations went over budget four different years.
- ✓ 2013: Under Molinaro’s leadership, Moody’s downgraded Dutchess County’s credit rating from “AA2” to “AA1” resulting in increased debt interest costs.
- ✓ Taxpayers spent almost \$200,000 for Molinaro’s car usage while Dutchess County Executive, including over \$17,000 on accident repairs.
- ✓ Molinaro pushed for a new Dutchess County jail, but the project was delayed for years and ultimately proved unnecessary.
  - 2011: Molinaro campaigned on expanding the Dutchess County jail or building a new one because of overcrowding and the expense of housing inmates out of county.
    - 2020: New York’s bail reform decreased the number of inmates in Dutchess’ jail to an average of less than 200.
  - Dutchess County repeatedly downsized plans for the new jail, delaying its opening by years.
    - March 2016: The Dutchess County Legislature approved plans for a 569 bed jail with an approved bond of \$192 million and an estimated completion in 2021.
  - 2019: Dutchess County downsized the jail plan to 384 beds at \$154 million with an estimated completion in December 2023.

- 2020: Dutchess County downsized the jail plan to 328 beds at \$147 million with an estimated completion in April 2024.
- 2021: The estimated cost to complete the jail was \$131 million with an estimated completion date in May 2024.
- Under Molinaro’s leadership, the new Dutchess County Jail, at the cost of \$131 million, was the largest capital project in county history.

## Molinaro Raised Taxes As Dutchess County Executive

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## **2012 Budget: Dutchess County's Budget Resulted In A \$50 Average Tax Hike Per Homeowner Due To Molinaro's Request For \$55,000 In Raises For Dutchess County Officials**

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**2012: Dutchess County's Budget Raised Taxes By \$50 Per Resident.** "Some department heads got last-minute raises and lawmakers tweaked some other expenditures, but when the work was done, the impact of the 2012 Dutchess County budget on taxpayers hadn't changed. The tentative budget prepared by County Executive William Steinhaus in the fall would have cost the average homeowner an additional \$50 a year, and so does the final budget adopted shortly after midnight Tuesday by the county Legislature." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

**2012: The Budget Produced \$55,000 In Raises For Dutchess County Officials At Molinaro's Behest.** "The Legislature approved many amendments to the budget before adopting it, including granting about \$55,000 in raises for the public defender, the jail administrator and the commissioners of public works and human resources. Rolison said the raises were requested by County Executive-elect Marc Molinaro." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

**2012: The Tax Hike Hurt Working People In Dutchess County, While Wealthy Residents Felt They Had "Dodged A Bullet" By Avoiding Tax Increases That Could Have Potentially Been Even Higher.** "Two county taxpayers had differing views on the amount of additional taxes they'd have to pay. A homeowner with property assessed at \$250,000 - the countywide average - would pay about \$815 in county taxes next year, up from about \$765 this year. 'If it's costing somebody like me about \$50, I'd say I dodged a bullet,' Town of Poughkeepsie resident Joseph Robillard said. Robert Fell of Hyde Park said the extra \$50 would hurt, especially when combined with other expected increases in his school and municipal tax bills. 'Fifty bucks doesn't sound like much, but it adds up. I'm 67 and I'd like to retire, but I have to keep working to pay all the taxes,' Fell said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

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## **2013 Budget: In His First Budget Molinaro Raised Property Taxes By 20 Cents**

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**2013: Dutchess County Raised Property Taxes.** "Is Cox right that Molinaro has already cut spending and property taxes in Dutchess County? A spokesperson for Cox pointed to the county's approved budgets while Molinaro's been in office. This year's budget in Dutchess County reduced both the county property tax rate for residents and the tax levy for the fourth consecutive year, according to budget documents. But his first two budgets increased property taxes by about 2 percent in 2013 and again in 2014." [Buffalo News, 5/26/18]

**2013: The Dutchess County Budget Increased The Property Tax Rate By 20 Cents To \$3.45 Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value.** "The budget reduces spending by \$7.6 million and raises the portion of the budget funded by taxpayers - the levy - 2 percent. The tax rate would increase from \$3.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$3.45 per \$1,000. As an example, Molinaro said that the owner of a home assessed at \$264,500 paid just over \$859 this year in county property taxes. When factoring in the decline in real estate values, the owner of the same house, now assessed at \$252,300, would pay nearly \$11 more next year." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/6/12]

**2013: Molinaro Increased The Property Tax By 3.2 Percent And The Average Tax Rate By 6.5 Percent.** "Molinaro did not say whether he would consider exceeding the 2 percent tax-levy cap in order to mitigate the job cuts or reduction in county services - or depletion of rainy-day funds - that meeting the cap could require. This year's county budget of \$411.4 million increased the property-tax levy 3.2 percent and average tax rate by 6.5

percent. The 2011 budget of \$403 million froze the tax levy and increased the tax rate an average of 8.5 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**The 2013 Budget Was Molinaro’s First Budget As Dutchess County Executive.** “The 2013 Dutchess County budget is in the hands of County Executive Marc Molinaro, who called the spending plan a first step toward a more efficient government. The Dutchess County Legislature voted 21-3 to pass the \$409 million budget shortly after midnight Friday with only minimal changes. The Legislature voted to increase the sales tax by \$1 million, which would be used to double the shared services grants program in the Department of Planning and Development. ‘It is, in fact, step one of many in our effort to deliver services more efficiently,’ Molinaro said of his first budget.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/8/12]

**Molinaro Suggested That Dutchess County Residents Wanted Their Taxes Increased By Some Amount.** “With responses from 2,200 residents in hand, County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Legislature will take those opinions into account as they work on the troubled 2013 county budget and try to close a \$40 million gap. Molinaro issued a report on the findings Friday [...] The survey was not scientific, nor intended to be so. Respondents were self-selecting, and their proportions did not match county demographics by age, skewing heavily toward those over 45, according to data in the report. One question asked broadly, without regard to the specific nonmandated categories, ‘Would you be willing to pay a higher property tax rate to continue the optional programming and services you support?’ On that basis, 74.7 percent would support some level of tax increase and 24.6 percent would not, Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/13/12]

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**2014: Molinaro Proposed A 1.9% Property Tax Increase.** “That won’t be easy. Molinaro’s budget blueprint had to address a multimillion-dollar shortfall while cutting spending to stay under the state-imposed property tax cap. Overall, spending would be reduced by \$1.6 million next year but the property-tax levy would increase by 1.9 percent, just below the state tax cap.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/24/13]

**2014: Dutchess County’s Property Tax Increased By Twenty Cents To \$3.65.** [Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

**2014: Dutchess County Enacted A 1.9% Property Tax Increase And A 3.75% Energy Sales Tax.** “The legislature had made several changes in its Dec. 5 vote adopting the \$438.8 million 2014 budget proposed by Molinaro. It would be funded in part by a property tax levy increase of 1.9 percent and a 3.75 percent county sales tax on home energy sources, such as electricity and heating oil.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/14/13]

**2014: Molinaro Supported Cuomo’s Proposal For Two-Year Property Tax Freeze.** “Dutchess County Executive, Marcus J. Molinaro, said, ‘The Governor’s proposals for a two year property tax freeze and universal Pre-Kindergarten could potentially deliver tremendous benefit to Dutchess County residents if properly implemented... Therefore, we applaud the Governor’s focus on shared service and consolidation and we hope our leadership on this issue over the last two years will be recognized and our taxpayers receive the much needed benefit of the property tax freeze.’” [Governor of New York, [1/23/14](#)]

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#### **2015 Budget: Molinaro Raised Property Taxes By Three Cents**

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**2015: Dutchess County’s Property Tax Increased By Three Cents To \$3.68.** [Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

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## **2017 Budget: Molinaro Proposed A Tax Cut, Yet Property Taxes Increased For Many Dutchess County Residents**

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**2017: Molinaro Proposed A Two Cent Property Tax Cut To \$3.58 Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value.** “Molinaro's proposed \$467 million spending plan would represent a 0.2 percent increase from 2016. It would be funded in part by a \$105.5 million tax levy (the revenue a government raises through property taxes), which is about \$170,000 less than the 2016 tax levy. If the Dutchess Legislature approves the budget, the property tax rate would drop from \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$3.58.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/28/16]

**2017: Dutchess County Residents In Poughkeepsie Had Their Property Taxes Increase By 16.5 Percent.** “The lower tax rates and levies don't mean property taxes have gone down for every resident in Dutchess County. Property tax bills are a combination of taxes levied by the county and each municipality. While the county's tax levy has gone down, some local taxes may have increased. Property taxes levied by Poughkeepsie, for example, rose by 16.5 percent in 2017.” [PolitiFact, 5/26/18]

- **A 2013 Sales Tax Formula Change Put Poughkeepsie In A Multimillion Dollar Deficit.** “Rather, Petsas pointed to the sales tax formula change from 2013 as a major factor contributing to the city's deficit, which puts Poughkeepsie at \$12.6 million in the red. Since the change, Petsas said the city has lost nearly \$6.8 million, cumulatively, through the end of 2015.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/16]

## **Molinaro Introduced An Energy Sales Tax On Dutchess County Residents**

**2014: Molinaro Removed The Sales Tax Exemption For Energy, Raising Taxes On Dutchess County Residents.** “Once again, no one cares for the little guy. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Legislature have repealed the sales tax exemption on energy in the new budget. It won't hurt the rich, only the poor and middle class who can't find jobs in this county, which Molinaro is the overseer of.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Letter to the Editor, 12/26/13]

- **The 3.75% Energy Sales Tax Went Into Effect March 1, 2014.** “Molinaro said the state Department of Taxation and Finance has a ‘90-day repeal standard’ once the county Legislature passes a measure that would remove the 3.75 percent sales tax on things like fuel oil and electricity [...] The sales tax went into effect on March 1.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/10/14]

**The Energy Tax Molinaro Enacted Was 3.75 Percent.** “Molinaro called on the state government to provide the county mandate relief. Such relief would let the county eliminate a new energy tax of 3.75 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/5/14]

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**Molinaro Suggested A “Painful” Repeal Of The Sales Tax Exemption For Energy Was Better Than A Property Tax Increase.** “Instead, in what is likely to be the most controversial aspect of this budget, Molinaro wants to repeal the sales-tax exemption on residential energy sources. That means heating oil and natural gas bills will rise, but it also would give the county nearly \$8 million in new revenue next year - and some of that money would have to be shared with municipalities. Molinaro called the repeal plan ‘painful’ but defended the idea, saying the county continues to make workforce and other cuts that will provide larger savings over time. The county executive says, given the choice, seeing energy bills rise is better than imposing greater hikes on property taxes because people can take steps to reduce their energy consumption while the property tax provides no such wiggle room.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/24/13]

- **Molinaro Proposed A 1.9% Property Tax Increase At The Same Time.** “That won't be easy. Molinaro's budget blueprint had to address a multimillion-dollar shortfall while cutting spending to stay under the state-imposed property tax cap. Overall, spending would be reduced by \$1.6 million next year but the property-tax levy would increase by 1.9 percent, just below the state tax cap.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/24/13]

**Molinaro Said A Tax Increase Was Better Than Cutting Jobs.** “Molinaro said he doesn't ‘dismiss the difficulty’ the tax creates, but without the new revenue, 80 jobs would be cut or the property tax levy would increase by 12 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/6/13]

**The Energy Tax Caused Constituents To Criticize Molinaro For Violating “The Republican Philosophy Of Trying To Reduce Taxes.”** “Sudiptar Ray, 62, of East Fishkill said he attended the county executive's address because he opposed the new energy tax. ‘This is going in the wrong direction,’ he said. ‘This is not consistent with the Republican philosophy of trying to reduce taxes.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/5/14]

**Letter To The Editor Headline: “Molinaro Breaks Promise By Backing Energy Tax.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/10/14]

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**April 2014: \$5.25 Million In Assistance From The State Was Given To Dutchess County, Allowing Them To Repeal The Energy Sales Tax.** “The press conference was held to provide additional details about \$5.25 million in assistance to the county that was included in the 2014-15 state budget adopted Monday. The sales tax went into effect on March 1. The press conference was hosted by state Sen. Greg Ball, R-Patterson, along with Molinaro and state Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, D-Hudson. The aid will allow the county to repeal the energy tax, which was passed narrowly by the Legislature in December in order to close a budget gap.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/3/14]

**June 2014: The Energy Sales Tax Was Repealed.** “Dutchess County residents soon will no longer see a controversial local sales tax on bills for things like fuel oil, natural gas and electricity. The 3.75 percent tax on most residential energy sources, which took effect March 1, was repealed Sunday. On an \$800 fuel oil bill, the tax savings will be \$30. Bills issued now for energy used before June 1 will still have the tax. County Executive Marc Molinaro said Monday, ‘It is not a policy we will be returning to.’ He added it was a measure 21 other counties have taken.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/2/14]

**Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial: Molinaro’s “Ill-Timed Energy Tax Caused Massive Public Blowback And Had To Be Repealed.”** “Molinaro has been innovative as well, launching a shared-services program that is providing millions of dollars to localities willing to consolidate and find efficiencies in government. And the county also has filled the long-vacant historian position, with the executive recognizing not only the area's rich history but how important heritage tourism is to the local economy. The executive also has hit some bumps and bruises along the way. Reconfiguring the county's economic-development network and developing a cohesive strategy have taken considerable time. He underestimated the difficulty to get state approval to move forward with a new jail, and an ill-timed energy tax caused massive public blowback and had to be repealed.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/23/15]

### **Molinaro’s Policies Forced Local Municipalities To Raise Taxes By Transferring The Tax Burden From The Dutchess County To Local Municipalities**

**2013: Molinaro Wanted To Cap Sales Tax Revenue Provided To Local Municipalities At \$25 Million, A \$4.5M Reduction.** “Another cost-cutting measure the county executive reaffirmed his support for is capping the sales-tax revenue provided to local municipalities at \$25 million. This year the cities and towns were provided \$29.5 million.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**2013: Molinaro’s Dutchess County Budget Caused The Town Of Beekman To Cut Services And Increase Property Taxes.** “With the 2013 budget looming, some Dutchess County residents are fearful the county's financial burden is shifting to local municipalities. Councilmember Ronald Mangeri said the Town of Beekman

stands to lose approximately \$120,000 under the proposed \$25 million sales tax cap. He said the loss in revenue would hinder the town's ability to meet obligations and lead to cutting services and increasing property taxes.” [The Journal News, 11/9/12]

**2016: Molinaro Negotiated A Controversial Sales Tax Agreement With Poughkeepsie That Caused Taxes To Increase On Residents There.** “But if the county's financial position is strong, it should take another look at a controversial sales tax agreement it has with municipalities, said Dutchess Legislator Joel Tyner. The current sales tax revenue distribution agreement was negotiated by Dutchess and its two cities - Poughkeepsie and Beacon - in 2013, in part to close a \$40 million county budget gap. The agreement, which replaced one that expired in 2005, left the fiscally troubled City of Poughkeepsie \$2 million short in sales tax revenue but guaranteed nearly \$10 million a year. It was approved by both city councils and the Legislature. The sales tax agreement has come to the forefront of this year's City of Poughkeepsie budgeting process, as a nearly 17 percent tax increase is on the horizon for residents.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/28/16]

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### **Molinaro Wanted To Reinstate The Mortgage Recording Tax**

**2012: Molinaro Wanted To Reinstate The Mortgage Recording Tax While Exempting First Time Homebuyers.** “The budget proposal stays within the state's 2 percent property tax cap, which is no small task considering the county is facing a \$40 million budget gap from the get-go. Molinaro closes that gap, in part, by [...] Reinstating the mortgage recording tax but exempting first-time homebuyers.” [The Journal News, 11/18/12]

### **Molinaro Voted To Raise Taxes In The New York Assembly**

#### **Molinaro Voted To Extend New York's Biggest Income Tax Increase In 50 Years Via The “Millionaires’ Tax” As Part Of The December 2011 Budget Overhaul**

**December 2011: Molinaro Voted For The Income Tax Overhaul.** In December 2011, Molinaro voted “Yes on S50002, a bill “enacting into law major components of law necessary to the state; relates to tax rates and exclusions under the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax.” The bill passed the Assembly 132 to 8 and was signed into law by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: S50002, 12/07/11]

- **Tax Overhaul Raised Revenue By \$1.9 Billion.** “The plan will raise about \$1.9 billion in new revenue, less than the \$4 billion generated by the millionaire’s tax, which expires Dec. 31. About \$400 million will be spent on flood recovery and a youth-employment program, and the remaining \$1.5 billion will be put toward the deficit, said Morris Peters, a Budget Division spokesman.” [Bloomberg, 12/08/11]
- **Empire Center: The Deal Extended “New York’s Biggest Income Tax Increase In 50 Years.”** “On Dec. 6, 2011, Gov. Cuomo and legislative leaders announced a deal to extend New York’s biggest income tax increase in 50 years, targeting earners of \$1 million and more for what will be the third highest income tax rate imposed by any major state. About one quarter of the \$2.6 billion tax hike will be redistributed in the form of tax cuts for middle-class filers, and the rest will be spent.” [Empire Center, accessed 11/23/21]

**2011: New York's Top Income Tax Rate Was The Second Highest In The Country.** “Under the proposal announced on Tuesday, newly created tax rates would range from 6.45 percent for income between \$40,000 and \$150,000 (for married couples) to 8.82 percent for income over \$2 million. Tax brackets would be indexed to the rate of inflation and would take effect next year. The new top tax bracket would extend through 2014; the others would be permanent. Under the new brackets, New York’s top income tax rate of 8.82 percent would rank among

the highest in the country, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators. It would be significantly higher than the top rate in Connecticut, which was raised earlier this year to 6.7 percent, but just under New Jersey's top rate of 8.97 percent." [New York Times, 12/6/11]

**Molinaro Voted To Extend The Millionaires' Tax In 2011.** "Molinaro did vote for Cuomo's tax deal that extended the 'millionaires' tax' in 2011. While only one section of the bill, the legislation created a higher tax bracket for the highest-income residents in New York and reduced the rates for millions of middle-class residents. Described by some as a cut and others as an increase, it lowered the rate for high-income earners, but set it higher than it would have been had the previous rate simply expired. Molinaro also voted in 2011 for Cuomo's 2 percent limit on property tax increases. The measure, popular with fiscal conservatives, was aimed at curbing soaring property taxes." [City and State, 10/10/18]

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### **Molinaro Later Called For Phasing Out New York's "Millionaires Tax," Citing Concern For "Those Who Can't Afford It"**

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**Molinaro Supported Phasing Out The "Millionaires Tax" As A Way To "Make Taxation A Bit More Respectful Of Those Who Can't Afford It."** "Molinaro, currently Dutchess county executive, has repeatedly sounded the theme since formally launching his bid for governor April 2. While he has largely spoken in sweeping generalities -- promising 'bold' proposals to come during his nomination acceptance speech at the May 23 state GOP convention -- details are starting to emerge. Molinaro said that in addition to making the state's 2-percent cap on annual property tax increases permanent, he would seek to phase out the so-called 'millionaires tax' if elected. The income tax rate for the top bracket -- which includes individuals making \$1 million or more and couples earning \$2 million or more per year -- went from 6.85 to 8.82 percent in 2009, and has been extended by Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo and a Legislature where each house is controlled by one of the two major parties. 'I would seek to have it expire over time,' Molinaro said of the millionaires tax. 'I do think that there's a way to make taxation in the state a bit more respectful of those who can't afford it.'" [Gotham Gazette, 6/10/18]

- **The "Millionaires Tax" Taxed Single New Yorkers Earning Over \$1 Million And Couples Earning Over \$2 Million At A Rate Of 8.82 Percent.** "Single New Yorkers earning \$1 million annually and couples earning \$2 million pay a state income tax rate of 8.82 percent. The current rate is slightly lower than the surcharge imposed under Gov. David Paterson to raise revenue following the 2008 recession." [Times Union, [9/25/18](#)]
- **The Millionaires Tax Generated \$4.5 Billion In Revenue Per Year For The State Of New York.** "Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo told reporters on Tuesday morning that he hasn't decided yet whether the state needs the \$4.5 billion in annual revenue from the so-called "Millionaire's Tax," which is set to expire at the end of 2019." [Times Union, [9/25/18](#)]

### **2008: Molinaro Supported Raising Taxes**

**2008: Molinaro Said Tax Increases "Ought To Be On The Table".** "Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli, said he worries about shifting costs onto municipalities if that results in property tax increases. However, Molinaro said, 'In my opinion, everything ought to be on the table and we should have a serious dialogue on how to save the state from this fiscal crisis.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/17/08]

### **Molinaro Voted To Raise Taxes In Dutchess County Legislature**

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[Dutchess County, 2006 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2009 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2012 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2018 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2022 Adopted Budget, accessed 4/18/22]

**2007: Molinaro Voted To Increase Property Taxes By 15 Percent In A Budget That Ultimately Wasn't Adopted**

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**2007: The Proposed Budget Increased The Mortgage Tax, Extended A 3.75 Percent Sales Tax, And Led To Likely Double Digit Property Tax Rate Increases.** “The Legislature accepted Steinhaus' recommendation of a mortgage tax increase from 1 percent to 1.25 percent, a tax hike that will require state authorization. The approved budget also extends the county's 3.75 percent sales tax, another measure advocated by Steinhaus. But the Legislature rejected a renewed tax on clothing purchases under \$110, which Steinhaus said was needed to recoup part of a drop this year in sales tax revenues. Sales tax is the county's largest single revenue source. The property tax levy, which is the total amount in property taxes to be collected by the county, will increase to \$86 million under the budget. The effect on individual property owners will vary across the county, but most communities will see double-digit percentage rate increases.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/8/06]

**2007: The Adopted Budget Kept The Property Tax Levy Constant At \$2.57.** [Dutchess County, 2009 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

**2000-2005: Dutchess County Property Taxes Increased By 44 Percent While Molinaro Served In The Dutchess County Legislature**

**New York State Comptroller: Dutchess County Property Tax Revenue Rose By 44 Percent From 2000-2005.**

County	Dutchess County Property Tax Levy					
	1995 Levy	2000 Levy	2005 Levy	Average Annual Percent Change 1995-2000	Average Annual Percent Change 2000-2005	Total Change 1995-2005
Dutchess	\$345,457,236	\$396,036,780	\$567,363,209	2.8%	7.5%	64.2%

[New York State Comptroller, Property Taxes in New York State, April 2006]

**2005: Dutchess County Raised Property Taxes By 5.8 Percent, In A Budget Molinaro Supported.** “Steinhaus proposed an increase of 13 percent in the amount raised by property taxes, an additional 0.25 percent onto the county's 1 percent mortgage tax and a vehicle registration fee of \$5 or \$10 a year, depending on the vehicle's size. Legislators approved the mortgage tax increase, but exempted the first \$250,000 of a mortgage's value from the additional 0.25 percent, and rejected the vehicle tax. But they also pushed up to 18 percent the increase in the amount raised by property taxes, or a hike in the property tax rate of 5.8 percent. ‘It was the very best we could do under some very difficult circumstances,’ said Legislator Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, chairman of the budget committee. ‘We'll go back to the taxpayers and our residents and explain it as best we can.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/04]

**2005: The Dutchess County Budget Extended The 8 Percent Sales Tax.** “Legislators also agreed with Steinhaus on extending the 8 percent sales tax in the county. The county approved raising the sales tax from 7.25 percent two years ago, but the additional 0.75 percent was due to expire in November 2005.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/04]

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**2002: The Dutchess County Legislature Wanted To Create A 30 Cents A Month "Cell Phone Tax."** "Dutchess and Ulster counties can add a 30-cents tax on wireless telephone monthly service under a new law signed by Gov. George Pataki. Cell phone users could be charged up to an additional 30 cents more a month, with the money going to the counties' emergency response systems and police dispatch. The Dutchess County Legislature voted June 18 to ask the county to create the 30-cent surcharge. The new law gives the go-ahead to 13 New York counties if their county legislatures vote to add the surcharge. People would be charged extra only if the cell phone is registered in one of those counties. The money would be collected by the cellular service provider and distributed to county governments." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/20/02]

#### **Molinaro Voted For A 30% Pay Raise For Himself**

**2003: Molinaro Voted For A 30% Pay Raise For Himself.** "The raises were approved by the county Legislature by a 19-15 vote this month. Legislators' salaries would increase by about 30 percent to \$15,000. Those holding leadership positions would receive more, up to \$32,000 for the chairman. Pay for the county executive and sheriff would go up roughly 10 percent each to \$128,000 and \$115,000, respectively [...] Here's how Dutchess County legislators voted this month on a pay raise plan: Yes: [...] Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/25/03]

#### **Molinaro Raised Taxes As Mayor Of Tivoli**

#### **Molinaro Raised Tivoli Property Taxes While Raising Salaries Of City Employees And Contractors**

**2002: Tivoli Increased Property Taxes By Two Cents While Raising Municipal Salaries.** "Tivoli's \$770,000 proposed village budget calls for a slight tax increase in the coming year. The budget calls for a tax rate of \$10.31 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, a slight increase from last year's rate of \$10.29. The plan shows 'no major adjustments in expenses, and a slight increase in the assessed value of the village,' Mayor Marc Molinaro said. The tentative budget calls for a 3-percent increase in municipal salaries and continues to provide for library support, emergency response and municipal services." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/9/02]

**2000: Molinaro Raised Property Taxes By Two Percent.** "But grant revenues and growing property values will keep the tax hike to about 2 percent, Mayor Marcus Molinaro announced Monday. 'Every year we get better at this,' said the mayor. 'It is probably the best budget document we've put together.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/28/00]

- **Molinaro Used The 2000 Tax Increase To Give Pay Raises To Contracted Employees.** "Elected officials, Molinaro said, will not see pay raises under the spending plan. Contracted employees, however, such as the treasurer and the village clerk, will see increases because their compensation levels are well below market value. 'What we're simply talking about is paying them for the work they're doing,' said Molinaro, projecting the average salary will grow about 4 percent." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/28/00]

## **Molinaro Repeatedly Increased The Cost Of Water For Tivoli Residents**

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### **2006: Molinaro Increased Water Rates By Fifteen Percent, After Expected Gains From New Wells Didn't Occur**

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**2006: Water Rates In Tivoli Increased By Fifteen Percent Due To Budget Shortfalls And Consumption Decreases.** “Village residents have had water problems for years. Now that supply issues have been addressed, residents are being hit with a 15 percent increase in their rates, approved this week by the village board. The increase is expected to make up for shortfalls in the water budget that have accumulated over the last three years. The shortfalls were caused by recent capital improvement projects and an unexpected loss of customers, Mayor Marc Molinaro said. ‘It was the first time we raised rates since 2002,’ Molinaro said. ‘We had a 10 percent drop in consumption and we were never able to see any financial gains. We had planned to make increases of 2.5 percent to 3 percent over the course of the last few years, but we just didn’t want to do it. Raising taxes is never easy and we fell into the same trap other communities fall into.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/06]

- **Molinaro Attributed Rising Water Costs To The Construction Of Two New Wells, Even Though Those New Wells Resulted In New Water Sources.** “He also attributed the increase in costs to completion of two wells in 2003. The project ended a search for water in the village that lasted decades. But the project cost the town nearly \$300,000, with \$265,000 of the cost being borrowed over 20 years. Prior to construction of the wells, village residents were subject to summers filled with perpetual water warnings.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/06]

**2006: Tivoli Residents Worried About Rising Water Rates.** “Village resident Elli Du-binski said she worried about the continual increases in taxes across the state. ‘I’m trying to deal with it all somehow,’ she said. ‘I came here because it was a remote place and the real estate was cheap and I could afford it. I’m retired and now my taxes are equal to my Medicare. And that doesn’t even include my water bill.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/06]

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### **2002: Under Molinaro’s Mayorship, The Town Of Tivoli Planned To Raise Water Rates Up To 25 Percent, Which Caused Unhappiness Among Residents**

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**2002: Tivoli Considered Raising Water Rates Up To Twenty Five Percent In Order To Fund Two New Water Wells.** “Officials in the village of Tivoli are contemplating raising water rates up to 25 percent to finance some long-needed system improvements. In March, the village signed a long-term lease for two permanent wells expected to double available water. The existing water system is at or near capacity, prompting conservation measures during five of the past eight years. Making the updates is expected to cost the village approximately \$26,400 a year, which includes \$1,000 per month rent for use of the well sites and a \$1,200 monthly bond payment to finance improvements. While he doesn’t want to raise rates, Mayor Marc Molinaro said he hopes to keep the impact to users at a minimum.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/15/02]

**2002: Water Rates Were Raised By 25 Percent For Some Residents.** “While he doesn't want to raise rates, Mayor Marc Molinaro said he hopes to keep the impact to users at a minimum. Approximately one-third of the community won't see a rate increase, he said. For senior citizens and single parents who typically use less than 10,000 gallons per quarter, the rate will remain unchanged at \$4.40 per thousand gallons. 10% hike for half of users For about half of the community, which uses between 10,000 and 20,000 gallons, there would be a 10 percent increase to \$4.85. The average water customer uses between 12,000 and 15,000 gallons per quarter, he said. Larger users would see the biggest hikes, ranging from 15 to 25 percent, depending on usage. While Molinaro said he hadn't heard any complaints, not all residents were pleased to hear of the increase.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/15/02]

**Molinaro Claimed He Had Not Heard Any Complaints About Water Rate Increases, But Residents Were Unhappy About Water Rate Hikes.** “While Molinaro said he hadn’t heard any complaints, not all residents were pleased to hear of the increase. ‘It seems we pay a lot for water now,’ said Ronnie Macey, a village resident for five

years. ‘It looks like we’re going to pay a lot more.’ In her family of four, the bill runs about \$140 for a three-month period. If the water quality was better, it would be an easier pill to swallow, she said. ‘Everything’s going up,’ Macey said. The two wells, which can provide a total of 85 gallons per minute, will serve as a secondary source of water for the village. The village has seven wells, six of which it owns. Average use ranges from 75,000 to 78,000 gallons daily, with usage reaching 92,000 in the summer, Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/15/02]

**2002: Molinaro Doubled Tivoli’s Water Supply.** “Village of Tivoli officials hope water will soon be flowing freely following the approval of a new lease that will double village water availability. The village has for decades been on a quest for an adequate water supply, Mayor Marc Molinaro said. To meet that need, the village board has approved a lease agreement with Al and Gloria Trezza that would allow the village to lease land for two permanent wells. The Trezzas will be paid a \$1,000-per-month rental fee for not less than 40 years, Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/29/02]

## Dutchess County Budgets

### While Molinaro Was County Executive He Signed Two Budgets That Resulted In A Deficit

Dutchess County Budget By Year				
Year	Total Appropriations	Total Revenue	Year End Balance	
2013	\$393,069,894	\$409,079,080	\$16,009,186	
2014	\$425,188,738	\$452,012,006	\$26,823,268	
2015	\$450,795,810	\$482,397,559	\$31,601,749	
2016	\$462,362,278	\$471,106,845	\$8,744,567	
2017	\$465,820,846	\$462,845,380	- <b>\$2,975,466</b>	
2018	\$484,259,743	\$486,961,985	\$2,702,242	
2019	\$501,732,317	\$507,381,505	\$5,649,188	
2020	\$487,870,084	\$487,859,814	- <b>\$10,720</b>	

[Dutchess County Budget Office, 2012 Adopted Budget, 1/3/12; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2013 Adopted Budget, 1/4/13; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2014 Adopted Budget, 1/3/14; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2015 Adopted Budget, 1/7/15; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2016 Adopted Budget, 1/11/16; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2017 Adopted Budget, 1/23/17; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2018 Adopted Budget, 1/16/18; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2019 Adopted Budget, 1/22/19; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2020 Adopted Budget, 1/30/20; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2021 Adopted Budget, 1/3/21; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2022 Executive Budget, 10/15/21]

*\*Actual appropriations and revenue for 2021 and 2022 budgets have yet to be released and thus are not included in the table.*

### Molinaro’s 2021 Budget Cut Health Department Funding During The COVID-19 Pandemic While Molinaro And County Legislators Received A Pay Raise

**2021: The Dutchess County Health Department Was Cut By \$2.5 Million During A Pandemic While Dutchess County Legislators Received A Pay Raise.** “Compared to the modified budget, appropriations have been cut in all areas except for education and debt services. Health department funding was cut from \$47.2 million to \$44.7 million, according to the executive budget. The cost for state mandates services, such children’s foster care, preschool special education, and early intervention programs will increase, but state aid for those programs will be cut by almost \$4 million. Legislators will also receive a scheduled \$477 salary increase next year. State and county law prohibits changing an elected official’s salary during their term.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/5/20]

- **The Health Department Was Responsible For Distributing The COVID Vaccine, Despite Cuts To Its Budget.** “The health department has done much of the heavy lifting in navigating the county through the pandemic and that is likely to continue in 2021. The department will have to work on a plan to distribute vaccines in addition to battling the increase in COVID-19 cases.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/5/20]

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**Molinaro Proposed Cutting The Budget For Dutchess County Department Of Behavioral And Community Health, Including Roughly 30 Buyouts Of Health Department Staff.** “Though there were no layoffs of county employees amid the pandemic, the roughly 150 buyouts saved the county close to \$11 million, according to the county. About 20% of those buyouts came from the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. The health department has done much of the heavy lifting in navigating the county through the pandemic and that is likely to continue in 2021. The department will have to work on a plan to distribute vaccines in addition to battling the increase in COVID-19 cases.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/5/20]

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Chairman of the Legislature	32,960	32,960	32,960	33,949	34,967
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[Dutchess County 2021 Budget, 12/3/10]

**The 2021 Salary Hike Was Set By A 2019 Resolution That Raised Molinaro's Salary By \$17,555 Over Four Years.** "Dutchess County's elected officials will see salary increases as soon as January. A resolution to increase salaries by 3% each year was passed by the Dutchess County Legislature on Monday night by a 13-12 vote, according to a release from the legislature. The raises would begin at the start of the official's next elected term. [...] Dutchess County elected officials carry the following salaries: County Executive: \$139,869 [...] The County Executive would earn \$144,065 in 2020, \$148,387 in 2021, \$152,839 in 2022 and \$157,424 in 2023 " [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/12/19]

- **The Pay Raises For Elected Officials Were Enacted Because Molinaro Refused To Veto Them.** "Pursuant to Section 3.02 (i) of the Dutchess County Charter the foregoing Resolution No. 2019171 was deemed approved and duly enacted due to the County Executive's failure to act." [Dutchess County Legislature, Resolution No. 2019171, Adopted 6/10/19]

### **Molinaro Touted A 2022 Reduction In Debt Service In A Tax-Funded Mailing, But His Budget Planned Millions More In Debt Service From 2025-2027 Than In Previous Budgets**

**Dutchess County Democratic Legislators Claimed Molinaro Was "Kicking The 'Debt Can' Down The Road" By Reducing Debt Service In 2022 And Leaving Higher Debt Service After 2025.** "The Executive is kicking the 'debt can' down the road. The county has changed its proposed debt service since its 2020 plan, so the Exec (who recently declared his ambition to take Congressman Antonio Delgado's seat) can trumpet a 'decrease in debt service' for 2022. This short-term 'dip' in debt service has been engineered, leaving much higher debt service due in 2025 and beyond. (A celebratory mailer about the 'dip' was sent to Dutchess households in October at a cost to taxpayers of \$40,000.)" [Dutchess County Democratic Party, 11/22/21]

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**Between The 2020 And 2022 Budgets, Dutchess County's Projected Debt Service Increased By Millions Of Dollars In 2025, 2026 And 2027:**

### **Dutchess County Debt Service Projections**

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2022	\$24,705,939	\$19,892,078
2023	\$27,552,926	\$22,490,700
2024	\$29,332,147	\$27,599,228
2025	\$30,001,990	\$33,055,081
2026	\$28,126,578	\$35,392,558
2027	\$26,673,223	\$36,765,497
2028	-	\$35,488,039
2029	-	\$33,602,908

[2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/24/21]

- **Molinaro Increased Projected Debt Service For 2027 From \$26 Million In The 2020 Budget To \$36 Million In The 2022 Budget.** [2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/24/21]

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**Molinaro Bragged His 2021 Budget Included No Layoffs After Pushing 150+ County Employees To Take Buyouts, While Still Including Pay Raises For Himself And Other Elected Officials**

**Molinaro Bragged That 2021 Budget Included No Layoffs, But Roughly 150 Employees Had Accepted Buyouts In The Prior Year.** “Dutchess County is planning to lower its tax rate and maintain services in 2021. It is doing so even while cutting spending in most departments, navigating job losses as the result of roughly 150 employees accepting voluntary buyouts, and knowing state aid may be reduced [...] Molinaro said the county was financially prepared for ‘unprecedented times’ and that ‘Fortunately, here in Dutchess County, our long-established conservative fiscal approach has allowed us to produce a 2021 budget with no tax increase, no layoffs and reduced spending,’ in a release announcing the budget’s approval. The county Legislature passed the budget Thursday by a vote of 16-8. Eight of 10 Democratic legislators opposed the budget. Though there were no layoffs of county employees amid the pandemic, the roughly 150 buyouts saved the county close to \$11 million, according to the county. About 20% of those buyouts came from the Department of Behavioral and Community Health.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/5/20]

- **24 County Employees Who Applied For Buyouts Were Not Approved Because Their Positions Would Need To Be Filled And Would Not Save The County Money.** “One hundred fifty-two Dutchess County employees were approved to leave their government positions as part of the county’s incentive program, Marc Molinaro said. The county executive said that will equate to anticipated savings exceeding \$10 million [...] In all, 176 employees applied in Dutchess, but not all were approved. Some of the individuals who applied for the incentive were denied because their position would need to be filled, costing the county money. ‘The program was, if we’re going to give you the incentive, it has to save money,’ Molinaro said. ‘Our expectation was that the position or a similar position would remain vacant for 12 months. Otherwise you end up bringing people in and it doesn’t save dollars.’ Molinaro said some applied with the mindset that they would apply for a county job six weeks later.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/10/20]

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[Dutchess County 2021 Budget, 12/3/10]

## Molinaro Nearly Doubled The Dutchess County Executive Office Budget

Molinaro's Executive Office Budget Was Nearly Doubled During His Tenure Due To The Addition Of More Public Relations Staff. "In 2012, when the current County Executive was elected, the Exec's office had a total budget of \$1.14 million. That included the budget office, which as the budget director noted at one of last week's meetings, works interchangeably with other Exec staff. This year the Exec's department recommended \$2.17 million; the Executive himself recommends an even higher \$2.2 million. The Exec's budget for his own office has nearly doubled since he was elected. The main additions have been public relations staff and aides." [Dutchess Voice, [11/22/21](#)]

## Most Years Dutchess County Executive Salaries Went Over Budget And Total Dutchess County Executive Appropriations Frequently Went Over Budget

Dutchess County Executive Salaries Went Over Budget Six Years Out Of Eight, And Total Dutchess County Executive Appropriations Went Over Budget Four Years Out Of Eight.

Dutchess County Executive Office Budgets						
Year	Budgeted County Executive Salaries	Actual County Executive Salaries	Year End Balance	Budgeted County Executive Appropriations	Actual County Executive Appropriations	Year End Balance
2013	\$467,212	\$468,891	- \$1,679	\$1,235,013	\$1,156,432	\$78,581
2014	\$467,213	\$470,848	- \$3,635	\$1,227,334	\$1,318,266	- \$90,932
2015	\$469,375	\$490,860	- \$21,485	\$1,230,183	\$1,267,622	- \$37,439
2016	\$759,014	\$762,041	- \$3,027	\$1,593,328	\$1,599,386	- \$6,058
2017	\$834,087	\$833,612	\$475	\$1,714,286	\$1,725,175	- \$10,889
2018	\$947,198	\$944,817	\$2,381	\$1,897,312	\$1,870,785	\$26,527
2019	\$971,053	\$981,214	- \$10,161	\$1,988,625	\$1,955,867	\$32,758
2020	\$1,029,718	\$1,040,723	- \$11,005	\$2,080,733	\$2,040,007	\$39,726

[Dutchess County Budget Office, 2012 Adopted Budget, 1/3/12; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2013 Adopted Budget, 1/4/13; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2014 Adopted Budget, 1/3/14; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2015 Adopted Budget, 1/7/15; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2016 Adopted Budget, 1/11/16; Dutchess County

Budget Office, 2017 Adopted Budget, 1/23/17; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2018 Adopted Budget, 1/16/18; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2019 Adopted Budget, 1/22/19; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2020 Adopted Budget, 1/30/20; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2021 Adopted Budget, 1/3/21; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2022 Executive Budget, 10/15/21]

### **2013: Under Molinaro's Leadership, Moody's Downgraded Dutchess County's Credit Rating To AA1, Increasing Debt Service Costs To County Taxpayers**

**Moody's Investors Service Downgraded Dutchess County's Credit Rating One Level From "AA2" To "AA1" Due To Declining Fiscal Standing.** "Dutchess County's credit rating was taken down a notch by Moody's Investors Service with a comment that Dutchess' fiscal standing is declining. And that could cost the county taxpayers a little bit more in interest when a \$6.2 million bond issue goes out." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/9/13]

- **The Credit Rating Downgrade Increased The Interest On County Debt.** "Dutchess County's credit rating was taken down a notch by Moody's Investors Service with a comment that Dutchess' fiscal standing is declining. And that could cost the county taxpayers a little bit more in interest when a \$6.2 million bond issue goes out." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/9/13]
- **Moody's Credit Ratings Gauged The Risk Associated With Buying Government Bonds.** "An investment grade is a rating that signifies a municipal or corporate bond presents a relatively low risk of default. Bond rating firms like Standard & Poor's and Moody's use different designations, consisting of the upper- and lower-case letters 'A' and 'B,' to identify a bond's credit quality rating. [...] Credit ratings are extremely important because they convey the risk associated with buying a certain bond. An investment grade credit rating indicates a low risk of a credit default, making it an attractive investment vehicle—especially to conservative investors." [Investopedia, [7/15/19](#)]

### **Molinaro Repeatedly Attempted To Lay Off County Staff**

**2012: Molinaro's Proposed Budget Would Have Cut 200 Jobs, Or Five To Ten Percent Of The County Workforce.** "Reducing the \$40 million budget gap, Molinaro said, will require job reductions. But he did not say exactly how many and what the cost savings would be. 'If you're adding and subtracting, it takes a long walk to get \$40 million,' Molinaro said. He did say over the next few years he plans to reduce the county work force by 200 employees from 1,850 to 1,650. Colleen Pillus, research analyst for the county executive and budget office, said later Molinaro likely will propose reducing the work force next year by 5 percent to 10 percent. Some of those reductions, she said, would come from those who are electing to participate in the new Workforce Adjustment Incentive." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**2012: Molinaro Offered A \$20,000 Incentive To 150 Dutchess County Employees To Quit Their Jobs In Order To Balance The County Budget.** "Summer will be a challenging time for about 150 Dutchess County government employees as they weigh whether to quit and collect a \$20,000 incentive. As part of a plan to close an expected \$40 million budget gap for 2013, County Executive Marc Molinaro said Tuesday, an offer is being made to certain staff members in most departments to give up their jobs and save the county budget several million dollars." [The Journal News, 8/8/12]

**2014: Dutchess County Had 1,720 Full Time Employees, The Lowest Number In 30 Years.** "To help balance the budget, the county saved \$6.8 million through the reduction of 103 full-time workers. There were 1,720 full-time county employees - the lowest level in 30 years, he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/3/14]

**2020: More Than 150 Dutchess County Employees Voluntarily Departed As A Cost Saving Measure.** "The more than 150 employees leaving their jobs are departing after the county offered retirement and separation incentives in response to the pandemic. The job reductions account for nearly \$11 million in savings, with positions eliminated and being held vacant. Also, costs are offset with other position savings." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/29/20]

**2021: Dutchess County Received \$57 Million From The American Rescue Plan, After Cutting \$18 Million From Its 2020 Budget, Which Included Staff Furloughs And Early Retirement Incentives.** “Dutchess County, which will pull in \$57 million, offered an early retirement incentive and furloughs last year as part of almost \$18 million worth of cuts in its \$500 million budget, Molinaro said. ‘All of the core services that residents expect, certainly in an emergency in a difficult time, county governments deliver,’ Molinaro said during a COVID-19 roundtable earlier this month hosted by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring, Putnam County.” [The Journal News, 4/15/21]

**Taxpayers Spent Almost \$200,000 On Molinaro’s Car Usage While Dutchess County Executive**

**Taxpayers Spent At Least \$173,688.74 On Molinaro’s Car Leases/Purchases And Auto Repairs While Dutchess County Executive.** [Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

<b>Molinaro Car Costs</b>			
<b>Car</b>	<b>Lease/Car Price</b>	<b>Repair Price</b>	<b>Total Price Per Car</b>
2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee	\$19,559.05	\$21,961.51*	\$41,520.56
2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee	\$11,146.50	\$1,493.09*	\$12,639.59
2016 Chevy Tahoe	\$48,767.98	\$2,006.02	\$50,774.00
2018 Chevy Tahoe	\$56,193.00	\$4,604.29	\$60,797.29
2021 Chevy Tahoe	\$4,041.30	\$3,896.00	\$7,937.30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$139,707.83</b>	<b>\$33,960.91</b>	<b>\$173,688.74</b>

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

*\*NOTE: Total costs for each work order repair were not provided; the totals above are based on the line item costs provided by the work orders.*

**Taxpayers Reimbursed Molinaro For \$18,616.05 In Gasoline Costs While Dutchess County Executive.**

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

<b>Molinaro Gasoline Costs</b>	
<b>Gallons</b>	<b>Cost</b>
8,224.10	\$18,616.05

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

**February 2012: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$1,066 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Including Wired Up Emergency Lighting**

**Dutchess County Auto Center**  
**Work Order #029878**

Make:	JEEP	Model:	GRAND CHEROKEE	Year:	2012														
DateStarted	2/1/2012	DateCompleted	2/9/2012	Repair#	38893	EquipNo	5655	Meter	108	DeptNo	A1230	Parts	666.43	Labor	400.00	Other	0.00	Total	1,066.43
Accident	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warranty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	ScheduledPM	<input type="checkbox"/>	RoadFailure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Driver's Daily Report	<input type="checkbox"/>						
ProductNo	ProductDescription	Quantity	UnitPrice	SupplierNo	InvoiceNo														
WT14	WIRE TIE, 14"	4	0.38	N/A															
WT4	WIRE TIE-4"	18	0.07	N/A															
81251	WIRE LOOM, 3/8"	14	0.49	N/A															
12363	FUSE HOLDER, IN LINE 5-20 AMP	1	2.17	N/A															
ATC10	FUSE, ATC	1	0.40	N/A															
WT8	WIRE TIE 6"	5	0.06	N/A															
81249	WIRE LOOM 1/4"	2	0.40	N/A															
IPX300-2	IMPAXX AMBER LED GRILLE LIGHT	2	54.07	N/A	72796														
IPX-PBL1	IMPAXX MOUNTING BRACKET KIT	1	9.27	N/A	72796														
329001-22	VIPERS2 DUAL AMBER LED	1	200.07	N/A	72796														
SW30	TOGGLE SWITCH	1	21.50	N/A	72796														
416200-55	LED CORNER LIGHTS, CLEAR	2	157.07	N/A	72796														
TaskCode	TaskDescription	Employee	Time	HourlyRate															
34	LIGHTS	4	2.0	50.00															
34	LIGHTS	9	2.0	50.00															
34	LIGHTS	7	2.0	50.00															
34	LIGHTS	12	2.0	50.00															

Comments: WIRED UP EMERGENCY LIGHTING.

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

**March 2012: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$275 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Including Wired Up Red LED Grille Lights.**

**Dutchess County Auto Center**  
**Work Order #030030**

Make:	JEEP	Model:	GRAND CHEROKEE	Year:	2012														
DateStarted	3/12/2012	DateCompleted	3/13/2012	Repair#	37041	EquipNo	5655	Meter	2974	DeptNo	A1230	Parts	125.48	Labor	150.00	Other	0.00	Total	275.48
Accident	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warranty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	ScheduledPM	<input type="checkbox"/>	RoadFailure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Driver's Daily Report	<input type="checkbox"/>						
ProductNo	ProductDescription	Quantity	UnitPrice	SupplierNo	InvoiceNo														
WT6	WIRE TIE 6"	12	0.06	N/A															
81251	WIRE LOOM, 3/8"	15	0.49	N/A															
IPX300-4	IMPAXX RED LED GRILLE LIGHT	2	54.07	N/A	73175														
IPX-PBL1	IMPAXX MOUNTING BRACKET KIT	1	9.27	N/A	73175														
TaskCode	TaskDescription	Employee	Time	HourlyRate															
34	LIGHTS	7	1.0	50.00															
34	LIGHTS	4	1.0	50.00															
34	LIGHTS	8	1.0	50.00															

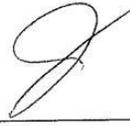
Comments: WIRED UP RED LED GRILLE LIGHTS.

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

**September 2012: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$5,382 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee For "Accident Damage."**

## Dutchess County Auto Center

### Work Order #030669



<b>Make:</b> JEEP	<b>Model:</b> GRAND CHEROKEE	<b>Year:</b> 2012			
<b>Date Started:</b> 9/4/2012	<b>Date Completed:</b> 9/6/2012	<b>Repair#:</b> 37882			
<b>EquipNo:</b> 5655	<b>Meter:</b> 13423	<b>DeptNo:</b> A1230			
<b>Parts:</b> 193.13	<b>Labor:</b> 100.00	<b>Other:</b> 5,089.65			
<b>Total:</b> 5,382.78					
<b>Accident</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Warranty</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vandalism</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Inspection</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ScheduledPM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RoadFailure</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Driver's Daily Report</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>ProductNo</b>	<b>ProductDescription</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>UnitPrice</b>	<b>SupplierNo</b>	<b>InvoiceNo</b>
3057	BULB,CLEAR 91 VEHICLE	1	0.74	N/A	
W	WASHER FLUID	8	0.56	N/A	
56029398AB	TPMS SENSOR	1	53.51	N/A	1026181
55079365AE	WASHER RESERVOIR	1	134.40	N/A	1026276
<b>TaskCode</b>	<b>TaskDescription</b>	<b>Employee</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>HourlyRate</b>	
17T	TIRE PRESSURE SENSOR	7	0.5	50.00	
56G	WASHER FLUID TANK (REPLACE)	7	1.0	50.00	
34B	LIGHTS, BULB, REPLACE	4	0.5	50.00	
<b>SupplierNo</b>	<b>SupplierName</b>	<b>Invoice</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Parts</b>	<b>Labor</b>
1881	RAY'S DISCOUNT AUTO BODY	2039	9/2/2012	0.00	5,089.65
<b>TaskCode</b>	<b>TaskDescription</b>				
00A	BODY, REPAIR				

**Comments:** LEFT FRONT TIRE LOW - REPLACED TPMS SENSOR. WASHER LIGHT ON - REPLACED LEAKING WASHER RESERVOIR. REPLACED LH RR TURN SIGNAL BULB. ACCIDENT DAMAGE REPAIRED BY RAYS AUTO BODY.

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

### May 2014: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$11,931 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee For "Accident Damage."

#### Closed Work Order

Thursday, June 14, 2018

<b>Unit:</b> 5655 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee	<b>VIN:</b> 1C4RJFBG7CC21973
<b>Account:</b> County Executive A1230	<b>Odometer:</b> 59,133.0
<b>Vehicle Class:</b> SUV	<b>Hourmeter:</b>
<b>Body:</b> Black	<b>Requested By:</b> DeWitt, James
<b>Engine:</b> 3.6L VVT	<b>Phone Number:</b>
<b>Chassis:</b>	
<b>Transmissions:</b>	
<b>Work Order #:</b> 40039	<b>Date In:</b> 5/15/2014 @ 9:27AM
	<b>Date Out:</b> 06/12/2014 @ 9:47 am
<b>Work Requested:</b>	<b>Work Performed:</b>
	ACCIDENT - TOWED TO MATT'S AUTO BODY BY BRANDL'S. ACCIDENT DAMAGE REPAIRED BY MATT'S AUTO BODY. 4 TIRES BROUGHT TO ULTIMATE TIRE FOR MOUNT AND BALANCE - CHARGES BILLED TO MATT'S AUTO BODY.

Action #	Maintenance Code	Vehicle System	Reason for Failure	Action	Action Status					
1	95-Towing			Towed	Closed					
<b>Notes:</b>										
Part Number	Description	Qty	Unit Cost	Price	Mechanic	Reg Hours	OT Hours	Reg Lab \$	OT Lab \$	Tot Lab
LABOR	OUTSIDE LA	1.00	106.00	106.00	BRANDL'S TOI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
				106.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Action #	Maintenance Code	Vehicle System	Reason for Failure	Action	Action Status					
2	00A-Auto Body Repz			Repaired	Closed					
<b>Notes:</b>										
Part Number	Description	Qty	Unit Cost	Price	Mechanic	Reg Hours	OT Hours	Reg Lab \$	OT Lab \$	Tot Lab
LABOR2	OUTSIDE LA	1.00	11,931.68	1,931.68	MATT'S AUTO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
				1,931.68		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Action #	Maintenance Code	Vehicle System	Reason for Failure	Action	Action Status					
3	17A-Installed New T			Replaced	Closed					
<b>Notes:</b>										

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

### June 2021: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$3,896 Worth Of Service On His County Car For "Emergency Lighting Install."



**Dutchess County Auto Service Center**  
**WORK ORDER**

WO Number 00002-0098706  
 Vehicle # 00002-6347

CLOSED

SHOP	00002	ASC
DC Auto Service Center 570 Salt Point Tpke.		
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-486-3770		
Vendor Number		
Vendor Name		
PO Number		

CUSTOMER:	00002	1006	1006
County Executive 22 Market Street Poughkeepsie NY 12601			

Odometer/Alt Meter	1	4,000.0 Miles / 0.00 Not In Use	Start	06/23/2021 11:34
Make		CHEVY	Close	06/23/2021 11:34
Year Model		2021 TAHOE	Priority	UNSAFE VEHICLE
Serial #		1GNSKSKD5MR236943	Reason	12 OTHER
Plate #		KJH6733 CTY EXE	Shop ID	All
Department		1006		

LINE	TYPE	COMPLETED	VMRS CODE	MECHANIC/PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION - OUT PO NUMBER	JOB	HRS / QTY	PRICE / WAGE	TOTAL COST
1	MISC	06/23/2021	034-000-000	Lighting Install - CE Veh	Emergency lighting install	OTH	1.00	3,896.00	3,896.00
1	NOTE			Lighting install invoice # 281391 / HV Public Safety Lighting					

[Dutchess County Executive, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 4/18/22]

## Mayor of Tivoli

### A State Audit Criticized Tivoli's Budgeting Process While Molinaro Was Mayor, Highlighting "Sub-Standard Bookkeeping" And A Failure To Adhere To Competitive Bidding

**2000 Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: "State Tells Tivoli To Tighten Accounting."** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

**The Audit Criticized Tivoli For Sub-Standard Bookkeeping And Not Always Following Competitive Bidding.** "No money is missing. But the state did find various cases of sub-standard bookkeeping. For example, a \$20,000 backhoe purchase was not subject to competitive bidding. Molinaro said the purchase, which was an emergency expense triggered by a water main break, did not require bids. He did concede, however, that he erred in not properly declaring the emergency. 'I have to file just a few extra pieces of paper,' he said, describing the purchase as a much better deal than renting a backhoe while waiting for bids." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

**Molinaro On The Audit: "There's Just No Part Of This That Worries Me."** "Mayor Marc Molinaro called a news conference Tuesday to discuss recent findings by the state comptroller's office. He said corrective actions are already under way. 'There's just no part of this that worries me,' he said. 'Times have changed. ... We have already been responding.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

## Dutchess County Jail

### 2011-2014: Molinaro Supported Building A New Jail In Dutchess County To Deal With Overcrowding, At A Cost Of Up To \$200 Million

#### 2011: Molinaro Campaigned For County Executive On Reducing Overcrowding In The County Jail

**2011: Molinaro Campaigned On Reducing Overcrowding In The County Jail.** "Democrat Dan French and Republican Marc Molinaro both pledged to find solutions to overcrowding at the county jail and improve Dutchess County's economic climate if elected as county executive next month." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/6/11]

- **Molinaro Called The County Jail "The Second Most Inefficient In The State."** "'Our current jail is the second-most inefficient in the state.' - Marc Molinaro, Dutchess County executive. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the county needs to move quickly on the purchase of 4.61 acres of property in the City of Poughkeepsie located next to the county jail." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/17/13]
- **The Existing Dutchess County Jail Could Only Hold 250 Inmates.** "The Dutchess County Jail, on North Hamilton Street, can only house 250 inmates. Nearly 200 additional inmates have been housed in out-of-county facilities, at a cost of about \$8 million annually to Dutchess taxpayers, officials have said. The county installed pods at the jail to house some inmates in mid-2015 to reduce costs, but that is only a temporary fix." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

**2011: Housing Inmates Out Of County Cost Dutchess County \$6.5 Million.** "The Criminal Justice Council's report comes after County Executive Marc Molinaro asked the council for ways the county can stop housing out inmates, which cost taxpayers \$6.5 million last year." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/12]

#### 2012: The Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council Presented Prices Ranges Between \$78 Million And \$202 Million For A New Jail

**October 2012: The Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council Presented Price Ranges Between \$78 Million And \$202 Million For A New Jail.** "The Criminal Justice Council's report comes after County Executive Marc

Molinaro asked the council for ways the county can stop housing out inmates, which cost taxpayers \$6.5 million last year. The council's subcommittee, chaired by retired jail Maj. Todd Gdula, said a new jail is the most cost-effective solution. The council estimates the county could build a \$125 million facility on the state's now-closed Hudson River Psychiatric Center on Route 9 in the Town of Poughkeepsie and break even on housing-out costs [...] The council gave a range of prices to build: \$78 million for a 500-bed facility to \$202 million for a 650-bed jail, the least and most expensive scenarios. Gdula's committee ruled out rehabilitation, expansion or working collaboratively with other counties." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/12]

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**2013: A Consulting Firm, RicciGreen Associates, Confirmed The New Jail Would Cost Between \$150 To \$200 Million**

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**2013: A Consulting Firm Report Confirmed The New Jail Would Cost Between \$150 To \$200 Million.** "The consulting firm RicciGreene Associates last week issued a report that recommended the county build a new jail and transitional housing center that could house between 600 and 625 inmates. The firm, hired to validate a prior report recommending a new jail that was conducted by the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, said the project would cost between \$150 million and \$200 million. It said the county could build either at the jail's current site on North Hamilton Street in the city of Poughkeepsie or at the old Hudson River Psychiatric Center in the town of Poughkeepsie." [Daily Freeman, [6/08/13](#)]

- **Molinaro In September 2013: "No One Is Proposing A \$200 Million Jail."** "While direct 'housing-out' costs are high, they have not reached \$11 million - the county's estimated annual expense for debt service to build a new \$200 million jail, the report states. Molinaro said, 'No one is proposing a \$200 million jail.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/12/13]

**September 2013: Molinaro Claimed That The Estimated Annual Debt Service For A \$200 Million Jail Was \$11 Million, And The Cost To House Inmates Out Of County Had Not Yet Reached That.** "While direct 'housing-out' costs are high, they have not reached \$11 million - the county's estimated annual expense for debt service to build a new \$200 million jail, the report states. Molinaro said, 'No one is proposing a \$200 million jail.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/12/13]

**October 2013 Molinaro: "We Are Not Rushing Nor Have We Proposed New Construction Of A Jail."** "County Executive Marc Molinaro asked the audience of more than 100 attendees, including politicians and concerned citizens, to trust him. 'My commitment is this,' he said at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, which held 'To Jail or Not to Jail,' a forum on the future of the overcrowded Dutchess County Jail. 'We believe we have a complex problem that needs a comprehensive solution. We are not rushing nor have we proposed new construction of a jail,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/10/13]

**October 2013: Molinaro Opposed Committing The County To The State Commission Of Correction's Recommendation For A 600-Bed Dutchess County Jail.** "Dutchess County needs a 600-bed jail, say state officials who are calling on the county to solve its inmate overcrowding. The state Commission of Correction, which oversees jails, recommended the county build the jail - the biggest and possibly most expensive version being studied - in a draft agreement that is under negotiation. The agreement outlines what the commission expects the county to do in order to proceed with a temporary fix to its jail-cell shortage. Responding to statements made by County Executive Marc Molinaro during the forum 'To Jail or Not to Jail' held Wednesday night, commission spokeswoman Janine Kava said the agency asked the county to double its inmate capacity. During the forum at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, Molinaro said, 'The state of New York wishes us to engage in a memorandum of understanding that commits the county to a 600-[bed] jail. We won't do that.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/11/13]

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**December 2013: Molinaro Wanted The County To Spend \$1.4 Million To Purchase Land Next To The County Jail To Build The New Jail On, Which The County Did**

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**December 2013: Molinaro Wanted To Spend \$1,425,000 To Purchase 4.61 Acres Of Land Next To The County Jail To Build The New Jail On.** “A proposal to buy land next to the Dutchess County Jail is a potential solution to inmate overcrowding, which has plagued the county for decades, according to County Executive Marc Molinaro. Molinaro has asked the Legislature to vote Monday to fund the \$1.425 million purchase of 4.61 acres on Parker Avenue and North Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie - the James L. Taylor Manufacturing Co. site. ‘If we are to realistically solve our inmate housing crisis and consider expansion of the Dutchess County Jail on its current site, this property acquisition is necessary,’ Molinaro said in a written statement.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/13/13]

**December 2013: Dutchess County Earmarked \$2.5 Million To Deal With Jail Overcrowding, Spending The Money On A Study And Purchasing The Land Molinaro Wanted For The New Jail.** “Dutchess County has authorized \$2.5 million toward dealing with the problem of overcrowding at the county jail. But will that be enough to persuade the state to let the county recoup some of those costs by using temporary housing for overflow inmates? That is the question facing county leaders now that the Legislature has approved the purchase of 4.61 acres in the City of Poughkeepsie adjacent to the existing jail. Late Monday night, the Legislature voted 23-2 to borrow \$1.3 million toward the land along Parker Avenue and North Hamilton Street now owned by James L. Taylor Manufacturing Co. Minority Leader Barbara Jeter-Jackson, D-City of Poughkeepsie, and Legislator Joel Tyner, D-Clinton, voted against the resolutions. In June, county lawmakers approved \$1.2 million to fund a study that would determine where a new jail should go and what it would look like.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/18/13]

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**2014: Molinaro Supported Building Temporary Housing Units For Inmates, Which New York State Approved**

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**2014: Molinaro Supported Building Temporary Housing Units For Inmates And Building A “Modern” Prison In Dutchess County.** “For 20 years, this county has not addressed this growing problem – we send our inmates and more than 6 million of your tax dollars to other counties across the state. This must stop. Adding on to an already inefficient, costly facility will only worsen the problem... Moving forward with the placement of temporary housing units, saving \$1 million annually and then building a modern facility will achieve our stated objectives.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Marcus Molinaro and Adrian Anderson Op-Ed, [4/26/14](#)]

**2014: New York State Allowed The Dutchess County Jail To Install Temporary Pods, Which Would Allow Planning To Start For A Jail Expansion.** “Molinaro said now that the county has the green light to install the pods, work can begin on planning for the jail expansion. ‘Once the Legislature approves the pods we will go out to bid to contract with a private manager to design the campus plan and jail expansion,’ he said. The county executive said that constructing a new efficient jail facility will ultimately save the county money. The projected savings include reducing jail staff due to an expected increase in the current 1-to-1 inmate-to-correction-officer staffing ratio to a 3-to-1 ratio. ‘Every analysis that we have conducted shows at this point that it is less costly to the taxpayer to expand the jail as opposed to housing out,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

**2014 Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “Molinaro Eyes Jail Expansion.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

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**The Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial Board Criticized Molinaro For Underestimating The Difficulty Of Building A New Jail**

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**2015: Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial: “[Molinaro] Underestimated The Difficulty To Get State Approval To Move Forward With A New Jail.”** “Molinaro has been innovative as well, launching a shared-services program that is providing millions of dollars to localities willing to consolidate and find efficiencies in government. And the county also has filled the long-vacant historian position, with the executive recognizing not only the area’s rich history but how important heritage tourism is to the local economy. The executive also has hit some bumps and bruises along the way. Reconfiguring the county’s economic-development network and developing a cohesive strategy have taken considerable time. He underestimated the difficulty to get state approval to move forward with a new jail, and an ill-timed energy tax caused massive public blowback and had to be repealed.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/23/15]

## **2016: The Dutchess County Legislature Approved A \$192 Million Bond For A 569 Bed Jail**

**2016: The Dutchess County Legislature Approved A \$192 Million Bond For The New Jail.** “A year after the Dutchess County Legislature approved a \$192 million bond to fund a new jail and sheriff’s office, officials are preparing to go out to bid on construction for part of the project.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

- **The Plans Called For A 569 Bed Jail.** “When it was approved in March 2016, plans for the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center called for the construction of a jail with 569 beds.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

**2017: Molinaro Supported The \$192 Million, 569 Bed Jail, As A Permanent Solution To Jail Overcrowding.** “A year after the Dutchess County Legislature approved a \$192 million bond to fund a new jail and sheriff’s office, officials are preparing to go out to bid on construction for part of the project. [...] It is a big picture - the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center project, which has drawn considerable controversy, is one of the largest capital projects in recent county history. During a Poughkeepsie Journal editorial board meeting on Thursday, Molinaro discussed the proposal, along with how decisions made in Washington, D.C.’s, tumultuous climate could affect Dutchess, and what his own political future could look like, among other things. The proposal for a new 569-bed jail and sheriff’s office came after decades of discussion of a permanent solution to the county jail overcrowding. The Dutchess County Jail, on North Hamilton Street, can only house 250 inmates. Nearly 200 additional inmates have been housed in out-of-county facilities, at a cost of about \$8 million annually to Dutchess taxpayers, officials have said. The county installed pods at the jail to house some inmates in mid-2015 to reduce costs, but that is only a temporary fix.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

**The 569 Beds In The Plan For The New Jail Was Only 31 Beds Smaller Than New York State’s 2013 Recommendation For A 600 Bed Jail In Dutchess County That Molinaro Opposed.** “Dutchess County needs a 600-bed jail, say state officials who are calling on the county to solve its inmate overcrowding. The state Commission of Correction, which oversees jails, recommended the county build the jail - the biggest and possibly most expensive version being studied - in a draft agreement that is under negotiation. The agreement outlines what the commission expects the county to do in order to proceed with a temporary fix to its jail-cell shortage. Responding to statements made by County Executive Marc Molinaro during the forum ‘To Jail or Not to Jail’ held Wednesday night, commission spokeswoman Janine Kava said the agency asked the county to double its inmate capacity. During the forum at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, Molinaro said, ‘The state of New York wishes us to engage in a memorandum of understanding that commits the county to a 600-[bed] jail. We won’t do that.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/11/13]

**2017: The Cost Of Housing Inmates Out Of County Was About \$8 Million A Year.** “The Dutchess County Jail, on North Hamilton Street, can only house 250 inmates. Nearly 200 additional inmates have been housed in out-of-county facilities, at a cost of about \$8 million annually to Dutchess taxpayers, officials have said. The county installed pods at the jail to house some inmates in mid-2015 to reduce costs, but that is only a temporary fix.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

## **2019 – 2021: The Size Of The New Jail Was Repeatedly Downsized And Estimated Completion Date Delayed**

### **2018: The Goal Of Dutchess County Was To Open The New Jail By 2021**

**2018: Dutchess County Wanted To Have Its New Jail Open By 2021.** “As the Journal pointed out in a recent story and editorial, the county has one of the worst jails in New York. The state issued a blistering report about the jail, not only raising concerns about various protocols and procedures, but also rightly putting the county on notice to move forward with the work on a new facility. The county has approved a \$192 million construction bond for what likely will be a more than 500-bed jail and sheriff department offices, and it's imperative this project stay on track. The county's goal is to have the inmates in the new facility by 2021, but efforts also must continue - on every

level of government, including the judicial system - to reduce inmate population. That can occur through a range of actions, including improving mental health services and passing bail reforms.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/4/18]

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**2019: Dutchess County Downsized The New Jail To 384 Beds, Lowered The Estimated Cost To \$154 Million, And Pushed The Completion Date Back To December 2023**

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**2019: Dutchess County Downsized Jail Plans Towards A Smaller Jail, Pushing The Estimated Completion Date Back To December 2023.** “Dutchess County is revising its plans amid a shift in criminal justice practices that may result in far fewer inmates at the proposed jail, according to a release from County Executive Marc Molinaro. But, he said, the smaller facility will save the county more than \$8 million on construction costs and up to \$2.5 million annually. Construction on the proposed \$154 million facility, which would replace Dutchess County Jail, was scheduled to begin at the end of the year, with the final design due this month. The New York State Commission of Correction and the county agreed on pushing back its final design until the end of this year. However, Molinaro said the construction schedule is intact and the targeted completion date remains December 2023.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

- **The Updated Plan For The New Jail Was Reduced To 384 Beds.** “Accordingly, the plan for the jail has already been reduced, and may be changed again. The current plan includes 384 beds, 100 beds from the existing jail and 35 medical or mental health beds. But, that total may be reduced by another 100 beds, the county said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]
- **The Updated Estimated Cost For The New Jail Was \$154 Million.** “Construction on the proposed \$154 million facility, which would replace Dutchess County Jail, was scheduled to begin at the end of the year, with the final design due this month. The New York State Commission of Correction and the county agreed on pushing back its final design until the end of this year. However, Molinaro said the construction schedule is intact and the targeted completion date remains December 2023.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

**Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois: “I Am Optimistic That A Smaller Initial Design Will Allow The County To More Accurately Assess Its Future Needs.”** “Comptroller Robin Lois supported the reduced plan in the release from the county. ‘As someone who has always been concerned about the vast scale of the Jail project, I am optimistic that a smaller initial design will allow the county to more accurately assess its future needs,’ she said. ‘Having the flexibility to adjust to potential changes in the jail population, with the ability to utilize the 1995 building as a safety valve, is a very important factor. This new approach also allows the county the time to continue to invest in our alternatives to incarceration programs that are proving to be successful, while assessing the effects of recently passed legislation on bail reform.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

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**2020: Dutchess County Downsized The New Jail To 328 Beds, Lowered The Estimated Cost To \$147 Million, And Pushed The Completion Date Back To April 2024**

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**April 2020: The New Jail Was Downsized To 328 Beds With An Estimated Completion Date Of April 2024.** “The Justice and Transition Center’s (Jail) design has been downsized from its original 569 bed design to 328 beds. The new design was approved by the New York State Commission of Corrections on April 28, 2020. The available funds for the construction project, as approved in 2016, is \$154.8 million. The current estimated cost to complete the revised jail plan is \$147 million. The current timeline for construction is to begin December 2020 and complete April 2024.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, May 2020]

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**The Jail Was Downsized After Inmate Populations Repeatedly Dropped.** “The JTC was downsized from its original 569-bed design to the current 328-bed design after inmate populations dropped significantly and consistently since 2016; over the past two years the daily jail population has averaged around 200 inmates. The new design was approved by the New York State Commission of Corrections on April 28, 2020. The 2016 approved funding for the construction project was \$154.8 million. The estimated cost to complete the revised jail plan in our prior report dated May 2020 was \$147 million. The current estimated cost to complete the project is \$131.4 million, as detailed below.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

**The Dutchess County Jail Inmate Population Declined After New York’s Bail Reform Law Was Passed**

**The Average Dutchess County Jail Population In 2020 Was Far Lower Than Any Preceding Year.**

Average Monthly Dutchess County Jail Population		
Year	Average Monthly Daily Jail Population Maximum	Average Monthly Daily Jail Population Minimum
2012	501	404
2013	480	419
2014-16	No data	No data
2017	467	395
2018	269	184
2019	374	259
2020	196	129

[Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2012; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2013; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2014; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2015; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2016; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2017; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2018; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2019; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2020]

*\*Average Daily Population is missing from the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council Annual Reports.*

**New York’s January 2020 Bail Reform Law, Eliminating Cash Bail For Most Arrests, Was Expected To Reduce The State’s Jail Population By At Least 40 Percent.** “New York’s new bail reform law had been in effect for a mere three months when the state legislature amended it in early April. The most significant change is that there are more situations where judges can impose cash bail. They will also have more discretion in setting bail and other conditions of pretrial release. The updates go into effect on July 1. The purpose of the original bail reform law was to reduce the number of people jailed while awaiting trial simply because they could not afford to pay bail. Court watchers estimated that it would have reduced the jail population by at least 40 percent by eliminating cash bail for as much as 90 percent of arrests. For the remaining cases, judges maintained the option of setting cash bail.” [Brennan Center for Justice, 4/16/20]

**2021: Bail Reform Reduced The Number Of People In New York State Jail By Nearly 40 Percent.** "In any other year, any one of these events would have upended jails and incarceration in New York State. In 2020, they happened back to back. Bail reform ushered in a period of considerable decarceration across the Empire State, and the number of people in jail dropped even further as authorities responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The state's nearly 40 percent decline in jail populations proved that New York can reverse its decades-long investment in mass incarceration." [Vera WHAT, 2/18/21]

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**May 2020: 155 Inmates Were In The Dutchess County Jail**

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**May 2020: 155 Inmates Were In The Dutchess County Jail, Following A Population Decrease Because Of The New York State Bail Reform Law.** “Prior to this use, the PODs were vacant in January 2020 as the jail population had been decreasing and dropped more significantly when the New York State Bail Reform law went into effect. As of the writing of this report there were 155 inmates in the Dutchess County Jail.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, May 2020]

**2020 – 2021 : Dutchess County Was Using PODS To House The Homeless At Dutchess County Jail**

**2020 – 2021: Dutchess County Was Using PODS To House The Homeless At Dutchess County Jail.** “In 2021, the use of PODS to house the homeless at Dutchess County Jail will continue. As the pandemic strengthened its grip on the county, Molinaro earlier this year issued an emergency order allowing use of the previously vacant temporary housing units as a shelter. Jail populations had declined in the midst of bail reform.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/29/20]

**Over \$7 Million Had Been Spent On Jail PODS.**

Fund	Jail PODS Expenses Through 6/30/21		
	Appropriated Funds	Encumbrances & Expenses Through 6/30/21	Appropriated Funds Remaining
Jail PODS Project	\$8,393,303	\$7,273,277	\$1,120,026
Justice and Transition Center	\$154,166,041	\$124,855,988	\$29,310,053

[Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

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**Under Molinaro It Cost \$16 Million To House Inmates Out Of County, Far Lower Than The Debt Service Cost For The New Jail**

**Under Molinaro It Cost \$16 Million To House Inmates Out Of County.**

Cost of Housing Inmates Out Of County	
Year	Cost – “Inmates In Other Institutions”
2013	\$6,054,030
2014	\$6,324,986
2015	\$2,560,400
2016	\$376,105
2017	\$391,660
2018	\$253,405
2019	\$186,215
2020	\$115,960
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,262,761</b>

[Dutchess County Budget Office, 2012 Adopted Budget, 1/3/12; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2013 Adopted Budget, 1/4/13; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2014 Adopted Budget, 1/3/14; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2015 Adopted Budget, 1/7/15; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2016 Adopted Budget, 1/11/16; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2017 Adopted Budget, 1/23/17; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2018 Adopted Budget, 1/16/18;

Dutchess County Budget Office, 2019 Adopted Budget, 1/22/19; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2020 Adopted Budget, 1/30/20; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2021 Adopted Budget, 1/3/21; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2022 Executive Budget, 10/15/21]

**September 2013: Molinaro Claimed That The Estimated Annual Debt Service For A \$200 Million Jail Was \$11 Million, And The Cost To House Inmates Out Of County Had Not Yet Reached That.** “While direct ‘housing-out’ costs are high, they have not reached \$11 million - the county's estimated annual expense for debt service to build a new \$200 million jail, the report states. Molinaro said, ‘No one is proposing a \$200 million jail.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/12/13]

**As Of 2021, The New Dutchess County Jail Was The Largest Capital Project In County History**

**The New Dutchess County Jail Was The Largest Capital Project In County History.** “This report updates all aspects of the project spending with a focus on the status of the Justice and Transition Center (JTC, or Jail) Construction. The JTC project is the largest capital project in Dutchess County history.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

**2021: The Estimated Cost Of The New 328-Bed Jail Was \$131 Million**

**2021: The Estimated Cost Of The New Jail Was \$131 Million With An Estimated Completion Date Of May 2024.** “As of June 30, 2021, \$159.4 million has been spent or encumbered on all phases of the project, with a remaining \$32.8 million available to spend of the full \$192.2 million appropriated and approved [...] The Justice and Transition Center (Jail) design has been downsized from its original 569 bed design to 328 beds in 2020. Funding approved in 2016 and available for this phase of the construction project is \$154.8 million. The current estimated cost to complete the revised jail plan is \$131.4 million, a cost savings of approximately \$22.8 million. The current timeline for construction completion of the jail is May 2024.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

- **2021: The Estimated Decreased Cost Of The New Jail Had Led To A Cost Savings Of Approximately \$22.8 Million.** “Funding approved in 2016 and available for this phase of the construction project is \$154.8 million. The current estimated cost to complete the revised jail plan is \$131.4 million, a cost savings of approximately \$22.8 million.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

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**Dutchess County Justice And Transition Center Estimated Costs As Of September 2021**

Description	Cost
Justice and Transition Center Construction Bid	\$110,948,000
Justice and Transition Center Control System Bid	\$2,390,798
1995 Jail Roof Replacement	\$1,250,000
Soft Costs (Consultants, swing space, transition team, etc.)	\$16,807,291
Anticipated Total Project Costs:	\$131,396,089
<b>Authorized Project Budget:</b>	<b>\$154,155,041</b>

[Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

**Debt From The Jail Was More Than All Other County Projects Combined, Forcing An Increase In County Debt Service**

**Debt For The New Jail Was More Than All Other Debt In The 2020, 2021, And 2022 Budgets.**

<b>Dutchess County Total Debt Projected To Be Issued</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Justice And Transition Center</b>	<b>All Other Debt</b>	<b>Total Debt Projected To Be Issued</b>
2020	\$40,000,000	\$32,126,103	\$72,126,103
2021	\$40,000,000	\$35,092,626	\$75,092,626
2022	\$40,000,000	\$30,671,275	\$70,671,275
2023	\$10,000,000	\$25,483,650	\$35,483,650
2024	\$2,150,000	\$14,639,040	\$16,789,040

[2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2021 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 10/12/20; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/14/21]

**Dutchess County Democratic Caucus: Debt Issued For The Dutchess County Jail Was More Than All Other Projects In 2022 And Caused A “Sharp Increase In Annual Debt Service [...] Lasting Into The 2040’s.”** “2022 Dutchess Budget: Some Facts You Should Know. [...] Debt issued for the jail will dwarf all over projects in 2022 and more will continue to be piled over the three following years--see below the sharp increase in annual debt service with jail debt lasting into the 2040s (2022 Capital Plan, pp. 9 and 10).” [Dutchess County Democratic Party, [11/22/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Debt Service Projections Increased Under Molinaro, Increasing Costs To Dutchess County Residents In The Future.**

<b>Dutchess County Debt Service Projections</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Debt Service Projection 2020</b>	<b>Debt Service Projection 2022</b>	
2022	\$24,704,939	\$19,892,078	
2023	\$27,552,926	\$22,490,700	
2024	\$29,332,147	\$27,599,228	
2025	\$30,001,990	\$33,055,081	
2026	\$28,126,578	\$35,392,558	
2027	\$26,673,223	\$36,765,497	
2028	N/A	\$35,488,039	
2029	N/A	\$33,602,908	

[2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/24/21]

**Molinaro Praised The Impact Of County Stabilization Center On Reducing Jail Population But Opposed Additional Funding For It**

**Molinaro: “It’s A Shame In America That Mental Health Services And Drug Addiction Services Are Principally Provided In Jail Facilities.”** “Molinaro said the system overhaul has two parts: the diversion and crisis stabilization center and the justice and transition center - the jail component. ‘It’s a shame in America that mental health services and drug addiction services are principally provided in jail facilities,’ he said. ‘Our focus has been to get the diversion and crisis center built. We have never had the square footage to provide intervention and diversion services.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/27/15]

**Molinaro Said Dutchess County Jail Population Declined 40% Since Opening A Stabilization Center In 2017, Even Before Implementing Bail Reforms.** “When Dutchess County opened its stabilization center in 2017, helping provide services for individuals in crisis, officials hoped the 24-hour drop-in center would reduce the county’s jail population as well as avoidable hospital visits. And while there have been some changes and growing pains along the way, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the Mid-Hudson Valley county has seen success. Since the center opened, the county jail population has declined 40 percent, and that’s before bail reforms

were implemented, Molinaro said. ‘We believe that in most cases, we drove down jail populations because of the work that the stabilization does to centralize delivery,’ he said. ‘There was a noticeable reduction in emergency room visits as well that we think is important. The emergency room and jail are the least effective tools to help someone in a mental health crisis.’” [Albany Times-Union, 2/11/21]

**Molinaro’s 2019 Opponent Attacked Him For Vetoing A \$10,000 Appropriation For The Stabilization Center.** “When it comes to mental health resources in Dutchess County, Molinaro pointed to the Stabilization Center, nationally renowned, and that residents have access to the 24/7 hotline. ‘No county in America does what we do,’ he said. However, Ruggiero noted that a couple years ago the county Legislature amended in the budget to include a \$10,000 appropriation so that more money could be put into the homeless shelter. He said Molinaro vetoed this, despite people being turned away from the shelter. ‘That is not the way to deal with these things, a lot of the folks who are out there who are homeless, or need mental health services, we need more to do with that,’ Ruggiero said. ‘What the state has done in abandoning, how they provide mental health services to our citizenry is appalling.’ Molinaro responded by saying he rejected it because ‘I didn’t think it was appropriate for the legislature to pick winners and losers and just give \$10,000 to a specific organization.’ He added that later that year, he expanded his commitment to housing.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/17/19]

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### **2018: The Cost Of Expanding The Stabilization Center Was Millions Over Budget**

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**November 2018: The First Phase Of Renovation For The Stabilization Center Was \$2.6 Million Over Budget, And The Second Phase Was Six Times Higher Than The Original Budget.** “The first phase of the project renovating the Dutchess County Stabilization Center cost around \$2.6 million more than budgeted, and the estimated cost for the planned second phase is more than six times more than originally budgeted. That’s according to county Comptroller Robin Lois’ office, which released an audit of the project. In addition to renovating the property at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie, the project called for expanding programs for those dealing with problems that include drug addiction and mental health.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/1/18]

**Molinaro Cited The Increased Costs As A Reason Not To Proceed With Expansion Of The Stabilization Center.** “County Executive Marc Molinaro said increases in labor costs are one reason why the county’s original estimate was incorrect. The project began in 2014. ‘Just in the region we have seen 50, 60 and, in some cases, 100 percent increases in previous labor costs,’ said Molinaro, the Republican gubernatorial candidate. ‘We are being responsible in saying what the projected costs could be but, because it is \$14 million, I am not presenting to the Legislature a request to proceed with the project.’ The next phase of the project was included in the 2019-23 capital plan included in Molinaro’s proposed 2019 county budget, with no funding proposed until 2020.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/1/18]

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### **Molinaro Accused Dutchess County Legislators Of Making “Purposefully Deceptive” Statements About Mid-Pandemic Layoffs At The Stabilization Center**

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**August 2020: Dutchess Legislators Urged Molinaro To Reconsider What They Said Were Unannounced Layoffs Of Six Nurse Practitioners From The County’s Stabilization Center.** “Word spread quickly in July among frequenters of the Stabilization Center, a 24-hour walk-in resource facility for mental health and substance use crises based in Poughkeepsie: the center’s nurses were gone. The news shocked Dutchess legislator and Vassar history professor Rebecca Edwards (D-Town of Poughkeepsie), who said the county laid off the six licensed practitioner nurses (LPNs) without warning legislators or informing the community. The center suspended in-person visitations and moved to telepractice on March 20. The Dutchess Democratic Legislators Caucus rang alarm bells about the layoffs in a press release on August 4. Democrats slammed the county for what they perceived as budget cuts to mental health and substance addiction services at a time when they are most needed. ‘It appears the county is withdrawing funding for the Stabilization Center, which no longer has medical personnel to offer diagnoses,’ said legislator Brennan Kearney (D-Rhinebeck/Clinton). ‘The timing could not be worse, as people struggle with the impact of COVID. We strongly urge the executive to reconsider.’” [Miscellany News (Vassar College), 8/14/20]

**Molinaro Responded With Statement Claiming The Center Had No Staffing Cuts, Called Democratic Legislators' Statements "Purposefully Deceptive."** "In response, Molinaro's office issued a statement that the center has been fully operational with no funding or staffing cuts through the pandemic. It also noted the Stabilization Center is a non-medical facility or an urgent care, noting 70% of visits relate to mental health disorders involving patients that do not need nursing assistance. 'Dutchess County has been resolute in our commitment to mental health and addiction, we have built a model that is admired throughout the state and we will continue investing in the Stabilization Center and evolve its operations to meet the needs of the community,' Molinaro said. 'The statements made by several of the Democratic legislators are either purposefully deceptive or simply don't understand this vital resource.' He called the statements by the legislators 'insulting' to the county and 'the community professionals who works around the clock to serve the needs of our community.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/6/20]

# Molinaro Was Bad For New Yorkers And Out Of Step With Their Priorities

## Significant Findings

### **Molinaro Was Critical Of The Affordable Care Act And Supported Measures To Undermine Its Medicaid Expansion**

- ✓ Molinaro supported the Faso-Collins amendment to the AHCA, which would have slashed billions from Medicaid coverage in New York, because he claimed it lowered taxes.
  - ✓ The Faso-Collins amendment would have shifted the cost of Medicaid solely to New York state and would have resulted in state tax increases, major cuts to health care, or both, because of the loss of \$2.3 billion in county Medicaid revenue.
  - ✓ Molinaro conceded that New York would lose \$2.3 billion in revenue but claimed that it could be offset by addressing efficiencies and waste in the Medicaid system.
  - ✓ However, Medicaid insurers warned there were no such efficiencies left in Medicaid that would make up for \$2.3 billion in funding cuts.
- ✓ Molinaro said he was “‘not particularly’ a fan” of the Affordable Care Act, but also expressed concerns about the impact of repealing it.
  - ✓ Molinaro indicated he supported protecting patients with pre-existing conditions.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed the Affordable Care Act had increased premiums, reduced coverage options, and hurt small businesses.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against creating the New York State Health Exchange, which was required by the Affordable Care Act and opposed by New York Republicans who did not approve of the ACA.

### **Molinaro Had A Repeated Pattern Of Opposing The Health Care Interests Of New Yorkers**

- ✓ Molinaro opposed the Build Back Better Act, which would lower the cost of prescription drugs, including by allowing the government to negotiate drug prices for certain drugs.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against ensuring that children eligible for free and reduced-price school meals had ready access to health care through Medicaid or CHIP.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against increasing the privacy of patients in the health care system by banning interviews of medical malpractice plaintiffs outside the formal discovery process.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against requiring the state to notify people of the end date of their Medicaid coverage if it was terminated.

### **Molinaro Had An Anti-Abortion Record**

- ✓ When running for Governor, Molinaro claimed he would not infringe on abortion laws in the event the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, which he said he doubted would happen.

- ✓ However, Molinaro opposed the Reproductive Health Act, which codified the protections of Roe v. Wade into state law.
- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly voted to ban Medicaid funds from being used for abortion.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed “only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors.”
- ✓ Molinaro transferred \$2,250 from his campaign accounts to Care Net, an anti-choice group that ran crisis pregnancy centers and used misinformation to discourage women from getting abortions.

### **Molinaro Had An Anti-LGBT Record**

- ✓ As a member of the New York State Assembly, Molinaro voted three times against marriage equality.
- ✓ 2018: Molinaro said his votes against marriage equality “tormented” him because they forced him to test his personal belief that same sex marriage was wrong and were politically inexpedient.
  - ✓ 2018: While campaigning for governor, Molinaro reversed his previous anti-LGBT stances and claimed he now supported marriage equality and equal protections.
  - ✓ 2018 Molinaro: “I stand by my vote” against marriage equality, “but like so many others have evolved on this issue.”
- ✓ 2010: Molinaro voted against allowing unmarried partners to adopt a child.
- ✓ 2008 – 2011: Molinaro voted four times against prohibiting gender identity discrimination in New York.
- ✓ In 2004, Molinaro said he believed marriage was between a man and a woman and questioned why a gay couple would get married without a license.

### **Molinaro Repeatedly Voted Against Commonsense Gun Safety Measures**

- ✓ While serving in the New York State Assembly, Molinaro voted 32 times against bills that would have strengthened New York’s gun laws.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against the SAFE Act, which barred the mentally ill and felons from accessing guns, banned high-capacity magazines and assault weapons, expanded background checks, and imposed stricter penalties on those violating the law.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against prohibiting domestic violence offenders from possessing firearms.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against requiring micro-stamping on semi-automatic pistols to track bullets.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against requiring the renewal of gun permits after five years.

## **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

### **Molinaro Was “Not Particularly” In Favor Of The Affordable Care Act, But Said He Was Also Concerned About The Impact Of Repealing It**

**Poughkeepsie Journal: Molinaro Said He Was “Not Particularly” A Fan Of The Affordable Care Act.**  
 “Trump has said that Congress should not repeal the law without replacing it, and ‘as of this moment there is no

change,' said Molinaro, who is 'not particularly' a fan of the Affordable Care Act. 'I would think ... state leaders should and will work with federal leaders.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/17]

**Molinaro Was Concerned About The Proposed Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act.** "Molinaro received food stamps as a child, and his daughter, who has autism, now benefits from Medicaid's services for the disabled. So Molinaro, a Republican in the Hudson Valley, said he was concerned about the impact of a potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act." [New York Times, 7/4/17]

**Molinaro Supported The Faso-Collins Component Of The Bill To Repeal The ACA.** "Still, he supports the Faso-Collins component of the Republican bill, citing the financial strains on county taxpayers. 'We have to make a commitment to lower the tax levy dollar for dollar,' Molinaro said. 'It wouldn't be appropriate to not reduce property taxes.'" [New York Times, 7/4/17]

**Molinaro Claimed The Affordable Care Act Had Increased Premiums, Reduced Coverage Options, And Hurt Small Businesses.** "Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said: 'Every citizen should have access to affordable health insurance.' But while the Affordable Care Act has 'provided insurance to a number of people who needed it - it has (also) caused increased premiums and reduced (coverage) options. I've seen it cripple small businesses.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/17]

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#### **Molinaro Indicated That He Supported Protecting Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions**

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**Molinaro Indicated That He Supported Protecting Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions.** "[Molinaro] would like to make sure there are protections for pre-existing conditions." [Post-Star, 10/13/18]

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#### **Molinaro Supported Eliminating Geographic Restrictions On Where Health Insurance Could Be Sold**

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**Molinaro Supported Eliminating Geographic Restrictions On Where Health Insurance Could Be Sold.** "[Molinaro] also would like to see the elimination of geographic restrictions on where health insurance plans can be sold." [Post-Star, 10/13/18]

#### **Molinaro Voted Against Implementing The Affordable Care Act In New York By Creating The New York State Health Care Exchange**

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A08514, The Bill To Establish The New York State Health Care Exchange.** Molinaro voted "No" on A08514 "An act to amend the public authorities law and the public officers law, in relation to the establishment of the New York Health Benefit Exchange." The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 43 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A05814, 6/23/11]

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#### **The New York State Health Exchange Was Required In Order To Implement The Affordable Care Act, And Opposed By Republicans Who Didn't Approve Of The ACA**

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**The Affordable Care Act Required States To Create An Insurance Exchange By 2014 Or Have The Federal Government Do So.** "The health care law requires each state to put an insurance exchange in place by 2014, and gives the federal government the power to do so in states that do not act on their own. Mr. Cuomo, unable to win support for the exchange in the State Senate, vowed to move ahead unilaterally, and on Thursday, he signed the order to set up the exchange within the State Health Department, rather than as a separate state entity, as his original legislation had sought to do." [New York Times, 4/12/12]

**New York Senate Republicans Blocked The Bill To Establish The Health Care Exchange Because Approval Of The Exchange Meant Approval Of The Affordable Care Act.** "As he issued an executive order to establish a health insurance exchange, an online marketplace where individuals and small businesses can choose among competing health insurance plans, Mr. Cuomo said it would drive down the cost of insurance while helping the 2.7 million uninsured New Yorkers get affordable coverage. For nearly a year, Mr. Cuomo asked the Legislature to set

up the exchange. But the Republican majority in the State Senate refused to consider the measure, arguing that approving the exchange would amount to condoning the law, the Affordable Care Act, which they deride as Obamacare.” [New York Times, 4/12/12]

## **American Health Care Act (AHCA)**

### **Molinaro Supported Parts Of The AHCA, The Republican Bill To Repeal And Replace The Affordable Care Act**

**Molinaro Strongly Supported The Faso-Collins Amendment To The AHCA, The Republican Bill To Replace The Affordable Care Act, Because He Claimed It Lowered Taxes.** “Mr. Molinaro, a Republican in the Hudson Valley, said he was concerned about the impact of a potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Still, he supports the Faso-Collins component of the Republican bill, citing the financial strains on county taxpayers. ‘We have to make a commitment to lower the tax levy dollar for dollar,’ Mr. Molinaro said. ‘it wouldn’t be appropriate to not reduce property taxes.’” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

- **Molinaro Claimed 37 Percent Of Dutchess County’s Tax Levy Went To Paying For Medicaid.** “In Dutchess County, 37 percent of the county tax levy, roughly \$40 million, goes to the state for Medicaid. The county executive, Marcus J. Molinaro, said he wanted to use any savings from the Faso-Collins amendment to lower property taxes ‘dollar for dollar.’ Molinaro received food stamps as a child, and his daughter, who has autism, now benefits from Medicaid’s services for the disabled. So Molinaro, a Republican in the Hudson Valley, said he was concerned about the impact of a potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Still, he supports the Faso-Collins component of the Republican bill, citing the financial strains on county taxpayers. ‘We have to make a commitment to lower the tax levy dollar for dollar,’ Molinaro said. ‘It wouldn’t be appropriate to not reduce property taxes.’” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

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### **The Faso-Collins Amendment Would Have Shifted The Cost Of Medicaid Solely To New York State And Would Have Resulted In State Tax Increases, Major Cuts To Health Care, Or Both, Because Of The Loss Of \$2.3 Billion In Federal Aid**

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**The Faso-Collins Amendment Would Have Taken The Cost Of Medicaid Away From New York Counties And Placed It On New York State.** “That is the so-called Faso-Collins amendment, which would end a funding formula that for 50 years forced New York’s 62 counties to help pay for Medicaid, the public health insurance program largely for low-income people. The state’s counties currently pick up 13 percent of the total cost of Medicaid, far more than counties in other states pay, if they pay anything at all. The amendment, sponsored by Representatives Christopher C. Collins and John J. Faso, both upstate Republicans, would eliminate the burden for the counties — excluding New York City’s five boroughs.” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

**New York Times: Faso-Collins “Could Shift Costs To State Taxpayers” And Cost NY \$2.3 Billion In Matching Federal Aid.** “House Republican leaders, trying to lock down the votes of wavering upstate New York Republicans, inserted a last-minute special provision in their health care bill that would shift Medicaid costs from New York’s counties to its state government. The move — one of a number of late changes designed to gain more votes — would affect New York State only. It could save county governments outside of New York City \$2.3 billion a year. But it could shift costs to state taxpayers or deny New York that same total in matching federal aid if the state continues to require those counties to contribute to the cost of Medicaid. Upstate New York Republicans, backed by local government officials, pressed for the measure over the angry opposition of New York’s Democratic governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.” [The New York Times, 3/20/17]

**Healthcare Advocates Warned Faso-Collins Would Only Shift Costs From Counties To The State, Threatened Hospitals And Their Patients.** “Kenneth E. Raske, the president of the Greater New York Hospital Association, said the provision would be harmful to hospitals and Medicaid beneficiaries. ‘Rather than providing relief for county taxpayers,’ Mr. Raske said, “the state would surely respond to the lack of federal revenue through huge spending cuts,” and those cuts could pose a risk to hospitals and their patients. Bea Grause, the president of

the Healthcare Association of New York State, said the provision being added to the House bill might give “the appearance of tax relief,” but would really just amount to shifting costs from counties to the state, while still leaving patients in need of care. She, too, warned of a devastating effect on hospitals in New York. “It adds insult to injury,” she said.” [The New York Times, 3/20/17]

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### **Molinaro Conceded ACA Repeal Would Result In \$2.3 Billion In Lost Revenue, But Claimed It Could Be Offset By Addressing Waste And Inefficiencies**

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**Molinaro Claimed That The \$2.3 Billion In Lost Revenue From Counties Could Be Offset By Addressing Waste And Inefficiencies.** “Mr. Molinaro and many other county officials argued that much of the \$2.3 billion in lost revenue from counties could be offset by addressing waste and inefficiencies in the state’s Medicaid program.” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

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### **There Were No Efficiencies Left In Medicaid That Would Make Up For \$2.3 Billion In Funding Cuts.**

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**New York Began A “Monumental Medicaid Redesign” In 2011 That Is Expected To Save The State \$17.1 Billion.** “New York is midway through a monumental initiative begun in 2011 to redesign the costly Medicaid program, the largest purchaser of health services in the state for its 6.2 million beneficiaries [...] New York received a waiver in 2015 from the federal government that allows the state to keep \$8 billion of \$17.1 billion in savings the state expects to see over five years from Medicaid reform. The state plans to reinvest the money in projects that seek to reduce avoidable hospital use by 25 percent and that transition most hospital and doctor Medicaid payments from fee-for-service to a value system tied to performance goals.” [The Buffalo News, 5/10/17]

**Medicaid Directors: “No Amount Of Administrative Or Regulatory Flexibility Can Compensate” For Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Funding Cuts.** “Medicaid Directors have long advocated for meaningful reform of the program. States continue to innovate with the tools they have, but federal changes are necessary to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the program. However, these changes must be made thoughtfully and deliberately to ensure the continued provision of quality, cost-effective care. Medicaid Directors have asked for, and are appreciative of, improved working relationships with HHS and are working hard to streamline and improve the administration of the program [...] However, no amount of administrative or regulatory flexibility can compensate for the federal spending reductions that would occur as a result of this bill. Changes in the federal responsibility for financing the program must be accompanied by clearly articulated statutory changes to Medicaid to enable states to operate effectively under a cap. The Senate bill does not accomplish that. It would be a transfer of risk, responsibility, and cost to the states of historic proportions.” [National Association of Medicaid Directors, Press Release, 6/26/17]

**Medicaid Insurers: “There Are No Hidden Efficiencies That States Can Use To Address” Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Cuts “Without Harming Beneficiaries.”** “In the case of the Senate health-care bill, some insurers didn’t even wait for the official release before expressing their concerns. This week, the heads of 10 managed care organizations — which help deliver Medicaid benefits around the country — told Senate leaders they are ‘united in our opposition to the Medicaid policies currently being debated by the Senate.’ [...] The managed care executives called this ‘an enormous cost shift to states’ that will require them to raise taxes, cut benefits, narrow eligibility or lower reimbursements to health-care providers. ‘There are no hidden efficiencies that states can use to address gaps of this magnitude without harming beneficiaries or imposing undue burden to our health care system and all U.S. taxpayers,’ the executives wrote.” [Washington Post, 6/22/17]

**AHCA Would Have Left 35,200 Residents Of NY-19 Uninsured And Undermined Protections For 294,000 People With Pre-Existing Conditions In The District**

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### **Coverage Losses**

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**CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018 If AHCA Became Law, With 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026.** “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be

uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, 5/24/17]

**Center For American Progress: 35,200 People In New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Would Be Uninsured By 2026 Under The AHCA** [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]

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### **Individuals With Pre-Existing Conditions**

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**Center For American Progress: There Were 294,000 People With Pre-Existing Conditions In New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Center for American Progress, 4/5/17]

**Politico: Republicans’ Bill Would “Weaken The Affordable Care Act’s Pre-Existing Conditions Protections.”** “Republicans’ bill would weaken the Affordable Care Act’s pre-existing conditions protections, which could affect tens of millions of Americans.” [Politico, 5/2/17]

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### **Job Losses**

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**Economic Policy Institute: The AHCA Could Cost New York 71,639 Jobs By 2022.** [Economic Policy Institute, 3/24/17]

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### **Age Tax**

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**AARP: Under AHCA, Premiums For 60 To 64 Year Olds Would “Increase By An Average Of \$3,200.”** “Under the AHCA: Average premiums would increase for all ages starting at about age 46. Premiums for 60- to 64-year-olds would increase by an average of \$3,200, amounting to average unsubsidized premiums of almost \$18,000 per year. Meanwhile, 20- to 29-year-olds are expected to see significantly smaller average savings, of only \$700 per year, giving them average unsubsidized premiums of \$4,010 per year.” [AARP, 5/4/17]

**Molinaro Had A Record Of Voting Against And Opposing The Health Care Interests Of New York Residents**

**Molinaro Opposed The Build Back Better Act, Which Would Lower Prescription Drug Prices**

**In Press Release, Molinaro Called The Build Back Better Act A “Tax And Spend Bill” That Would Increase The Size Of “A Bloated Federal Government.”** “With Americans paying more for everything from groceries to gas, Democrats just pushed through a tax and spend bill that will only inflate the inflation problem- leading to even higher taxes, costs and prices for families, farmers and small businesses. We can't afford to pay more to feed our families or heat our homes - all to cover the cost of massive increases in the size, scale and scope of a bloated Federal government. We don't need a bigger, more invasive IRS. We don't need hundreds of new government agencies. We need competent leadership that knows a bigger, more expensive government isn't a better one. And, that we can't afford it!”



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## Marc Molinaro Releases Statement on the Passage of the "Build Back Better" Bill

Today, Marc Molinaro, candidate for New York's Congressional district 19 released the following statement:



With Americans paying more for everything from groceries to gas, Democrats just pushed through a tax and spend bill that will only inflate the inflation problem - leading to even higher taxes, costs and prices for families, farmers and small businesses.

We can't afford to pay more to feed our families or heat our homes - all to cover the cost of massive increases in the size, scale and scope of a bloated Federal government. We don't need a bigger, more invasive IRS. We don't need hundreds of new government agencies.

We need competent leadership that knows a bigger, more expensive government isn't a better one. And, that we can't afford it!

The logo for Marc Molinaro for Congress, featuring "MARC" in red, five blue stars, and "MOLINARO" in blue, all within a red-bordered box.

[Marc for US Press Release, [11/19/21](#)]

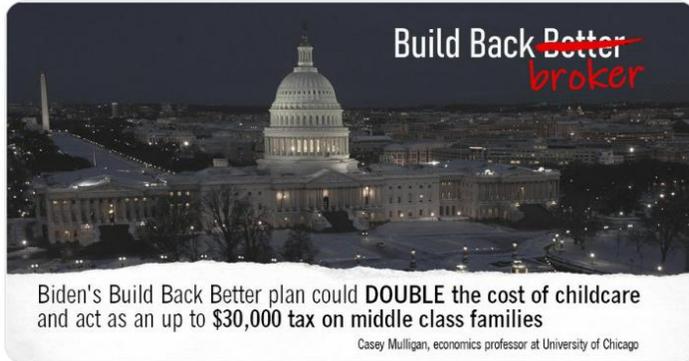
**Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic Claiming Build Back Better Could Double The Cost Of Childcare And Raise Costs By Up To \$30,000.** "The more we learn about the real costs of Build Back Better, the worse it gets. We've shown here in Dutchess how competent government can help families and keep taxes low. We need Washington to learn the same. #MarcforUS."



Marc Molinaro ✓  
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### **The Build Back Better Act Would Lower Prescription Drug Prices, Including By Allowing The Government To Negotiate Drug Prices For Certain Drugs**

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**Kaiser Family Foundation: The Build Back Better Act Would Lower Prescription Drug Costs By Allowing The Government To Negotiate Drug Prices, Require Inflation Rebates To Limit Price Increases, Cap Out-Of-Pocket Spending For Medicare Part D Enrollees, And Limit Cost Sharing For Insulin.** On November 19, 2021, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act (BBBA), which includes a broad package of health, social, and environmental proposals supported by President Biden. The BBBA includes several provisions that would lower prescription drug costs for people with Medicare and private insurance and reduce drug spending by the federal government and private payers. These proposals have taken shape amidst strong bipartisan, public support for the government to address high and rising drug prices. CBO estimates that the drug pricing provisions in the BBBA would reduce the federal deficit by \$297 billion over 10 years (2022-2031). The key prescription drug proposals included in the BBBA would: Allow the federal government to negotiate prices for some high-cost drugs covered under Medicare Part B and Part D, Require inflation rebates to limit annual increases in drug prices in Medicare and private insurance, Cap out-of-pocket spending for Medicare Part D enrollees and other Part D benefit design changes, Limit cost sharing for insulin for people with Medicare and private insurance, Eliminate cost sharing for adult vaccines covered under Part D, Repeal the Trump Administration's drug rebate rule." [Kaiser Family Foundation, 11/23/21]

### **Molinaro Voted Against Ensuring That Children Enrolled In Free And Reduced Price School Meals Had Ready Access To Medicaid Or CHIP Health Coverage**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against S-4057, Which Ensured That Children Enrolled In Free And Reduced Price School Meals Had Ready Access To Medicaid Or CHIP Health Coverage.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on S-4057 a bill that "requires coordination between Child Health Plus, Medicaid, and School Meals programs to ensure that children who are eligible and enrolled for free and reduced price school meals are also enrolled in Child Health Plus or Medicaid to ensure they have ready access to health care." The bill passed the

Assembly 130 to 14 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, 6/21/10; New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: S-4057, 7/1/10]

### **Molinaro Voted Against Requiring That People Who Lose Medicaid Coverage Be Notified Of Their End Of Coverage Date**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill That Required People To Be Notified Of An End Date If Their Medicaid Coverage Was Terminated.** On June 30, 2010 Molinaro voted “No” on A05948, a bill “To require the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to provide to an individual whose medical assistance has been terminated, notice of effective coverage end date. The bill also provides 30 days for an individual to notify OTDA of intent to appeal the determination before enrollment is terminated.” The bill passed the Assembly 130 to 7 and was vetoed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term, A05948, 6/30/10]

### **Molinaro Voted Against Increasing The Privacy Of Patients In Health Care Malpractice And Personal Injury Lawsuits**

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against The Patient Privacy Protection Act, Which Prohibited Interviews Of Plaintiffs Outside The Formal Discovery Process.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A00694A, a bill that “prohibits in any action involving personal injury, medical, dental or podiatric malpractice, or wrongful death the defendant from conducting ex parte interviews with the plaintiffs nonparty treating physicians. This bill also clarifies that an attorney or the agent or employee of an attorney who represents the patient, the estate of the patient, or the natural or duly appointed guardian of the patient whose condition is at issue in the action may conduct ex-parte conversations with a treating physician or other healthcare provider of the patient.” The bill passed the Assembly 87 to 58 but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term:A00694A, 6/14/11]

### **Molinaro Claimed He Wouldn't Infringe On Abortion Laws If Roe V. Wade Was Overturned, But Opposed The Reproductive Health Act, Which Codified Roe Into State Law**

#### **Molinaro Said That As Governor He Would Not Infringe Upon New York Abortion Laws And Would Work To Protect Abortion Rights In New York If The Supreme Court Rolled Them Back...**

**Molinaro Said That As Governor He Would Not Infringe Upon New York Abortion Laws.** “Molinaro has sought to paint himself as a social moderate, saying he didn’t vote for Trump (he wrote in former Rep. Chris Gibson) and would not infringe on New York’s abortion laws.” [Journal News, 11/4/18]

**Molinaro Said He Would Protect Abortion Rights In New York If The Supreme Court Rolled Them Back.** “I understand the need, should the Supreme Court suggest that (abortion is) not a constitutional right -- and it is,” Molinaro said on Wednesday. ‘Should the Supreme Court suggest it’s not a constitutional right, the state would need to act, to at least codify, so that it’s not treated as a criminal or penal violation.’” [Times-Union, 10/31/18]

**Molinaro Doubted The Supreme Court Would Overturn Roe V. Wade.** “In an interview with the Times Union editorial board on Wednesday, Molinaro said he doubts that the U.S. Supreme Court -- now more conservative with the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh -- will actually move to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that deemed abortion a fundamental right under the U.S. Constitution.” [Times-Union, 11/1/18]

#### **... But Molinaro Opposed The Reproductive Health Act, A Landmark Abortion Rights Bill In New York That Codified Roe V. Wade In The Event The Supreme Court Overturned It**

**2018: Molinaro Opposed The Reproductive Health Act.** “Molinaro, however, said he would not support the RHA in its current form. ‘I recognize the need to ensure that it’s not enforced through penal or criminal law, but

there is not general consensus on late-term abortion, and only poor people end up getting and accessing abortions without physicians,' Molinaro said. 'And so I would say segment it, (if) possible, and address late-term, non-physician-assisted abortions separate and apart, if the Legislature's willing to do that. But I will say, again, only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors. That, to me, is discriminatory.'" [Times-Union, 10/31/18]

- **The Reproductive Health Act Codified Roe V. Wade Into New York State Law.** "The purpose of the RHA is to codify Roe v. Wade protections into state law and ensure access to safe, legal abortion in New York State." [New York State Senate, Liz Krueger, 2/12/19]
- **The Reproductive Health Act Was A Law That Expanded Abortion Rights And Decriminalized Abortion In New York.** "New York legislators marked the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Roe v. Wade on Tuesday by passing the Reproductive Health Act, which updates a state law that limited when women can legally get an abortion. [...] New York's previous law, written three years before Roe v. Wade in 1970, allowed women to seek abortions up to the first 24 weeks of pregnancy and at any point if it was deemed medically necessary to protect the mother's life. The Reproductive Health Act maintains the 24-week limit under which women can seek abortions but adds a provision for abortions at any time if the baby would not survive the birth. Additionally, the act permits abortions at any point if it is necessary to protect the mother's life or health. It also decriminalizes abortion by regulating it under the public health law, not penal law." [AM New York, [1/23/19](#)]

### **Molinaro Claimed He Accepted The Precedent Of Roe V. Wade, But Opposed Late-Term Abortions**

#### **Molinaro Claimed He Accepted The Precedent Of Roe V. Wade, But Opposed Late-Term Abortions.**

"Molinaro says his stance is somewhat like that of the late Gov. Mario Cuomo, Andrew Cuomo's father. 'I have a personal belief. I do not support late-term abortion,' Molinaro said. 'But I realize Roe v. Wade is settled law.'" [Newsday, 7/1/18]

### **Molinaro Had An Anti-Choice Record**

#### **Molinaro Opposed Allowing Medicaid Funds To Be Used For Abortions**

**Molinaro Repeatedly Voted For Budget Amendments Prohibiting Medicaid Funds From Being Used Towards Abortions.** "According to the nation's largest abortion provider, Molinaro is "weak on women's health." Why does Planned Parenthood say this? Because Molinaro, as a Member of the New York State Assembly, reportedly voted for a budget amendment (known as the Butler Amendment) that would ban taxpayer funding for abortion through Medicaid." [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

- **Albany Update Headline: "Planned Parenthood Does Not Like Marc Molinaro."** [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

#### **Molinaro Claimed "Only Poor People" Got "Abortions Without Doctors"**

**Molinaro Claimed "Only Poor People" Got "Abortions Without Doctors".** "Molinaro, however, said he would not support the RHA in its current form. 'I recognize the need to ensure that it's not enforced through penal or criminal law, but there is not general consensus on late-term abortion, and only poor people end up getting and accessing abortions without physicians,' Molinaro said. 'And so I would say segment it, (if) possible, and address late-term, non-physician-assisted abortions separate and apart, if the Legislature's willing to do that. But I will say, again, only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors. That, to me, is discriminatory.'" [Times-Union, 11/1/18]

## **2011-2018: Molinaro Transferred \$2,250 From His Campaigns To An Anti-Choice Group That Operated Crisis Pregnancy Centers**

### **Molinaro Transferred \$2,250 From His Campaign Accounts To The Care Net Pregnancy Center.**

“Furthermore, since 2011, Molinaro has reportedly donated \$2,250 from his campaign accounts to Care Net Pregnancy Center.” [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

- **Care Net Was An Anti-Choice Pregnancy Center Organization That Was Largely Run by Evangelicals.** “Largely run by conservative Christians, the centers say they offer what Roland Warren, head of Care Net, one of the largest pregnancy center organizations, described as ‘a compassionate approach to this issue.’ As they expand, they are adding on-call or on-site medical personnel and employing sophisticated strategies to attract women, including Internet search optimization and mobile units near Planned Parenthood clinics. ‘They’re really the darlings of the pro-life movement,’ said Jeanneane Maxon, vice president for external affairs at Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion group. ‘That ground level, one-on-one, reaching-the-woman-where-she’s-at approach.’” [New York Times, [1/4/13](#)]
- **Care Net And Other “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” Deliberately Fed Women Misinformation In Effort To Prevent Them From Getting Abortions.** “Faith-based crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), which vastly outnumber abortion clinics in the United States, rely heavily on misleading or outright lying to women about reproductive health care in order to dissuade them from having abortions. They often masquerade as abortion clinics or licensed medical facilities — sometimes even cloaking their unlicensed staffers in medical garb — in order to attract pregnant women who are weighing their options. And many of these centers receive state money to do so. [...] One woman who visited a Care Net CPC in Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking abortion information told a Cosmopolitan writer that the counselor prayed over her, asked to be invited to her baby shower and then proceeded to call her every day for the next two weeks, sometimes from restricted numbers, saying she just wanted to ‘chitchat.’” [Huffington Post, 11/13/17]

## **Molinaro Had An Anti-LGBT Record**

### **As A State Assemblyman, Molinaro Voted Three Times Against Marriage Equality Measures**

#### **2007, 2009, 2011: Molinaro Voted At Least Three Times Against Marriage Equality Bills**

**2007: Molinaro Voted Against A-8590, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On June 19, 2007, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-40003, a bill that “provides same-sex couples the same opportunity to enter into civil marriages as opposite-sex couples.” The bill passed the Assembly 85 to 61 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-8590, 6/19/07]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-40003, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On December 2, 2009, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-40003, a bill that “provides same-sex couples the same opportunity to enter into civil marriages as opposite-sex couples.” The bill passed the Assembly 88 to 51 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-40003, 12/2/09]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8354, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On June 15, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-8354, a bill that “amends the domestic relations law to grant same-sex couples the ability to enter into civil marriages in New York.” The bill passed the Assembly 80 to 63 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8354, 6/15/11]

**2018: Molinaro Said His Votes Against Marriage Equality “Tormented” Him Because They Forced Him To Test His Personal Belief That Same Sex Marriage Was Wrong, And Were Politically Inexpedient**

**Molinaro Said He Was “Tormented” By His Votes Against Marriage Equality Because They Forced Him To Test His Personal Belief That Same Sex Marriage Was Wrong, And Were Politically Inexpedient.** “Molinaro served the 103rd state Assembly District from 2007-11, during which time he voted on several key issues. He voted against passing marriage equality in New York in 2011, a decision he said has ‘tormented’ him. ‘I was tormented by it because it was a conflict between my personal belief at the time, my commitment to my district and what I knew was going to become law,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

### **2010: Molinaro Voted Against Allowing Unmarried Partners To Adopt A Child**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against S-1523, A Bill Allowing Two Unmarried Persons To Adopt A Child Together.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on S-1524, a bill that allowed two unmarried persons to adopt a child together. The Bill passed the Assembly 95 to 44 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: S-1523, 7/1/10]

### **2008-2011: Molinaro Voted Four Times Against Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York**

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against A-6584, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On June 3, 2008, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-6584, a bill that “Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes.” The bill passed the Assembly 108 to 34 and died in the Senate.” [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-6584, 6/3/08]

**2009 - 2010: Molinaro Twice Voted Against A-5710, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On April 21, 2009, and March 2, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-5710, a bill that “Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes.” The bill passed the Assembly 97 to 38 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, A-5710, 4/21/09 & 3/2/10]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-5039, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-5039, a bill that “Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes.” The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 55 but died in the Senate.” [New York State Assembly, A-5039, 4/30/12]

### **2018: Molinaro Reversed His Previous Anti-LGBTQ Stances And Claimed He Now Supported Marriage Equality And Equal Protections**

**2018: Molinaro Said He Would Defend Marriage Equality As Governor And Call For State-Level LGBTQ Protections If Federal Protections Were Repealed.** “Molinaro also said his views have changed in time, and that he would defend marriage equality as governor as he has as county executive. He added that he would call for state-level protections of LGBTQ people, or any class of people, if were they rescinded on the federal level. ‘I think people who love someone ought to be able to celebrate that love in the way they see fit,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said His Views On LGBT Rights had “Evolved” And Acknowledged Marriage Equality As A “Civil Right.”** “On same-sex marriage, Molinaro said he’s ‘evolved’ - not unlike some notable Democrats. Now, he says his view is: ‘Is it a civil right? Of course it is.’ Cuomo pushed through legislation in 2011 to legalize gay marriage in New York.” [Newsday, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro: “I Stand By My Vote” Against Marriage Equality, “But Like So Many Others Have Evolved On This Issue.”** “His large campaign account will allow him to air plenty of other advertisements touting his positions and ripping his opponents’, such as Molinaro’s Assembly vote against same-sex marriage in 2011. Asked about the same-sex marriage vote, Molinaro said he’s ‘evolved.’ ‘I stand by my vote, but like so many others have evolved on this issue,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/17/18]

### **2004: Molinaro Believed Marriage Was Between A Man And A Woman And Questioned Why A Gay Couple Would Get Married Without A License**

**2004: Molinaro Believed Marriage Was Between A Man And A Woman And Questioned Why A Gay Couple Would Get Married Without A License.** “Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro said he’s conducted more than two dozen marriage ceremonies during his decade in office but he’s never been asked to perform one between two men or two women. Molinaro said he believes marriage is between a man and a woman, but thinks the issue is better discussed at the state or national level. ‘I can’t perform a service for a ... man and a woman without a marriage license,’ Molinaro said. ‘There really is a question as to what’s being accomplished. Is anyone else going to recognize that particular marriage?’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/28/04]

## **Molinaro Consistently Opposed Common Sense Gun Safety Reforms**

### **Molinaro Voted 32 Times Against Bills That Strengthened New York’s Gun Laws**

**According to Moms Demand Action, Molinaro Voted 32 Times Against Bills That Strengthened New York’s Gun Laws.** “A prominent anti-gun violence group took aim at GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro for voting 32 times against bills to strengthen New York’s firearms laws. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America also blasted Molinaro on Monday for saying on the campaign trail this year that he wants to dismantle New York State’s tough SAFE gun control law passed in the wake of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting.” [New York Daily News, 10/9/18]

### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Microstamping Identification On Semi-Automatic Pistols To Track Bullets**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Microstamping Identification To Track Pistol Bullets, And Mandatory Renewals For Pistol Permits.** “In 2009, he voted against state legislation that would require microstamping identification on semi-automatic pistols to track bullets. Also in 2009, he voted against legislation requiring renewals for pistol permits.” [City & State, 10/10/18]

### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring The Renewal Of Firearms Licenses After Five Years**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-0801B, A Bill Requiring The Renewal Of Firearms Licenses After Five Years.** On April 28, 2009, Molinaro voted “No” on A-801B, a bill that “requires the re-licensing of firearm licenses after five years.” The bill passed the Assembly 87 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-801B, 4/28/09]

### **2010: Molinaro Voted Against Prohibiting Domestic Violence Offenders From Possessing Firearms**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-7575, A Bill Prohibiting Domestic Violence Offenders From Possessing Firearms.** On March 16, 2010, Molinaro voted “No” on A-7575, a bill that “would improve public safety and prevent domestic violence incidents from escalating into even greater violence by keeping guns out of the hands of domestic violence perpetrators.” The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 53 but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-7575, 3/16/10]

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### **2010: Molinaro Voted Against State Reporting On Handgun Licenses**

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**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-10894, A Bill To Require The Division Of Criminal Justice Services To Report On The Administration Of Certain Laws Related To Handgun Licenses.** On May 12, 2010, Molinaro voted “No” on A-10894 a bill “to require an annual report by the Division of Criminal Justice Services on the administration, function and effectiveness of administration of the laws regarding the issuance, modification of, amendment to, and revocation of handgun licenses in each city with a population greater than one million and each county.” The bill passed the Assembly 83 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-10894, 5/12/10]

<b>Molinaro Opposed The SAFE Act, A Landmark Gun Safety Bill In New York</b>
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### **2013: The SAFE Act Took Effect And Imposed New Comprehensive Gun Safety Measures**

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**2013: The SAFE Act Barred The Mentally Ill And Felons From Accessing Guns, Banned High Capacity Magazines And Assault Weapons, Expanded Background Checks, And Imposed Stricter Penalties On Those Violating The Law.** “Below are FAQ intended to help gun owners in New York understand and comply with the NY SAFE Act enacted on January 15, 2013 [...] The NY SAFE Act is designed to make New York a safer place to live by reducing gun violence through common sense and reasonable reforms. The law respects the right to bear arms and the interest of hunters, sportsmen, and legal owners who use their guns appropriately. The law protects New Yorkers by: Keeping guns out of the hands of convicted felons and potentially dangerous mental health patients. Banning high capacity magazines and assault weapons. Ensuring all gun purchases are subject to a background check. Toughening criminal penalties on those who use illegal guns.” [Governor of New York, accessed [8/13/19](#)]

**2018: Molinaro Wanted To “Dismantle” The SAFE ACT, Which He Claimed Made “Criminals Out Of Honest Citizens.”** “Molinaro said he would dismantle the SAFE Act; something he said would make the state safer. He added that the focus should be on the root causes of violent acts and not making criminals out of honest citizens.” [Utica Observer Dispatch, 9/18/18]

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### **Molinaro Voted Against The SAFE Act As A State Legislator**

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**Molinaro Voted Against The SAFE Act As A State Legislator.** “‘We need to talk about violence and how to confront that,’ said Molinaro, who voted against the SAFE Act as an assemblyman. His current position could draw interest from independent voters and Democrats who support the law, political analysts say.” [Newsday, 9/30/18]

**Molinaro Said He Opposed The SAFE Act Because It Infringed On The Second Amendment.** “While critical of the state's Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, Molinaro said he was in favor of aspects of the regulation, including not allowing people with a mental illness or a violent criminal record to buy firearms. ‘Certainly, if there is a defined mental illness, if there is a defined mental-health concern, if there is a record of violent or dangerous criminality, you should not have access to a firearm,’ he said. ‘Of course, there needs to be appropriate background checks to ensure that those who have those (criminal) records or at least potential of those activities have those rights precluded.’ But he said there needs to be a respect for the Second Amendment, which is impeded by the SAFE Act as is. ‘There needs to be a healthy respect that there is a constitutional right that is afforded people,’ he said. ‘And, in the rest of the state of New York, outside of the city of New York, there is a feeling that the state is coming for innocent people. Which it did.’ Molinaro went on to criticize the SAFE Act for a weak mental-health component and argued it did not preserve due process.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

- **Molinaro Said He Supported Not Allowing People With Mental Illness Or A Violent Criminal Record To Buy A Gun.** “While critical of the state's Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, Molinaro said he was in favor of aspects of the regulation, including not allowing people with a mental illness or a violent criminal record to buy firearms. ‘Certainly, if there is a defined mental illness, if there is a defined mental-health concern, if there is a record of violent or dangerous criminality, you should not have access to a firearm,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

### **Molinaro Said Governor Cuomo Had Been Too “Aggressive” On Gun Control, And Implied That Cuomo Was “Irresponsibly Ignoring” Second Amendment Supporters**

**Molinaro Said Cuomo Was Too “Aggressive” On Gun Control, And Implied That Cuomo Was “Irresponsibly Ignoring” Second Amendment Supporters.** “Molinaro did not answer a question about Cuomo’s gun control measures, including an expanded ban of assault weapons, known as the SAFE Act. While the governor has frequently touted the legislation as one of his main achievements, and New York City residents largely support it, it is considered highly unpopular upstate. In a January interview, more than a month before the school massacre in Parkland, Florida and the movement it spurred, Molinaro had told Gotham Gazette, ‘Frankly, I do have concerns with how aggressive this governor has been. I think in some ways irresponsibly ignoring those that do support, as I do, the Second Amendment and forcing legislation without having the kind of local robust conversation necessary. I believe the constitution is as it’s written.’” [Gotham Gazette, 6/15/18]

### **Molinaro Declined To Take A Position On Gun Reciprocity**

**October 2018: Molinaro Didn’t Take A Stance On Gun License Reciprocity, Which Allowed People Licensed To Carry A Gun In One State To Do So While Traveling To Another State..** “Having been endorsed by the NRA and given an ‘A’ rating, Molinaro was squishy when it came to gun control issues. He would not take a definitive stance on whether he would support or oppose a congressional push to allow people from other states who are licensed to carry guns to do so while traveling in other states, like New York, where gun laws are far stricter.” [New York Daily News, 10/17/18]

**October 2018: Molinaro Declined To State Whether Or Not He Would Support Concealed Carry Reciprocity.** “Asked whether he would fight for or against a congressional push to allow concealed-carry reciprocity - essentially, letting anyone from a lax gun-law state retain their weapon in New York - Molinaro was evasive.” [New York Daily News, 10/22/18]

## Key Visuals

### Video

#### Marc Molinaro Videos

Title	Date	Source
Marc Molinaro on 48 Hours	1995	YouTube
2014 State of the County	2014	YouTube
2014 State of the County Discussion	4/21/14	YouTube
2015 Dutchess County Budget Presentation	10/28/14	YouTube
2015 State of the County	2/25/15	YouTube
2016 Tentative Budget Presentation	10/30/15	YouTube
Molinaro Swearing in Ceremony	12/28/15	YouTube
2016 State of the County Address	1/27/16	YouTube
2017 County Executive Budget Presentation	10/31/16	YouTube
2017 Budget Tele-Town Hall	11/4/16	YouTube
County Executive's Office Mannequin Challenge	12/2/16	YouTube
2017 State of the County	2/23/17	YouTube
Public House Welcomes Marc Molinaro	7/29/17	YouTube
2018 Dutchess County Executive Budget Presentation	10/31/17	YouTube
2018 State of the County	3/1/18	YouTube
Q and A with Candidate Marc Molinaro	4/4/18	YouTube
Marc Molinaro Press Conference	4/26/18	YouTube
Marc Molinaro Nomination Acceptance Speech	5/29/18	YouTube
Fox News: Marc Molinaro	8/16/18	YouTube
PIX 11 News: Meet Marc Molinaro	10/11/18	YouTube
New York Gubernatorial Debate Between Cuomo and Molinaro	10/23/18	YouTube
2019 Dutchess County Executive Budget Tele-Town Hall	10/29/18	YouTube
Marc Molinaro Steps into Ebro in the Morning	11/2/18	YouTube
CUNY TV: Marc Molinaro, Republican Candidate for Governor	11/5/18	YouTube
Marc Molinaro Concedes	11/6/18	YouTube
2019 State of the County	3/4/19	YouTube
2020 Dutchess County Executive Budget Tele-Town Hall	10/30/19	YouTube
2020 State of the County	2/24/20	YouTube
COVID 19 Facebook Live	3/18/20	YouTube
COVID 19 Facebook Live	3/25/20	YouTube
COVID 19 Facebook Live	4/2/20	YouTube
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COVID 19 Town Hall With Thomas DiNapoli	5/28/20	YouTube
COVID 19 Facebook Live	5/29/20	YouTube
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WHMT: Will Marc Molinaro run for New York Governor Again?	5/3/21	YouTube
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Marc Molinaro YouTube Channel	1995 - 2016	YouTube
Marc Molinaro for Governor YouTube Channel	2018	YouTube
Dutchess County YouTube Channel	2014 – Present	YouTube

## Audio

### Marc Molinaro Audio Clips

Title	Date	Source
Marc Molinaro on Woodstock Radio	10/9/15	Youtube
Marc Molinaro on Dutchess Families, #ThinkDifferently, and Albany	5/18/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
Marc Molinaro on 2018, Mandates, and #ThinkDifferently!	6/15/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
Think Dutchess	6/29/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
On Dallas, Albany, and America	7/17/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
Molinaro: "I can't think of a more insulting thing to say to folks..."	8/7/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
Molinaro: "If Jed Bartlet was President....."	9/16/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
Molinaro: "Stronger. Safer. Healthier. Kinder."	10/31/16	Marc: My Words (Podcast)
Dutchess County Exec Talks Shutdown, NY Gov's Address And More	1/23/19	WAMC
'What's Next?' (With Marc Molinaro)	3/8/21	Eye on New York (Podcast)
Census Shakeup, Marc Molinaro	4/30/21	New York Now (Podcast)
Interview with Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro on Why He Isn't Running for Governor	5/28/21	
Cup of Joe Political Show Ep 121	9/1/21	Westchester Talk Radio
Chronicling Our Darkest Hours: County Leadership & the COVID Pandemic Part IV	9/20/21	County Conversations (Podcast)
Marc Molinaro	10/22/21	WGY

## Headlines

**Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “Dutchess Lawmakers Want Candidate Marc Molinaro To Return \$330K In Campaign Cash.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

**City & State Headline: “Tweets Show Molinaro Cozying Up To The Trumps.”** [City & State, 10/22/18]

**Albany Update Headline: “Planned Parenthood Does Not Like Marc Molinaro.”** [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

**2000 Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “State Tells Tivoli To Tighten Accounting.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

**WPDH Headline: “Doctors ‘Disappointed,’ Stores ‘Frustrated’ By Marc Molinaro.”** [WPDH, 12/13/21]

**Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “\$1,000 For Dutchess County Employees? Timing, Transparency Of Proposed Bonus Questioned.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/2/21](#)]

**Headline: “Fracking: Marc Molinaro, Andrew Cuomo's Opponent, Supports Pilot Program In Southern Tier.”** [Democrat & Chronicle, 7/18/18]

**Headline: “Molinaro Backs Pilot Program For Fracking.”** [The Journal News, 7/19/18]

**Auburn Citizen Headline: “Molinaro Pledges To Veto Universal Health Care Bill If Elected NY Governor.”** [The Citizen, 7/26/18]

**Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “County’s Homeless Shelter Stretched To Limit.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/16/13]

**New York Daily News Headline: “Molinaro MTA Pick Was Best Man At His Wedding.”** [New York Daily News, 9/25/18]

**2014 Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “Molinaro Eyes Jail Expansion.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

Personal & Professional History

## Biography

This section provides background information on Molinaro's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Dutchess County, media outlets including the Poughkeepsie Journal, New York Times, Albany Times Union, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

## Birth Date

### Molinaro Was Born On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1975

**Molinaro Was Born On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1975.** "Date of birth: October 8, 1975." [Marcus Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18]

## Education

### Molinaro Graduated From Red Hook Central High School And Dutchess Community College

**Molinaro Graduated From Red Hook Central High School In 1993.** "Marc is a 1993 Regents graduate of Red Hook Central School where he was involved in many extracurricular activities, including student government, football, and the school newspaper." [Marc Molinaro, website via wayback archive, accessed 12/9/21]

**Molinaro Graduated From Dutchess Community College.** "Molinaro is a graduate of Dutchess Community College, and is working to achieve a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of the State of New York, Empire College." [Marc Molinaro website via wayback archive, accessed 12/9/21]

## Career

The following provides a brief overview of Molinaro's professional career:

### Political

- **January 2012 – Present:** Dutchess County Executive
- **2007 – 2011:** New York State Assemblyman
- **1999 – 2006:** Dutchess County Legislature
- **1995 – 2007:** Mayor of Tivoli, New York
- **1994:** Tivoli Board of Trustees

### Professional

- **2008 – 2011:** Real Estate Salesman, Prudential Serls Primes Properties
- **1999 - 2001:** Project Consultant – Wambach Communications

## Associated Entities

The following provides a brief overview of Molinaro's associated entities:

### Business(es)

- **AFM Communications**
- **Quest Consulting**

## Criminal Record

**Molinaro Had No Criminal Record As Of December 2021.** As of December 021, Molinaro was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 12/8/21; New York State]

**Molinaro Claimed The Only Legal Trouble He Ever Got In Was A Parking Ticket.** “Has he ever gotten in legal trouble? ‘No, I did get a parking ticket once. I paid it,’ he said.” [Buffalo News, 10/22/18]

## Judgments Or Liens

### 2015: Molinaro Had A UCC Lien

**2015: A UCC Lien Was Filed Against Molinaro By Valley Energy.** [Dutchess County Clerk Document Search, accessed 4/22/21]

**2018: The Lien Was Terminated.** [Dutchess County Clerk Document Search, accessed 4/22/21]

*NOTE: Records can be viewed in the Dutchess County online search system, but must be separately purchased in order to be downloaded.*

## Bankruptcy Filings

As of August 2019, Molinaro is not associated with any bankruptcies or judgements. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 4/22/21]

## Voter Registration & History

Molinaro’s voting history according to Dutchess County and New York State Board of Elections records is depicted below:

Molinaro’s Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2020	Y	Y						
2019	Y							
2018	Y							
2017	Y							
2016	Y	Y				Y		
2015	Y							
2014	Y							
2013	Y							
2012	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y
2011	Y							
2010	Y	Y						
2009	Y						Y	
2008	Y					Y		
2007	Y							
2006	Y	Y						
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[Dutchess County Board of Elections, accessed 9/23/20; New York State Board of Elections, accessed 11/4/21]

**Molinaro Is Currently Registered In Red Hook, New York, 12571-1867.** “Address: RED HOOK NY 12571-1867”. [Dutchess County Board of Elections, accessed 9/23/20]

## Personal Finance

In 2021, Molinaro had an estimated net worth of between \$190,007 and \$550,000.

According to Molinaro’s federal personal financial disclosures, his 2021 annual unearned income was \$0. Molinaro also earned \$148,387 in salary from Dutchess County. Molinaro’s assets totaled between \$190,007 and \$550,000, and Molinaro had \$0 in liabilities.

*NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Molinaro’s personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix [I] – Personal Financial Disclosures.*

### Molinaro’s Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

*NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Molinaro’s personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix [I] – Personal Financial Disclosures.*

Molinaro Federal PFD Toplines						
Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
2021	\$148,387	\$190,007	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	

[Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

**Molinaro Reported Between \$190,007 And \$550,000 In Assets On His 2021 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure.** [Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

- **Molinaro’s Federal PFD Included Five Life Insurance Policies Worth A Combined \$75,005 To \$250,000, For Himself And Four Dependent Children, Not Valued On His County Disclosure.** [Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21; Molinaro Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for 2020, filed 5/6/21]
- **Molinaro’s Federal PFD Disclosed Two NYS Retirement Plans Worth A Combined \$115,002 To \$300,000.** [Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

**Molinaro Reported Between \$120,000 And \$310,000 In Assets From Two NYS Retirement Plans On His 2020 County Financial Disclosure.** [Molinaro Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for 2020, filed 5/6/21]

Molinaro’s 2021 Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Board Member	Regional Economic Development Council
Board Member	Hudson Valley River Greenway
First Vice President	New York State Association of Counties
President	New York State County Executive’s Association

[Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

Molinaro’s 2020 Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Board Member	Regional Economic Development Council
Board Member	Hudson Valley River Greenway
First Vice President	New York State Association of Counties
President	New York State County Executive’s Association

[Molinaro Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for 2020, filed 5/6/21]

**Corinne Adams 2020 Positions**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name Of Organization</b>
Board Member	Abilities First
Board Member	Red Hook Soccer Club, Inc

[Molinaro Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for 2020, filed 5/6/21]

**Taxpayer Funded Salaries**

**1995-2021: Molinaro Likely Earned More Than \$2 Million In Salary As An Elected Official**

**Marc Molinaro Career Earnings**

<b>Job</b>	<b>Career Earnings</b>
Dutchess County Executive	\$1,411,404*
New York State Assemblyman	\$450,500
Dutchess County Legislature	\$103,620
Mayor of Tivoli	\$18,000+ **
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,983,524+</b>

*\*Salary does not include earnings for 2022.*

*\*\*Proof could not be found of Molinaro's salary while Mayor of Tivoli outside a three year stretch when he received \$6,000 a year.*

**2012-2021: Molinaro Earned At Least \$1.4 Million In Salary As Dutchess County Executive**

Over his 10 years as county executive, Molinaro had earned a total of \$1,411,404 in taxpayer-funded salary.

<b>Molinaro County Executive Salary</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>County Executive Salary</b>
2012	\$138,869
2013	\$138,869
2014	\$138,869
2015	\$138,869
2016	\$138,869
2017	\$138,869
2018	\$138,869
2019	\$138,869
2020	\$144,065
2021	\$148,387
2022	\$152,839*
<b>TOTAL (excluding 2022)</b>	<b>\$1,411,404</b>

[Dutchess County Executive, accessed 7/2/21; The Journal News, 12/28/21]

*\*Salary figure for 2022 is approved and has not yet been paid to Molinaro.*

**2007 – 2011: Molinaro Earned \$450,000 In Salary As A New York State Assemblyman**

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Earned \$451,500 As A Member Of The Assembly.**

**Molinaro New York Assembly Salary Records By Reporting Period**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Salary</b>
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$20,596.22

4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$44,076.85
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$44,423.15
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$44,076.85
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$44,423.15
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$47,480.69
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$44,077.01
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$44,422.99
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$46,327.05
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$49,096.15
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$22,500

**Total \$450,500.11**

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

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**1999 – 2006: Molinaro Earned \$103,620 In Salary As A Dutchess County Legislator**

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**Molinaro Served On The Dutchess County Legislature For Six Years, Eleven Months, And Eighteen Days.**

“January 1, 2000 – December 19, 2006. 11 months, 18 days, 6 years = length of service.” [County of Dutchess Personal Memo, 12/19/06]

<b>Molinaro Dutchess County Legislature Salary</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Dutchess County Legislature Salary</b>
1999	\$10,770
2000	\$11,500
2001	\$12,000
2002	\$12,000
2003	\$12,000
2004	\$15,000
2005	\$15,450
2006	\$14,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,620</b>

[Dutchess County Personnel Memo, accessed 11/18/21]

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**1995 – 2006: Molinaro Earned Over \$18,000 In Salary As Mayor Of Tivoli, New York**

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**1995 – December 2007: Molinaro Earned At Least \$18,000 As Mayor Of Tivoli, New York.** In the three years of data received for Molinaro, he earned a salary of \$6,000 a year.

<b>Molinaro Salary Records By Reporting Period</b>	
<b>Period</b>	<b>Salary</b>
6/1/07 – 5/31/08	
6/1/06 – 5/31/07	
6/1/05 – 5/31/06	
6/1/04 – 5/31/05	
6/1/03 – 5/31/04	
6/1/02 – 5/31/03	
6/1/01 – 5/31/02	
6/1/00 – 5/31/01	
6/1/99 – 5/31/00	\$6,000
6/1/98 – 5/31/99	\$6,000
6/1/97 – 5/31/98	\$6,000

6/1/96 – 5/31/97  
6/1/95 – 5/31/96

[Village of Tivoli, accessed 11/17/21]

**Molinaro Would Receive Over \$22,000 Per Year In Taxpayer Funded Pension**

**Molinaro Would Receive Over \$22,000 Per Year In Taxpayer Funded Pension.**

<b>Molinaro Dutchess County Executive Taxpayer Funded Pension</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Pension</b>
2012	\$26,564
2013	\$27,990
2014	\$27,960
2015	\$26,476
2016	\$23,069
2017	\$22,120
2018	\$22,081
2019	\$22,015
2020	\$22,552
2021	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$220,827</b>

[Dutchess County Executive, accessed 7/2/21]

## Professional Career

### Significant Findings

- ✓ 1998: Molinaro filed a partner business certificate at “Quest Consulting,” a political consulting firm that worked for the then-chairman of the Dutchess County legislature.
  - ✓ The chairman, Woody Klose, resigned his position as the lawyer for Tivoli because it conflicted with his political consulting payments to Molinaro’s firm.
- ✓ Molinaro was a licensed real estate salesman from 2008-2011, though he had not closed a deal from late 2008 through May 2010.

## Business Interests

### **1998: Molinaro Was A Political Consultant For The Chairman Of The County Legislature, A Conflict Of Interest Forcing The Chairman’s Resignation As Tivoli’s Lawyer**

**1998: According To Dutchess County Records, Molinaro Filed A Partner Business Certificate With A Business Partner Named Ann B. Rush, At Quest Consulting.** [Dutchess County Clerk Document Search, accessed 1/10/22]

**1999: Quest Consulting Served As The Political Consultant for Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Woody Klose.** “The chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature said Tuesday he is stepping down as Tivoli's village lawyer because he is paying the mayor to serve as his political consultant. ‘It's impossible to continue,’ said Woody Klose, R,C-Red Hook. ‘We started out last year dancing around a business relationship. It never came to fruition. This year it has.’ [...] Molinaro runs Quest Consulting, a small, public relations and political advisory firm, with local resident Ann Rush. The mayor declined to comment on Klose's decision.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/14/99]

**1999: Woody Klose Had To Step Down As Tivoli’s Lawyer Because He Was Paying Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro To Serve As His Political Consultant.** “The chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature said Tuesday he is stepping down as Tivoli's village lawyer because he is paying the mayor to serve as his political consultant. ‘It's impossible to continue,’ said Woody Klose, R,C-Red Hook. ‘We started out last year dancing around a business relationship. It never came to fruition. This year it has.’ [...] Molinaro runs Quest Consulting, a small, public relations and political advisory firm, with local resident Ann Rush. The mayor declined to comment on Klose's decision.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/14/99]

### **2008-11: Molinaro Was A Real Estate Salesman**

**2008 – 2011: Molinaro Was A Licensed Real Estate Salesman At Prudential Serls Primes Properties.** [VoteSmart, Marcus Molinaro Biography, accessed 8/14/19]

**May 2010: Molinaro Hadn’t Closed A Real Estate Deal In Over 18 Months.** “Marc Molinaro the real estate salesman hasn’t closed a deal in over 18 months.” [Times Union, 5/22/10]

**2022: Molinaro Did Not Have Any Occupational Licenses In New York State.** [New York State Occupational Licensing Management System, accessed 1/18/22]

## Tivoli Firefighter

### Molinaro Claimed To Have Been A Volunteer Firefighter In Tivoli Since 1994

**2019: Molinaro Claimed To Have Been A Volunteer Firefighter Since 1994.** “I’ve called this corner of Dutchess home for 30 years. I’ve been associated with the amazing volunteers as an active member of the Tivoli Fire Department since 1994.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 8/17/19]

**2021: Mid-Hudson News: “Molinaro, Once The Mayor Of Tivoli, Has Been Associated With The Fire Department For 25 Years.”** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, once the mayor of Tivoli, has been associated with the fire department for 25 years. [Mid-Hudson News, 9/27/21]

**The Tivoli Fire Department Was Solely Made Up Of Volunteer Firefighters.** “Founded in 1919 the Tivoli firehouse continues to support the surrounding communities. It is non-profit comprised of over 50 volunteer firefighters.” [Tivoli Fire House, accessed 1/18/22]

## Political Career

This section provides an overview of Molinaro's political career, from 1995 to 2021.

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro was a career politician who spent every year of his adult life as an elected official:
  - **January 2012 – Present: Dutchess County Executive**
  - **2007 – 2011: New York State Assemblyman**
  - **1999 – 2006: Dutchess County Legislature**
  - **1995 – 2007: Mayor of Tivoli, New York**
- ✓ 1995: When Molinaro was elected mayor at the age of 19 he said “Eventually, I would like to be in position to run for president [...] That would mean I would have to be a Senator or Governor.”
- ✓ 2001: Molinaro told the Poughkeepsie Journal he wanted to become President of the United States.
- ✓ 2007 – 2011: Molinaro served in the New York Assembly for five years, where he passed five bills.
- ✓ 2011: Molinaro served in Republican leadership in the Assembly, where he was “able to take political stands without affecting the outcome of a vote.”
- ✓ Molinaro pledged to serve his entire third term as county executive from 2020-2023, but announced his intention to break this promise by running for Congress in 2022.

## Career Politician

### **Molinaro Was A Career Politician Who Was Always Dreaming About Advancing To Higher Elected Office, Including Ultimately The Presidency**

**When Molinaro Was Elected Mayor At 19 He Wanted To Be President.** “He was 18 when he was elected a Tivoli trustee in 1994. A year later, he was mayor – the youngest in the country at the time. Molinaro’s youth brought with it a national spotlight, albeit a temporary one. There were appearances on ‘Live with Regis and Kathie Lee,’ ‘Donohue’ and the ‘Today’ show. ‘48 Hours’ aired a profile on him. Even then, Molinaro had an eye on higher office. ‘Eventually, I would like to be in position to run for president,’ he told the Times Union of Albany in 1995. ‘That would mean I would have to be a senator or governor.’” [Democrat & Chronicle, 11/3/18]

**1995: Molinaro Said “Eventually, I Would Like To Be In Position To Run For President [...] That Would Mean I Would Have To Be A Senator Or Governor.”** “Granted, this Dutchess County village of 1,039 residents located 42 miles south of Albany is not the biggest of political trophies (at one square mile, it would not be big enough to be incorporated as a municipality today). But Molinaro has the biggest of political ambitions. ‘Eventually, I would like to be in position to run for president,’ he said. ‘That would mean I would have to be a senator or governor.’” [Times Union, 8/20/95]

**Poughkeepsie Journal: Molinaro Wanted To Be President Of The United States.** “Derrick Jones II wants to be president. Of the United States. So does Dutchess County Legislator Marc Molinaro.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/01]

### **Molinaro Considered Running For Congress As Early As 2010**

**2010: Molinaro Was Considering Running For Congress In NY-20 After Being Asked By Republican Party Leaders.** “Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, said he wants to remain focused on his work, but is not ruling out running for the 20th Congressional District seat held by Rep. Scott Murphy, D-Glens Falls. Molinaro said he's been asked by party leaders and elected officials across the district to run. The 20th Congressional District covers all or parts of Dutchess, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Greene, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/28/10]

**By Running For Congress In 2022, Molinaro Intended To Break His Promise To Spend His Entire 2020-2023 Term As County Executive**

**2019: Molinaro Promised He Would Spend The Next Four Years As Dutchess County Executive.** “Molinaro, who a year ago failed to unseat Andrew Cuomo in a run for governor and has also been at the center of rumors that he would be tapped for a congressional run, promised Tuesday to spend the duration of his third term as Dutchess' county executive.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/7/19]

**2022: Molinaro Was Considering Running For Congress Or Governor.** “For now, his focus is on the COVID-19 pandemic. But Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro is considering runs for higher office in 2022. Molinaro told The Citizen's Eye on NY podcast that he is contemplating campaigns for either Congress or governor next year. He doesn't have a timetable for a decision, but plans to give it more serious consideration once there is more progress in the COVID-19 vaccine distribution process.” [Auburn Citizen, 4/13/21]

**Molinaro Called For Statewide Term Limits But Didn't Support A Dutchess County Term Limit Bill**

**2018: Molinaro Called For Statewide Term Limits But Didn't Support An Active Bill In Dutchess County For Term Limits.** “Besides the statewide pay-to-play ban, another reform item Molinaro has made a centerpiece of his campaign is term limits, which he insists are badly needed across state government. He has pledged to serve only two terms as governor, and in a recent New York Post op-ed said he would insist on putting term limits in the state budget unless lawmakers agree to a standalone up-or-down vote on the matter. Molinaro has again had less urgency in taking up the matter in Dutchess County: A Republican Dutchess legislator introduced a bill last year imposing a 12-year limit for both the county executive and legislators, which Molinaro and other Republicans have not supported.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said He Favored A Three Term Limit For Dutchess County Executive.** “Molinaro says he does favor a three-term limit, but wants it to be part of a broader reform of the county charter that is ongoing. He hopes to act on reforms this year.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**February 2019: Molinaro Introduced A Proposal For Dutchess County Term Limits.** “The proposal, announced by Pulver and County Executive Marc Molinaro in February, was introduced due to the recommendation by the Ethics and Independent Reapportionment Advisory Committee. The committee was formed two years ago to review codes locally and across the state and region.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/13/19]

**2019: Dutchess County Enacted Term Limits, Including A Three Term Limit For County Executive.** “Future Dutchess County executives, comptrollers and legislators may only serve a maximum of 12 years in office after the Legislature's unanimous vote Monday night to pass term limits. Starting in January, the office of the county executive will be limited to three four-year terms and a legislator may only serve six two-year terms. The comptroller will begin to serve three four-year terms in January 2022, according to Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/13/19]

## 1999: Molinaro Claimed He Would Not Run For A Fourth Mayoral Term, Then Ran For Three More

**1999: Molinaro Claimed He would Not Run For A Fourth Mayoral Term.** “Molinaro is a public relations consultant and the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Coordinator as well as the mayor of Tivoli. President of the Northern Dutchess Alliance, a regional planning consortium, he is currently vying for a seat on the county legislature. In his third mayoral term, he has said he does not plan to run for a fourth.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/20/99]

**Tivoli Mayoral Terms Were Two Years And Carried A Salary Of \$8,600.** “Cordier, a member of the village board since 1994, was appointed to fill Molinaro's term as mayor in December. Molinaro left the position after he was elected to the state Assembly last year. Cordier is running for a two-year term that carries a salary of \$8,600.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/1/07]

**Molinaro Served Six Terms As Mayor Of Tivoli.** “Marc Molinaro was first elected to public office at the age of 18 in 1994, serving on the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees. In 1995, he became the youngest mayor in the United States. He was re-elected mayor five times and elected four times to the Dutchess County Legislature.” [Dutchess County Executive, accessed 1/6/22]

## New York Assembly

### 2007 – 2011: Molinaro Passed 5 Bills During His 5 Years In The New York Assembly

**2007 – 2011: Molinaro Passed 5 Bills Passed During His 5 Years In The New York Assembly.** “Prior to that, he served in the Assembly from 2007 to 2011. His party enrollment put him in the minority, a status that made it difficult for him, or any Assembly Republican, to get bills passed. He got five bills, mostly local, signed into law, and he sponsored bills to impose stronger DWI penalties, give tax breaks for alternative fueling stations and volunteer firefighters, and set anti-bullying standards in schools, according to a search of legislative records.” [Buffalo News, 10/22/18]

**2008: Molinaro Had The Highest Percentage Of His Local Bills Introduced Passed Into Law, With Two Of His 24 Introduced Bills Passing.** “In the Assembly, Kevin Cahill, D-Kingston, had the most bills passed by both houses - 7 - but freshman Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli, had the best local record with two bills, or 8.33 percent of his 24 bills, passing in both chambers. Fellow freshman Assemblyman Greg Ball, R-Carmel, had the worst record, with no bills making it out of committees in the Democrat-controlled Assembly, let alone being approved by either house.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/26/08]

### Molinaro Skipped At Least 134 Votes While Serving In The New York Assembly

**From 2009 To 2011, Molinaro Skipped 134 Votes.** [Illumis, Marcus Molinaro Vote Analysis, accessed 11/22/21]

**2011: Molinaro Skipped 76 Votes In the 2011 Legislative Session, Twenty Fifth Most In The Assembly.** [New York Public Interest Research Group 2011 Legislative Session Analysis Appendix, 6/27/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted No 100 Times, On 10.6% Of All Votes He Cast, 38<sup>th</sup> Most In The Assembly.** [New York Public Interest Research Group 2011 Legislative Session Analysis Appendix, 6/27/11]

Molinaro 2011 Assembly Votes		
Member	No Votes	No Vote %
Molinaro	100	10.6%

## Molinaro Was Briefly In Republican Leadership

**2011: Molinaro Was Named Assistant Minority Leader Pro Tempore By Republican Minority Leader Brian Kolb.** “Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, was named the assistant minority leader pro tempore, making him the third-ranking official in the Assembly Minority Conference. Molinaro was appointed by Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and will help research issues, prepare debates and manage floor activity. Molinaro said he was honored by Kolb's appointment and looked forward to assuming the significant leadership duties on behalf of the conference and state. ‘Leader Brian Kolb has been a steadfast defender of taxpayers and small businesses at a time when the state's power structure was dominated by New York City interests,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/10/11]

**City & State: Molinaro Was “Able To Take Political Stands Without Affecting The Outcome Of A Vote.”** “Molinaro, who is nearly 30 years younger than DeFrancisco, was also a state legislator, but served only five years in the Assembly minority, where he was able to take political stands without affecting the outcome of a vote because of the Democrats' vast majority in the chamber. In addition, he has been away from Albany for most of Cuomo's tenure, resigning from the state Legislature to take his seat as county executive at the beginning of 2012.” [City & State, 4/1/18]

## Molinaro Had Ratings In The 60% Range From The New York State Conservative Party

**2010: Molinaro Had A 60% Rating From The New York State Conservative Party.** [Conservative Party of New York State, 6/14/10]

**2011: Molinaro Had A 64% Rating From The New York State Conservative Party.** [Conservative Party of New York State, 6/14/10]

## Committees

*Note: Committees and subcommittees listed in italics represent chairmanships.*

New York State Assembly		
Years	Committees	Subcommittees
2011	Election Law	
	Housing	
	Libraries and Education Technology	
	Local Governments	Volunteer Emergency Services
	Ways and Means	
2009 - 2010	Banks	
	Education	
	Election Law	
	Housing	
	Libraries and Education Technology	
	Local Governments	Volunteer Emergency Services

[Ballotpedia, accessed 1/18/22]

## Campaigns

### Election History

#### 1995 Tivoli Village Mayoral Race

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	1,431	69.4%

Judy Malstrom (D) 632 30.6%  
 [Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/6/01]

**1997 Tivoli Village Mayoral Race**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	1,431	69.4%
Judy Malstrom (D)	632	30.6%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/6/01]

**1999 Tivoli Village Mayoral Race**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)		
Tim Voell		

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/6/01]

**2001 Dutchess County Legislature Election Results**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	1,431	69.4%
Judy Malstrom (D)	632	30.6%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/6/01]

**2001 Tivoli Village Mayoral Race**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	86	100%

[Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/21/01]

**2003 Dutchess County Legislature Election Results**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	1,753	61.9%
Larry Kopczak (D)	972	34.3%
Frank Stoppenbach (I)	105	3.7%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/4/03]

**2005 Dutchess County Legislature Election Results**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	2,251	65%
Vicky K. Perry (D)	1,212	35%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/8/05]

**2006 New York State Assembly, 103<sup>rd</sup> District Primary Election Results**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	2,055	55.5%
Patrick R. Manning (R)	1,645	45.5%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 9/12/06]

**2006 New York State Assembly, 103<sup>rd</sup> District General Election Results**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	16,050	58.6%
Virginia S. Martin (D)	11,348	41.4%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/7/06]

**2008 New York State Assembly, 103<sup>rd</sup> District General Election Results**

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
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Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	25,000	63.1%
Anne Rubin (D)	14,610	36.9%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/4/08]

#### 2010 New York State Assembly, 103<sup>rd</sup> District General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	20,206	69%
Susan Tooker (D)	9,099	31%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/2/10]

#### 2011 Dutchess County Executive General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	33,196	61.5%
Daniel J. French (D)	20,743	38.5%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/8/11]

#### 2015 Dutchess County Executive General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	30,181	60.3%
Diane Jablonski (D)	17,539	35.0%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/3/15]

#### 2018 New York Gubernatorial Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Andrew M. Cuomo/ Kathy C. Hochul (D)	3,424,416	59.6%
Marcus Molinaro/Julie Killian (R)	2,207,602	36.2%

[New York State Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/6/18]

#### 2019 Dutchess County Executive General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Marcus J. Molinaro (R)	41,285	58%
Joseph Ruggiero (D)	29,293	42%

[Dutchess County Board of Elections, Election Results, 11/5/19]

### 2011 County Executive Campaign

**2011: Molinaro Campaigned On Not Increasing Property Taxes And Spending, Protecting The Quality Of Life By Funding Law Enforcement, Parks, And The Arts.** “Molinaro listed job growth as No. 1, "holding the line" on property taxes and spending as No. 2 and "protecting the quality of life" through funding of law enforcement, the county park system and the arts as No. 3.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/28/11]

**2011: Molinaro Received The Endorsement Of The Dutchess County Independence Party.** “State Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, has received the endorsement of the Dutchess County Independence Party in his bid for election as county executive. In a statement issued Monday, Chairman Dennis Zach said party leaders believed Molinaro "possesses the character and experience needed to lead Dutchess County in the future." Molinaro is being opposed by Democrat Dan French, supervisor of the Town of Beekman. French said Monday he had received Independence Party backing when he was elected supervisor in 2009 and was considering challenging Molinaro for the Independence line in November.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/26/11]

### 2008: Molinaro Was Endorsed By Law Enforcement Organizations In His New York Assembly Reelection Campaign

**2008: Molinaro Was Endorsed By The New York State Federation Of Police And The New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union – Council 82.** “Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R,C,I-Red Hook, was recently endorsed by law enforcement organizations such as the New York State Federation of Police and the New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union - Council 82. The Federation of Police wrote to Molinaro, ‘Your record of public service in this district for the past several years has proven that you support law enforcement and the victims of crime. ... Therefore, on behalf of the active, retired and associate members of the New York State Federation of Police, Inc., (we) wholeheartedly endorse you for re-election as assemblyman for the 103rd District of the state of New York.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/08]

**Molinaro: “I Am Proud To Receive These Endorsements And Will Always Be A Friend Of Those Who Serve And Protect.”** “Molinaro said: ‘I look forward to my re-election so that I can continue to work with police agencies to get drugs and crime off our streets, lock up dangerous sexual predators and create a comprehensive DNA databank that will ensure that every criminal that is put behind bars is the perpetrator. I am proud to receive these endorsements and will always be a friend of those who serve and protect.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/08]

### 2006 NY Assembly Primary

**Molinaro Was Endorsed By The Dutchess County Republican Party, Over The Incumbent Republican For The 103<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District.** “The party's support of Molinaro marks the first time since 1992 the Dutchess GOP had not backed an incumbent seeking re-election. Manning, 40, abandoned a long-shot bid for governor in March and decided to seek re-election to the Assembly only two days after Molinaro announced he would seek the seat.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/28/06]

**Molinaro Was Endorsed By The Dutchess County Conservative Party, Over The Incumbent Republican For The 103<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District.** “Assemblyman Patrick Manning, R-East Fishkill, has gone from favorite son of the Dutchess County Conservative Party to falling out of favor in only a few months. The county Conservatives have endorsed Republican Marc Molinaro, a Dutchess County legislator and Village of Tivoli mayor, over Manning, a six-term incumbent, in the 103rd Assembly District race. Molinaro announced the support in a press release issued Tuesday.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/17/06]

**Molinaro’s Primary Opponent Said Molinaro “Should Be Publicly Rebuked And Privately Ashamed” Of The Way Molinaro Campaigned.** “Manning conceded in a statement released Monday. But he also lashed out at Molinaro for the way his campaign was run. ‘I never believed that my family and my marriage would be fodder for Marcus Molinaro's cynical attempt to win at all costs,’ Manning said. ‘For that, he should be publicly rebuked and privately ashamed.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/26/06]

### Molinaro Fundraising

#### 2015: Molinaro Raised More Per Capita Than Any Other County Executive North Of Westchester County

**2015: Molinaro Raised More Per Capita From 2011-2015 Than Any Other County Executive North Of Westchester County.** “Dutchess County Executive Republican Marcus Molinaro, who is a former state assemblyman, has raised the most per capita in the last four years of any county executive north of Westchester, records show. Molinaro said as a county executive, the money is necessary to pay for social events and publications that promote his office's work.” [The Times Union, 7/26/15]

**Molinaro: “I Don't Raise Money To Remain In Office. I Raise Money To Remain Active And Relevant In The Community.”** “‘It does cost money to communicate with voters,’ Molinaro said, who was elected county executive the same year as McCoy. ‘I don't raise money to remain in office. I raise money to remain active and relevant in the community.’” [The Times Union, 7/26/15]

**Molinaro Raised \$1,044,083, \$3.52 Per Capita.** “County Executive Money raised Per capita: Dutchess - Marcus Molinaro - \$1,044,083 \$3.52” [The Times Union, 7/26/15]

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According to the Federal Election Commission, Molinaro has given \$400 to federal political candidates.

Molinaro Political Giving History - Federal			
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3/22/12	New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee	R	\$400
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400</b>

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed 11/30/21]

#### Molinaro Has Given \$4,700.38 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to the New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro has given \$3,620 to state-level candidates.

Molinaro Political Giving History – New York			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
10/23/21	Rhinebeck Republican Committee	R	\$40
9/26/21	Ola Nesheiwat Hawatmeh 4 Dutchess County Comptroller	R	\$515.38
5/17/21	Association of New York State Young Republicans	R	\$125
2/23/21	Friends of Mark Walczyk	R	\$45
7/11/20	Dave for NY	R	\$100
3/2/20	Association of New York State Young Republicans	R	\$125
2/29/20	Rhinebeck Republican Committee	R	\$15
5/7/17	North Levittown Island Trees Republican Committee	R	\$200
12/7/16	Committee to Elect Adrian Butch Anderson	R	\$20
10/16/16	Committee to Elect Matthew McNamara	D	\$35
3/22/16	New York Republican State Committee	R	\$1,250
2/1/15	City of Beacon Republican Committee	R	\$275
4/22/13	Friends of Dale Borchert	R	\$10
9/16/12	Republican Committee of the Town of Pawling	R	\$150
9/20/11	Republican Committee of the Town of East Fishkill	R	\$150
2/4/11	City of Beacon Republican Committee	R	\$150
7/14/10	Republican Assembly Campaign Committee	R	\$130
2/28/10	City of Beacon Republican Committee	R	\$75
10/4/09	Friends for Jim Coughlan	R	\$75
3/17/09	Dutchess County Young Republican Club	R	\$25
3/6/09	Friends of Robert G. Rolison	R	\$50
10/19/07	Town of Dover Republican Party	R	\$350

9/27/07	Committee to Elect Adrian Butch Anderson	R	\$20
7/19/07	Friends of Will Barclay	R	\$100
9/7/06	Columbia County Conservative Party	R	\$300
8/14/06	Jeanine Pirro for Attorney General	R	\$80
6/26/06	Dutchess County Gop Legislative Fund	R	\$35
4/10/06	Columbia County Conservative Party	R	\$75
6/2/03	Christine Sproat for Supreme Court	R	\$30
5/5/03	Christine Sproat for Supreme Court	R	\$50
9/30/02	Friends of Pataki	R	\$100
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,700.38</b>

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 11/30/21]

# Ethics – Misuse Of County Resources

## Significant Findings

### **Molinaro Featured A Video Produced By Dutchess County On His Congressional Campaign Website, In Violation Of County Ethics Rules**

- ✓ Molinaro’s congressional campaign website featured a video produced and released by the Dutchess County government and hosted on the County’s official YouTube page.
- ✓ The Dutchess County Code of Ethics prohibited using county resources and materials for “personal or private purposes.”
- ✓ The “Dutchess Invests” program highlighted in the county video misused by Molinaro’s campaign was funded as a result of Rep. Delgado’s Direct Support For Communities Act, included in the ARP.

### **Molinaro Violated County Ethics Rules By Copying His Official County Executive Biography For His Congressional Campaign Website**

- ✓ Molinaro’s biography on his campaign website was nearly identical to his biography on the Dutchess County website.
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### **Molinaro Operated A Single Twitter And Facebook Account That He Used For Both Official And Campaign Business, In Violation Of The Dutchess County Code Of Ethics**

- ✓ Molinaro used one Facebook account for both campaign and official county business.
  - ✓ Molinaro’s Facebook account linked to his congressional campaign website and identified him as a candidate.
  - ✓ Molinaro regularly shared official Dutchess County resources on his Facebook page including a livestream of an official event and a county-produced press release and graphic.
  - ✓ Since 2019, Molinaro has used county produced videos in Facebook ads for his County Executive campaign three times.
  - ✓ 2020: Molinaro recorded a video for a campaign ad inside the Dutchess County Executive office.
- ✓ Molinaro’s Twitter account was used for both campaign and official business.
  - ✓ Molinaro’s pinned tweet as of January 2022 included a county-produced video and he regularly tweeted videos produced by Dutchess County that highlighted his role as County Executive.
  - ✓ Molinaro tweeted a live stream video of an official Dutchess County government event.
  - ✓ Molinaro tweeted a graphic promoting a fundraiser for his congressional campaign.

- ✓ Molinaro tweeted a graphic that included his campaign logo alongside the logo for a Dutchess County government initiative.
- ✓ Molinaro appeared to plagiarize tweets posted by the official Dutchess County Twitter account for his own social media posts.
  - ✓ Dutchess County: “County Executive Marc Molinaro’s 2022 Executive Budget continues the County’s commitment to local young people, advancing the successful programs that have benefited children throughout the community, while funding new and innovative initiatives.”
  - ✓ Molinaro: “My 2022 Budget continues the County’s commitment to kids, advancing the successful programs that have benefited children throughout the community, while funding new and innovative initiatives to expand opportunities for youth to develop and grow into successful adults.”
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### **Molinaro Increased County Public Relations Staff And Salaries As He Was Using County-Produced Media Assets For His Campaigns**

- ✓ Since 2015, Molinaro has added three executive office public relations staff or aides for an additional \$230,000 in salary.
- ✓ 2015-2022: Molinaro increased total executive office spending by nearly \$1 million and increased executive office salaries and wages by \$630,000.

### **Molinaro Potentially Violated Federal Election Laws By Using County And State Campaign Funds To Pay For Campaign Mailers And Facebook Ads For His Upcoming Federal Campaign**

- ✓ March 2021: Molinaro said he was “definitely considering a congressional run.”
  - ✓ September 2021: Molinaro officially filed to run for Congress.
- ✓ April 2021 – June 2021: Molinaro ran Facebook ads from his County Executive campaign on federal issues including opposing adding justices to the Supreme Court, opposing President Biden’s federal budget proposal, and opposing making Washington, D.C. the 51<sup>st</sup> state.
  - ✓ Between April and June, Molinaro for Dutchess reported spending \$3,150 on Facebook ads.
- ✓ April 21, 2021: Molinaro transferred \$7,500 out of his county executive campaign account into his gubernatorial campaign account. The same day, Molinaro’s gubernatorial campaign account spent \$7,500 on campaign mailers.
- ✓ Federal law prohibited spending non-federal campaign funds in connection with an election for federal office.

### **Other Notable Findings**

- ✓ 2006: Molinaro linked his campaign website to his official mayoral website while mayor of Tivoli, which resulted in an ethics complaint and criticism from his own party.
  - ✓ Molinaro took responsibility for the error but did not unlink his websites in a timely fashion.

- ✓ From 2007 to 2011, Molinaro received over \$77,000 in taxpayer reimbursements to cover his stays in Albany.
- ✓ From 2007 to 2011, Molinaro received \$173,000 in taxpayer reimbursements to cover his Assembly office bulk mailings.

### **Molinaro's Congressional Campaign Violated County Ethics Rules By Featuring A Video Produced By Dutchess County On His Campaign Website**

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## Dutchess Invests Program Identifies Priority Areas for \$57 Million

In a major announcement on Wednesday, June 2nd, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced plans for the \$57 million one-time funding that was allocated to Dutchess County as part of...

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[Marcforum.com, accessed 9/20/21; archived 9/20/21]

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## The “Dutchess Invests” Video Was Filmed In The Dutchess County Executive Office

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### Molinaro Official Portrait Taken In The Dutchess County Offices On The Dutchess County Government Website:

## Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro

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[DutchessNY.gov, Molinaro Biography, accessed 11/15/21]

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### Molinaro Giving A COVID-19 Update From The County Executive Office:

A screenshot of a YouTube video player. The video shows Marcus J. Molinaro sitting in a grey armchair on the left, and a woman sitting in a grey armchair on the right. They are in an office setting with a round orange ottoman in front of them. The video player has a progress bar at 0:04 / 1:09:48. Below the video, there is a description: "COVID-19 Get the latest information from the CDC about COVID-19." and a "LEARN MORE" button. Below that, it says "COVID-19 Facebook Live - April 22, 2020" and "140 views · Apr 22, 2020". At the bottom, there is a "Dutchess County" channel name with "770 subscribers" and a red "SUBSCRIBE" button.

[YouTube.com, Dutchess County, 4/22/20]

### The “Dutchess Invests” Video Shot In The Dutchess County Executive Office That Molinaro Posted To His Campaign Site:



[YouTube.com, Dutchess County, 6/2/21]

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NY-19 counties would receive an estimated: [...] Dutchess County: \$57,060,000.” [Rep. Delgado Press Release, 3/10/21]

**Molinaro Announced The “Dutchess Invests” Initiative, Funded By \$57 Million In Funding Through The American Rescue Plan.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro today announced ‘Dutchess Invests’ – providing a broad overview of the priority areas into which the County will direct the \$57 million in one-time funding allocated to Dutchess County through the Federal Government’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) over the next two years.” [DutchessNY.gov, Press Release, 6/2/21]

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As your congressman, I will demand that Washington knows its impact on families, on farmers, on seniors and on small businesses. It's what I've done as County Executive, and it's what has allowed us to improve services, all while cutting taxes. Government is better when it's smaller and it's smarter. ... See more

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**Photos**

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[Facebook, Marc Molinaro, accessed 11/15/21]

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**2021: Molinaro Posted A Livestream Of An Official Government Event To His Facebook Account**

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**Molinaro Posted An Official Dutchess County Town Hall Stream To His Facebook Account.**

 **Marc Molinaro** ✓  
3h · 🌐

**Thanks for tuning in!**  
**We'll be LIVE momentarily...**

 **Closed-captioning will be available during the broadcast**

0:11 / 18:36 ⚙️ CC ↗️ 📄 🔊

**Dutchess County Government** was live.  
3h · 🌐

County Executive Marc Molinaro is hosting his latest virtual town hall forum regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and local response.

 Visit the COVID-19 Information Center for vaccine resources.  
[Get Vaccine Info](#) 

[Facebook, Marc Molinaro, 11/15/21]

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**2021: Molinaro Shared An Official Dutchess County Press Release And County Produced Graphic On His Facebook Page**

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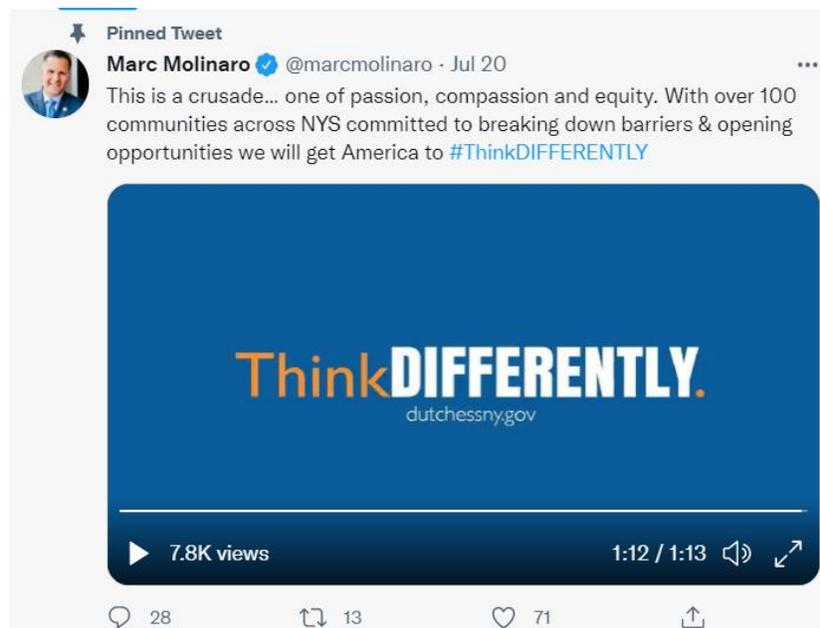


[Facebook, Marc Molinaro, 10/20/21]

**Molinaro's Twitter Account Was Used For Both Campaign And Official Government Business**

**The Pinned Tweet On Molinaro's Twitter Account Was A County Produced Video**

**Molinaro Had A County Produced Video As The Pinned Tweet On His Twitter Profile.**



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, accessed 12/5/21]

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## Molinaro Regularly Tweeted County Produced Videos That Highlighted His Role As County Executive

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### Molinaro Regularly Tweeted Videos Produced By Dutchess County That Highlighted His Role As County Executive.



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 11/26/21]



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/23/21]



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/15/21]



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/13/21]

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**2021: Molinaro Used His Twitter Account To Promote An Official Dutchess County Town Hall Event**

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**Molinaro Used His Twitter Account To Promote An Official County Government Town Hall Event.**



Join Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver and I on this month's telephone town hall. Yes, I'll be calling...



7:30 AM · Sep 26, 2021 from New York, USA · Twitter for iPhone

[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 9/26/21]

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## 2021: Molinaro Promoted A Congressional Campaign Fundraiser On His Twitter Account

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**Molinaro Used His Twitter Account To Promote A Congressional Campaign Fundraiser.**



5:28 PM · Oct 19, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/19/21]

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## Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic That Included The Logo For His Campaign Alongside An Official County Logo

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### Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic That Included His Campaign Logo Next To The Logo For The County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY Program.



[Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 12/3/21]

**ThinkDIFFERENTLY Was A Dutchess County Program Intended To Connect Those With Special Needs With Services Providers And Resources.** “In 2015, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro created the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative to bring awareness to the community about local residents living with special needs. ThinkDIFFERENTLY is a great resource that allows for people, businesses, and communities to connect with services around the county and area. ‘The website that followed was designed to create linkages for people with IDD (Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities), their families and service providers to find these resources,’ says Toni-Marie Ciarfella, Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs.” [Chronogram.com, 5/6/20]

### Molinaro Appeared To Plagiarize Tweets Posted From The Official Dutchess County Twitter Account For His Own Social Media Accounts

**Molinaro Made A Facebook Post That Was Nearly Identical To A Tweet Posted From The Official Dutchess County Facebook Account The Day Before.** [Facebook, 12/3/21; Twitter, @DutchessCoGov, 12/2/21]



**Molinaro Posted A Tweet That Was Nearly Identical To A Tweet Posted By The Official Dutchess County Twitter Account.** [Twitter, @DutchessCoGov, 10/20/21; Twitter, @MarcMolinaro, 10/20/21]



**Molinaro Violated County Ethics Rules By Using Official County Materials In Facebook Ads For His County Executive Campaign**

**2019-2021: Molinaro Used Official County Produced Videos In Facebook Ads For His County Executive Campaign Three Times**

**July 2021: Molinaro Used An Official Dutchess County Video In A Facebook Ad For His County Executive Campaign:**

About the ad

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored • Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 364811701828289

Thinking differently about those with disabilities has grown into a crusade of passion - proving that even the smallest acts make the biggest difference in a person's life.

Join us in our campaign to break down barriers and create real opportunities for everyone of every ability. We're proud to #ThinkDIFFERENTLY!



Data behind the ad

Inactive  
Jul 20, 2021 - Jul 26, 2021  
ID: 364811701828289

Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size

**Estimated Audience Size**  
Estimated Audience Size generally estimates how many people meet the targeting and ad placement criteria that advertisers select while creating an ad. [See more](#)

Estimated Audience Size  
**100K - 500K people**

**Amount spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount spent  
**\$500 - \$599 (USD)**

[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 12/5/21]

About the ad

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored • Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 560978358270077

Today, on the 31st Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act, I'm reminded of how far we have come with ThinkDIFFERENTLY. How proud I am of those who embrace this call to action. And how there is so much more we must do to break down barriers and build a state of inclusion.



ADA\_ThinkDIFFERENTLY

Data behind the ad

Inactive  
Jul 26, 2021 - Jul 27, 2021  
ID: 560978358270077

Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size

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Estimated Audience Size  
**500K - 1M people**

**Amount spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount spent  
**<\$100 (USD)**

[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 12/5/21]

**March 2020: Molinaro For Dutchess Ran A Facebook Ad Featuring An Official Dutchess County Government Video.**

● Inactive ⋮

Mar 28, 2020 - Mar 31, 2020

Platforms  

Categories 

 Impressions: **25K - 30K**

ID: 1877205889082269

See Ad Details

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 **Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess

To all the parents, grandparents, siblings, families, teachers, library staff, caretakers doing your part to get through these unprecedented times... your generosity, caring and kindness is contagious too. Together, #DutchessResponds



Parents\_Thank You

[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 11/15/21]

**August 2019: Molinaro Used An Official Dutchess County Video In A Facebook Ad For His County Executive Campaign.**

**About the Ad**

**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 518372535597715

My good friend, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, and I hosted dozens of local farmers and stakeholders for Dutchess County's 5th annual Agricultural Forum this morning at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

In addition to a discussion about issues and policies regarding agriculture and agri-business, I signed the County's Right-to-Farm law, which allows farmers to utilize the agricultural practices necessary to run their business free from undue restrictions and interference —

Read more about the event at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Executive/38987.htm>



Dutchess County Hosts 5th Annual Agricultural Forum

**Data Behind the Ad**

Inactive  
Aug 23, 2019 - Aug 25, 2019  
ID: 518372535597715

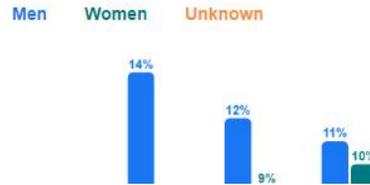
**Amount Spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

Amount Spent  
**<\$100 (USD)**

**Impressions**  
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Impressions  
**4K - 5K**

**Who Was Shown This Ad**  
The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.



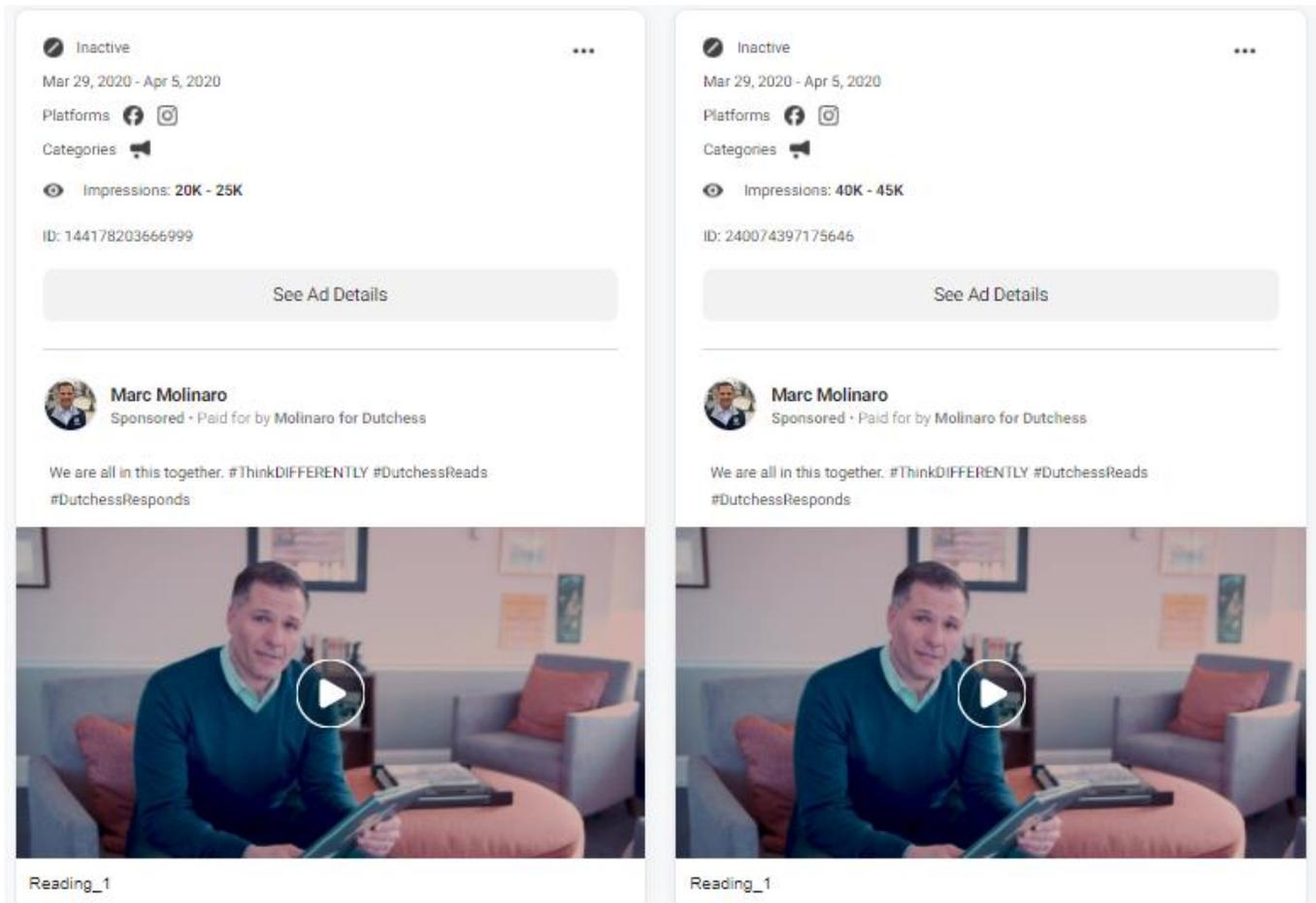
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**2020: Molinaro Recorded A Video For A Campaign Ad Inside The Dutchess County Executive Office**

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**Molinaro Recorded A Video For A Campaign Ad In The Dutchess County Executive Office.**



[Facebook Ad Library, accessed 11/15/21]

**The Dutchess County Code Of Ethics Prohibited Using County Resources And Materials For “Personal Or Private Purposes.”**

**The Dutchess County Code of Ethics Prohibited County Officers From Using County Materials For “Personal Or Private Purposes.”** “Use of County Resources. County resources shall be used for lawful County purposes. County resources include, but are not limited to, County personnel, and the County’s money, vehicles, equipment, materials, supplies or other property. No County officer or employee may use or permit the use of County resources for personal or private purposes, but this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting: any use of County resources authorized by law or County policy; the use of County resources for personal or private purposes when provided to a County officer or employee as part of his or her compensation; or the occasional and incidental use during the business day of County telephones and computers for necessary personal matters such as family care and changes in work schedule. No County officer or employee shall cause the County to spend more than is reasonably necessary for transportation, meals or lodging in connection with official travel.” [Dutchess County Code of Ethics, Section5(m), accessed 9/20/21]

**Molinaro Increased County Public Relations Staff And Salaries As He Was Using County-Produced Media Assets For His Campaigns**

**Since 2015, Molinaro Has Added Three Executive Office Public Relations Staff Or Aides, For An Additional \$230,000 In Salary Paid To Comms Staff**

**2015-2022: Molinaro Increased The Number Of Executive Office Communication Staff And Aides From 1 To 4, And Increased Salaries For Executive Office Communications Staff And Aides By More Than \$230,000:**

<b>Dutchess County Executive Office Position And Salary</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>CMMS SPCLST</b>	<b>COMMS DIR</b>	<b>AST COMMS DIR</b>	<b>EXEC AIDE</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022	66,794	119,208	81,856	39,099	\$306,957
2021	140,294	112,962	N/A	1	\$253,257
2020	140,294	103,980	N/A	47,664	\$291,938
2019	128,280	99,115	N/A	45,433	\$272,828
2018	136,844	94,480	N/A	43,306	\$274,630
2017	130,251	89,927	N/A	41,219	\$261,397
2016	123,900	82,888	N/A	N/A	\$206,788
2015	N/A	\$73,990	N/A	N/A	\$73,990

[Dutchess County Budget, 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022]

**2015-2022: Molinaro Increased Total Executive Office Spending By Nearly \$1 Million And Executive Office Salaries And Wages By \$630,000**

**The Total Appropriation For The Executive And Budget Office Increased By \$928,000 Since 2015.** [Dutchess County Budget, 2017; 2022]

**Total Spending For Executive Office Salaries And Wages Increased By \$630,000 Since 2015.** [Dutchess County Budget, 2017; 2022]

**Molinaro Potentially Violated Federal Election Law By Using His County Executive Campaign To Fund Facebook Ads On Federal Issues After Saying He Was Considering A Run For Congress**

**Molinaro Spent March-September 2021 Openly Preparing To Run For Congress**

**March 2021: Molinaro Said He Was “Definitely Considering A Congressional Run.”**

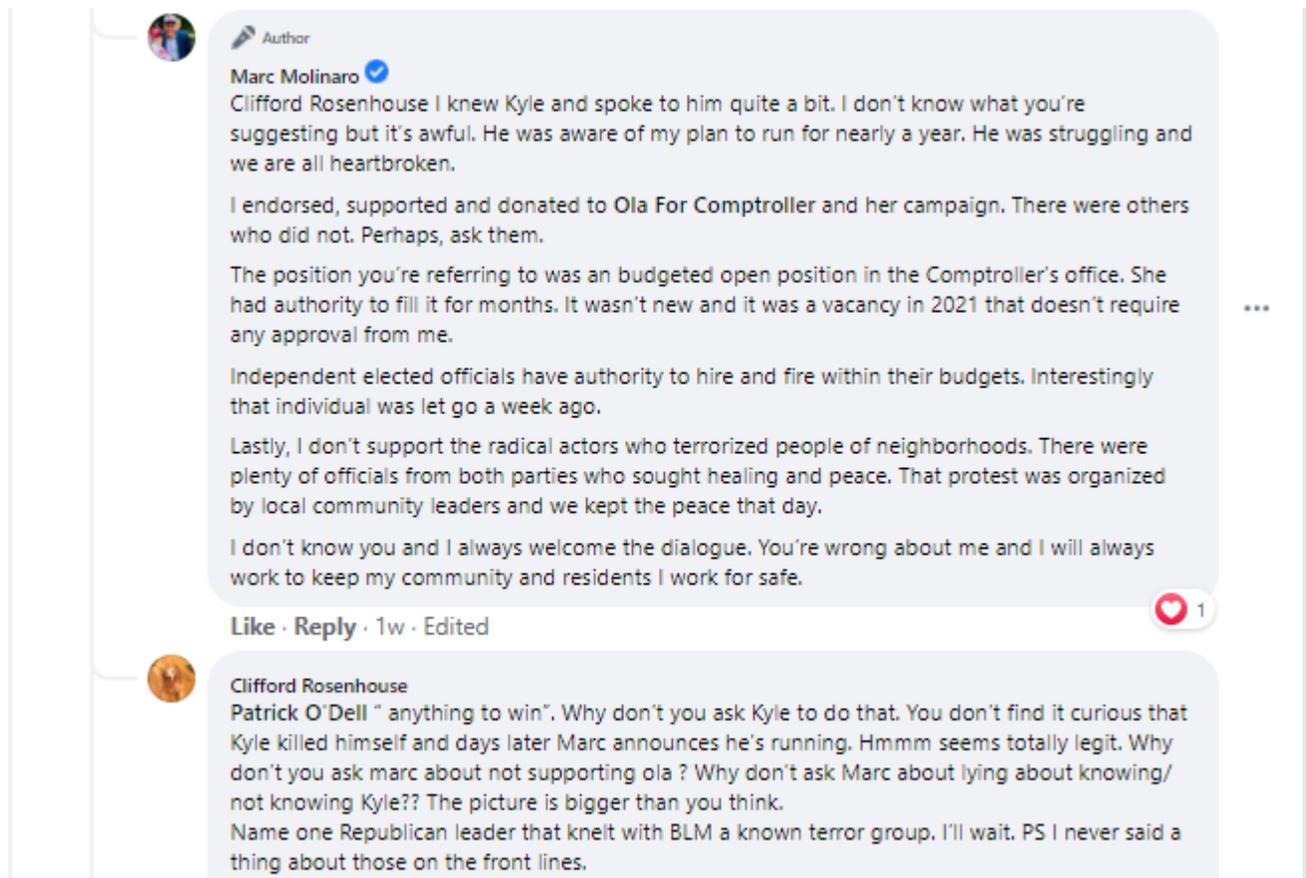
**Molinaro: “I’ll Also Be Candid, I’m Definitely Considering A Congressional Run.”** MOLINARO: “I’ll also be candid, I’m definitely considering a Congressional run. And the reason I say these things is because what I’ve learned these last 12 months is we need competency, and I’ve always thought this but it’s not a sexy thing to talk about.” [Eye on NY Podcast, 36:35-36:50, 3/9/21] (AUDIO)

**After Being Asked If He Was Considering A Run For Congress Following The Release Of A Campaign Video, Molinaro Said “I’ve Not Ruled Anything Out.”** “Just what is Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro up to? The 2018 GOP nominee for governor on Wednesday released a video on social media and by his political arm that looks lot like the announcement for a campaign. Another run for the executive mansion? Or is he considering a run for Congress? ‘I will let the video speak for itself,’ Molinaro said. ‘I’m dedicated to the work at hand in my county - and will work to hold Albany and Washington accountable to the people it serves. I’ve not ruled anything out.’” [News 1, 4/14/21]

**November 2021: Molinaro Indicated He Had Been Planning To Run For Congress For Nearly A Year**

**November 2021: Molinaro Claimed A Potential Opponent “Was Aware Of My Plan To Run For Nearly A Year.”** Molinaro posted on Facebook about a former candidate for the 19<sup>th</sup> District congressional race, Kyle Van De Water, after his suicide in November 2021: “I knew Kyle and spoke to him quite a bit. I don't know what you're

suggesting but it's awful. He was aware of my plan to run for nearly a year. He was struggling and we are all heartbroken.” [Facebook, 11/23/21]



[Facebook, 11/23/21]

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### **September 2021: Molinaro Officially Filed To Run For Congress**

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**9/17/21: Molinaro Filed To Run For Congress.** [FEC.gov, Filed 9/17/21]

### **April 2021 – June 2021: Molinaro’s County Executive Campaign Ran Multiple Facebook Ads Focused On Federal Issues**

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### **April 19 – June 1: Molinaro For Dutchess Ran Facebook Ads Focused On Federal Issues**

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**4/19/21 – 4/22/21: Molinaro For Dutchess Was Running Ads Opposing A Proposal To Add Justices To The U.S. Supreme Court.** [Facebook Ad Library, accessed [9/29/21](#)]

### About the ad



**Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored • Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess  
ID: 2905955152997973

New York congressional Democrats are leading the charge to pack the Supreme Court.

Their legislation to add four new justices to the Supreme Court is nothing more than a partisan power grab that will further erode people's trust in the rule of law and our institutions.

There's a reason even Ruth Bader Ginsburg opposed this idea. In her own words, "If anything would make the court appear partisan it would be that"....



SECURE.ANEDOT.COM  
NOT AFFILIATED WITH FACEBOOK

Send a Message to Congress. Don't Pack the Court! Donate now

With your support, we can stand up for what's right and send a message to members of Congress.

### Data behind the ad

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Apr 19, 2021 - Apr 21, 2021  
ID: 2905955152997973

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**Estimated Audience Size**  
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● Estimated Audience Size  
**500K - 1M people**

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**Amount spent**  
The estimated total amount of money spent on an ad during its schedule. [Learn more](#)

● Amount spent  
**\$100 - \$199 (USD)**

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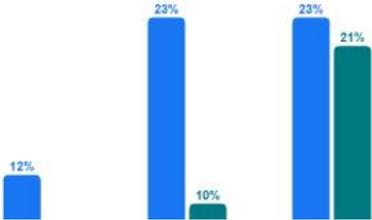
**Impressions**  
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● Impressions  
**20K - 25K**

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**Who was shown this ad**  
The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.

Men Women Unknown



Gender	Percentage
Men	12%
Women	23%
Unknown	10%

**4/27/21 – 4/30/21: Molinaro Was Running Facebook Ads Opposing Congress Admitting Washington, D.C. As The 51<sup>st</sup> State.** [Facebook Ad Library, accessed [9/29/21](#)]

## About the ad



**Marc Molinaro**

Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess

ID: 297173828668586



The attempt to turn Washington D.C. into the 51st state has nothing to do with representation, and everything to do with politics.

There are common sense solutions out there - like the idea to simply add D.C. back into Maryland.

But Washington continues to be a showcase in failed leadership. Rather than find solutions, they merely seek to maintain power.



### About the disclaimer

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Information from the advertiser



## Data behind the ad

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Apr 27, 2021 - Apr 30, 2021

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Potential Reach is now Estimated Audience Size



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Estimated Audience Size

**100K - 500K people**

### Amount spent

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Amount spent

**<\$100 (USD)**

### Impressions

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Impressions

**6K - 7K**

### Who was shown this ad

The age and gender breakdowns of people who saw this ad.

Men Women Unknown

20%



**5/30/21 – 6/1/21: Molinaro For Dutchess Was Running Ads Opposing The Biden Federal Budget Proposal.**  
[Facebook Ad Library, accessed [9/29/21](#)]

Inactive ...

May 30, 2021 - May 31, 2021

Platforms  

Categories 

 Estimated Audience Size: **100K - 500K people**

 Amount spent (USD): **<\$100**

 Impressions: **8K - 9K**

ID: 150127253805248

[See ad details](#)

 **Marc Molinaro**  
Sponsored · Paid for by Molinaro for Dutchess

We have held spending to 1.5% annual growth while cutting taxes & expanding critical services in mental health, public safety, youth services and infrastructure.

This budget will increase federal spending to World War II levels! Sooner or later, they have to realize they've run out of other people's money.

Washington & Albany are spending more than we have, taxing more than we can...



NYPOST.COM  
Biden is mortgaging our future with more spending, debt and taxes than ever before  
Two distressing facts to remember about President Biden's new 10-year budget proposal. First, his proposed spending spree would bring the largest federal debt in...

Inactive ...

May 30, 2021 - Jun 1, 2021

Platforms  

Categories 

 Estimated Audience Size: **50K - 100K people**

 Amount spent (USD): **<\$100**

 Impressions: **4K - 5K**

ID: 144572370953190

[See ad details](#)

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**April - June: Molinaro For Dutchess Reported Spending \$3,150 On Facebook Ads**

**Molinaro For Dutchess Paid \$3,150 To Facebook Around The Time The Campaign Was Running Facebook Ads On Federal Issues:**

Molinaro For Dutchess Facebook Ad Spending			
Committee	Recipient	Expenditure Date	Amount
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	4/7/21	\$900
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	4/14/21	\$100
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	4/20/21	\$900
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	5/14/21	\$550
Molinaro for Dutchess	Facebook	6/14/21	\$700

**Total: \$3,150**

[New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for Dutchess July Periodic Report Amendment, Filed 10/8/21]

**Federal Law Prohibited Spending Non-Federal Campaign Funds In Connection With An Election For Federal Office**

**It Was Against Federal Law For Candidates To Spend Or Disburse Funds From A State Account In Connection With An Election For Federal Office.** “§ 300.61 Federal elections (52 U.S.C. 30125(e)(1)(A)). No person described in 11 CFR 300.60 shall solicit, receive, direct, transfer, spend, or disburse funds in connection with an election for Federal office, including funds for any Federal election activity as defined in 11 CFR 100.24, unless the amounts consist of Federal funds that are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of the Act.” [Code of Federal Regulations, accessed 11/15/21]

**Molinaro Transferred \$7,500 From His County Executive Account To His State Campaign Account To Pay For Campaign Mailers For His Federal Campaign**

**April 2021: Molinaro Transferred \$7,500 From His County Account To His State Account Days Before The State Account Spent \$7,500 On Campaign Mailers**

**4/14/21: Molinaro Transferred \$7,500 Out Of His County Executive Campaign Account Into His Gubernatorial Campaign Account.** [New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for Dutchess July Periodic Report Amendment, Filed 10/8/21]

<b>Molinaro Campaign Transfer</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/14/21	Molinaro For New York	\$7,500	Political Contributions

[New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for Dutchess July Periodic Report Amendment, Filed 10/8/21]

**4/16/21: Molinaro For New York Spent \$7,500 On Campaign Mailers.** [New York State Board of Elections, Molinaro for New York July Periodic Report, Filed 7/15/21]

<b>Molinaro For New York Spending</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/16/21	Spectrum	\$7,500	Campaign Mailings

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**Molinaro Made Questionable Use Of Public Resources Throughout His Early Political Career**

## **2006: Molinaro Linked His Campaign Website To His Official Mayoral Website While Mayor Of Tivoli, Which Resulted In An Ethics Complaint And Criticism From His Own Party**

### **Molinaro Linked His Campaign Website To His Official Mayoral Web Page When He Was Mayor Of Tivoli, Which Resulted In An Ethics Complaint**

**A Complaint Was Filed Against Molinaro After He Linked His Campaign Website To His Official Mayor Page When He Was Mayor Of Tivoli.** “A Republican Assembly hopeful’s foray into cyberspace prompted some questions Wednesday about who pays for his campaign Web site and why a link to it is posted on the Village of Tivoli’s home page. A link on the Village of Tivoli’s Web site to the campaign Web site of Mayor Marc Molinaro sparked a complaint to the state Board of Elections. Poughkeepsie resident Michael Licker filed a formal complaint with the state board Tuesday. In the complaint, Licker said he was visiting the village Web site and found the link to Molinaro’s Assembly campaign Web site -- www.marcmolinaro.com -- at the bottom of a page for the ‘Office of the Mayor,’ featuring contact information for Molinaro.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/27/06]

### **Molinaro Was Criticized By His Republican Primary Opponent For State Assembly**

**Republican Assemblyman Patrick Manning Called Molinaro “The Poster Boy For What Is Wrong With The System.”** “Assemblyman Patrick Manning, R-East Fishkill, issued press releases Tuesday and Wednesday night blasting Molinaro. Molinaro is seeking to unseat the incumbent in the 103rd Assembly District. Besides the Web link, Manning said village taxpayers are subsidizing Molinaro’s campaign by paying for his Web site, citing records that show the domain name was registered to the village. ‘Mr. Molinaro is fast becoming the poster boy for what is wrong with the system,’ Manning said, in a written statement.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/27/06]

### **Molinaro Took Responsibility For The Error, But Did Not Unlink His Campaign Page From His Official Page In A Timely Fashion**

**Molinaro Took Responsibility For The Error, But Did Not Unlink His Campaign Page From His Official Page In A Timely Fashion.** “Molinaro said village funds were never used for his own Web site. On Wednesday, Molinaro also said he wasn’t aware the link to his campaign site was on the village’s Web site and said it would be removed by the end of the day. He added he was taking full responsibility for the error. At 11 p.m. Wednesday, the link was still on the site. ‘This is precisely among the reasons voters and taxpayers and residents can’t stand the state of politics today,’ Molinaro said of Manning’s accusations.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/27/06]

## **2007 – 2011: Molinaro Received Over \$77,000 In Taxpayer Reimbursements To Cover Some Of His Long Stays In Albany**

**2011: Molinaro Took \$12,449 In Per Diems As A State Assemblyman.** “Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, said the \$12,449 he has been reimbursed for so far this year reflects nights he stayed over in Albany due to late-night sessions and early morning meetings the next day. ‘I am extremely sensitive that these are public tax dollars,’ he said. Molinaro, in his third two-year term representing the 103rd Assembly District, said this year he had more of those early morning meetings than last year due to his added duties as assistant minority leader and appointment to two panels: Cuomo’s transition team and the mandate relief and redesign team. ‘The responsibility I’ve been given this year does require an added amount of work,’ he said. Molinaro said he lives 54 miles from Albany and the drive each way usually takes just over one hour.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/05/11]

### **2006-2007, 2009-2010: Molinaro Received \$17,617.67 And \$52,409.70 Respectively In Per Diems.**

“Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, has seen his reimbursements increase from a little over \$2,000 for fiscal year 2006-07 to \$17,617.67 in fiscal year 2009-10. His responsibilities, including committee appointments, have increased, requiring the extra time in Albany. So far he has received \$52,409.70 in per diem and travel expenses. ‘My perspective is there are some things I couldn’t afford to shoulder independently, and there are some

things the people of the state of New York shouldn't have to pay for,' Molinaro said. [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/19/10]

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**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$77,000 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel**

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**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$77,277 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel.**

<b>Molinaro Travel Expenditures By Reporting Period</b>	
<b>Period</b>	<b>Travel Expenditures</b>
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$2,055.79
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$4,070
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$4,330.26
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$7,780
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$6,764.90
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$8,681
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$8,936.40
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$10,646
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$9,376.6
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$7,836
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$6,800.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,277.37</b>

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

**2007: Molinaro Inappropriately Used His High School For A Political Event**

**2007: Red Hook School District Parents Complained That Molinaro Used His High School For A Political Event, An Inappropriate Use Of Public School Facilities.** “A group of Red Hook school district parents are upset over an assembly held this month in honor of high school graduate state Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli. The assembly, which was billed by school administrators as a hometown send-off for Molinaro, was pegged by some parents and other district residents as an inappropriate partisan use of school facilities. The residents also accused Molinaro of openly campaigning for other fellow Republicans, such as Dutchess County Legislator David Seymour, R-Red Hook, and Fishkill town Supervisor Joan Pagonos.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/13/07]

**2008: Molinaro Hosted A Web Town Hall On His Campaign Website**

**2008: Molinaro Held A Town Hall On His Campaign Website.** “Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli, will have a Web town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376. Residents can attend the meeting, participate from home at [www.marcmolinaro.com](http://www.marcmolinaro.com) or watch the meeting live on TV Channel 22. E-mail Molinaro via his Web site or call 845-594-8182.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/6/08]

**2000: Molinaro Created His Campaign Website.** “Dutchess County Legislator Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, has set up a link on his Web page for those interested in aiding his re-election campaign. Those visiting Molinaro's home page, [www.marcmolinaro.com](http://www.marcmolinaro.com), can enter a special Campaign 2001 section and volunteer to participate in the campaign or sign up for e-mail briefings, news releases and news letters. Molinaro, also mayor of the Village of Tivoli, is running for re-election in District 30 in November.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/23/01]

**2011: Molinaro Was Accused Of Abusing Taxpayer Funds To Send Campaign Mailers To His Assembly Constituents**

**2011: Molinaro Was Accused Of Abusing State Funds To Send Campaign Mailers To His Assembly Constituents.** “Members of Democrat Dan French's staff said Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, had abused his privilege to use state funds to send a series of mailings to his constituents on his activities in Albany. ‘Constituents of the assemblyman have received at least six of these mailings from his Assembly office over the last several weeks. The mailings are focused on improving the public image of the assemblyman,’ said French's campaign chairman, Roger Higgins.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/8/11]

**Molinaro Claimed The Mailings Were Allowed Under Assembly Rules.** “Molinaro said there were only four such mailings, and all of them were legitimate pieces of correspondence delivered to his constituents in Dutchess and Columbia counties under guidelines established by the Democratic majority in the Assembly.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/8/11]

**Molinaro Spent \$173,543.42 On Bulk Mailers While Serving In The New York State Assembly:**

<b>Molinaro Office Bulk Mail Spending By Reporting Period</b>	
<b>Period</b>	<b>Cost</b>
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$7,088.26
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$8,997.68
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$3,849.58
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$30,014.22
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$6,934.36
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$15,976.49
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$10,603.33
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$31,972.23
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$2,999.10
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$35,090.09
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$20,018.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,543.42</b>

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## **Molinaro Had A History Of Questionable Campaign Spending**

**Times Union: “Molinaro – Who Easily Won His County Executive Races In 2011 And 2015 – Has Himself Spent An Unusual Amount Of His Campaign Funds On Items Not Directly Related To Campaigning.”** “But Molinaro -- who easily won his county executive races in 2011 and 2015 -- has himself spent an unusual amount of his campaign funds on items not directly related to campaigning: Since 2011, he has spent nearly \$62,000 on car payments, meals, trips and entertainment.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro’s Campaigns Spent Almost \$62,000 On Car Payments, Meals, Trips, And Entertainment.** “But Molinaro -- who easily won his county executive races in 2011 and 2015 -- has himself spent an unusual amount of his campaign funds on items not directly related to campaigning: Since 2011, he has spent nearly \$62,000 on car payments, meals, trips and entertainment.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro’s Campaigns Spent Nearly \$27,000 On Car And Gas Payments, Including More Than \$15,000 On Vehicle Financing Company Ally, Despite Being Able To Use His Personal Vehicle.** “Nearly \$27,000 in car and gas payments have included more than \$15,000 paid to vehicle financing company Ally for a lease. The campaign paid the \$594 per month beginning in 2012, despite the fact that Molinaro is also provided a taxpayer-funded vehicle by Dutchess County. Candidates are allowed to use campaign funds for their personal vehicles as long as the use is related to their public office. The lease payments stopped in April 2015 and were entirely legal, Molinaro's campaign said.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro's Campaigns Spent \$12,300 On Travel And Entertainment, Including Trips To California And Florida.** "Molinaro has spent \$12,300 on travel and entertainment expenses, including a trip to California, where campaign expenses included tabs at the "Moonstone beach bar," and a trip to Florida, where the campaign paid for his stay at the Hilton Clearwater Beach." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

- **Molinaro's Campaign Spent Heavily On Car Leases And Trips To California And Florida.** "While railing against questionable campaign spending, Molinaro's committee has spent heavily on a car lease, meals and trips to California and Florida." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro Claimed His 2014 Campaign Trip To California Was "Tourism Promotion" That He Wanted His Campaign To Pay For, Not Dutchess County.** "Molinaro said the trip to California in 2014 was related to tourism promotion efforts for Dutchess County, and that he preferred to have the campaign pay for it instead of taxpayers." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro Claimed His 2012 Campaign Trip To Florida Was To Meet With Dutchess County Campaign Donors, Which Molinaro Refused To Identify, Who Had Homes In Florida.** "The Clearwater Beach trip, in 2012, was to meet with campaign donors who were Dutchess County residents with homes in Florida; Molinaro's campaign refused to identify them." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro's Campaigns Spent Nearly \$23,000 On 252 Meal-Related Expenditures.** "Molinaro has also spent nearly \$23,000 in campaign funds on 252 meal-related expenditures, which he acknowledged was a "relatively high" amount. Molinaro has often met for dinners with constituents and community groups, sometimes four times a week, which explains the high amount, he said. Given his \$140,000-a-year salary, Molinaro himself could not foot the bill for the work and campaign-related spending." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro Claimed He Couldn't Afford To Pay The Food Bills For Work And His Campaign On His \$140,000 A Year Salary.** "Molinaro has often met for dinners with constituents and community groups, sometimes four times a week, which explains the high amount, he said. Given his \$140,000-a-year salary, Molinaro himself could not foot the bill for the work and campaign-related spending." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

## Ethics – Pay-To-Play

### Significant Findings

#### **2018: Molinaro Was Investigated For Pay-To-Play Allegations Involving His Wife’s Employer, A Campaign Donor And County Contractor; Molinaro Was Cleared By A Board He Appointed**

- ✓ 2018: Molinaro was investigated because his wife was employed by a firm that received Dutchess County contracts and was a campaign donor to Molinaro.
- ✓ 2015-2018: Molinaro’s wife Corrine Adams worked for Tinkelman Bros Development Corp, a firm that received over \$200,000 in tax breaks and contracts.
  - ✓ Tinkelman Bros. was later implicated in a secret pact to develop luxury housing in Poughkeepsie, whose mayor was “doing the bidding of the well-connected Tinkelman.”
- ✓ October 2018: A formal complaint was filed against Molinaro by Democratic Dutchess County legislators asking for an investigation into “pay to play.”
- ✓ Molinaro claimed to be unsure of whether he signed the two county contracts with Tinkelman Bros.
- ✓ Molinaro was cleared of wrongdoing by the Dutchess County Ethics Board, a board whose members Molinaro appointed.
  - ✓ The ethics board was chaired by Tara Sullivan, who later violated New York State Executive Law by spying on employees.

#### **Molinaro Opposed Measures To Rein In Pay-To-Play Contracting In Dutchess County**

- ✓ Molinaro called for a state law banning campaign contributions from individuals or businesses that had or were pursuing government contracts, yet opposed a bill that would apply that standard to Dutchess County.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed a Dutchess County bill that banned the county executive from receiving campaign contributions from individuals or businesses that had or were pursuing government contracts.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed laws banning “pay to play” would create an unfair playing field for incumbents.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed “pay to play” was impossible in Dutchess County.

#### **Molinaro Took Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars From Firms Doing Business With Dutchess County**

- ✓ A quarter of Molinaro’s campaign contributions to his county executive campaign came from people or entities that got payments from Dutchess County.
- ✓ October 2018: Dutchess County legislators demanded that Molinaro return \$330,000 in campaign contributions from companies that received \$89 million in government contracts.
  - ✓ Molinaro acknowledged that some firms received contracts after giving him donations.
- ✓ 2011-2018: Twenty firms from outside Dutchess county that received \$34 million in Dutchess County contracts contributed \$134,000 to Molinaro.

- ✓ BSG Engineering, Molinaro’s largest contributor in the 2015 cycle, contributed \$11,350 five months after bidding on a \$185,000 contract.
  - ✓ 2013: Eight BSG Engineering executives, shareholders, and managers, pled guilty to a \$1 million scheme to evade New Jersey pay-to-play laws.
- ✓ Compass Company Consultants, part of Manhattan lobbying firm Park Strategies, contributed \$8,500 to Molinaro after signing a \$20,000 contract with Dutchess County.
  - ✓ The Compass Company Consultants contribution was “larger than intended” and \$7,000 of the \$8,500 was refunded.
  - ✓ Park Strategies shared an address with two consulting firms that were paid \$61,000 by Molinaro’s county executive campaigns.
- ✓ William McGahay, an owner of campaign firms that worked for Molinaro, lobbied Molinaro on behalf of his client, Triad Group.
  - ✓ Molinaro said that there was no issue being lobbied by a campaign consultant as long as it was disclosed and the lawful bidding process was followed.
  - ✓ Triad Group and its executives gave \$12,375 to Molinaro.
  - ✓ 2012: Triad Group lost a Dutchess County bid to a different firm that gave political contributions to Molinaro.
- ✓ Molinaro’s county executive campaigns and Dutchess County both paid the Casale Group for work.
  - ✓ The Dutchess County Executive’s Office declined to provide copies of emails between staff and Casale Group Campaign consultants.
- ✓ Molinaro’s largest donors were associated with Kearny Realty and Development, which received almost \$1 million in Dutchess County contracts.
- ✓ Molinaro moved the Dutchess County Department of Health into offices owned by one of his campaign donors, despite them not having the cheapest bid.

## **2018: Molinaro Was Investigated For Pay-To-Play Allegations, Then Cleared By A Board He Appointed**

**2018: Molinaro Was Investigated For Corruption Because His Wife Was Employed By A Firm That Received Dutchess County Contracts And Whose Manager Was A Campaign Donor To Molinaro**

**2015-2018: Molinaro’s Wife Corrine Adams Worked For Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp, A Firm That Received Tax Breaks From And Contracts From Dutchess County, Where Molinaro Was County Executive**

**2015-2018: Molinaro’s Wife Corrine Adams Worked For Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp. As Director Of Advertising And Communications, And Was Paid \$26,500 For Her Work.** “Corinne Adams, Molinaro’s wife, worked at Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp. from the summer of 2015 through earlier this year, when she left the job to focus on family and her pregnancy, according to Molinaro’s campaign. Molinaro and Adams were

married in November 2015, not long after she took the job. Adams' official title with Tinkelman, which is based in Poughkeepsie, was director of advertising and communications, according to Molinaro's state financial disclosure form. Adams was paid about \$26,500 for her work by Tinkelman Bros. in 2017, according to Molinaro's 2017 tax returns. A summary of his prior years' tax returns showed a similar joint income level in 2016." [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Tinkelman Bros. Received \$227,206 Worth Of Property Tax Breaks From Dutchess County.** "Cuomo's ad points to tax breaks handed down by the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency for a Tinkelman project known as Van Wagner Place. The \$5 million mixed-use development project, a mix of apartments, restaurants and boutique shops, received sales- and property-tax breaks worth \$227,276 from 2015 through 2017, according to the IDA's annual reports." [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Tinkelman Architecture, A Sister Company Of Tinkelman Bros., Received About \$70,000 Worth Of Contracts From Dutchess County.** "Tinkelman Architecture, a sister company of Tinkelman Bros., has also done work for Dutchess County on a contract basis, with the firm receiving about \$70,000 from the county from January through Aug. 31 of this year, according to county records." [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

**Manager Steven Tinkelman Donated \$6,800 To Molinaro Over Twelve Years.** "Steven Tinkleman, managing member of the firm and its sister companies, said he hired Adams because of her skillset and background in design and communications." [Poughkeepsie Journal, [9/21/18](#)]

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## **Tinkelman Was Implicated In A Secret Pact To Develop Luxury Housing In Poughkeepsie**

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**Headline: "Secret Memo Reveals Wheaton Park Pact Between Poughkeepsie and Developer."** [The River, [11/1/21](#)]

**Developers Steven Tinkelman And Wayne Nussbickel Sued The City Of Poughkeepsie After The City Historic Commission Blocked Plans To Build High-End Housing In Wheaton Park.** "Over the last few years that local architect and aspiring developer Steven Tinkelman has plodded through Poughkeepsie's municipal approval process to build high-end housing overlooking the Hudson River in Wheaton Park, Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison has held himself above the fray. 'There is a process,' has been the two-term mayor's refrain in multiple public settings. That process has indeed played out. The Poughkeepsie Historic District and Landmark Preservation Commission, which has jurisdiction over the historically registered park, twice denied the developers' plans. Tinkelman appealed to the city legislature, but the Common Council determined that the HDLPC had faithfully followed its delimited criteria. Tinkelman and Wayne Nussbickel, the only other publicly identified investor, then sued the city, the Common Council, and the HDLPC in January. A review of the court documents suggests their case is not going well, and with all motions filed by mid-September, a judge could rule before the end of the year." [The River, [11/1/21](#)]

- **Tinkelman And Nussbickel Gave A Combined \$3,000 To Molinaro's Congressional Campaign.** [FEC.gov, accessed [11/1/21](#)]

**A Confidential Memo From The City Of Poughkeepsie To The Historic Commission Laid Out A Settlement Agreement To Advance The Wheaton Park Project Pending The Approval Of The Historic Commission.** "A confidential memo obtained by The River spells out a 'conceptual agreement' between city administration and the developers to try to win over the commission. But the core of the new offer—to rent the park's the historic Pelton mansion to an arts group—is a matter outside the HDLPC's remit, which does not cover building use but rather deals with exteriors and preservation of the overall historic setting. The commission has already determined those factors would be overwhelmed by the development's sheer mass and scale. In effect, City Hall is asking the commission to violate its own mandate. In doing so, it would jettison hundreds of hours over more than two years of working with the developer to find a project plan the city could sign off on. [...] The four-page memo acknowledges that the HDLPC would have to consent to the new proposal, even while the developers, Pelton Partners, are suing on the grounds that the commission does not properly have jurisdiction. Entertaining the new offer would seemingly discredit the commission, which city officials publicly praise as vital to protecting

Poughkeepsie's much diminished historic inventory, at least rhetorically regarded as vital assets." [The River, [11/1/21](#)]

**The River: Poughkeepsie Mayor Rolison Was "Doing The Bidding Of The Well-Connected Tinkelman" Whose Contributions To Molinaro Were A 2018 Campaign Issue.** "As mayor, Rolison's record on historic preservation has been better than Tkazyik's, but not by much. He actively opposed historic designations of College Hill and the Eastman Oval. He also submitted a letter to the commission supporting Tinkelman's project as the 'best possible plan,' in part because no other proposal will contain 'all that everyone would like to see.' But this ignores the fact that Tinkelman's option-to-buy contract locks in his position indefinitely, while the city has no clear exit from that document, and in the meantime cannot entertain other proposals. Now Rolison is doing the bidding of the well-connected Tinkelman, whose political donation to Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro's gubernatorial run, as well as his hiring of Molinaro's wife, Corinne Adams, briefly flared as a campaign issue in an ad by then Governor Andrew Cuomo about pay-to-play politics." [The River, [11/1/21](#)]

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**October 2018: Dutchess County Lawmakers Requested An Investigation Of Molinaro By The State And County Into Alleged Pay-To-Play Allegations**

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**October 2018: Eight Democratic Dutchess County Legislators Filed A Formal Ethics Complaint Against Molinaro.** "Eight of 11 Democratic Dutchess County lawmakers submitted a formal complaint to the state Attorney General's Office and Joint Commission on Public Ethics on Oct. 5, calling on the state to investigate possible ethics violations against Molinaro, who is the Dutchess county executive. The allegations surround Molinaro's wife, Corrine Adams, who was awarded a job at the architectural firm Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp., of Poughkeepsie, which was awarded county contracts and tax breaks. The company made donations totaling \$6,800 to Molinaro from 2006-2018, according to the complaint." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/10/18]

**October 2018: Dutchess County Legislators Requested State And Local Investigations Into Possible Corruption By Molinaro In County Bidding Processes.** "The legislators' letter came days after the same eight lawmakers formally requested state and local investigators to probe Molinaro regarding 'possible corruption' in the county bidding process. In that letter, they asked the county Board of Ethics, and the state Attorney General's Office and the Joint Commission on Public Ethics to investigate \$6,800 in contributions Molinaro received from Tinkelman Brothers, an architecture firm that received \$70,000 in tax breaks from the county and paid Molinaro's wife \$26,500 for marketing work." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

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**Molinaro Claimed He Was Uncertain Whether He Signed Contracts With Tinkelman Bros.**

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**Molinaro Claimed To Be Unsure If He Signed The Contracts With Tinkelman Brothers.** "Molinaro said he recused himself from the contract decisions and the only involvement on his end was that he legally is required to sign them. However, he backtracked, saying he's unsure if he even signed the two contracts in question. 'I don't think I did sign those contracts. I don't think I did,' he said. 'But Bill O'Neill as deputy county executive often steps in at my request.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

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**Molinaro Was Cleared By An Ethics Board Consisting Of Members That He Himself Appointed, Whose Chair Was Later Investigated For Spying On Employees**

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**Molinaro Was Cleared By The County Ethics Board, Whose Members He Appointed**

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**The Dutchess County Ethics Board Cleared Molinaro Of Wrongdoing, Claiming That Adams Was Paid Market-Value For Her Work.** "Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has been cleared of violating any county ethics rules in connection with his wife's former job with a local contractor and campaign donor, which Democrats attempted to use against him in his 2018 gubernatorial campaign. The Dutchess County Board of Ethics ruled Dec. 7 that Corinne Adams' job with Tinkelman Bros., a Dutchess-based architecture firm, from 2015 through early 2018 did not amount to a gift because she was paid fair-market value for her work." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/19]

**The County Ethics Board, Which Was Appointed By Molinaro, Found That He Played No Role In Awarding Tax Breaks Or Contracts To Tinkelman.** “But the county Ethics Board, a bipartisan group appointed by Molinaro and confirmed by the county Legislature, found Molinaro had nothing to do with awarding the tax breaks or a county contract held by Tinkelman, which was competitively bid.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/19]

- **Under The General Municipal Law, There Was No Conflict Of Interest If A Spouse Is Employed By A County Contractor But Does Not Work On The Public Job In Question.** “As county executive, Molinaro comes under General Municipal Law, which states there is no conflict of interest if a spouse is employed by a county contractor, but does not work on the public job in question, Leventhal said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/5/18]

**The Dutchess County Ethics Board Decision Clearing Molinaro, His Wife, And Tinkelman Was Unanimous.** “The complaint lodged by Dutchess County Democrats as Molinaro challenged Cuomo last year alleged that a development company that had donated to Molinaro's campaigns also hired his wife and received county contracts and tax breaks. Cuomo used the issue in a campaign ad. But the Dutchess County Board of Ethics in December unanimously found there was no wrongdoing by Molinaro, his wife or the company.” [New York Daily News, 1/7/19]

**Tara Sullivan Chaired The County Ethics Board Which Cleared Molinaro.** “But the county Ethics Board, a bipartisan group appointed by Molinaro and confirmed by the county Legislature, found Molinaro had nothing to do with awarding the tax breaks or a county contract held by Tinkelman, which was competitively bid. ‘The County Executive's wife's salary was not a 'gift' within the meaning of the Dutchess County Code of Ethics inasmuch as she received fair market value for hourly part-time services rendered,’ the board's decision read. The decision was rendered Dec. 7 and unanimously approved. It was signed by Tara Sullivan, the board's acting chair.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/19]

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### **Dutchess County Legislators Considered The Board Of Ethics “A Partisan Joke”**

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**After The Dutchess County Board Of Ethics Found Legislator Kristofer Munn Violated The County Ethics Code, He Called The Board Of Ethics “A Partisan Joke” And Criticized Them For Letting Molinaro Off The Hook For Failing To Disclose His Wife Was Paid By A County Contractor.** “Dutchess County Legislator Kristofer Munn violated the county’s ethics code earlier this year by raising money to defend himself against a lawsuit, the county Board of Ethics has ruled. [...] The ethics board voted unanimously following an hourlong executive session Thursday to find Munn, D-Red Hook, in violation of Section 5A of the Dutchess County Code of Ethics. The board is expected to issue a written decision, including its findings and any recommendations for action against Munn next week. [...] The legislator also criticized the Board of Ethics. ‘Everybody knows that the Dutchess County Board of Ethics is a partisan joke filled with [County Executive] Marc Molinaro’s friends, supporters and donors,’ he said. ‘This has been clear since their ruling in 2018/2019 that the failure of Marc Molinaro to report over \$20,000 that his family received from a county contractor – in clear violation of the ethics laws – was OK because they claimed the amount of money involved was too small to matter.’” [Daily Freeman, 11/19/21]

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### **Dutchess County Ethics Chair Tara Sullivan Violated New York State Executive Law By Spying On Employees, And Faced Calls To Resign From The Ethics Commission**

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**Headline: “Former Bridge Authority Boss Says She Won’t Step Down As Ethics Chair”** [Mid Hudson News, 12/2/21]

**The Dutchess County Democrats Called On County Ethics Chair And Molinaro Appointee Tara Sullivan To Resign From The Ethics Commission After She Violated The State Executive Law As Executive Director Of The New York State Bridge Authority.** “Tara Sullivan, the former Acting Executive Director of the New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA), and current chairwoman of the Dutchess County Ethics Committee is being asked to resign by the Dutchess County Democratic Committee. Sullivan told Mid-Hudson News that she has no

plans to step down. Sullivan was recently found to have violated state executive law while at NYSBA, by the New York State Inspector General. [...] Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro nominated Sullivan and the other members to the committee. The county legislature then approved the nominations. The demand by Democrats for the resignation included allegations that Sullivan ignored ethics complaints against Molinaro a few years ago which Sullivan dismissed as unfounded.” [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman Elisa Sumner Called For Sullivan’s “Immediate Resignation As Chair Of The Dutchess County Board of Ethics.”** “The NYS IG report concluded that Sullivan had violated state law and acted in an imprudent manner. [...] On December 1, two days after the Mid-Hudson News exclusive story about the NYS IG letter, the Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman, Elisa Sumner, issued a statement calling for Sullivan’s resignation from the ethics committee based on the NYS IG findings. Sumner said in part, ‘Acting Executive Director of the NYS Bridge Authority (NYSBA) Tara Sullivan violated the law, we, the Dutchess County Democrats, call for her immediate resignation as Chair of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics and that she permanently step down from the Board.’” [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

- **Sumner: “The IGA’s Report Makes Clear That Sullivan Is Not Fit To Serve On The Body Charged With The Review And Enforcement Of... Ethical Conduct For Officers, Employees, And Certain Appointed Officials Of The County Of Dutchess.”** “On December 1, two days after the Mid-Hudson News exclusive story about the NYS IG letter, the Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chairwoman, Elisa Sumner, issued a statement calling for Sullivan’s resignation from the ethics committee [...] The Democratic leader also said, ‘The IGA’s report makes clear that Sullivan is not fit to serve on the body charged with the review and enforcement of... ethical conduct for officers, employees, and certain appointed officials of the County of Dutchess, to afford them clear guidance as to these standards, and to ensure that county government is free from improper influence so as to assure public confidence and trust.’” [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Dutchess Democrats’ Statement Calling For Sullivan To Resign Also Accused Her Of Ignoring Ethics Complaints Against Molinaro In The Past.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro nominated Sullivan and the other members to the committee. The county legislature then approved the nominations. The demand by Democrats for the resignation included allegations that Sullivan ignored ethics complaints against Molinaro a few years ago which Sullivan dismissed as unfounded. ‘The Democratic Committee’s statement is full of misinformation and addresses issues that have long been resolved by the Ethics committee’s unanimous decisions,’ she said. Sullivan is one of five members of the Ethics Committee and was selected as chairperson by the committee members.” [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Sullivan: “I Do Not Intend To Resign My Role As Chair Of The Dutchess County Ethics Board As Long As The County Executive Continues To Want My Service [...] I Have Done Nothing Unethical.”** “The attorney also provided Sullivan’s response to the Mid-Hudson News inquiry regarding the resignation request. Sullivan, through her counsel, said ‘I do not intend to resign my role as Chair of the Dutchess County Ethics Board as long as the County Executive continues to want my service,’ adding “I have done nothing unethical.” [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**Sullivan Abruptly Resigned From Her Position On The Bridge Commission During An Inspector General Investigation That Ultimately Found She Violated The Law By Spying On Bridge Employees.** “In 2020, while Sullivan was in charge of the NYSBA, she was accused of spying on Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge employees which resulted in investigations by the state police and the inspector general. [...] During the IG’s investigation into the matter, Sullivan abruptly resigned from her position, effective on July 15, 2021. At the time, Sullivan’s departure was announced as a retirement through an NYSBA news release which has since been removed from the NYSBA website. [...] The NYS IG report concluded that Sullivan had violated state law and acted in an imprudent manner.” [Mid Hudson News, [12/2/21](#)]

**In Response To A Request For Comment, Sullivan’s Attorney Issued A Cease And Desist Warning And Demanded A Retraction Of Reporting That Sullivan Resigned From The Bridge Commission Over The IG Investigation.** “Mid-Hudson News contacted Sullivan, a former Woodstock town board member, and Ulster County legislator on Wednesday afternoon. Asked to respond to questions regarding the Democrats’ statement, she

responded Wednesday night through an email from Rhinebeck attorney Nathaniel Charny. He was retained by Sullivan in response to recent Mid-Hudson News reporting on Sullivan's ties to the 'spy-gate' issue. Charny said in part, 'you are instructed to cease and desist from publishing the inaccurate information on this topic and retract all references that state or imply that Ms. Sullivan resigned due to the IG investigation.' The NYS IG letter that was the basis for the Mid-Hudson News story said in part, 'During the investigation, Sullivan resigned her position at the Bridge Authority effective July 15, 2021.'" [Mid Hudson News, 12/2/21]

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**Albany Times Union: Molinaro Could Have Easily Passed A Law In Dutchess County Preventing Pay To Play, But He Opposed Such A Bill Modeled After One Passed By Republicans In Neighboring Orange County.** "In Molinaro's current job, passing such a law would not be so difficult: In Dutchess County, Republicans control the county legislature and Molinaro has significant sway over its agenda. Yet Molinaro and fellow Republicans opposed such a bill -- modeled after an anti-pay-to-play measure passed by Republicans in Orange County -- when it was introduced by county Democrats last year." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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“Molinaro has argued in the past that the law would create an unfair playing field for Dutchess County incumbents, who would be constrained by the restrictions of the law while their electoral challengers would not be. And Molinaro said that while neighboring counties have passed pay-to-play laws, he trusts the opinion of Dutchess County counsel, who says such programs would not pass legal muster -- unless implemented on a statewide basis.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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### **Molinaro Claimed “Pay To Play” Was Impossible In Dutchess County**

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**Molinaro Claimed The Dutchess County System Made Pay To Play Impossible.** “Even contracts under \$20,000 are verbally bid, and all contracts require the sign-off of the county comptroller. Asked last year by a constituent about possible pay-to-play in Dutchess County, Molinaro maintained that system simply would not allow it. ‘That premise is entirely false, unless you suggest that competitive bidding results in people getting contracts because they made a (campaign) contribution’ Molinaro said.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

### **Molinaro Called For Taking Politics Out Of Ethics Enforcement**

**Molinaro Called For Taking Politics Out Of Ethics Enforcement.** “The proposed Albany Accountability Act he rolled out in July was a good-government wish list: term limits for all state officials; a "database of deals" to track public contracts; bans on corporate subsidies and campaign contributions from companies with business before the state; eliminating the loophole that enables individuals and businesses to make huge donations through multiple limited liability companies; and taking politics out of ethics enforcement and legislative redistricting (independent panels established by the state's highest court would do those jobs). His 30-page white paper on the MTA caused a minor sensation among transit wonks.” [Crains New York Business, 10/29/18]

### **Molinaro Claimed He Increased Ethics Legislation In Dutchess County**

**Molinaro Claimed He Expanded Ethics Legislation In Dutchess County.** “Among his proposals are term limits, an end to political contributions from private sector entities doing business with the state, an end to direct aid to private business and an ethics commission with teeth. He said he has experience expanding ethics legislation in his current role as Dutchess County executive.” [Watertown Daily Times, 9/21/18]

### **Molinaro Accepted Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Campaign Contributions From Firms Doing Business With Dutchess County**

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**October 2018: Dutchess County Lawmakers Demanded Molinaro Return \$330,000 In Campaign Contributions From 67 Companies That Received \$89 Million In County Contracts, Which Contributed To A “Pay-To-Play” Culture.** “A coalition of Dutchess County lawmakers are demanding that County Executive Marc Molinaro, the GOP candidate for governor, return \$330,000 in campaign contributions from 67 companies doing business with the county. A letter from eight of 11 Democrats who sit on the Dutchess County Legislature

said the same donor companies have gotten \$89 million in county contracts over the past seven years, giving the contributions the semblance of a ‘pay-to-play’ culture.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

**Headline: “Dutchess Lawmakers Want Candidate Marc Molinaro To Return \$330K In Campaign Cash.”**  
[Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/18]

**Molinaro Acknowledged That Some Firms Received Contracts After Giving Him Donations.** “He also denied ever awarding county contracts based on campaign contributions. He acknowledged that some donors had been awarded contracts after making donations, but they never received contracts because of a donation. ‘They may have gotten county contracts, and they may have contributed,’ he said. ‘By stating that they made contributions and then got contracts, that’s not true I’m not willing to cede that.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

**2011-2018: Twenty Firms From Outside Dutchess County That Won \$34 Million In Dutchess County Contracts Contributed At Least \$134,000 To Molinaro**

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**Molinaro Claimed That Businesses Outside Of Dutchess County Donated To Him Because They Supported His Policies And “Don’t Those People Care About Good Government?”** “Asked by the Times Union why business interests far outside Dutchess County would want to donate heavily to his executive campaigns if the donations did not help them land contracts, Molinaro said those donors must support his policies. ‘Don’t those people care about good government?’ he said.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**Compass Company Consultants, Part Of Manhattan Lobbying Firm Park Strategies, Contributed \$8,500 To Molinaro After Signing A \$20,000 Contract With Dutchess County**

**November 2012: Compass Company Consultants, A Manhattan LLC, Gave Molinaro \$8,500 Six Weeks After Signing A \$20,000 Contract With Dutchess County.** "The second-largest campaign donation to Molinaro was \$8,500 in November 2012 from a Manhattan limited liability company, Compass Company Consultants, which previously had hardly ever donated in New York elections. About six weeks beforehand, records show, Compass had signed a \$20,000 contract with Dutchess County to perform an audit of its self-insured workers compensation program." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**Compass Company Consulting Was Part Of A Manhattan Lobbying Firm, Park Strategies.** "Compass, which focuses on insurance regulation consulting, is part of a major lobbying firm, Manhattan-based Park Strategies. Park shares an address with two campaign-consulting firms that have been paid about \$61,000 by Molinaro's county executive campaign account, Verus Partners and Capitol Public Strategies." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2013: Park Strategies Won A \$20,000 Dutchess County Contract.** "Records show Park Strategies has itself won a \$20,000 contract in 2013 from Molinaro's county government for communications work during the design phase of the building of a new county jail." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Park Strategies Was Founded By Former Republican Senator Al D'Amato, Who Had Previously Lobbied Molinaro.** "Park Strategies, founded in 1999 by former Republican U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato, has lobbied Molinaro on behalf of its clients, who have also donated to Molinaro. Government-reform groups have long criticized the practice of campaign firms lobbying the people they help elect." [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**Molinaro’s County Executive Campaigns And Dutchess County Both Paid The Casale Group**

**Molinaro’s Campaigns Have Paid The Casale Group At Least \$61,000.** “Molinaro's county executive campaigns have paid another well-known Republican political firm, the Casale Group, more than \$61,000. The firm's Lynn Krogh is managing Molinaro's gubernatorial campaign.” [Albany Union, 7/1/18]

**2017: Dutchess County Gave The Casale Group A \$15,000 Contract To Produce A Video For The County.** “In February 2017, records show Dutchess County also signed a \$15,000 deal with Casale Group to produce a minute-long video for Molinaro's ‘Think Differently’ campaign, which encourages people to change their attitudes towards people with special needs.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2017: Dutchess County Gave The Casale Group \$4,000 To Do Robocalls For The County.** “Casale Group has also been paid about \$4,000 more in taxpayer money in 2017 to do ‘robocalls’ regarding public hearings on a county tax savings plan.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**When Asked For Emails Between The Molinaro’s Office And Campaign Consultants, The Dutchess County Executive Office Declined To Provide Them.** “The Dutchess County executive's office declined to provide the Times Union with copies of any emails between Molinaro administration officials and his campaign consultants, saying that the newspaper would have to provide the private email addresses for each consultant.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

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**Molinaro’s Largest Donors Were Associated With Kearney Realty And Development, Who Had Given Molinaro Almost \$50,000.** “Molinaro's biggest donor appears to be companies and people connected to a Putnam County-based affordable housing developer, Kearney Realty and Development, a group tied to about \$50,000 in donations to Molinaro.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

- **Kearny Also Gave Large Contributions To Andrew Cuomo.** “Kearney, which has donated even more heavily to Cuomo, did not return a request for comment.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Kearney Realty And Development Received Three Payments Of \$295,000 Each From Dutchess County.** “Dutchess County has made three different payments of \$295,000 each -- part of the of the federal HOME program -- to Kearney projects. Those dollars go through the county's Community Development Council, which makes recommendations to Molinaro. He does not recall ever going against the Council's advice.” [Albany Times Union, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro Moved The Dutchess County Department Of Health Into Offices Owned By One Of His Campaign Donors, Despite Them Not Having The Cheapest Bid**

**Molinaro Moved The Dutchess County Department Of Health To New Offices In Page Park Associate's Poughkeepsie Journal Building.** "For the Health Department's new office, the county selected Page Park Associate's Poughkeepsie Journal building at 85 Civic Center Plaza in the city. Page Park's lease proposal included rent at \$24.25 per square foot, which did not include telephone or Internet utilities or any increases in county, city or school taxes from the initial lease year. The county negotiated a final lease rate of \$23.20 per square foot with the same exclusives." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/22/12]

**Page Park Donated \$2,610 To Molinaro's Assembly Campaigns.** "Between 2009 and 2010, Molinaro received \$2,610 in donations from Page Park during his run for Assembly, according to campaign finance records on the website of the state Attorney General's Office. In addition, Page Park managing partners Darin and Jason Page have donated a combined \$310 to Molinaro between 2009 and 2011 for state and county races. Molinaro said those donations didn't have any influence on the Page Park lease agreement. Patrick Properties also donated to Molinaro, including \$500 for his county executive campaign. Property manager Vincent Dimaso individually donated \$150 to Molinaro." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/22/12]

**Page Park Did Not Have The Cheapest Bid For The Health Department's New Offices.** "At a rate of \$22 per square foot, HP Mitchell of White Plains submitted a proposal in an attempt to keep the Health Department as its tenant at 387 Main St [...] At a rate of \$20 per square foot, CR Properties proposed space at 331 Main St., the Indotronix International Corp. building. The rent included property and school taxes, maintenance and utility cost. Although it appears to be the cheapest option, CR Properties offered 10 of the 46 required on-site parking spaces, Molinaro said [...] At a first-year rate of \$20 per square foot, Patrick Properties offered an office in Canterbury Plaza on Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Rent would increase to \$21.40 for year three, \$21.80 for year four and \$21.22 for year five. Excluded were increases in property tax and school tax, a portion of liability insurance, and increases in gas and electric. The proposal included 262 parking spaces and the landlord agreed to pay up to \$150,000 to put in partitioned walls and some furniture." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/22/12]

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### **Molinaro Faced Pay-To-Play And Conflict Of Interest Allegations As Early As 1999**

#### **1999: Molinaro Was Accused Of Participating In A Corrupt Political System That Encouraged "Pay To Play"**

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**1999: Molinaro: "Show Me One Allegation Where Any Contribution Has Weighed On Any Decision."** "'Show me one allegation where any contribution has weighed on any decision,' answered Molinaro, the mayor of Tivoli and Republican candidate for the seat sought by Tyner." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/22/99]

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“Democrats running for the county Legislature in northern Dutchess County are continuing to raise corruption and campaign finances as issues. Republicans respond that what’s unethical is using insinuation and vague accusations to advance politically. Joel Tyner, Democratic candidate in the 30th District, charged that Republican candidates Marc Molinaro and Woody Klose have participated in a corrupt political system, taking campaign donations that create conflicts of interest.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/22/99]

**1999: Molinaro Pushed Back On Accusations From Democrats.** “But Democrats charge that the current political system creates a culture in which conflicts of interest exist. Tyner and Molinaro are vying to represent a district that includes Clinton, Milan and a portion of Red Hook. The office is being vacated Dec. 31 by retiring lawmaker Fran Mark, who supports Molinaro. [...] Molinaro, Klose and their supporters in the audience blasted Tyner and Stoppenbach for making accusations that called into question the integrity of Molinaro and Klose.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/22/99]

- **1999: The Former Dutchess County Republican Chairman Was Involved In A Corruption Scandal, but Molinaro Was Not Implicated.** “Dutchess Democrats hope to make gains in the Republican-controlled county government in the Nov. 2 elections. They’re making ethics a centerpiece of the campaign, which is being waged amid a corruption scandal involving allegations that William Paroli Sr., the former county GOP chairman, extorted money from companies doing business in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Neither Molinaro nor Klose, who represents the 31st District and is chairman of the Legislature, has been implicated in the scandal. Nor has any publicly elected official.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/22/99]

## Ethics – Dutchess County Baseball Stadium

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro spent \$12.5 million of American Rescue Plan relief funds on baseball stadium upgrades, including expanding stadium locker rooms and upgrading the outfield party deck.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed the Hudson Valley Renegades would leave without the stadium upgrades.
    - Unlike a prior upgrade, the ARP-funded stadium renovations were not needed to bring the stadium into compliance with Major League Baseball.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed that the stadium upgrades would pay for themselves by boosting tourism.
  - ✓ Spending American Rescue Plan money on baseball stadium upgrades might have been illegal and subject to clawback from the Treasury Department as an “ineligible” spending project.
- ✓ The Dutchess County Auditor found the stadium operated at a deficit from 2015-2020 and that funding for stadium upgrades was mismanaged.
  - ✓ Every year between 2015 and 2020 the stadium operated at a deficit of at least \$134,000.
  - ✓ The audit found that stadium upgrades were not fully planned for, not properly disclosed, and that funding requests were omitted from the county budget.
- ✓ Dutchess County Auditor: “The current lease terms are unfavorable to the county and do not fully compensate for the costs incurred.”
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed the stadium brought economic benefits not accounted for in the audit, and that the stadium would generate a yearly surplus of at least \$750,000.
  - ✓ Dutchess County Democratic Legislators and local businesses disputed the claim that the stadium drove economic growth.
- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly called for multi-million dollar “investments” into the stadium during his time as county executive.
- ✓ Molinaro’s second wife worked for the Hudson Valley Renegades as director of marketing and communications through at least 2015.
- ✓ 2013 – 2021: Molinaro’s county executive calendar had at least 102 separate events at the Dutchess County Stadium, including 62 sporting events.

## Dutchess County Baseball Stadium

**2013: Molinaro Called For \$1 Million In Stadium Upgrades To Boost Tourism And Keep The Stadium Competitive With Others In The Region**

**2013: Molinaro Claimed Stadium Upgrades Would Boost Tourism.** “To encourage tourism, Molinaro promised the completion the Dutchess County Rail Trail, connecting it to the Walkway Over the Hudson state park, and repairs and upgrades to Dutchess Stadium. He said continued investment in tourism and local businesses is crucial to maximize the county's resources.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/31/13]

**2013: Molinaro Called For A \$1 Million Investment To Improve The Dutchess County Stadium And Keep It Competitive With Newer Stadiums In The Region.** “This year begins the 20th year of Dutchess Stadium. It was built fast and cheap, Molinaro said. Today, it is aging and in need of repair and upgrades. ‘We will proceed with several short-term improvements including drainage and electrical repairs, preventative maintenance and full field replacement. To complete necessary field improvements by opening day, we will seek legislative support next month for the \$1 million adopted in this year's capital plan,’ he said. ‘To remain competitive with newer stadiums built in the region and ensure ‘the Dutch’ remains a regional attraction and economic engine in southern Dutchess County we will begin developing a broader campus plan to expand opportunities on-site for a multi-use, multi-season recreational facility,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/31/13]

**2018: Molinaro Called For A \$3 Million Bond To Upgrade The Stadium; The County Legislature Approved \$2.4 Million**

**2018: Molinaro Called For A \$3 Million Bond To Upgrade The Stadium** “The budget also called for a \$3 million bond - which will be matched in part by the state Empire Development a total of \$6 million - for improvements at Dutchess Stadium. The county's contract with the Hudson Valley Renegades is expiring and Molinaro said the county is looking for a long-term commitment from the minor-league organization. Either way, he said, the stadium is in need of improvements. ‘As we continue to negotiate a new contract with the Hudson Valley Renegades and its ownership, Dutchess County must also make a commitment to ensure that the physical construction of the stadium is safe, secure and, ultimately, that we expand the fan experience,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/30/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said Dutchess County Needed To Spend Millions On Stadium Renovations To Keep The Contract With The Minor League Team.** “The Legislature voted down a measure on Tuesday that would've authorized the county to set aside \$2.4 million in bonds to renovate seating, resurface concrete and repave the parking lot. County Executive Marc Molinaro, who proposed the resolution, says it would need to pass for the county's contract with the Renegades and the Beacon school district - which owns the land - to be extended another five years. The contract is set to expire Dec. 31.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/16/18]

**2018: Dutchess County Committed \$2.4 Million For Stadium Renovations And Upgrades.** “In 2018, the county committed \$2.4 million to repairs and upgrades at the stadium, which sits on land owned by the Beacon City School District. The county pays rent to Beacon for use of the land, and the Renegades pay rent to the county for use of the stadium.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

- **The Dutchess County Legislature Vote Was Unanimous After Previously Voting Against It.** “The Legislature's vote was unanimous on Monday, after it voted against the bond in November. Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver said County Executive Marc Molinaro provided the governing body with more details of the agreement, which swayed the lawmakers.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/6/18]

**2021: Molinaro Spent \$12.5 Million Of American Rescue Plan Relief Funds On Baseball Stadium Upgrades**

**Dutchess County Allocated \$12.5 Million Of Its \$57 Million In American Rescue Plan Relief Funds Toward Improvements For Dutchess Stadium.** “Minor league teams took a combined \$40 million in Paycheck Protection Program loans early in the pandemic to cover worker salaries. But unlike Broadway theaters and live music venues they've been shut out of additional government relief. That's why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and

buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Residents Questioned Why The New York Yankees, The Parent Club For The Renegades, Couldn’t Pay For The Stadium Upgrades.** “While a majority of residents who submitted letters to the Legislature regarding the proposal were in favor of fronting the money for they upgrades, some questioned why the New York Yankees, the Renegades' new parent club, cannot pay the expense.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

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### **The \$12.5M Allocated Was More Than The Anticipated Total Cost Of Stadium Renovations Estimate Earlier In The Year**

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**As Of February 2021, The Total Expected Cost To Renovate The Stadium Was Around \$10 Million.**

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[Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

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### **Molinaro Claimed The Hudson Valley Renegades Would Leave Dutchess County Without The ARP-Funded Stadium Upgrades**

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**Molinaro Said Without The ARP-Funded Investment In Dutchess Stadium, The County Would Lose The Hudson Valley Renegades As Its Tenant.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] But without the investment the county, which owns the stadium and collects rent from the Renegades, wouldn’t have a paying tenant, said County Executive Marc Molinaro. Dutchess County expects a \$16 million return in increased tourism, sales, and hotel tax revenue from the agreement, which secures the Renegades as a Yankee team for 25 more years, he said.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

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### **Unlike Prior Renovations, The Stadium Renovations Were Not Needed To Bring The Stadium In Compliance With Major League Baseball**

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**Unlike A Prior \$1.44M Upgrade, The ARP-Funded Stadium Renovations Were Not Needed To Bring The Stadium Into Compliance With Major League Baseball.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] Unlike the \$1.44 million previously approved for stadium upgrades, the upgrades planned are not expressly necessary to bring the stadium into compliance with Major League Baseball's standards. The next stadium improvements include new pitching and batting areas, a new clubhouse, a new seating area and enclosed event space.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/16/21]

- **The Dutchess County Legislature Voted On The Proposed \$1.44 Million Bond In February 2021.**

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## **Molinaro Claimed The Stadium Upgrades Would Pay For Themselves By Boosting Tourism, A Claim A Local Business Owner Disputed And A County Legislator Called “Insane”**

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**Molinaro Said He Expected Investments In Dutchess Stadium To Return \$16 Million In Increased Tourism, Sales And Hotel Tax.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] But without the investment the county, which owns the stadium and collects rent from the Renegades, wouldn’t have a paying tenant, said County Executive Marc Molinaro. Dutchess County expects a \$16 million return in increased tourism, sales, and hotel tax revenue from the agreement, which secures the Renegades as a Yankee team for 25 more years, he said.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Molinaro Claimed That Keeping A Minor League Baseball Team Would Offset Revenue Losses Incurred During The Pandemic.** “Molinaro, a Republican, countered that keeping the Renegades, a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the New York Yankees, would offset revenue losses incurred during the pandemic in the long run, as the county has long prized the team’s ability to drive tourism spending. And, in the weeks since, the county has approved funding for youth services and other needs.” [The Journal News, [7/27/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Legislator Nick Page: “This Is Single-A Baseball. To Pretend It’s An Economic Driver Is Insane [...] This Is Not Doing Any Good For The Average Person In Dutchess County.”** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. But the decision is not without opposition. ‘This is single-A baseball. To pretend it’s an economic driver is insane,’ said Democrat Nick Page, a county legislator and self-described baseball fan who voted against giving the money to the Renegades in favor of using it for housing, broadband, and infrastructure projects. ‘This is not doing any good for the average person in Dutchess County who has suffered during Covid.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Owner Of Red Pepper Diner Near Dutchess Stadium: “Nobody Gets Business From The Stadium [...] People Come In, They Park There, And They Leave.”** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. But the decision is not without opposition. [...] But the owner of Red Pepper Diner near the stadium has a different take. ‘Nobody gets business from the stadium,’ said Saman Munaweera. ‘People come in, they park there, and they leave.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Community Leaders Opposed Spending American Rescue Plan Funding On A Baseball Stadium.** “Among the county’s first allocations was \$12.5 million for upgrades to Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill that were required as part of a long-term lease with the Hudson Valley Renegades. The decision sparked dispute from some community leaders and Democratic officials, who questioned why more funding was not spent on social services.” [The Journal News, [7/27/21](#)]

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## **Spending American Rescue Plan Relief Funds On Baseball Stadium Upgrades Was Potentially Illegal And Subject To Clawback**

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**National Taxpayers Union Foundation VP Of Tax Policy Joe Bishop-Henchman: “Spending The [ARP] Money On Baseball Stadiums Is A Walk On The Legal Wild Side.”** “The U.S. Treasury has said it will recoup any funds used on ‘ineligible’ expenses, and is already fighting a dozen states in court over a provision barring use of Covid-relief funds to offset state tax cuts. It’s instructed recipients to follow an outline of Covid-related economic priorities while they await final guidance. [...] ‘Spending the money on baseball stadiums is a walk on the legal wild side,’ said Joe Bishop-Henchman, vice president of tax policy and litigation at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘I’m not sure which bucket this would fall under unless they’re fixing the sewers in the stadium. Time will tell how vigilant Treasury wants to be, but we’ve already seen them actively fight six lawsuits over restrictions.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**The U.S. Treasury Said It Would Clawback COVID Relief Funds Used On “Ineligible” Expenses.** “The U.S. Treasury has said it will recoup any funds used on ‘ineligible’ expenses, and is already fighting a dozen states in court over a provision barring use of Covid-relief funds to offset state tax cuts. It’s instructed recipients to follow an outline of Covid-related economic priorities while they await final guidance.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**The U.S. Treasury Did Not Respond To Press Inquiries Asking If Dutchess County’s ARP Spending On Dutchess Stadium Would Be Clawbacked Over Illegal Spending.** “‘Spending the money on baseball stadiums is a walk on the legal wild side,’ said Joe Bishop-Henchman, vice president of tax policy and litigation at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘I’m not sure which bucket this would fall under unless they’re fixing the sewers in the stadium. Time will tell how vigilant Treasury wants to be, but we’ve already seen them actively fight six lawsuits over restrictions.’ [...] Treasury did not respond to inquiries on whether the allocations in Dutchess, Berks, and Lackawanna counties would be subject to clawback.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

### **Dutchess County Auditor Found The Stadium Operated At A Deficit From 2015 To 2020 And Funding For It Was Mismanaged**

**Dutchess County Auditor: The Stadium Has Operated A Yearly Deficit Of At Least \$134,000 From 2015 To 2020.** “That system has been questioned in the past, namely by county Comptroller Robin Lois, who in November issued an audit pointing out the stadium has operated at a deficit of more than \$134,000 each year between 2015 and 2020.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [2/8/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Auditor: “Capital Projects For The Stadium Have Not Been Properly Planned And Fully Disclosed.”** “This audit report finds the capital projects for the Stadium have not been properly planned for and fully disclosed in the County’s 5-year capital plan.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

**Dutchess County Auditor: Stadium Funding “Was Hurried And Omitted From The Budget.”** “Although the County had knowledge of the needed repairs for several years prior to 2018, the request for funding was hurried and omitted from the budget.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

**Dutchess County Auditor: “The Current Lease Terms Are Unfavorable To The County And Do Not Fully Compensate For The Costs Incurred.”** “The County currently has a 5-year lease extension with the tenant that expires 12/31/23 and will soon need to be re-negotiated. The current lease terms are unfavorable to the County and do not fully compensate for the costs incurred. Although the Stadium is listed as a county park, it does not provide public access for resident enjoyment and is operated by a for-profit entity. The new lease agreement must safeguard taxpayer funds while planning for improvements to the quality and experience for the Stadium tenants and visitors alike. A fair and equitable lease would include remittance for operating expenses and allowance for anticipated increase in annual capital bond and interest costs incurred by the County.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

**Dutchess County Auditor: Dutchess County’s Capital Plans Did Not Include Needed Capital Improvements For The Stadium.** “The County’s annual 5-year Capital Program/Plans (2016-2018) did not include or account for the needed capital improvements to the Stadium required to keep it usable and safe. Although the County had a long-term lease with Keystone and was aware of the impending needed improvements and repairs, there was no capital plan or repair schedule documented or followed. As an owned asset, the County has an obligation and responsibility for upkeep of the Stadium for not only the safety of its residents but under the obligations of the lease with the tenant. In a letter dated November 16, 2018 by Keystone President Jeff Goldklang (see Exhibit I), the needed repairs were stated as known by the County since 2016. Repairs were not part of the capital plans in 2015-2018 and a rush approval by the Legislature was requested in November 2018 by the administration; This required a request to waive rules of the Legislature (see Exhibit II), which was granted. Subsequently, the proposed repairs were approved by the Legislature in December 2018.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, November 2020]

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## **Molinaro Responded To The Audit By Claiming The Stadium Brought Economic Benefits Not Mentioned In The Audit**

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**Molinaro Touted Economic Benefits Of Dutchess Stadium After County Comptroller Released Audit Questioning Its Economic Value.** “However, an audit released last week from county Comptroller Robin Lois questions the economic benefit of the stadium, the amount of money taxpayers have put into the property despite the county neither owning nor operating it directly, and a lack of details regarding additional planned improvement expenditures noted in an application for Empire State Development funding. Lois in the audit, which spanned 2015 to October 2020, concluded the stadium has operated at a deficit of more than \$134,000 each year - and in some cases much more - from 2015-2019, and said in 2020 the Renegades had yet to pay any rental fees [...] Molinaro said that 60% of fans that go to Dutchess Stadium each year are from outside the county, and that group of people spends \$1 million per year locally. He said it's difficult to evaluate what area residents spend during the Renegades' season, as they are already spending their money in the county year-round. ‘There will be additional economic investment. People spend money, whether they're buying gas or souvenirs,’ Molinaro said. ‘They're spending money in Dutchess County.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/17/20]

**Molinaro Claimed The Stadium Will Generate A Yearly Surplus Of At Least \$750,000.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, who has thrown his support behind the resolution, pointed to a 2012 report that estimated non-Dutchess residents, who comprise roughly 60% of visitors to Renegades games, spend nearly \$1 million annually. He also said revenue over the course of a 20-year agreement with the team will offset the cost of the upgrades, as he projects the county to end up gaining a \$750,000 surplus through various agreed-upon revenue streams.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/8/21]

**The Dutchess County Department Of Public Works Said They Viewed Losses From The Stadium As The Cost Of Operating A County Park, Not As A Deficit.** “Lois in the audit, which spanned 2015 to October 2020, concluded the stadium has operated at a deficit of more than \$134,000 each year – and in some cases much more – from 2015-2019, and said in 2020 the Renegades had yet to pay any rental fees. In response, the county Department of Public Works Commissioner Robert Balkind said the administration is in the process of purchasing the land for the stadium from the school district and is interested in a long-term agreement with the Renegades, after which more improvements would be planned. He also noted the department does not look at losses relating to the stadium as a deficit, but rather the cost of operating a county park.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/17/20]

## **2021: The Renegades Were Acquired By Diamond Baseball Holdings, A Subsidiary Of Entertainment Giant Endeavor**

**2021: Molinaro Congratulated The Hudson Valley Renegades On Being Acquired By Diamond Baseball Holdings.** “The Hudson Valley Renegades are slated to be sold to Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), a subsidiary of Endeavor Group Holdings. DBH is purchasing the team from the Goldklang Group, which has interests in several Minor League Baseball teams. The new ownership is the second major change for the team, following the transition to becoming an affiliate of the New York Yankees for the 2021 season. [...] Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, a NY Mets fan that has cheered for the Renegades despite their affiliation with the NY Yankees said, ‘We congratulate the Hudson Valley Renegades on being the newest member of Diamond Baseball Holdings, and we, as a community, look forward to an even better fan experience as a result of this DBH’s investment and innovation.’” [Mid Hudson News, [12/9/21](#)]

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## **Diamond Baseball Holdings Was A Part Of Endeavor, A Sports & Entertainment Conglomerate That Owned UFC And Multiple Talent Agencies**

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**Diamond Baseball Holdings Was A Part Of Endeavor, A Sports & Entertainment Conglomerate That Owned UFC And Multiple Talent Agencies.** “Endeavor, a global sports and entertainment company, has created Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH) and agreed to purchase nine Minor League Baseball teams, the group announced Wednesday. Following the closing of the transaction, DBH will manage the following teams: Iowa Cubs (Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs); Memphis Redbirds (Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals);

Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders (Triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees); Hudson Valley Renegades (High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees); San Jose Giants (Single-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants) [...] Endeavor also owns the UFC as well as talent agencies WME and IMG.” [The Athletic, 12/8/21]

**Molinaro’s Wife, Corinne Adams, Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades, The Tenants Of Dutchess County Stadium, Through 2015**

**Molinaro’s Wife, Corinne Adams, Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades As Director Of Marketing And Communications.** “Prior to joining Tinkelman Bros., Adams was director of marketing and communications for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a Class A baseball team in Dutchess County.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/21/18]

**Corinne Adams Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades Through 2015.**

<b>Corinne Adams Earned Income</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2017	Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp	Salary	\$26,449
2016	Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp	Salary	\$34,377
2015	Tinkelman Bros. Development Corp	Salary	\$21,690
2015	Keystone Professional Baseball Club	Salary	\$10,221

[Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18; Molinaro 2016 Tax Return, filed 4/12/17; Molinaro 2015 Tax Return, filed 4/8/16]

**Keystone Professional Baseball Club Was The Hudson Valley Renegades.** “The County has leased the Stadium to Keystone Professional Baseball Club, Inc. for the primary use of minor league baseball doing business as the Hudson Valley Renegades.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess Stadium, 11/20]

**Corinne Adams’ LinkedIn Said She Worked For The Hudson Valley Renegades From “January 2011 – Present.”**

 **Corinne Adams**  
Director of Marketing & Communication

## Experience



### Hudson Valley Renegades

10 yrs 11 mos

#### Director of Community Marketing & Communication

Oct 2011 – Present · 10 yrs 2 mos

Wappingers Falls, New York

Corinne is currently the Director of Community Marketing & Communications at the Hudson Valley Renegades (Short Season Single-A Affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays). Responsibilities include Public Relations, Marketing, Social Media, Graphic Design and Web Design. Corinne is also heavily involved with the Community Relations aspect of the organization and builds strong community relationships within the Greater New York area.

#### Group Sales

Jan 2011 – Sep 2011 · 9 mos

Wappingers Falls, New York

For the 2011 season, Corinne worked within the ticket department with a concentration on Group Sales.



### Group & Corporate Sales

Richmond Flying Squirrels

May 2010 – Dec 2010 · 8 mos

Richmond, Virginia Area

Corinne started off her Minor League Baseball experience as an intern with the Richmond Flying Squirrels (Double-A Affiliate of the SF Giants) in the Group Sales & Corporate Sales Department.

## Education



### James Madison University

BA, Communication Studies: Public Relations

2007 – 2010

Major: Communication Studies

Concentration: Public Relations

Minor: Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication

[Corinne Adams, LinkedIn, accessed 12/10/21]

## Molinaro Attended At Least 103 Events At The Stadium While County Executive, Including 63 Games

**Molinaro Had At Least 102 Unique Events At The Dutchess County Baseball Stadium On His Executive Calendar.** [Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part one, accessed 12/4/21; Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part two, accessed 12/4/21]

**Molinaro Had At Least 62 Baseball And Football Games On His Executive Calendar.** [Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part one, accessed 12/4/21; Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part two, accessed 12/4/21]

### Molinaro Events At Dutchess County Baseball Stadium

Date	Event At Stadium	Sports Game?
12/13/2013	Meet with Michael Howard/YNN	No
1/17/2014	Dutchess Stadium Site Visit	No
4/23/2014	D.C. Chamber Foundation Home Run Helicopter Drop	No
5/3/2014	Renegades 5k	No

5/6/2014	Dutchess Tourism Brochure Exchange & Press Conference	No
5/18/2014	HV Renegades Family Fest	No
6/8/2014	KFest	No
6/11/2014	Media Day	No
6/13/2014	Opening Day Renegades Game HOME	Yes
7/9/2014	Hudson Valley Labor Federation, AFL-CIO Picnic with the Renegades	Yes
8/7/2014	CSEA Night with The Renegades	Yes
9/11/2014	Hometown Heroes 9-11 All Star Tribute Game	Yes
11/6/2014	Maintenance Tour of Dutchess Stadium	No
11/15/2014	Marist College Football Game - Marist vs. Davison (Private Reception)	Yes
3/28/2015	Renegades Easter Egg Hunt	No
5/5/2015	Dutchess Tourism Brochure Exchange	No
5/29/2015	Opening Remarks: American Cancer Society Relay for Life	No
5/31/2015	Family Fest	No
6/24/2015	Throw Opening Pitch at Renegades Game for Mid-Hudson Association for Persons	Yes
8/4/2015	Hudson Valley Renegades Beacon-Nite-Out	Yes
8/5/2015	FYI: Home Run Helicopter Drop	Yes
8/6/2015	Football Announcement	No
8/29/2015	FYI: DCC Day (Renegades Game & Fireworks)	Yes
9/19/2015	FYI: Guns & Hoses Ceremony	No
10/10/2015	First Football Game (Gates open at 6 and game at 7:05 pm)	Yes
10/18/2015	FYI: Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley Buddy Walk	No
10/23/2015	Chair of Honor Dedication	No
6/17/2016	Confirmed: Throw out Opening Pitch at Renegades first Home Game of the Season	Yes
6/20/2016	Ryan McElroy Foundation Fundraiser with Odell Beckham (Wings Celebrity Softball Game)	Yes
6/24/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Lowell (Fireworks Friday)	Yes
6/28/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
6/30/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
7/1/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Tri-City	Yes
7/2/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Tri-City	Yes
7/3/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Tri-City	Yes
7/5/2016	Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
7/12/2016	Hudson Valley Renegades - County Employee Night	Yes
7/13/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. West Virginia	Yes
7/17/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
7/18/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
7/19/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
7/24/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Aberdeen	Yes
7/25/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Aberdeen	Yes
7/26/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Aberdeen	Yes
7/28/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
7/30/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Staten Island	Yes
8/4/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes

8/5/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Brooklyn	Yes
8/6/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Mahoning Valley	Yes
8/7/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Mahoning Valley	Yes
8/8/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Mahoning Valley	Yes
8/16/2016	FYI: North vs. South (All-Star Game)	Yes
8/17/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Auburn	Yes
8/18/2016	Hudson Valley Renegades - Employee Night	Yes
8/19/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Auburn	Yes
8/23/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Connecticut	Yes
8/24/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Connecticut	Yes
8/25/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Connecticut	Yes
9/1/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Vermon	Yes
9/2/2016	FYI: Renegades vs. Vermon	Yes
9/3/2016	Keynote Speaker at Hudson Valley Veterans' Appreciation Day Celebration (Re	Yes
9/11/2016	Offer Remarks at Hometown Heroes 9/11 Tribute Game	Yes
10/6/2016	CAPE 1st Annual Youth Health Rally	No
3/3/2017	Stadium Meeting & Walk Through	No
4/24/2017	Dutchess Stadium	No
6/17/2017	HV Renegades 2017 Family Fest Pet Expo	No
6/21/2017	Renegades Opening Day	Yes
7/15/2017	Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp	No
7/16/2017	D3 Renegades Game	Yes
8/21/2017	County Employee Appreciation Picnic	Yes
9/2/2017	NER/KK/PC: Hudson Valley Veterans Appreciation Day - Dutchess Stadium	Yes
9/11/2017	Renegades Hometown Heroes Game	Yes
9/23/2017	STOP BY: Hudson Valley World Series Softball (Substance Abuse Recovering	Yes
10/5/2017	CAPE Youth Rally	No
10/22/2017	FYI: Opening Ceremony Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley 2017	No
6/21/2018	Renegades Opening Day	Yes
6/25/2018	Hometown Heroes Event Honoring MJM	No
8/18/2018	D3 Think Differently Baseball Camp	No
9/1/2018	Hudson Valley Renegades Veterans Appreciation Day Baseball Game	Yes
6/5/2019	Recording Social Media Videos	No
6/16/2019	Renegades Opening Day	Yes
6/17/2019	Renegades/Catholic Schools Night with Cardinal Dolan Appearance	Yes
7/11/2019	CONFIRMED: Renegades Game/Video Shoot	Yes
7/12/2019	FYI: Hudson Valley Renegade Zylofone Fundraiser Game	Yes
7/18/2019	Dutchess County Employees Night at Dutchess Stadium	Yes
7/31/2019	FYI: DCRCOG Joint Business After Hours	Yes
8/1/2019	DCMSA "Suite Night" at Dutchess Stadium	Yes
8/3/2019	Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp	No
8/4/2019	D3 Baseball Game	Yes
8/18/2019	FYI: Jewish Heritage Night	Yes
8/31/2019	Renegades Veterans Appreciation Day (Ceremony from 5-6)	Yes
10/6/2019	Remarks/ Kickoff Hudson Valley Down Syndrome Annual Buddy Walk	No
10/31/2019	FYI: Dutchess Stadium Trick or Treating	No

3/23/2020	Visit Nuvance collection site at Dutchess Stadium	No
6/11/2020	NYNY Meeting	No
6/12/2020	HOLD: HVR Virtual Opening Night video	No
7/29/2020	Renegades "Bottom of the 9th" Tournament	No
10/15/2020	Stop By: Dutchess Stadium	No
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12/13/2020	Dutchess Stadium Tree Lighting Event	No
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1/14/2021	FYI STOP BY: Rotary Million Mask Challenge Tour	No
4/28/2021	LED Demo at Dutchess Stadium	No
5/4/2021	Dutchess Tourism Brochure Exchange Event	No
5/21/2021	DCC Graduation	No

[Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part one, accessed 12/4/21; Dutchess County Executive Office, Master Calendar part two, accessed 12/4/21]

### **Molinaro Said The County Should Not Give Up Stadium Ownership**

**Molinaro Said The County Should Not Give Up Stadium Ownership, Though He Acknowledged Its Relationship To The Renegades Was Not The “Most Ideal.”** “In 1994, a public authority was formed to own and operate the stadium on land leased from the Beacon schools, Molinaro said. Several years later - he's not exactly sure how many - Dutchess took over as owner and the stadium became a county park. It was a decision, he said, that likely wouldn't be repeated in 2018 - a county getting into the business of owning a sports stadium. He brought up that point at Tuesday's meeting, but said that doesn't mean he wants the county to give up the stadium. ‘This isn't the most ideal relationship, but it's the relationship we inherited,’ he said. ‘It is one we need to sustain and maintain.’ In the relationship, he said, Dutchess is like a landlord and the Renegades are the tenant, paying an annual fee. Dutchess also pays an annual fee to Beacon schools, the land owner.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/16/18]

## Political Relationships

### Significant Findings

- ✓ 2018: Molinaro and Andrew Cuomo had a “strained” relationship, and were “at each other’s throats” while running against each other for Governor.
  - ✓ Molinaro previously served on Gov.-elect Cuomo’s transition team in 2010.
- ✓ 2016: Molinaro wrote-in Chris Gibson for President.
- ✓ 2018: Gibson chaired Molinaro’s gubernatorial campaign.

## Andrew Cuomo

### **2018: Molinaro And Cuomo Had A “Strained” Relationship And Were “At Each Other’s Throats”**

**2018: Molinaro And Cuomo Had A “Strained” Relationship.** “As for Cuomo and Molinaro, their relationship has surely strained over the years. About 8 years ago, you might remember, the then-governor-elect named Molinaro to his transition team to help “recruit, review, and recommend candidates for key positions in the next administration. Now they are at each other’s throats, especially over ethics.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/24/18]

### **Molinaro Pushed Unsuccessfully For An NYPD Investigation Of A Corruption Allegation Against Cuomo**

**2018: Molinaro Tried Pushing The NYPD To Investigate Andrew Cuomo For Allowing A Former Aide To Continue Using State Office Space; The NYPD Declined.** “New York City police balked at Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro’s request to investigate Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo Wednesday. Molinaro tried to file a police report at a Manhattan precinct alleging that Cuomo broke the law by allowing former aide Joe Percoco to use a state office after he left state service. Percoco was convicted of accepting bribes earlier this year. Trial testimony indicated that Percoco worked from his state office even after he resigned to lead Cuomo’s 2014 re-election campaign. Police instructed Molinaro to contact the state attorney general — something he’s already done, the candidate told reporters. Molinaro and the state Republican Party have also filed a lawsuit against the state ethics commission after they say earlier complaints about Cuomo were not investigated. ‘No one is above the law — not even Andrew Cuomo,’ said Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive. ‘I and others continue to believe that services were stolen from New York state taxpayers at Gov. Cuomo’s explicit direction, and that can’t be allowed to stand.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/24/18]

### **Molinaro Said New Yorkers Were “Paying A Corruption Tax” And Criticized The Cuomo Administration For Its Alleged Corruption**

**Molinaro Said New Yorkers Were Paying A De Facto “Corruption Tax” To Cover Corruption In New York And Campaigned On Reversing Corruption In The Cuomo Administration.** “When he formally launched his run for governor earlier this month, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said that ‘all New Yorkers are paying a corruption tax.’ It is a tax, Molinaro explained, that is the result of both legal and illegal malfeasance, of wasteful, ineffective, and corrupt government. In his initial remarks that day, at events in Tivoli and Albany, and during multiple exchanges with journalists, Molinaro has outlined elements of a reform agenda that, he says, will help restore faith in government that has been squandered under Governor Andrew Cuomo. [...] Molinaro, a Republican, is positioning himself as an expert in clean, effective government who will be more inclusive and accessible, and will work across the aisle, while in some instances not easily falling into typical issue stances based on party. [...] Molinaro has said he wants to lead an overhaul of campaign finance laws, including possible closure

of the LLC loophole, which allows virtually unlimited donations from entities that set up multiple limited liability corporations, and indicated he believes that only people should be able to make campaign donations, not companies, unions, or other organizations.” [Gotham Gazette, 3/31/18]

### **2018: Molinaro’s Gubernatorial Campaign Released An Ethics Reform Plan For New York**

**Molinaro Released An Ethics Reform Plan That Included Term Limits, A Commission To Investigate Corruption, And Making Sexual Harassment An Ethics Violation.** “Some highlights of Molinaro’s 23-page reform plan include: Term limits. The governor, attorney general and comptroller could serve a maximum of eight years, and state legislators a maximum of 12 years. A ban on individuals and entities pursuing government contracts from making political contributions. The re-establishing of a Moreland Commission to investigate corruption. Cuomo, of course, convened a Moreland Commission in 2013 but then disbanded it in 2014 after reaching agreement with the Legislature on some ethics reforms. Creating a ‘database of deals’ to be operated by the Urban Development Corp. The database would make public information about state development dollars given to companies and organizations. Eliminating the LLC loophole that allows big developers and other companies to get around the \$5,000 campaign contribution limits. Making sexual harassment an ethics violation.” [Buffalo News, 7/17/18]

### **Molinaro Supported Re-Opening A Commission To Investigate Corruption In New York**

**Molinaro Supported Re-Opening The Moreland Commission.** “Molinaro proposes to reactivate the Moreland Commission to ‘search and destroy’ corruption in state government.” [Glen Falls Post-Star, 10/13/18]

- **2013: The Moreland Commission Was Formed To Investigate Public Corruption In New York, But Was Shut Down In 2014 By Andrew Cuomo.** “New York Governor Andrew Cuomo created the Moreland Commission in 2013 to investigate public corruption, but the New York Times reported in 2014 that Cuomo interfered in the independent body by monitoring and directing its work. Cuomo shut down the commission in 2014, which then led federal prosecutors like Bharara to investigate Cuomo’s role in its closure.” [CBS News, [11/13/17](#)]

### **2010: Cuomo Named Molinaro To His Transition Team**

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## **Chris Gibson**

### **2016: Molinaro Wrote-In Chris Gibson For President**

**2016: Molinaro Wrote-In Chris Gibson For President.** “Molinaro also revealed he cast a write-in vote for Gibson instead of voting for Trump or any other candidate in the 2016 presidential race.” [The Citizen, 4/12/18]

**Molinaro And Chris Gibson Were Close.** “Before he launched his campaign, Molinaro released a video that contained a photo of him and Gibson seated next to each other at an event. Molinaro also revealed he cast a write-in vote for Gibson instead of voting for Trump or any other candidate in the 2016 presidential race.” [The Citizen, 4/12/18]

### **2018: Chris Gibson Chaired Molinaro’s Gubernatorial Campaign**

**2018: Chris Gibson Chaired Molinaro's Gubernatorial Campaign.** "Chris Gibson, a former three-term congressman who represented parts of the Hudson Valley and Southern Tier, will lead Marc Molinaro's gubernatorial campaign. Molinaro, who is seeking the Republican nomination, announced Wednesday that Gibson has been named campaign chairman. 'Chris Gibson embodies the high standards for integrity, commitment and service by which we will run this campaign and which we will ultimately restore to the state Capitol in Albany,' Molinaro said in a statement. 'I am honored that he has agreed to serve as campaign chairman.'" [The Citizen, 4/12/18]

## **Elise Stefanik**

**2018: Elise Stefanik Spoke Highly Of Molinaro.** "Ms. Stefanik also appeared at the Conservative Party dinner along with a number of other state senators and Assembly candidates running with the Conservative Party endorsement. 'I think his understanding as county executive of the unfunded mandates that are pushed down from the failed leadership in Albany,' she said when asked about her endorsement of Mr. Molinaro. 'I also think his focus on ethics reform is a clear contrast with Gov. Cuomo. Marc Molinaro also does not support the NY SAFE Act and understands it is unconstitutional.'" [St. Lawrence Plaindealer, 7/24/18]

## **Nicole Malliotakis**

**2016: Molinaro Attended Nicole Malliotakis' Campaign Kickoff Reception In New York City.** "Confirmed: Campaign Kickoff Reception for Nicole Malliotakis 6/2/2016 6:00 PM 6/2/2016 8:00 PM Bocelli Restaurant, 1250 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10301" [Marc Molinaro Master Calendar, accessed 1/14/22]

## **Chuck Schumer**

**Chuck Schumer Spoke Highly Of Molinaro After He Won The 2011 County Executive Election: "We Elected One Of Our Best."** "U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York, said, 'There is a time for every season and now is the time for all of us to unite behind Marc Molinaro, who I believe will be a great county executive.' 'We elected one of our best,' Schumer said. Schumer continued: 'It's a great day for Marc. No one put a silver spoon in his mouth ... Oh no, he worked really hard. ... You can say he got here the old fashion way. You earned it.' [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/29/11]

# Donald Trump

## Significant Findings

### **Molinaro Repeatedly Criticized Donald Trump...**

- ✓ Molinaro did not vote for Donald Trump in 2016, instead writing in former Republican Congressman Chris Gibson.
  - ✓ Molinaro called the 2016 election, “the least optimistic, enthusiastic, hopeful election we’ve ever been through.”
- ✓ Molinaro declined to state who he voted for in the 2020 presidential election.
- ✓ Molinaro criticized Trump’s statements following the 2017 “Unite The Right” rally in Charlottesville.
- ✓ Molinaro lamented the heated rhetoric found “in Donald Trump’s America” and pined for a return to the “commonality” of “Barack Obama’s America.”
- ✓ Molinaro wished Trump would stop overshadowing his “successes” with “unnecessary and offensive language.”

### **... Yet At Times Molinaro Had Close Relationships With Trump Associates And Praised Donald Trump**

- ✓ Donald Trump’s brother, Robert Trump, held two fundraisers for Molinaro.
- ✓ Molinaro said he would accept Trump’s support for his 2018 gubernatorial campaign.
  - ✓ Trump backer Carl Paladino claimed Molinaro described himself as a Trump supporter.
- ✓ The Dutchess County Sheriff, Butch Anderson – a friend, mentor, and advisor to Molinaro – was a friend and defender of Donald Trump, a co-chair of Trump’s New York campaigns, and served on Trump’s transition team.
  - ✓ Anderson served on Trump’s 2016 transition team.
- ✓ Molinaro attended a 2016 Trump rally in Poughkeepsie.

## **Molinaro Repeatedly Criticized Donald Trump...**

### **Molinaro Did Not Vote For Donald Trump In 2016 Presidential Election**

**Molinaro Did Not Vote For Trump In The 2016 Presidential Election, And Instead Wrote In Former Representative Chris Gibson.** “Molinaro has said he did not vote for Trump in 2016, instead writing in former Congressional Rep. Chris Gibson, who at one time was many New York Republicans’ hope to challenge Cuomo this year. Gibson decided against running. Molinaro’s opposition to Trump has not stopped many Republican leaders from supporting him. While some Republicans throughout the state will want to hear Molinaro back Trump’s presidency, Democrats will surely use the president against whoever the GOP nominee is, especially in the state’s large cities and suburbs around New York City.” [Gotham Gazette, 3/31/18]

**Molinaro Called The 2016 Election: “The Least Optimistic, Enthusiastic, Hopeful Election We've Ever Been Through.”** ““We just went through a year and a half of what I think universally could be considered the least optimistic, enthusiastic, hopeful election we've ever been through,’ Molinaro said with a hearty laugh when reached by phone Friday.” [The Albany Times Union, 12/26/16]

**Molinaro On The 2016 Republican National Convention: “I Think That This Campaign Is About Donald Trump, So What Happens In This Convention May Be Worth Talking About, And Certainly I Would Always Like Things To Be As Picture-Perfect As Possible.”** ““One major goal for Republican Party officials during the four-day convention is to present a unified front. Several developments during the week – a confrontation over a vote on the rules, an uproar over plagiarism in Melania Trump's speech, Cruz's non-endorsement – have threatened to overshadow the planned programming. ‘People are enthusiastic. I want you to know that. I think the last time I saw this enthusiasm was at the convention in New York in 2004. And we won that year.’ -Rudy Giuliani. ‘I think that this campaign is about Donald Trump, so what happens in this convention may be worth talking about, and certainly I would always like things to be as picture-perfect as possible. And things could certainly always go better.’ -Marc Molinaro” [City & State, 7/21/16]

**Molinaro On Trump’s 2016 Republican National Convention Speech: “Do You Trust Hillary, Or Do You Believe In Donald? In That End, Those Are Binary Choices.”** ““I think his speech tonight will set the tone for this next chapter of the campaign. People are going to make this decision not based on what happened at either one of these conventions. It's going to be: Do you trust Hillary, or do you believe in Donald? In that end, those are binary choices.’ - Marc Molinaro” [City & State, 7/21/16]

### **Molinaro Declined To State Whether He Voted For Trump Or Biden In The 2020 Presidential Election**

**Molinaro Declined To Say Whom He Voted For In The 2020 Presidential Election, Citing The Need To Work With Both Democrats And Republicans.** “Molinaro, who said he cast a write-in vote for president four years ago for former Rep. Chris Gibson, declined to express an opinion on the 2020 election or say for whom he voted. He noted he must work with both Democrats and Republicans and does not want to contribute to polarization by giving any voters a reason to lose trust.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/8/20]

### **Molinaro Criticized Trump’s Statements In The Wake Of The 2017 “Unite The Right” Rally In Charlottesville, Virginia**

**Molinaro Criticized Trump For Saying There Were “Some Very Fine People” Among White Nationalists Protesting In Charlottesville.** “In contrast, Molinaro ripped Trump for saying there were ‘some very fine people’ among the white nationalists who clashed with liberal protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017. ‘It was horrifically wrong to say what he did,’ Molinaro said. Cuomo has called Trump’s administration ‘repugnant’ and ‘anti-American.’” [Newsday, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro: “It Is Evil, It Is Hatred, It Is Un-American, And What Occurred In Charlottesville Was A Homegrown Terrorist Attack On American Principles.”** “Molinaro visited Charlottesville to show support during a trip to his wife's family in Richmond, Va., last weekend and said the bigotry, racism, and violence exhibit the worst of humanity. After saying Trump's statement the day of the protest was not sufficient, Molinaro told the Daily Freeman after Tuesday's Trump Tower press conference that ‘whether it's a president or any American, we have to call it for what it is and what it was. It is evil, it is hatred, it is un-American, and what occurred in Charlottesville was a homegrown terrorist attack on American principles.’” [Armonk Daily Voice, 8/21/17]

- **2017: White Nationalists And Neo-Nazis Gathered In Charlottesville, Virginia For The “Unite The Right” Rally.** “Hundreds of protesters descended upon Charlottesville, Virginia, on Saturday for a “Unite the Right” rally: a belated coming-out party for an emboldened white nationalist movement in the United States. [...] But later that day, as rallygoers began a march and counterprotests continued, a reported Nazi sympathizer drove a car into a crowd of counterprotesters, killing one and injuring 19.” [Vox, [8/14/17](#)]

## **Molinaro Lamented The Heated Rhetoric Found “In Donald Trump’s America” And Pined For A Return To The “Commonality” Of “Barack Obama’s America”**

**Molinaro Lamented The Heated Rhetoric Found “In Donald Trump’s America” And Pined For A Return To The “Commonality” Of “Barack Obama’s America.”** “Recognizing the highly polarized times, Molinaro called for less heated rhetoric than found ‘in Donald Trump’s America’ and more of what he called the ‘let’s find some commonality’ of ‘Barack Obama’s America.’” [New York Daily News, 10/16/18]

## **Molinaro Criticized Trump’s Tweeting Habits**

**Referencing Trump, Molinaro Said “Tweeting Meaner” Was Not A “Way To Govern.”** Underlining his lack of affinity with Trump, Molinaro told The New York Times that he didn’t think ‘tweeting meaner’ was a ‘way to govern.’” [Armonk Daily Voice, 4/4/18]

## **Molinaro Wished Trump Would Stop Overshadowing His “Successes” With “Unnecessary And Offensive Language”**

**Molinaro Wished Trump Would Stop Overshadowing His “Successes” With “Unnecessary And Offensive Language.”** “‘I wish that (Trump’s) successes, meaning economic successes, would not be overshadowed with what is often unnecessary and offensive language,’ Molinaro said of Trump, who he has said he did not vote for.’” [New York Daily News, 10/16/18]

## **...But Molinaro Had Cozy Relationships With Trump Associates And Praised Trump**

### **Molinaro Attended A Trump 2016 Rally In Poughkeepsie And Used The “MAGA” Slogan As Early As 2015**

**2015: Molinaro Posted Tweets With “Make America Great Again” Hashtags.** “Republican candidate for governor Marc Molinaro has tried to make it clear that he’s not a Trump supporter during his campaign, but social media posts from 2015 show him cozying up to the president’s family and using Trump’s favorite #MakeAmericaGreatAgain slogan.” [City & State, 10/22/18]

**April 2016: Molinaro Said He Would Attend A Trump Rally In Poughkeepsie After Inviting Him To The County.** “Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump will hold a rally at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center on Sunday, according to Dan Scavino, Trump’s social media director. The time of the rally is still to be announced. Trump will become the second presidential candidate after Democratic Sen. Bernie Sanders to visit Dutchess County in advance of the April 19 New York primary. Sanders held an event at Marist College on Tuesday. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said he would be in attendance at the Trump rally. Molinaro had previously sent an open invitation to all the presidential candidates to stop in Dutchess. ‘It’s rare that New York state is relevant in the primaries, and we want to make sure that every voice is heard and every vote is earned,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/13/16]

**Poughkeepsie Journal: “Trump... Has A Number Of Ties To Dutchess County.”** “Trump, a business mogul and reality television host, has a number of ties to Dutchess County. Scavino is a Hopewell Junction resident. Trump owns Trump National Golf Club, Hudson Valley, in Stormville and Trump family members own property locally. Most recently, Trump named Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson one of three honorary co-chairmen for his New York campaign.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/13/16]

### **Molinaro Had Cozy Relationships With Donald Trump’s Family Members**

**City & State Headline: “Tweets Show Molinaro Cozying Up To The Trumps.”** [City & State, 10/22/18]

**2015: Molinaro Posted A Photo With Eric Trump.** “Then on Oct. 17, 2015, Molinaro posted a photo with Donald Trump’s son Eric, taken at an event for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The Eric Trump Foundation raised millions of dollars for St. Jude, but the younger Trump resigned in 2017 following allegations that he misled donors.” [City & State, 10/22/18]

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### **Trump’s Brother Hosted Two Fundraisers For Molinaro**

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**2015: Donald Trump’s Brother Hosted A Fundraiser For Molinaro, Which Molinaro Promoted On Social Media.** “The president’s brother, Robert Trump, hosted a fundraiser for Molinaro on Sept. 30, 2015, ahead of Molinaro’s successful re-election bid for Dutchess County executive. Robert is reportedly retired and living in Millbrook, in Dutchess County. He used to work in his father Fred Trump’s real estate empire, and was featured in the New York Times’ investigation into the Trump family’s tax schemes. Molinaro promoted the fundraiser heavily on his Twitter and Facebook pages. At one point he even tagged Dan Scavino, then the social media director of Trump’s presidential campaign, apparently hoping for acknowledgement from the influential account. Scavino didn’t seem to engage. About a month before the fundraiser, Molinaro posted a photo with Robert Trump and two other local politicians, tagging it with ‘#Trump’ and ‘#MakeAmericaGreatAgain.’” [City & State, 10/22/18]

**2016: Robert Trump Hosted A Second Fundraiser For Molinaro.** “But Molinaro’s relationship with the Trumps wasn’t over. Two days before Donald Trump was elected president, Robert hosted another \$250-per-plate fundraiser for Molinaro. Molinaro did not appear to advertise it on his social media accounts.” [City & State, 10/22/18]

**2018: Robert Trump Continued To Support Molinaro During His Run For Governor.** “Robert Trump continues to support Molinaro, and donated \$25,000 to his campaign for governor on June 28, according to campaign finance reports with the state Board of Elections. Robert Trump previously donated \$6,500 to Molinaro’s campaign for county executive.” [City & State, 10/22/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said He Would Accept The Support Of Donald Trump For His Gubernatorial Campaign.** Molinaro said he would accept the support of Trump or anyone else, but that is not his primary focus. ‘I would accept his support, but I’m running to get the support of voters,’ he said. ‘There are great Democrats who support me, too, and I would accept their support.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

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### **2018: Molinaro Said He Supported Trump And Praised His Handling Of The Economy**

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**2018: When Pressed On Whether Or Not He Supported Trump, Molinaro Said He Did, And Praised Trump’s Handling Of The Economy.** “The result was that Molinaro was stuck playing defense against Cuomo, including when the governor repeatedly shouted at him to say whether or not he supported Trump. ‘We need to get out of this conversation,’ Molinaro said, yet Cuomo kept going at him. Molinaro finally said that he does support the president because ‘today, under this president, America has the most competitive economy’ in the world.” [City & State, 10/22/18]

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### **Molinaro Allegedly Told Republicans That He Was A Trump Supporter**

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**Carl Paladino: “Molinaro, Despite The Fact That He Has Said A Number Of Times That He Didn’t Vote For Trump, Has Told Me Is A Trump Supporter And He Supports Trump.”** “City & State: Republican gubernatorial nominee Marcus Molinaro didn’t vote for Trump and avoids mentioning the president in speeches. Is that the right way to win in New York in 2018? Carl Paladino: I think the right way to win in 2018 is to accept Donald Trump. Molinaro, despite the fact that he has said a number of times that he didn’t vote for Trump, has told me is a Trump supporter and he supports Trump. City & State: As in, supporting him as the president? Carl Paladino: He supports him as the president. Because I sat down and I eyeballed with him at dinner. And I asked that question. Obviously, it’s very important to me.” [City & State, 5/30/18]

**The Dutchess County Sheriff, Butch Anderson – A Friend, Mentor, And Advisor To Molinaro - Was A Friend And Defender Of Donald Trump, And A Co-Chair Of Trump’s New York Campaigns**

**Poughkeepsie Journal: “Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson Has Been One Of The President’s Most Vocal Supporters In The Region.”** “Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson has been one of the president’s most vocal supporters in the region.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

**Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson Was A Friend Of Donald Trump.** “Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson has been one of the president’s most vocal supporters in the region. He was one of several elected officials in New York to head President Donald Trump’s reelection efforts, after serving on Trump’s transition team four years ago. He is also the president’s friend. On Thursday, Anderson reaffirmed to the Journal his support for Trump and his politics, and denounced the actions of those who stormed the Capitol.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

**Anderson Was A Co-Chair Of Trump’s 2016 New York Campaign.** Most recently, Trump named Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson one of three honorary co-chairmen for his New York campaign.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/13/16]

**Anderson Served On The 2016 Trump Transition.** “Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson has been one of the president’s most vocal supporters in the region. He was one of several elected officials in New York to head President Donald Trump’s reelection efforts, after serving on Trump’s transition team four years ago. He is also the president’s friend. On Thursday, Anderson reaffirmed to the Journal his support for Trump and his politics, and denounced the actions of those who stormed the Capitol.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

**Anderson Was A Co-Chair Of Trumps 2020 New York Campaign** “Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson has been one of the president’s most vocal supporters in the region. He was one of several elected officials in New York to head President Donald Trump’s reelection efforts, after serving on Trump’s transition team four years ago. He is also the president’s friend. On Thursday, Anderson reaffirmed to the Journal his support for Trump and his politics, and denounced the actions of those who stormed the Capitol.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

**Anderson Denounced January 6<sup>th</sup>, But Would Not Comment On The Big Lie.** “But he wouldn’t comment on Trump’s ongoing and inaccurate claims the general election was stolen from him, which the president reiterated repeatedly before and after Wednesday’s violence. ‘I think it was deplorable, what happened to our Capitol,’ Anderson told the Journal. ‘And I think that we have to bring this country together and move on.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

**Anderson Said The Police Were Under Attack In 2020.** “He said police have been under attack this past year, referring to an outcry for police reform that has accompanied protests calling for an end to systemic racism. Anderson said he believes people should have the right to protest, as long as no one is hurt, including officers, and property is not damaged.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

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**Molinaro: “[Butch Anderson] Was My Friend, A Mentor, And I Loved Him Like An Uncle”**

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**Molinaro: [Butch Anderson] Was My Friend, A Mentor, And I Loved Him Like An Uncle.”** “Today we have lost an extraordinary public servant with the passing of Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian ‘Butch’ Anderson. Butch devoted his entire life to protecting and serving the community he loved so dearly. Throughout his life, he was true leader - in law enforcement, in elected office, and in service to community organizations. His call to serve ensured the safety of our community for more than 50 years and made a measurable difference in the lives of countless children, families, and residents. Our hearts are broken today, and we send our deepest condolences to Sheriff Anderson’s family, including his wife Danielle and his children – you are in our prayers and in our hearts. He was my friend, a mentor and I loved him like an uncle. Butch Anderson was truly ‘second to none’ and we will honor

him by following his example and his only ask of all of us, “treat others the way you want to be treated.” [Dutchess County, Press Release, 9/29/21]

**Molinaro Ordered All Flags In Dutchess County To Be Flown At Half Staff In Honor Of Anderson.**

“Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has ordered that flags at all Dutchess County facilities will be flown at half-staff and the County Office Building will be illuminated in blue lights in honor of Sheriff Adrian ‘Butch’ Anderson.” [Dutchess County, Press Release, 9/29/21]

Issues

## Abortion & Women's Health Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ When running for Governor, Molinaro claimed he would not infringe on abortion laws in the event the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, which he said he doubted would happen.
- ✓ However, Molinaro opposed the Reproductive Health Act, which codified Roe into state law by decriminalizing abortions in New York State.
- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly voted to ban Medicaid funds from being used for abortion.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed “only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors”.
- ✓ Molinaro transferred \$2,250 from his campaign accounts to Care Net, an anti-choice group that ran crisis pregnancy centers and used misinformation to discourage women from getting abortions.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against banning the shackling of pregnant women when giving birth.
- ✓ Molinaro later said he regretted his vote because “I had to deal with it politically.”

### **Molinaro Claimed He Wouldn't Infringe On Abortion Laws If Roe V. Wade Was Overturned, But Opposed The Reproductive Health Act, Which Codified Roe Into State Law**

### **Molinaro Said That As Governor He Would Not Infringe Upon New York Abortion Laws And Would Work To Protect Abortion Rights In New York If The Supreme Court Rolled Them Back...**

**Molinaro Said That As Governor He Would Not Infringe Upon New York Abortion Laws.** “Molinaro has sought to paint himself as a social moderate, saying he didn't vote for Trump (he wrote in former Rep. Chris Gibson) and would not infringe on New York's abortion laws.” [Journal News, 11/4/18]

**Molinaro Said He Would Protect Abortion Rights In New York If The Supreme Court Rolled Them Back.** “I understand the need, should the Supreme Court suggest that (abortion is) not a constitutional right -- and it is,” Molinaro said on Wednesday. ‘Should the Supreme Court suggest it's not a constitutional right, the state would need to act, to at least codify, so that it's not treated as a criminal or penal violation.’” [Times-Union, 10/31/18]

**Molinaro Doubted The Supreme Court Would Overturn Roe V. Wade.** “In an interview with the Times Union editorial board on Wednesday, Molinaro said he doubts that the U.S. Supreme Court -- now more conservative with the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh -- will actually move to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that deemed abortion a fundamental right under the U.S. Constitution.” [Times-Union, 11/1/18]

### **... But Molinaro Opposed The Reproductive Health Act, A Landmark Abortion Rights Bill In New York That Codified Roe V. Wade In The Event The Supreme Court Overturned It**

**2018: Molinaro Opposed The Reproductive Health Act.** “Molinaro, however, said he would not support the RHA in its current form. ‘I recognize the need to ensure that it's not enforced through penal or criminal law, but there is not general consensus on late-term abortion, and only poor people end up getting and accessing abortions without physicians,’ Molinaro said. ‘And so I would say segment it, (if) possible, and address late-term, non-

physician-assisted abortions separate and apart, if the Legislature's willing to do that. But I will say, again, only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors. That, to me, is discriminatory.” [Times-Union, 10/31/18]

- **The Reproductive Health Act Codified Roe V. Wade Into New York State Law.** “The purpose of the RHA is to codify Roe v. Wade protections into state law and ensure access to safe, legal abortion in New York State.” [New York State Senate, Liz Krueger, 2/12/19]
- **The Reproductive Health Act Was A Law That Expanded Abortion Rights And Decriminalized Abortion In New York.** “New York legislators marked the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Roe v. Wade on Tuesday by passing the Reproductive Health Act, which updates a state law that limited when women can legally get an abortion. [...] New York’s previous law, written three years before Roe v. Wade in 1970, allowed women to seek abortions up to the first 24 weeks of pregnancy and at any point if it was deemed medically necessary to protect the mother’s life. The Reproductive Health Act maintains the 24-week limit under which women can seek abortions but adds a provision for abortions at any time if the baby would not survive the birth. Additionally, the act permits abortions at any point if it is necessary to protect the mother’s life or health. It also decriminalizes abortion by regulating it under the public health law, not penal law.” [AM New York, [1/23/19](#)]

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“Molinaro says his stance is somewhat like that of the late Gov. Mario Cuomo, Andrew Cuomo’s father. ‘I have a personal belief. I do not support late-term abortion,’ Molinaro said. ‘But I realize Roe v. Wade is settled law.’” [Newsday, 7/1/18]

### **Molinaro Had An Anti-Choice Record**

#### **Molinaro Opposed Allowing Medicaid Funds To Be Used For Abortions**

**Molinaro Repeatedly Voted For Budget Amendments Prohibiting Medicaid Funds From Being Used Towards Abortions.** “According to the nation’s largest abortion provider, Molinaro is “weak on women’s health.” Why does Planned Parenthood say this? Because Molinaro, as a Member of the New York State Assembly, reportedly voted for a budget amendment (known as the Butler Amendment) that would ban taxpayer funding for abortion through Medicaid.” [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

- **Albany Update Headline: “Planned Parenthood Does Not Like Marc Molinaro.”** [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

#### **Molinaro Claimed “Only Poor People” Got “Abortions Without Doctors”**

**Molinaro Claimed “Only Poor People” Got “Abortions Without Doctors”.** “Molinaro, however, said he would not support the RHA in its current form. ‘I recognize the need to ensure that it’s not enforced through penal or criminal law, but there is not general consensus on late-term abortion, and only poor people end up getting and accessing abortions without physicians,’ Molinaro said. ‘And so I would say segment it, (if) possible, and address late-term, non-physician-assisted abortions separate and apart, if the Legislature’s willing to do that. But I will say, again, only poor people end up getting abortions without doctors. That, to me, is discriminatory.’” [Times-Union, 11/1/18]

#### **2011-2018: Molinaro Transferred \$2,250 From His Campaigns To An Anti-Choice Group That Operated Crisis Pregnancy Centers**

## **Molinaro Transferred \$2,250 From His Campaign Accounts To The Care Net Pregnancy Center.**

“Furthermore, since 2011, Molinaro has reportedly donated \$2,250 from his campaign accounts to Care Net Pregnancy Center.” [Albany Update, 10/10/18]

- **Care Net Was An Anti-Choice Pregnancy Center Organization That Was Largely Run by Evangelicals.** “Largely run by conservative Christians, the centers say they offer what Roland Warren, head of Care Net, one of the largest pregnancy center organizations, described as ‘a compassionate approach to this issue.’ As they expand, they are adding on-call or on-site medical personnel and employing sophisticated strategies to attract women, including Internet search optimization and mobile units near Planned Parenthood clinics. ‘They’re really the darlings of the pro-life movement,’ said Jeanneane Maxon, vice president for external affairs at Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion group. ‘That ground level, one-on-one, reaching-the-woman-where-she’s-at approach.’” [New York Times, [1/4/13](#)]
- **Care Net And Other “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” Deliberately Fed Women Misinformation In Effort To Prevent Them From Getting Abortions.** “Faith-based crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), which vastly outnumber abortion clinics in the United States, rely heavily on misleading or outright lying to women about reproductive health care in order to dissuade them from having abortions. They often masquerade as abortion clinics or licensed medical facilities — sometimes even cloaking their unlicensed staffers in medical garb — in order to attract pregnant women who are weighing their options. And many of these centers receive state money to do so. [...] One woman who visited a Care Net CPC in Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking abortion information told a Cosmopolitan writer that the counselor prayed over her, asked to be invited to her baby shower and then proceeded to call her every day for the next two weeks, sometimes from restricted numbers, saying she just wanted to ‘chitchat.’” [Huffington Post, 11/13/17]

## **Molinaro Was Bad For Women’s Health**

### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill Prohibiting Pregnant Incarcerated Pregnant Women From Being Shackled During Labor And Did Not Change His Stance On The Bill In 2018**

#### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill Prohibiting Pregnant Incarcerated Pregnant Women From Being Shackled While Giving Birth**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against S-1290, A Bill Prohibiting Pregnant Incarcerated Women From Being Shackled During Birth Or While Being Transported To The Hospital.** On May 20, 2009, Molinaro voted “No” on S-1290, a bill that “Provides for the care and custody of pregnant female inmates before, during and after delivery; prohibits the use of restraints of any kind from being used during the transport of such female prisoner to a hospital for the purpose of giving birth, unless such prisoner is a substantial flight risk whereupon handcuffs may be used; prohibits the use of any restraints during labor; requires the presence of corrections personnel during such prisoner’s transport to and from the hospital and during her stay at such hospital.” The bill passed the Assembly 119 to 21 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: S-1290, [5/20/09](#)]

#### **S-1290 Was Supported By Health Care Groups That Raised Concerns About Harmful Restraints To Women And Their Babies**

**S-1290 Was Supported By Health Care Groups That Raised Concerns About Harmful Restraints To Women And Their Babies.** “Health care organizations called the restraints harmful to women and their babies. ‘Physically restraining a pregnant prisoner poses undue stress on both her and her baby, is uncomfortable and possibly could interfere with proper assessment of the patient’s condition,’ the Medical Society of the State of New York wrote in a letter supporting the bill. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists called for an end to the practice before the legislation. By 2009, at least four other states had enacted prohibitions on restraining inmates during delivery.” [Buffalo News, 10/21/18]

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**2018: Molinaro Said The Only Reason He Regretted His Vote On S-1290 Was Because He Had To Deal With Political Consequences**

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**2018: Molinaro Said The Only Reason He Regretted His Vote On S-1290 Was Because He “Had To Deal With It Politically.”** “Molinaro also voted against a bill prohibiting incarcerated pregnant women from being shackled while in labor.’ I regret that vote only in that I had to deal with it politically,’ he said. ‘The only reason I regret that vote is because you can spin it the way you wish.’ While he said he would not vote the same way again, Molinaro said he was compelled by concerns raised by physicians and state corrections officers regarding women who would continue to act out violently against themselves and the baby. ‘The way the bill was written, there was no discretion,’ he said. ‘It made a very black-and-white statement that could put women and children at risk.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

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**2018: Molinaro Denied That He Voted To Allow Pregnant Women To Be Shackled**

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**2018: Molinaro Denied That He Voted To Allow Pregnant Women To Be Shackled.** “Mr. Molinaro denied that he had voted as a state legislator to allow some pregnant women to be shackled, then later said that he had done so because of safety considerations. (The bill concerned the transport of female inmates during childbirth.)” [New York Times, 10/23/18]

## Agriculture & Food Access Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro grew up with his mother on food stamps and spoke of the importance of government-funded food stamps for families.
- ✓ Molinaro said he wanted products labeled “milk” to have to contain dairy, describing “coconut blank and almond blank” as “false advertising.”
- ✓ Molinaro wanted schools to serve children whole milk.

## SNAP

### Molinaro Used Food Stamps As A Child And Spoke Of The Importance Of Food Stamps

**Molinaro Spoke Of The Importance Of Food Stamps.** “For his part, Molinaro has painted himself as more of a moderate, repeatedly saying he declined to vote for Donald Trump — he says he wrote in former Rep. Chris Gibson's name — and speaking of the importance of government-funded programs like food stamps and Medicare.” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 11/1/18]

**Molinaro’s Mother Used Food Stamps When He Was A Child.** “Molinaro was born in Yonkers in 1975. His father left a few years later, leaving his mother to raise him and his brother on her own before she remarried. He often speaks of his lean upbringing, pointing to his mother's one-time reliance on food stamps to make sure there was enough on the table for their family. ‘We did have some rough times,’ said Dona Vananden, Molinaro's mother. ‘They did call for the house; the house was going to go into foreclosure. The same thing with our car. At the time, I was not working and my ex-husband left and he did not give us money. But we managed.’” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 11/1/18]

## Dairy Industry

**Molinaro Wanted To Have Schools Serve Children Whole Milk.** “‘First and foremost, the state needs to be more aggressive in assisting farmers with deregulation and tax reduction,’ he said. ‘And it means really using the leverage of state government to open up new markets, both around the state and across the globe.’ Mr. Molinaro also wants to see schools serving whole milk and to stop having non-dairy drinks in the dairy section. ‘Dairy has been pushed out in a lot of places because of coconut blank and almond blank, it's not milk,’ he said, calling labeling such drinks milk ‘false advertising.’” [Watertown Daily News, 9/21/18]

### Molinaro Wanted To Block Non-Dairy Milks From Being Described As Milk

**Molinaro Wanted To Keep Non-Dairy Drinks Out Of The Dairy Section, Described “Coconut Blank And Almond Blank” As “False Advertising.”** “‘First and foremost, the state needs to be more aggressive in assisting farmers with deregulation and tax reduction,’ he said. ‘And it means really using the leverage of state government to open up new markets, both around the state and across the globe.’ Mr. Molinaro also wants to see schools serving whole milk and to stop having non-dairy drinks in the dairy section. ‘Dairy has been pushed out in a lot of places because of coconut blank and almond blank, it's not milk,’ he said, calling labeling such drinks milk ‘false advertising.’” [Watertown Daily News, 9/21/18]

**Molinaro: “We Should Also Not Call Products ‘Milk’ Unless They Have Dairy.”** “We need to make it easier for NY farmers: lower cost, reduce regulations & open markets. We should also not call products ‘Milk’ unless they have dairy.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 3/13/18]

**Molinaro: “Remember There’s No Milk In Almond ‘Milk’.** “Lets make room on the shelves for NYS dairy... remember there’s no milk in Almond ‘milk’. [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 5/7/18]

## Big Lie & January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Dutchess County Democrats claimed Molinaro twice refused to sign a letter, on November 17, 2020 and January 6, 2021, acknowledging that Joe Biden won the 2020 presidential election.
- ✓ Molinaro issued a statement denouncing the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection.
- ✓ Philip Polizatto, the vice-chair of the Dutchess County Conservative Party, attended the insurrection; Molinaro ran on the Conservative line in 2019.
- ✓ Molinaro criticized the Manhattan Republican Club for inviting the head of the Proud Boys to an event, but his initial instinct was to blame “radical leftists” before criticizing the Manhattan Republican Club.

## January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection

### **Dutchess County Democrats Claimed Molinaro Twice Refused To Sign A Letter Acknowledging That Joe Biden Won The 2020 Presidential Election, Including On The Night Of January 6th**

**November 17, 2020: Molinaro Refused To Sign A Statement Acknowledging That Joe Biden Won The 2020 Presidential Election.** ““On Nov. 17, as states certified election results, our caucus asked Republican legislators and the County Executive to join us in a bipartisan statement urging Trump to acknowledge that he lost the election and focus his attention on an orderly transition--including Covid response, vaccines, and the economic aid our communities so urgently need. None signed.” [Dutchess County Democratic Party, 1/10/21]

**January 6, 2020: Molinaro Again Refused To Sign A Statement Acknowledging That Joe Biden Won The 2020 Presidential Election.** ““On Nov. 17, as states certified election results, our caucus asked Republican legislators and the County Executive to join us in a bipartisan statement urging Trump to acknowledge that he lost the election and focus his attention on an orderly transition--including Covid response, vaccines, and the economic aid our communities so urgently need. None signed. We asked AGAIN on the night of Jan. 6, hoping for a change of heart. Still no Republicans signed. Even now that Congress has certified Joe Biden's election, they have not publicly acknowledged Biden as the rightful winner. ” [Dutchess County Democratic Party, 1/10/21]

### **Molinaro Issued A Statement Denouncing Jan. 6 US Capitol Insurrection**

**Molinaro Issued Statement Hours After U.S. Capitol Insurrection Calling The Violence “Wrong And Unacceptable.”** “Hours after Wednesday's events, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro issued a statement, saying the riots ‘do not represent who we are as an American people.’ Molinaro said every elected official throughout the country must call for the mayhem to stop. ‘While we would never suppress vigorous debate and the right to protest - our country, after all, was founded on the right of its citizens to voice their opinions - the violence witnessed today is wrong and unacceptable, and it must come to an end.’ Molinaro did not respond to Journal requests for further comment Thursday.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/21]

### **Prominent Dutchess County Republicans Were Present At The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection**

**The Vice-Chair Of The Dutchess County Conservative Party, Whose Line Molinaro Ran On In 2019, Was In Washington D.C. And At The Capitol On January 6.** “Philip Polizatto Jr. The Vice-Chair of the Dutchess County Conservative Party responded to Trump's call and shared, on January 6, video from Trump's rally (above)

and from the Capitol. All incumbent Republican County Legislators and County Executive Marc Molinaro ran on the Conservative Party Line in 2019.” [Dutchess Voice, 1/10/21]

### **Three Dutchess County Residents Were Charged With Participating In The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection.**

“William Pepe, 31, Beacon (Dutchess County). Alleged to be a member of the right-wing Proud Boys group and to have illegally entered the Capitol with hundreds of other Trump supporters on Jan. 6. Pepe worked for Metro-North Railroad but was fired in March by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority because of the criminal charges [...] William Vogel, 26, Pawling (Dutchess County). Faces three charges: knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; knowingly engages in disorderly or disruptive conduct in any restricted building or grounds; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds [...] Christopher Moynihan, 30, Salt Point (Dutchess County). Accused of rifling through congressional documents and taking photos of pages with his phone after illegally entering the Capitol. Faces six charges.” [Middletown Times Herald-Record, 4/18/21]

## **Extremist Ties**

### **Molinaro Criticized The Manhattan Republican Club For Inviting The Head Of A White Nationalist Group To Speak At One Of Its Events**

#### **2018: Molinaro Criticized The Manhattan Republican Club For Inviting Gavin McInnes, Head Of The Proud Boys, To An Event...**

**Molinaro Criticized The Manhattan Republican Club For Inviting Gavin McInnes, Head Of The Proud Boys, To An Event.** “For GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro on Tuesday said he is ‘a bit ashamed’ that a Manhattan Republican Club invited the head of the ultranational right wing group The Proud Boys to speak over the weekend. ‘I’m embarrassed these individuals were invited to speak,’ Molinaro said during a 90-minute appearance before the Daily News Editorial Board.” [New York Daily News, 10/16/18]

**Molinaro On The Proud Boys: “I Don’t Know Them Nor Do I Tolerate That Kind Of Behavior Or Language.”** “On Monday, Molinaro came out against the Proud Boys. He told NY1 he wouldn’t have invited the group and added, ‘I wasn’t aware of them, I don’t know them nor do I tolerate that kind of behavior or language.’” [City & State, 10/15/18]

#### **... But Molinaro’s Initial Instinct Was To Blame “Radical Leftists” Before Criticizing The Manhattan Republican Club**

**Molinaro Initially Blamed “Radical Leftists” Before Criticizing The Manhattan Republican Club For Inviting Gavin McInnes To Its Event.** “He initially blasted “radical leftists” for vandalizing the GOP clubhouse prior to the appearance of Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes without knowing all the facts about the group he represented.” [New York Daily News, 10/16/18]

#### **Molinaro Eventually Criticized The Manhattan Republican Club For Inviting McInnes, But Said He Didn’t Speak Out Sooner Because He Didn’t Realize What The Proud Boys Represented**

**Molinaro Eventually Criticized The Manhattan Republican Club For Inviting McInnes, But Said He Didn’t Speak Out Sooner Because He Didn’t Realize What The Proud Boys Represented.** “Molinaro—who along with other top Republicans were criticized by Gov. Cuomo for remaining silent on the issue — also expressed regret that he didn’t speak out sooner, saying he didn’t realize just what the Proud Boys were and that his role as the top of the state Republican ticket cried out for him to say something. [...] ‘I wasn’t aware of what caused the anger toward the club,’ Molinaro said. “I should have known that before saying anything else and I didn’t.’ He also broke from state GOP Chairman Ed Cox, who said McInnes was invited because of an amusing skit he had performed previously that reenacted the 1960 assassination of a Japanese socialist leader by ultranationalist Otoya Yamaguchi before a group of about 200 people. McInnes’ ‘language and behavior, though some seem to describe it as a form of

comedy, I find it to be highly intolerant language which incites violence,' Molinaro said.” [New York Daily News, 10/16/18]

**Molinaro: “No One I’m Aware Of Knew About The Invitation.”** “Molinaro said he was unaware when the graffiti first surfaced that it had anything to do with the upcoming McInnes event and he distanced himself from the same Republican club that he was eager identify with his campaign last week. When asked what it said about the GOP that the club hosted a speech by McInnes, Molinaro said, ‘It says something about those individuals who made the invitation. No one I’m aware of knew about the invitation.’” [City & State, 10/15/18]

- **The Proud Boys Were Known For Espousing Bigoted Views And Trafficking In White Nationalism.** “Established in the midst of the 2016 presidential election by VICE Media co-founder Gavin McInnes, the Proud Boys are self-described ‘western chauvinists’ who adamantly deny any connection to the racist ‘alt-right,’ insisting they are simply a fraternal group spreading an ‘anti-political correctness’ and ‘anti-white guilt’ agenda. [...] Their disavowals of bigotry are belied by their actions: rank-and-file Proud Boys and leaders regularly spout white nationalist memes and maintain affiliations with known extremists. They are known for anti-Muslim and misogynistic rhetoric. Proud Boys have appeared alongside other hate groups at extremist gatherings like the ‘Unite the Right’ rally in Charlottesville. Indeed, former Proud Boys member Jason Kessler helped to organize the event, which brought together Klansmen, antisemites, Southern racists, and militias. Kessler was only ‘expelled’ from the group after the violence and near-universal condemnation of the Charlottesville rally-goers.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [8/14/19](#)]

## Budget Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro opposed the Build Back Better Act, calling it a “tax and spend bill” that would increase the size of “a bloated federal government.”
  - ✓ The Build Back Better Act would help Dutchess County and NY-19 by investing almost \$2 trillion in reducing the cost of prescription drugs, health care, housing and energy.
- ✓ Molinaro’s 2017 and 2020 county budgets resulted in a deficit.
- ✓ Molinaro’s 2021 budget cut health department funding during the pandemic, even while Molinaro and county legislators received a pay raise.
- ✓ Dutchess County Democrats argued Molinaro “kicked the debt can down the road” by temporarily reducing county debt before an anticipated doubling of debt starting in 2025.
- ✓ Molinaro nearly doubled his county executive budget by quadrupling the number of communications staff and aides in his office.
- ✓ Dutchess County executive salaries went over budget six different years and total Dutchess County executive appropriations went over budget four different years.
- ✓ 2013: Under Molinaro’s leadership, Moody’s downgraded Dutchess County’s credit rating from “AA2” to “AA1” resulting in increased debt interest costs.
- ✓ Molinaro spoke out against the government shutdown in 2018 caused by Donald Trump’s desire for more border wall funding.

## Build Back Better Act

### Molinaro Opposed The Build Back Better Act

**In A Fundraising Email, Molinaro Called The Build Back Better Act A “Tax And Spend Bill” That Would Increase The Size Of “A Bloated Federal Government.”** “With Americans paying more for everything from groceries to gas, Democrats just pushed through a tax and spend bill that will only inflate the inflation problem-leading to even higher taxes, costs and prices for families, farmers and small businesses. We can't afford to pay more to feed our families or heat our homes - all to cover the cost of massive increases in the size, scale and scope of a bloated Federal government. We don't need a bigger, more invasive IRS. We don't need hundreds of new government agencies. We need competent leadership that knows a bigger, more expensive government isn't a better one. And, that we can't afford it!” [Marc for US Email, [11/19/21](#)]

**Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic Claiming Build Back Better Could Double The Cost Of Childcare And Raise Costs By Up To \$30,000.** “The more we learn about the real costs of Build Back Better, the worse it gets. We've shown here in Dutchess how competent government can help families and keep taxes low. We need Washington to learn the same. #MarcforUS.” [Twitter, [@MarcMolinaro, 12/16/21](#)]

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## The 'Build Back Better' Budget Reconciliation Bill Would Greatly Benefit Americans By Investing Almost \$2 Trillion In Reducing The Cost Of Prescription Drugs, Health Care, Child Care, Housing And Energy For American Families

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**The Build Back Better Act Was A \$2 Trillion Investment To Improve The Lives Of Americans.** “Passage of the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, that would provide approximately \$2 trillion in investments and tax cuts to address climate change and child care, health care, education, housing and other social policies intended to support families. It would establish a child care and early learning entitlement program, providing approximately \$100 billion for the program through fiscal 2024. It would provide \$18 billion through fiscal 2024 for a free universal preschool program. It would extend through 2022 the expanded child tax credit provided by prior coronavirus relief law (PL 117-2) and provide \$5 billion to administer the credit. It would establish a paid family and medical leave benefit for up to four weeks per year, beginning in 2024. It would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" for insulin and select Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition. It would require manufacturers to provide rebates for single-source drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which prices increase faster than inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000 beginning in 2024. It would establish or extend expanded eligibility for certain tax credits toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums through 2025. It would establish or expand a number of tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including to expand credits for renewable energy production and facilities, carbon capture facilities, use of alternative fuels and energy efficiency improvements at residential properties; and to establish individual credits for the purchase of electric vehicles. It would raise royalty rates and fees for oil and gas drilling leases and cancel or ban certain offshore leases. It would provide \$29 billion to support the deployment of low- and zero-emission technologies, more than \$20 billion for federal climate resiliency and environmental conservation activities and \$9 billion for federal procurement of electric vehicles and related infrastructure. It would provide \$65 billion for public housing improvements, \$24 billion for rental assistance housing vouchers and \$15 billion for down payment assistance and loan programs for first-generation homebuyers. It would provide \$9.8 billion for local transit projects to support mobility and affordable housing access disadvantaged communities and \$9 billion for lead remediation and water line replacement projects. It would forgive all debt owed by the National Flood Insurance Program's debt, for a total of \$20.5 billion. It would provide such sums as necessary for the USDA to forgive farm loan debt for economically distressed farmers and ranchers. It would provide \$6.6 billion to the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency to help underrepresented individuals with business development. It would provide \$20 billion for Labor and Education department workforce development programs and \$1.9 billion for Labor Department worker protection agencies. It would allow individuals who entered the United States prior to Jan. 1, 2011, to receive a grant of parole allowing them to remain temporarily in the country for a period of five years, but no later than Sept. 30, 2021. It would temporarily increase from \$10,000 to \$80,000 the annual cap on the deduction for state and local taxes for tax years 2021 through 2030. To offset costs, it would establish or modify various taxes on corporations and high-income individuals, including to establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with an annual income exceeding \$1 billion; a one percent tax on stock buybacks by public companies; and an additional five percent tax on individual income over \$10 million and further three percent tax on income over \$25 million. It would provide \$78.9 billion to improve IRS operations and tax enforcement.” Passed by a vote of 220-213. [HR 5376, [Vote #385](#), 11/19/21, CQ [11/19/21](#)]

- **Roosevelt Institute: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Child Care, Creating Jobs And Allowing Parents To Get Back To Work.** “Convenient, affordable childcare is a major obstacle for working parents, illuminated even more so by school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted women’s labor force participation. Increasing the capacity of industries in order to curb inflation of specific prices requires increasing the supply of labor. The Build Back Better Act invests in existing and new childcare facilities in underserved areas and provides subsidies to make childcare more affordable for qualifying households. Together, these investments would increase the supply of childcare, create new jobs, and allow parents to get back to work. [Roosevelt Institute, Fact Sheet, 9/28/21]
- **Center For American Progress: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Clean Electricity And Energy Efficiency, Reducing Energy Costs By \$500 Per Year For The Average Household.** “Build Back Better helps break the United States’ dependence on fossil fuels—an industry that’s particularly vulnerable to extreme

weather, which has and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change—consumer energy costs will be reduced. Specifically, proposed investments in clean electricity and energy efficiency will make energy costs more affordable, saving the average household approximately \$500 a year in reduced energy costs. This much-needed investment in clean energy would come at a time when energy prices have pushed up inflation for consecutive months.” [Center for American Progress, 11/16/21]

- **E&E News: The Budget Resolution Set “The Stage For Unprecedented Investments To Tackle Climate Change And Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”** “Senate Democrats unveiled a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution this morning, setting the stage for unprecedented investments to tackle climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” [E&E News, 8/9/21]
- **The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, 11/2/21]
- **FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.”** “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, 9/24/21]

## Dutchess County Budgets

### While Molinaro Was County Executive He Signed Two Budgets That Resulted In A Deficit

Dutchess County Budget By Year			
Year	Total Appropriations	Total Revenue	Year End Balance
2013	\$393,069,894	\$409,079,080	\$16,009,186
2014	\$425,188,738	\$452,012,006	\$26,823,268
2015	\$450,795,810	\$482,397,559	\$31,601,749
2016	\$462,362,278	\$471,106,845	\$8,744,567
2017	\$465,820,846	\$462,845,380	- \$2,975,466
2018	\$484,259,743	\$486,961,985	\$2,702,242
2019	\$501,732,317	\$507,381,505	\$5,649,188
2020	\$487,870,084	\$487,859,814	- \$10,270

[Dutchess County Budget Office, 2012 Adopted Budget, 1/3/12; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2013 Adopted Budget, 1/4/13; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2014 Adopted Budget, 1/3/14; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2015 Adopted Budget, 1/7/15; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2016 Adopted Budget, 1/11/16; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2017 Adopted Budget, 1/23/17; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2018 Adopted Budget, 1/16/18; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2019 Adopted Budget, 1/22/19; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2020 Adopted Budget, 1/30/20; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2021 Adopted Budget, 1/3/21; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2022 Executive Budget, 10/15/21]

*\*Actual appropriations and revenue for 2021 and 2022 budgets have yet to be released and thus are not included in the table.*

### Molinaro’s 2021 Budget Cut Health Department Funding During The COVID-19 Pandemic While Molinaro And County Legislators Received A Pay Raise

**2021: The Dutchess County Health Department Was Cut By \$2.5 Million During A Pandemic While Dutchess County Legislators Received A Pay Raise.** “Compared to the modified budget, appropriations have been cut in all areas except for education and debt services. Health department funding was cut from \$47.2 million to \$44.7 million, according to the executive budget. The cost for state mandates services, such children’s foster care, preschool special education, and early intervention programs will increase, but state aid for those programs will be cut by almost \$4 million. Legislators will also receive a scheduled \$477 salary increase next year. State and county law prohibits changing an elected official’s salary during their term.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/5/20]

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[Dutchess County 2021 Budget, 12/3/10]

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2023	\$27,552,926	\$22,490,700
2024	\$29,332,147	\$27,599,228
2025	\$30,001,990	\$33,055,081
2026	\$28,126,578	\$35,392,558
2027	\$26,673,223	\$36,765,497
2028	-	\$35,488,039
2029	-	\$33,602,908

[2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/24/21]

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Molinaro's Executive Office Budget Was Nearly Doubled During His Tenure Due To The Addition Of More Public Relations Staff. "In 2012, when the current County Executive was elected, the Exec's office had a total budget of \$1.14 million. That included the budget office, which as the budget director noted at one of last week's meetings, works interchangeably with other Exec staff. This year the Exec's department recommended \$2.17 million; the Executive himself recommends an even higher \$2.2 million. The Exec's budget for his own office has nearly doubled since he was elected. The main additions have been public relations staff and aides." [Dutchess Voice, [11/22/21](#)]

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Dutchess County Executive Office Budgets						
Year	Budgeted County Executive Salaries	Actual County Executive Salaries	Year End Balance	Budgeted County Executive Appropriations	Actual County Executive Appropriations	Year End Balance
2013	\$467,212	\$468,891	- \$1,679	\$1,235,013	\$1,156,432	\$78,581
2014	\$467,213	\$470,848	- \$3,635	\$1,227,334	\$1,318,266	- \$90,932
2015	\$469,375	\$490,860	- \$21,485	\$1,230,183	\$1,267,622	- \$37,439
2016	\$759,014	\$762,041	- \$3,027	\$1,593,328	\$1,599,386	- \$6,058
2017	\$834,087	\$833,612	\$475	\$1,714,286	\$1,725,175	- \$10,889
2018	\$947,198	\$944,817	\$2,381	\$1,897,312	\$1,870,785	\$26,527
2019	\$971,053	\$981,214	- \$10,161	\$1,988,625	\$1,955,867	\$32,758
2020	\$1,029,718	\$1,040,723	- \$11,005	\$2,080,733	\$2,040,007	\$39,726

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**2015-2022: Molinaro Increased Salaries For Executive Office Communications Staff And Aides By More Than \$230,000, And Added Three New Positions.**

Year	Position And Salary				Total
	CMMS SPCLST	COMMS DIR	AST COMMS DIR	EXEC AIDE	
2022	66,794	119,208	81,856	39,099	\$306,957
2021	140,294	112,962	N/A	1	\$253,257
2020	140,294	103,980	N/A	47,664	\$291,938
2019	128,280	99,115	N/A	45,433	\$272,828
2018	136,844	94,480	N/A	43,306	\$274,630
2017	130,251	89,927	N/A	41,219	\$261,397
2016	123,900	82,888	N/A	N/A	\$206,788
2015	N/A	\$73,990	N/A	N/A	\$73,990

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**2013: Under Molinaro’s Leadership, Moody’s Downgraded Dutchess County’s Credit Rating To AA1, Increasing Debt Service Costs To County Taxpayers**

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## **Molinaro Repeatedly Attempted To Lay Off County Staff**

**2012: Molinaro's Proposed Budget Would Have Cut 200 Jobs, Or Five To Ten Percent Of The County Workforce.** "Reducing the \$40 million budget gap, Molinaro said, will require job reductions. But he did not say exactly how many and what the cost savings would be. 'If you're adding and subtracting, it takes a long walk to get \$40 million,' Molinaro said. He did say over the next few years he plans to reduce the county work force by 200 employees from 1,850 to 1,650. Colleen Pillus, research analyst for the county executive and budget office, said later Molinaro likely will propose reducing the work force next year by 5 percent to 10 percent. Some of those reductions, she said, would come from those who are electing to participate in the new Workforce Adjustment Incentive." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**2012: Molinaro Offered A \$20,000 Incentive To 150 Dutchess County Employees To Quit Their Jobs In Order To Balance The County Budget.** "Summer will be a challenging time for about 150 Dutchess County government employees as they weigh whether to quit and collect a \$20,000 incentive. As part of a plan to close an expected \$40 million budget gap for 2013, County Executive Marc Molinaro said Tuesday, an offer is being made to certain staff members in most departments to give up their jobs and save the county budget several million dollars." [The Journal News, 8/8/12]

**2014: Dutchess County Had 1,720 Full Time Employees, The Lowest Number In 30 Years.** "To help balance the budget, the county saved \$6.8 million through the reduction of 103 full-time workers. There were 1,720 full-time county employees - the lowest level in 30 years, he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/3/14]

**2020: More Than 150 Dutchess County Employees Voluntarily Departed As A Cost Saving Measure.** "The more than 150 employees leaving their jobs are departing after the county offered retirement and separation incentives in response to the pandemic. The job reductions account for nearly \$11 million in savings, with positions eliminated and being held vacant. Also, costs are offset with other position savings." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/29/20]

**2021: Dutchess County Received \$57 Million From The American Rescue Plan, After Cutting \$18 Million From Its 2020 Budget, Which Included Staff Furloughs And Early Retirement Incentives.** "Dutchess County, which will pull in \$57 million, offered an early retirement incentive and furloughs last year as part of almost \$18 million worth of cuts in its \$500 million budget, Molinaro said. 'All of the core services that residents expect, certainly in an emergency in a difficult time, county governments deliver,' Molinaro said during a COVID-19 roundtable earlier this month hosted by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring, Putnam County." [The Journal News, 4/15/21]

## **Mayor of Tivoli**

### **A State Audit Criticized Tivoli's Budgeting Process While Molinaro Was Mayor, Highlighting "Sub-Standard Bookkeeping" And A Failure To Adhere To Competitive Bidding**

**2000 Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: "State Tells Tivoli To Tighten Accounting."** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

**The Audit Criticized Tivoli For Sub-Standard Bookkeeping And Not Always Following Competitive Bidding.** "No money is missing. But the state did find various cases of sub-standard bookkeeping. For example, a \$20,000 backhoe purchase was not subject to competitive bidding. Molinaro said the purchase, which was an emergency expense triggered by a water main break, did not require bids. He did concede, however, that he erred in not properly declaring the emergency. 'I have to file just a few extra pieces of paper,' he said, describing the purchase as a much better deal than renting a backhoe while waiting for bids." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

**Molinaro On The Audit: "There's Just No Part Of This That Worries Me."** "Mayor Marc Molinaro called a news conference Tuesday to discuss recent findings by the state comptroller's office. He said corrective actions are

already under way. ‘There’s just no part of this that worries me,’ he said. ‘Times have changed. ... We have already been responding.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/2/00]

## Government Spending

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## Government Shutdowns

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**2018: Molinaro Spoke Out Against The Government Shutdown.** “Yes, the #Shutdown impacts all of us... this holiday weekend traditionally welcomes tourists & visitors to our great historic sites. Our fragile economy, these employees, our visitors & every citizen all deserve better than this.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 12/22/18]

**December 2018: Trump Vowed To Shut Down The Government If His Border Wall Was Not Funded.** “US President Donald Trump has vowed a "very long" government shutdown if Democrats do not fund his border wall. Mr Trump is demanding \$5.7bn (£4.5bn), which was passed by the House of Representatives, but is expected to be rejected in the Senate. ‘I hope we don’t but we are totally prepared for a very long shutdown,’ he said during a White House event. If no deal is reached, parts of the US government will begin to close at midnight on Friday.” [BBC, 12/21/18]

**Molinaro: “I Understand That People Are Passionate About Their Views And Certainly There Needs To Be An Address Of Immigration. But Government Is Supposed To Be Reliable.”** [1:00] “I understand that people are passionate about their views and certainly there needs to be an address of immigration. But government is supposed to be reliable, if not for the people that work for it, at least for the people who rely on it. Government isn’t supposed to shut down.” [WAMC, 1/23/19] (Audio)

# COVID-19 And Pandemic Relief

## Significant Findings

### **Molinaro Cut Health Department Funding During The Pandemic, Opposed Mask And Vaccine Mandates, And Undercounted COVID Deaths.**

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  - ✓ Molinaro: “I believe vaccination should be by choice.”
- ✓ Molinaro criticized New York’s distribution of vaccines and blamed Andrew Cuomo for vaccine refusal.
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**Molinaro: “I Believe Vaccination Should Be By Choice.”** “MOLINARO: Now, I believe vaccination should be by choice. This will become an annualized vaccine that ultimately, you or I should choose to take as one would with the flu. Yes, it has broader impact and I lost my father to this virus, you know that and 1000s upon 1000s of Americans as well lost loved ones.” [WGY, 5:08-5:28, [10/22/21](#)] (AUDIO)

### **Molinaro Claimed That Getting Vaccinated Would Make Vaccine Mandates Redundant**

**May 2021: Molinaro Said “The Whole Point Of Being Vaccinated Is So You Don't Have A Situation Where Everyone Needs To Validate Their Health Condition.”** “But Molinaro also questioned why the state is devoting significant resources and effort to a system verifying someone has been vaccinated or tested positive when the rate of infection is hovering around 1 percent. ‘The whole point of being vaccinated is so you don't have a situation where everyone needs to validate their health condition,’ he said. ‘We ought to use the results to guide us. ... We're back to a normal sense of living.’” [The Times Union, 5/20/21]

### **Molinaro Criticized New York's Distribution Of Vaccines, And Blamed Andrew Cuomo For Vaccine Refusal**

**Molinaro Said The State Of New York Would Not Need To Mandate Vaccinations If It Did Not “Screw Up The Vaccine Distribution To Begin With.”** “MOLINARO: I want to level set for a second I said this at a town hall meeting about a week ago. If New York State didn't screw up the vaccine distribution to begin with, and it did, we wouldn't be in a position where anybody felt today that there was even the need to mandate such an action.” [WGY, 4:50-5:10, [10/22/21](#)](AUDIO)

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### **January 2021: Molinaro Claimed State Shorted County On Vaccine Supply – For One Day**

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**Molinaro Claimed State Shorted Dutchess County Its Expected Vaccine Supply, But Said A Day Later That The State Had Fulfilled The Total.** “One day after Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the state had shorted the county its expected 700-dose supply of the vaccine, Molinaro on Thursday said the state had fulfilled the total. He has declined to state how many doses the county was shorted Wednesday, simply calling it a ‘good percentage.’ This supply is expected to cover the week's scheduled appointments.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/15/21]

- **Molinaro “Declined To State How Many Doses The County Was Shorted.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/15/21]

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### **Molinaro Called For A More Inclusive Vaccine Rollout For Individuals With Disabilities**

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**Molinaro Called For A More Inclusive Vaccine Rollout For Individuals With Disabilities.** “In a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro implored the governor to be more inclusive with the vaccination rollout. ‘Recent reports of reductions in COVID-19 vaccine allotments for group homes and facilities that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, due to the state prioritizing supplying its own mass vaccination sites, are deeply troubling,’ Molinaro wrote. ‘It is yet another example of how individuals with disabilities are not prioritized in this state, and how, despite the obvious need to protect these individuals given the unique challenges they face - their urgent need goes unmet.’” [Register Star, 1/28/21]

## **Masks And Mitigation**

### **March 2020: Molinaro Declared A State Of Emergency And Closed Schools To Deal With COVID-19**

**March 2020: Molinaro Declared State Of Emergency And Closed Schools After Three Confirmed Cases Of COVID-19 In Dutchess County, Suggested The Actual Case Count Was “Well Past Single Cases.”** “To Marc Molinaro, the areas in which Dutchess County's three confirmed cases of coronavirus live, or where they traveled before being isolated, should not be a concern for residents. ‘You can assume that you've been in contact with someone who's been in contact with someone who's contracted the coronavirus,’ the Dutchess County executive said. ‘As hard as it is to digest, we're well past single cases.’ It's impossible for testing to keep up with the number of individuals potentially exposed to the virus, he said. ‘I think we've recognized both nationwide, and on the county level, that the number of identified cases of coronavirus does not reflect the actual number of people who have contracted or may contract the virus,’ he said. That is why Dutchess enacted a State of Emergency Friday afternoon, and is taking steps to curb the growth of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Two more cases were confirmed in the county on Friday, one day after the county confirmed the first case. As part of the State of

Emergency, the county will be closing schools to students for two weeks beginning Monday, according to a release.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/14/20]

**May 2020: Dutchess County Attempted To Test Every Nursing Home Resident In The County For COVID-19.** “Nursing homes - their residents' vulnerability to coronavirus, the ease at which the virus can spread, and the relative lack of the clear picture depicting the extent of the problems within them - has been at the heart of New York's fight against the pandemic. Dutchess County is aiming to lift the veil on the problem, if it can get enough tests. County Executive Marc Molinaro announced plans to test every nursing home resident in the county, beginning with a pilot program in the Wingate at Beacon.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/1/20]

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### **Molinaro’s Father Died From COVID-19**

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**April 2020: Molinaro’s Father Died Due To COVID-19.** “As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact Dutchess County and New York state, County Executive Marc Molinaro was personally affected on Friday. His father, 67-year-old Anthony Molinaro, passed away due to COVID-19, after a two-week battle. Marc Molinaro revealed Wednesday his father was on a ventilator at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.” [The Journal News, 4/12/20]

### **May 2020: Molinaro Wanted To “Reopen” Dutchess County Before It Hit State Reopening Metrics**

**May 2020: Molinaro Argued Declining COVID-19 Deaths Should Not Be A Benchmark For Reopening The Mid-Hudson Region Because Its Lower Population Made A Steady Decline Unsustainable.** “As for the benchmark involving deaths, Molinaro said the region's population isn't big enough to make a steady decline sustainable for 14 consecutive days; one spike could reset the region's clock. He said that total in itself has been difficult to define. ‘Some of our deaths are individuals who are struggling in a nursing home setting or in a state facility like a prison and are being admitted to the hospital for end of life care,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/20/20]

- **Molinaro Wanted To “Reopen” Dutchess County Before It Hit State Reopening Metrics.** “Marc Molinaro is ‘comfortable; with Dutchess County and the Mid-Hudson Region beginning the first phase of businesses reopening next week. That's despite acknowledging it would be "extremely difficult" for the Mid-Hudson Region to reach all seven benchmarks of coronavirus recovery required by the state before a region can reopen. Instead, the Dutchess County executive on Thursday told the Journal he is making a case to the state that one of the seven benchmarks - a decline in daily hospital deaths over a 14-day period - should not hold the region back.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/15/20]

**The State Of New York Claimed The Reopening Metrics Followed CDC Guidance.** “Dani Lever, director of communications for Cuomo's Office, responded to Molinaro's argument in a statement: ‘The decline in hospital deaths over a 14-day period is (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance that the Governor adopted, so if the County Executive doesn't agree with President Trump or Governor Cuomo, I don't know what to tell you.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/15/20]

- **Cuomo Spox Cited CDC Guidance That Decline In Deaths Should Be A Benchmark: “If The County Executive Doesn’t Agree With President Trump [...] I Don’t Know What To Tell You.”** “Dani Lever, director of communications for Cuomo's Office, responded to Molinaro's argument in a statement: ‘The decline in hospital deaths over a 14-day period is (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance that the Governor adopted, so if the County Executive doesn't agree with President Trump or Governor Cuomo, I don't know what to tell you.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/20/20]

**May 2020: Molinaro Argued Dutchess County Was Ready To Reopen Despite Not Having Met All Benchmarks Because “The Mission Was To Flatten The Curve. That Has Been Achieved.”** “Marc Molinaro is ‘comfortable’ with Dutchess County and the Mid-Hudson Region beginning the first phase of businesses reopening next week. That's despite acknowledging it would be ‘extremely difficult’ for the Mid-Hudson Region to reach all

seven benchmarks of coronavirus recovery required by the state before a region can reopen [...] Molinaro noted hospitalizations in the county - there were 57 patients hospitalized as of Tuesday according to county totals, down from an apex of 108 - indicate the virus is not a risk to overwhelm Dutchess' 500 available hospital beds 'Every one of the seven benchmarks are all about some percentage of or rate of increase or capacity in your hospitals,' Molinaro said. 'That's the point and that's been the whole point of flatten the curve. And when you take these benchmarks to the absolute extreme, you risk "mission threat. And what I mean by that is the mission was to flatten the curve. That has been achieved.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/15/20]

**Molinaro Argued Westchester And Rockland Counties Should Be Removed From The Mid-Hudson Valley Region To Allow Other Counties, Including Dutchess, To Reopen Sooner.** "In the Mid-Hudson Valley, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro is taking an adjusted approach when it comes to the state dividing communities into economic regions. Molinaro said his regional approach means removing Westchester and Rockland counties, two counties hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, from the Mid-Hudson Valley designation and bringing in the northern counties of Greene and Columbia. While the state's approach may work on an economic development level, it is not appropriate for responding to the public health crisis, he said." [Albany Times-Union, 5/7/20]

- **Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, A Democrat, Jointly Proposed The Change With Molinaro.** "Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, for example, whose county is part of an economic region that includes Westchester and Rockland counties, on Tuesday afternoon unveiled a customized reopening plan that excludes those two counties but adds Greene and Columbia counties, which are part of the Capital Region's economic development region. The alternate reopening plan was jointly announced with Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus." [Albany Times-Union, 5/6/20]

**Molinaro Suggested The State's Testing Benchmarks To Qualify For Reopening Were Unrealistic.** "Like McLaughlin, Molinaro said that the level of testing being sought by Cuomo for regions to reopen in phases may also be unrealistic. 'The data points are good but some will never be achieved,' Molinaro said. 'Are we at a point now where we're going to be able to conduct that many tests going forward among people, residents, who are not likely to want to get a test if they are not showing symptoms and may be ultimately just exhausted by this and may decide not to be tested?'" [Albany Times-Union, 5/6/20]

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**Molinaro Was Disappointed That The SplashDown Water Park Was Unable To Open In Summer 2020 Due To Pandemic Concerns**

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**Molinaro Was Disappointed That SplashDown Water Park Was Unable To Reopen In Summer 2020 As Other States Were Able To Do.** "SplashDown, along with other water parks, movie theaters and live music and entertainment venues, remains closed even as every region in the state has reached Phase 4 of New York's reopening plan. Before the pandemic gripped the state, SplashDown typically opened on Memorial Day and closed on Labor Day. According to Empire State Development, 'places of public amusement have not yet been allowed to open. Guidance will be posted as soon as we are confident that these establishments can operate safely without triggering an uptick in COVID-19 cases.' Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the season closure is 'yet one more disappointment' that has hit the county due to the pandemic. County officials had been working with SplashDown workers to ensure the park would be safe for patrons, Molinaro said. Other states like New Jersey, Connecticut and Ohio have safely opened water parks, Molinaro noted. The water park, while operating at a limited capacity, would've been a recreational activity for families to enjoy, he said. 'It's saddening and it's another hit to the economy,' Molinaro said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/29/20]

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**June 2020: Molinaro Called For Reopening Of Malls And Claimed Concerns About Ventilation Had Been Addressed**

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**June 2020: Molinaro Called For Reopening Of Malls, Arguing They Were Safe To Reopen Because They "Contain Ample Open Space For Social Distancing."** "While the measure is meant to reopen local economies slowly, only allowing in-store shopping at stores with external exits is not sitting well with everyone. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said guidance for malls in the mid-Hudson region lacks basic logic because

indoor malls have the necessary space to enforce social distancing. ‘These vast shopping centers, which contain ample open space for social distancing, employ hundreds of local residents; and continuing to keep them shuttered adversely affects hundreds of local families who depend on those jobs,’ Molinaro said. ‘As with many other aspects of the reopening process, this and other granular decisions that affect residents at the local level are being centrally made in Albany.’ Molinaro said county health departments can better access their local circumstances, but are being left as bystanders.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/11/20]

**June 2020: Molinaro Said Decision Not To Include Gyms And Malls In Phased Reopening Was An Unnecessary “Punch In The Gut.”** “As the day wore on, officials in the meetings said, the message from the governor's office wavered. By evening they were being told that gyms, malls and amusement parks may be able to open in the coming weeks as other regions reach phase four, including the Hudson Valley. But those types of businesses would not be included in the phased reopening process; instead, they'll be handled on an individual basis. ‘That is certainly different than what was expressed to individuals in the earlier calls,’ said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, who was on a call with Garvey at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday. ‘For four weeks, we were told that gyms, malls, amusement parks would be in phase four. They attempted to suggest that that was not the truth. But you know, we've been on these calls daily ... and the answers we have consistently gotten is ‘Yes, those are in fact phase four businesses.’” Molinaro called it an unnecessary ‘punch in the gut’ for those businesses that had been preparing for months to reopen.” [Albany Times-Union, 6/25/20]

**Molinaro Claimed Mall Operators Had Addressed Concerns About Ventilation That Cuomo Cited In Keeping Malls Closed.** “In a news conference Wednesday in New York City, Cuomo said the state Health Department is evaluating information that heating and cooling systems used in malls or other large facilities could be spreading the coronavirus. ‘We've gotten some new information on how the virus spreads; we're still studying it (and) we'll have a decision as soon as we process all of the information,’ Cuomo said. ‘We are continuing to study malls, movie theaters and gyms. ... There are some reports that some malls ... that air conditioning may not be cleansing the air of the virus and (instead) just circulating the virus.’ [...] Molinaro, though, said that mall operators like Pyramid Management Group have addressed concerns about air systems and devised technology to keep the filtered air clean. Many stores, he added, have individual cooling systems. He said that on the Tuesday evening control room call, Garvey, the governor's counsel, downplayed the air-filtering issue and that it was ‘one of the things they wanted to say but didn't have any science to support it.’” [Albany Times-Union, 6/25/20]

### **May 2020: Molinaro Updated Dutchess County’s COVID-19 Dashboard, Which Was Undercounting Deaths By More Than 50 Percent, To Match State Data**

**May 2020: Molinaro Announced County Would Update Its COVID-19 Data Dashboard To Match State; Previously, County Reported Less Than Half As Many COVID-19 Deaths As State Data.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has explained the difference between county and state COVID-19 data many times, but now the county will update its Community Impact Dashboard to reflect New York's data on the coronavirus pandemic. The change was announced Thursday, and Dutchess County cited a significant increase in coronavirus-related fatalities as the reason for the new approach to reporting. As of Wednesday, the state Department of Health reported 96 fatalities among Dutchess residents. The county dashboard reports 40 fatalities, as of May 3. Statistics regarding the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, tests completed and total deaths in the dashboard will be taken from the state Health Emergency Reporting Data System.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/9/20]

### **November 2020: Molinaro Said It Would Be Important To “Not Overreact” To Expected Increase In COVID-19 Cases Shortly Before Ramping Up County’s Response**

**November 2020: Molinaro Said It Would Be Important To “Not Overreact” To An Expected Increase In COVID-19 Cases.** “Referring to what he said was an expected increase in cases in the near-term, Molinaro said, ‘We have to be aware of that growth and not minimize it but not overreact to it. We are going to see growth and new cases and how we react to that is going to be critically important.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/3/20]

**November 2020: Molinaro Said County Was “At A Tipping Point” On COVID-19, Said Weekly Reports And Twice-Weekly Calls With Local Officials Would Resume.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the escalating situation has prompted officials to escalate their ‘wartime’ posture and ramp up their response. ‘There is reason to be concerned,’ Molinaro said. ‘We are really at a tipping point now.’ As the situation expands, groups within the county formed after the pandemic emerged in March will once again issue weekly reports to Molinaro’s office. The groups, which focus on a range of areas, including nursing homes, school districts, colleges and homes for individuals with developmental disabilities, had relaxed their weekly reports as the pandemic slowed. Also, the county will return to its twice-weekly calls with supervisors and mayors. The reassignment of county employees, to more sharply focus on the pandemic, is being evaluated. And the county maintains its communications with local hospitals.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/13/20]

### **December 2021: Molinaro Downplayed The Threat Of The Omicron Variant**

**November 2021: Molinaro Said He Would Not Declare A COVID-19 State Of Emergency And That The County Expected A “Seasonal” Growth In Cases Over The Winter Months.** “Meanwhile, officials in Dutchess and Orange counties said they have no plans to declare a state of emergency heading into the winter. ‘Let’s put all of this into perspective,’ said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro by phone. ‘We know cases will rise in the winter months. That is the seasonal shift that we’ve experienced with this virus and other viruses like the flu.’ In Dutchess County, there were 43 COVID-related hospitalizations as of Monday, an increase from 23 a month ago. Molinaro said he ‘wouldn’t be surprised if we see continued growth of active cases.’” [Times Union, 11/29/21]

**Molinaro Said He Was Not Alarmed By The Omicron Variant Or Increased Hospitalizations.** “Molinaro said his office is not currently alarmed by the rising COVID hospitalizations and new omicron variant, and that Dutchess County has the capacity to respond if needed. The county continues to help administer vaccinations for those who choose to be vaccinated, and has adequate testing. ‘There are going to be more variants and they may or may not be less severe than this one,’ said Molinaro. ‘We monitor severity ... and it will take time for public health systems to see the extent of the impact of this particular variant.’” [Times Union, 11/29/21]

**Molinaro Said The County Was Prepared With The Resources And Tools To Handle The Omicron Variant.** “This comes as the scientific community works to figure out what the impact the omicron variant may have. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro says the county is watching closely and ready to take action when it may be needed. ‘Dutchess County is as prepared as we have been. We have access to the resources, we have access to the tools,’ he says. ‘At this point, it’s let’s be aware, let’s be responsible for our health and the health of people we love, and let’s be calm about it. And at the end of the day, that’s the most appropriate approach.’” [News 12 Connecticut, 11/29/21]

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### **December 2021: Molinaro Said He Would Defy New York State’s Mask Mandate Instituted In Response To The Omicron Variant**

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**December 7, 2021: Molinaro’s Office Said The County Would Not Issue A Mask Mandate Despite The Rising COVID-19 Case Count.** “Just days into December, this year’s holiday surge is already packing a stronger punch than the summer spike that resulted in more than 40 deaths in two months. Last year’s surge began similarly, and ended with 217 county residents dying from Dec. 1 to March 1. That, despite safety precautions that included capacity limitations and mandatory mask use while in indoor public spaces. No such mask requirements are in place to stem the spread this year amid the rush of shoppers in packed stores and holiday gatherings. Unless they come from Albany, they’re unlikely to come from the county, officials said Monday. ‘New York State has historically issued mandates of this nature,’ County Executive Marc Molinaro’s Office said. ‘We do not expect such mandate at the county level.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/21]

- **Dutchess County Was Encouraging Residents To Wear Masks In Indoor Public Spaces, But Did Not Require It.** “Though it is not requiring them, the county does encourage residents to wear a mask while in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status. It also is encouraging vaccinations and, for those who are several months removed from completing their vaccine series, a booster. That’s in addition to the safety

suggestions that have been in place since March 2020 encouraging hand washing, social distancing and staying home if you feel symptoms.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [12/7/21](#)]

**December 2021: Molinaro Said He Would Defy New York State’s Mask Mandate.** “In a Sunday evening conversation with Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, he told me that Dutchess County will not follow the state’s mask mandate and here’s why. Governor Hochul announced on Friday that the state would be implementing a mask mandate for all counties starting on Monday. That mandate would require all businesses to enforce mask wearing at ‘all times’ if they could not make sure employees and customers were all fully vaccinated.” [WPDH, 12/12/21]

**Molinaro Did Not Think A Mask Mandate Was A Good Idea.** “However, many rules Dutchess County businesses are already encouraged to follow, like making sure customers wear shoes and shirts, are also very difficult to enforce. When asked why he wouldn’t just support the mandate in spirit, hoping that many local businesses would do the right thing, the county executive admitted that he’s not convinced that a mask mandate is actually a good idea.” [WPDH, 12/12/21]

**Molinaro Said There Was No Data To Show That One State’s COVID-19 Policies Were Better Than Any Other State’s.** “However, many rules Dutchess County businesses are already encouraged to follow, like making sure customers wear shoes and shirts, are also very difficult to enforce. When asked why he wouldn’t just support the mandate in spirit, hoping that many local businesses would do the right thing, the county executive admitted that he’s not convinced that a mask mandate is actually a good idea. Molinaro said that there is no data to back up the fact that one state’s actions have resulted in a better or worse result than any other’s. Molinaro also pointed to the fact that we now have vaccines, widespread testing and better treatments for COVID which puts hospitals in a better situation to treat the disease than a year ago when he did support the mask mandate. ‘I encourage people to learn how best to protect themselves and their families and follow practices that are best for you.’” [WPDH, 12/12/21]

**Molinaro Didn’t Believe He Would Ever Support A Mask Mandate If Cases Rose.** “I wanted to know if Molinaro would reconsider supporting a mandate if cases rose to higher levels. The county executive said he didn’t believe he would support the requirement for masks at any time in the future, directing me to his official statement below. As we educate and inform residents to take the necessary mitigation steps to protect themselves and those they love, we will not escalate tension or conflict or further burden our local small businesses by allocating resources we do not have to this impractical and unenforceable measure.” [WPDH, 12/12/21]

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### **Molinaro Backtracked From Using A Hospitalization Threshold To Determine Changes In COVID-19 Policy**

**Molinaro Backtracked From Using A Hospitalization Threshold To Change COVID-19 Policy, Saying The County Remained In “Observation” Mode Even After Crossing The Threshold.** “In a previous address, Molinaro discussed an important threshold of reaching 50 hospitalizations in Dutchess County. Over the weekend, data shows that the county has surpassed that number, with 55 people now hospitalized for COVID. When asked what passing that threshold meant, the county executive said that he is now looking at other data and the county still remains in an ‘observation’ mode.” [WPDH, 12/12/21]

**Dutchess County Doctors Were Disappointed And Frustrated By Molinaro’s Decision To Defy New York’s Mask Mandate.** “The about-face has caught some of the local medical community by surprise. Dr. Evan Goldfisher of Premiere Medical Group said on Monday morning that he was ‘deeply disappointed’ in Molinaro’s decision to ignore the mask mandate. Goldfisher explained that masks are proven to slow the spread of COVID-19 and asking people to wear them in crowded public spaces shouldn’t be politicized.” [WPDH, 12/13/21]

**Dutchess County Business Owners Were Disappointed And Frustrated By Molinaro’s Decision To Defy New York’s Mask Mandate, Warning It “Emboldened” Unvaccinated People To Walk Around Maskless.** “Some employees and local business owners have shared their frustration on social media, complaining that Molinaro has essentially ‘emboldened’ the unvaccinated to walk around maskless in Dutchess while other counties are ‘trying their best to keep workers and customers safe.’” [WPDH, 12/13/21]

- **WPDH Headline: “Doctors ‘Disappointed,’ Stores ‘Frustrated’ By Marc Molinaro.”** [WPDH, 12/13/21]

**Editorial: Molinaro “Played To The Base Of His Party” By Refusing To Enforce The State of New York’s Mask Mandate.** “And, of course, we hear the grumbling and crying from those who think any infringement on their desire to do anything they want is a mortal sin. We were sorry to see those people egged on Tuesday by Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Tina Mole, who issued a statement saying Delaware will not enforce the mandate. ‘Delaware County will not reallocate our already stressed resources to enforce the newest New York State mask mandate that took effect on Monday, December 13, 2021. Delaware County does not have the internal framework to enforce this mandate,’ Mole said in a written statement. We have to wonder why she felt the need to say that. It seems political, following the lead of Republican gubernatorial candidate and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, who played to the base of his party with a similar pronouncement a day earlier. We all want the pandemic over. We all want to return to our regular lives, but that can’t happen until those who refuse vaccinations and masks come to understand that they are the problem.” [Daily Star, Editorial, [12/15/21](#)]

## Schools And Parents

### May-June 2021: Molinaro Called For Ending Mask Mandates In Schools

**May 2021: Molinaro Called For Letting Parents Decide If Their Child Had To Wear A Mask In Schools.** “It’s already approved and this charade of ‘state approval’ doesn’t improve confidence. Parents should make the choice they feel best for and with their children - with their physician.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 5/12/21]

**June 2021: Molinaro Called For Ending Mask Mandates On Children In Schools, Citing High Temperatures.** “Local political figures are beginning to weigh in, as well. County Executive Marc Molinaro issued a joint statement with state Sen. Sue Serino Friday afternoon calling to unmask students. ‘It no longer makes sense to force children in school to wear masks,’ Molinaro said. ‘As New York experiences some of the hottest weather of the year, mandating that every child in school wear a mask is downright dangerous.’ ‘It is imperative that local control be restored and school districts and parents be given the opportunity to make their own decisions about the health and well-being of their students,’ he added.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/11/21]

### June 2021: Molinaro Advocated For School Districts To Grant Waivers That Would Have Exempted Any Student, Whose Parent Or Guardian Requested It, From Mask Mandates

**Dutchess County Advocated For School Districts To Grant A Medical Mask Exemption To Any Parent Or Guardian Who Requested One For Their Child.** “New York state requires students to wear masks inside schools unless they are ‘unable to medically tolerate a mask.’ What proof is required to determine a student cannot safely wear a mask is unclear. In the absence of specific rules from the state requiring a recommendation from a medical professional, Dutchess County’s health department is advocating for school districts to consider granting a medical waiver to any student whose parent or guardian requests one.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/11/21]

## Economic Relief & The American Rescue Plan

### Molinaro Consistently Called For State And Local Aid Throughout 2020...

**Molinaro Warned Of “Significant Cuts” To Dutchess County Services Due To The Pandemic Without Federal Aid.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro warned of ‘significant cuts’ in county services without federal aid. Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said his county faced an ‘existential’ crisis and ‘absolutely brutal decisions,’ including which roads it could afford to maintain.” [The Times Herald-Record, 7/24/20]

- **Molinaro Warned Of Layoffs And Furloughs Without Federal Aid.** “Molinaro said some businesses may suffer losses unseen since the Depression, but that local governments need to respond by relaxing building

codes or granting other latitudes that, for example, allow restaurants to expand into outdoor areas. 'This is one of those moments when local governments are critical because the public tends to trust us a little more,' he said. We need to use that effectively.' Both county leaders said some type of layoff or furlough plan may loom in the future absent additional aid from Washington." [Buffalo News, 5/7/20]

**Molinaro Understood The Need For Republicans To Omit State And Local Aid As A Negotiating Strategy, But Said It Had To Be Included, Calling Congressional Republicans "Politically Craven."** "Molinaro, a Republican, said he understood Senate Republicans omitting state and local aid from their opening proposal as a negotiating strategy. But he also blasted Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his conference as 'politically craven; for resisting that funding. 'It is the worst of what politics can be in the midst of an emergency,' he said. [The Times Herald-Record, 7/24/20]

**July 2020: Molinaro Tweeted "Calls [Mitch McConnell] & Tell Them To Get Back To Work".** "Dutchess held spending to 1.5% annually, shrunk our workforce to the smallest in 35 years, had the highest bond rating in NYS & cut taxes each of the last 7 years! We did our job... Calls @senatemajldr & tell them to get back to work: (202) 224-2541." [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 7/31/20]

- **Molinaro Had Quote Tweeted Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone Who Wanted Mitch McConnell To Pass State And Local Aid.** "Instead of racing to act, @senatemajldr decided to leave town. Call Mitch McConnell and tell him to get hit butt back to town — (202) 224-2541." [Steve Bellone, Twitter, 7/31/20]

**July 2020: Molinaro And Other County Executives Called On Congress To Compromise And Pass A COVID-19 Relief Bill Funding State And Local Governments.** "County leaders across New York joined together to renew their plea for federal lawmakers to pass a coronavirus relief bill to provide aid to state localities. A bipartisan group of county executives across the state called on congressional leaders and the president in a press conference with the state Association of Counties on Thursday to compromise on a new federal stimulus package that provides funding for states and local governments, which provide essential services to combat the pandemic and reopen their local economies. Albany County Executive Dan McCoy and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, both Democrats, and Republicans Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro and Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente agreed: The state's success in its fight against COVID-19 has come at a steep cost - both in New York lives and finances." [Hudson Register-Star, 7/25/20]

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## **Molinaro Called For Passage Of The HEROES Act**

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**September 2020: Molinaro Stood Beside Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney As Maloney Called For Passage Of The HEROES Act.** "But amid drastic shortfalls in tax revenue, added expenses created by the COVID-19 pandemic and an anticipated 20% reduction in state aid to municipalities, local leaders say the savings from those programs are not enough. Which is why they are rallying in support of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act - better known as the HEROES Act - which promises to bring hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to the region. The legislation was passed in the House of Representatives in May, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring, said, noting the Senate hasn't considered the legislation yet and negotiations are ongoing for future pandemic relief legislation. If passed, New York would receive an estimated \$34 billion from the HEROES Act, with \$165 million for Dutchess County, \$216 million for Orange, \$55 million for Putnam and \$544 million for Westchester. Revenue for governments has 'evaporated,' Maloney said in Beacon Monday, standing alongside Molinaro and Neuhaus." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/10/20]

**The \$3 Trillion HEROES Act Would Have Provided Aid To State And Local Governments, Hazard Pay For Frontline Workers, Forgave Student Debt, And Increased Medicaid And Medicare Funding.** "On Friday evening, the House passed a \$3 trillion coronavirus relief bill providing assistance to state and local governments, hazard pay for frontline health care workers, student debt forgiveness and bolstered Medicaid and Medicare. The bill is known as the HEROES Act, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act. The measure, over 1,800 pages long, is unlikely to gain any traction in the Republican-controlled Senate, although Senate Leader Mitch McConnell has indicated the Senate will pass further COVID-19 relief legislation. But he said he will work with the White House to determine what's needed and how soon." [CBS News, 5/15/20]

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## **Molinaro Called Federal Aid A “Lifeline” Not A “Bailout”**

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**Molinaro Called Federal Aid A “Lifeline” Not A “Bailout.”** ““The federal government is contemplating a fairly large interim investment, if you will. I don't want to call it a bailout, more like a lifeline, which they advise should include direct aid to small businesses and checks to individuals,” said Molinaro.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/22/20]

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## **...And Praised The Inclusion Of County Relief In The American Rescue Plan**

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**Molinaro Said American Rescue Plan Aid Would Allow Dutchess County To “Reestablish That Infrastructure And Really Again Begin To Rebuild From Our Losses.”** “The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan came with \$12.6 billion in relief for New York State government and another \$10.8 billion that will go directly to counties and local municipalities. It is an unprecedented windfall for municipalities to try to close budget gaps and find ways to revive their local economies amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Local officials will have broad discretion on how to spend the money, which can be used to cover revenue losses from the pandemic or to provide aid to industries like tourism and travel. Dutchess County, which will pull in \$57 million, offered an early retirement incentive and furloughs last year as part of almost \$18 million worth of cuts in its \$500 million budget, Molinaro said. ‘All of the core services that residents expect, certainly in an emergency in a difficult time, county governments deliver,’ Molinaro said during a COVID-19 roundtable earlier this month hosted by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring, Putnam County. ‘So this aid will allow us to reestablish that infrastructure and really again begin to rebuild from our losses.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, 4/5/21]

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## **The American Rescue Plan Gave \$57 Million To Dutchess County**

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**Dutchess County Received \$57 Million In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As A Result Of The American Rescue Plan.** [Department of the Treasury, May 2021]

**Dutchess County Lost \$13 Million In Lost Tax Revenue Due To The Pandemic In The 2020 Budget.** [Dutchess County Comptroller, American Rescue Plan, 3/18/21]

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## **Molinaro: “[American Rescue Plan] Dollars Are Meant To Be Invested, Not Spent”**

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**Molinaro: “[American Rescue Plan] Dollars Are Meant To Be Invested, Not Spent.”** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro also made clear the county's \$57.5 million ARP funding isn't just another bucket of revenue. ‘The dollars are meant to be invested not spent,’ Molinaro said.” [The Journal News, 7/27/21]

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## **The American Rescue Plan Saved Dutchess County Jobs**

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**Dutchess County Planned To Use \$1.8 Million In American Rescue Plan Funds To Fill 21 Positions That Were Temporarily Eliminated Or Left Vacant To Create Savings During The Pandemic.** “A year ago, with COVID-19 vaccines still undergoing testing and a second wave of the pandemic underway, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro proposed a budget balanced using savings from employee buyouts and \$10 million of reserve funds. [...] With an assist from the federal American Rescue Plan, enacted in March, the budget refills some of the positions temporarily eliminated or left vacant when 152 employees took early retirement or severance, which saved the county about \$11 million. Of the 96 positions, 18 were restored using some of the \$57 million in funding Dutchess is receiving from the American Rescue Plan. Dutchess will use \$1.8 million of the ARP Funding to fill 21 positions over the next three years. An additional 38 of the eliminated positions would also be refilled in 2022, according to budget documents.” [Highlands Daily Current, 10/29/21]

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## **Molinaro Proposed Spending \$10 Million Of American Rescue Plan Funds On A Youth Center**

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**July 2021: Dutchess County Planned To Spend \$10 Million In ARP Money On A Youth Center.** “The resolutions Monday call for the county to complete a transaction with the city in which the county buys the property

for \$10 in addition and assurances for a timely demolition and development; approve a negative declaration in the state environmental review process; and approve \$10 million in spending on the center from its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funding. The county said \$5.5 million would be needed to demolish the YMCA building; \$3 million would be used to create the design for the center and \$1.5 million would go toward the construction. Molinaro previously told the Journal the remaining \$15 million commitment, when needed, would come through a bond process. Geraldine Laybourne a co-founder of Day One, said the \$25 million will cover about half of the proposed project, enough to get the building started as additional funds are raised. Molinaro has stressed other partners will be more likely to contribute funding upon seeing the county's own commitment." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/12/21]

**The Youth Center Cost An Estimated \$25 Million With \$10 Million Coming From American Rescue Plan Funds.** "Molinaro introduced his proposed spending plan Wednesday while standing between aircraft inside the recently completed hangar at the Dutchess Community College Aviation Center. [...] The county has made a \$25 million commitment to the Youth Opportunity Union project in the City of Poughkeepsie, which would create a hub of activities and services available to young residents. The first \$10 million is coming from American Rescue Plan funds." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/27/21]

**Molinaro's Budget Proposal Included \$3.1 Million In American Rescue Plan Funds For Grants To Support Youth Activities.** "The county also allocated \$3.1 million in ARP funds to a 'Learn, Play, Create' grant program in which agencies supporting youth activities can apply for specific funding tied to projects. The budget proposal called for a \$500,000 expansion of that program, part of a \$3.5 million commitment to an agency partner grant program. [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/27/21]

**The Dutchess County Democratic Caucus Said Funding For Youth Programs Remained Stagnant During Molinaro's Tenure As County Executive.** "An overview of changes to specific departments is on p. 27 of the budget. Compare changes since 2012, the last year before the current County Exec took office. A few takeaways among many: [...] Funding for youth programs--once a separate department, now under Community and Family Services--has remained largely stagnant over the past ten years." [Dutchess Voice, 11/22/21]

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### **Molinaro Proposed Spending \$12 Million In American Rescue Plan Money On Emergency Housing Shelters And High Speed Internet Infrastructure**

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**July 2021: Dutchess County Planned To Spend \$12 Million In American Rescue Plan Money On Emergency Housing And High Speed Internet Infrastructure.** "Dutchess plans to invest its ARP funds in longstanding commitments to address homelessness and food insecurity; support youth and address youth violence; and connectivity for underserved communities. Investments include: \$10 million toward the county's planned youth center, to be built in the City of Poughkeepsie. \$6 million toward an emergency housing shelter plan that's already underway, a facility that Molinaro describes as a 'a sanctuary of sorts.' \$6 million toward high-speed internet and communications infrastructure. \$3 million for the county's Learn, Play, Create grant program. These one-time grants are available to youth organizations that lost fundraising or participation during the pandemic." [The Journal News, 7/27/21]

### **But Molinaro Proposed Spending \$12.5 Million In ARP Funds On Baseball Stadium Renovations...**

*NOTE: For further information on Dutchess Stadium, see Ethics – Baseball Stadium.*

**Dutchess County Allocated \$12.5 Million Of Its \$57 Million In American Rescue Plan Relief Funds Toward Improvements For Dutchess Stadium.** "Minor league teams took a combined \$40 million in Paycheck Protection Program loans early in the pandemic to cover worker salaries. But unlike Broadway theaters and live music venues they've been shut out of additional government relief. That's why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials." [Bloomberg Law, 10/25/21]

**Molinaro Said He Expected Investments In Dutchess Stadium To Return \$16 Million In Increased Tourism, Sales And Hotel Tax.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] But without the investment the county, which owns the stadium and collects rent from the Renegades, wouldn’t have a paying tenant, said County Executive Marc Molinaro. Dutchess County expects a \$16 million return in increased tourism, sales, and hotel tax revenue from the agreement, which secures the Renegades as a Yankee team for 25 more years, he said.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Molinaro Said Without The Investment In Dutchess Stadium, The County Would Lose The Hudson Valley Renegades As Its Tenant.** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. [...] But without the investment the county, which owns the stadium and collects rent from the Renegades, wouldn’t have a paying tenant, said County Executive Marc Molinaro. Dutchess County expects a \$16 million return in increased tourism, sales, and hotel tax revenue from the agreement, which secures the Renegades as a Yankee team for 25 more years, he said.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**Molinaro Claimed That Keeping A Minor League Baseball Team Would Offset Revenue Losses Incurred During The Pandemic.** “Molinaro, a Republican, countered that keeping the Renegades, a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the New York Yankees, would offset revenue losses incurred during the pandemic in the long run, as the county has long prized the team’s ability to drive tourism spending. And, in the weeks since, the county has approved funding for youth services and other needs.” [The Journal News, [7/27/21](#)]

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### **Spending ARP Funds On Baseball Stadium Upgrades Was Possibly Subject To A Clawback Of Funds**

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**The U.S. Treasury Did Not Respond To Press Inquiries Asking If Dutchess County’s ARP Allocation To Dutchess Stadium Would Be Subject To Clawback.** “‘Spending the money on baseball stadiums is a walk on the legal wild side,’ said Joe Bishop-Henchman, vice president of tax policy and litigation at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘I’m not sure which bucket this would fall under unless they’re fixing the sewers in the stadium. Time will tell how vigilant Treasury wants to be, but we’ve already seen them actively fight six lawsuits over restrictions.’ [...] Treasury did not respond to inquiries on whether the allocations in Dutchess, Berks, and Lackawanna counties would be subject to clawback.” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

**National Taxpayers Union Foundation VP Of Tax Policy Joe Bishop-Henchman: “Spending The [ARP] Money On Baseball Stadiums Is A Walk On The Legal Wild Side.”** “The U.S. Treasury has said it will recoup any funds used on ‘ineligible’ expenses, and is already fighting a dozen states in court over a provision barring use of Covid-relief funds to offset state tax cuts. It’s instructed recipients to follow an outline of Covid-related economic priorities while they await final guidance. [...] ‘Spending the money on baseball stadiums is a walk on the legal wild side,’ said Joe Bishop-Henchman, vice president of tax policy and litigation at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘I’m not sure which bucket this would fall under unless they’re fixing the sewers in the stadium. Time will tell how vigilant Treasury wants to be, but we’ve already seen them actively fight six lawsuits over restrictions.’” [Bloomberg Law, [10/25/21](#)]

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### **The Stadium Renovations Were Not Needed To Keep The Stadium In Compliance With Major League Baseball**

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**The Stadium Renovations Were Not Needed To Bring The Stadium Into Compliance With Major League Baseball.** “Unlike the \$1.44 million previously approved for stadium upgrades, the upgrades planned are not expressly necessary to bring the stadium into compliance with Major League Baseball’s standards. The next stadium improvements include new pitching and batting areas, a new clubhouse, a new seating area and enclosed event space.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [6/16/21](#)]

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## **Dutchess County Legislators And Business Owners Criticized Molinaro For Spending ARP Money On Baseball Stadium Upgrades**

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**Community Leaders Opposed Spending American Rescue Plan Funding On A Baseball Stadium.** “Among the county's first allocations was \$12.5 million for upgrades to Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill that were required as part of a long-term lease with the Hudson Valley Renegades. The decision sparked dispute from some community leaders and Democratic officials, who questioned why more funding was not spent on social services.” [The Journal News, 7/27/21]

**Dutchess County Legislator Nick Page: “This Is Single-A Baseball. To Pretend It’s An Economic Driver Is Insane [...] This Is Not Doing Any Good For The Average Person In Dutchess County.”** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. But the decision is not without opposition. ‘This is single-A baseball. To pretend it’s an economic driver is insane,’ said Democrat Nick Page, a county legislator and self-described baseball fan who voted against giving the money to the Renegades in favor of using it for housing, broadband, and infrastructure projects. ‘This is not doing any good for the average person in Dutchess County who has suffered during Covid.’” [Bloomberg Law, 10/25/21]

**Owner Of Red Pepper Diner Near Dutchess Stadium: “Nobody Gets Business From The Stadium [...] People Come In, They Park There, And They Leave.”** “That’s why Dutchess County, New York, has allocated \$12.5 million of its \$57 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand locker rooms, build an outfield party deck, and buy the land housing the stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankees affiliate, according to county officials. But the decision is not without opposition. [...] But the owner of Red Pepper Diner near the stadium has a different take. ‘Nobody gets business from the stadium,’ said Saman Munaweera. ‘People come in, they park there, and they leave.’” [Bloomberg Law, 10/25/21]

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### **...And Spent \$1.6 Million In ARP Funds On Questionably Timed Bonuses**

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#### **Molinaro Announced That American Rescue Plan Funds Would Be Used To Give Every County Employee A \$1,000 Bonus The Day Before A Local Election For Dutchess County Legislators**

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**Headline: “\$1,000 For Dutchess County Employees? Timing, Transparency Of Proposed Bonus Questioned.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/2/21]

**Molinaro Announced Plans To Give A \$1,000 Bonus To Each County Employee Using \$1.6 Million In American Rescue Plan Funds.** “About 1,700 Dutchess County employees may be getting a stipend of up to \$1,000 this month for working through the pandemic. The county Legislature on Thursday plans to discuss a resolution that would give all non-elected employees the additional pay by spending \$1.6 million in American Rescue Plan funds. The resolution, sponsored by Republicans, was a late addition to the committee meeting agenda Monday, one day before a general election in which all 25 Legislature seats were on ballots. And, Republican County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the plan, saying he worked with Republican Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver on it, in an email sent only to county employees on Monday, before it had been discussed at a Legislature meeting or with Democratic members.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/2/21]

**Molinaro Said All Non-Elected County Employees Would Receive The Bonus With Part-Time Employees Receiving A Pro-Rated Amount.** “Molinaro said the payment would be made to all non-elected county employees because it would be difficult to decide which jobs are considered essential. Part-time employees would be given a prorated amount. And, he said ongoing negotiations made it impossible for him to announce the plan sooner. The email from Molinaro Monday called the money ‘a token of our appreciation to the employees who worked during this time.’ The resolution would amend the 2021 budget to allow for the ‘discretionary one-time COVID-19 related distribution.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/2/21]

**Molinaro Notified County Employees Of The Bonus Plan In An Email Before Discussing The Proposal With Democratic Members Of The County Legislature.** “About 1,700 Dutchess County employees may be getting a stipend of up to \$1,000 this month for working through the pandemic. The county Legislature on Thursday plans to discuss a resolution that would give all non-elected employees the additional pay by spending \$1.6 million in American Rescue Plan funds. The resolution, sponsored by Republicans, was a late addition to the committee meeting agenda Monday, one day before a general election in which all 25 Legislature seats were on ballots. And, Republican County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the plan, saying he worked with Republican Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver on it, in an email sent only to county employees on Monday, before it had been discussed at a Legislature meeting or with Democratic members.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/2/21](#)]

**Molinaro Said He Sent The Email Notifying County Employees Of The Bonus Proposal Because It Was Scheduled To Be Considered By The Legislature And Did Not Announce It Earlier Because Of Negotiations With Unions.** “Molinaro said the payment would be made to all non-elected county employees because it would be difficult to decide which jobs are considered essential. Part-time employees would be given a prorated amount. And, he said ongoing negotiations made it impossible for him to announce the plan sooner. [...] Molinaro said the email to county employees was sent Monday because the resolution was on the schedule for the legislators to consider beginning this week and said it was not connected to elections. The county wasn't able to make the announcement earlier due to discussions with unions, he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/2/21](#)]

**Molinaro’s Bonus Resolution Noted Recipients Would Receive the Funds Within The Month, Indicating It Would Be Voted On By Within Weeks.** “About 1,700 Dutchess County employees may be getting a stipend of up to \$1,000 this month for working through the pandemic. The county Legislature on Thursday plans to discuss a resolution that would give all non-elected employees the additional pay by spending \$1.6 million in American Rescue Plan funds. The resolution, sponsored by Republicans, was a late addition to the committee meeting agenda Monday, one day before a general election in which all 25 Legislature seats were on ballots. [...] The resolution also specifically notes the recipients would receive the money this month, meaning it would be voted on by the sitting Legislature regardless of election outcomes, and may be approved at its next scheduled general meeting on Monday, as its next meeting after that is not scheduled until Nov. 29.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/2/21](#)]

**Minority Leader Rebecca Edwards Said She Supported County Employee Bonuses But Asked Why They Were Not Reserved For Frontline Or Essential Employees.** “While Minority Leader Rebecca Edwards said on Tuesday she, too, is in support of giving county employees additional pay, she questioned how the effort was handled, and asked why all employees, and not just those who were deemed essential or working on the front lines, would receive it. ‘Premium pay for essential workers is part of the (ARP) guidance, but are all county employees essential?’ asked Edwards, a Democrat who represents the Town of Poughkeepsie.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/2/21](#)]

- **Edwards: “An Announcement Like This, Made To County Employees On The Very Eve Of Election Day, Is Very Peculiar [...] This Bonus For Essential Workers Was Being Discussed In May. So Why Now?”** “Molinaro said the email to county employees was sent Monday because the resolution was on the schedule for the legislators to consider beginning this week and said it was not connected to elections. The county wasn't able to make the announcement earlier due to discussions with unions, he said. Molinaro, who has announced a 2022 run at the 19th Congressional District seat, presented his 2022 budget proposal on Wednesday. ‘An announcement like this, made to county employees on the very eve of Election Day, is very peculiar,’ Edwards said. ‘This bonus for essential workers was being discussed in May. So why now?’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/2/21](#)]
- **Edwards Lost Reelection.** “Democrat Rebecca Edwards, who represents a portion of the town of Poughkeepsie, appears to have lost to Tony D’Aquanni, who received 52.58% of the pre-absentee vote. Hyde Park Democrat Brendan Lawler is likewise trailing Benjamin Geller, who has 51.49% of the vote. Edwards has been a vocal critic of Republican actions, asserting legislators have rubber-stamped initiatives from Republican County Executive Marc Molinaro without including Democrats in early discussions.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [11/3/21](#)]

**November 9, 2021: The Dutchess County Legislature Approved Sending \$1,000 Bonuses To County Employees Funded With \$1.8 Million In American Rescue Plan Funds.** “The Dutchess County Legislature has approved the spending of \$1.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a one-time bonus to county employees that were deemed essential during the COVID pandemic. Each county worker that meets certain qualifications will receive a \$1,000 payment in recognition of their work during the pandemic shutdown.” [Mid Hudson News, [11/9/21](#)]

**Molinaro On ARP Bonuses: “This Modest One-Time Compensation Benefit Is Meant To Show Our Gratitude To Those Who Weathered The Storm On Behalf Of A Thankful Community.”** “The Dutchess County Legislature has approved the spending of \$1.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a one-time bonus to county employees that were deemed essential during the COVID pandemic. Each county worker that meets certain qualifications will receive a \$1,000 payment in recognition of their work during the pandemic shutdown. [...] ‘When we needed them most, and after many went without, county employees rose to the most challenging occasion of our lifetime. This modest one-time compensation benefit is meant to show our gratitude to those who weathered the storm on behalf of a thankful community,’ said Molinaro.” [Mid Hudson News, [11/9/21](#)]

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### **Additional Bonuses Weren’t Approved For Unionized County Workers**

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**Democrat Barrington Atkins’ Proposal To Send \$2,000 Bonuses To 1,600 Unionized County Workers Was Defeated After Molinaro Said It Would Require Negotiations With The Unions.** “During last Thursday’s committee meeting, Democrat Barrington Atkins (City of Poughkeepsie) tried to amend the proposal to a one-time payment of \$2,000 for each of the more than 1,600 county workers represented by different unions. According to County Executive Marc Molinaro, if the amendment had passed, the payments would have been delayed in order to re-negotiate with the unions representing the workers. The impacted workers are members of the CSEA, DCDSPBA, DCSEA, or the DCSA. The amendment failed and Atkins took to social media to criticize his Republican colleagues. He implied that the Republican legislators were willing to spend millions of ARPA money on Dutchess Stadium improvements but discounted the work of essential county workers.” [Mid Hudson News, [11/9/21](#)]

- **Atkins On Republicans Voting Down His Amendment To Increase County Employee Bonuses To \$2,000: “Are Their Sacrifices Not More Worthy Than Throwing Money At A Baseball Stadium?”** “I am utterly disgusted and shocked at the lack of compassion for our county employees, who have literally laid their lives on the line. Dutchess County has received the American Relief Funds and has been allocating these funds to many different areas of our county. A resolution was put before us to allocate 1,000\$ to each existing county employee as a way of saying ‘thank you’ for their dedication and hard work. This gesture is worthy however, last week, during our committee meeting, I proposed that we increase that amount to 2,000\$. I cannot quantify the level of dismay that I felt when not a single one of my Republican colleagues thought it a worthy amendment. Do we not value our county employees? Are their sacrifices not more worthy than throwing money at a baseball stadium?” [Facebook, [11/8/21](#)]

## **Dutchess County Was One Of The Hardest Hit Counties In NY-19**

**Dutchess County Had The Fourth Most COVID-19 Cases Per Capita Of All Counties In New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, And The Highest Raw Case Total As Of January 2022**

**New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Consisted Of Part Or All Of 11 Counties.** The district included part or all of the following counties (in alphabetical order): Broome, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster. Seven of these 11 counties were entirely within NY-19, while portions of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer Counties were in other Congressional districts. [US Census Bureau, accessed [1/7/22](#)]

**Dutchess County Had The Fourth Highest COVID-19 Case Total Per Capita Out Of The District’s 11 Counties, And The Highest Raw Case Count, As Of January 2022:**

**COVID-19 Cases By NY-19 County**

<b>County</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>Cases Per 100K Pop.</b>	<b>Share of Population</b>
Broome	35,619	18,699	1 in 5
Sullivan	13,722	18,191	1 in 6
Montgomery	8,883	18,047	1 in 6
Dutchess	50,003	16,995	1 in 6
Rensselaer	22,852	14,398	1 in 7
Greene	6,581	13,946	1 in 7
Ulster	23,967	13,497	1 in 7
Delaware	5,880	13,323	1 in 8
Columbia	7,423	12,484	1 in 8
Otsego	7,046	11,843	1 in 8
Schoharie	3,623	11,687	1 in 9

[New York Times, New York Coronavirus Case Count, accessed [1/7/22](#)]

**Dutchess County Had The Highest COVID-19 Death Total Of Any NY-19 County And The Fifth Highest Death Rate As Of January 2022**

**Dutchess County Had The Highest COVID-19 Death Total Out Of The District's 11 Counties As Of April 2021, And The Fifth Highest Death Rate As Of January 2022:**

**COVID-19 Deaths By NY-19 County**

<b>County</b>	<b>Death Total</b>	<b>Deaths Per 100K Pop.</b>	<b>Share of Population</b>
Dutchess	543	185	1 in 540
Broome	472	248	1 in 403
Ulster	315	177	1 in 565
Rensselaer	218	137	1 in 729
Montgomery	177	360	1 in 278
Columbia	123	207	1 in 483
Sullivan	103	137	1 in 730
Greene	100	212	1 in 471
Otsego	71	119	1 in 840
Delaware	59	134	1 in 746
Schoharie	29	94	1 in 1,063

[New York Times, New York Coronavirus Case Count, accessed [1/7/22](#)]

## Consumer Issues & Regulations

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly voted in the Assembly against utility regulations that protected consumers, including opposing temporary halts to disconnecting customers from utilities.
- ✓ Molinaro signed an executive order in January 2021 that temporarily capped food delivery fees at 15% during the pandemic, but allowed the cap to expire when Molinaro's state of emergency was rescinded in August 2021.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against making airbags a standard feature of vehicles sold in New York State.

## Food Delivery Fees

### Molinaro Temporarily Capped Food Delivery Fees During The Pandemic

**January 2021: Molinaro Capped Food Delivery Fees At 15 Percent By Executive Order.** "In January, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro signed an emergency order capping these fees to 15% for the duration of the pandemic. In turn, some of these apps have implemented additional fees for customers to make up for capped merchant fees. 'We support a free market, innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit that created the third-party apps. We also support the individuals working for them providing an essential service in our community,' Molinaro said. 'However, we do not support extortion or price gouging on the front or back end. Charging a restaurant at any time a 30% fee or commission for a menu item is price gouging pure and simple - charging it during a pandemic is unconscionable.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/18/21]

- **August 2021: The 15 Percent Cap On Food Fees Expired When Molinaro Declared The Pandemic State Of Emergency Over.** "Now therefore, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Dutchess County, Emergency Order No.2 of 2020 which declared a Local State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, be and is hereby rescinded on August 13, 2021." [Dutchess County, County Executive, 8/13/21]

## Consumer Safety

### Molinaro Voted Against Making Airbags A Standard Feature On Automobiles Sold In New York State

**Molinaro Voted Against Making Airbags A Standard Feature On Automobiles Sold In New York State.** On March 25, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-3319, a bill that "Mandates that manufacturers that sell and install airbags must offer the devices as a standard feature for their automobiles or as an option that does not require the purchase of other features." The bill passed the Assembly 105 to 36, and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-03319, 3/25/09]

## Utility Regulation

### Molinaro Frequently Voted Against Utility Regulations That Protected Consumers

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill Requiring Utilities To Provide Call Center Services, And Require A Hearing Before Call Centers Are Closed Or Relocated.** On June 22, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-7593, a

bill that “Relates to utility service call centers for gas, electric corporation or municipality and their subsidiaries furnishing utility services.” The bill passed the Assembly 108 to 27 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-7593, 6/22/09]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring That Utilities Hire Competent Workers For Road Excavation Projects And Pay Prevailing Wages.** On May 17, 2010, Molinaro voted “No” on A00404, a bill that “Relates to workers on excavations; provides that utility companies or their contractors shall use competent workers and shall pay the prevailing wage on projects where a permit to use or open a street is required to be issued.” The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 30 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-0404, 5/17/10]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Protecting Utility Customers Who Made Bill Payments To Authorized Payment Agents.** On June 7, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-2001, a bill that “Makes provisions regarding the payment of utility bills to authorized payment agencies providing that such payment shall be deemed to be a payment to the utility on the date of payment to the agent, requiring written contracts between a utility and its payment agent and review of such contracts by the public service commission.” The bill passed the Assembly 112 to 29 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-2001, 6/7/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Temporarily Prohibiting Utility Companies From Disconnecting Customers While The Public Service Commission Reviewed Consumer Protection Policies.** On June 21, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-7777, a bill that “Directs the public service commission to undertake a study of consumer protections adopted by electric corporations and utilities; includes reporting on the adequacy of the public service commission's assistance to customers facing disconnection of utility service.” Specifically, the bill would direct the PSC to conduct a study on consumer protections adopted by utility companies, and if the study was not completed by November 15, 2012, directs the PSC to place a temporary halt on utility disconnections from December 2012 through March 2013. The bill passed the Assembly 111 to 33, and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-7777, 6/21/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Utility Companies To Use Competent Workers For Road Excavation Projects And Pay Prevailing Wages.** On June 16, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-6970, a bill that “Enacts the "roadway excavation quality assurance act"; relates to workers on excavations; provides that utility companies or their contractors shall use competent workers and shall pay the prevailing wage on projects where a permit to use or open a street is required to be issued.” The bill passed the Assembly 102 to 41 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6970, 6/16/11]

## Education Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ 2018: Molinaro campaigned on declaring a “state of emergency” in New York’s urban school districts.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed expanding the number of charter schools before supporting the expansion of charter schools.
  - ✓ 2010: Molinaro voted against expanding the number of charter schools in New York.
  - ✓ 2018: Molinaro claimed he was for school choice and increasing the number of charter schools in New York.
- ✓ Molinaro wanted to put armed school resource officers in every school to “address safety and mental health concerns” while surveilling students.
- ✓ Molinaro supported eliminating Common Core education standards.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed he opposed Common Core because he wanted more vocational training in schools and was worried about student data privacy.
  - ✓ Molinaro signed a Dutchess County resolution urging the New York State Legislature to repeal Common Core education standards.
- ✓ Molinaro expressed concerns over high-stakes student testing and testing culture, but opposed eliminating the standardized test required for entry into specialized New York City high schools.
- ✓ Molinaro said he didn’t believe the New York State teachers union was “evil” or “had to be broken.”
- ✓ Molinaro supported Cuomo’s universal pre-K program in New York State in 2014.

### **Molinaro Wanted To Declare A “State Of Emergency” In Urban School Districts**

**2018: Molinaro Wanted To Declare A “State Of Emergency” In Urban School Districts.** “As for schools, Molinaro said he'd be interested in declaring a ‘state of emergency’ in urban school districts including Rochester in order to free educators and administrators from some state regulations so they could be more flexible in adapting to the needs of their struggling students.” [Sun & Bulletin, 10/28/18]

### **Charter Schools**

#### **Molinaro Opposed Charter Schools Before He Supported Charter Schools**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against Increasing The Number Of Charter Schools In New York And Establishing Regulations Concerning Charter Schools.** “As a state assemblyman, Molinaro voted against passing a bill to increase the number of charter schools in New York, and to establish regulations concerning those schools. As county executive, he has voiced concerns about high stakes testing and student data privacy in relation to the controversial Common Core educational standards.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/2/18]

- **2010: Molinaro Voted Against Increasing The Number Of Charter Schools.** On May 28, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-11310, a bill “To provide for the issuance of additional charters through a new competitive request for proposals process developed by the board of regents and the board of trustees of the state university of New York and to establish enhanced transparency and accountability measures for the operation and management of charter schools.” The bill passed the Assembly 93 to 42 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-11310, 5/28/10]

**City Limits: Molinaro Opposed Charter Schools Before He Supported Them.** “While Molinaro voted against a bill in the Assembly to increase the number of charter schools in New York, he came out in support of school choice in a televised debate with Cuomo. Cuomo has historically supported charter schools. The most recent state budget increased per-pupil funding for such schools, and as part of a deal that quickly followed the renewal of mayoral control of city schools in 2017, legislators agreed to a workaround of the charter cap by allowing the reuse of “zombie” charters and for the city, as well as providing MetroCards to charter school students when school starts before busing, among other provisions. Charter school proponents have also supported Cuomo, though some detractors claim he’s backed away from the movement of late.” [City Limits, 10/31/18]

**October 2018: Molinaro Supported Expanding The Number Of Charter Schools.** “In the same debate, Molinaro, too, expressed support for charters. As an assemblyman he voted against a bill that would have increased their number, but now supports expansion, a campaign spokesman said.” [New York Post, 10/29/18]

## Police In Schools

### Molinaro Wanted To Put Armed School Resource Officers In Every School To “Address Safety And Mental Health Concerns” While Surveilling Students

**Molinaro Wanted To Put A School Resource Officer In Every School “So They Can See The Signs Of Trauma And Can Identify The Kid Who May Act Out.”** “I say invest in making a difference, which is localizing schools, so you have that symbiotic relationship between school buildings and communities,’ Molinaro said. ‘You know who’s living at risk. [It’s] making sure every school has a school resource officer, not only for protection, but so they can see the signs of trauma and can identify the kid who may act out.’” [Binghamton University Pipe Dream, 8/26/18]

- **Molinaro Wanted Cops In Schools Surveilling Kids To “Identify The Kid Who May Act Out.”** “Molinaro said. ‘You know who’s living at risk. [It’s] making sure every school has a school resource officer, not only for protection, but so they can see the signs of trauma and can identify the kid who may act out.’” [Binghamton University Pipe Dream, 8/26/18]

**Molinaro Supported Schools Having Armed Police Officers.** “Another Cuomo challenger, presumed Republican gubernatorial nominee Marc Molinaro, has come out in support of schools having armed officers.” [Oneonta Daily Star, 5/7/18]

**Molinaro Supported Putting School Resource Officers Trained In Mental Health And Crisis Intervention In All New York Schools.** “On school safety he advocated for school resource officers in every school in the state, certified and trained in mental health first-aid and crisis intervention to identify and communicate with at-risk youths, teachers and families. He also would support state mental health programming and social/emotional programming in schools either funded by the state or in partnership with local governments.” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/6/18]

**Molinaro Noted Dutchess County School Districts Already Had Armed School Resource Officers.** “Republican Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro says school districts in his county already have armed SROs. ‘Dutchess County with the county Sheriff’s Office program has long implemented our school resource officer program, but we do it uniquely in that we partner the resource officer with mental health professionals,’ says Molinaro.” [WAMC, 2/6/18]

## Common Core

### Molinaro Supported Eliminating Common Core Educational Standards

**Molinaro Supported Eliminating Common Core Educational Standards.** “Molinaro, who has a daughter with autism, said he wants to eliminate Common Core educational standards and offer more vocational training to students.” [Binghamton University Pipe Dream, 8/26/18]

- **2015: The Common Core Program Established Common Educational Standards In States Across The Country.** “The Common Core is a set of academic standards, expectations for what students should know and be able to do at every grade level in language arts and math. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia use the standards, meaning that students are tested at the end of the year based on those expectations. The Common Core represents a major shift in education policy. It’s the first time that students are expected to learn the same things at the same grade level, no matter where they live — a big deal in a K-12 education system that historically has been controlled at the state and local level. National education standards make it easier to compare test scores and results from state to state, and reformers hope that they’ll help American education catch up in comparison to the rest of the world.” [Vox, [7/23/15](#)]

**Molinaro Voiced Concerns About High Stakes Testing And Student Data Privacy In The Common Core Program.** “As a state assemblyman, Molinaro voted against passing a bill to increase the number of charter schools in New York, and to establish regulations concerning those schools. As county executive, he has voiced concerns about high stakes testing and student data privacy in relation to the controversial Common Core educational standards.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/3/18]

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### Molinaro Signed A Dutchess County Resolution Urging New York State To Repeal Common Core

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**2015: Molinaro Signed A Dutchess County Resolution Urging New York State To Repeal Common Core.** “I signed Common Core Refusal Act resolution & call on the State to repeal Common Core.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 4/24/15]

## Testing

### Molinaro Expressed Concerns About High-Stakes Testing But Opposed Eliminating It

**Molinaro Spoke Out Against High-Stakes Testing And “Testing Culture.”** “Molinaro has voiced concerns about high-stakes testing in his role as county executive and has spoken out on the testing culture as a candidate for governor.” [City Limits, 10/31/18]

**Molinaro: “Instead Of Teaching To Test, Let Teachers Inspire Our Kids To Learn!”** “Our entire system in NYS is too bureaucratic, too burdensome & too top heavy. We need to empower teachers, families & students. Instead of teaching to test, let teachers inspire our kids to learn!” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 4/28/18]

**Molinaro Opposed Eliminating The Specialized High School Admissions Test For Entry Into New York City’s Top High Schools.** “Molinaro has voiced concerns about high-stakes testing in his role as county executive and has spoken out on the testing culture as a candidate for governor. However, he marched over the Brooklyn bridge in June to send a message to the city not to eliminate the Specialized High School Admissions Test entrance exam—which de Blasio has called for scrapping—for the city’s elite specialized high schools like Bronx Science and Stuyvesant.” [City Limits, 10/31/18]

## School Budgets

## **Molinaro Voted Against The 2009 – 2010 Education Budget That Increased School Funding By \$403 Million**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against The 2009 – 2010 New York State Education Budget That Increased School Funding By \$403 Million.** “On March 31, 2009, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-153, a bill that “stabilized aid to schools by restoring \$1.1 billion to school districts and provides \$376 million for universal pre-kindergarten. It lifted the governor's freeze on reimbursable expense-based aid including transportation, building aid and BOCES - ensuring schools have access to the funds they need. Under the bill, schools benefit by an estimated increase of \$403 million in state funds for the 2008-09 school year. Foundation aid for the 2009-2010 school year will remain at current levels. The Assembly continues its commitment to foundation aid by phasing in full funding over three years, a year earlier than the executive's proposal, starting in 2011-12.” The bill passed the Assembly 84 to 63 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-153, 3/31/09]

## **Special Education**

### **Molinaro Called For A Program That Supported Infants And Toddlers With Disabilities To Be Fully Funded By The State**

**Molinaro Called For The Early Intervention Program To Be Fully Funded By The State Of New York.** “Molinaro has called for The Early Intervention Program, which supports infants and toddlers with disabilities, to be fully funded by the state. According to Erin Silk, spokesperson at New York State Department of Health, the program is jointly administered by the state and county, with the state’s expenditure for the 2016-2017 program year at \$167 million and local expenditure at \$173.4 million. She said approximately 69,000 infants and toddlers receive no-cost services annually from the program.” [City Limits, 10/31/18]

### **Molinaro Called For Special Education Services For Preschool Children To Be Transferred To County Control**

**Molinaro Called For Special Education Services For Preschool Children To Be Transferred To County Control.** “Molinaro also says preschool special education, which provides educational and support services to children ages 3 to 4, should be administered by counties, which help pay for the program. The State paid approximately \$858 million for special education services for preschool children in the 2017-18 state fiscal year, which costs approximately \$1.5 billion annually.” [City Limits, 10/31/18]

### **Molinaro Called For More Federal Funding Of Special Education**

**Molinaro Said The Federal Government Was Supposed To Pay Special Education Costs And Claimed That Would Save The State of New York \$2 Billion In Property Tax.** “MOLINARO: Paying for special education, by the way the federal government is supposed to pay for special education, they don't. That's about \$2 billion in school property tax relief that ultimately we miss in New York. So there are steps that can be taken to drive down cost.” [WGY, 8:03-8:20, [10/22/21](#)](AUDIO)

## **Teachers Union**

### **Molinaro Didn't Believe The New York State Teachers Union Was “Evil” Or “Had To Be Broken”**

**Molinaro Didn't Believe The New York State Teachers Union Was “Evil” Or Had To Be Broken.** “He also said he doesn't consider the state teachers union to be among the ‘forces of evil’ that Senate GOP Leader John Flanagan describe on Monday or the last of the public monopolies that need to be broken, as Cuomo said in 2014. ‘I don't think you create established enemies,’ Molinaro said.” [New York Daily News, 10/17/18]

### 2014: Molinaro Supported Cuomo's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Proposal For New York State

**2014: Molinaro Supported Cuomo's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Proposal.** "One of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's budget proposals could boldly move us to improve our state education system with universal pre-kindergarten (UPK). As our children strive to compete in a global marketplace it is more important than ever that we provide all of them with a 21st century education. As the father of a 4-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter with special needs, I know UPK can only truly be universal if it touches every preschool child in the state — especially those with special abilities." [Democrat & Chronicle, Marcus Molinaro Op-Ed, [1/27/14](#)]

- **2014: New York Authorized \$340 Million In Funding For Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education.** "Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the recipients of \$340 million in full-day pre-kindergarten funding for 81 school districts and Community Based Organizations statewide, opening full-day classroom slots to nearly 37,000 children. The funding, included in the 2014-15 State Budget, is the first installment as part of the State's commitment to invest \$1.5 billion over five years to build a Statewide Universal Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten program. The State's full-day pre-kindergarten program is designed to incentivize innovation and encourage creativity through competition." [Governor of New York, [8/18/14](#)]

## Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro supported closing a loophole that allowed LLCs to contribute up to \$150,000 to political campaigns, but “only in combination with other reforms” such as curbing labor union campaign spending.
- ✓ Molinaro called publicly funded elections “frightening” and voted against publicly funded elections in New York State.
- ✓ 2010: Molinaro multi-sponsored a bill that made it easier to vote absentee in New York State, but then flipped and opposed it, becoming one of just five Assembly members to vote against the bill.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted for identical legislation in 2009.
- ✓ Molinaro signed a pledge to support congressional term limits, limiting House members to three terms.

## Campaign Finance Issues

### **Molinaro Supported Closing A Loophole That Allowed High Campaign Spending Through LLCs, But “Only In Combination With Other Reforms” Like Curbing Labor Union Spending**

#### **Molinaro Supported Closing New York’s “LLC Loophole...”**

**Molinaro Supported Closing New York’s “LLC Loophole,” Which Allowed Limited Liability Corporations To Donate Up To \$150,000 Annually To State Political Campaigns.** “Molinaro also stated on Wednesday that he would push for the closure of the so-called ‘LLC loophole’ in state election law, which allows wealthy individuals to donate essentially unlimited sums to state political candidates using limited liability companies that often cannot be traced to the contributors. Molinaro’s campaign said the LLC loophole ‘permits individuals to donate to favored candidates under thinly disguised corporate entities’ and that he would close it. The 1996 state Board of Elections decision allows each limited liability company owned by the same person to donate as if each entity were an individual, with annual donation limits for each LLC of \$150,000. Senate Democrats have pushed a bill that would cap LLC contributions at \$5,000 annually -- the same limit already in place for corporations.” [Times-Union, 5/31/18]

#### **...But “Only In Combination With Other Reforms” Such As Limiting Spending By Labor Unions In Elections**

**Molinaro Supported Closing New York’s “LLC Loophole” But “Only In Combination With Other Reforms” Such As Limiting Spending By Labor Unions In Elections.** “Molinaro told the Gotham Gazette in March that the LLC loophole should be closed only in combination with other reforms, such as curbing labor union spending in elections.” [Times-Union, 5/31/18]

## Publicly Funded Elections

**Molinaro Opposed Publicly Funded Elections, Calling Them “Frightening.”** “Molinaro also opposes publicly funded elections, arguing that too many politicians have used their campaign funds as personal piggy banks. He has called the idea ‘frightening.’” [Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against Publicly Financed Campaigns In New York State.** On June 18, 2008, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-11507, a bill that “Establishes public campaign financing for statewide and legislative races. Under the bill, funds would be raised for general, primary and special statewide and state legislative elections through an optional \$5 check-off on state income tax forms. Participating candidates would have to agree to campaign spending limits and could not accept donations exceeding \$2,000 and contributions from state residents of up to \$250 would be matched by the state at a rate of \$4 for every \$1 raised.” The bill passed the Assembly 94 to 46 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-11507, 6/18/08]

## New York Absentee Ballot Law 2010

### 2009 - 2010: Molinaro Voted For And Multi-sponsored A Bill To Expand And Simplify Absentee Ballot Access, Then Flip-Flopped And Voted Against The Bill

**2009: Molinaro Voted For A-5276, A Bill That Made It Easier To Vote By Absentee Ballot.** “On June 15, 2009, Molinaro voted “YES” on A-5276, a bill that “Simplifies the absentee ballot process to make it easier to vote in such manner by removing requirement for certain information on circumstances for the voter's absence.” The bill passed the Assembly 142 to 0 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-5276, 6/15/09]

**2010: Molinaro Was A Multi-Sponsor Of A-5276.** “Multi-sponsors: [...] Molinaro.” [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-5276, accessed 1/11/22]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-5276.** “On January 20, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-5276, a bill that “Simplifies the absentee ballot process to make it easier to vote in such manner by removing requirement for certain information on circumstances for the voter's absence.” The bill passed the Assembly 137 to 5, and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-5276, 1/20/10]

- **A-5276 Was The Same Bill In 2009 And 2010.** “01/06/2010: DIED IN SENATE, 01/06/2010: RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY.” [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-5276, accessed 1/11/22]

**The Absentee Ballot Bill Removed Requirements That Created Barriers To Voting, Such As Requiring Voters To Submit The Name Of Their Physician.** “The simplified form would require less personal supporting information, like the name of the voter’s physician – information that some voters might prefer not to provide on a publicly available document. And by eliminating the requirement for that information, the new law would also eliminate an excuse for election lawyers to throw out votes cast when that information wasn’t provided, by oversight or out of privacy concerns.” [Red Hook Democrats, Press Release, 2/16/10]

## Term Limits

### Molinaro Signed A Pledge To Support Six-Year Term Limits In The U.S. House

**2021: Molinaro Signed A Pledge To Cosponsor And Vote For An Amendment To Set A Three Term Limit In The House.** [Twitter, @USTermLimits, [11/6/21](#); [termlimits.com](#), [11/4/21](#)]

### Molinaro Called For Statewide Term Limits In New York While Running For Governor

**2018: Molinaro Called For Statewide Term Limits But Didn’t Support A Bill In Dutchess County For Local Term Limits.** “Besides the statewide pay-to-play ban, another reform item Molinaro has made a centerpiece of his campaign is term limits, which he insists are badly needed across state government. He has pledged to serve only two terms as governor, and in a recent New York Post op-ed said he would insist on putting term limits in the state budget unless lawmakers agree to a standalone up-or-down vote on the matter. Molinaro has again had less urgency in taking up the matter in Dutchess County: A Republican Dutchess legislator introduced a bill last year imposing a

12-year limit for both the county executive and legislators, which Molinaro and other Republicans have not supported.” [Times Union, 7/1/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said He Favored A Three Term Limit For Dutchess County Executive.** “Molinaro says he does favor a three-term limit, but wants it to be part of a broader reform of the county charter that is ongoing. He hopes to act on reforms this year.” [Times Union, 7/1/18]

**February 2019: Molinaro Introduced A Proposal For Dutchess County Term Limits.** “The proposal, announced by Pulver and County Executive Marc Molinaro in February, was introduced due to the recommendation by the Ethics and Independent Reapportionment Advisory Committee. The committee was formed two years ago to review codes locally and across the state and region.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/13/19]

**2019: Dutchess County Enacted Term Limits, Including A Three Term Limit For County Executive.** “Future Dutchess County executives, comptrollers and legislators may only serve a maximum of 12 years in office after the Legislature’s unanimous vote Monday night to pass term limits. Starting in January, the office of the county executive will be limited to three four-year terms and a legislator may only serve six two-year terms. The comptroller will begin to serve three four-year terms in January 2022, according to Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/13/19]

### **Molinaro Served Six Terms As Mayor Of Tivoli After Earlier Claiming He Would Not Run For A Fourth Term**

**1999: Molinaro Claimed He would Not Run For A Fourth Mayoral Term.** “Molinaro is a public relations consultant and the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Coordinator as well as the mayor of Tivoli. President of the Northern Dutchess Alliance, a regional planning consortium, he is currently vying for a seat on the county legislature. In his third mayoral term, he has said he does not plan to run for a fourth.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/20/99]

**Molinaro Served Six Terms As Mayor Of Tivoli.** “**1995:** Elected mayor of Tivoli. Molinaro was re-elected mayor five times.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/2/18]

## Energy & Environment Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ 2011: Molinaro campaigned for county executive on keeping the Dutchess County Incinerator open, though it was ranked as one of the worst polluting trash incinerators in the United States.
- ✓ Molinaro mostly supported Hudson River environmental efforts, including PCB cleanup.
  - ✓ Molinaro opposed increasing commercial shipping on the Hudson River.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against prohibiting commercial fishing in the Hudson River.
- ✓ Molinaro supported local recycling initiatives, but in 1999 had opposed the construction of a paper recycling plant in his community.
- ✓ Molinaro signed a Polystyrene Foam ban for Dutchess County restaurants and government buildings.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed the expansion of the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge in Dutchess County, arguing it would cost the county property tax revenue.
- ✓ Molinaro twice voted for a hydraulic fracking moratorium in the Assembly, but in 2018 he supported allowing large scale fracking in the Southern Tier for job creation.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against a windfall profits tax on oil companies.
- ✓ Molinaro said he agreed with Andrew Cuomo's proposal to get New York to fifty percent renewable energy by 2030 but called for a market-based plan to achieve that goal.
  - ✓ Molinaro opposed building new electricity transmission lines in Dutchess County, which were required to expand renewable energy in New York State.
- ✓ Molinaro supported the use of nuclear power but didn't see a future for keeping the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant open; the plant closed in 2012.
- ✓ Molinaro was one of the higher rated Republicans in the New York Assembly by environmental advocacy groups and was endorsed by the League of Conservation Voters in 2010.

## Pollution

### **2011: Molinaro Campaigned For County Executive On Keeping One Of The Worst Polluting Trash Incinerators In The County Open**

**2011: Molinaro Campaigned On Keeping The County's Trash Burning Incinerator Open.** "The two candidates disagree substantially, however, on how the county ought to get rid of its garbage. Both said the current system is costing taxpayers too much, and both pledged to be more aggressive in increasing the amount of waste that is recycled. But Molinaro said he would explore ways to make the county's trash-burning plant more efficient and cost-effective - perhaps by turning it over to a private owner. French said he favored closing the plant once the county's contract with its current operator, Covanta, expires in 2014." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/4/11]

**2019: Molinaro’s Democratic Opponent For County Executive Criticized The Trash Burning Plant For Polluting.** “‘I feel it's time for a new direction, the time for action is now,’ Ruggiero said in his closing statement. ‘As your next county executive, I will work to close the trash incinerator not because its mismanaged but because it is polluting 14 pounds of mercury into the atmosphere... I will make sure that our (industrial development agencies) when giving tax breaks, will create real jobs for our people.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/17/19]

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**2019: The Tishman Environment And Design Center At The New School Ranked The Dutchess County Incinerator As One Of The Worst Polluters In The Nation**

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**2019: The Tishman Environment And Design Center At The New School Ranked The Dutchess County Incinerator As One Of The Most Polluting Incinerators In The United States.** “The Tishman Environment & Design Center at the New School study concluded incinerators are a bad investment for cities. ‘These aging facilities are too expensive to maintain, too risky to finance, and too costly to upgrade,’ Ana Baptista, Associate Director of the Tishman Environment & Design Center at the New School said in a press release. ‘Incinerators in the U.S. are operating under increasingly volatile economic and regulatory conditions that threaten their major sources of revenue, tipping fees and energy sales.’ The study identified the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Facility in Poughkeepsie as one of the most polluting incinerators in the United States. The report found Poughkeepsie ranked in the “dirty dozen” for emissions of mercury and carbon monoxide.” [Hudson Valley Post, 5/22/19]

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**Molinaro Mostly Supported Hudson River Environmental Efforts**

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**Molinaro Supported PCB Cleanup Of The Hudson River**

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**2018: Molinaro Supported The Hudson River PCB Cleanup.** “Molinaro has been a supporter of the continued Hudson River PCB cleanup, citing additional remediation as important for a river that is a channel for transportation, commerce and recreation.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/2/18]

- **Molinaro: “The Citizens Of Hudson Valley Want To See Their Environmental Officials Working Together To Ensure The Health And Safety Of The Region Are Safeguarded.”** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro lauded the partnership and the EPA's decision to expand its analysis. In a statement, Molinaro called the partnership a ‘potential breakthrough in state-federal relations in addressing this issue, and bodes well for the future.’ ‘The citizens of the Hudson Valley want to see their environmental officials working together to ensure the health and safety of the region are safeguarded,’ Molinaro said. ‘All of this is promising in ensuring restoration of a safe and healthy river - the foundation of the region's prosperity.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/1/18]
- **The Environmental Protection Agency And General Electric Co-Administered A Cleanup Project To Remove Dangerous Substances From The Hudson River.** “Between 1947 and 1977, General Electric (GE) dumped an estimated 1.3 million pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) into the Hudson River. [...] On May 15, 2009, after decades of debate, advocacy and negotiations, GE began Phase 1 of the long-delayed clean-up of those PCBs. Phase 1 dredging was scheduled to run for approximately 6 months in the upper Hudson and remove approximately 10% of the PCBs slated to be removed. Phase 2 will remove most of remaining targeted contaminants and operate for several years. At the conclusion of Phase 1, various reports, evaluations and negotiations occurred as to the scope of Phase 2, with public involvement, pursuant to the agreement between GE and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a 2006 Consent Decree. In December of 2010 GE announced that it would perform Phase 2.” [Riverkeeper, accessed [8/12/19](#)]

**2019: Molinaro Called For The EPA To Deny A Certificate Of Completion For The PCB Cleanup Project.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has renewed the push for the agency to deny that certificate and require GE to resume cleanup efforts. ‘Without additional cleanup,’ Molinaro said in a letter to EPA Regional Administrator Pete Lopez in late November, ‘this contamination will continue to threaten public health and hamper lasting economic gains that our members are working so hard to achieve.’ Molinaro said ‘the PCB levels in the

Hudson's fish remain well above the benchmarks EPA set for the cleanup,' which present 'significant threats not only to fish but to people who eat them.' [...] Molinaro told the EPA that, until the cleanup 'reaches the explicit public-health and environmental goals it was meant to achieve, you cannot certify the cleanup project complete and should not issue the certificate of completion.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/3/18]

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### **Molinaro Opposed Increasing Commercial Shipping On The Hudson River**

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**2016: Molinaro Opposed Plans To Increase Commercial Shipping On The Hudson River, Especially Shipping Oil Or Other Petroleum Products.** "I am deeply concerned about the potential use of the proposed anchorage areas by vessels carrying crude oil or refined petroleum products,' Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said. 'This increases the chances for an oil spill or exposure to pollutants, which creates increased risks for the immediate and surrounding areas of the Hudson River. The environmental impact could be significant, and has the potential to extend far beyond the immediately-affected areas of Yonkers to Kingston.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/3/16]

- **2017: The U.S. Coast Guard Considered Expanding Shipping Anchorages Along The Hudson River; The Plan Was Widely Opposed By Environmental Groups.** "The U.S. Coast Guard has suspended the rulemaking process for establishing new Hudson River barge anchorages to conduct an additional assessment of the waterway. While some environmentalists and public officials are celebrating the decision as a victory that they believe is the death knell of the plan, it's clear from the Coast Guard announcement that the process will continue, even if additional anchorages are not approved at its conclusion. The controversial proposal from the shipping industry would create 10 commercial shipping anchorages on the Hudson from Yonkers north to Kingston, N.Y." [Professional Mariner, [8/29/17](#)]

**2018: Molinaro Opposed Plans To Increase Commercial Shipping On The Hudson River.** "Molinaro also is against proposed plans to expand the commercial shipping anchorages on the Hudson." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/2/18]

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### **Molinaro Voted Against Prohibiting Commercial Striped Bass Fishing In The Hudson River**

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**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-7487, A Bill That Prohibited Commercial Striped Bass Fishing In The Hudson River.** On June 16, 2011, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-7487, a bill that "Prohibits the taking of striped bass from the Hudson river for commercial purposes; defines the pertinent portions of the Hudson river and 'taking of striped bass for commercial purposes'; does not prohibit lawful taking of striped bass by angling for recreational purposes; provides for expiration thereof." The bill passed the Assembly 120 to 24 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-7487, 6/16/11]

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### **Molinaro Called For More Studies And Information To Be Released About Superfund Sites**

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**2006: Molinaro Called For More Information And Studies To Be Released About The Hopewell Precision Superfund Site.** "Marc Molinaro, who will start his term in the state Assembly in January, called on the state Department of Health Wednesday to release more information about its studies of the Hopewell Precision Superfund site. The health department, in conjunction with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, released a report this month saying residents of the East Fishkill neighborhood face a low but increased risk of developing cancer because of exposure to toxic chemicals in the groundwater." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/30/06]

## **Oil & Gas**

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### **Molinaro Twice Voted For A New York Fracking Moratorium But Supported Allowing Fracking In The Southern Tier For Job Creation**

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**Molinaro Voted Against Allowing Fracking In New York But Supported Allowing Fracking It In The Southern Tier.** “Molinaro has consistently worked to bolster his image as a centrist. He has said that same-sex marriage and protections for members of the LGBTQ community are basic civil rights. He voted against allowing hydraulic fracturing in New York as a member of the Assembly, though he now supports a pilot program to allow the controversial practice in the Southern Tier.” [City and State, 10/9/18]

**Molinaro Said He Twice Voted For A Moratorium On Fracking So That Local Lawmakers Could Pass Laws Allow It.** “Molinaro, meanwhile, voted for a temporary moratorium on fracking in 2010 and 2011 while he was an Assembly member. On Wednesday, Molinaro said the moratoriums were meant to give state and local lawmakers time to create laws to oversee the fracking process. He faulted Cuomo for not giving local governments more of a say in the fracking decision. ‘I voted several times to continue a moratorium because the idea behind a moratorium in the state of New York is to provide local policymakers and state policymakers the opportunity to create legislation to protect against certain impacts,’ he said.” [Democrat & Chronicle, 7/18/18]

**July 2018: Molinaro Supported A Limited Fracking Pilot Program In The Southern Tier For “Job Creation.”** “Molinaro made news this week when he said he supports at least limited hydrofracking, the controversial gas drilling technique that Cuomo banned in 2014. Molinaro said he advocates ‘a DEC-monitored pilot program’ to test fracking in the Southern Tier. The pilot program would be undertaken only after state environmental officials map the state’s water sources to protect them, he said. Molinaro declined to provide more specifics on his fracking proposal, other than to say his motivation was ‘job creation.’” [Syracuse.com, 7/20/18]

- **Headline: “Fracking: Marc Molinaro, Andrew Cuomo's Opponent, Supports Pilot Program In Southern Tier.”** [Democrat & Chronicle, 7/18/18]
- **Headline: “Molinaro Backs Pilot Program For Fracking.”** [The Journal News, 7/19/18]

**Molinaro Supported Allowing Large Scale Hydraulic Fracturing.** “Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro said Wednesday that he supports allowing large-scale hydraulic fracturing as part of a “closely monitored” test program in the Southern Tier. Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive, criticized the 2014 decision by Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration to ban the controversial technique used to extract natural gas from underground shale formations, such as the gas-rich Marcellus Shale that spans the Southern Tier.” [Democrat & Chronicle, 7/18/18]

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### **Molinaro Voted Against Local Control For Oil, Gas, And Solution Mining**

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**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Allowing Local Governments To Enact Or Enforce Laws Regarding Oil, Gas And Solution Mining Within Their Jurisdictions.** On June 20, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-3245, a bill that “Allows local governments to enact or enforce certain laws and ordinances.” The bill’s memo noted “The bill amends subdivision 2 of § 23-0303 of the environmental conservation law, as added by section 846 of the laws of 1981, allowing for any local government to enact Or enforce local laws or ordinances of general applicability if the local laws do not expressly regulate the oil, gas and solution mining industries regulated by state statute, regulation, or permit. Local governments shall not be prevented from enacting or enforcing local zoning ordinances or laws which determine permissible uses in zoning districts.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 47, and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-3245, 6/20/11]

### **Molinaro Supported Natural Gas Plants In New York**

**Molinaro Supported Natural Gas Power Plants In New York.** “On the subject of climate change, Molinaro said it is not as simple a flipping a switch and getting off fossil fuels immediately. Rather, there has to be a transition. He supports natural gas and nuclear power plants. He said people should be educated about what they can do to help the environment, such as planting more trees.” [Post-Star, 10/13/18]

## **Molinaro Voted Against A Windfall Profits Tax On Oil Companies**

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against A Windfall Profits Tax On Oil Companies.** On June 18, 2008, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-11590, a bill that “Establishes a windfall recapture tax and a windfall profits tax for oil companies; establishes the New York energy reinvestment account.” The bill passed the Assembly 120 to 16 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-11590, 6/18/08]

## **Climate Change**

### **Molinaro Accepted The Science Of Climate Change And That It Was Impacted By Humans But Didn't Prioritize The Issue**

**2018: Molinaro Said That Climate Change Was Impacted By Humans.** “Molinaro doesn't include a platform on climate change or the environment on his website, but told Gotham Gazette that he accepts climate change as science and that it is a trend impacted by humans; he believes in ‘the inherent capacity of man to overcome any challenge.’” [Gotham Gazette, 10/31/18]

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**2010: Molinaro Voted To Require A 20% Reduction Of Greenhouse Gas Emissions In New York By 2020, 80% By 2050.** On April 20, 2010, Molinaro voted “YEA” on A-7572, a bill that “Requires a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gasses over the next 10 years to reduce the presence of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and methane gases in the state's environment. Under the bill, greenhouse gas levels in 2050 would be reduced by 80 percent below the 1990 levels.” The bill passed the Assembly 111 to 33 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-7572, 4/20/10]

## **Renewable Energy**

### **Molinaro Said He Agreed With Cuomo's Proposal To Get New York To Fifty Percent Renewable Energy By 2030 But Wanted A Market-Based Plan To Achieve That Goal**

**Molinaro Said He Agreed With Cuomo's Proposal To Get New York To Fifty Percent Renewable Energy By 2030, But Wanted A Market-Based Plan To Achieve That Goal.** “Molinaro also said he agrees with the governor's idea to get New York to 50 percent renewable energy by 2030, but that rather than the state investing large amounts of money in private companies, government ‘ought to create an economic climate where the industry can actually compete and thrive.’ He doesn't believe in ‘cutting checks,’ he said, but he is open to the right blend of tax incentives and regulatory changes to encourage a greener economy.” [Gotham Gazette, 10/31/18]

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## **2014: Molinaro Opposed Constructing Additional Transmission Power Lines Through Dutchess County, A Necessary Step To Increase Use Of Renewables In New York**

**Molinaro Opposed Constructing New Transmission Power Lines Through Dutchess County.** “Many Dutchess County residents along with business, civic and environmental leaders are concerned about impacts that transmission lines proposed under the Energy Highway initiative could have on property values, farms and local tax bases. These concerns led me, as county executive, to formally intervene in the proceedings of the state Public Service Commission and join with the Hudson Valley Smart Energy Coalition in filing constructive comments and meeting with officials to determine how New York’s energy system can be strengthened without unfairly burdening towns along the lines’ proposed path.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Marcus Molinaro Op-Ed, 9/27/14]

- **New Transmission Lines Between Upstate And New York City Were Needed In Order To Increase The Use Of Renewable Energy In New York State.** “Clean power is being generated in upstate New York, but it is not reaching New York City, the area that relies most heavily on power from fossil fuels. That is because New York effectively has two separate electrical grids: one upstate, where most of the state’s growing clean-power supply is generated, the other in and around New York City. The transmission lines that connect the two cannot carry more power. Gov. Kathy Hochul has announced two massive transmission-line projects to help bridge the divide and deliver renewable energy directly to New York City. Environmental advocates hope the two projects are a sign that she is stepping up the state’s efforts to address climate change.” [New York Times, 11/30/21]

## **Nuclear**

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**Molinaro Supported Nuclear Power.** “Here are some more of Molinaro's ideas [...] Supports nuclear power and the zero-emissions program.” [Watertown Daily Times, 10/7/18]

### **Molinaro Saw No Future For The Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant**

**2018: Molinaro Said He Saw No Future For The Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant.** “As for the closure of the Indian Point Energy Center, Molinaro said he saw no future there. ‘I don't know anymore that you can shut it off than you can turn it back on again,’ he said. ‘What happens at this point is really a wholesale look at energy policy in the state.’ But Molinaro stressed the importance of addressing the results of the nuclear plant's closure. ‘We have to come up with a financial plan that mitigates losses to the municipalities that were benefiting, and we ought to be more aggressive in trying to come up with opportunities for those employees,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

- **2021: The Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Closed.** “The Indian Point Energy Center (Indian Point) permanently stopped generating electricity on April 30, 2021, when it retired its last operating nuclear reactor, Unit 3, earlier than originally planned.” [U.S. Energy Information Administration, 4/30/21]

## **FERC**

### **2014: Molinaro Joined Members Of Both Parties, Opposed Increased Power Rates Imposed By The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Molinaro Filed A Court Brief Opposing Power Rate Increases Imposed By The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.** “Dutchess County and its residents stand to suffer irreparable harm from the higher power rates that are now coursing their way into future bills, the county executive is telling a federal court. The case has been brought by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. and by the New York state Public Service Commission against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC. The goal is to block further increases in electricity costs that will show up soon in residential bills to the tune of nearly 6 percent and industrial ones up to 10 percent. [...] Dutchess County, not a party in the proceeding, filed a ‘friend of the court’ brief in which County Executive Marc Molinaro and County Attorney James Fedorchak argue that ‘left undisturbed, FERC’s orders will have a substantial negative economic impact on an already suffering Dutchess County populace.’ Molinaro said the county has already been suffering damage and has not fully recovered from the Great Recession. ‘Simply stated, Dutchess County is Main Street and not Wall Street,’ he argued.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/21/14]

**Molinaro Criticized FERC For Creating A New Capacity Zone That Would Raise Local Energy Costs.**

“Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has lambasted the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as unresponsive and “impervious” to public scrutiny in its new capacity zone that has increased local energy costs.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/14]

**Congressmen Chris Gibson And Sean Patrick Maloney Both Opposed The New Capacity Zone.** “U.S. Rep. Chris Gibson, R-Kinderhook, said at this point, the best strategy to block the new capacity zone - which essentially lumps the mid-Hudson Valley with the Lower Hudson Valley and thus increases its energy rates in an attempt by the agency to spur increased production of power - may be an amendment to the appropriations bill that funds FERC, essentially stating that none of their money can go to implement this. ‘I don’t consider this a done deal,’ he said. ‘We’re still fighting this both from a legislative and legal standpoint.’ Gibson and Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring, worked on a bipartisan bill (H.R.4327) that would block FERC from creating the new zone; the bill is in the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/14]

**Senator Schumer Opposed The New Capacity Zone.** “U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said via email, ‘From start to finish FERC’s approach to this unneeded and unwanted capacity zone has been arrogant, heavy-handed and disdainful of hard-hit ratepayers.’ Schumer said he and Molinaro have spoken about this. ‘He raised a number of good ideas for reforming this process - and reining in FERC - that we are aggressively looking into. We will look for every opportunity - via regulation, legislation and litigation - to better protect ratepayers in Dutchess and beyond,’ Schumer said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/14]

## Solid Waste & Recycling

**Molinaro Supported Recycling Initiatives, But In 1999 Opposed The Creation Of A Paper Recycling Plant In His Community**

**2011: Molinaro Ran For County Executive Pledging To Expand Recycling.** “Molinaro said he would begin to look for ways to recycle more waste as soon as he took office. ‘Expanding recycling will be a top priority,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/4/11]

**2011: Molinaro Said He Would Set “New Standards For Recycling And Reuse Of Waste, Continuing Resource Conversation Measures.”** “Toward the end of his speech, Molinaro told the large audience that when he was a state assemblyman, ‘I often joked that the best part of going to Albany was coming home again. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I am home again.’ [...] Also, he spoke of ‘setting new standards for recycling and reuse of waste, continuing resource conservation measures, and improving and regionalizing land use policies.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/29/11]

**1999: Molinaro Led A Coalition In Opposition To A Proposed Paper Recycling Plant In East Kingston.**

“Some Northern Dutchess County residents are breathing easier now that Empire State Newsprint seems to have found an alternate site for its proposed paper-recycling plant. Empire, which had unveiled plans to build a \$650 million facility in East Kingston - directly across the Hudson River from Rhinecliff - said last week it is leaning

toward a site in the Town of Saugerties. 'I have never seen such a large proposal move so quickly,' said Marcus Molinaro, chairman of the Northern Dutchess Alliance, a community coalition that opposed the site. 'I don't doubt that public opinion has played a role in this decision.' The alliance, comprised of business groups and community organizations from several municipalities including Tivoli and Rhinebeck, was concerned that the new plant would bring problems such as traffic congestion and air, light and noise pollution." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/16/99]

## **Molinaro Signed A Polystyrene Foam Ban In Dutchess County Restaurants And Government**

**Molinaro Signed A Law Banning The Use Of Polystyrene Foam Cups And Food Containers In Dutchess County Restaurants And Government.** "The result of that advocacy took shape Friday, as Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro signed a law prohibiting the use of polystyrene foam cups and food containers in chain restaurants and county facilities [...] The law also prohibits the use of polystyrene foam containers at county events, parks and facilities, Molinaro said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/4/17]

**Molinaro: "We Wanted To Send A Signal Of Environmental Sensitivity While Taking This Product Out Of Our Waste Stream."** "The environmental concerns surrounding polystyrene foam were the driving force behind the law. The resolution referenced the material's poor biodegradability, carcinogenic properties and toxicity when burned, according to the resolution. 'We wanted to send a signal of environmental sensitivity while taking this product out of our waste stream,' Molinaro said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/4/17]

## **Conservation & Public Land**

### **Molinaro Supported Wetlands Regulations**

**2008: Molinaro Went Against The Republican Line And Supported Stronger Wetlands Regulations.** "To his credit, Molinaro has bucked his party over environmental issues, supporting key bills that would: Provide stronger wetlands regulations than the federal government calls for." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/14/08]

**2011: Molinaro Voted To Require Permits For Large Water Withdrawals.** "When state legislators unanimously approved a new law requiring permits for large water withdrawals, at least one block of lawmakers expected there would be some evaluation of the impacts. So said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, who voted for the measure in 2011, when he served as the third-ranking member of the state Assembly's Republican Conference. In an interview, Molinaro said the legislation was meant to ensure that large, existing withdrawals would require permits for the first time, and that 'through rules promulgated by the DEC, there would be a degree of oversight with consideration of impact.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/9/15]

- **2015: Permits For Large Water Withdrawal Were Issued Without Any Environmental Review.** "Earlier this month, the Poughkeepsie Journal reported that the state Department of Environmental Conservation has been issuing permits, without any environmental review, to entities that have been taking at least 100,000 gallons per day. Environmental groups have sued, challenging the DEC's interpretation of the law's language. A state Supreme Court has sided with the DEC, though this ruling is under appeal. Molinaro's comments raise for the first time questions about whether the DEC's execution of the new permitting program has been in line with what legislators envisioned." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/9/15]
- **Molinaro: "We Have A Very Sensitive Ecosystem [...] We Have A Limited Supply Of Potable And Usable Water. Any Withdrawal Of Any Kind Has An Impact On The Environment And Human Considerations."** "'We have a very sensitive ecosystem,' he said. 'We have a limited supply of potable and usable water. Any withdrawal of any kind has an impact on the environment and human considerations. In my estimation, the law is - and was - intended to ensure there was some agency overseeing withdrawals and, at the end of the day, some consideration of impact.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/9/15]

## **Molinaro Opposed The Expansion Of Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge In Dutchess County Because He Didn't Want To Lose Property Tax Revenue**

**Molinaro Opposed The Boundary Of A Wildlife Refuge In Dutchess County That Would Reduce Property Tax Revenue.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro is calling on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to change the boundary of its proposed wildlife refuge in the towns of Dover, Amenia and North East. In a March 4 letter to the agency, Molinaro cited "grave" concerns about lost property tax revenue and fumed that local governments were not consulted prior to the Jan. 19 announcement of the proposal.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/9/16]

**Molinaro Didn't Want To Lose Property Tax From Land Valued At \$40 Million.** “The service would either buy the land or acquire conservation easements only from willing landowners. The lands would not need to be contiguous. In his letter, Molinaro indicated the target area in Dutchess is made up of 2,269 individual parcels amounting to more than 50 percent of Dover's land area, 36 percent of Amenia's land and less than one percent in the Town of North East. That area includes 269 unprotected parcels of at least 5 acres and classified as vacant or nearly vacant. The full market value of just those parcels is nearly \$40 million, Molinaro said. The land in Dutchess would be part of a larger network in six states stretching from New York to Maine that would be preserved in a shrubby state. The larger network would be dubbed the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge and the local portion the Northern Housatonic Focus Area.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/9/16]

- **2016: Dutchess County Had \$29 Billion In Land Assessed Value.** “2016 true value assessments: \$29,432,468,944.” [Dutchess County, 2018 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

## **Home Energy Assistance Program**

### **Molinaro Opposed Trump's Budget Proposal That Would Have Eliminated The Home Energy Assistance Program**

**Molinaro Opposed Trump's Budget Proposal To Eliminate HEAP Saying It Was A Valuable Program For Dutchess County.** “Trump's federal budget proposal ‘would eliminate certain funding that we have big concerns about,’ Molinaro said. Those concerns include the Home Energy Assistance Program and the Community Development Block Grant program. ‘HEAP is a valuable program that provides enormous assistance to the most vulnerable in our community,’ Molinaro said. ‘We object to its elimination.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

- **2017: Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal Cut The HEAP Program, A Program To Help Low-Income Households Pay Their Heating Bills.** “President Donald Trump's proposed budget would cut a federal program that helps nearly 60,000 low-income households in Central New York pay their heating bills each winter. The Home Energy Assistance Program, which costs \$3.4 billion a year nationwide, is one of the programs on the chopping block in Trump's budget outline, which was released today.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [3/16/17](#)]

## **Environmental Groups**

### **Molinaro Had Previously Been Endorsed By The League Of Conservation Voters**

**2010: Molinaro Was Endorsed By The League Of Conservation Voters.** “Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, has been endorsed by the New York League of Conservation Voters in his campaign for the 103rd Assembly District. The endorsement was based on a questionnaire, an interview and a review of Molinaro's voting record.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/20/10]

**EPL/Environmental Advocates, A New York Environmental Advocacy Group, Consistently Rated Molinaro As Better Than The Average Assembly Republican On Environmental Issues.** “Molinaro consistently received

scores from the EPL/Environmental Advocates, a New York environmental organization, that rated him as better than the average Assembly Republican. In 2010, he went against most other Assembly Republicans and voted for a bill that temporarily suspended the issuance of new permits for drilling natural gas or oil wells that utilized hydraulic fracturing. Cuomo, under intense pressure from environmentalists, went on to ban hydrofracking in New York.” [City & State, 10/10/18]

## Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro voted against legislation that banned wage discrimination based on gender, race, or national origin, but claimed to support equal pay when running for Governor.
- ✓ Molinaro supported New York State's Paid Family Leave Program but expressed concern about its impact on small businesses.
- ✓ Molinaro, who had a daughter on the Autism spectrum, launched the ThinkDifferently campaign to create a more inclusive environment for individuals with special needs.
  - ✓ Molinaro appointed the first deputy director for special needs in New York State.
- ✓ Molinaro "banned the box," removing criminal history as a screening question on Dutchess County job applications.

## Equal Pay

### **Molinaro Voted In 2011 Against Legislation That Banned Wage Discrimination Based On Gender, Race, Or National Origin, But Claimed To Support Equal Pay In 2018**

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against The New York State Fair Pay Act, A Bill To Prohibit Wage Discrimination Based On Gender, Race, Or National Origin.** On April 11, 2011, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-6130, a bill that "Enacts the 'New York State fair pay act'; provides that it shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discriminate between employees on the basis of sex, race and/or national origin by paying different wages." The bill passed the Assembly 93 to 53 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6130, [4/11/11](#)]

**2018: Molinaro Claimed He Now Supported Equal Pay For Women.** "Molinaro has sought to paint himself as a social moderate, saying he didn't vote for Trump (he wrote in former Rep. Chris Gibson) and would not infringe on New York's abortion laws. He said he now supports same-sex marriage and equal pay for women." [Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 11/1/18]

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### **Women In New York State Made 85.6 Cents For Every Dollar A Man Made**

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**Women In New York State Made 85.6 Cents For Every Dollar A Man Made.** [National Women's Law Center, accessed [12/8/21](#)]

## Paid Leave

### **Molinaro Supported New York State's Paid Family Leave Program**

**Molinaro Supported New York's Paid Family Leave Program But Expressed Concern About Its Burden On Small Businesses.** "Then there's Cuomo's paid family leave program. Molinaro supports it; his concern is the burden on small businesses." [NY1, 10/18/18]

**2016: New York State Enacted 12 Weeks Of Paid Family Leave.** “With the minimum wage deal and another hard-fought measure — one that would eventually provide employees across the state 12 weeks of paid time off to care for newborns or sick relatives and for families dealing with military deployments — the governor was able to claim victory on two signature issues [...] Under the family leave plan, agreed to by Senator John J. Flanagan, the Long Island Republican who serves as the majority leader, and Carl E. Heastie, the speaker of the Democrat-dominated Assembly, state residents will be eligible for such leave starting in 2018 after working for six months at a job. The leave would eventually be extended to 12 weeks, and would be funded by deductions from employees’ pay.” [New York Times, 3/31/16]

## **Mental Health**

### **Molinaro Launched The ThinkDifferently Campaign To Create A More Inclusive Environment For Individuals With Special Needs**

**Molinaro Launched The ThinkDifferently Campaign For A More Inclusive Environment For Individuals With Special Needs.** “The moment motivated Molinaro to take action. In 2015, he launched the ‘ThinkDifferently’ campaign. Dozens of local governments in New York, including the village of Weedsport in Cayuga County and the town of Tyre in Seneca County, have adopted resolutions to support a more inclusive environment for individuals with special needs. Molinaro’s home, Dutchess County, passed a ‘ThinkDifferently’ resolution of its own. The New York State Association of Counties also embraced the campaign, he said.” [The Citizen, 7/31/17]

**Molinaro Appointed The First Deputy Commissioner Of Special Needs In New York State.** “Molinaro, who has a daughter on the autism spectrum, established the ‘Think Differently’ initiative in 2015, calling on businesses, organizations and individuals in Dutchess County to examine how they think of and interact with residents with special needs. Since then, Dutchess has launched a number of initiatives to improve the quality of living for those with special needs. In 2016, Toni-Marie Ciarfella was appointed Dutchess County’s Deputy Commissioner of Special Needs, the first position like it in the state.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/2/18]

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### **Molinaro Called Out Andrew Cuomo For Making An Ableist Joke**

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**Molinaro Called Out Andrew Cuomo For Making An Ableist Joke.** “Gov. Andrew Cuomo has a running gag with his brother, CNN star Chris Cuomo, in which he chides his younger sibling time and again on the air and in speeches. But Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro, who has made development disabilities a key issue for him, says Cuomo took it too far when the governor said his younger brother has ‘certain development issues’ during his convention speech Thursday. ‘Governor Cuomo should stick with being angry and misleading because his joke mocking the issue of individuals with developmental disabilities is shameful,’ Molinaro said in a statement.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/27/18]

## **Job Discrimination**

### **Molinaro “Banned The Box” On Dutchess County Employment Applications**

**Molinaro “Banned The Box,” In Dutchess County, Removing Prescreening Questions About Criminal History From County Job Applications.** “Timed near the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday, Molinaro also launched a workforce diversity taskforce and announced the county would “Ban the Box” on employment applications. That latter decision means the county Department of Human Resources will be removing prescreening questions - such as criminal history - from job applications and recruitment materials. Such obstacles provide little to no leeway for people to make a case to get a job if they have a criminal record.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/9/16]

## Foreign Policy Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro described himself as “pro-Israel”, tweeting support for Israel’s right to defend itself, additional Iron Dome funding, and New York State divesting from firms that supported BDS.
- ✓ Molinaro said by withdrawing from Afghanistan the U.S. was “abandoning our allies overseas.”
- ✓ Molinaro wanted Joe Biden to investigate the Wuhan lab leak theory on the origins of COVID-19.
- ✓ In a tweet, Molinaro spoke out against Russian hacking and said Russia was “not to be trusted.”
- ✓ In 1995, Molinaro named President Harry Truman as a political hero because he had the courage to drop atomic bombs on Japan.

## Israel

### **Molinaro Supported American Funding Israel’s Military And Israel’s Use Of Said Military**

**May 2021: Molinaro Tweeted “I Stand With Israel And It’s Right To Defend Itself.”** “ Hamas terrorists have launched hundreds of deadly rockets directly into Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. I stand with Israel and it’s [sic] right to defend itself. We pray for an end to this assault, and I urge @POTUS Biden to make clear America stands with Israel and the Jewish people. #Israel” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 5/11/21]

- **Molinaro Had Quote Tweeted A Video Of The Iron Dome System In Action.** [Dan Senor, Twitter, 5/11/21]

**May 2019: Molinaro Called Rockets Launched By Hamas An “Act Of Terror” And Said “America Has & Must Stand With The People & State Of #Israel.”** “Hundreds of rockets launched into Israel by Hamas killing innocent individuals is a terrifying act of terror. America has & must stand with the people & State of #Israel. End the violence & work for peace.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 5/5/19]

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### **Molinaro Called For Additional Iron Dome Funding**

**Molinaro Called For Additional Iron Dome Funding.** “The Democrats in Congress and the Biden Administration seem committed to abandoning our allies overseas. Following an embarrassing and deadly retreat out of Afghanistan, congress is refusing to provide funding to the critically needed 'Iron Dome' defense system in Israel [...] Make no mistake, the Taliban's swift takeover of Afghanistan over the course of weeks, will look like child's play if Israel is stripped of its ability to defend itself. I shouldn't be surprised at his silence at this point, but when will we hear Antonio Delgado's objections?” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 9/22/21]

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### **Molinaro Supported Divestment From Companies That Support BDS**

**Molinaro Supported The New York State Comptroller Potentially Divesting From Unilever If Ben And Jerry’s Continued To Embrace A Boycott Of Israeli-Occupied Territories.** “BDS is a threat to Israel and the @NYSComptroller is right.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 7/26/21]

- **Molinaro Linked To A New York Post Article Titled “NY Pension Fund Puts Unilever On Notice Over Ben & Jerry’s Sales Ban.”** [New York Post, 7/23/21]

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## **Molinaro Visited Israel In December 2017**

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**Molinaro Visited Israel In December 2017.** “Molinaro, a Republican, traveled to Israel for five days with a Dutchess County delegation. He visited holy sites, met Israeli officials and learned more about the Middle Eastern nation's economic and governmental structure. The trip was organized by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. The group viewed the visit as a way to educate local leaders about how Israel has supported technology startup companies. It also served as an opportunity to connect with tourist assets in Israel.” [The Citizen, 12/5/17]

## **Afghanistan**

### **Molinaro Called The Withdrawal From Afghanistan “Abandoning Our Allies Overseas”**

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## **China**

### **Molinaro Wanted Joe Biden To Investigate The Wuhan Lab Leak Theory**

**Molinaro Criticized Biden For Not Bringing Up Covid In His Meeting With Xi Jinping, And Said He Would Push For An Investigation Into The Origins of Covid If Elected.** “Joe Biden just had a virtual summit with the Chinese Communist leader, Xi Jinping, and yet Covid-19 was never mentioned. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? According to stats from the World Health Organization, Covid-19 is the 2nd deadliest pandemic in the past 100 years behind HIV/AIDS, and the 8th deadliest of all time. If that’s the case, then why didn’t Joe Biden say anything about it during his 3.5-hour summit with his old friend, Xi Jinping? Why didn’t he get answers for the American People? America deserves answers, that’s why as soon as I’m elected, I’m calling for an immediate federal investigation into the origins of Covid-19, so we can have justice, and hold those responsible for allowing this virus to kill millions.” [Genesee Sun, Molinaro Op-Ed, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

**Molinaro Said He Wanted To Know If China’s Response To Covid Lead To Millions Of Deaths Across The World And Whether The Virus Was Developed In And Leaked From The Wuhan Lab.** “We know the Communist Government of China censored and misrepresented the virus for months. We know they covered up key details about this virus, and if any investigation should be occurring, it’s an investigation to find the answers for these questions: 1) Did the actions of the Communist Government of China in response to Covid-19 lead to the deaths of millions around the world? If so, was it because of negligence, or was it intentional? 2) Was Covid-19 developed and leaked from the Wuhan Coronavirus lab, or did it come from an ‘exotic food market’ in Wuhan, China?” [Genesee Sun, Molinaro Op-Ed, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

## **Russia**

### **Molinaro Criticized Russian Hacking And Said Russia Could Not Be Trusted**

**Molinaro: “Russia Is No Friend To The United States.”** “Russia is no friend to the United States and must be held accountable.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 12/19/20]

- **Molinaro Quote Tweeted Rep. Adam Kinzinger About A Russian Hack Of The Federal Government.** [Adam Kinzinger, Twitter, 12/14/20]

**Molinaro: “Russia Is Not Our Partner, And Not To Be Trusted. We Have Been Getting This Wrong For A Decade.”** “Russia is not our partner, and not to be trusted. We have been getting this wrong for a decade. Enabling them, ignoring this, empowering Russia threatens security around the works and the lives of servicemen & women.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 6/27/20]

## **Molinaro Praised President Harry S. Truman For Using Nuclear Weapons**

**1995: Molinaro Cited Truman As One Of His Political Heroes For Being Willing To Drop Atomic Bombs.** “Featured in Molinaro’s office are two of his political heroes: Harry S. Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. Molinaro admires Truman for having the courage to decide to drop the atomic bomb, and for his stunning come-from-behind win in the 1948 election. As for Roosevelt, well, he was the youngest man to serve as president (John F. Kennedy was the youngest elected).” [Times-Union, 8/20/95]

- **1945: Truman Authorized The Use Of Atomic Bombs On Hiroshima And Nagasaki.** “In mid-July, President Harry S Truman was notified of the successful test of the atomic bomb, what he called ‘the most terrible bomb in the history of the world.’ [...] So, on the morning of August 6, 1945, the American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, dropped the world’s first atom bomb over the city of Hiroshima. [...] One week later, on August 14, 1945, after the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, the Japanese surrendered. World War II, the deadliest conflict in human history, with between 50 and 85 million fatalities, was finally over.” [National Park Service, accessed [8/14/19](#)]

## Gun Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro didn't take contributions from the NRA and said he didn't seek a positive rating from them, but received an "A" rating from the NRA and attended NRA events.
  - ✓ Molinaro received an "A" rating from the NRA while in the New York State Assembly and while running for Governor.
  - ✓ Molinaro attended multiple "Friends of NRA" events.
  - ✓ Molinaro's gubernatorial campaign received a \$1,000 donation from the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, which sued New York State over its carry licensing requirement.
- ✓ While serving in the New York State Assembly, Molinaro voted 32 times against bills that would have strengthened New York's gun laws.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against the SAFE Act, which barred the mentally ill and felons from accessing guns, banned high-capacity magazines and assault weapons, expanded background checks, and imposed stricter penalties on those violating the law.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against prohibiting domestic violence offenders from possessing firearms.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against requiring micro-stamping on semi-automatic pistols to track bullets.
  - ✓ Molinaro voted against requiring the renewal of gun permits after five years.
- ✓ Molinaro declined to take a position on concealed carry reciprocity, which allowed people licensed to carry a gun in one state to do so while traveling in another state.
- ✓ Molinaro wanted to put armed school resource officers in every school to "address safety and mental health concerns" while surveilling students, but said he opposed arming teachers.

## Molinaro Won Endorsements And Donations From Gun Rights Organizations

### As A Gubernatorial Candidate, Molinaro Did Not Take Campaign Contributions From The NRA And Claimed He Didn't Seek A Positive Rating From Them...

**Molinaro Did Not Take Campaign Contributions From The NRA.** "Other sharp differences: Molinaro doesn't take contributions from the National Rifle Association - but does not dismiss the organization's role in the gun-control debate. 'I think it's important that we support law-abiding ownership,' Molinaro told Politico back in April. 'I think it's important that those who have record of criminal behavior and violent behavior should be declined access to firearms.'" [Newsday, 9/17/18]

- **Newsday: "Molinaro Has Refused To Take Contributions From The NRA, And Doesn't Seek A Positive Rating From It."** Molinaro is also campaigning on the issue far differently than past GOP nominees for governor, which included a 2014 gun rally in Albany headlined by Donald Trump. Molinaro has refused to take contributions from the NRA, and doesn't seek a positive rating from it. His gun control plan is to get all sides, including gun owners, to work together toward a common goal of ending mass gun attacks. He has

acknowledged that the longtime GOP mantra to repeal the SAFE Act is unlikely because of a Democratic-controlled Assembly. Molinaro, however, still walks a fine line on the issue critical to a shrinking segment of his base. ‘We need to talk about violence and how to confront that,’ said Molinaro, who voted against the SAFE Act as an assemblyman. His current position could draw interest from independent voters and Democrats who support the law, political analysts say.” [Newsday, 9/30/18]

**... But The NRA Nonetheless Gave Molinaro An A Rating In 2018, And Molinaro Attended Multiple “Friends Of NRA” Events And Took Contributions From Other Pro-Gun Organizations**

**2018: The NRA Gave Molinaro An “A” Rating.** “But Molinaro’s enthusiasm for guns - he earned an A from the NRA - is a misfit for a state that’s moved decisively in the opposite direction, and reaped the benefits.” [Daily News, 10/26/18]

**Molinaro Had An “A” Rating From The NRA In 2008 And 2010.** “In 2008 and 2010, Molinaro received an ‘A’ rating from the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund, which come out every election year. In 2009, he voted against state legislation that would require microstamping identification on semi-automatic pistols to track bullets. Also in 2009, he voted against legislation requiring renewals for pistol permits.” [City and State, 10/10/18]

**The NRA Endorsed Molinaro Over Cuomo In 2018.** “Both the NRA and the state Rifle and Pistol Association have endorsed Molinaro. The groups gave the Republican candidate an ‘A’ rating and Gov. Cuomo an ‘F.’” [New York Daily News, 10/10/18]

**Molinaro Regularly Attended Friends Of NRA Events.** “I believe the constitution is as it’s written.’ Molinaro is a regular at Friends of NRA events, something Cuomo -- who pushed through the SAFE Act gun regulations in early 2013 -- would likely seek to use against him.” [Gotham Gazette, 3/31/18]

**2016: Molinaro Attended The Mid-Hudson Friends Of NRA Banquet.**



It's a good night at the Mid Hudson Friends of NRA Banquet.



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[Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 4/16/16]

**2015: Molinaro Attended A Friends Of The NRA Banquet.**



Marc Molinaro ✓  
@marcmolinaro

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Great reception from my Friends of @NRA. Glad support my 2A friends, and look who joined me...  
@SteveMcNY



7:20 PM · Apr 25, 2015 · Twitter for iPhone

[Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 4/25/15]

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### **During His 2018 Gubernatorial Campaign, Molinaro Accepted A \$1,000 Contribution From The New York State Rifle And Pistol Association, Which Challenged New York’s Gun Limits Before SCOTUS**

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**2018: Molinaro’s Gubernatorial Campaign Received \$1,000 From The New York State Rifle And Pistol Association.** “Nys Rifle & Pistol Association Pvf: \$1000.” [New York State Board of Elections, Marcus Molinaro – Governor – 27772, 10/18/18]

**The New York State Rifle And Pistol Association Sued New York State And Went To The Supreme Court Over New York’s Limits On Carrying Guns Outside The Home.** “The Supreme Court said on Monday that it would review a longstanding New York law that imposes strict limits on carrying guns outside the home, setting the stage for its first major Second Amendment decision in more than a decade — and the first to be decided by the court’s newly expanded conservative majority [...] The new case is a challenge to a New York law that requires people seeking a license to carry a gun outside their homes to show a ‘proper cause.’ Two men denied licenses, along with the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, sued, saying ‘the state makes it virtually impossible for the ordinary law-abiding citizen to obtain a license.’ [...] The precise question the Supreme Court agreed to answer was ‘whether the state’s denial of petitioners’ applications for concealed-carry licenses for self-defense violated the Second Amendment.’ [New York Times, 4/26/21]

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### **Molinaro Spoke At The Dutchess County Pistol Association Membership Meeting**

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**September 2015: Molinaro Spoke At The Dutchess County Pistol Association.** “Speak at Dutchess County Pistol Association Membership Meeting 9/25/2015 8:00 PM 9/25/2015 9:00 PM Dutchess County Pistol Association, 47 St. Nicholas Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.” [Master Calendar/Schedule for Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro, accessed 12/9/21]

## **Molinaro Consistently Opposed Common Sense Gun Safety Reforms**

### **Molinaro Voted 32 Times Against Bills That Strengthened New York's Gun Laws**

**According to Moms Demand Action, Molinaro Voted 32 Times Against Bills That Strengthened New York's Gun Laws.** "A prominent anti-gun violence group took aim at GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro for voting 32 times against bills to strengthen New York's firearms laws. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America also blasted Molinaro on Monday for saying on the campaign trail this year that he wants to dismantle New York State's tough SAFE gun control law passed in the wake of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting." [New York Daily News, 10/9/18]

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### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Microstamping Identification On Semi-Automatic Pistols To Track Bullets**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Microstamping Identification To Track Pistol Bullets, And Mandatory Renewals For Pistol Permits.** "In 2009, he voted against state legislation that would require microstamping identification on semi-automatic pistols to track bullets. Also in 2009, he voted against legislation requiring renewals for pistol permits." [City & State, 10/10/18]

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### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring The Renewal Of Firearms Licenses After Five Years**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-0801B, A Bill Requiring The Renewal Of Firearms Licenses After Five Years.** On April 28, 2009, Molinaro voted "No" on A-801B, a bill that "requires the re-licensing of firearm licenses after five years." The bill passed the Assembly 87 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-801B, 4/28/09]

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### **2010: Molinaro Voted Against Prohibiting Domestic Violence Offenders From Possessing Firearms**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-7575, A Bill Prohibiting Domestic Violence Offenders From Possessing Firearms.** On March 16, 2010, Molinaro voted "No" on A-7575, a bill that "would improve public safety and prevent domestic violence incidents from escalating into even greater violence by keeping guns out of the hands of domestic violence perpetrators." The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 53 but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-7575, 3/15/10]

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### **2010: Molinaro Voted Against State Reporting On Handgun Licenses**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-10894, A Bill To Require The Division Of Criminal Justice Services To Report On The Administration Of Certain Laws Related To Handgun Licenses.** On May 12, 2010, Molinaro voted "No" on A-10894 a bill "to require an annual report by the Division of Criminal Justice Services on the administration, function and effectiveness of administration of the laws regarding the issuance, modification of, amendment to, and revocation of handgun licenses in each city with a population greater than one million and each county." The bill passed the Assembly 83 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-10894, 5/12/10]

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### **Molinaro Opposed The SAFE Act, A Landmark Gun Safety Bill In New York**

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#### **2013: The SAFE Act Took Effect And Imposed New Comprehensive Gun Safety Measures**

**2013: The SAFE Act Barred The Mentally Ill And Felons From Accessing Guns, Banned High Capacity Magazines And Assault Weapons, Expanded Background Checks, And Imposed Stricter Penalties On Those Violating The Law.** "Below are FAQ intended to help gun owners in New York understand and comply with the NY SAFE Act enacted on January 15, 2013 [...] The NY SAFE Act is designed to make New York a safer place to

live by reducing gun violence through common sense and reasonable reforms. The law respects the right to bear arms and the interest of hunters, sportsmen, and legal owners who use their guns appropriately. The law protects New Yorkers by: Keeping guns out of the hands of convicted felons and potentially dangerous mental health patients. Banning high capacity magazines and assault weapons. Ensuring all gun purchases are subject to a background check. Toughening criminal penalties on those who use illegal guns.” [Governor of New York, accessed [8/13/19](#)]

**2018: Molinaro Wanted To “Dismantle” The SAFE ACT, Which He Claimed Made “Criminals Out Of Honest Citizens.”** “Molinaro said he would dismantle the SAFE Act; something he said would make the state safer. He added that the focus should be on the root causes of violent acts and not making criminals out of honest citizens.” [Utica Observer Dispatch, 9/18/18]

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### **Molinaro Voted Against The SAFE Act As A State Legislator**

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**Molinaro Said He Opposed The SAFE Act Because It Infringed On The Second Amendment.** “While critical of the state's Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, Molinaro said he was in favor of aspects of the regulation, including not allowing people with a mental illness or a violent criminal record to buy firearms. ‘Certainly, if there is a defined mental illness, if there is a defined mental-health concern, if there is a record of violent or dangerous criminality, you should not have access to a firearm,’ he said. ‘Of course, there needs to be appropriate background checks to ensure that those who have those (criminal) records or at least potential of those activities have those rights precluded.’ But he said there needs to be a respect for the Second Amendment, which is impeded by the SAFE Act as is. ‘There needs to be a healthy respect that there is a constitutional right that is afforded people,’ he said. ‘And, in the rest of the state of New York, outside of the city of New York, there is a feeling that the state is coming for innocent people. Which it did.’ Molinaro went on to criticize the SAFE Act for a weak mental-health component and argued it did not preserve due process.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

- **Molinaro Said He Supported Not Allowing People With Mental Illness Or A Violent Criminal Record To Buy A Gun.** “While critical of the state's Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, Molinaro said he was in favor of aspects of the regulation, including not allowing people with a mental illness or a violent criminal record to buy firearms. ‘Certainly, if there is a defined mental illness, if there is a defined mental-health concern, if there is a record of violent or dangerous criminality, you should not have access to a firearm,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

### **Molinaro Said Governor Cuomo Had Been Too “Aggressive” On Gun Control, And Implied That Cuomo Was “Irresponsibly Ignoring” Second Amendment Supporters**

**Molinaro Said Cuomo Was Too “Aggressive” On Gun Control, And Implied That Cuomo Was “Irresponsibly Ignoring” Second Amendment Supporters.** “Molinaro did not answer a question about Cuomo’s gun control measures, including an expanded ban of assault weapons, known as the SAFE Act. While the governor has frequently touted the legislation as one of his main achievements, and New York City residents largely support it, it is considered highly unpopular upstate. In a January interview, more than a month before the school massacre in Parkland, Florida and the movement it spurred, Molinaro had told Gotham Gazette, ‘Frankly, I do have concerns with how aggressive this governor has been. I think in some ways irresponsibly ignoring those that do support, as I do, the Second Amendment and forcing legislation without having the kind of local robust conversation necessary. I believe the constitution is as it’s written.’” [Gotham Gazette, 6/15/18]

### **Molinaro Declined To Take A Position On Gun Reciprocity**

**October 2018: Molinaro Didn't Take A Stance On Gun License Reciprocity, Which Allowed People Licensed To Carry A Gun In One State To Do So While Traveling To Another State..** “Having been endorsed by the NRA and given an ‘A’ rating, Molinaro was squishy when it came to gun control issues. He would not take a definitive stance on whether he would support or oppose a congressional push to allow people from other states who are licensed to carry guns to do so while traveling in other states, like New York, where gun laws are far stricter.” [New York Daily News, 10/17/18]

**October 2018: Molinaro Declined To State Whether Or Not He Would Support Concealed Carry Reciprocity.** “Asked whether he would fight for or against a congressional push to allow concealed-carry reciprocity - essentially, letting anyone from a lax gun-law state retain their weapon in New York - Molinaro was evasive.” [New York Daily News, 10/22/18]

## School Safety

### **Molinaro Wanted To Put Armed School Resource Officers In Every School To “Address Safety And Mental Health Concerns” While Surveilling Students**

**Molinaro Wanted To Put A School Resource Officer In Every School “So They Can See The Signs Of Trauma And Can Identify The Kid Who May Act Out.”** “I say invest in making a difference, which is localizing schools, so you have that symbiotic relationship between school buildings and communities,’ Molinaro said. ‘You know who's living at risk. [It's] making sure every school has a school resource officer, not only for protection, but so they can see the signs of trauma and can identify the kid who may act out.’” [Binghamton University Pipe Dream, 8/26/18]

- **Molinaro Wanted Cops In Schools Surveilling Kids To “Identify The Kid Who May Act Out.”** “Molinaro said. ‘You know who's living at risk. [It's] making sure every school has a school resource officer, not only for protection, but so they can see the signs of trauma and can identify the kid who may act out.’” [Binghamton University Pipe Dream, 8/26/18]

**Molinaro Supported Schools Having Armed Police Officers.** “Another Cuomo challenger, presumed Republican gubernatorial nominee Marc Molinaro, has come out in support of schools having armed officers.” [Oneonta Daily Star, 5/7/18]

**Molinaro Supported Putting School Resource Officers Trained In Mental Health And Crisis Intervention In All New York Schools.** “On school safety he advocated for school resource officers in every school in the state, certified and trained in mental health first-aid and crisis intervention to identify and communicate with at-risk youths, teachers and families. He also would support state mental health programming and social/emotional programming in schools either funded by the state or in partnership with local governments.” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/6/18]

**Molinaro Noted Dutchess County School Districts Already Had Armed School Resource Officers.** “Republican Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro says school districts in his county already have armed SROs. ‘Dutchess County with the county Sheriff's Office program has long implemented our school resource officer program, but we do it uniquely in that we partner the resource officer with mental health professionals,’ says Molinaro.” [WAMC, 2/6/18]

### **Molinaro Opposed Arming School Teachers In New York**

**Molinaro Opposed Arming School Teachers In New York.** “Guns in schools? Molinaro: ‘I don't prescribe to that as a policy. I think that teachers should teach, and I think government ought to provide for public safety.’” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/6/18]



## Health Care Issues

### Significant Findings

#### **Molinaro Had A Repeated Pattern Of Voting Against And Opposing The Health Care Interests Of New York Residents**

- ✓ Molinaro opposed the Build Back Better Act, which would lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing the government to negotiate drug prices.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against ensuring that children eligible for free and reduced-price school meals had ready access to health care through Medicaid or CHIP.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against increasing the privacy of patients in the health care system by banning interviews of medical malpractice plaintiffs outside the formal discovery process.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against requiring the state to notify people of the end date of their Medicaid coverage if it was terminated.

#### **Molinaro Was Critical Of The Affordable Care Act And Supported Measures To Undermine Its Medicaid Expansion**

- ✓ Molinaro supported the Faso-Collins amendment to the AHCA, which would have slashed billions from Medicaid coverage in New York, because he claimed it lowered taxes.
  - ✓ The Faso-Collins amendment would have shifted the cost of Medicaid solely to New York state and would have resulted in state tax increases, major cuts to health care, or both, because of the loss of \$2.3 billion in county Medicaid revenue.
  - ✓ Molinaro conceded that New York would lose \$2.3 billion in revenue but claimed that it could be offset by addressing efficiencies and waste in the Medicaid system.
  - ✓ However, Medicaid insurers warned there were no such efficiencies left in Medicaid that would make up for \$2.3 billion in funding cuts.
- ✓ Molinaro said he was “‘not particularly’ a fan” of the Affordable Care Act, but also expressed concerns about the impact of repealing it.
  - ✓ Molinaro indicted he supported protecting patients with pre-existing conditions.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed the Affordable Care Act had increased premiums, reduced coverage options, and hurt small businesses.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against creating the New York State Health Exchange, which was required by the Affordable Care Act and opposed by New York Republicans who did not approve of the ACA.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed single payer health care.
  - ✓ Molinaro said he would veto New York’s single payer health care bill if elected Governor.

- ✓ Molinaro: “To put the governor or the state government in charge of health care would be frightening.”

## **Molinaro Had A Record Of Voting Against And Opposing The Health Care Interests Of New York Residents**

### **Molinaro Opposed The Build Back Better Act, Which Would Lower The Cost of Prescription Drugs**

**In Press Release, Molinaro Called The Build Back Better Act A “Tax And Spend Bill” That Would Increase The Size Of “A Bloated Federal Government.”** “With Americans paying more for everything from groceries to gas, Democrats just pushed through a tax and spend bill that will only inflate the inflation problem- leading to even higher taxes, costs and prices for families, farmers and small businesses. We can't afford to pay more to feed our families or heat our homes - all to cover the cost of massive increases in the size, scale and scope of a bloated Federal government. We don't need a bigger, more invasive IRS. We don't need hundreds of new government agencies. We need competent leadership that knows a bigger, more expensive government isn't a better one. And, that we can't afford it!”



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## Marc Molinaro Releases Statement on the Passage of the "Build Back Better" Bill

Today, Marc Molinaro, candidate for New York's Congressional district 19 released the following statement:



With Americans paying more for everything from groceries to gas, Democrats just pushed through a tax and spend bill that will only inflate the inflation problem - leading to even higher taxes, costs and prices for families, farmers and small businesses.

We can't afford to pay more to feed our families or heat our homes - all to cover the cost of massive increases in the size, scale and scope of a bloated Federal government. We don't need a bigger, more invasive IRS. We don't need hundreds of new government agencies.

We need competent leadership that knows a bigger, more expensive government isn't a better one. And, that we can't afford it!

The logo for Marc Molinaro for Congress, featuring "MARC" in red, five blue stars, and "MOLINARO" in blue, all within a red-bordered box.

[Marc for US Press Release, [11/19/21](#)]

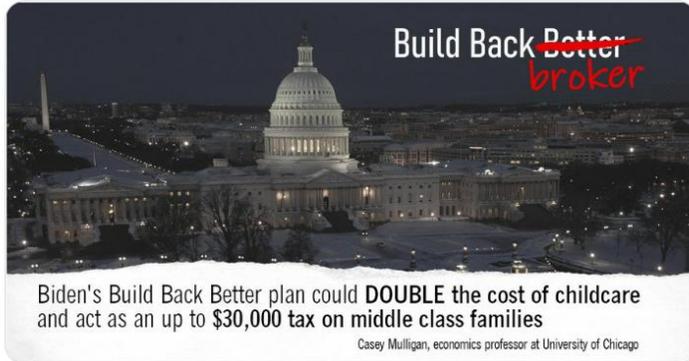
**Molinaro Tweeted A Graphic Claiming Build Back Better Could Double The Cost Of Childcare And Raise Costs By Up To \$30,000.** "The more we learn about the real costs of Build Back Better, the worse it gets. We've shown here in Dutchess how competent government can help families and keep taxes low. We need Washington to learn the same. #MarcforUS."



Marc Molinaro ✓  
@marcmolinaro

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### **The Build Back Better Act Would Lower Prescription Drug Prices, Including By Allowing The Government To Negotiate Drug Prices For Certain Drugs**

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**Kaiser Family Foundation: The Build Back Better Act Would Lower Prescription Drug Costs By Allowing The Government To Negotiate Drug Prices, Require Inflation Rebates To Limit Price Increases, Cap Out-Of-Pocket Spending For Medicare Part D Enrollees, And Limit Cost Sharing For Insulin.** On November 19, 2021, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act (BBBA), which includes a broad package of health, social, and environmental proposals supported by President Biden. The BBBA includes several provisions that would lower prescription drug costs for people with Medicare and private insurance and reduce drug spending by the federal government and private payers. These proposals have taken shape amidst strong bipartisan, public support for the government to address high and rising drug prices. CBO estimates that the drug pricing provisions in the BBBA would reduce the federal deficit by \$297 billion over 10 years (2022-2031). The key prescription drug proposals included in the BBBA would: Allow the federal government to negotiate prices for some high-cost drugs covered under Medicare Part B and Part D, Require inflation rebates to limit annual increases in drug prices in Medicare and private insurance, Cap out-of-pocket spending for Medicare Part D enrollees and other Part D benefit design changes, Limit cost sharing for insulin for people with Medicare and private insurance, Eliminate cost sharing for adult vaccines covered under Part D, Repeal the Trump Administration's drug rebate rule." [Kaiser Family Foundation, 11/23/21]

### **Molinaro Voted Against Ensuring That Children Enrolled In Free And Reduced Price School Meals Had Ready Access To Medicaid Or CHIP Health Coverage**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against S-4057, Which Ensured That Children Enrolled In Free And Reduced Price School Meals Had Ready Access To Medicaid Or CHIP Health Coverage.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on S-4057 a bill that "requires coordination between Child Health Plus, Medicaid, and School Meals programs to ensure that children who are eligible and enrolled for free and reduced price school meals are also enrolled in Child Health Plus or Medicaid to ensure they have ready access to health care." The bill passed the

Assembly 130 to 14 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, 6/21/10; New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: S-4057, 7/1/10]

### **Molinaro Voted Against Requiring That People Who Lose Medicaid Coverage Be Notified Of Their End Of Coverage Date**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill That Required People To Be Notified Of An End Date If Their Medicaid Coverage Was Terminated.** On June 30, 2010 Molinaro voted “No” on A05948, a bill “To require the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to provide to an individual whose medical assistance has been terminated, notice of effective coverage end date. The bill also provides 30 days for an individual to notify OTDA of intent to appeal the determination before enrollment is terminated.” The bill passed the Assembly 130 to 7 and was vetoed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term, A05948, 6/30/10]

### **Molinaro Voted Against Increasing The Privacy Of Patients In Health Care Malpractice And Personal Injury Lawsuits**

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against The Patient Privacy Protection Act, Which Prohibited Interviews Of Plaintiffs Outside The Formal Discovery Process.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A00694A, a bill that “prohibits in any action involving personal injury, medical, dental or podiatric malpractice, or wrongful death the defendant from conducting ex parte interviews with the plaintiffs nonparty treating physicians. This bill also clarifies that an attorney or the agent or employee of an attorney who represents the patient, the estate of the patient, or the natural or duly appointed guardian of the patient whose condition is at issue in the action may conduct ex-parte conversations with a treating physician or other healthcare provider of the patient.” The bill passed the Assembly 87 to 58 but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term:A00694A, 6/14/11]

## **American Health Care Act (AHCA)**

### **Molinaro Supported Parts Of The AHCA, The Republican Bill To Repeal And Replace The Affordable Care Act**

**Molinaro Strongly Supported The Faso-Collins Amendment To The AHCA, The Republican Bill To Replace The Affordable Care Act, Because He Claimed It Lowered Taxes.** “Mr. Molinaro, a Republican in the Hudson Valley, said he was concerned about the impact of a potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Still, he supports the Faso-Collins component of the Republican bill, citing the financial strains on county taxpayers. ‘We have to make a commitment to lower the tax levy dollar for dollar,’ Mr. Molinaro said. ‘it wouldn’t be appropriate to not reduce property taxes.’” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

- **Molinaro Claimed 37 Percent Of Dutchess County’s Tax Levy Went To Paying For Medicaid.** “In Dutchess County, 37 percent of the county tax levy, roughly \$40 million, goes to the state for Medicaid. The county executive, Marcus J. Molinaro, said he wanted to use any savings from the Faso-Collins amendment to lower property taxes ‘dollar for dollar.’ Molinaro received food stamps as a child, and his daughter, who has autism, now benefits from Medicaid’s services for the disabled. So Molinaro, a Republican in the Hudson Valley, said he was concerned about the impact of a potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Still, he supports the Faso-Collins component of the Republican bill, citing the financial strains on county taxpayers. ‘We have to make a commitment to lower the tax levy dollar for dollar,’ Molinaro said. ‘It wouldn’t be appropriate to not reduce property taxes.’” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

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**The Faso-Collins Amendment Would Have Shifted The Cost Of Medicaid Solely To New York State And Would Have Resulted In State Tax Increases, Major Cuts To Health Care, Or Both, Because Of The Loss Of \$2.3 Billion In Federal Aid**

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**The Faso-Collins Amendment Would Have Taken The Cost Of Medicaid Away From New York Counties And Placed It On New York State.** “That is the so-called Faso-Collins amendment, which would end a funding formula that for 50 years forced New York’s 62 counties to help pay for Medicaid, the public health insurance program largely for low-income people. The state’s counties currently pick up 13 percent of the total cost of Medicaid, far more than counties in other states pay, if they pay anything at all. The amendment, sponsored by Representatives Christopher C. Collins and John J. Faso, both upstate Republicans, would eliminate the burden for the counties — excluding New York City’s five boroughs.” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

**New York Times: Faso-Collins “Could Shift Costs To State Taxpayers” And Cost NY \$2.3 Billion In Matching Federal Aid.** “House Republican leaders, trying to lock down the votes of wavering upstate New York Republicans, inserted a last-minute special provision in their health care bill that would shift Medicaid costs from New York’s counties to its state government. The move — one of a number of late changes designed to gain more votes — would affect New York State only. It could save county governments outside of New York City \$2.3 billion a year. But it could shift costs to state taxpayers or deny New York that same total in matching federal aid if the state continues to require those counties to contribute to the cost of Medicaid. Upstate New York Republicans, backed by local government officials, pressed for the measure over the angry opposition of New York’s Democratic governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.” [The New York Times, 3/20/17]

**Healthcare Advocates Warned Faso-Collins Would Only Shift Costs From Counties To The State, Threatened Hospitals And Their Patients.** “Kenneth E. Raske, the president of the Greater New York Hospital Association, said the provision would be harmful to hospitals and Medicaid beneficiaries. ‘Rather than providing relief for county taxpayers,’ Mr. Raske said, “the state would surely respond to the lack of federal revenue through huge spending cuts,” and those cuts could pose a risk to hospitals and their patients. Bea Grause, the president of the Healthcare Association of New York State, said the provision being added to the House bill might give “the appearance of tax relief,” but would really just amount to shifting costs from counties to the state, while still leaving patients in need of care. She, too, warned of a devastating effect on hospitals in New York. “It adds insult to injury,” she said.” [The New York Times, 3/20/17]

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**Molinaro Conceded ACA Repeal Would Result In \$2.3 Billion In Lost Revenue, But Claimed It Could Be Offset By Addressing Waste And Inefficiencies**

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**Molinaro Claimed That The \$2.3 Billion In Lost Revenue From Counties Could Be Offset By Addressing Waste And Inefficiencies.** “Mr. Molinaro and many other county officials argued that much of the \$2.3 billion in lost revenue from counties could be offset by addressing waste and inefficiencies in the state’s Medicaid program.” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

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**There Were No Efficiencies Left In Medicaid That Would Make Up For \$2.3 Billion In Funding Cuts.**

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**New York Began A “Monumental Medicaid Redesign” In 2011 That Is Expected To Save The State \$17.1 Billion.** “New York is midway through a monumental initiative begun in 2011 to redesign the costly Medicaid program, the largest purchaser of health services in the state for its 6.2 million beneficiaries [...] New York received a waiver in 2015 from the federal government that allows the state to keep \$8 billion of \$17.1 billion in savings the state expects to see over five years from Medicaid reform. The state plans to reinvest the money in projects that seek to reduce avoidable hospital use by 25 percent and that transition most hospital and doctor Medicaid payments from fee-for-service to a value system tied to performance goals.” [The Buffalo News, 5/10/17]

**Medicaid Directors: “No Amount Of Administrative Or Regulatory Flexibility Can Compensate” For Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Funding Cuts.** “Medicaid Directors have long advocated for meaningful reform of the program. States continue to innovate with the tools they have, but federal changes are necessary to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the program. However, these changes must be made thoughtfully and deliberately to ensure the continued provision of quality, cost-effective care. Medicaid Directors have asked for, and are appreciative of, improved working relationships with HHS and are working hard to streamline and improve the administration of the program [...] However, no amount of administrative or regulatory flexibility can compensate for the federal spending reductions that would occur as a result of this bill. Changes in the federal

responsibility for financing the program must be accompanied by clearly articulated statutory changes to Medicaid to enable states to operate effectively under a cap. The Senate bill does not accomplish that. It would be a transfer of risk, responsibility, and cost to the states of historic proportions.” [National Association of Medicaid Directors, Press Release, 6/26/17]

**Medicaid Insurers: “There Are No Hidden Efficiencies That States Can Use To Address” Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Cuts “Without Harming Beneficiaries.”** “In the case of the Senate health-care bill, some insurers didn’t even wait for the official release before expressing their concerns. This week, the heads of 10 managed care organizations — which help deliver Medicaid benefits around the country — told Senate leaders they are ‘united in our opposition to the Medicaid policies currently being debated by the Senate.’ [...] The managed care executives called this ‘an enormous cost shift to states’ that will require them to raise taxes, cut benefits, narrow eligibility or lower reimbursements to health-care providers. ‘There are no hidden efficiencies that states can use to address gaps of this magnitude without harming beneficiaries or imposing undue burden to our health care system and all U.S. taxpayers,’ the executives wrote.” [Washington Post, 6/22/17]

### **AHCA Would Have Left 35,200 Residents Of NY-19 Uninsured And Undermined Protections For 294,000 People With Pre-Existing Conditions In The District**

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#### **Coverage Losses**

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**CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018 If AHCA Became Law, With 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026.** “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, 5/24/17]

**Center For American Progress: 35,200 People In New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Would Be Uninsured By 2026 Under The AHCA** [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]

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#### **Individuals With Pre-Existing Conditions**

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**Center For American Progress: There Were 294,000 People With Pre-Existing Conditions In New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Center for American Progress, 4/5/17]

**Politico: Republicans’ Bill Would “Weaken The Affordable Care Act’s Pre-Existing Conditions Protections.”** “Republicans’ bill would weaken the Affordable Care Act’s pre-existing conditions protections, which could affect tens of millions of Americans.” [Politico, 5/2/17]

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#### **Job Losses**

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**Economic Policy Institute: The AHCA Could Cost New York 71,639 Jobs By 2022.** [Economic Policy Institute, 3/24/17]

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#### **Age Tax**

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**AARP: Under AHCA, Premiums For 60 To 64 Year Olds Would “Increase By An Average Of \$3,200.”** “Under the AHCA: Average premiums would increase for all ages starting at about age 46. Premiums for 60- to 64-year-olds would increase by an average of \$3,200, amounting to average unsubsidized premiums of almost \$18,000 per year. Meanwhile, 20- to 29-year-olds are expected to see significantly smaller average savings, of only \$700 per year, giving them average unsubsidized premiums of \$4,010 per year.” [AARP, 5/4/17]

## Affordable Care Act (ACA)

### Molinaro Was “Not Particularly” In Favor Of The Affordable Care Act, But Said He Was Also Concerned About The Impact Of Repealing It

#### **Poughkeepsie Journal: Molinaro Said He Was “Not Particularly” A Fan Of The Affordable Care Act.**

“Trump has said that Congress should not repeal the law without replacing it, and ‘as of this moment there is no change,’ said Molinaro, who is ‘not particularly’ a fan of the Affordable Care Act. ‘I would think ... state leaders should and will work with federal leaders.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/17]

**Molinaro Was Concerned About The Proposed Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act.** “Molinaro received food stamps as a child, and his daughter, who has autism, now benefits from Medicaid’s services for the disabled. So Molinaro, a Republican in the Hudson Valley, said he was concerned about the impact of a potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act.” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

**Molinaro Supported The Faso-Collins Component Of The Bill To Repeal The ACA.** “Still, he supports the Faso-Collins component of the Republican bill, citing the financial strains on county taxpayers. ‘We have to make a commitment to lower the tax levy dollar for dollar,’ Molinaro said. ‘It wouldn’t be appropriate to not reduce property taxes.’” [New York Times, 7/4/17]

**Molinaro Claimed The Affordable Care Act Had Increased Premiums, Reduced Coverage Options, And Hurt Small Businesses.** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said: ‘Every citizen should have access to affordable health insurance.’ But while the Affordable Care Act has ‘provided insurance to a number of people who needed it - it has (also) caused increased premiums and reduced (coverage) options. I’ve seen it cripple small businesses.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/8/17]

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### Molinaro Indicated That He Supported Protecting Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions

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**Molinaro Indicated That He Supported Protecting Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions.** “[Molinaro] would like to make sure there are protections for pre-existing conditions.” [Post-Star, 10/13/18]

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### Molinaro Supported Eliminating Geographic Restrictions On Where Health Insurance Could Be Sold

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#### **Molinaro Supported Eliminating Geographic Restrictions On Where Health Insurance Could Be Sold.**

“[Molinaro] also would like to see the elimination of geographic restrictions on where health insurance plans can be sold.” [Post-Star, 10/13/18]

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### Molinaro Voted Against Implementing The Affordable Care Act In New York By Creating The New York State Health Care Exchange

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**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A08514, The Bill To Establish The New York State Health Care Exchange.** Molinaro voted “No” on A08514 “An act to amend the public authorities law and the public officers law, in relation to the establishment of the New York Health Benefit Exchange.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 43 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A05814, 6/23/11]

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### The New York State Health Exchange Was Required In Order To Implement The Affordable Care Act, And Opposed By Republicans Who Didn’t Approve Of The ACA

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**The Affordable Care Act Required States To Create An Insurance Exchange By 2014 Or Have The Federal Government Do So.** “The health care law requires each state to put an insurance exchange in place by 2014, and gives the federal government the power to do so in states that do not act on their own. Mr. Cuomo, unable to win support for the exchange in the State Senate, vowed to move ahead unilaterally, and on Thursday, he signed the

order to set up the exchange within the State Health Department, rather than as a separate state entity, as his original legislation had sought to do.” [New York Times, 4/12/12]

**New York Senate Republicans Blocked The Bill To Establish The Health Care Exchange Because Approval Of The Exchange Meant Approval Of The Affordable Care Act.** “As he issued an executive order to establish a health insurance exchange, an online marketplace where individuals and small businesses can choose among competing health insurance plans, Mr. Cuomo said it would drive down the cost of insurance while helping the 2.7 million uninsured New Yorkers get affordable coverage. For nearly a year, Mr. Cuomo asked the Legislature to set up the exchange. But the Republican majority in the State Senate refused to consider the measure, arguing that approving the exchange would amount to condoning the law, the Affordable Care Act, which they deride as Obamacare.” [New York Times, 4/12/12]

## Single Payer Health Care

### Molinaro Opposed Single Payer Health Care

**Molinaro Vowed To Veto A Single Payer Health Care Bill If He Was Elected Governor.** “Molinaro, the Republicans' gubernatorial nominee, vowed on Wednesday to veto legislation that would establish a single-payer health care system in New York. The bill, the New York Health Act, would create the universal health care system and fund it with tax increases on businesses and high income earners. Estimates have suggested that the state would need \$90 billion annually to fund the single-payer system.” [The Citizen, 7/26/18]

- **Headline: “Molinaro Pledges To Veto Universal Health Care Bill If Elected NY Governor.”** [The Citizen, 7/26/18]

**Molinaro Called The Prospect Of A Single-Payer Health Care System In New York “Frightening” And Unaffordable.** “The candidates did talk about single-payer health care, an issue relevant to upstate business owners. Molinaro says it’s too expensive. A recent study found the proposed single-payer system could cost \$139 billion in 2022, almost doubling the state’s budget. ‘New York cannot afford this program, not to mention the state of New York has a hard enough time getting the trains to run effectively in the city,’ Molinaro said. ‘To put the governor or the state government in charge of health care would be frightening.’” [Albany Business Review, 10/24/18]

**Molinaro Opposed Single-Payer Health Care Because Of The “Tax Burden.”** “Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, the Republican candidate for governor, blasted the bill for adding a new tax burden and putting the state in control of health care. ‘While Albany-run government-based health-care legislation was passed today by the New York State Assembly, it isn’t going anywhere in the Senate this year, and that’s a good thing,’ Molinaro said. ‘But passage of the bill reveals a dangerous mindset, first the absolute willingness of some legislators to impose a huge additional tax burden on already struggling New Yorkers.’” [The Times Herald Record, 6/17/18]

## Opioids

### Molinaro Spoke Out About The Impacts The Opioid Epidemic Had On Dutchess County

**Molinaro: “Every Dutchess County Resident Has Been Impacted, In Some Way, By Substance Abuse.”** “‘Every Dutchess County resident has been impacted, in some way, by substance abuse,’ Molinaro said in a statement.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

**Molinaro: “The Opioid Epidemic Is The Public Health Crisis Of Our Lifetime [...] We Really Need To Confront The Root Causes Of The Problem, But Also Recognize That Addiction Is A Disease.”** “Molinaro: The opioid epidemic is the public health crisis of our lifetime. Period, nationwide. Certainly there have been some advances in this state, and the Legislature is to be commended for that. But we really need to confront the root

causes of the problem, but also recognize that addiction is a disease. And we have to confront the stigma associated with addiction. We also have to advance Medicaid and assisted treatment.” [The Leader, 4/15/18]

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### **The Opioid Epidemic Hit Dutchess County Hard**

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**2013: 250,000 Prescriptions For Oxycodone And Hydrocodone Were Filled In Dutchess And Ulster Counties, Enough To Fill A Prescription For More Than Half Of Dutchess County Adults.** “The Poughkeepsie Journal’s award-winning investigative series ‘Killers and Pain’ found that nearly 250,000 prescriptions for the painkillers oxycodone and hydrocodone were filled in Dutchess and Ulster counties in 2013 - enough to give one prescription to more than half the adults in Dutchess and nearly three-quarters in Ulster, according to a Journal analysis of narcotic drug data provided by the state Department of Health.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/24/16]

**2017: Dutchess County Had An Overdose Rate Above State Average.** “Dutchess County saw 74 opioid overdose deaths in 2017, a nearly 50 percent increase from 51 deaths in 2016, according to a state Department of Health report. The county’s rate of 25 overdose deaths per 100,000 residents exceeded the state average of 16.2 deaths.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/28/19]

**2017: Dutchess County Had 87 Opioid Overdose Deaths.** “In 2017, opioids caused 87 accidental overdose deaths in Dutchess, according to Molinaro. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an average of 115 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

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### **Federal Grant Helped Dutchess County Address The Opioid Epidemic**

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**2018: Dutchess County Received A \$1 Million Grant From The Department Of Justice To Address The Opioid Epidemic.** “The budget aims to aggressively address the opioid epidemic in the county, Molinaro said, and a recently announced grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will be used toward that. The \$1 million in funding, to use over three years, would be put toward enhancing the use of data and response to overdose surveillance and monitoring. In addition, the budget continues to fund the county’s helpline and stabilization center, which has helped more than 2,500 in crisis in the 18 months since it opened, the county said, and will begin funding permanent staff. Although not financially proposed in the budget, long-term housing and stabilization is going to be a goal for the county, Molinaro said, to help patients find a long-term stable environment after the prevention and intervention steps. The county is also aiming to help inmates with addiction problems by using the county jail as a transitional facility, and dedicating a probation officer to those involved in the county Drug Diversion Court.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/30/18]

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### **Molinaro’s Dutchess County Budgets Included Spending Allocations To Combat The Opioid Crisis**

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#### **Molinaro Supported Designating Permanent Opioid Educator And Recovery Coach Positions In Dutchess County**

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**Molinaro Supported Designating A Permanent Opioid Educator To Coordinate Training, Education, And Outreach.** “Molinaro will include in his executive budget allocations to: Make permanent the position of opioid educator, which assists with the coordination of the county’s Opioid Overdose Prevention Program. The program distributes naloxone kits and provides training, education and outreach.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

**Molinaro Supported Designating A Recovery Coach Position To Aid With Recovery Planning And Assistance.** “Molinaro will include in his executive budget allocations to: [...] Make permanent the position of recovery coach, which aids in maintaining recovery with motivational coaching, mentoring, recovery planning and resource guidance from someone who has recovered from opioid use.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

**2018: Molinaro Hired A Drug “Recovery Coach” To Help Residents With Drug Addiction.** “Dutchess County hired a ‘recovery coach’ this year to assist residents seeking help with drug addiction. A temporary position, the coach has helped 167 residents since starting in April, the county said. That follows a year when the number of

overdose deaths in Dutchess grew by nearly 50 percent - 74 in 2017, according to the state Department of Health.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/30/18]

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### **Molinaro Supported Maintaining Funding For Methadone Treatment**

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**Molinaro Supported Maintaining Funding For Methadone Treatment.** “Molinaro will include in his executive budget allocations to: [...] Maintain funding for Medication Assisted Treatment, which utilizes methadone.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

- **Methadone Was A Drug Used To Treat Heroin And Narcotic Addiction.** “Methadone has been used for decades to treat people who are addicted to heroin and narcotic pain medicines. When taken as prescribed, it is safe and effective. It allows people to recover from their addiction and to reclaim active and meaningful lives. For optimal results, patients should also participate in a comprehensive medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program that includes counseling and social support.” [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, accessed [8/9/19](#)]

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### **Molinaro Supported Maintaining Funding For Dutchess County’s Transitional Center For Inmates Awaiting Treatment**

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**Molinaro Supported Maintaining Funding For Dutchess County’s Transitional Center For Inmates Awaiting Treatment.** “Molinaro will include in his executive budget allocations to: [...] Maintain funding for the county’s 38-bed transitional center, which is used to divert inmates from the Dutchess County Jail while awaiting inpatient substance-abuse treatment or participating in intensive outpatient therapy.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

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### **Molinaro Supported Designating A Dedicated Probation Officer To Supervise Patients In Dutchess County’s Diversion Court And Intensive Alternative Treatment Program**

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**Molinaro Supported Designating A Dedicated Probation Officer To Supervise Patients In Dutchess County’s Diversion Court And Intensive Alternative Treatment Program.** “Molinaro will include in his executive budget allocations to: [...] Maintain a dedicated probation officer to supervise participants in the county’s Drug Diversion Court; and a senior probation officer to work with those in the Intensive Treatment Alternative Program.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/18]

**2021: Molinaro’s Proposed Budget Would Establish An Empowerment Center In Poughkeepsie To Assist Those Struggling With Substance Abuse.** “Part of the proposed 2022 budget calls for the establishment of an Empowerment Center in the City of Poughkeepsie. The center would serve as a non-clinical, peer-run facility aimed at assisting those who struggle with substance use.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [10/27/21](#)]

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### **Molinaro Was Criticized For Not Investing Enough In Mental Health Programs To Combat The Opioid Epidemic**

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**2021: A Fishkill Resident Speaking At A Budget Hearing Said Molinaro’s Budget Invested Too Heavily In The County Jail And Was “A Slap In The Face To Families That Have Lost People To Addiction.”** “Out of an estimated Dutchess County population of more than 294,000 residents, only one East Fishkill resident spoke at the county legislature’s public hearing on the amended 2022 budget Monday night. [...] Barbara Walsh of Hopewell, the night’s only speaker, told lawmakers that the budget is focused on construction of the new county jail and does not adequately fund mental health programs. Walsh told lawmakers that she has been a recovering alcoholic for 22 years and understands the needs for services for those dealing with alcohol and substance abuse issues. She went on to talk about her friend who recently lost a child after an overdose. Implying that the county does not spend enough on programs for addiction, she said, ‘This budget is a slap in the face to families that have lost people to addiction.’” [Mid Hudson News, [11/30/21](#)]

## **2017: Dutchess County Sued 11 Pharmaceutical Companies Over Their Opioid Marketing Practices**

**2017: Dutchess County Filed A Civil Action Lawsuit Against 11 Pharmaceutical Companies Over Their Opioid Marketing Practices.** “Dutchess County has done its part in battling the opioid epidemic, County Executive Marc Molinaro said. Now it’s time for certain pharmaceutical companies to take “some responsibility” for their role in the spread of this epidemic, he said. Dutchess County Government filed a civil action lawsuit Tuesday against 11 pharmaceutical companies for the way they have marketed prescription opioid painkillers. The lawsuit, which was filed in New York State Supreme Court, seeks compensatory and punitive damages for tax dollars spent each year to combat the opioid crisis.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/8/17]

**Molinaro: “We, Like Many Other County And State Governments, Believe These Specific Pharmaceutical Companies Hold Some Responsibility For The Public Health Crisis Of Our Lifetime.”** ““We, like many other county and state governments, believe these specific pharmaceutical companies hold some responsibility for the public health crisis of our lifetime,” Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/8/17]

**Dutchess County Filed The Opioid Lawsuit With Simmons Hanly Conroy Law Firm.** “Simmons Hanly Conroy, a national law firm, will be working with the Dutchess County Attorney's Office to prosecute the litigation. The firm is retained on a contingency basis and only receives compensation for their efforts and reimbursement if the lawsuit is successful, the statement said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/8/17]

## **Hudson River Psychiatric Center**

### **Molinaro Voted For A State Budget That Led To The Closure Of The Hudson River Psychiatric Center In Poughkeepsie**

**Molinaro Voted For A State Budget That Led To The Planned Closure Of The Hudson River Psychiatric Center In Poughkeepsie.** “Democrat Dan French is contending his Republican opponent for Dutchess County executive, state Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, is not doing enough to oppose Gov. Andrew Cuomo's decision to close Hudson River Psychiatric Center. Molinaro, R-Red Hook, called French's accusation ‘as ridiculous as it is false.’ In a prepared statement, French said he agreed with a statement issued last week by the current county executive, Republican William Steinhaus, criticizing state Sen. Steve Saland, R-Poughkeepsie, for voting for a state budget that led to the planned closure of the Town of Poughkeepsie facility and the resulting loss of 375 local jobs. But French chided Steinhaus for failing to mention Molinaro had also voted for the state budget.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/21/11]

**Molinaro Acknowledged He Supported The State Budget That Closed The Hudson River Psychiatric Center In Poughkeepsie.** “Informed about French's statement, Molinaro said that while he had supported the state budget that called for reduced funding for state mental health facilities, he had spoken to members of Cuomo's staff about his concerns for the patients who are scheduled to be moved from Hudson River Psychiatric Center to Rockland County Psychiatric Center. ‘My primary concern here is the delivery of services to those acutely in need of them,’ the assemblyman said. Molinaro said he had let members of the governor's staff know he was concerned about any shifts in costs for such patients from the state to the county, and he noted the state budget does contain increased funding for community-based mental health services.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/21/11]

**The Closure Of The Facility Led To The Loss Of 375 Jobs.** “Democrat Dan French is contending his Republican opponent for Dutchess County executive, state Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, is not doing enough to oppose Gov. Andrew Cuomo's decision to close Hudson River Psychiatric Center. Molinaro, R-Red Hook, called French's accusation ‘as ridiculous as it is false.’ In a prepared statement, French said he agreed with a statement issued last week by the current county executive, Republican William Steinhaus, criticizing state Sen. Steve Saland, R-Poughkeepsie, for voting for a state budget that led to the planned closure of the Town of Poughkeepsie facility and the resulting loss of 375 local jobs. But French chided Steinhaus for failing to mention Molinaro had also voted for the state budget.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/21/11]

**Molinaro Noted The Challenges Resulting From The Closure Of The Hudson River Psychiatric Center.**

“Molinaro pointed to challenges with the closure of the Hudson River Psychiatric Center and continuing efforts to reshape how the county provides needed services. ‘As part of the transformation of mental health services, this year we will begin the integration of the county departments of Health and Mental Hygiene,’ he said. ‘Thanks to funds granted to us by the Dyson Foundation, we will engage an industry expert to help us create a holistic vision for health.’ Molinaro acknowledged the steep challenges facing the county, but displayed unwavering optimism that the government, along with assistance from nonprofits and local businesses and residents, could overcome those obstacles.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/31/13]

## Housing Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly voted against rent regulations and expanding rent control in New York State.
- ✓ In 2013, Molinaro vetoed \$10,000 in funding for the Dutchess County homeless shelter just after homeless individuals were turned away during a snowstorm because it was at capacity.
- ✓ Molinaro's gubernatorial campaign took at least \$88,000 from pro-landlord groups.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against banning housing discrimination based on renter income.

## Affordable Housing

### Molinaro Repeatedly Voted Against Expanding Rent Control

**New York City Limits: "As State Assemblyman [Molinaro] Voted Consistently Against Rent Regulations."** "Molinaro's campaign has largely been quiet on rent regulations but as state Assemblyman he voted consistently against rent regulations. In 2009, Molinaro voted "nay" against bills raising the income and rent thresholds for deregulation, expanding rent control and giving cities more control of their rent laws." [New York City Limits, 11/2/18]

- **2007: Molinaro Voted Against Limiting The Amount A Landlord Could Increase Rent Upon A Vacancy.** On May 15, 2007, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-2894, a bill that "would decrease from twenty percent to ten percent the amount a landlord could increase rent upon vacancy and also prohibit a landlord from taking more than one increase in anyone calendar year." The bill passed the Assembly 103 to 42 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-2894, 5/15/07]
- **2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-2005, A Bill Expanding Rent Control Coverage In New York.** On February 2, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-2005, a bill that "repeals provisions of New York State and New York City statutes that remove apartments from rent stabilization or rent control when such apartments are vacated and could be rented under such statutes for monthly rents of \$2,000 or more." The bill passed the Assembly 91 to 52 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-2005, 2/2/09]
- **2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-11410, A Bill Extending Emergency Housing Rent Control Coverage In New York.** On June 16, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-11410 a bill that "extend the provisions of the rent stabilization and rent control laws, for an additional seven years, until June 15, 2018." The bill passed the Assembly 94 to 41 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term, A-11410, 6/16/10]
- **2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-2674, A Bill Reducing Authorized Rent Increases To Vacancy Leases.** On April 11, 2011, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-2674, a bill that "expand tenant protections by limiting a landlord's ability to take possession of units for their own personal use; reduce the percentage by which rent may be increased upon vacancy; extend rent and eviction protections to tenants living in former federal Section 8 projects; allow cities with a population of one million or more to strengthen rent regulation laws or to provide more comprehensive coverage than provided by state laws; extend the various provisions of the rent stabilization and rent control laws, for an additional five years, until June 15, 2016; reduce the amount that rent can be increased to one-sixth of the cost of the improvement and authorizes the Division of Housing and Community Renewal to approve such rent increases for vacant apartments; repeals vacancy decontrol; prohibit an owner from adjusting the amount of preferential rent upon the renewal of a lease; extend the number of

ownership years from three to six years in respect to eligibility for an alternative hardship rent adjustment; establish a methodology for determining major capitol improvement rent surcharges based on seven years; protect tenants living in Mitchell-Lama housing by extending rent stabilization after they leave the supervision of the State; and adjust high-income deregulation thresholds to more accurately represent inflation.” The bill passed the Assembly 92 to 54 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term, A-2674, 4/11/11]

- **June 2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8446, A Bill To Extend Expiring Provisions Of New York Rent Control Laws.** On June 15, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A08446, a bill that “Extends the expiration of rent control until 3:00 p.m. on June 17, 2011.” The bill passed the Assembly 100 to 43 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8446, 6/15/11]
- **June 2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8506, A Bill To Extend Expiring Provisions Of New York Rent Control Laws.** On June 20, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-8506, a bill that “Extends the provisions of rent control laws.” The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 43 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8508, 6/20/11]
- **June 2011: Molinaro Voted Against S-5831, A Bill To Extend Expiring Provisions Of New York Rent Control Laws.** On June 20, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on S-5831, a bill that “Extends the provisions of rent control laws.” The bill passed the Assembly 99 to 43 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: S-5831, 6/20/11]

### **Molinaro Vetoed Additional Funding For The Dutchess County Homeless Shelter After It Reached Capacity And Homeless Individuals Were Turned Away During A Snowstorm**

**2013: Molinaro Vetoed \$10,000 Additional Funding For The Dutchess County Homeless Shelter After Homeless Individuals Were Turned Away During A Snowstorm.** “Several homeless people have spent the mid-Hudson Valley's recent bitterly cold and snowy nights outdoors after being turned away from Dutchess County's overnight emergency shelter. ‘We don't enjoy turning people away. It's a heart-wrenching thing on a cold night,’ said Ed Murphy, executive director of Hudson River Housing. The affordable housing agency, a nonprofit, runs the Webster House, where demand has been far greater than the 60-bed limit. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro on Friday vetoed \$10,000 in additional funding for the shelter included in the Legislature's 2014 amended budget. In a memo to the Legislature, Molinaro said the nonprofit can apply for the county's competitive-grant program and ‘we should encourage they continue to do so.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/16/13]

- **Molinaro Later Explained, “I Didn't Think It Was Appropriate For The Legislature To Pick Winners And Losers And Just Give \$10,000 To A Specific Organization.”** “Molinaro responded by saying he rejected it because ‘I didn't think it was appropriate for the legislature to pick winners and losers and just give \$10,000 to a specific organization.’ He added that later that year, he expanded his commitment to housing. ‘One of the issues as it relates to homelessness is not necessarily that there are more people who are homeless but those who are homeless are spending a longer period of time which is a housing issue,’ Molinaro said. ‘...Dutchess County does not turn people away from our homeless shelters, we just don't have enough space.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/17/19]

**Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “County’s Homeless Shelter Stretched To Limit.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/16/13]

### **Molinaro Claimed He Built New Affordable Housing In Dutchess County**

**2019: Molinaro Said 200 Units Of Affordable Housing Were Being Constructed In Dutchess County.** “Dutchess County is working to provide more affordable housing options, with 200 units currently in the process of construction, County Executive Marc Molinaro said. The county needs to focus on work with villages and towns and their zoning as residents struggle with finding affordable housing, counters Joseph Ruggiero.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/17/19]

**2021: Molinaro Planned A Temporary Housing Village For Those Facing Housing Instability Or Homelessness To Open By Late 2022.** “The county plans to create a ‘temporary housing village’ as a one-stop resource for residents who face housing instability or homelessness to access support services. Molinaro said the county’s partners will offer help with training in personal finances and job skills, provide substance-use and mental health counseling, and offer case management for individuals facing homelessness. ‘Like the care we provide at our Stabilization Center, this will be a new model for intense support, getting those who struggle the most on a path to housing and personal independence,’ Molinaro said. County spokesperson Colleen Pillus confirmed the village will have a physical location, though its planning is still in the early stages, and the target for its completion is late 2022.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/17/21]

### **2018: Molinaro Took At Least \$88,000 From Pro-Landlord Groups**

**Molinaro’s Gubernatorial Campaign Accepted At Least \$88,000 From The Neighborhood Preservation Political Action Fund And Rent Stabilization Association, Both “Associated With Pro-Landlord Groups.”** “But real-estate related donations form a big part of both their war chests. Molinaro’s largest contributions include \$44,000 each from the Neighborhood Preservation Political Action Fund and Rent Stabilization Association—both are associated with pro-landlord groups.” [City-Limits, 11/2/18]

## **Housing Discrimination**

### **Molinaro Voted Against Banning Housing Discrimination Based On Source Of Income**

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against “An Act To Amend The Executive Law, In Relation To Discrimination Based Upon The Income Of Persons.”** On June 2, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-1121B, a bill “To prevent housing discrimination based upon the source of income of individuals; makes discrimination by landlords based on a tenant’s source of income illegal under New York State Human Rights Law.” The bill, which passed 87 to 50, but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-1121B, 6/2/11]

## Immigration & Border Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2017, Molinaro said Dutchess County law enforcement would not participate in enforcing federal immigration policy, as it did not have the “resources, desire or intent to” do so.
  - ✓ However, in 2018 Molinaro attacked sanctuary cities for refusing to aid federal immigration enforcement.
- ✓ Molinaro tweeted that ICE, which did not exist until 2003, could have prevented 9/11 if enabled to do its job.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed separating families at the border, calling it “un-American.”
- ✓ Molinaro opposed Gov. Spitzer’s decision letting immigrants without Social Security numbers get drivers licenses.
  - ✓ Molinaro criticized the decision because it was issued a few weeks after the anniversary of 9/11.
- ✓ Molinaro denied that calling someone an “illegal immigrant” was the same as using the N-word to describe Black Americans.

### **After Withholding Cooperation With Federal Immigration Enforcement In 2017, Molinaro Attacked Sanctuary Cities A Year Later While Running For Governor**

#### **2017: Molinaro Said Dutchess County Law Enforcement Would Not Be Used To Enforce Federal Immigration Law**

**2017: Molinaro Said Dutchess County Law Enforcement Did Not Have The “Resources, Desire Or Intent To” Participate In Enforcing Federal Immigration Policy.** “With President Donald Trump’s election, immigration policies have gained new attention amid years of disputes between states and the federal government over how to enforce federal policies on the local level, the USA Today Network has reported. [...] ‘Our policy is to respect the Dutchess County family,’ Molinaro said. The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office does ‘not have the resources, desire or intent to participate in federal enforcement. Local law enforcement should never be used for federal enforcement policy. It’s not their job, it’s not their responsibility. ‘We have not witnessed any increase in immigration enforcement,’ Molinaro added. Turning a local police agency into an ‘arm of the federal government’ destroys trust between communities and law enforcement.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

#### **2018: Molinaro Said He Opposed Sanctuary Cities**

**Molinaro Said He Opposed Sanctuary Cities That Limit Cooperation With Federal Immigration Enforcement.** “During the 90-minute meeting, Molinaro stated he was against sanctuary city status, referring to municipal jurisdictions, including Rochester, that limit their cooperation with the national government’s effort to enforce immigration law.” [Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 8/27/18]

### **ICE & Immigration Enforcement**

## **Molinaro Defended ICE And Said ICE Could Have Prevented 9/11 If It Was Enabled To Do Its Job**

**In A Tweet, Molinaro Defended ICE And Said ICE Could Have Prevented 9/11 If It Was Enabled To Do Its Job – Though ICE Did Not Exist On 9/11/2001.** “On July 11, in response to Cynthia Nixon calling ICE a ‘terrorist organization,’ Dutchess County Executive and gubernatorial hopeful Marc Molinaro tweeted ‘This is what happens when ICE can't do its job. Knock It Off, Cynthia.’ linking an image of the 9/11 hijackers. ICE was founded in 2003. Molinaro's statement, at face value, is preposterous - an appeal for attention from voters who condone tying infamous terrorists to an unrelated population of immigrants whose only similarity is that they're non-native and brown. Molinaro likely realized as much when typing this sloppy dog whistle.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Letter to the Editor, 7/26/18]

- **Letter To Editor: Molinaro’s Defense Of ICE “Raises The Question That His Good Acts And Hateful Words May Both Be Disingenuous Political Maneuvering.”** “Hence, Molinaro's severe dismissal of immigrants brutalized by ICE and cast into a hellish experience of familial estrangement, imprisonment, and intractable trauma is astonishing. His targeting of this group - similar in a want for compassion, advocacy and decency to the community he so publicly serves - with bargain-bin xenophobia is contemptible, and raises the question that his good acts and hateful words may both be disingenuous political maneuvering.”
- **Letter To The Editor Headline: “Molinaro's Tweet Is Dismissive And Contemptible.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, Letter to the Editor, 7/26/18]

## **Molinaro Opposed Separating Families At The Border**

**Molinaro Opposed Separating Families At The Border.** “Molinaro said his positions are more nuanced. The Dutchess County executive says he would, for example, enforce abortion rights protected by law, but would not expand access to late-term abortions. He didn't vote for President Donald Trump. He opposes the administration's policy that resulted in separation of migrant families at the border, calling it ‘not American.’ [Newsday, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro Called Separating Immigrant Children From Their Families “Un-American.”** “Nixon has called ICE a ‘terrorist organization’ and wants it abolished. Molinaro has criticized part of the Trump policy, which has separated some immigrant children from their families, as un-American.” [Newsday, 7/24/18]

## **Editorial: Molinaro Didn’t Speak Out Against Trump’s Internal Immigration Enforcement**

**Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial: Molinaro Didn’t Properly Address Community Fear About Trump Ripping Immigrant Families Apart.** “Nevertheless, his speech virtually sidestepped the growing chaos on the federal level that has caused people to rally in the streets of Dutchess – and that ultimately could have a huge impact on the county’s operations [...] There is plenty of angst in communities, ranging from concerns about the fate of the health-care system to whether new immigration enforcement policies will rip apart families right here in the City of Poughkeepsie and elsewhere. Molinaro's speech briefly touched on those concerns toward the end, acknowledging the nation is grappling with ‘great division’ and pointing to the county's re-established Human Rights Commission and an effort to foster good dialogue and build a more tolerant and compassionate community. In a follow-up telephone interview with the Journal Friday morning, Molinaro was asked why he didn't squarely address concerns about new and proposed federal policies in the speech.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Editorial, 2/17/17]

**Molinaro, When Asked About Trump’s Immigration Enforcement, Said The “Tone Has To Change” In Washington.** “In a follow-up telephone interview with the Journal Friday morning, Molinaro was asked why he didn't squarely address concerns about new and proposed federal policies in the speech. He said he believes his speech, called ‘One Interrelated Family,’ clearly articulated his thoughts on what government should be. He said the ‘tone has to change’ in Washington and added that it's his belief the federal government ‘needs to respect government closest to the people.’ There is no denying that, through many of his own actions, the county executive has led by example. But county officials, especially their leader, must brace themselves for what's next. They also

should speak out, forcefully, if they believe proposed federal policies will hurt the area and jeopardize county operations. The public of all political stripes should expect no less.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Editorial, 2/17/17]

## **Molinaro Opposed Allowing Immigrants Without Social Security Numbers To Receive Drivers Licenses**

### **2007: Governor Eliot Spitzer Announced A Policy Permitting Immigrants Without Social Security Numbers To Receive Drivers Licenses**

**2007: Governor Eliot Spitzer Announced A Policy Permitting Immigrants Without Social Security Numbers To Receive Drivers Licenses.** “State and county Republican lawmakers are calling on Gov. Eliot Spitzer to rescind his decision to grant driver’s licenses to immigrants who don’t have Social Security numbers. They said the new policy of the Democratic governor will undermine the safety of New Yorkers by making it easier for terrorists to obtain driver’s licenses and hatch another Sept. 11 attack. [...] Spitzer announced his new policy Friday. The directive is the fulfillment of a campaign promise to bring hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and into the system. ‘After a comprehensive review, (Department of Motor Vehicles) has developed changes that will increase the security of our license system by obtaining better and more verifiable information from applicants, which will decrease the number of uninsured drivers on the roads, lower auto insurance rates for all drivers and, when necessary, help law enforcement agencies in their investigations,’ Spitzer said in a prepared statement.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/26/07]

### **Molinaro Opposed Spitzer’s Directive And Said Its Announcement Was Badly Timed Because It Was Close To The Anniversary Of The September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks**

**Molinaro Opposed Spitzer’s Directive And Said Its Announcement Was Badly Timed Because It Was Close To The Anniversary Of The September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks.** “They said the new policy of the Democratic governor will undermine the safety of New Yorkers by making it easier for terrorists to obtain driver’s licenses and hatch another Sept. 11 attack. ‘I don’t have to tell anyone we are at war, not just in the sands of Iraq, but right here,’ said state Sen. Vincent Leibell, R-Patterson. [...] Leibell was joined at a press conference Tuesday morning in front of the Dutchess County office building by state Sen. Steve Saland, R-Poughkeepsie, and Assemblymen Joel Miller, R-Poughkeepsie, and Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli. County Clerk Brad Kendall, a Republican, joined the group. [...] Molinaro said the policy announcement was badly timed, taking place only days after the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/26/07]

## **Molinaro Denied That Calling Someone An “Illegal Immigrant” Was The Equivalent Of Using The N-Word**

**A Dutchess County Legislator Said Calling Someone An “Illegal Immigrant” Is Equivalent To Slurs Used Against Italians And Black Americans, Saying The Derogatory Phrases Out Loud.** “Bunnell used the racial epithet, along with a slur used in reference to Italians, during the Legislature discussion over Gov. Eliot Spitzer's recent directive to no longer require Social Security numbers when issuing driver's licenses. Spitzer's policy is meant to bring hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and reduce the number of uninsured drivers on the roads. The Legislature voted 22-2 Monday requesting Spitzer reconsider the policy. The resolution's Republican sponsors said the policy would not only give illegal immigrants the privilege of driving legally, but could lead to voter fraud and increase the likelihood of terrorism. Bunnell and Legislator Joel Tyner, D-Clinton, voted against the resolution. In making his point, Bunnell said calling someone an ‘illegal immigrant’ is equivalent to slurs used against Italians and blacks, using both words.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/07]

**Molinaro Criticized The Legislator For Using The N-Word To Make His Point, And Said That A Resolution Calling People “Illegal Immigrants” Was Not Passed In A Racist Fashion.** “Molinaro, who was a county legislator for six years before being elected last November to the Assembly, spoke at Monday's meeting against Spitzer's policy. He said later Bunnell's utterance of the ‘N’ word was not only inappropriate but shocking. ‘I have

never heard anything like it, Molinaro said. 'He just went way over the line.' Legislator Ronald Ray, D-Beacon, who is black, asked after the debate Bunnell's inflammatory remarks be stricken from the legislative record. Molinaro said Bunnell should apologize in public to the Legislature and the county residents it represents. 'Nobody in that room was acting in a racist fashion,' Molinaro said of the Legislature meeting room." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/19/07]

## Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro criticized Rep. Antonio Delgado for opposing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal even though Delgado voted for it.
  - ✓ In October 2021, Molinaro called for a “smaller” infrastructure bill.
- ✓ 2017: Under Molinaro, Dutchess County took over the Poughkeepsie bus system in a process described as “out of sorts” and a “mess.”
  - ✓ 2017: Poughkeepsie faced a multimillion-dollar deficit, partially due to a change in sales tax formula that Molinaro spearheaded which resulted in less revenue for Poughkeepsie.
  - ✓ Molinaro said the transition was “going well” and complaints were to be expected.
  - ✓ Molinaro blamed riders for not knowing about the change in bus routes.
- ✓ 2016: Molinaro recommended his best man at his wedding and a major political donor, James Vitiello, for a spot on the MTA Board.
  - ✓ Vitiello donated more than \$50,000 to Molinaro’s political campaigns.
- ✓ Molinaro supported congestion pricing to pay for the New York City subway but wanted congestion pricing fees to be deductible from state taxes.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed multiple sources of MTA funding, and wanted to “reform” the collective bargaining agreement with MTA workers.
- ✓ Molinaro criticized Andrew Cuomo over what he saw as a haphazard replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge.
- ✓ Molinaro wanted to privatize various Dutchess County Airport functions to save money, including getting rid of a certificate for aircraft rescue and firefighting.

## Public Transit

### **2017: The Bus Service In Poughkeepsie, New York Was Criticized For Its Inconvenience While Molinaro Was Dutchess County Executive**

#### **2017: Control Of The Poughkeepsie Bus Service Was Transferred To Dutchess County In A Process Described As “Out Of Sorts” And “A Mess”**

**2017: Poughkeepsie Launched Its New Bus Service.** “After the first weekend in which the city of Poughkeepsie’s bus service was provided by Dutchess County, some riders remain confused as to the newly implemented routes but the transition has been smooth, according to city and county leaders. [...] Waiting for a bus at the Poughkeepsie transit hub Monday, Ellen Diggs said she is ‘not pleased’ with the new county service and that it does not meet the needs of city residents, like herself. ‘The routes are out of sorts,’ the 61-year-old said. ‘The city buses (went) where the people need to go - where they live. It’s a mess.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/17]

**2017: Poughkeepsie Bus Riders Called The New Service “Out Of Sorts” And “A Mess.”** ““After the first weekend in which the city of Poughkeepsie’s bus service was provided by Dutchess County, some riders remain confused as to the newly implemented routes but the transition has been smooth, according to city and county leaders. [...] Waiting for a bus at the Poughkeepsie transit hub Monday, Ellen Diggs said she is ‘not pleased’ with the new county service and that it does not meet the needs of city residents, like herself. ‘The routes are out of sorts,’ the 61-year-old said. ‘The city buses (went) where the people need to go - where they live. It’s a mess.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/17]

**Dutchess County Transit Consolidated Bus Routes With The City Of Poughkeepsie Because The City Faced A \$12.5 Million Deficit.** “Dutchess County Public Transit will implement six new bus routes to accommodate city of Poughkeepsie riders, according to the County Executive Marc Molinaro's office. The routes will bring riders to various grocery stores, shopping centers and hospitals around the city starting in July as part of a controversial decision to consolidate city and county bus services. The city and county signed a memorandum of agreement in regard to the consolidation, Molinaro's office said. The decision comes as the city faces a deficit of roughly \$12.5 million.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/19/17]

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### **Poughkeepsie Had A Deficit In Part Because Of A Sales Tax Formula Change That Took Place Under Molinaro**

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**2017: Dutchess County Residents In Poughkeepsie Had Their Property Taxes Increase By 16.5 Percent.** “The lower tax rates and levies don't mean property taxes have gone down for every resident in Dutchess County. Property tax bills are a combination of taxes levied by the county and each municipality. While the county's tax levy has gone down, some local taxes may have increased. Property taxes levied by Poughkeepsie, for example, rose by 16.5 percent in 2017.” [Buffalo News, 5/26/18]

- **A 2013 Sales Tax Formula Change Put Poughkeepsie In A Multimillion Dollar Deficit.** “Rather, Petsas pointed to the sales tax formula change from 2013 as a major factor contributing to the city's deficit, which puts Poughkeepsie at \$12.6 million in the red. Since the change, Petsas said the city has lost nearly \$6.8 million, cumulatively, through the end of 2015.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/16]

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### **Molinaro Said The Transition Was “Going Well” And Claimed Confusion And Complaints Were Expected**

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**Molinaro Said The Transition Was “Going Well” And Said Confusion And Complaints Were Expected.** “County Executive Marc Molinaro said the county is taking steps to continue educating city residents on the routes, through outreach and an upcoming informational meeting, but said the transition ‘is going well.’ [...] “We had staff driving buses and staff assisting riders on buses and the hub,’ Molinaro said. ‘(Monday), being a commuter day, we knew there was going to require addition questions to be answered and a degree of confusion or complaints.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/17]

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### **Molinaro Blamed Riders For Not Knowing About The Change In Bus Routes**

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**Molinaro Blamed Riders For Not Knowing About The Change In Bus Routes.** “Some riders, Molinaro said, did not know about the transition or the change in routes. In the coming weeks the county will continue to work on communicating that information to city residents, he said. ‘There is going to be continued room for improvement and commitment to achieving that improvement,’ Molinaro said. ‘We want riders to ask questions of the drivers and the staff that have been assigned. Want riders to feel comfortable contacting the transit office.’ Molinaro also encouraged city residents to attend a public meeting July 17, where residents will have the opportunity to review the new routes and offer feedback. These meeting will take place ‘at least once per quarter,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/4/17]

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### **Molinaro Recommended His Best Man For A Spot On The MTA Board**

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**Molinaro Recommended His Best Man And Major Political Contributor, James Vitiello, For A Spot On The MTA Board.** “As Dutchess County executive, Molinaro gets to recommend an appointment to the MTA board to the governor. In 2016, Molinaro recommended James Vitiello, who Cuomo nominated and the state Senate confirmed. Vitiello, the co-founder and executive vice president at Vitech Systems Group, served as the best man at Molinaro's 2015 wedding. In addition, Vitiello has also been a big Molinaro donor, having contributed \$20,000 to his gubernatorial campaign and another \$11,000 since 2014 to his county executive account.” [New York Daily News, 9/25/18]

- **Headline: “Molinaro MTA Pick Was Best Man At His Wedding.”** [New York Daily News, 9/25/18]
- **Vitiello Donated \$5,800 To Molinaro’s Congressional Campaign.** [Fec.gov, accessed 12/20/21]
- **Vitiello Donated \$44,500 To Molinaro’s Campaigns For Dutchess County Executive And Governor.** [New York State Board of Elections, accessed 12/20/21]

**Molinaro Had Previously Criticized Cuomo For Appointing His Former Aide And Campaign Advisor To The MTA Board.** “GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro, who ripped Cuomo last week for having former top aide and current campaign advisor on the MTA board, successfully sought appointment of his own best man to the same panel.” [New York Daily News, 9/25/18]

**Molinaro’s Campaign Defended His Recommendation.** “‘Jamie is an outstanding member of the MTA board, who focuses on transit issues - not campaign mailings,’ said Molinaro adviser David Catalfamo.” [New York Daily News, 9/25/18]

### **Molinaro Supported Congestion Pricing Plan For New York’s Subway System But Wanted The Congestion Charges To Be Tax Deductible**

**Molinaro Proposed Implementing Congestion Pricing Plan On New York’s Subway System And Allowing Congestion Charges To Be Tax Deductible.** “Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Republican rival has an odd plan for funding subway fixes: Make car commuters pay upfront, but let the state take the hit in April. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro elaborated on the transit plan he debuted in August at an unrelated press conference today at City Hall. The long shot contender has so far echoed the incumbent’s support for charging motorists entering the Manhattan business district, but he has coupled it with calls for overhauling the dysfunctional Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s costly labor and procurement arrangements. But today he told reporters of another wrinkle: New York residents would, in his vision, be able to deduct the congestion charges from their annual taxes to Albany. ‘Our plan is they would be able to deduct it from the state income tax,’ Molinaro said.” [Crain’s New York Business, 10/4/18]

- **Congestion Pricing Raised Entrance Fees During Busier Commute Times.** “The era of consequence-free driving in cities is nearing an end. New York is poised to put in place the country’s first congestion pricing plan, which would charge drivers a fee to enter the busiest parts of Manhattan. And the Big Apple isn’t alone: cities around the world are weighing radical ideas to curtail driving, ease gridlock, and reduce pollution. Advocates argue that now is the time to tackle the scourge of car traffic before the expected wave of robot taxis descend on city streets en masse.” [The Verge, [3/29/19](#)]

**Molinaro Supported Congestion Pricing, With Exceptions For Outer Borough Car Owners.** “While Molinaro endorsed the idea of city congestion pricing to raise funds for Byford's strategy, he said accommodations would have to be made for outer borough car owners and that cost efficiencies must come before seeking new revenue. ‘I am not willing to ask a single taxpayer, nor commuter, to pay one dollar more without the concessions in cost,’ Molinaro said, noting that he also supports value-capture financing and a phaseout of the MTA commuter payroll tax.” [Newsday, 8/29/18]

## **Molinaro Wanted To Decrease MTA Funding And Benefits To MTA Workers**

### **Molinaro Opposed Drivers License And Vehicle Registration Fees Used To Fund The MTA**

**Molinaro Called For Repeal Of Increases In Driver's License And Vehicle Registration Fees Used To Fund The MTA.** "Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, and Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall have called for repeal of increases in driver's license and vehicle registration fees. For example, the vehicle registration renewal fee of a 2003 Ford Taurus station wagon would go from \$45 to \$126.25 in Dutchess County on Sept. 1, according to Kendall. The fee hike includes a basic increase, a vehicle use tax and a surcharge that goes to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority since Dutchess is in the 12-county MTA region. Molinaro blasted Gov. David Paterson and legislative leaders for including the fees in the 2009-10 state budget." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/20/09]

### **Molinaro Opposed A Tax On Business Owners Within New York's Metropolitan Commuter District**

**Molinaro Opposed The Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax Which Funded The MTA.** "Molinaro also voiced concern over the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax, which is imposed on business owners within the metropolitan commuter transportation district. He has cited the tax as a burden to businesses and government. 'I would like to see a review of the sources of income and expenses for the MTA and a consideration to repeal the MTA Payroll Tax,' Castella said. Pavelock, who is also a frequent user of the Metro-North Railroad and has followed Molinaro's career closely, also opposes the MTA Payroll Tax. He said he hopes Molinaro will find new ways to generate income for the MTA." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/2/18]

### **Molinaro Wanted To Change The MTA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**Molinaro Wanted To Reform The MTA Collective Bargaining Agreement.** "The GOP nominee says collective bargaining and overtime and health care cost reforms will help the MTA reduce operating and some capital expenses. He also wants to cut down on overstaffing - such as by reducing the number of workers on site for subway tunnel boring machines - to help bring down the price tags of large projects, which experts agree are far more expensive in New York City than in other similar metropolitan areas. 'In order to make the appropriate investments we cannot only rely on revenue. We have to confront the costs,' he said. 'And the MTA, without question, is falling victim to waste, fraud and abuse, and we as a state must confront the high cost of labor.'" [Newsday, 8/29/18]

## **Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act AKA The "Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal"**

### **Molinaro Criticized Antonio Delgado For Opposing The Infrastructure Bill Despite The Fact Delgado Voted For It**

**Molinaro Tweeted That Rep. Antonio Delgado Was In "Silent Lockstep" With AOC Opposing The Infrastructure Bill.**



Marc Molinaro ✓  
@marcmolinaro

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And, [@repdelgado](#) is characteristically in silent lock step. We deliver results & relief where I come from. They deliver dysfunction & rising costs.

Manu Raju ✓ @mkraju · Oct 27, 2021

AOC says she's a NO if infrastructure bill comes to a vote tomorrow. "I don't see how ethically I can vote to increase U.S. climate emissions."

And says a "framework" is not enough on larger bill; needs detailed bill text.

"We have had framework for six months. We need text."

[Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 10/28/21]

**Delgado Voted For The Infrastructure Bill.** "Tonight, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado voted to send the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to President Joe Biden's Desk." [Congressman Antonio Delgado, Press Release, 11/5/21]

### Molinaro Called For A "Smaller" Infrastructure Bill

**Molinaro Expressed Support For A "Smaller" Infrastructure Bill "Directed At Roads, Bridges, Water, Sewer & High Speed Internet."** "We invest in infrastructure and pay for it. We should work toward a smaller bipartisan bill directed at roads, bridges, water, sewer & high speed internet. Require streamlined implementation, strict oversight & accountability." [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, 10/17/21]

## New York Infrastructure

### 2018: Molinaro Criticized Cuomo Over What He Saw As A Haphazard Replacement Of The Tappan Zee Bridge

#### Molinaro Said Cuomo Did Not Have A Clear Plan To Pay For The Bridge

**Molinaro Said Cuomo Did Not Have A Clear Idea Of How To Pay For The Tappan Zee Bridge's Replacement.** "Molinaro maintains that the governor was wrong for moving forward on a replacement to the Tappan Zee Bridge without, he says, a clear idea of how to pay for it. He says Cuomo has done likewise with other projects in the state." [Journal News, 7/31/18]

- **2011: Cuomo Announced That The Tappan Zee Bridge Would Be Replaced.** "Then in October 2011, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a fast-tracked and scaled-back plan to replace just the Tappan Zee Bridge. Construction on the new crossing began in October 2013. It was the state's first 'design-build' project, which allowed more independence for the builder — Tappan Zee Constructors — as a way to keep costs down. The project's official price-tag is \$3.9 billion. A detailed financial plan for the project has not been released by the state. In contrast to the Tappan Zee's basic design, Cuomo said the new span would live up to the 'beauty and splendor' of the Hudson. He appointed a team, including artist Jeff Koons, to review proposals. The sleek concrete-and-cable silhouette, with lighting that can change color, stood in contrast to the Tappan Zee's lattice steel. While oft repeated, there was no proof that the original Tappan Zee was designed only to last 50 years. Cuomo and others have said the new crossing should stand strong for a century." [LoHud, [5/10/19](#)]

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## **Molinaro Claimed, Without Evidence, That The Timing Of The Bridge Opening Was Scheduled To Accommodate Hillary Clinton**

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**Molinaro Claimed Without Evidence That “Whistleblowers” Told Him The Bridge Opening Was Timed To Fit Hillary Clinton’s Schedule.** “Molinaro reiterated claims that Cuomo prematurely opened the second span of the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, but provided no further proof beyond referencing two ‘whistleblowers.’ ‘They opened the Tappan Zee Bridge the time they did because, I think, two things: the primary and Hillary Clinton,’ Molinaro said. He affirmed his belief that the opening was moved up so Cuomo could boast it as an achievement ahead of the Democratic primary and to fit the former secretary of state’s schedule. ‘I think there were a number of factors that caused them to open the date they did, not the least of which being accommodating (to) somebody that had nothing to do with the bridge development,’ he said. ‘We’ve presented to you what those individuals feel comfortable being presented,’ he said. ‘There are two letters that came out that pretty much do undermine the argument that it was the vendor that suggested the date opening. Clearly, that wasn’t the case.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

**Molinaro Had No Proof That Cuomo Opened The New Bridge For Political Gain.** “Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro said he had proof that Gov. Andrew Cuomo recklessly pushed to open the new Hudson River bridge for political gain. On Monday, that proof had yet to materialize - even as the National Transportation Safety Board announced it would not investigate the claim. Molinaro's campaign declined to release information about two alleged ‘whistleblowers’ who would presumably testify if subpoenaed. With no investigation imminent, the claims remain unconfirmed. Undeterred, Molinaro's campaign said it would continue to pursue an investigation, this time calling on federal transportation officials to follow through.” [The Journal News, 9/11/18]

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## **Molinaro Criticized Cuomo For Using Bank Settlement Money To Limit Toll Costs On The New Bridge**

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**Molinaro Criticized Cuomo For Using Bank Settlement Money To Limit Toll Costs On The New Bridge.** “In addition, he said the governor’s decision to use billions in bank industry settlement money to limit toll hikes on the new bridge could come back to haunt taxpayers. ‘Who wants toll hikes? Nobody,’ Molinaro said. ‘The problem with that is using a one-time revenue to subsidize what now are annualized operating costs. Again, if you came to the public with an honest explanation as to how you were going to pay for it, then maybe the public prepares. But the next guy or woman who’s governor is going to get stuck with that reality, which is that those settlements run out and all of a sudden a multi-billion expense becomes operational and there’s no plan to pay for it.’” [Journal News, 7/31/18]

- **2015: The New York State Thruway Announced It Would Divert \$750 Million From Money Accrued From Bank Settlements Towards The Tappan Zee Replacement Project.** “In an unlikely twist, Tappan Zee Bridge drivers may owe a big thank you to banks accused of wrongdoing in the nation’s fiscal crisis for saving them from what could have been a hefty toll hike on the span in the coming years. Earlier this year, the state Thruway Authority modified its own budget and announced that that it would divert some \$750 million in bank settlement money to the \$4 billion bridge replacement project. Tucked deep in the new budget is a sizable recalculation in just how much toll revenue the Thruway will need by 2018, when both four-lane spans are expected to open to traffic, a Journal News analysis shows. Thruway officials estimated that, instead of the \$990 million they said they would need in December, they’d need just \$689 million by 2018, thanks in large part to cost cutting and an infusion of cash from New York’s share of the bank settlement negotiated by the U.S. Justice Department, state figures show.” [Journal News, [10/7/15](#)]

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## **While Mayor Of Tivoli, Molinaro Tried And Failed To Create A Walkway Over A Railroad That Would Have Given Access To The Hudson River**

**While Mayor Of Tivoli, Molinaro Failed To Create A Walkway Over A Railroad To Give Tivoli Residents Access To The Hudson River.** “Not all Molinaro's efforts have panned out, of course. For years, Tivoli officials have been working to provide their residents direct access to the Hudson River, but have not been able to overcome a number of bureaucratic hurdles to create a riverside park. Nevertheless, the idea is sound: The village wants to build a walkway above the railroad tracks that will enable people to safely reach the planned park. And they have talked about initiating a ferry service between Saugerties and the village once the park is built. Molinaro is still optimistic the village will reach its goal.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/10/06]

**Tivoli Did Not Gain Hudson River Access Until 2010, After The Village Obtained A Grant To Purchase 2.5 Acres Of Shoreline Property.** “There were smiles all around as local officials and community members gathered to announce the Village of Tivoli's purchase of a 2.5-acre shoreline property at the Tivoli waterfront. Waves lapped against the rocky shore of the Hudson River and the mist-shrouded Catskill Mountains posed majestically in the background as two dozen or so people sat in attendance Wednesday. ‘Today is the day when Tivoli became a river town again,’ Waterfront Committee member Martin Clark said. The parcel was bought two weeks ago for \$40,000, plus closing costs, from CSX Corp. The sale was funded by a Scenic Hudson grant.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/31/10]

## **1999: Molinaro Delayed The Adoption Of High Speed Internet In Tivoli**

**1999: Molinaro And Other Local Officials Refused To Approve Cable Transfers Before Negotiating Franchise Agreements, Delaying The Adoption Of High Speed Internet To Tivoli.** “At a meeting last month, cable officials said it would be three to five years before equipment could be upgraded to make high-speed Internet service possible in northern Dutchess. But the local officials see the service as an integral part of their economic future and don't believe their communities should have to wait that long. According to Molinaro, the cable executives requested that the village and town boards approve the cable transfers first and then negotiate the franchise agreements. ‘But that doesn't put us in a position of any leverage,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/14/99]

## **1999: Molinaro Threatened To Withhold Funding And End Tivoli Board Participation For A Public Access Cable Network In North Dutchess County**

**Molinaro Threatened To Withhold Funding For Public Access Northern Dutchess Area Network And End Its Board Participation Because He Wanted “More Information” On Its Administration.** “PANDA may lose funding and board representation from Tivoli following complaints about how the public-access cable-television station is administered. ‘We wanted more information about the budget, the duties of the board and who performs them,’ said Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro. ‘The village will consider withholding contributions and participation until (the concerns are) addressed properly.’ PANDA Board President Paul Reagan maintained that the station has taken steps to address Molinaro's questions. ‘It's too bad if they do (withdraw support), but we have no way of compelling anyone to contribute,’ said Reagan. [...] PANDA, or Public Access Northern Dutchess Area, serves five northern Dutchess municipalities. Four of them, including Tivoli, contributed a total of \$14,000 last year. The Village of Red Hook opted not to contribute.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/12/99]

## **Molinaro Said Governor Cuomo Needed “A Life” After A New Rest Stop Was Constructed Along The Long Island Expressway**

**Molinaro Said Cuomo “Need[ed] A Life” Because A New Rest Stop Was Constructed Along The Long Island Expressway.** “During a town hall forum at Napper Tandy's Irish Pub in Smithtown, Molinaro also criticized Cuomo for the construction of state rest stops on highways, the state's review of tipped wages, and the governor's comment over the summer that America was ‘never that great.’ ‘The guy needs a life. He's designing rest stops on

your way into Long Island. He's telling people what they should do when they're serving dinners. He needs another job,' Molinaro said. 'Imagine the government is involved in so much of our lives, that's what we're worried about? You've got families leaving the State of New York in droves because they can't afford to live here. How about that?'" [Newsday, 10/21/18]

**2016: A Welcome Center Opened On The Long Island Expressway.** "The grand opening of the Long Island Expressway's 15,200 square-foot Welcome Center in Dix Hills was announced last Thursday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The facility, located off eastbound Exits 51-52, was transformed from a underused parking area to a spacious, LEED-certified visitor's center with numerous amenities for travelers." [Patch, [10/25/16](#)]

### **Molinaro Criticized The State Of New York For Moving Forward Prematurely With Cashless Tolling Technology**

**Molinaro Criticized The State Of New York For Trying To Implement Cashless Tolling When The Technology Was Not Yet Ready.** "Molinaro said the state moved ahead with a cashless tolling system prematurely. The New York State Thruway is paying Conduent State & Local Services more than \$300 million to implement the system along major bridges and tunnels. The MTA and Port Authority have also contracted with Conduent. But glitches in the system have resulted in motorists being incorrectly fined thousands of dollars, while more than \$2 million in tolls were lost because the system failed to read license plates for many vehicles. 'We get some TV actor to go on television and tell you how wonderful this is, Molinaro said. 'Yet, at the same time the technology isn't ready, the way to implement is not there, and we've seen significant failures. If I enter into a contract, there are time tables, there's expectations, and there's penalties for failing. And we don't charge the consumer. We don't say to the consumer after the fact, 'Hey, we screwed up. We're going to come after you.'" [Journal News, 7/31/18]

### **Dutchess County Airport**

#### **Molinaro Wanted To Privatize Various Dutchess County Airport Functions To Save Money, Including Getting Rid Of A Certificate For Aircraft Rescue And Firefighting**

**2014: Molinaro Released A Plan For The County To Privatize Various Functions At The Dutchess County Airport As A Cost-Saving Measure.** "County Executive Marc Molinaro's administration rolled out a plan Thursday to try to "maximize the economic potential" of the airport here. The plan is based on a study done by Steven Baldwin Associates. Baldwin's study said the county should still own the airport, but it should privatize a key function - the business of selling aviation fuel and providing other services to airplanes and owners, which the county calls Dutchess Aviation." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

**2014: Molinaro Released A Plan For The Dutchess County Airport To Not Uphold A Certificate That Requires Maintaining Aircraft Rescue And Firefighting Capabilities.** "Molinaro's plan proposes to introduce legislation to revise the Airport Advisory Board to clarify membership criteria, meeting frequency and duties, and to eliminate conflicts of interest. The plan also envisions relinquishing a federal operating certificate that requires maintaining aircraft rescue firefighting capabilities. If it could be surrendered, there would be cost savings, according to the study." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

## Labor & Working Families Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro didn't answer whether he supported a \$15 minimum wage, then said six months later he was "satisfied" with the way the \$15 minimum was phased-in in different regions of the state.
  - ✓ At the same time, Molinaro claimed the "seismic" increases in the minimum wage had "cost money" for New York's small business owners.
- ✓ Molinaro opposed a \$15 minimum wage for tipped workers.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against the Wage Theft Prevention Act, which made it easier to employees to sue if their employer violated labor laws.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against legislation in 2011 that banned wage discrimination based on gender, race, or national origin, but claimed to support equal pay in 2018.
- ✓ Molinaro wanted to repeal New York's Scaffold law, which held developers and contractors fully liable for accidents on their sites and which workers' advocates said improved construction worker safety.
- ✓ 2018: Under Molinaro's leadership, unionized Dutchess County bus drivers threatened to go on strike over low pay.
- ✓ 2018: Molinaro's MTA "reform" plan was criticized by the MTA Union and AFL-CIO for being based on "the script of right wing conservative ideologues in Washington" and for undermining protections for workers by cutting wages and benefits.
- ✓ Molinaro voted against a bill that expanded protections for farm workers, guaranteeing 24 hours of rest per week, overtime pay and workers' compensation benefits.

## Minimum Wage

### **Molinaro Didn't Answer Whether He Supported A \$15 Minimum Wage In New York State, Then Said He Was "Satisfied" With The Phase-In Of The \$15 Wage**

**April 2018: Molinaro Didn't Answer Whether He Supported The State's Plan To Raise The Minimum Wage To \$15/Hour Downstate.** "He was asked by reporters whether he opposed the state's plan to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour downstate and whether he supported the state's new paid-family leave plan - two accomplishments Cuomo often touts. Molinaro didn't answer specifically, saying instead he wants to bring down the cost of doing business in New York. 'There is something about check-the-box politics that really infuriates people,' he responded. 'They can talk all about the headlines, but there are real people struggling today in New York because there aren't jobs.'" [The Journal News, 4/3/18]

**October 2018: Molinaro Said He Was "Satisfied" With New York's \$15 Minimum Wage Adoption Because It Was Phased In At Different Rates In Different Parts Of The State.** "[Molinaro] said he is 'satisfied' with the state's adoption of a \$15 hourly minimum wage since it is phased in at a different rate in different parts of the state. But he added that he'd like to see the state pass an index that would automatically tie future increases to the consumer price index or inflation, which former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Democrat, always wanted but was opposed by the Senate GOP." [New York Daily News, 10/17/18]

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### **Molinaro Said Minimum Wage Increases In New York “Cost Money” For Small Businesses**

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**October 2018: Molinaro Said “The Seismic Increases In The Minimum Wage Over A Short Period [Of] Time Has Cost Money.”** “Molinaro said he understood how tough it is for small businesses to survive in New York. ‘The seismic increases in the minimum wage over a short period time has cost money,’ Molinaro said. ‘The fact that property taxes continue to rise is a burden on small business owners so they get it regardless of what they're producing. But listen if you're going to visit a business it should be sweet.’” [The Batavian, 10/21/18]

### **2018: Molinaro Opposed Plans To Allow Tipped Workers To Be Paid A Full Minimum Wage**

**2018: The New York Labor Department Considered A Proposal To Allow Tipped Workers To Be Paid A Full Minimum Wage.** “The state Labor Department held seven hearings, received more than 40 hours of testimony and accepted hundreds of written comments on whether it should end the separate wage for waiters and other workers who rely on tips. Now the state will decide whether to end the tipped wage and provide workers the full minimum wage - a proposal being opposed by businesses and some in the industry.” [Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 7/16/18]

**Molinaro Opposed A \$15 Minimum Wage For Restaurant Workers.** “Molinaro and lieutenant governor candidate and Westchester resident Julie Killian held a press conference outside of New York City Hall to highlight their opposition to a plan that would ban tipping of waiters and waitresses at New York restaurants, in an effort to force restaurants to pay their servers a \$15-per-hour minimum wage.” [Rye Rising, 7/20/18]

**Molinaro Accused Cuomo Of Being Influenced By Unions Who Favored The Proposal.** “In an op-ed Monday in the New York Daily News, Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro urged the state to drop plans to end the tipped wage. He held a news conference Monday at City Hall in Manhattan to oppose the proposal, accusing Cuomo of possibly bowing to some unions who want the change. ‘If these are the people Cuomo wants to impress, he can knock himself out,’ wrote Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive. ‘But maybe he should do it without knocking New York eateries and their servers out of business at the same time.’” [Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 7/16/18]

## **Wage Theft**

### **Molinaro Repeatedly Voted Against Wage Theft Prevention**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against The Wage Theft Prevention Act.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-10163, a bill “to protect workers from wage and hour abuses. The bill would increase penalties for wage underpayments and for the failure of an employer to notify his or her employees of their wage rates and other rights. In addition, this bill would provide anti-retaliatory protections to workers and increased enforcement tools for the Department of Labor.” The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 48 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-10163, 7/1/10]

- **2010: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill Making It Easier For Employees To Sue Their Employers If They Violated Labor Laws.** “In 2010, he voted against the Wage Theft Prevention Act, which sought to expand employees’ rights to seek civil and criminal avenues of remedy for their employers failing to follow labor law.” [City & State, 10/10/18]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Wage Protections For Freelance Or Independent Contractors.** On June 21, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-6698C, a bill that “Relates to payment of independent contractors and authorizes the department of labor to investigate complaints, make claims for compensation, assess liquid damages, civil penalties and criminal penalties; authorizes the award of attorney fees and liquidated damages; excludes construction contractors.” The bill passed the Assembly 84 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6698C, 6/20/11]

- **2011: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill To Strengthen Protections For Independent Contractors Who Did Not Receive Payments From Their Clients.** “And in 2011, Molinaro voted against legislation that would establish wage protection for independent contractors who do not receive agreed-upon payments from clients.” [City & State, 10/10/18]

## Equal Pay

### Molinaro Voted Against Legislation In 2011 That Banned Wage Discrimination Based On Gender, Race, Or National Origin, But Claimed To Support Equal Pay In 2018

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against The New York State Fair Pay Act, A Bill To Prohibit Wage Discrimination Based On Gender, Race, Or National Origin.** On April 11, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-6130, a bill that “Enacts the ‘New York State fair pay act’; provides that it shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discriminate between employees on the basis of sex, race and/or national origin by paying different wages.” The bill passed the Assembly 93 to 53 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6130, [4/11/11](#)]

**2018: Molinaro Claimed He Now Supported Equal Pay For Women.** “Molinaro has sought to paint himself as a social moderate, saying he didn't vote for Trump (he wrote in former Rep. Chris Gibson) and would not infringe on New York's abortion laws. He said he now supports same-sex marriage and equal pay for women.” [Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 11/1/18]

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### Women In New York State Made 85.6 Cents For Every Dollar A Man Made

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## Workplace Safety

### Molinaro Wanted To Repeal New York State's Scaffold Law, Which Held Developers And Contractors Fully Liable For Accidents On Their Sites

**Molinaro Wanted To Repeal New York State's Scaffold Law.** “Molinaro advocates repeal of the state's Scaffold Law, which imposes absolute liability for gravity-related construction accidents on communities and private builders, the Wicks Law, which requires separate independent prime contractors for plumbing, electrical and HVAC work for public projects that exceed a \$500,000 threshold. He'd also reform the prevailing wage laws, which set pay and benefit rates for workers on public projects.” [Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 10/28/18]

**Molinaro Claimed New York Could Save Billions In Construction Costs By Overhauling The Scaffold Law.** “New York could shave billions of dollars in bloated construction costs by overhauling a single antiquated law, according to GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro.” [New York Post, 10/29/18]

**The Scaffold Law Held Developers And Contractors Fully Liable For Accidents On Their Sites.** “New York could shave billions of dollars in bloated construction costs by overhauling a single antiquated law, according to GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro. The so-called Scaffold Law holds developers and contractors 100

percent liable for accidents on their sites - even if caused by workers' negligence. As a result of the added insurance costs, bids on government projects come in 10 percent to 15 percent higher than elsewhere, critics say." [New York Post, 10/29/18]

- **Developers And Contractors Claimed The Law Hampered Construction And Economic Growth Because Of Payouts And Insurance Premiums.** "But a lobby of contractors, property owners and insurers has in recent months renewed a campaign against the law, arguing that no less than the future of the state's construction industry is at stake. They argue that the law is antiquated and prejudicial against contractors and property owners, and essentially absolves employees of responsibility for their own accidents, leading to huge settlements. The payouts, they contend, have in turn led to skyrocketing insurance premiums that are hampering construction and the state's economic growth." [New York Times, 12/17/13]
- **Workers' Advocates Claimed The Law Ensured Worker Safety And Held Developers And Contractors Accountable For Workplace Safety.** "But a counter-lobby of unions, workers' advocates and trial lawyers is pushing back just as fiercely. The law, they argue, is essential to ensuring the safety of workers in some of the world's most dangerous jobs, particularly those employed by shoddy contracting firms that cut corners to save money. The law, they say, holds developers and contractors accountable for keeping job sites safe." [New York Times, 12/17/13]
- **Worker's Advocates Claimed Changing The Law Would Disproportionately Impact Minority And Immigrant Laborers.** "Workers' advocates argue that erosion of the Scaffold Law would have a disproportionate impact on minority and immigrant laborers, who, the advocates say, are more likely to work for nonunion companies that may not provide proper safety training and equipment. Immigrants, the advocates said, are less likely to speak the same language as their bosses on a job site and more likely to fear being fired if they demand a safer workplace." [New York Times, 12/17/13]

### **Molinaro Wanted To Reform Prevailing Wage Laws On Public Works Projects**

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- **Prevailing Wage Laws Set Wages And Benefits Rates That Are Often Higher Than Minimum Standards.** "Prevailing wage laws set wages and benefits rates based on market conditions, which are frequently higher than across-the-board minimum standards. Importantly, prevailing wage laws also establish a floor for government-funded work so that public contracting does not depress standards." [Center For American Progress, 12/22/20]

## **Unions**

### **2018: Under Molinaro's Leadership, Unionized Dutchess County Bus Workers Threatened To Go On Strike Over Low Pay**

#### **Dutchess County Bus System Workers Threatened To Go On Strike Due To Low Pay From The County**

**April, 4, 2018: Dutchess County Bus System Workers Threatened To Go On Strike Because Their Pay Was Lower Than Other Drivers On Comparable Jurisdictions.** "Dutchess County's bus system workers have extended their deadline to strike if a contract cannot be negotiated to April 10. The strike was to start as early as Wednesday, but Local 445 of the Teamsters union agreed to extend its deadline at the request of federal mediator

Kathy Murray-Cannon. The county had urged passengers to seek alternative transportation in the event of service disruptions during a strike. ‘There’s a lot happening, and we remain hopeful that we can improve the county’s first offer to us,’ said union representative Jerry Ebert. The key issue is pay, Ebert said. ‘The bus drivers’ starting pay is \$18.83 per hour, and tops off at \$21.97 per hour. This is less than any comparable municipal drivers in a 500-mile radius,’ he said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/4/18]

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### **Bus Workers Ultimately Did Not Strike**

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**April 27, 2018: Dutchess County Bus Union Urged Its Members To Vote Down Molinaro’s Contract Offer But Also To Hold Off On A Strike.** “The union that represents Dutchess County’s bus system workers is encouraging its members to vote down a contract offer, and to hold off on a possible strike. Local 445 of the Teamsters Union plans to vote on Sunday morning on a second offer made by the county and First Transit, which along with its subsidiary, Transit Management of Dutchess County, operates the county bus system.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/27/18]

### **2018: Molinaro’s Plan To Reform New York’s Metropolitan Transit Authority Was Opposed By Unions**

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### **2018: Molinaro Called For Reforming Health Care, Overtime, And Collective Bargaining Protections For MTA Workers, And Shrinking Staff Size To Cut Costs**

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“Among those cost-cutting reforms are reining in health care costs, overtime pay and pensions for construction workers on MTA projects. On construction costs, Molinaro said he would welcome new technology and crack down on overstaffing on projects.” [Gotham Gazette, 8/29/18]

**Molinaro Said The MTA Was Suffering Because Of The “Waste, Fraud, And Abuse” That Went Into Labor Costs.** “‘In order to make the appropriate investments we cannot only rely on revenue. We have to confront the costs,’ he said. ‘And the MTA, without question, is falling victim to waste, fraud and abuse, and we as a state must confront the high cost of labor.’” [AMNY, 8/28/18]

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### **The Transit Workers’ Union And AFL-CIO Blasted Molinaro’s Plan As Reliant On “Faulty Statistics”**

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**The Head Of The Transit Workers’ Union Said Molinaro’s Plan Was “A Total Non-Starter” That Was “Anti-Union” And Relied On “Faulty Statistics.”** “Tony Utano, the president of TWU Local 100, the transit

workers' union that has defended Cuomo, said Molinaro's plan is 'anti-union.' 'The Molinaro plan for the MTA is a total non-starter that relies on faulty statistics, and a vicious anti-union theory that workers are overcompensated for their labor,' Utano said in a statement." [AMNY, 8/28/18]

**The President Of AFL-CIO Said Molinaro's Plan Was Based On "The Script Of Right Wing Conservative Ideologues In Washington" And Undermined Protections For Workers.** "This is exactly what I would expect from someone who is working off the script of right wing conservative ideologues in Washington whose sole purpose is to vilify working people and their unions,' said AFL-CIO President Mario Cilento. 'Marc Molinaro predictably casts aside the vital role working men and women play, not just at the MTA, but to the economic well-being of our state. He would rather blame workers for subway repair costs than recognize New York's highly trained and skilled workforce is the only thing that keeps our state moving forward.'" [AMNY, 8/28/18]

### **2009: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill To Expand Protections For Farm Workers**

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill To Give Farm Workers Twenty Four Hours Of Rest Per Week, Overtime Pay, And Workers' Compensation Benefits.** "In 2009, Molinaro voted with the party line against a bill that would amend labor laws for farm workers. The bill would have given farmworkers more rights, including 24 hours of rest per week, overtime pay and workers' compensation benefits." [City & State, 10/10/18]

## LGBT Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ As a member of the New York State Assembly, Molinaro voted three times against marriage equality.
- ✓ 2018: Molinaro said his votes against marriage equality “tormented” him because they forced him to test his personal belief that same sex marriage was wrong and were politically inexpedient.
  - ✓ 2018: While campaigning for governor, Molinaro reversed his previous anti-LGBT stances and claimed he now supported marriage equality and equal protections.
  - ✓ 2018 Molinaro: “I stand by my vote” against marriage equality, “but like so many others have evolved on this issue.”
- ✓ 2010: Molinaro voted against allowing unmarried partners to adopt a child.
- ✓ 2008 – 2011: Molinaro voted four times against prohibiting gender identity discrimination in New York.
- ✓ In 2004, Molinaro said he believed marriage was between a man and a woman and questioned why a gay couple would get married without a license.

## Molinaro Had An Anti-LGBT Record

### As A State Assemblyman, Molinaro Voted Three Times Against Marriage Equality Measures

#### 2007, 2009, 2011: Molinaro Voted At Least Three Times Against Marriage Equality Bills

**2007: Molinaro Voted Against A-8590, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On June 19, 2007, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-40003, a bill that “provides same-sex couples the same opportunity to enter into civil marriages as opposite-sex couples.” The bill passed the Assembly 85 to 61 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-8590, 6/19/07]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-40003, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On December 2, 2009, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-40003, a bill that “provides same-sex couples the same opportunity to enter into civil marriages as opposite-sex couples.” The bill passed the Assembly 88 to 51 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-40003, 12/2/09]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8354, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On June 15, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-8354, a bill that “amends the domestic relations law to grant same-sex couples the ability to enter into civil marriages in New York.” The bill passed the Assembly 80 to 63 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8354, 6/15/11]

#### 2018: Molinaro Said His Votes Against Marriage Equality “Tormented” Him Because They Forced Him To Test His Personal Belief That Same Sex Marriage Was Wrong, And Were Politically Inexpedient

**Molinaro Said He Was “Tormented” By His Votes Against Marriage Equality Because They Forced Him To Test His Personal Belief That Same Sex Marriage Was Wrong, And Were Politically Inexpedient.** “Molinaro served the 103rd state Assembly District from 2007-11, during which time he voted on several key issues. He voted against passing marriage equality in New York in 2011, a decision he said has ‘tormented’ him. ‘I was tormented

by it because it was a conflict between my personal belief at the time, my commitment to my district and what I knew was going to become law,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

### **2010: Molinaro Voted Against Allowing Unmarried Partners To Adopt A Child**

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against S-1523, A Bill Allowing Two Unmarried Persons To Adopt A Child Together.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on S-1524, a bill that allowed two unmarried persons to adopt a child together. The Bill passed the Assembly 95 to 44 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: S-1523, 7/1/10]

### **2008-2011: Molinaro Voted Four Times Against Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York**

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against A-6584, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On June 3, 2008, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-6584, a bill that "Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes." The bill passed the Assembly 108 to 34 and died in the Senate." [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-6584, 6/3/08]

**2009 - 2010: Molinaro Twice Voted Against A-5710, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On April 21, 2009, and March 2, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-5710, a bill that "Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes." The bill passed the Assembly 97 to 38 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, A-5710, 4/21/09 & 3/2/10]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-5039, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-5039, a bill that "Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes." The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 55 but died in the Senate." [New York State Assembly, A-5039, 4/30/12]

### **2018: Molinaro Reversed His Previous Anti-LGBTQ Stances And Claimed He Now Supported Marriage Equality And Equal Protections**

**2018: Molinaro Said He Would Defend Marriage Equality As Governor And Call For State-Level LGBTQ Protections If Federal Protections Were Repealed.** "Molinaro also said his views have changed in time, and that he would defend marriage equality as governor as he has as county executive. He added that he would call for state-level protections of LGBTQ people, or any class of people, if were they rescinded on the federal level. 'I think people who love someone ought to be able to celebrate that love in the way they see fit,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/3/18]

**2018: Molinaro Said His Views On LGBT Rights had "Evolved" And Acknowledged Marriage Equality As A "Civil Right."** "On same-sex marriage, Molinaro said he's 'evolved' - not unlike some notable Democrats. Now,

he says his view is: 'Is it a civil right? Of course it is.' Cuomo pushed through legislation in 2011 to legalize gay marriage in New York." [Newsday, 7/1/18]

**Molinaro: "I Stand By My Vote" Against Marriage Equality, "But Like So Many Others Have Evolved On This Issue."** "His large campaign account will allow him to air plenty of other advertisements touting his positions and ripping his opponents', such as Molinaro's Assembly vote against same-sex marriage in 2011. Asked about the same-sex marriage vote, Molinaro said he's 'evolved.' 'I stand by my vote, but like so many others have evolved on this issue,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/17/18]

**2004: Molinaro Believed Marriage Was Between A Man And A Woman And Questioned Why A Gay Couple Would Get Married Without A License**

**2004: Molinaro Believed Marriage Was Between A Man And A Woman And Questioned Why A Gay Couple Would Get Married Without A License.** "Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro said he's conducted more than two dozen marriage ceremonies during his decade in office but he's never been asked to perform one between two men or two women. Molinaro said he believes marriage is between a man and a woman, but thinks the issue is better discussed at the state or national level. 'I can't perform a service for a ... man and a woman without a marriage license,' Molinaro said. 'There really is a question as to what's being accomplished. Is anyone else going to recognize that particular marriage?'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/28/04]

## **Policing & Public Safety Issues**

### **Significant Findings**

#### **Molinaro Prioritized Replacing The County Jail, Which Became The Largest Capital Project In County History Even As A Reduced Jail Population Made It Unnecessary**

- ✓ 2011: Molinaro campaigned on expanding the jail or building a new one because of overcrowding and the expense of housing inmates out of county.
  - ✓ 2011: The old jail could hold only 250 inmates, yet some months the average inmate population was more than 500, resulting in a \$6.5 million cost to jail inmates out of county.
  - ✓ 2013: Molinaro claimed Dutchess County did not need a \$200 million jail because the cost to house inmates out of county was not yet that high.
  - ✓ 2020: New York's bail reform decreased the number of inmates in Dutchess' jail to an average of less than 200.
- ✓ Dutchess County repeatedly downsized plans for the new jail, delaying its opening by years.
  - ✓ March 2016: The Dutchess County Legislature approved plans for a 569 bed jail with an approved bond of \$192 million and an estimated completion in 2021.
  - ✓ 2019: Dutchess County downsized the jail plan to 384 beds at \$154 million with an estimated completion in December 2023.
  - ✓ 2020: Dutchess County downsized the jail plan to 328 beds at \$147 million with an estimated completion in April 2024.
  - ✓ 2021: The estimated cost to complete the jail was \$131 million with an estimated completion date in May 2024.
- ✓ Under Molinaro's leadership, the new Dutchess County Jail, at the cost of \$131 million, was the largest capital project in county history.
  - ✓ 2020 - 2022: The new jail the created more debt than all other projects in Dutchess County in three straight budgets.
- ✓ 2022: Molinaro's budget projected higher debt services for the county than in previous budgets for the years 2025 – 2027.
  - ✓ 2013 – 2020: The total cost to house inmates out of county was \$16 million.
- ✓ While the old jail was overcrowded, Dutchess County paid for temporary housing pods to hold inmates in county.
  - ✓ 2020: The pods were no longer needed to deal with overcrowding and were used to house the homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Molinaro praised the impact of the County Stabilization Center for reducing jail population but opposed additional funding for it.

## **Molinaro Repeatedly Opposed Reforms To Policing And Criminal Justice And Made Questionable Defenses Of Local Police**

- ✓ 2011: Molinaro voted against a police reform bill that banned racial and ethnic profiling.
- ✓ Molinaro attended Black Lives Matter marches after the murder of George Floyd and claimed to support “sensible” police reforms like use of force policies and chokehold bans but opposed other police reforms that he called “obvious attempts to move the Overton window.”
- ✓ Molinaro opposed New York’s bail reform law, which was estimated to reduce the jail population by 40 percent, and which reversed the overcrowding of Dutchess County’s jail.
- ✓ 2019: Two Black girls in Dutchess County were arrested and mistreated by police officers.
  - ✓ Under Molinaro, Dutchess County pressed charges against the two girls despite widespread outcry to drop the charges, with Molinaro claiming he had no jurisdiction over the case.
- ✓ Molinaro claimed Dutchess County under Sheriff Butch Anderson had already implemented police reform changes that were being talked about nationwide.
  - ✓ Sheriff Butch Anderson was a friend and vocal supporter of Donald Trump, co-chair of his presidential campaigns in New York State, and served on his transition team.
  - ✓ Molinaro called Anderson a friend and mentor.
- ✓ 2008: Molinaro criticized plans to close the Hudson Correctional Facility, calling the prison a driver of “economic stability” in Hudson, New York.
- ✓ 2007: Molinaro posted a press release on his website titled: Cop Killers Deserve The Death Penalty.”
- ✓ Molinaro opposed legalizing recreational marijuana in New York and voted against legalizing medical marijuana in 2007.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed New York’s plan to legalize and tax marijuana was unfair to counties because they deserved more than 25% of the sales tax revenue from marijuana sales.
- ✓ Molinaro replaced police response to certain 911 calls with mental health professionals, but strongly criticized the “defund the police” movement.

## **Dutchess County Jail**

### **2011-2014: Molinaro Supported Building A New Jail In Dutchess County To Deal With Overcrowding, At A Cost Of Up To \$200 Million**

### **2011: Molinaro Campaigned For County Executive On Reducing Overcrowding In The County Jail**

**2011: Molinaro Campaigned On Reducing Overcrowding In The County Jail.** “Democrat Dan French and Republican Marc Molinaro both pledged to find solutions to overcrowding at the county jail and improve Dutchess County’s economic climate if elected as county executive next month.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/6/11]

- **Molinaro Called The County Jail “The Second Most Inefficient In The State.”** “‘Our current jail is the second-most inefficient in the state.’ - Marc Molinaro, Dutchess County executive. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the county needs to move quickly on the purchase of 4.61 acres of property in the City of Poughkeepsie located next to the county jail.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/17/13]
- **The Existing Dutchess County Jail Could Only Hold 250 Inmates.** “The Dutchess County Jail, on North Hamilton Street, can only house 250 inmates. Nearly 200 additional inmates have been housed in out-of-county facilities, at a cost of about \$8 million annually to Dutchess taxpayers, officials have said. The county installed pods at the jail to house some inmates in mid-2015 to reduce costs, but that is only a temporary fix.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

**2011: Housing Inmates Out Of County Cost Dutchess County \$6.5 Million.** “The Criminal Justice Council's report comes after County Executive Marc Molinaro asked the council for ways the county can stop housing out inmates, which cost taxpayers \$6.5 million last year.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/12]

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**October 2012: The Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council Presented Price Ranges Between \$78 Million And \$202 Million For A New Jail.** “The Criminal Justice Council's report comes after County Executive Marc Molinaro asked the council for ways the county can stop housing out inmates, which cost taxpayers \$6.5 million last year. The council's subcommittee, chaired by retired jail Maj. Todd Gdula, said a new jail is the most cost-effective solution. The council estimates the county could build a \$125 million facility on the state's now-closed Hudson River Psychiatric Center on Route 9 in the Town of Poughkeepsie and break even on housing-out costs [...] The council gave a range of prices to build: \$78 million for a 500-bed facility to \$202 million for a 650-bed jail, the least and most expensive scenarios. Gdula's committee ruled out rehabilitation, expansion or working collaboratively with other counties.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/12]

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**2013: A Consulting Firm, RicciGreen Associates, Confirmed The New Jail Would Cost Between \$150 To \$200 Million**

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**2013: A Consulting Firm Report Confirmed The New Jail Would Cost Between \$150 To \$200 Million.** “The consulting firm RicciGreene Associates last week issued a report that recommended the county build a new jail and transitional housing center that could house between 600 and 625 inmates. The firm, hired to validate a prior report recommending a new jail that was conducted by the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, said the project would cost between \$150 million and \$200 million. It said the county could build either at the jail’s current site on North Hamilton Street in the city of Poughkeepsie or at the old Hudson River Psychiatric Center in the town of Poughkeepsie.” [Daily Freeman, [6/08/13](#)]

- **Molinaro In September 2013: “No One Is Proposing A \$200 Million Jail.”** “While direct ‘housing-out’ costs are high, they have not reached \$11 million - the county's estimated annual expense for debt service to build a new \$200 million jail, the report states. Molinaro said, ‘No one is proposing a \$200 million jail.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/12/13]

**September 2013: Molinaro Claimed That The Estimated Annual Debt Service For A \$200 Million Jail Was \$11 Million, And The Cost To House Inmates Out Of County Had Not Yet Reached That.** “While direct ‘housing-out’ costs are high, they have not reached \$11 million - the county's estimated annual expense for debt service to build a new \$200 million jail, the report states. Molinaro said, ‘No one is proposing a \$200 million jail.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/12/13]

**October 2013 Molinaro: “We Are Not Rushing Nor Have We Proposed New Construction Of A Jail.”** “County Executive Marc Molinaro asked the audience of more than 100 attendees, including politicians and concerned citizens, to trust him. ‘My commitment is this,’ he said at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of

Poughkeepsie, which held 'To Jail or Not to Jail,' a forum on the future of the overcrowded Dutchess County Jail. 'We believe we have a complex problem that needs a comprehensive solution. We are not rushing nor have we proposed new construction of a jail,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/10/13]

**October 2013: Molinaro Opposed Committing The County To The State Commission Of Correction's Recommendation For A 600-Bed Dutchess County Jail.** "Dutchess County needs a 600-bed jail, say state officials who are calling on the county to solve its inmate overcrowding. The state Commission of Correction, which oversees jails, recommended the county build the jail - the biggest and possibly most expensive version being studied - in a draft agreement that is under negotiation. The agreement outlines what the commission expects the county to do in order to proceed with a temporary fix to its jail-cell shortage. Responding to statements made by County Executive Marc Molinaro during the forum 'To Jail or Not to Jail' held Wednesday night, commission spokeswoman Janine Kava said the agency asked the county to double its inmate capacity. During the forum at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, Molinaro said, 'The state of New York wishes us to engage in a memorandum of understanding that commits the county to a 600-[bed] jail. We won't do that.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/11/13]

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**December 2013: Molinaro Wanted The County To Spend \$1.4 Million To Purchase Land Next To The County Jail To Build The New Jail On, Which The County Did**

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**December 2013: Molinaro Wanted To Spend \$1,425,000 To Purchase 4.61 Acres Of Land Next To The County Jail To Build The New Jail On.** "A proposal to buy land next to the Dutchess County Jail is a potential solution to inmate overcrowding, which has plagued the county for decades, according to County Executive Marc Molinaro. Molinaro has asked the Legislature to vote Monday to fund the \$1.425 million purchase of 4.61 acres on Parker Avenue and North Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie - the James L. Taylor Manufacturing Co. site. 'If we are to realistically solve our inmate housing crisis and consider expansion of the Dutchess County Jail on its current site, this property acquisition is necessary,' Molinaro said in a written statement." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/13/13]

**December 2013: Dutchess County Earmarked \$2.5 Million To Deal With Jail Overcrowding, Spending The Money On A Study And Purchasing The Land Molinaro Wanted For The New Jail.** "Dutchess County has authorized \$2.5 million toward dealing with the problem of overcrowding at the county jail. But will that be enough to persuade the state to let the county recoup some of those costs by using temporary housing for overflow inmates? That is the question facing county leaders now that the Legislature has approved the purchase of 4.61 acres in the City of Poughkeepsie adjacent to the existing jail. Late Monday night, the Legislature voted 23-2 to borrow \$1.3 million toward the land along Parker Avenue and North Hamilton Street now owned by James L. Taylor Manufacturing Co. Minority Leader Barbara Jeter-Jackson, D-City of Poughkeepsie, and Legislator Joel Tyner, D-Clinton, voted against the resolutions. In June, county lawmakers approved \$1.2 million to fund a study that would determine where a new jail should go and what it would look like." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/18/13]

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**2014: Molinaro Supported Building Temporary Housing Units For Inmates, Which New York State Approved**

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**2014: Molinaro Supported Building Temporary Housing Units For Inmates And Building A "Modern" Prison In Dutchess County.** "For 20 years, this county has not addressed this growing problem - we send our inmates and more than 6 million of your tax dollars to other counties across the state. This must stop. Adding on to an already inefficient, costly facility will only worsen the problem... Moving forward with the placement of temporary housing units, saving \$1 million annually and then building a modern facility will achieve our stated objectives." [Poughkeepsie Journal, Marcus Molinaro and Adrian Anderson Op-Ed, [4/26/14](#)]

**2014: New York State Allowed The Dutchess County Jail To Install Temporary Pods, Which Would Allow Planning To Start For A Jail Expansion.** "Molinaro said now that the county has the green light to install the pods, work can begin on planning for the jail expansion. 'Once the Legislature approves the pods we will go out to bid to contract with a private manager to design the campus plan and jail expansion,' he said. The county executive said that constructing a new efficient jail facility will ultimately save the county money. The projected savings

include reducing jail staff due to an expected increase in the current 1-to-1 inmate-to-correction-officer staffing ratio to a 3-to-1 ratio. ‘Every analysis that we have conducted shows at this point that it is less costly to the taxpayer to expand the jail as opposed to housing out,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

**2014 Poughkeepsie Journal Headline: “Molinaro Eyes Jail Expansion.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

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**The Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial Board Criticized Molinaro For Underestimating The Difficulty Of Building A New Jail**

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**2015: Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial: “[Molinaro] Underestimated The Difficulty To Get State Approval To Move Forward With A New Jail.”** “Molinaro has been innovative as well, launching a shared-services program that is providing millions of dollars to localities willing to consolidate and find efficiencies in government. And the county also has filled the long-vacant historian position, with the executive recognizing not only the area's rich history but how important heritage tourism is to the local economy. The executive also has hit some bumps and bruises along the way. Reconfiguring the county's economic-development network and developing a cohesive strategy have taken considerable time. He underestimated the difficulty to get state approval to move forward with a new jail, and an ill-timed energy tax caused massive public blowback and had to be repealed.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/23/15]

**2016: The Dutchess County Legislature Approved A \$192 Million Bond For A 569 Bed Jail**

**2016: The Dutchess County Legislature Approved A \$192 Million Bond For The New Jail.** “A year after the Dutchess County Legislature approved a \$192 million bond to fund a new jail and sheriff’s office, officials are preparing to go out to bid on construction for part of the project.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

- **The Plans Called For A 569 Bed Jail.** “When it was approved in March 2016, plans for the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center called for the construction of a jail with 569 beds.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

**2017: Molinaro Supported The \$192 Million, 569 Bed Jail, As A Permanent Solution To Jail Overcrowding.** “A year after the Dutchess County Legislature approved a \$192 million bond to fund a new jail and sheriff’s office, officials are preparing to go out to bid on construction for part of the project. [...] It is a big picture - the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center project, which has drawn considerable controversy, is one of the largest capital projects in recent county history. During a Poughkeepsie Journal editorial board meeting on Thursday, Molinaro discussed the proposal, along with how decisions made in Washington, D.C.’s, tumultuous climate could affect Dutchess, and what his own political future could look like, among other things. The proposal for a new 569-bed jail and sheriff’s office came after decades of discussion of a permanent solution to the county jail overcrowding. The Dutchess County Jail, on North Hamilton Street, can only house 250 inmates. Nearly 200 additional inmates have been housed in out-of-county facilities, at a cost of about \$8 million annually to Dutchess taxpayers, officials have said. The county installed pods at the jail to house some inmates in mid-2015 to reduce costs, but that is only a temporary fix.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

**The 569 Beds In The Plan For The New Jail Was Only 31 Beds Smaller Than New York State’s 2013 Recommendation For A 600 Bed Jail In Dutchess County That Molinaro Opposed.** “Dutchess County needs a 600-bed jail, say state officials who are calling on the county to solve its inmate overcrowding. The state Commission of Correction, which oversees jails, recommended the county build the jail - the biggest and possibly most expensive version being studied - in a draft agreement that is under negotiation. The agreement outlines what the commission expects the county to do in order to proceed with a temporary fix to its jail-cell shortage. Responding to statements made by County Executive Marc Molinaro during the forum ‘To Jail or Not to Jail’ held Wednesday night, commission spokeswoman Janine Kava said the agency asked the county to double its inmate capacity. During the forum at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, Molinaro said, ‘The state of New York wishes us to engage in a memorandum of understanding that commits the county to a 600-[bed] jail. We won’t do that.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/11/13]

**2017: The Cost Of Housing Inmates Out Of County Was About \$8 Million A Year.** “The Dutchess County Jail, on North Hamilton Street, can only house 250 inmates. Nearly 200 additional inmates have been housed in out-of-county facilities, at a cost of about \$8 million annually to Dutchess taxpayers, officials have said. The county installed pods at the jail to house some inmates in mid-2015 to reduce costs, but that is only a temporary fix.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/31/17]

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**2019 – 2021: The Size Of The New Jail Was Repeatedly Downsized And Estimated Completion Date Delayed**

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**2018: The Goal Of Dutchess County Was To Open The New Jail By 2021**

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**2018: Dutchess County Wanted To Have Its New Jail Open By 2021.** “As the Journal pointed out in a recent story and editorial, the county has one of the worst jails in New York. The state issued a blistering report about the jail, not only raising concerns about various protocols and procedures, but also rightly putting the county on notice to move forward with the work on a new facility. The county has approved a \$192 million construction bond for what likely will be a more than 500-bed jail and sheriff department offices, and it's imperative this project stay on track. The county's goal is to have the inmates in the new facility by 2021, but efforts also must continue - on every level of government, including the judicial system - to reduce inmate population. That can occur through a range of actions, including improving mental health services and passing bail reforms.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/4/18]

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**2019: Dutchess County Downsized The New Jail To 384 Beds, Lowered The Estimated Cost To \$154 Million, And Pushed The Completion Date Back To December 2023**

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**2019: Dutchess County Downsized Jail Plans Towards A Smaller Jail, Pushing The Estimated Completion Date Back To December 2023.** “Dutchess County is revising its plans amid a shift in criminal justice practices that may result in far fewer inmates at the proposed jail, according to a release from County Executive Marc Molinaro. But, he said, the smaller facility will save the county more than \$8 million on construction costs and up to \$2.5 million annually. Construction on the proposed \$154 million facility, which would replace Dutchess County Jail, was scheduled to begin at the end of the year, with the final design due this month. The New York State Commission of Correction and the county agreed on pushing back its final design until the end of this year. However, Molinaro said the construction schedule is intact and the targeted completion date remains December 2023.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

- **The Updated Plan For The New Jail Was Reduced To 384 Beds.** “Accordingly, the plan for the jail has already been reduced, and may be changed again. The current plan includes 384 beds, 100 beds from the existing jail and 35 medical or mental health beds. But, that total may be reduced by another 100 beds, the county said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]
- **The Updated Estimated Cost For The New Jail Was \$154 Million.** “Construction on the proposed \$154 million facility, which would replace Dutchess County Jail, was scheduled to begin at the end of the year, with the final design due this month. The New York State Commission of Correction and the county agreed on pushing back its final design until the end of this year. However, Molinaro said the construction schedule is intact and the targeted completion date remains December 2023.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

**Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois: “I Am Optimistic That A Smaller Initial Design Will Allow The County To More Accurately Assess Its Future Needs.”** “Comptroller Robin Lois supported the reduced plan in the release from the county. ‘As someone who has always been concerned about the vast scale of the Jail project, I am optimistic that a smaller initial design will allow the county to more accurately assess its future needs,’ she said. ‘Having the flexibility to adjust to potential changes in the jail population, with the ability to utilize the 1995 building as a safety valve, is a very important factor. This new approach also allows the county the time to continue to invest in our alternatives to incarceration programs that are proving to be successful, while assessing the effects of recently passed legislation on bail reform.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 5/24/19]

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**2020: Dutchess County Downsized The New Jail To 328 Beds, Lowered The Estimated Cost To \$147 Million, And Pushed The Completion Date Back To April 2024**

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**The Jail Was Downsized After Inmate Populations Repeatedly Dropped.** “The JTC was downsized from its original 569-bed design to the current 328-bed design after inmate populations dropped significantly and consistently since 2016; over the past two years the daily jail population has averaged around 200 inmates. The new design was approved by the New York State Commission of Corrections on April 28, 2020. The 2016 approved funding for the construction project was \$154.8 million. The estimated cost to complete the revised jail plan in our prior report dated May 2020 was \$147 million. The current estimated cost to complete the project is \$131.4 million, as detailed below.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

<b>The Dutchess County Jail Inmate Population Declined After New York’s Bail Reform Law Was Passed</b>
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**The Average Dutchess County Jail Population In 2020 Was Far Lower Than Any Preceding Year.**

Average Monthly Dutchess County Jail Population		
Year	Average Monthly Daily Jail Population Maximum	Average Monthly Daily Jail Population Minimum
2012	501	404
2013	480	419
2014-16	No data	No data
2017	467	395
2018	269	184
2019	374	259
2020	196	129

[Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2012; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2013; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2014; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2015; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2016; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2017; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2018; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2019; Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, Annual Reports, 2020]

*\*Average Daily Population is missing from the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council Annual Reports.*

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**2021: Bail Reform Reduced The Number Of People In New York State Jail By Nearly 40 Percent.** "In any other year, any one of these events would have upended jails and incarceration in New York State. In 2020, they happened back to back. Bail reform ushered in a period of considerable decarceration across the Empire State, and the number of people in jail dropped even further as authorities responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The state's nearly 40 percent decline in jail populations proved that New York can reverse its decades-long investment in mass incarceration.” [Vera WHAT, 2/18/21]

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**May 2020: 155 Inmates Were In The Dutchess County Jail, Following A Population Decrease Because Of The New York State Bail Reform Law.** “Prior to this use, the PODs were vacant in January 2020 as the jail population had been decreasing and dropped more significantly when the New York State Bail Reform law went into effect. As of the writing of this report there were 155 inmates in the Dutchess County Jail.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, May 2020]

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**Over \$7 Million Had Been Spent On Jail PODS.**

Fund	Jail PODS Expenses Through 6/30/21		
	Appropriated Funds	Encumbrances & Expenses Through 6/30/21	Appropriated Funds Remaining
Jail PODS Project	\$8,393,303	\$7,273,277	\$1,120,026
Justice and Transition Center	\$154,166,041	\$124,855,988	\$29,310,053

[Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

**2014: New York State Allowed The Dutchess County Jail To Install Temporary Pods, Which Would Allow Planning To Start For A Jail Expansion.** “Molinaro said now that the county has the green light to install the pods, work can begin on planning for the jail expansion. ‘Once the Legislature approves the pods we will go out to bid to contract with a private manager to design the campus plan and jail expansion,’ he said. The county executive said that constructing a new efficient jail facility will ultimately save the county money. The projected savings include reducing jail staff due to an expected increase in the current 1-to-1 inmate-to-correction-officer staffing ratio to a 3-to-1 ratio. ‘Every analysis that we have conducted shows at this point that it is less costly to the taxpayer to expand the jail as opposed to housing out,’ Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/7/14]

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### Cost of Housing Inmates Out Of County

Year	Cost – “Inmates In Other Institutions”
2013	\$6,054,030
2014	\$6,324,986
2015	\$2,560,400
2016	\$376,105
2017	\$391,660
2018	\$253,405
2019	\$186,215
2020	\$115,960
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,262,761</b>

[Dutchess County Budget Office, 2012 Adopted Budget, 1/3/12; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2013 Adopted Budget, 1/4/13; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2014 Adopted Budget, 1/3/14; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2015 Adopted Budget, 1/7/15; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2016 Adopted Budget, 1/11/16; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2017 Adopted Budget, 1/23/17; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2018 Adopted Budget, 1/16/18; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2019 Adopted Budget, 1/22/19; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2020 Adopted Budget, 1/30/20; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2021 Adopted Budget, 1/3/21; Dutchess County Budget Office, 2022 Executive Budget, 10/15/21]

**September 2013: Molinaro Claimed That The Estimated Annual Debt Service For A \$200 Million Jail Was \$11 Million, And The Cost To House Inmates Out Of County Had Not Yet Reached That.** “While direct ‘housing-out’ costs are high, they have not reached \$11 million - the county's estimated annual expense for debt service to build a new \$200 million jail, the report states. Molinaro said, ‘No one is proposing a \$200 million jail.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/12/13]

### As Of 2021, The New Dutchess County Jail Was The Largest Capital Project In County History

**The New Dutchess County Jail Was The Largest Capital Project In County History.** “This report updates all aspects of the project spending with a focus on the status of the Justice and Transition Center (JTC, or Jail) Construction. The JTC project is the largest capital project in Dutchess County history.” [Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

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<b>Dutchess County Justice And Transition Center Estimated Costs As Of September 2021</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Justice and Transition Center Construction Bid	\$110,948,000
Justice and Transition Center Control System Bid	\$2,390,798
1995 Jail Roof Replacement	\$1,250,000
Soft Costs (Consultants, swing space, transition team, etc.)	\$16,807,291
Anticipated Total Project Costs:	\$131,396,089
<b>Authorized Project Budget:</b>	<b>\$154,155,041</b>

[Dutchess County Comptroller, Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center, October 2021]

**Debt From The Jail Was More Than All Other County Projects Combined, Forcing An Increase In County Debt Service**

**Debt For The New Jail Was More Than All Other Debt In The 2020, 2021, And 2022 Budgets.**

<b>Dutchess County Total Debt Projected To Be Issued</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Justice And Transition Center</b>	<b>All Other Debt</b>	<b>Total Debt Projected To Be Issued</b>
2020	\$40,000,000	\$32,126,103	\$72,126,103
2021	\$40,000,000	\$35,092,626	\$75,092,626
2022	\$40,000,000	\$30,671,275	\$70,671,275
2023	\$10,000,000	\$25,483,650	\$35,483,650
2024	\$2,150,000	\$14,639,040	\$16,789,040

[2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2021 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 10/12/20; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/14/21]

**Dutchess County Democratic Caucus: Debt Issued For The Dutchess County Jail Was More Than All Other Projects In 2022 And Caused A “Sharp Increase In Annual Debt Service [...] Lasting Into The 2040’s.”** “2022 Dutchess Budget: Some Facts You Should Know. [...] Debt issued for the jail will dwarf all over projects in 2022 and more will continue to be piled over the three following years--see below the sharp increase in annual debt service with jail debt lasting into the 2040s (2022 Capital Plan, pp. 9 and 10).” [Dutchess County Democratic Party, [11/22/21](#)]

**Dutchess County Debt Service Projections Increased Under Molinaro, Increasing Costs To Dutchess County Residents In The Future.**

<b>Dutchess County Debt Service Projections</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Debt Service Projection 2020</b>	<b>Debt Service Projection 2022</b>
2022	\$24,704,939	\$19,892,078
2023	\$27,552,926	\$22,490,700
2024	\$29,332,147	\$27,599,228
2025	\$30,001,990	\$33,055,081
2026	\$28,126,578	\$35,392,558
2027	\$26,673,223	\$36,765,497
2028	N/A	\$35,488,039
2029	N/A	\$33,602,908

[2020 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/15/19; 2022 Dutchess County Capital Plan, 8/24/21]

## **Molinaro Praised The Impact Of County Stabilization Center On Reducing Jail Population But Opposed Additional Funding For It**

**Molinaro: “It's A Shame In America That Mental Health Services And Drug Addiction Services Are Principally Provided In Jail Facilities.”** “Molinaro said the system overhaul has two parts: the diversion and crisis stabilization center and the justice and transition center - the jail component. ‘It's a shame in America that mental health services and drug addiction services are principally provided in jail facilities,’ he said. ‘Our focus has been to get the diversion and crisis center built. We have never had the square footage to provide intervention and diversion services.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/27/15]

**Molinaro Said Dutchess County Jail Population Declined 40% Since Opening A Stabilization Center In 2017, Even Before Implementing Bail Reforms.** “When Dutchess County opened its stabilization center in 2017, helping provide services for individuals in crisis, officials hoped the 24-hour drop-in center would reduce the county's jail population as well as avoidable hospital visits. And while there have been some changes and growing pains along the way, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the Mid-Hudson Valley county has seen success. Since the center opened, the county jail population has declined 40 percent, and that's before bail reforms were implemented, Molinaro said. ‘We believe that in most cases, we drove down jail populations because of the work that the stabilization does to centralize delivery,’ he said. ‘There was a noticeable reduction in emergency room visits as well that we think is important. The emergency room and jail are the least effective tools to help someone in a mental health crisis.’” [Albany Times-Union, 2/11/21]

**Molinaro's 2019 Opponent Attacked Him For Vetoing A \$10,000 Appropriation For The Stabilization Center.** “When it comes to mental health resources in Dutchess County, Molinaro pointed to the Stabilization Center, nationally renowned, and that residents have access to the 24/7 hotline. ‘No county in America does what we do,’ he said. However, Ruggiero noted that a couple years ago the county Legislature amended in the budget to include a \$10,000 appropriation so that more money could be put into the homeless shelter. He said Molinaro vetoed this, despite people being turned away from the shelter. ‘That is not the way to deal with these things, a lot of the folks who are out there who are homeless, or need mental health services, we need more to do with that,’ Ruggiero said. ‘What the state has done in abandoning, how they provide mental health services to our citizenry is appalling.’ Molinaro responded by saying he rejected it because ‘I didn't think it was appropriate for the legislature to pick winners and losers and just give \$10,000 to a specific organization.’ He added that later that year, he expanded his commitment to housing.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/17/19]

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## **2018: The Cost Of Expanding The Stabilization Center Was Millions Over Budget**

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**November 2018: The First Phase Of Renovation For The Stabilization Center Was \$2.6 Million Over Budget, And The Second Phase Was Six Times Higher Than The Original Budget.** “The first phase of the project renovating the Dutchess County Stabilization Center cost around \$2.6 million more than budgeted, and the estimated cost for the planned second phase is more than six times more than originally budgeted. That's according to county Comptroller Robin Lois' office, which released an audit of the project. In addition to renovating the property at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie, the project called for expanding programs for those dealing with problems that include drug addiction and mental health.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/1/18]

**Molinaro Cited The Increased Costs As A Reason Not To Proceed With Expansion Of The Stabilization Center.** “County Executive Marc Molinaro said increases in labor costs are one reason why the county's original estimate was incorrect. The project began in 2014. ‘Just in the region we have seen 50, 60 and, in some cases, 100 percent increases in previous labor costs,’ said Molinaro, the Republican gubernatorial candidate. ‘We are being responsible in saying what the projected costs could be but, because it is \$14 million, I am not presenting to the Legislature a request to proceed with the project.’ The next phase of the project was included in the 2019-23 capital plan included in Molinaro's proposed 2019 county budget, with no funding proposed until 2020.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/1/18]

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## **Molinaro Accused Dutchess County Legislators Of Making “Purposefully Deceptive” Statements About Mid-Pandemic Layoffs At The Stabilization Center**

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**August 2020: Dutchess Legislators Urged Molinaro To Reconsider What They Said Were Unannounced Layoffs Of Six Nurse Practitioners From The County’s Stabilization Center.** “Word spread quickly in July among frequenters of the Stabilization Center, a 24-hour walk-in resource facility for mental health and substance use crises based in Poughkeepsie: the center’s nurses were gone. The news shocked Dutchess legislator and Vassar history professor Rebecca Edwards (D-Town of Poughkeepsie), who said the county laid off the six licensed practitioner nurses (LPNs) without warning legislators or informing the community. The center suspended in-person visitations and moved to telepractice on March 20. The Dutchess Democratic Legislators Caucus rang alarm bells about the layoffs in a press release on August 4. Democrats slammed the county for what they perceived as budget cuts to mental health and substance addiction services at a time when they are most needed. ‘It appears the county is withdrawing funding for the Stabilization Center, which no longer has medical personnel to offer diagnoses,’ said legislator Brennan Kearney (D-Rhinebeck/Clinton). ‘The timing could not be worse, as people struggle with the impact of COVID. We strongly urge the executive to reconsider.’” [Miscellany News (Vassar College), 8/14/20]

**Molinaro Responded With Statement Claiming The Center Had No Staffing Cuts, Called Democratic Legislators’ Statements “Purposefully Deceptive.”** “In response, Molinaro’s office issued a statement that the center has been fully operational with no funding or staffing cuts through the pandemic. It also noted the Stabilization Center is a non-medical facility or an urgent care, noting 70% of visits relate to mental health disorders involving patients that do not need nursing assistance. ‘Dutchess County has been resolute in our commitment to mental health and addition, we have built a model that is admired throughout the state and we will continue investing in the Stabilization Center and evolve its operations to meet the needs of the community,’ Molinaro said. ‘The statements made by several of the Democratic legislators are either purposefully deceptive or simply don’t understand this vital resource.’ He called the statements by the legislators ‘insulting’ to the county and ‘the community professionals who works around the clock to serve the needs of our community.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/6/20]

## **Policing & Criminal Justice Reform**

### **2011: Molinaro Voted Against A Police Reform Bill That Banned Police Officers From Using Racial And Ethnic Profiling**

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-2288, A Police Reform Bill That Banned Police Officer From Using Racial And Ethnic Profiling.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-2288, a bill that “Prohibits police officers from using racial and ethnic profiling; requires that a procedure be established for the taking and review of complaints against police officers for racial and ethnic profiling; allows an action for injunctive relief and/or damages to be brought against a law enforcement agency, any agent of a law enforcement agency and the supervisor of an agent.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 51 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-2288, 6/14/11]

### **2020: Molinaro Supported “Sensible” Police Reforms, But Criticized Other Reforms As “Obvious” Messaging Efforts**

**Molinaro Contrasted “Sensible” Police Reforms Like Use Of Force Policies And Chokehold Bans With What He Called “Obvious Attempts To Move The Overton Window.”** “Use of force policies for law enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County should be reviewed to ensure they restrict or ban dangerous practices such as the use of holds that restrict breathing or firing a weapon at a moving vehicle,’ Molinaro said. ‘Additionally, such policies should highlight and require de-escalation, limit the use of deadly force, clearly delineate a use-force-continuum, and provide as much guidance as practical.’ Reforms, the Dutchess executive said, could balance public safety and fair treatment of all communities. ‘With sensible reforms like the ones suggested and many being

discussed at the national and state levels, outside the obvious attempts to move the Overton Window, we can have both a safer and fairer future,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/14/20]

## **2020: Molinaro Attended A Protest And March After George Floyd's Death**

**Molinaro Attended A Protest And March After The Murder Of George Floyd.** "Several local officials attended the protest and marched across the bridge, including City Mayor Rob Rolison and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. Rolison stressed a message of unity while addressing the crowd. 'We still have work to do, and the only way to get it done is to work together. Molinaro told protesters that it's necessary to call something out when it's wrong. 'I've not walked in the shoes of many of you, but I'm hurting alongside you,' he said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/4/20]

## **Molinaro Opposed New York's Law Eliminating Cash Bail For Most Arrests**

**Molinaro Opposed Eliminating Cash Bail.** "He also said he doesn't support the total elimination of cash bail, though he believes the system needs to be reformed, including ensuring someone has the right to a state-provided public defender from the time of arraignment through final adjudication." [New York Daily News, 10/16/18]

**Molinaro Claimed New York's Bail Reform Turned Voters Away From Democrats.** "Trump brought out voters around the state who normally stay home, Molinaro said. State laws passed by the Democratic Senate and Assembly and signed by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo such as bail reform put off voters upstate, he said, even in a federal race like the 19th Congressional." [The Times Union, 11/4/20]

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**Molinaro Called Cuomo's Failure To Mention Bail Reform At His 2020 State Of The State Speech A "Dereliction."** "Gov. Cuomo touched on dozens of proposals in his State of the State Address on Wednesday, but didn't spare a single breath discussing tweaks to New York's criminal-justice overhauls. The glaring omission came despite Cuomo's concession earlier this week that the brand new bail-reform law is in need of 'changes.' The blind spot in an otherwise kitchen-sink, hour-plus presentation in Albany flummoxed politicians on both sides of the aisle. 'It was a dereliction,' said Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive who in 2018 was the GOP challenger pitted against Cuomo for the governorship. 'He should've acknowledged that, and I'm surprised he didn't,' Molinaro added. Bail reform, part of the large criminal-justice package that became law on New Year's Day, bars judges from imposing bail as a condition of release for suspects in most mis-demeanors and select felonies. Within a week of the implementation of the reforms, state Republicans, moderate Democrats and even Mayor de Blasio called for them to be scaled back." [New York Post, 1/9/20]

- **NY Post: Cuomo Conceded Bail Reform Needed "Changes," Members Of Both Parties Including De Blasio Called For Bail Reform To Be "Scaled Back."** [New York Post, 1/9/20]

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## **2019-20: Molinaro Was Criticized Over Treatment Of Two Black Girls Who Were Arrested And Charged After Being Manhandled By A Police Officer**

### **The Mother Of Two Girls Who Were Charged With Crimes After One Of Them Was Apparently Thrown To The Ground By A Police Officer Said Molinaro Should Be “Ashamed” Of How They Were Treated.**

“Melissa Johnson, mother of Jamelia Barnett and Julissa Dawkins, participated in the virtual town hall and said Molinaro should be ‘ashamed’ for the treatment against her daughters. The two girls were involved in an incident in March 2019 in which two City of Poughkeepsie police officers responded to a fight involving a group of students on city streets. The sisters were charged with obstruction of governmental administration, and Dawkins was charged with resisting arrest, stemming from a previous incident in which Barnett appeared to be thrown to the ground by an officer. ‘I feel like the system failed me and my children,’ Johnson said. ‘We have been uncomfortable for so long and we are still so uncomfortable as Black people in this community. (We care) what white folks have to say, but we want you to stand beside us, not in front of us.’ In the comments section, several people called on Molinaro to respond to Johnson's comments, yet he remained muted through the entirety of the call.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/9/20]

**Melissa Johnson: “Mr. Molinaro, You Should Be Ashamed Of Yourself For Hosting This Forum While The County Attorney Is Falsely Charging My Daughters With Crimes When They Were Victims.”** “Despite being last, Johnson, who sported a ‘BLACK LIVES MATTER’ cap, used her time to articulate her feelings of disappointment with the county. At one point, Johnson directed her frustration towards Molinaro. ‘Mr. Molinaro, you should be ashamed of yourself for hosting this forum while the county attorney is falsely charging my daughter with crimes when they were victims,’ she said. ‘I feel like the system failed me and my children.’” [Miscellany News (Vassar College), 7/14/20]

- **Molinaro Did Not Respond To Johnson’s Statement During The Virtual Town Hall, Which He Later Claimed Was Not His Decision, But Said Her Points Were “Valid.”** “In a phone interview with The Miscellany News, Molinaro disclosed that it was not his decision to not respond. He also clarified that Barnett and Dawkins' case is not under his jurisdiction: ‘I do not have the capacity to influence that any more so than I would in any other case.’ Molinaro explained that in accordance with state law, alleged criminal juvenile cases are tried by an independent county attorney in a family court setting. Nonetheless, he did appreciate Johnson's willingness to share her thoughts and for directly addressing him: ‘Every one of her [Johnson's] points are valid. Her anger, her angst, her sadness-all valid...I am hopeful that a resolution can be reached as soon as possible.’” [Miscellany News (Vassar College), 7/14/20]

**Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, Who Co-Hosted Virtual Town Hall With Molinaro, Called For Dismissal Of Charges.** “On Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who helped host the town hall, released a statement calling for the charges to be dropped. ‘This is a case that I have not followed closely enough, nor have I used my position to advocate on behalf of her family. For that, I owe Melissa and her daughters an apology,’ he said in a statement. ‘At a minimum, Dutchess County should immediately drop the charges against Jamelia Barnett and Julissa Dawkins and demand accountability for what this family has experienced.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/10/20]

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### **Molinaro Denied Responsibility In The Case**

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**Molinaro Claimed He Did Not Have Jurisdiction Over The Sisters’ Case.** “In a phone interview with The Miscellany News, Molinaro disclosed that it was not his decision to not respond. He also clarified that Barnett and Dawkins' case is not under his jurisdiction: ‘I do not have the capacity to influence that any more so than I would in any other case.’ Molinaro explained that in accordance with state law, alleged criminal juvenile cases are tried by an independent county attorney in a family court setting. [Miscellany News (Vassar College), 7/14/20]

**Molinaro Claimed The Sisters' Attorney Rejected A Settlement That Would Have Resolved The Cases "With Charges Dismissed."** "It appeared all charges would be dismissed against Jamelia Barnett and Julissa Dawkins, the City of Poughkeepsie sisters at the center of a controversial police incident captured in a viral video last year, following a settlement between the family and Dutchess County. But Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the sisters' attorney, William Wagstaff, rejected the settlement, which he says Wagstaff originally proposed. And Wagstaff said there is nothing to settle and that all charges should be dismissed outright [...] Dutchess County Court ordered an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal for Barnett, resolving her case, according to Molinaro. Had the family agreed to the settlement, Molinaro said both cases would have been resolved 'with charges dismissed.' Wagstaff said there is no settlement for the juvenile delinquency cases or the civil causes of action against the officers and the City of Poughkeepsie. 'There is nothing to settle regarding the juvenile delinquency case,' he said. 'Either they move the court to dismiss both petitions or explain to the public why, notwithstanding the urging of a U.S. congressman who co-hosted the Town Hall with Mr. Molinaro and the clear communal support for the dismissal, he's still not taking action.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 7/10/20]

### **2008: Molinaro Criticized Governor Eliot Spitzer For Planning To Close A Prison In Hudson, NY**

**2008: Molinaro Criticized Plans To Close Hudson Correctional Facility, A Prison He Said Was A Driver Of "Economic Stability" In Hudson, New York.** "Senator Steve Saland (R,I,C Poughkeepsie) was joined today by Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,I,C Tivoli), City of Hudson Mayor Richard Scalera, Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chairman Art Baer and a number of union representatives at a press conference today to denounce the Governor's recent announcement of the closing of the Hudson Correctional Facility (H.C.F.) in January 2009. Four other facilities operated by the New York State Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) are also slated to close. [...] 'The closure of the Hudson Correctional Facility will have a devastating impact on the Columbia County economy and more directly on the families who rely on these jobs. It's sometimes forgotten that although a prison, this facility offers a level of economic stability for the City of Hudson. I certainly advocate reducing state spending, however, as stated in New York State Department of Correctional Services own press release we have invested significant resources into improving this facility that is at or near full capacity so it makes no sense to close it now. I am joining Senator Steve Saland today in calling on Commissioner Brian Fischer and Governor Eliot Spitzer to reconsider this decision,' said Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,I,C-Tivoli)." [Senator Steve Saland, Press Release, 1/16/08]

## **Dutchess County Sheriff**

### **2020-21: Molinaro Praised The Dutchess County Sheriff Who Claimed The County Was Ahead Of The National Curve In Police Reform**

**2020: The Dutchess County Sheriff Claimed That Suggested Police Reform Changes Nationally Were Already In Place In Dutchess County.** "Molinaro, who started his first term as county executive in 2012, praised Anderson for his investment in community policing, school resource officers and mental health and crisis intervention training for his department. Last year, when the topic of police reform came into the national spotlight, Anderson proudly attested that many of those suggested changes were already in place in Dutchess, such as banning chokeholds, and holding monthly update meetings on use of physical force." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/30/21]

**2020: Dutchess County Provided Procedural Justice And Implicit Bias Training For Deputies And Police Officers.** "Procedural justice and implicit bias awareness training will be provided for deputies and police officers in each of the county's municipalities and crisis intervention training will be folded into police academy training. Sheriff's deputies are required to take crisis intervention training and more than 75% of law enforcement officers in Dutchess have been trained in recent years." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/29/20]

**2021: Molinaro Praised The Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, Saying It Was "Ahead Of Its Time In Responding To Domestic Violence And Responding To Seniors Isolated In Their Homes."** "The sheriff's office under Butch Anderson's leadership was ahead of its time in responding to domestic violence and responding

to seniors isolated in their homes,' Molinaro said. 'He wanted to reform the criminal justice system and invested in mental health training and tools and resources to protect and provide for his officers. He cared as much about the person who was incarcerated as the men and women he was charged with protecting and serving.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/30/21]

### **The Dutchess County Sheriff, Butch Anderson – A Friend, Mentor, And Advisor To Molinaro - Was A New York Trump Campaign Co-Chair**

**Poughkeepsie Journal: "Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson Has Been One Of The President's Most Vocal Supporters In The Region."** "Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson has been one of the president's most vocal supporters in the region." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

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**Anderson Was A Co-Chair Of Trump's 2016 New York Campaign.** "Most recently, Trump named Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson one of three honorary co-chairmen for his New York campaign." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/13/16]

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**Anderson Denounced January 6<sup>th</sup> But Would Not Comment On The Big Lie.** "But he wouldn't comment on Trump's ongoing and inaccurate claims the general election was stolen from him, which the president reiterated repeatedly before and after Wednesday's violence. 'I think it was deplorable, what happened to our Capitol,' Anderson told the Journal. 'And I think that we have to bring this country together and move on.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

**Anderson Said The Police Were Under Attack In 2020.** "He said police have been under attack this past year, referring to an outcry for police reform that has accompanied protests calling for an end to systemic racism. Anderson said he believes people should have the right to protest, as long as no one is hurt, including officers, and property is not damaged." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 1/7/21]

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### **Molinaro: "[Butch Anderson] Was My Friend, A Mentor, And I Loved Him Like An Uncle"**

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**Molinaro: [Butch Anderson] Was My Friend, A Mentor, And I Loved Him Like An Uncle.** "Today we have lost an extraordinary public servant with the passing of Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian 'Butch' Anderson. Butch devoted his entire life to protecting and serving the community he loved so dearly. Throughout his life, he was true leader - in law enforcement, in elected office, and in service to community organizations. His call to serve ensured the safety of our community for more than 50 years and made a measurable difference in the lives of countless

children, families, and residents. Our hearts are broken today, and we send our deepest condolences to Sheriff Anderson's family, including his wife Danielle and his children – you are in our prayers and in our hearts. He was my friend, a mentor and I loved him like an uncle. Butch Anderson was truly 'second to none' and we will honor him by following his example and his only ask of all of us, 'treat others the way you want to be treated.'" [Dutchess County, Press Release, 9/29/21]

**Molinaro Ordered All Flags In Dutchess County To Be Flown At Half Staff In Honor Of Anderson After His Death In September 2021.** "Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has ordered that flags at all Dutchess County facilities will be flown at half-staff and the County Office Building will be illuminated in blue lights in honor of Sheriff Adrian 'Butch' Anderson." [Dutchess County, Press Release, 9/29/21]

## Death Penalty

**2007: Molinaro Posted A Press Release Titled: "Cop Killers Deserve The Death Penalty"**

**April 23, 2007: Molinaro Posted a Press Release On His Website Titled: Cop Killers Deserve The Death Penalty.** April 23, 2007: COP KILLERS DESERVE THE DEATH PENALTY." [MarcMolinaro.com, via the wayback archive, accessed 12/9/21]

## Felon Voting

**Molinaro Opposed Cuomo's Decision To Pardon 30,000 Felons And Restore Their Right To Vote**

**Molinaro Opposed Cuomo's Decision To Pardon 30,000 Felons And Grant Them Voting Rights.** "Molinaro also disagreed with the governor's decision to grant a pardon, and give the right to vote, to 30,000 convicted felons in New York State. "It's the height of disrespect for the victims not to have a public discussion and be heard before any changes," he said. "I believe you should pay your debt to society." [North Castle Rising, 9/7/18]

**Molinaro Opposed Cuomo's Executive Order Letting Sex Offenders On Parole Vote In Schools If They Were Polling Places**

**Molinaro Opposed Cuomo's Executive Order Letting Sex Offenders On Parole Vote In Schools.** "GOP gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro Thursday slammed Cuomo for rushing the order through and potentially 'putting thousands of students at risk.' Molinaro claimed that under his reading of the law, sex offenders can't vote at polling places at schools because they are prohibited from entering them. He also said they can't vote by absentee ballot because they are barred from leaving their county of residence under their conditions of parole. 'This governor is encouraging sex offenders to break the law, which might actually violate their parole agreements. If Andrew Cuomo really wanted to, he could have addressed this issue legislatively, but in typical fashion, he tried to govern by fiat and made a total mess of the situation,' Molinaro said." [New York Post, 9/7/18]

- **May 2018: Andrew Cuomo Signed An Executive Order Allowing Sex Offenders On Parole To Vote In Polling Places At Schools Between 7 And 9 P.M.** "For the first time, hundreds of sex offenders on parole will be allowed to vote at polling places in schools - but only between 7 and 9 p.m., state officials said. Gov. Cuomo in May issued an executive order giving 24,000 sex-offender parolees, including pedophiles, the right to vote." [New York Post, 9/7/18]

**Molinaro Called On Sheriffs To Arrest Sex Offenders Who Come Within 1,000 Feet Of Schools.** "Republican gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro contended the state's policy is illegal, and he encouraged sheriffs to arrest sex offenders who come within 1,000 feet of schools - which is the state ban. 'Andrew Cuomo is instructing sex predators to break the law; I am asking hardworking New York state sheriffs to enforce it,' Molinaro said in a statement." [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 9/10/18]

## Marijuana

### Molinaro Opposed Legalizing Recreational Marijuana In New York

**2018: Molinaro Opposed Legalizing Recreational Marijuana In New York, But Called For The State To Improve Access To Medical Marijuana.** “Molinaro also said he disagrees with the state Health Department’s proposal to legalize marijuana for recreational use in New York state. New York should wait and see what happens in other states that are doing this. In the meantime, the state should improve access to medical marijuana for patients who can benefit from the drug. ‘This administration has done a woefully poor job of making medical marijuana accessible to all those who need it,’ he said.” [Syracuse Post Standard, 9/21/18]

### Molinaro Opposed Legalizing Medical Marijuana Before He Supported It

**2007: Molinaro Voted Against Legalizing Medical Marijuana.** On June 13, 2007, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-4867, a bill that “Legalizes the possession, manufacture, use, delivery, transfer, transport or administration of marihuana by a certified patient or designated caregiver for a certified medical use; prescribes procedures for such possession, manufacture, etc. including certification of patients by their practitioner, and that, in the practitioner’s professional judgment, the serious condition should be treated with the medical use of marihuana; provides that possession or manufacture of marihuana shall be lawful under these provisions provided that the marihuana possessed does not exceed twelve plants and a total aggregate weight of two and a half ounces; directs the department of health to monitor such use and promulgate rules and regulations for registry identification cards; provides for reports by the department of health to the governor and legislature on the medical use of marijuana.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 52 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-4867, 6/13/07]

**2018: Molinaro, Who Then Supported Medical Marijuana, Said He Hadn’t Served In The Legislature In Years, When Asked Why He Voted Against Legalizing Medical Marijuana =.** “Mr. Molinaro, who said he now supports the use of marijuana for medical purposes, did vote against a bill to legalize medical marijuana when he served in the State Assembly. When Mr. Cuomo pressed him on his vote, Mr. Molinaro deflected, saying he has not been in the Legislature for years.” [New York Times, 10/23/18]

### Molinaro Claimed New York’s Plan To Legalize And Tax Marijuana Was Unfair To Counties

**Molinaro Argued Counties Deserved More Than 25% Of Revenue From Planned Sales Taxes On Legal Marijuana.** “Under the current blueprint, cities, towns and villages can opt out of allowing marijuana retailers in their communities. To create an incentive to allow it, the proposal would direct 75 percent of the local sales taxes to the municipalities that host the stores, while just 25 percent would go to counties. County leaders say this is unfair as counties will bear the brunt of the costs of marijuana legalization -- such as public health services or policing of impaired drivers. The proposal is a departure from how sales tax is collected normally in the state, said Marc Molinaro, Dutchess County executive and president of the New York State County Executives Association. ‘It defies logic in that the bulk of the revenue goes to the municipality that won’t bear the brunt of the cost,’ Molinaro said.” [Albany Times-Union, 3/26/21]

## Police Funding

### Under Molinaro, Dutchess County Let Mental Health Professionals Respond To Certain 911 Calls Instead Of Law Enforcement

**2021: Dutchess County Let Mental Health Professionals Respond To Certain 911 Calls Instead Of Law Enforcement.** “At the start of the year, the county’s helpline center was relocated to the 911 call center, which police officials say allows for better integrating mental health care to the overall approach. Mental health professionals can now respond to calls earlier related to social and mental health issues, instead of law enforcement.

The county's Criminal Justice Council subcommittee on police reform will be asked to examine building on the county's helpline and Mobile Crisis Intervention Team to formalize a program to help divert calls to trained social workers and mental health professionals.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/17/21]

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### **Molinaro Said He Opposed Defunding Police And Did Not Engage In Defunding In Dutchess County**

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**Molinaro: “We Don't Defund Law Enforcement In The County, We Invest Smartly.”** “Following last year's protests in the wake of George Floyd's death, some Dutchess residents called for the defunding of local police and the reallocation of these funds to other services, such as mental health. Molinaro rejected this outlook, supporting investment into local law enforcement. ‘We don't defund law enforcement in the county, we invest smartly,’ he said. ‘By supporting the sacrifice and service of law enforcement, we give them the tools and the resources they need to do their jobs well, and that's our commitment.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, [10/27/21](#)]

**Molinaro: “Communities Are Not Made Safer By Defunding The Police.”** “On Thursday morning, Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson, joined by other elected officials and members of Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to pay tribute to officers killed in the line of duty and those associated with his office that passed away [...] Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro addressed the political climate surrounding reform by saying ‘Communities are not made safer by defunding the police.’ The leader of the county expressed his thanks to the officers gathered, on behalf of all of Dutchess County. ‘We are proud of the tireless efforts of the men and women in law enforcement that have faced enormous challenges over the last 16 months,’ he said.” [Mid Hudson News, [5/30/21](#)]

## Tax Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro raised taxes on his constituents in every elected office he has ever held - as Mayor of Tivoli, Dutchess County Legislator, New York State Assemblyman, and Dutchess County Executive.
- ✓ Molinaro repeatedly raised property taxes while Dutchess County Executive and changed the sales tax formula that resulted in tax increases in Dutchess County cities.
- ✓ Molinaro's first three Dutchess County budgets raised the property tax rate to a high of \$3.68/\$1,000 of assessed value.
  - ✓ 2013: The Dutchess County Budget raised property taxes by 3.2%, a 20 cent increase per \$1,000 assessed value, and increased the average tax rate by 6.5%.
  - ✓ 2014: The Dutchess County budget raised property taxes by 1.9%.
  - ✓ 2015: The Dutchess County budget raised property taxes by three cents to a high of \$3.68/\$1,000 of assessed value.
- ✓ 2013: Molinaro forced local municipalities to raise taxes on residents by capping the sales tax revenue provided to them.
- ✓ 2014: Molinaro introduced an 3.75% energy sales tax on county residents, and said the "painful" energy sales tax was better than a property tax increase.
- ✓ Molinaro voted in the Assembly for the 2011 Millionaire's Tax, the largest NY income tax increase in 50 years, which raised the top income tax rate to 8.82%, the second highest in America.
  - ✓ While campaigning for Governor in 2018, Molinaro spoke out against the millionaire's tax, despite voting for it in 2011.
- ✓ In the Dutchess County Legislature, Molinaro voted repeatedly to increase property taxes, with a \$0.24 increase in the 2005 budget.
- ✓ 2004: Molinaro supported and voted for a 30 cent/month cellphone tax.
- ✓ As mayor of Tivoli in 2000 and 2002, Molinaro increased property taxes while giving raises to municipal employees (in 2002) and city contractors (in 2000).
- ✓ As mayor of Tivoli, Molinaro repeatedly increased water rates for residents.
- ✓ Molinaro supported the 2017 Republican tax law, which raised taxes on middle-class New Yorkers while cutting corporate taxes.
  - ✓ Molinaro claimed he lobbied against the SALT cap, which cost New York's economy billions of dollars lost in economic activity as the result of higher taxes.

## Molinaro Raised Taxes As Dutchess County Executive

## **Molinaro Raised The Dutchess County Property Tax Three Times**

**Molinaro Raised The Property Tax Rate Three Times While County Executive.**

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2021	\$3.18
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[Dutchess County, 2012 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2018 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2022 Adopted Budget, accessed 4/18/22]

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## **2012 Budget: Dutchess County's Budget Resulted In A \$50 Average Tax Hike Per Homeowner Due To Molinaro's Request For \$55,000 In Raises For Dutchess County Officials**

**2012: The Dutchess County Budget Was Prepared By Molinaro's Predecessor With Input From County Executive-Elect Molinaro.** "The tentative budget prepared by County Executive William Steinhaus in the fall would have cost the average homeowner an additional \$50 a year, and so does the final budget adopted shortly after midnight Tuesday by the county Legislature [...] Rolison said the raises were requested by County Executive-elect Marc Molinaro." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

**2012: Dutchess County's Budget Raised Taxes By \$50 Per Resident.** "Some department heads got last-minute raises and lawmakers tweaked some other expenditures, but when the work was done, the impact of the 2012 Dutchess County budget on taxpayers hadn't changed. The tentative budget prepared by County Executive William Steinhaus in the fall would have cost the average homeowner an additional \$50 a year, and so does the final budget adopted shortly after midnight Tuesday by the county Legislature." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

**2012: The Budget Produced \$55,000 In Raises For Dutchess County Officials At Molinaro's Behest.** "The Legislature approved many amendments to the budget before adopting it, including granting about \$55,000 in raises for the public defender, the jail administrator and the commissioners of public works and human resources. Rolison said the raises were requested by County Executive-elect Marc Molinaro." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

**2012: The Tax Hike Hurt Working People In Dutchess County, While Wealthy Residents Felt They Had "Dodged A Bullet" By Avoiding Tax Increases That Could Have Potentially Been Even Higher.** "Two county taxpayers had differing views on the amount of additional taxes they'd have to pay. A homeowner with property assessed at \$250,000 - the countywide average - would pay about \$815 in county taxes next year, up from about \$765 this year. 'If it's costing somebody like me about \$50, I'd say I dodged a bullet,' Town of Poughkeepsie resident Joseph Robillard said. Robert Fell of Hyde Park said the extra \$50 would hurt, especially when combined with other expected increases in his school and municipal tax bills. 'Fifty bucks doesn't sound like much, but it adds up. I'm 67 and I'd like to retire, but I have to keep working to pay all the taxes,' Fell said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/11]

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### **2013 Budget: In His First Budget Molinaro Raised Property Taxes By 20 Cents**

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**2013: Dutchess County Raised Property Taxes.** "Is Cox right that Molinaro has already cut spending and property taxes in Dutchess County? A spokesperson for Cox pointed to the county's approved budgets while Molinaro's been in office. This year's budget in Dutchess County reduced both the county property tax rate for residents and the tax levy for the fourth consecutive year, according to budget documents. But his first two budgets increased property taxes by about 2 percent in 2013 and again in 2014." [Buffalo News, 5/26/18]

**2013: The Dutchess County Budget Increased The Property Tax Rate By 20 Cents To \$3.45 Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value.** "The budget reduces spending by \$7.6 million and raises the portion of the budget funded by taxpayers - the levy - 2 percent. The tax rate would increase from \$3.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$3.45 per \$1,000. As an example, Molinaro said that the owner of a home assessed at \$264,500 paid just over \$859 this year in county property taxes. When factoring in the decline in real estate values, the owner of the same house, now assessed at \$252,300, would pay nearly \$11 more next year." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/6/12]

**2013: Molinaro Increased The Property Tax By 3.2 Percent And The Average Tax Rate By 6.5 Percent.** "Molinaro did not say whether he would consider exceeding the 2 percent tax-levy cap in order to mitigate the job cuts or reduction in county services - or depletion of rainy-day funds - that meeting the cap could require. This year's county budget of \$411.4 million increased the property-tax levy 3.2 percent and average tax rate by 6.5 percent. The 2011 budget of \$403 million froze the tax levy and increased the tax rate an average of 8.5 percent." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**The 2013 Budget Was Molinaro's First Budget As Dutchess County Executive.** "The 2013 Dutchess County budget is in the hands of County Executive Marc Molinaro, who called the spending plan a first step toward a more efficient government. The Dutchess County Legislature voted 21-3 to pass the \$409 million budget shortly after midnight Friday with only minimal changes. The Legislature voted to increase the sales tax by \$1 million, which would be used to double the shared services grants program in the Department of Planning and Development. 'It is, in fact, step one of many in our effort to deliver services more efficiently,' Molinaro said of his first budget." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/8/12]

**Molinaro Suggested That Dutchess County Residents Wanted Their Taxes Increased By Some Amount.** "With responses from 2,200 residents in hand, County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Legislature will take those opinions into account as they work on the troubled 2013 county budget and try to close a \$40 million gap. Molinaro

issued a report on the findings Friday [...] The survey was not scientific, nor intended to be so. Respondents were self-selecting, and their proportions did not match county demographics by age, skewing heavily toward those over 45, according to data in the report. One question asked broadly, without regard to the specific nonmandated categories, 'Would you be willing to pay a higher property tax rate to continue the optional programming and services you support?' On that basis, 74.7 percent would support some level of tax increase and 24.6 percent would not, Molinaro said." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/13/12]

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**2014: Molinaro Proposed A 1.9% Property Tax Increase.** "That won't be easy. Molinaro's budget blueprint had to address a multimillion-dollar shortfall while cutting spending to stay under the state-imposed property tax cap. Overall, spending would be reduced by \$1.6 million next year but the property-tax levy would increase by 1.9 percent, just below the state tax cap." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/24/13]

**2014: Dutchess County's Property Tax Increased By Twenty Cents To \$3.65.** [Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

**2014: Dutchess County Enacted A 1.9% Property Tax Increase And A 3.75% Energy Sales Tax.** "The legislature had made several changes in its Dec. 5 vote adopting the \$438.8 million 2014 budget proposed by Molinaro. It would be funded in part by a property tax levy increase of 1.9 percent and a 3.75 percent county sales tax on home energy sources, such as electricity and heating oil." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/14/13]

**2014: Molinaro Supported Cuomo's Proposal For Two-Year Property Tax Freeze.** "Dutchess County Executive, Marcus J. Molinaro, said, 'The Governor's proposals for a two year property tax freeze and universal Pre-Kindergarten could potentially deliver tremendous benefit to Dutchess County residents if properly implemented... Therefore, we applaud the Governor's focus on shared service and consolidation and we hope our leadership on this issue over the last two years will be recognized and our taxpayers receive the much needed benefit of the property tax freeze.'" [Governor of New York, [1/23/14](#)]

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### **2015 Budget: Molinaro Raised Property Taxes By Three Cents**

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**2015: Dutchess County's Property Tax Increased By Three Cents To \$3.68.** [Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

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### **2016 Budget: Molinaro Proposed His First Tax Cut**

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**2016: Dutchess County Had The First Tax Rate Decrease In Eight Years.** "This year, Dutchess residents will see the first tax rate decrease in eight years, according to Journal archives. The \$456.2 million budget for 2016 came with a 1.6 percent reduction in the tax rate at \$3.62 per \$1,000 assessed ." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/26/18]

**2106: Molinaro Proposed A Budget That Cut The Property Tax Rate For the First Time In Eight Years.** "Molinaro's \$456.2 million budget proposal for 2016 comes in \$14.5 million more than the adopted plan for 2015. However, it puts spending at more than \$6 million less than what the county is forecast actually to spend this year after modifications were made for things such as the settling of contracts with county employee unions. It also calls for a more than \$1 million reduction in the property tax levy - the amount the county takes in from property taxes.

And, it would reduce the county property tax rate by 1.6 percent, the first such reduction in eight years.”  
[Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/29/15]

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### **2017 Budget: Molinaro Proposed A Tax Cut, Yet Property Taxes Increased For Many Dutchess County Residents**

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**2017: Molinaro Proposed A Two Cent Property Tax Cut To \$3.58 Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Value.** “Molinaro's proposed \$467 million spending plan would represent a 0.2 percent increase from 2016. It would be funded in part by a \$105.5 million tax levy (the revenue a government raises through property taxes), which is about \$170,000 less than the 2016 tax levy. If the Dutchess Legislature approves the budget, the property tax rate would drop from \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$3.58.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/28/16]

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- **A 2013 Sales Tax Formula Change Put Poughkeepsie In A Multimillion Dollar Deficit.** “Rather, Petsas pointed to the sales tax formula change from 2013 as a major factor contributing to the city's deficit, which puts Poughkeepsie at \$12.6 million in the red. Since the change, Petsas said the city has lost nearly \$6.8 million, cumulatively, through the end of 2015.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/16/16]

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### **2018 Budget: Molinaro Proposed A Property Tax Cut**

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**2018: Molinaro Proposed Cutting The Property Tax Levy By Four Cents To \$3.54.** “The proposed property rate of \$3.54 per \$1,000 assessed is a cut from \$3.58 in 2017, a decrease for a third consecutive year.”  
[Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/1/17]

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### **2019 Budget: Molinaro Proposed A Property Tax Cut**

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**2019: Molinaro Proposed Cutting The Property Tax Levy By Nine Cents To \$3.45.** “Dutchess County hopes to add new positions and increase funding for services such as domestic abuse response with a roughly \$500 million 2019 budget. The budget, which includes several amendments to Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's initial proposal, reduces the county property tax and lowers the property tax rate from \$3.54 to \$3.45 per \$1,000 of true value assessments.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/9/18]

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### **2021 Budget: Molinaro Proposed A Property Tax Cut**

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**2021: Molinaro Proposed Cutting The Property Tax Levy By Eight Cents To \$3.18.** “Dutchess' \$501.8 million 2021 budget, which includes a handful of amendments to County Executive Marc Molinaro's initial proposal, reduces spending by 3.6%, or about \$18.5 million, compared to the 2020 budget modified amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and taps reserves. The tax rate in 2021 will be reduced by 2.5%, from \$3.26 to \$3.18 per \$1,000 of full value assessment.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/5/20]

- **Dutchess County's Sales Tax Cut Was Expected To Cost The County \$12 Million In Revenue In 2022, Then \$14.3 Million Annually In Subsequent Years.** “The Legislature also on Monday: Passed a resolution exempting clothing and footwear costing less than \$110 from county sales taxes. The exemption takes effect on March 1 and will cost the county an estimated \$12 million in revenue in 2022 and \$14.3 million annually in subsequent years. Dutchess will also have to pay the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for half of its loss of the sales tax revenue — an estimated \$595,000 in 2022 and \$715,000 annually going forward.” [Highlands Current, [11/13/21](#)]

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## 2022 Budget: Molinaro Proposed A Property Tax Cut

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**October 2021: Molinaro Proposed A \$5.5 Million Tax Cut, “The Largest Property Tax Cut In The County’s History.”** “Dutchess County residents would see the largest property tax cut in the county's history under a 2022 spending plan being proposed by County Executive Marc Molinaro. In a press release Wednesday, Molinaro said his tentative spending plan will cut the county property tax levy by \$5.5 million, resulting in a decrease in the average property tax rate of more than 10 percent.” [Daily Freeman, 10/13/21]

- **Daily Freeman: Molinaro Cut Property Taxes For Seven Straight Years.** “If the county Legislature approves Molinaro's plan as presented, the 2022 budget will provide the eighth consecutive property tax levy cut and the seventh consecutive property tax cut since Molinaro took office in 2011.” [Daily Freeman, 10/13/21]
- **Molinaro’s Proposed Property Tax Cut Would Reduce The Levy By \$5.5 Million And The Rate From \$3.18 To \$2.85 Per \$1,000 Of True Value.** “Various tax cuts served as the main focus of the budget presentation, with Molinaro touting more than \$20 million in annual tax relief. It includes the proposed elimination of the county sales tax on clothing and footwear up to \$110 and reducing the county property tax rate by 10% [...] The proposed property tax levy is \$99.8 million, \$5.5 million less than 2021. The tax rate would decrease from \$3.18 to \$2.85 per \$1,000 of true value assessments.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/27/21]

## Molinaro Introduced An Energy Sales Tax On Dutchess County Residents

**2014: Molinaro Removed The Sales Tax Exemption For Energy, Raising Taxes On Dutchess County Residents.** “Once again, no one cares for the little guy. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Legislature have repealed the sales tax exemption on energy in the new budget. It won't hurt the rich, only the poor and middle class who can't find jobs in this county, which Molinaro is the overseer of.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, Letter to the Editor, 12/26/13]

- **The 3.75% Energy Sales Tax Went Into Effect March 1, 2014.** “Molinaro said the state Department of Taxation and Finance has a ‘90-day repeal standard’ once the county Legislature passes a measure that would remove the 3.75 percent sales tax on things like fuel oil and electricity [...] The sales tax went into effect on March 1.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/10/14]

**The Energy Tax Molinaro Enacted Was 3.75 Percent.** “Molinaro called on the state government to provide the county mandate relief. Such relief would let the county eliminate a new energy tax of 3.75 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/5/14]

**Molinaro Wanted New York State To Provide Mandate Relief Allowing Him To End The Energy Tax.** “Molinaro called on the state government to provide the county mandate relief. Such relief would let the county eliminate a new energy tax of 3.75 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/5/14]

**Molinaro Suggested A “Painful” Repeal Of The Sales Tax Exemption For Energy Was Better Than A Property Tax Increase.** “Instead, in what is likely to be the most controversial aspect of this budget, Molinaro wants to repeal the sales-tax exemption on residential energy sources. That means heating oil and natural gas bills will rise, but it also would give the county nearly \$8 million in new revenue next year - and some of that money would have to be shared with municipalities. Molinaro called the repeal plan ‘painful’ but defended the idea, saying the county continues to make workforce and other cuts that will provide larger savings over time. The county executive says, given the choice, seeing energy bills rise is better than imposing greater hikes on property taxes because people can take steps to reduce their energy consumption while the property tax provides no such wiggle room.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/24/13]

- **Molinaro Proposed A 1.9% Property Tax Increase At The Same Time.** “That won't be easy. Molinaro's budget blueprint had to address a multimillion-dollar shortfall while cutting spending to stay under the state-

imposed property tax cap. Overall, spending would be reduced by \$1.6 million next year but the property-tax levy would increase by 1.9 percent, just below the state tax cap.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/24/13]

**Molinaro Said A Tax Increase Was Better Than Cutting Jobs.** “Molinaro said he doesn't ‘dismiss the difficulty’ the tax creates, but without the new revenue, 80 jobs would be cut or the property tax levy would increase by 12 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/6/13]

**The Energy Tax Caused Constituents To Criticize Molinaro For Violating “The Republican Philosophy Of Trying To Reduce Taxes.”** “Sudiptar Ray, 62, of East Fishkill said he attended the county executive's address because he opposed the new energy tax. ‘This is going in the wrong direction,’ he said. ‘This is not consistent with the Republican philosophy of trying to reduce taxes.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/5/14]

**Letter To The Editor Headline: “Molinaro Breaks Promise By Backing Energy Tax.”** [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/10/14]

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### **June 2014: The Energy Sales Tax Was Repealed**

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**April 2014: \$5.25 Million In Assistance From The State Was Given To Dutchess County, Allowing Them To Repeal The Energy Sales Tax.** “The press conference was held to provide additional details about \$5.25 million in assistance to the county that was included in the 2014-15 state budget adopted Monday. The sales tax went into effect on March 1. The press conference was hosted by state Sen. Greg Ball, R-Patterson, along with Molinaro and state Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, D-Hudson. The aid will allow the county to repeal the energy tax, which was passed narrowly by the Legislature in December in order to close a budget gap.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/3/14]

**June 2014: The Energy Sales Tax Was Repealed.** “Dutchess County residents soon will no longer see a controversial local sales tax on bills for things like fuel oil, natural gas and electricity. The 3.75 percent tax on most residential energy sources, which took effect March 1, was repealed Sunday. On an \$800 fuel oil bill, the tax savings will be \$30. Bills issued now for energy used before June 1 will still have the tax. County Executive Marc Molinaro said Monday, ‘It is not a policy we will be returning to.’ He added it was a measure 21 other counties have taken.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 6/2/14]

**Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial: Molinaro’s “Ill-Timed Energy Tax Caused Massive Public Blowback And Had To Be Repealed.”** “Molinaro has been innovative as well, launching a shared-services program that is providing millions of dollars to localities willing to consolidate and find efficiencies in government. And the county also has filled the long-vacant historian position, with the executive recognizing not only the area's rich history but how important heritage tourism is to the local economy. The executive also has hit some bumps and bruises along the way. Reconfiguring the county's economic-development network and developing a cohesive strategy have taken considerable time. He underestimated the difficulty to get state approval to move forward with a new jail, and an ill-timed energy tax caused massive public blowback and had to be repealed.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/23/15]

### **Molinaro’s Policies Forced Local Municipalities To Raise Taxes By Transferring The Tax Burden From The Dutchess County To Local Municipalities**

**2013: Molinaro Wanted To Cap Sales Tax Revenue Provided To Local Municipalities At \$25 Million, A \$4.5M Reduction.** “Another cost-cutting measure the county executive reaffirmed his support for is capping the sales-tax revenue provided to local municipalities at \$25 million. This year the cities and towns were provided \$29.5 million.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**2013: Molinaro’s Dutchess County Budget Caused The Town Of Beekman To Cut Services And Increase Property Taxes.** “With the 2013 budget looming, some Dutchess County residents are fearful the county's financial burden is shifting to local municipalities. Councilmember Ronald Mangeri said the Town of Beekman stands to lose approximately \$120,000 under the proposed \$25 million sales tax cap. He said the loss in revenue

would hinder the town's ability to meet obligations and lead to cutting services and increasing property taxes.” [The Journal News, 11/9/12]

**2016: Molinaro Negotiated A Controversial Sales Tax Agreement With Poughkeepsie That Caused Taxes To Increase On Residents There.** “But if the county's financial position is strong, it should take another look at a controversial sales tax agreement it has with municipalities, said Dutchess Legislator Joel Tyner. The current sales tax revenue distribution agreement was negotiated by Dutchess and its two cities - Poughkeepsie and Beacon - in 2013, in part to close a \$40 million county budget gap. The agreement, which replaced one that expired in 2005, left the fiscally troubled City of Poughkeepsie \$2 million short in sales tax revenue but guaranteed nearly \$10 million a year. It was approved by both city councils and the Legislature. The sales tax agreement has come to the forefront of this year's City of Poughkeepsie budgeting process, as a nearly 17 percent tax increase is on the horizon for residents.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/28/16]

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### **Molinaro Wanted To Reinstate The Mortgage Recording Tax**

**2012: Molinaro Wanted To Reinstate The Mortgage Recording Tax While Exempting First Time Homebuyers.** “The budget proposal stays within the state's 2 percent property tax cap, which is no small task considering the county is facing a \$40 million budget gap from the get-go. Molinaro closes that gap, in part, by [...] Reinstating the mortgage recording tax but exempting first-time homebuyers.” [The Journal News, 11/18/12]

### **Molinaro Voted To Raise Taxes In The New York Assembly**

#### **Molinaro Voted To Extend New York's Biggest Income Tax Increase In 50 Years Via The “Millionaires’ Tax” As Part Of The December 2011 Budget Overhaul**

**December 2011: Molinaro Voted For The Income Tax Overhaul.** In December 2011, Molinaro voted “Yes on S50002, a bill “enacting into law major components of law necessary to the state; relates to tax rates and exclusions under the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax.” The bill passed the Assembly 132 to 8 and was signed into law by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: S50002, 12/07/11]

- **Tax Overhaul Raised Revenue By \$1.9 Billion.** “The plan will raise about \$1.9 billion in new revenue, less than the \$4 billion generated by the millionaire’s tax, which expires Dec. 31. About \$400 million will be spent on flood recovery and a youth-employment program, and the remaining \$1.5 billion will be put toward the deficit, said Morris Peters, a Budget Division spokesman.” [Bloomberg, 12/08/11]
- **Empire Center: The Deal Extended “New York’s Biggest Income Tax Increase In 50 Years.”** “On Dec. 6, 2011, Gov. Cuomo and legislative leaders announced a deal to extend New York’s biggest income tax increase in 50 years, targeting earners of \$1 million and more for what will be the third highest income tax rate imposed by any major state. About one quarter of the \$2.6 billion tax hike will be redistributed in the form of tax cuts for middle-class filers, and the rest will be spent.” [Empire Center, accessed 11/23/21]

**2011: New York’s Top Income Tax Rate Was The Second Highest In The Country.** “Under the proposal announced on Tuesday, newly created tax rates would range from 6.45 percent for income between \$40,000 and \$150,000 (for married couples) to 8.82 percent for income over \$2 million. Tax brackets would be indexed to the rate of inflation and would take effect next year. The new top tax bracket would extend through 2014; the others would be permanent. Under the new brackets, New York’s top income tax rate of 8.82 percent would rank among the highest in the country, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators. It would be significantly higher than

the top rate in Connecticut, which was raised earlier this year to 6.7 percent, but just under New Jersey's top rate of 8.97 percent." [New York Times, 12/6/11]

**Molinaro Voted To Extend The Millionaires' Tax In 2011.** "Molinaro did vote for Cuomo's tax deal that extended the 'millionaires' tax' in 2011. While only one section of the bill, the legislation created a higher tax bracket for the highest-income residents in New York and reduced the rates for millions of middle-class residents. Described by some as a cut and others as an increase, it lowered the rate for high-income earners, but set it higher than it would have been had the previous rate simply expired. Molinaro also voted in 2011 for Cuomo's 2 percent limit on property tax increases. The measure, popular with fiscal conservatives, was aimed at curbing soaring property taxes." [City and State, 10/10/18]

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### **Molinaro Later Called For Phasing Out New York's "Millionaires Tax," Citing Concern For "Those Who Can't Afford It"**

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**Molinaro Supported Phasing Out The "Millionaires Tax" As A Way To "Make Taxation A Bit More Respectful Of Those Who Can't Afford It."** "Molinaro, currently Dutchess county executive, has repeatedly sounded the theme since formally launching his bid for governor April 2. While he has largely spoken in sweeping generalities -- promising 'bold' proposals to come during his nomination acceptance speech at the May 23 state GOP convention -- details are starting to emerge. Molinaro said that in addition to making the state's 2-percent cap on annual property tax increases permanent, he would seek to phase out the so-called 'millionaires tax' if elected. The income tax rate for the top bracket -- which includes individuals making \$1 million or more and couples earning \$2 million or more per year -- went from 6.85 to 8.82 percent in 2009, and has been extended by Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo and a Legislature where each house is controlled by one of the two major parties. 'I would seek to have it expire over time,' Molinaro said of the millionaires tax. 'I do think that there's a way to make taxation in the state a bit more respectful of those who can't afford it.'" [Gotham Gazette, 6/10/18]

- **The "Millionaires Tax" Taxed Single New Yorkers Earning Over \$1 Million And Couples Earning Over \$2 Million At A Rate Of 8.82 Percent.** "Single New Yorkers earning \$1 million annually and couples earning \$2 million pay a state income tax rate of 8.82 percent. The current rate is slightly lower than the surcharge imposed under Gov. David Paterson to raise revenue following the 2008 recession." [Times Union, [9/25/18](#)]
- **The Millionaires Tax Generated \$4.5 Billion In Revenue Per Year For The State Of New York.** "Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo told reporters on Tuesday morning that he hasn't decided yet whether the state needs the \$4.5 billion in annual revenue from the so-called "Millionaire's Tax," which is set to expire at the end of 2019." [Times Union, [9/25/18](#)]

### **2008: Molinaro Supported Raising Taxes**

**2008: Molinaro Said Tax Increases "Ought To Be On The Table".** "Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli, said he worries about shifting costs onto municipalities if that results in property tax increases. However, Molinaro said, 'In my opinion, everything ought to be on the table and we should have a serious dialogue on how to save the state from this fiscal crisis.'" [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/17/08]

### **Molinaro Supported And Voted For The New York Property Tax Cap**

**2011: New York Implemented A Yearly Cap On Property Tax Growth Of Two Percent.** "The property-tax cap was implemented by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state Legislature last year, and more than 80 percent of governments abided by it. The cap limits the growth in the property-tax levy - the total taxes a community collects - to nominally 2 percent a year." [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/9/12]

**Molinaro Voted For The Property Tax Cap.** "The tax-cap law, which Molinaro co-sponsored and voted for as an Assembly member, is now limiting his options as a county executive. 'It does impact how much can be levied,' he

said. But he still supports the cap. ‘Finances aside, the tax cap has focused the dialogue around minimizing tax impacts.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/9/12]

**Molinaro Voted To Raise Taxes In Dutchess County Legislature**

**Dutchess County Property Tax**

Dutchess County Property Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	
Year	Tax Rate Per \$1,000
1995	\$3.62
1996	\$3.56
1997	\$3.72
1998	\$3.69
1999	\$3.96
2000	\$3.85
2001	\$3.36
2002	\$3.02
2003	\$2.63
2004	\$2.61
2005	\$2.85
2006	\$2.57
2007	\$2.57
2008	\$2.29
2009	\$2.54
2010	\$2.83
2011	\$3.06
2012	\$3.25
2013	\$3.45
2014	\$3.65
2015	\$3.68
2016	\$3.62
2017	\$3.58
2018	\$3.54
2019	\$3.45
2020	\$3.26
2021	\$3.18
2022	\$2.85*

[Dutchess County, 2006 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2009 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2012 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2015 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2018 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21; Dutchess County, 2022 Executive Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

*\*As of writing the 2022 Dutchess County Budget had yet to be adopted, as a result the stated property tax rate was the proposed figure.*

**2007: Molinaro Voted To Increase Property Taxes By 15 Percent In A Budget That Ultimately Wasn't Adopted**

**2007: Molinaro Voted To Increase Dutchess County Property Taxes By 15 Percent.** “At issue was the \$387.5 million spending plan proposed by County Executive William Steinhaus. In the end, the Republican majority voted to accept much of what Steinhaus proposed, including a 15 percent increase in the county's property tax levy. Steinhaus has about a week to veto changes to his proposal, and the Legislature is scheduled to meet again Dec. 18 to consider overriding any vetoes. ‘This has been a productive process, and open, and I'm very grateful for that,’

Legislator Marc Molinaro, R-Tivoli, said before the vote. All 13 Republican legislators voted for the budget, and the 12 Democrats voted against it.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/8/06]

**2007: The Proposed Budget Increased The Mortgage Tax, Extended A 3.75 Percent Sales Tax, And Led To Likely Double Digit Property Tax Rate Increases.** “The Legislature accepted Steinhaus' recommendation of a mortgage tax increase from 1 percent to 1.25 percent, a tax hike that will require state authorization. The approved budget also extends the county's 3.75 percent sales tax, another measure advocated by Steinhaus. But the Legislature rejected a renewed tax on clothing purchases under \$110, which Steinhaus said was needed to recoup part of a drop this year in sales tax revenues. Sales tax is the county's largest single revenue source. The property tax levy, which is the total amount in property taxes to be collected by the county, will increase to \$86 million under the budget. The effect on individual property owners will vary across the county, but most communities will see double-digit percentage rate increases.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/8/06]

**2007: The Adopted Budget Kept The Property Tax Levy Constant At \$2.57.** [Dutchess County, 2009 Adopted Budget, accessed 12/6/21]

**2000-2005: Dutchess County Property Taxes Increased By 44 Percent While Molinaro Served In The Dutchess County Legislature**

**New York State Comptroller: Dutchess County Property Tax Revenue Rose By 44 Percent From 2000-2005.**

Dutchess County Property Tax Levy						
County	1995 Levy	2000 Levy	2005 Levy	Average Annual Percent Change 1995-2000	Average Annual Percent Change 2000-2005	Total Change 1995-2005
Dutchess	\$345,457,236	\$396,036,780	\$567,363,209	2.8%	7.5%	64.2%

[New York State Comptroller, Property Taxes in New York State, April 2006]

**2005: Dutchess County Raised Property Taxes By 5.8 Percent, In A Budget Molinaro Supported.** “Steinhaus proposed an increase of 13 percent in the amount raised by property taxes, an additional 0.25 percent onto the county's 1 percent mortgage tax and a vehicle registration fee of \$5 or \$10 a year, depending on the vehicle's size. Legislators approved the mortgage tax increase, but exempted the first \$250,000 of a mortgage's value from the additional 0.25 percent, and rejected the vehicle tax. But they also pushed up to 18 percent the increase in the amount raised by property taxes, or a hike in the property tax rate of 5.8 percent. ‘It was the very best we could do under some very difficult circumstances,’ said Legislator Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, chairman of the budget committee. ‘We'll go back to the taxpayers and our residents and explain it as best we can.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/04]

**2005: The Dutchess County Budget Extended The 8 Percent Sales Tax.** “Legislators also agreed with Steinhaus on extending the 8 percent sales tax in the county. The county approved raising the sales tax from 7.25 percent two years ago, but the additional 0.75 percent was due to expire in November 2005.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 12/7/04]

**2004: Molinaro Chaired The Dutchess County Budget & Finance Committee Which Raised Property Taxes 4.6 Percent, Hotel Taxes 1 Percent, And Introduced A Cell Phone Tax.** “As expected, a legislative committee on Tuesday approved -- with a few changes -- Dutchess County's proposed 2004 budget. Budget & Finance Committee Chairman Marc Molinaro, R-Red Hook, described the changes as ‘modest and appropriate adjustments to the proposed budget, but it does our level best to protect the taxpayers.’ The \$339.4 million budget includes an average property tax increase of 4.6 percent, a 1 percent increase in the county's hotel tax from 3 to 4 percent and revenue from a proposed cell phone surcharge.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 11/26/03]

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**2002: The Dutchess County Legislature Wanted To Create A 30 Cents A Month “Cell Phone Tax.”** “Dutchess and Ulster counties can add a 30-cents tax on wireless telephone monthly service under a new law signed by Gov. George Pataki. Cell phone users could be charged up to an additional 30 cents more a month, with the money going to the counties' emergency response systems and police dispatch. The Dutchess County Legislature voted June 18 to ask the county to create the 30-cent surcharge. The new law gives the go-ahead to 13 New York counties if their county legislatures vote to add the surcharge. People would be charged extra only if the cell phone is registered in one of those counties. The money would be collected by the cellular service provider and distributed to county governments.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 8/20/02]

### **Molinaro Raised Taxes As Mayor Of Tivoli**

#### **Molinaro Raised Tivoli Property Taxes While Raising Salaries Of City Employees And Contractors**

**2002: Tivoli Increased Property Taxes By Two Cents While Raising Municipal Salaries.** “Tivoli's \$770,000 proposed village budget calls for a slight tax increase in the coming year. The budget calls for a tax rate of \$10.31 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, a slight increase from last year's rate of \$10.29. The plan shows ‘no major adjustments in expenses, and a slight increase in the assessed value of the village,’ Mayor Marc Molinaro said. The tentative budget calls for a 3-percent increase in municipal salaries and continues to provide for library support, emergency response and municipal services.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 4/9/02]

**2000: Molinaro Raised Property Taxes By Two Percent.** “But grant revenues and growing property values will keep the tax hike to about 2 percent, Mayor Marcus Molinaro announced Monday. ‘Every year we get better at this,’ said the mayor. ‘It is probably the best budget document we've put together.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/28/00]

- **Molinaro Used The 2000 Tax Increase To Give Pay Raises To Contracted Employees.** “Elected officials, Molinaro said, will not see pay raises under the spending plan. Contracted employees, however, such as the treasurer and the village clerk, will see increases because their compensation levels are well below market value. ‘What we’re simply talking about is paying them for the work they’re doing,’ said Molinaro, projecting the average salary will grow about 4 percent.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/28/00]

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## **Molinaro Repeatedly Increased The Cost Of Water For Tivoli Residents**

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### **2006: Molinaro Increased Water Rates By Fifteen Percent, After Expected Gains From New Wells Didn’t Occur**

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**2006: Water Rates In Tivoli Increased By Fifteen Percent Due To Budget Shortfalls And Consumption Decreases.** “Village residents have had water problems for years. Now that supply issues have been addressed, residents are being hit with a 15 percent increase in their rates, approved this week by the village board. The increase is expected to make up for shortfalls in the water budget that have accumulated over the last three years. The shortfalls were caused by recent capital improvement projects and an unexpected loss of customers, Mayor Marc Molinaro said. ‘It was the first time we raised rates since 2002,’ Molinaro said. ‘We had a 10 percent drop in consumption and we were never able to see any financial gains. We had planned to make increases of 2.5 percent to 3 percent over the course of the last few years, but we just didn’t want to do it. Raising taxes is never easy and we fell into the same trap other communities fall into.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/06]

- **Molinaro Attributed Rising Water Costs To The Construction Of Two New Wells, Even Though Those New Wells Resulted In New Water Sources.** “He also attributed the increase in costs to completion of two wells in 2003. The project ended a search for water in the village that lasted decades. But the project cost the town nearly \$300,000, with \$265,000 of the cost being borrowed over 20 years. Prior to construction of the wells, village residents were subject to summers filled with perpetual water warnings.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/06]

**2006: Tivoli Residents Worried About Rising Water Rates.** “Village resident Elli Du-binski said she worried about the continual increases in taxes across the state. ‘I’m trying to deal with it all somehow,’ she said. ‘I came here because it was a remote place and the real estate was cheap and I could afford it. I’m retired and now my taxes are equal to my Medicare. And that doesn’t even include my water bill.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/06]

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### **2002: Under Molinaro’s Mayorship, The Town Of Tivoli Planned To Raise Water Rates Up To 25 Percent, Which Caused Unhappiness Among Residents**

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**2002: Tivoli Considered Raising Water Rates Up To Twenty Five Percent In Order To Fund Two New Water Wells.** “Officials in the village of Tivoli are contemplating raising water rates up to 25 percent to finance some long-needed system improvements. In March, the village signed a long-term lease for two permanent wells expected to double available water. The existing water system is at or near capacity, prompting conservation measures during five of the past eight years. Making the updates is expected to cost the village approximately \$26,400 a year, which includes \$1,000 per month rent for use of the well sites and a \$1,200 monthly bond payment to finance improvements. While he doesn’t want to raise rates, Mayor Marc Molinaro said he hopes to keep the impact to users at a minimum.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/15/02]

**2002: Water Rates Were Raised By 25 Percent For Some Residents.** “While he doesn’t want to raise rates, Mayor Marc Molinaro said he hopes to keep the impact to users at a minimum. Approximately one-third of the community won’t see a rate increase, he said. For senior citizens and single parents who typically use less than 10,000 gallons per quarter, the rate will remain unchanged at \$4.40 per thousand gallons. 10% hike for half of users For about half of the community, which uses between 10,000 and 20,000 gallons, there would be a 10 percent increase to \$4.85. The average water customer uses between 12,000 and 15,000 gallons per quarter, he said. Larger users would see the biggest hikes, ranging from 15 to 25 percent, depending on usage. While Molinaro said he

hadn't heard any complaints, not all residents were pleased to hear of the increase.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/15/02]

**Molinaro Claimed He Had Not Heard Any Complaints About Water Rate Increases, But Residents Were Unhappy About Water Rate Hikes.** “While Molinaro said he hadn't heard any complaints, not all residents were pleased to hear of the increase. ‘It seems we pay a lot for water now,’ said Ronnie Macey, a village resident for five years. ‘It looks like we’re going to pay a lot more.’ In her family of four, the bill runs about \$140 for a three-month period. If the water quality was better, it would be an easier pill to swallow, she said. ‘Everything’s going up,’ Macey said. The two wells, which can provide a total of 85 gallons per minute, will serve as a secondary source of water for the village. The village has seven wells, six of which it owns. Average use ranges from 75,000 to 78,000 gallons daily, with usage reaching 92,000 in the summer, Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 10/15/02]

**2002: Molinaro Doubled Tivoli’s Water Supply.** “Village of Tivoli officials hope water will soon be flowing freely following the approval of a new lease that will double village water availability. The village has for decades been on a quest for an adequate water supply, Mayor Marc Molinaro said. To meet that need, the village board has approved a lease agreement with Al and Gloria Trezza that would allow the village to lease land for two permanent wells. The Trezzas will be paid a \$1,000-per-month rental fee for not less than 40 years, Molinaro said.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 3/29/02]

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### **Molinaro Opposed Getting A Loan From New York State To Fix Its Water Supply Issues**

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**2003: Tivoli Was Authorized To Borrow Up To \$265,000 To Complete Two Wells.** “Village officials recently authorized the borrowing of \$265,000 for the completion of two new wells officials believe will end the longstanding water problems in the village. ‘This project has been going on for 100 years,’ Mayor Marc Molinaro said. ‘From the day the village was incorporated, there has been a problem with the water supply.’ [Poughkeepsie Journal, 2/24/03]

**1999: Molinaro Opposed Tivoli Taking A Loan From New York State To Fix Its Water Supply.** “Tivoli village Mayor Marcus Molinaro also does not plan to take the state up on its offer of \$3.9 million in loans for fixing up its water system, though he hopes to use it as a leveraging tool to gain federal grants. The interest from the loans would inflate water users' bills too greatly, argued Molinaro, who hopes the federal government will look favorably upon a project approved by the state. The state loan is slated to cover a hook-up into the Town of Red Hook's water district as well as pay for new wells within Tivoli, better distribution lines and a new water tank. The village recently had a line break and a storage tank lost half of its capacity - highlighting the need to improve the infrastructure. ‘The (current) water system gets us to the tip of our nose,’ Molinaro said. ‘We need to make sure it gets us well into the next century.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/23/99]

- **1999: New York State Earmarked \$447 Million To Improve Or Revamp Local Water Systems.** “Under an agreement reached Wednesday between Gov. George Pataki and the majority leaders of the state Legislature, \$447 million will be earmarked for projects to improve or revamp local water systems throughout the state. Among the local communities that stand to benefit are the town and city of Poughkeepsie, towns of Fishkill and Lloyd, and the Village of Tivoli. The bulk of the money comes from the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act approved in 1996.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/23/99]

### **Molinaro Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Law**

**Molinaro Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Law Which Hurt New York’s Economy And Raised Taxes On The Middle-Class To Pay For A Permanent Corporate Tax Cut**

**Molinaro Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Law.** “Molinaro opposed fracking for natural gas and, while supporting the recent federal tax cuts, has said he didn't vote for Trump.” [Newsday, 9/17/18]

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## The TCJA Would Raise Taxes On Many Middle-Class Taxpayers To Fund A Permanent Corporate Tax Cut

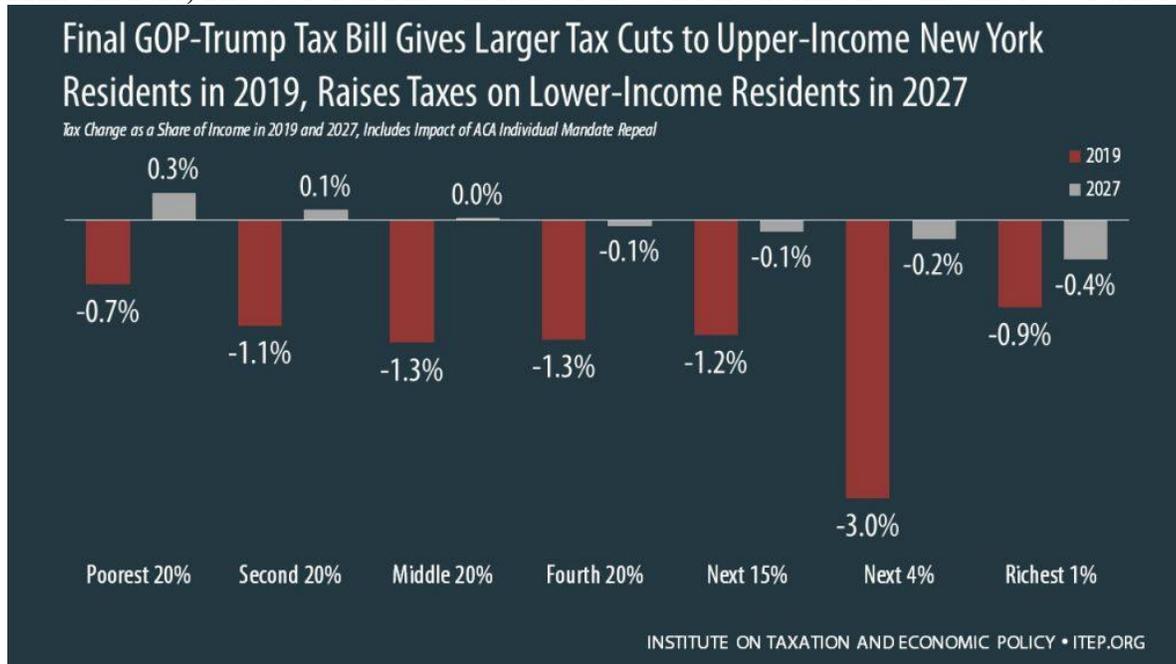
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**The TCJA Lowered The Corporate Income Tax Rate From 35 To 21 Percent.** “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

**CBPP: “Senate GOP Tax Plan Raises Taxes On Middle And Lower Income, Adds Millions To Uninsured, To Pay For Corporate Tax Cut”** [CBPP, [11/20/17](#)]

**CBPP: To Pay For A Permanent Corporate Tax Cut, The GOP Tax Bill Let Individual Tax Cuts Expire In 2027 Resulting In A \$32 Billion Tax Increase For American Households In 2027.** “Because Senate reconciliation rules prohibit the bill from adding to deficits after 2027, Republican leaders then faced another choice: set the entire bill to expire by the end of the decade, so there were no costs after 2027; revise it so that it pays for itself after ten years; or make certain priority tax cuts permanent and pay for them with other permanent measures that raise revenues or reduce program spending, while letting lower-priority tax-cut provisions expire. They chose the last approach. And they centered the bill around permanent corporate rate cuts and other tax cuts for multinationals. [...] Overall, in 2027 — when only the corporate tax cuts, slower inflation measure, and individual mandate repeal would remain in place — the Senate bill would, on average, raise taxes or reduce federal expenditures for households with incomes below \$75,000 by about \$60 billion — while still giving large tax reductions (through its corporate tax cuts) to those at the top.” [CBPP, [11/20/17](#)]

**ITEP: In 2027, The GOP Tax Bill Will Raise Taxes On Middle And Low-Income New Yorkers.**



[ITEP, 12/16/17]

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## The TCJA Implemented A Cap On SALT Deductions That Hurt New York's Economy, Which Molinaro Claimed He Lobbied Against But Blamed On NY's High Taxes

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**The TCJA Implemented A Cap On State And Local Tax (SALT) Deductions.** “Specifically, the 2017 law eliminates the full deductibility of state and local taxes by capping deductions. This provision was used to finance other tax reductions in the TCJA.” [Rockefeller Institute Of Government, 5/14/20]

**Rockefeller Institute: “If The 2017 SALT Cap Were Eliminated, New York State's Economy Would Support 107,000 Additional Full-Time Jobs Annually.”** “If the 2017 SALT cap were eliminated, New York State's

economy would support 107,000 additional full-time jobs annually, on average, in the first seven years (2018–24).” [Rockefeller Institute Of Government, 5/14/20]

**The SALT Cap Caused New York To Lose \$14.4 Billion To \$24.5 Billion In Economic Activity Annually.**

“Total economic activity lost as a result of the SALT cap ranges from \$14.4 billion to \$24.5 billion annually depending on the methodological approach used for analysis.” [Rockefeller Institute Of Government, 5/14/20]

**2018: Molinaro Claimed He Lobbied Against The SALT Cap.** “Beyond tone, Molinaro differs with Cuomo on approach, even where they may agree on policy. The Trump administration's \$10,000 cap on SALT (property and income tax) deductions will hurt New Yorkers, Molinaro said, and he lobbied against it.” [The Journal News, 8/5/18]

**Molinaro Expressed Concerns About The Republican Tax Law’s Caps On State And Local Tax Deductions, But Said New York State Bore The Brunt Of The Blame For Having High Taxes In The First Place.**

“Molinaro maintains that Congress should have eased the burden on taxpayers by phasing in or limiting the impact on local property taxes under the federal Tax Cuts and Job Act, which radically limits the deductions taxpayers can take from federal income tax. But he says Albany shares blame in high local property taxes. ‘There’s no reason that Congress couldn’t have worked their way to at least fade out or to minimize that impact,’ Molinaro said. ‘But the governor, claiming that this is an assault on New York, is lying to New Yorkers. He wants you to believe that our problem is created by Washington. No, our problem was created by Albany. In particular, this state forces more state spending down on the local property taxes than any state in the country, and that’s because too many times they either don’t have the money to pay for what they want, or they don’t want to take responsibility for paying for what they want,’ he said. ‘What happens, of course, is school taxes and local property taxes are arbitrarily high.’” [Journal News, 7/31/18]

- **2017: The Republican Tax Law Capped State And Local Tax Deductions At \$10,000, Which Severely Impacted New York.** “Trump told regional newspaper reporters in response to a question Wednesday that he’s ‘open to talking about’ revisions to the so-called SALT cap, which limits to \$10,000 the amount of state and local levies, including property taxes, that taxpayers can deduct each year on their federal returns. ‘There are some people from New York who have been speaking to me about doing something about that, about changing things. It’s been severe on them,’ he said.” [Bloomberg News, [2/7/19](#)]

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**Molinaro Called Antonio Delgado A Hypocrite For Not Repealing The SALT Cap As Part Of Build Back Better – Which Would Raise The Cap By A Factor Of Eight**

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**Molinaro Criticized Delgado For Failing To Secure SALT Cap Repeal And Called it “Much Needed Relief.”** “HOST: Your opponent has talked about SALT, but what we're hearing now is that SALT is not going to get repealed, and New Yorkers are still going to be on the hook for this thing. Is this an example of why we need to think differently and why we need change? MOLINARO: It is, listen, voters went to the polls in 2020. They voted for a congressman who said he was going to fight to repeal the SALT cap. That has now been abandoned [...] And so here we are on an island and we need a member of congress who's willing to stand up. I don't know what his position is on most things, most people don't. He's been very good at not taking positions. This is one he took. The repeal of the SALT cap was something that he and others fought for. The Congressman in Long Island said ‘if we don't do this we'll look like idiots.’ The truth of the matter is this is much needed relief.” [WGY, 6:43-7:45, [10/22/21](#)](AUDIO)

**Molinaro On Delgado: “I Don't Know What His Position Is On Most Things, Most People Don't. He's Been Very Good At Not Taking Positions. [SALT Cap Repeal] Is One He Took.”** “HOST: Your opponent has talked about SALT, but what we're hearing now is that SALT is not going to get repealed, and New Yorkers are still going to be on the hook for this thing. Is this an example of why we need to think differently and why we need change? MOLINARO: It is, listen, voters went to the polls in 2020. They voted for a congressman who said he was going to fight to repeal the SALT cap. That has now been abandoned [...] And so here we are on an island and we need a member of congress who's willing to stand up. I don't know what his position is on most things, most people don't. He's been very good at not taking positions. This is one he took. The repeal of the SALT cap was something that he

and others fought for. The Congressman in Long Island said ‘if we don't do this we'll look like idiots.’ The truth of the matter is this is much needed relief.” [WGY, 6:43-7:45, [10/22/21](#)](AUDIO)

**The Build Back Better Act That Passed The House In November 2021 Increased The SALT Cap From \$10,000 To \$80,000.** “The U.S. House of Representatives took a major step toward repealing the SALT cap Friday when it passed the Build Back Better bill. The House voted to dramatically increase the cap, which limits the deductibility of state and local taxes [...] The House raised the SALT deduction from \$10,000 to \$80,000.” [CBS News, 11/19/21]

## Sales Tax

### Molinaro Called For Eliminating The Sales Tax Exemption For Clothing And Footwear

**2018: Molinaro Called For Eliminating The Sales Tax Exemption On Clothing Sales Of \$110.** “But Molinaro also suggested some ways to boost revenues. To pay for the breaks, he recommended broadening the sales tax to cover online sales; eliminating the sales-tax exemption on clothing sales of \$110 and under and slashing ‘inefficient and ineffective’ economic-development spending.” [New York Post, 9/29/18]

## Veterans & Military Family Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Molinaro wanted to merge the Dutchess County Department of Veterans Services with the Department of Health to save money, but ultimately didn't.

## Veterans' Administration

### Dutchess County Veteran's Services

**Molinaro Wanted To Merge The Dutchess County Department Of Veterans Services With The Department Of Health.** “This includes merging veterans services, now part of the Department of Aging, Veterans and Youth, with the Department of Health - which is slated to move in the spring to the Poughkeepsie Journal building in the City of Poughkeepsie. Molinaro said the move will provide long-term savings.” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

**Veterans Were Concerned With Molinaro's Merger Proposal, Worried It Wasn't Practical.** “But Michael Athanas, commander of Hyde Park American Legion Post 1303, said he would worry about the staff in the combined agency not understanding the whole range of problems that World War II and other older veterans have. ‘Veterans have a whole complex of issues that young people don't understand,’ he said. ‘I really don't think it's a good idea. It sounds good on paper but I don't think it's practical.’” [Poughkeepsie Journal, 9/29/12]

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### Molinaro Did Not Merge The Department Of Veterans Services

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**As Of 2022, The Department Of Veterans Services Still Exists.** “The Division of Veterans Services ensures our County veterans and their families receive their maximum eligible benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies at all levels of government.” [Dutchess County Department of Veterans Services, accessed 1/4/21]

# Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

## 2021 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

### Net Worth

**2021: Molinaro Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$190,007 And \$550,000**

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### Earned Income

**2021: Molinaro Reported \$131,362.71 In Earned Income**

**2021: Molinaro Reported \$131,362.71 In Earned Income From Dutchess County.** [Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

2021 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$131,362.71

[Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

### Assets & Unearned Income

**2021: Molinaro Reported \$0 In Unearned Income**

**2021: Molinaro Reported \$0 In Unearned Income.** [Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

2021 Molinaro Assets & “Unearned” Income				
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income
		Min	Max	
5P	529	\$100,001	\$250,000	Tax-Deferred
WU	NW Mutual Life Insurance	\$15,001	\$50,000	None
WU	NW Mutual Life Insurance	\$15,001	\$50,000	None
OT	NYS 457	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred
DB	NYS Local Retirement System	None	None	Tax-Deferred
WU	State Farm Life Insurance	\$15,001	\$50,000	None
WU	State Farm Life Insurance	\$15,001	\$50,000	None
WU	State Farm Life Insurance	\$15,001	\$50,000	None
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$190,007</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	

[Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

### Liabilities

**2021: Molinaro Reported No Liabilities**

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**Positions****2021: Molinaro Held Positions On Four Boards**

2021 Molinaro Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Board Member	Regional Economic Development Council
Board Member	Hudson River Valley Greenway
First Vice President	New York State Association of Counties
President	New York State County Executive's Association

[Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

**Agreements****2021: Molinaro Was Party To One Agreement**

2021 Molinaro Agreements		
Date	Parties To	Terms Of Agreement
August 1998	New York State and Marcus Molinaro	NYS Pension Tier 4

[Molinaro 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/15/21]

**2020 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return****Net Worth****2020: Molinaro Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$120,000 And \$310,000**

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Board Member	Regional Economic Development Council
Board Member	Hudson River Valley Greenway
First Vice President	New York State Association of Counties
President	New York State County Executive's Association

[Molinaro 2020 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 5/6/21]

**Earned Income****2020: Molinaro Reported \$142,414 In Earned Income**

**2020: Molinaro Reported \$142,414 In Earned Income From Dutchess County.** [Molinaro 2020 Tax Return, filed 3/22/21]

2020 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$142,414

[Molinaro 2020 Tax Return, filed 3/22/21]

## Assets

### 2020: Molinaro Reported Between \$120,000 And \$310,000 In Assets

2020: Molinaro Reported Between \$120,000 And \$310,000 In Assets [Molinaro 2020 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 5/6/21]

2020 Molinaro Assets		
Asset	Year-End Value	
	Min	Max
NYS 529	\$100,000	\$250,000
NYS 457	\$20,000	\$60,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>

[Molinaro 2020 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 5/6/21]

## Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

### 2020: Molinaro Reported Two Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

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2020 Molinaro Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County			
Name	Relation	Job	Dates
Justin Molinaro	Brother	Department of Public Works	2/8/2010 - Present
Melissa Molinaro	Sister-in-law	District Attorney's Office	3/2/2015 - Present

[Molinaro 2020 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 5/6/21]

## 2019 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return

### Net Worth

#### 2019: Molinaro Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$120,000 And \$310,000

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### Positions

#### 2019: Molinaro Held Positions On Two Boards

2019 Molinaro Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Board Member	Regional Economic Development Council
Board Member	Hudson River Valley Greenway

[Molinaro 2019 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 7/10/20]

## Earned Income

### 2019: Molinaro Reported \$139,349 In Earned Income

**2019: Molinaro Reported \$139,349 In Earned Income From Dutchess County And Empire Casting, LLC.**  
[Molinaro 2019 Tax Return, filed 6/5/20]

2019 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$139,143
Empire Casting, LLC		\$206

[Molinaro 2019 Tax Return, filed 6/5/20]

## Assets

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2019 Molinaro Assets		
Asset	Year-End Value	
	Min	Max
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[Molinaro 2019 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 7/10/20]

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## 2018 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure

*\*Molinaro's 2018 tax return was not shared by Dutchess County.*

## Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

### 2018: Molinaro Reported Two Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

**2018: Molinaro Reported Two Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County.** “My brother, Justin Molinaro, is an employee of Dutchess County within the Department of Public Works. His employment preceded my service as County Executive. Further, I was and am not his direct supervisor but should any conflict arise related to his employment I will disclose that conflict and take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney [...] My sister-in-law (relative by marriage), Melissa Molinaro, is an employee of Dutchess County within the District Attorney's office. I am not her direct supervisor but should any conflict arise related to her employment I will disclose that conflict and take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney.” [Molinaro 2018 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 4/9/19]

## Conflicts Of Interest

### Molinaro Reported His Wife’s Job As A Potential Conflict Of Interest, Said He Would Recuse Himself From The Selection Process

**Molinaro Reported His Wife’s Job With A Firm That Had Contracts With Dutchess County, Said He Would “Recuse Myself From The Process Which Would Result In The Selection And Oversight Of The Firm.”** “My wife was an hourly employee with a professional firm which through competitive bid may be retained by the County of Dutchess to provide services to the Department of Public Works. Tinkelman Companies may be chosen pursuant to the process prescribed by the policy of the County's Office of Central and Information Services in conformance with Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law. My wife left employment with the firm in July of 2018, and had no managerial responsibilities or ownership stake with the firm. I have no relationship with this firm and neither I, nor my wife owns any stock or has any financial interest in this firm. I also further, in all instances recuse myself from the process which would result in the selection and oversight of the firm.” [Molinaro 2018 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 4/9/19]

## 2017 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return

### Earned Income

#### 2017: Molinaro Reported \$139,883 In Earned Income

**2017: Molinaro Reported \$139,883 In Earned Income From Dutchess County.** [Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18]

2017 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$139,883

[Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18]

### Rental Real Estate

#### 2017: Molinaro Reported A \$8,217 Loss On Rental Property

**2017: Molinaro Reported A \$8,217 Loss On Rental Property, As He Received \$27,000 In Rent, But Had Expenses Totaling \$35,217.** [Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18]

2017 Molinaro Rental Property							
Rent Received	Mortgage Interest Paid	Other Interest	Taxes	Depreciation	Other Costs	Total Expenses	Total Income
\$27,000	\$17,729	\$1,410	\$8,696	\$7,382	\$0	\$35,217	-\$8,217

[Molinaro 2017 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18]

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## 2016 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return

### Earned Income

#### 2016: Molinaro Reported \$139,755 In Earned Income

**2016: Molinaro Reported \$139,755 In Earned Income From Dutchess County.** [Molinaro 2016 Tax Return, filed 4/12/17]

2016 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$139,755

[Molinaro 2016 Tax Return, filed 4/12/17]

### Rental Real Estate

#### 2016: Molinaro Reported A \$6,141 Loss On Rental Property

**2016: Molinaro Reported A \$6,141 Loss On Rental Property, As He Received \$27,600 In Rent, But Had Expenses Totaling \$33,741.** [Molinaro 2016 Tax Return, filed 4/12/17]

#### 2016 Molinaro Rental Property

Rent Received	Mortgage Interest Paid	Other Interest	Taxes	Depreciation	Other Costs	Total Expenses	Total Income
\$27,600	\$15,858	\$1,442	\$8,659	\$7,382	\$400	\$33,743	-\$6,141

[Molinaro 2016 Tax Return, filed 4/13/18]

### Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

#### 2016: Molinaro Reported One Relative Doing Business With Dutchess County

**2016: Molinaro Reported One Relative Doing Business With Dutchess County.** “My brother, Justin Molinaro, is an employee of Dutchess County within the Department of Public Works. His employment preceded my service as County Executive. Further, I was and am not his direct supervisor but should any conflict arise related to his employment I will disclose that conflict and take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney.” [Molinaro 2016 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 3/21/17]

### 2015 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return

#### Earned Income

#### 2015: Molinaro Reported \$145,966 In Earned Income

**2015: Molinaro Reported \$145,966 In Earned Income From Dutchess County.** [Molinaro 2015 Tax Return, filed 4/8/16]

2015 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$145,966

[Molinaro 2015 Tax Return, filed 4/8/16]

#### Rental Real Estate

#### 2015: Molinaro Reported A \$1,460 Loss On Rental Property

**2015: Molinaro Reported A \$8,217 Loss On Rental Property, As He Received \$16,800 In Rent, But Had Expenses Totaling \$18,206.** [Molinaro 2015 Tax Return, filed 4/8/16]

2015 Molinaro Rental Property							
Rent Received	Mortgage Interest Paid	Other Interest	Taxes	Depreciation	Other Costs	Total Expenses	Total Income
\$16,800	\$8,446	\$0	\$3,948	\$3,998	\$1,813	\$18,206	\$1,406

[Molinaro 2015 Tax Return, filed 4/8/16]

### Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

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employment I will disclose that conflict and take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney.” [Molinaro 2015 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 3/11/16]

## 2014 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return

### Earned Income

#### 2014: Molinaro Reported \$140,601 In Earned Income

2014: Molinaro Reported \$140,601 In Earned Income From Dutchess County. [Molinaro 2014 Tax Return, filed 3/24/15]

2014 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$145,966

[Molinaro 2014 Tax Return, filed 3/24/15]

### Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

#### 2014: Molinaro Reported Two Relative Doing Business With Dutchess County

2014: Molinaro Reported Two Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County. “My father, Cecil “Skip” VanAnden was (retired in 2013) and my brother, Justin Molinaro, is an employee of Dutchess County within the Department of Public Works. Their employment preceded my service as County Executive. Further, I was and am not their direct supervisor but should any conflict arise related to their employment I will disclose that conflict and take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney.” [Molinaro 2014 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 5/11/15]

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### Earned Income

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2013: Molinaro Reported \$140,601 In Earned Income From Dutchess County. [Molinaro 2013 Tax Return, filed 3/3/14]

2013 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$145,966

[Molinaro 2013 Tax Return, filed 3/3/14]

### Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

#### 2013: Molinaro Reported Two Relative Doing Business With Dutchess County

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take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney.” [Molinaro 2013 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 5/6/14]

## 2012 – Dutchess County Personal Financial Disclosure And Tax Return

### Earned Income

#### 2012: Molinaro Reported \$135,234 In Earned Income

2012: Molinaro Reported \$125,234 In Earned Income From Dutchess County. [Molinaro 2013 Tax Return, filed 3/3/14]

2012 Molinaro Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Dutchess County	Salary	\$135,234

[Molinaro 2013 Tax Return, filed 3/3/14]

### Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County

#### 2012: Molinaro Reported Two Relative Doing Business With Dutchess County

2012: Molinaro Reported Two Relatives Doing Business With Dutchess County. “My father, Cecil “Skip” VanAnden and brother, Justin Molinaro, are and have been employees of Dutchess County within the Department of Public Works. Their employment preceded my service as County Executive. Further, I was and am not their direct supervisor but should any conflict arise related to their employment I will disclose that conflict and take appropriate action as advised by the County Attorney.” [Molinaro 2012 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, filed 4/25/13]

## Appendix II – Campaign Finance

### Molinaro Raised At Least \$5.3 Million And Spent At Least \$4.3 Million In His Time As A Career Politician

According to the FEC and New York State Board of Elections , Molinaro raised at least \$5.3 million and spent at least \$4.3 million in his campaigns for Congress, New York Governor, Dutchess County Executive, New York Assembly, and Dutchess County Legislature.

Molinaro New York Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2022	Molinaro for Congress	\$363,158	\$15,169.56
2019	Molinaro for Dutchess (County Executive)	\$887,066.40	\$976,262.02
2018	Molinaro for New York (Governor)	\$2,372,801	\$2,390,696
2015	Molinaro for Dutchess (County Executive)	\$775,915.74	\$748,404.79
2011	Molinaro for Dutchess (County Executive)	\$385,497.94	\$232,303.80
2010	MJM 4 NY (State Assembly)	\$197,401	\$143,926.48
2008	MJM 4 NY (State Assembly)	\$159,407.04	\$141,914.99
2006	MJM 4 NY (State Assembly)	\$158,075.46	\$116,280.88
*2006	*Friends of Marcus Molinaro (County Legislator)	\$8,105.04	\$4,167.64
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,307,428</b>	<b>\$4,769,126</b>

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 8/15/19; FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 1/21/22]

*\*The only available campaign spending reports for Dutchess County Legislature on the New York State Board of Elections website are from 2006 and 2007.*

## Congressional Campaign Committee

### Molinaro's Congressional Campaign Raised \$361,158 And Spent \$15,169

Molinaro 2022 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2022	\$363,158	\$345,158	\$0	\$17,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$15,169.56	\$15,169.56	\$0

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 1/21/22]

### Molinaro's Campaign Committee Received 95% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 5% From PACs

Source Of Molinaro Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$345,158	95%
PAC Contributors	\$17,000	4.7%
Self-Financing	\$1,000	0.3%
Other	\$0	0%

[OpenSecrets, accessed 1/21/22]

### Molinaro's Congressional Campaign Committee Received \$5,000 From Corporate PACs

**Over His Career, Molinaro Received \$5,000 From Corporate PACs.** [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 1/21/22]

### Molinaro's Campaign Committee Received Almost 30% Of His PAC Contributions From Business PACs

Source Of Molinaro Career Congressional Campaign Committee PAC Contributions		
Category	#	%
Business PACs	\$5,000	29.4%

Labor PACs		
Ideological PACs	\$12,000	70.6

[[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 1/21/22]]

## New York Gubernatorial Campaign

### Molinaro's 2018 Gubernatorial Campaign Raised \$2,372,801 And Spent \$2,390,696

Molinaro 2018 Gubernatorial Campaign Committee Funds				
Cycle	Total Receipts			Total Disbursements
	Total	Individuals	Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	Political Committees, PACs
2018	\$2,372,801	\$1,410,383	\$75,525.70	\$139,365
				\$2,390,696

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Molinaro's Campaign Committee Received 59.4% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 6% From PACs

Source Of Molinaro Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$1,410,383	59.4%
PAC Contributors	\$139,365	5.9%
Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	\$75,525.70	3.2%
Other	\$747,527	32%

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Top Overall Contributors

Molinaro's Largest Gubernatorial Contributors	
Contributor	Total
New York State Republican Committee	\$317,500
Charles P. Joyce	\$44,000
Martin Babinec	\$44,000
Neighborhood Preservation	\$34,000
RSA-Pac	\$34,000
Andrea Castimatidis	\$25,000
Empire State ABC Political Action Committee	\$25,000
Robert S Trump	\$25,000

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Expenditures

Molinaro Gubernatorial Expenditures By Category		
Category	Amount	Percentage
Other: Must Provide Explanation	\$961,599.66	40%
Television Ads	\$520,682	22%
Campaign Consultant	\$508,415.29	21%
Lawn Signs	\$95,823.48	4%
Campaign Mailings	\$65,629.08	2.7%
Professional Services	\$65,498.68	2.7%

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

## Dutchess County Executive Campaigns

### Molinaro's County Executive Campaigns Raised \$2,048,480 And Spent \$1,956,970

Molinaro's County Executive Campaign Funds					
Cycle	Total Receipts			Total Disbursements	
	Total	Individuals	Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	Political Committees, PACs	Total
2019	\$887,066.40	\$535,426.61	\$47,250	\$80,758.46	\$976,262.02
2015	\$775,915.74	\$346,044.52	\$23,893.17	\$46,619	\$748,404.79
2011	\$385,497.97	\$200,543.10	\$15,038.52	\$110	\$232,303.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,048,480.11</b>	<b>\$1,082,014.43</b>	<b>\$86,182</b>	<b>\$127,487.46</b>	<b>\$1,956,970.61</b>

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Molinaro's County Executive Campaigns Received 53% Of Their Contributions From Individual Contributors And 10% From PACs And Corporations

Source Of Molinaro Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$1,082,014.43	52.8%
PAC Contributors	\$127,487.46	6.2%
Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	\$86,182	4.2%
Other	\$966,465.91	47.2%

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Top Overall Contributors

Molinaro's Largest Gubernatorial Contributors	
Contributor	Total
Barry Feirstein	\$16,600
Lara Vitiello	\$16,600
Lucy Waletzky	\$16,600
BSG Engineering Surveying Landscape Architecture LLC	\$11,350
Compass Company Consultants	\$8,500
Antonio Rodrigues	\$8,300
Joseph M Rodrigues	\$8,300
Peter Torres	\$8,300
UA Plumbers & Steamfitters #21 Pac	\$8,300
Make NY Great	\$8,000

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Expenditures

Molinaro Gubernatorial Expenditures By Category		
Category	Amount	Percentage
Fundraising	\$322,268.97	16.5%
Campaign Consultant	\$260,213.32	13.3%
Campaign Literature	\$218,040.25	11.1%
Professional Services	\$167,433.91	8.6%
Other: Must Provide Explanation	\$159,142.12	8.1%
Constituent Services	\$138,599.57	7.1%
Office	\$137,882.03	7.0%
Campaign Mailings	\$132,059.18	6.7%
Political Contributions	\$127,165.57	6.5%

## New York State Assembly Campaigns

### Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaigns Raised \$514,883 And Spent \$402,122

Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaign Funds					
Cycle	Total Receipts			Total Disbursements	
	Total	Individuals	Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	Political Committees, PACs	Total
2010	\$197,401	\$89,443	\$3,600	\$0	\$143,926.48
2008	\$159,407.04	\$72,083.60	\$6,754.50	\$0	\$141,914.99
2006	\$158,075.46	\$55,017	\$16,295.46	\$0	\$116,280.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$514,883.60</b>	<b>\$216,543.60</b>	<b>\$26,649.96</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$402,122.35</b>

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaigns Received 42% Of Their Contributions From Individual Contributors And 5% From PACs And Corporations

Source Of Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaign Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual	\$216,543.60	42.1%
Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	\$26,649.96	5.2%
Other	\$271,690.04	52.8%

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Top Overall Contributors

Molinaro's Largest Assembly Contributors	
Contributor	Total
Republican Assembly Campaign Committee	\$15,000
Friends of Marcus Molinaro	\$6,969
Barry Feirstein	\$3,800
Feirstein LLC	\$3,800
Holly Peyton Good	\$3,800
Make NY Great	\$3,800
Friends of Assemblyman Tedisco	\$3,400
Hudson Valley Victory Fund	\$3,298.62
A. Colarusso & Son, Inc	\$3,000
Columbia County Republican Committee	\$3,000

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

### Expenditures

Molinaro Assembly Expenditures By Category		
Category	Amount	Percentage
Campaign Mailings	\$100,071.15	24.9%
Fundraising	\$78,371.07	19.5%
Other: Must Provide Explanation	\$63,858.32	15.9%
Constituent Services	\$42,609.36	10.6%
Campaign Literature	\$29,762.96	7.4%
Campaign Consultant	\$25,701.24	6.4%
Print Ads	\$20,970.83	5.2%

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

## Dutchess County Legislature Campaigns

### Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaigns Raised At Least \$8,105 And Spent At Least \$4,167

Molinaro's Dutchess County Legislature Campaign Funds			
Cycle	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	
2007	\$8,105.06	\$4,167.64	
2005	N/A	N/A	
2003	N/A	N/A	
2001	N/A	N/A	
1999	N/A	N/A	

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

*\*The only available campaign spending reports on the New York State Board of Elections website are from 2006 and 2007.*

### Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaigns Received 42% Of Their Contributions From Individual Contributors And 5% From PACs And Corporations

Source Of Molinaro's New York Assembly Campaign Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual	\$216,543.60	42.1%
Corporations, Partnerships, LLPs	\$26,649.96	5.2%
Other	\$271,690.04	52.8%

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

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Molinaro's Largest Assembly Contributors	
Contributor	Total
Republican Assembly Campaign Committee	\$15,000
Friends of Marcus Molinaro	\$6,969
Barry Feirstein	\$3,800
Feirstein LLC	\$3,800
Holly Peyton Good	\$3,800
Make NY Great	\$3,800
Friends of Assemblyman Tedisco	\$3,400
Hudson Valley Victory Fund	\$3,298.62
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Columbia County Republican Committee	\$3,000

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

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[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 1/21/22]

## Appendix III – Bill Sponsorships & Amendments

### Toplines

Molinaro Sponsorship Toplines		
New York Assembly Term	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
2011	19	0
2009-2010	28	2
2007-2008	27	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6</b>

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

Molinaro Career Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	# Of Bills Sponsored	# Became Law
Aging	0	0
Children and Families	2	0
Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions	5	0
Economic Development	2	0
Education	6	0
Election Law	9	0
Environmental Conservation	1	1
Governmental Operations	3	0
Health	9	0
Local Governments	7	1
Taxation	14	2
Transportation	14	1
Veterans	1	1

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

### 2011

#### Molinaro Sponsored 19 Pieces Of Legislation, 0 Of Which Became Law

Molinaro Sponsored 19 Bills In The 2011 Assembly Term, 0 Of Which Became Law. [New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

#### Sponsored Bills By Subject

2011 Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	# Of Bills Sponsored	# Became Law
Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions	2	0
Economic Development	1	0
Education	2	0
Election Law	2	0
Governmental Operations	1	0
Health	3	0
Taxation	4	0
Transportation	4	0

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

**Molinaro Bills Sponsored With Floor Consideration Or More****Molinaro Sponsored 0 Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law**

**Molinaro Sponsored 0 Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law In The 2011 Session.** [New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

**2009 - 2010****Molinaro Sponsored 28 Pieces Of Legislation, 2 Of Which Became Law**

**Molinaro Sponsored 28 Bills In The 2009 – 2010 Assembly Term, 2 Of Which Became Law.** [Nyassembly.gov, accessed 11/19/21]

**Sponsored Bills By Subject**

<b>2009 - 2010 Sponsorships By Subject</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b># Of Bills Sponsored</b>	<b># Became Law</b>
Children and Families	1	0
Corporations, Authorities and Commission	2	0
Economic Development	1	0
Education	2	0
Election Law	4	0
Governmental Operations	1	0
Health	3	0
Local Governments	4	1
Taxation	6	1
Transportation	4	0

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

**Molinaro Bills Sponsored With Floor Consideration Or More****Molinaro Sponsored 2 Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law**

**Molinaro Sponsored 2 Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law In The 2009 – 2010 Assembly Term.** [New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

<b>Molinaro 2009 - 2010 Sponsorships With Floor Consideration Or More</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Last Action</b>	<b>Last Action/ Effective Date</b>
3/13/09	A06894	An act to amend the tax law, in relation to sales and compensating use tax in Columbia county	Signed by governor	7/11/09
6/2/09	A08661	An act to authorize the town of Austerlitz, in the county of Columbia, to discontinue the use of certain lands as parklands	Signed by governor	9/16/09

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

**2007 - 2008****Molinaro Sponsored 27 Pieces Of Legislation, 4 Of Which Became Law**

**Molinaro Sponsored 27 Bills In The 2007-2008 New York Assembly Term, 4 Of Which Became Law.** [New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

**Sponsored Bills By Subject**

<b>2007 - 2008 Sponsorships By Subject</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b># Of Bills Sponsored</b>	<b># Became Law</b>
Aging	1	0
Children and Families	1	0
Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions	1	0
Education	2	0
Election Law	3	0
Environmental Conservation	1	1
Governmental Operations	1	0
Health	3	0
Local Governments	3	0
Taxation	4	1
Transportation	6	1
Veterans	1	1

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

**Molinaro Bills Sponsored With Floor Consideration Or More****Molinaro Sponsored 4 Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law**

**Molinaro Sponsored 4 Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law In The 2007-2008 New York Assembly Term.** [New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

<b>Molinaro 2007 - 2008 Sponsorships With Floor Consideration Or More</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Last Action</b>	<b>Last Action/ Effective Date</b>
3/30/07	A07171	Authorizes the Hudson VFW Post 1314 to file an application for a real property tax exemption for the tax year 2005	Signed by governor	8/28/07
4/9/07	A07267	Relates to extending the authorization for imposition of additional sales and compensating use tax in Columbia county until 2009	Signed by governor	7/18/07
5/31/07	A08803	Designates a portion of state route 9-H in the county of Columbia as the "Columbia County veterans' Memorial Highway"	Signed by governor	8/1/07
5/31/07	A08831	Authorizes designated communities to establish community preservation funds; authorizes designated communities to impose a real estate transfer tax with revenues	Signed by governor	7/21/08

		therefrom to be deposited in such community preservation funds		
5/27/08	A11303	Relates to state aid payments to the Northeast central school district	Vetoed by governor and tabled	8/6/08

[New York Assembly, accessed 11/19/21]

## Appendix IV – Office Expenditures

### Career: Molinaro Likely Earned More Than \$2 Million In Salary As An Elected Official

#### 1995-2021: Molinaro Likely Earned More Than \$2 Million In Salary As An Elected Official

Marc Molinaro Career Earnings	
Job	Career Earnings
Dutchess County Executive	\$1,411,404*
New York State Assemblyman	\$450,500
Dutchess County Legislature	\$103,620
Mayor of Tivoli	\$18,000+ **
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,983,524+</b>

\*Salary does not include earnings for 2022.

\*\*Proof could not be found of Molinaro's salary while Mayor of Tivoli outside a three year stretch when he received \$6,000 a year.

### Dutchess County Executive

#### 2012-2021: Molinaro Earned \$1.4 Million In Salary As Dutchess County Executive

Over his 10 years as county executive, Molinaro had earned a total of \$1,411,404 in taxpayer-funded salary.

Year	County Executive Salary
2012	\$138,869
2013	\$138,869
2014	\$138,869
2015	\$138,869
2016	\$138,869
2017	\$138,869
2018	\$138,869
2019	\$138,869
2020	\$144,065
2021	\$148,387
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,411,404</b>

[Dutchess County Executive, accessed 7/2/21]

#### Taxpayers Spent Almost \$200,00 On Molinaro's Car Usage While Dutchess County Executive

Taxpayers Spent At Least \$173,688.74 On Molinaro's Car Leases/Purchases And Auto Repairs While Dutchess County Executive. [Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

Molinaro Car Costs			
Car	Lease/Car Price	Repair Price	Total Price Per Car
2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee	\$19,559.05	\$21,961.51*	\$41,520.56
2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee	\$11,146.50	\$1,493.09*	\$12,639.59
2016 Chevy Tahoe	\$48,767.98	\$2,006.02	\$50,774.00

2018 Chevy Tahoe	\$56,193.00	\$4,604.29	\$60,797.29
2021 Chevy Tahoe	\$4,041.30	\$3,896.00	\$7,937.30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$139,707.83</b>	<b>\$33,960.91</b>	<b>\$173,688.74</b>

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

*\*NOTE: Total costs for each work order repair were not provided; the totals above are based on the line item costs provided by the work orders.*

**Taxpayers Reimbursed Molinaro For \$18,616.05 In Gasoline Costs While Dutchess County Executive.**

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

Molinaro Gasoline Costs	
Gallons	Cost
8,224.10	\$18,616.05

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2018 Chevy Tahoe, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 2/24/22]

**February 2012: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$1,066 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Including Wired Up Emergency Lighting**

**Dutchess County Auto Center**  
Work Order #029878



Make: JEEP	Model: GRAND CHEROKEE	Year: 2012
DateStarted: 2/1/2012	DateCompleted: 2/8/2012	Repair#: 36893
EquipNo: 5655	Meter: 106	DeptNo: A1230
Parts: 668.43	Labor: 400.00	Other: 0.00
Total: 1,066.43		
<input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Warranty <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> ScheduledPM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RoadFailure <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's Daily Report		

ProductNo	ProductDescription	Quantity	UnitPrice	SupplierNo	InvoiceNo
WT14	WIRE TIE, 14"	4	0.38	N/A	
WT4	WIRE TIE-4"	18	0.07	N/A	
81251	WIRE LOOM, 3/8"	14	0.49	N/A	
12363	FUSE HOLDER, IN LINE 5-20 AMP	1	2.17	N/A	
ATC10	FUSE, ATC	1	0.40	N/A	
WT6	WIRE TIE 6"	5	0.06	N/A	
81249	WIRE LOOM 1/4"	2	0.40	N/A	
IPX300-2	IMPAXX AMBER LED GRILLE LIGHT	2	54.07	N/A	72796
IPX-PBL1	IMPAXX MOUNTING BRACKET KIT	1	9.27	N/A	72796
329001-22	VIPERS2 DUAL AMBER LED	1	200.07	N/A	72796
SW30	TOGGLE SWITCH	1	21.50	N/A	72796
416200-55	LED CORNER LIGHTS, CLEAR	2	157.07	N/A	72796

TaskCode	TaskDescription	Employee	Time	HourlyRate
34	LIGHTS	4	2.0	50.00
34	LIGHTS	9	2.0	50.00
34	LIGHTS	7	2.0	50.00
34	LIGHTS	12	2.0	50.00

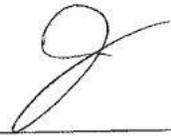
Comments: WIRED UP EMERGENCY LIGHTING.

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

**March 2012: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$275 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Including Wired Up Red LED Grille Lights.**

## Dutchess County Auto Center

### Work Order #030030



Make: JEEP		Model: GRAND CHEROKEE		Year: 2012					
<u>DateStarted</u>	<u>DateCompleted</u>	<u>Repair#</u>	<u>EquipNo</u>	<u>Meter</u>	<u>DeptNo</u>	<u>Parts</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/12/2012	3/13/2012	37041	5655	2974	A1230	125.48	150.00	0.00	275.48
<u>Accident</u>	<u>Warranty</u>	<u>Vandalism</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>ScheduledPM</u>	<u>RoadFailure</u>	<u>Driver's Daily Report</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<u>ProductNo</u>	<u>ProductDescription</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>UnitPrice</u>	<u>SupplierNo</u>	<u>InvoiceNo</u>				
WT6	WIRE TIE 6"	12	0.06	N/A					
81251	WIRE LOOM, 3/8"	15	0.49	N/A					
IPX300-4	IMPAXX RED LED GRILLE LIGHT	2	54.07	N/A	73175				
IPX-PBL1	IMPAXX MOUNTING BRACKET KIT	1	9.27	N/A	73175				
<u>TaskCode</u>	<u>TaskDescription</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>HourlyRate</u>					
34	LIGHTS	7	1.0	50.00					
34	LIGHTS	4	1.0	50.00					
34	LIGHTS	8	1.0	50.00					

Comments: WIRED UP RED LED GRILLE LIGHTS.

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

**September 2012: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$5,382 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee For "Accident Damage."**

## Dutchess County Auto Center

### Work Order #030669



Make: JEEP		Model: GRAND CHEROKEE		Year: 2012					
<u>DateStarted</u>	<u>DateCompleted</u>	<u>Repair#</u>	<u>EquipNo</u>	<u>Meter</u>	<u>DeptNo</u>	<u>Parts</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
9/4/2012	9/6/2012	37882	5655	13423	A1230	193.13	100.00	5,089.65	5,382.78
<u>Accident</u>	<u>Warranty</u>	<u>Vandalism</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>ScheduledPM</u>	<u>RoadFailure</u>	<u>Driver's Daily Report</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<u>ProductNo</u>	<u>ProductDescription</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>UnitPrice</u>	<u>SupplierNo</u>	<u>InvoiceNo</u>				
3057	BULB,CLEAR 91 VEHICLE	1	0.74	N/A					
W	WASHER FLUID	8	0.56	N/A					
56029398AB	TPMS SENSOR	1	53.51	N/A	1026181				
55079365AE	WASHER RESERVOIR	1	134.40	N/A	1026276				
<u>TaskCode</u>	<u>TaskDescription</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>HourlyRate</u>					
17T	TIRE PRESSURE SENSOR	7	0.5	50.00					
56G	WASHER FLUID TANK (REPLACE)	7	1.0	50.00					
34B	LIGHTS, BULB, REPLACE	4	0.5	50.00					
<u>SupplierNo</u>	<u>SupplierName</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parts</u>	<u>Labor</u>				
1881	RAY'S DISCOUNT AUTO BODY	2039	9/2/2012	0.00	5,089.65				
<u>TaskCode</u>	<u>TaskDescription</u>								
00A	BODY, REPAIR								

Comments: LEFT FRONT TIRE LOW - REPLACED TPMS SENSOR. WASHER LIGHT ON - REPLACED LEAKING WASHER RESERVOIR. REPLACED LH RR TURN SIGNAL BULB. ACCIDENT DAMAGE REPAIRED BY RAYS AUTO BODY.

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

**May 2014: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$11,931 Worth Of Service On His 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee For "Accident Damage."**

**Closed Work Order**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Unit : 5655 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee

VIN: 1C4RJFBG7CC21973

Account: County Executive A1230

Odometer: 59,133.0

Requested By: DeWitt, James

Vehicle Class: SUV

Hourmeter:

Phone Number:

Body: Black

Yr.

Engine: 3.6L VVT

Yr.

Chassis:

Yr.

Transmissions:

Yr.

Released By - Signature

Work Order # 40039

Date In 5/15/2014 @ 9:27AM

Date Out 06/12/2014 @ 9:47 am

Work Requested:

Work Performed:

ACCIDENT - TOWED TO MATT'S AUTO BODY BY BRANDL'S.  
ACCIDENT DAMAGE REPAIRED BY MATT'S AUTO BODY.  
4 TIRES BROUGHT TO ULTIMATE TIRE FOR MOUNT AND BALANCE -  
CHARGES BILLED TO MATT'S AUTO BODY.

Action #	Maintenance Code	Vehicle System	Reason for Failure	Action	Action Status					
1	95-Towing			Towed	Closed					
Notes:										
Part Number	Description	Qty	Unit Cost	Price	Mechanic	Reg Hours	OT Hours	Reg Lab \$	OT Lab \$	Tot Lab.
LABOR	OUTSIDE LA	1.00	106.00	106.00	BRANDL'S TOI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
				106.00						
Action #	Maintenance Code	Vehicle System	Reason for Failure	Action	Action Status					
2	00A-Auto Body Repa			Repaired	Closed					
Notes:										
Part Number	Description	Qty	Unit Cost	Price	Mechanic	Reg Hours	OT Hours	Reg Lab \$	OT Lab \$	Tot Lab.
LABOR2	OUTSIDE LA	1.00	11,931.68	1,931.68	MATT'S AUTO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
				1,931.68						
Action #	Maintenance Code	Vehicle System	Reason for Failure	Action	Action Status					
3	17A-Installed New T			Replaced	Closed					
Notes:										

[Dutchess County Executive: 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee, accessed 4/18/22]

**June 2021: Molinaro Was Reimbursed For \$3,896 Worth Of Service On His County Car For "Emergency Lighting Install."**



**Dutchess County Auto Service Center**

**WORK ORDER**

WO Number 00002-0098706

CLOSED

Vehicle # 00002-6347

SHOP 00002 ASC
DC Auto Service Center 570 Salt Point Tpke.  Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-486-3770
Vendor Number Vendor Name PO Number

CUSTOMER: 00002 1006 1006
County Executive 22 Market Street Poughkeepsie NY 12601

Odometer/Alt Meter 1 Make Year Model Serial # Plate # Department	4,000.0 Miles / 0.00 Not in Use CHEVY 2021 TAHOE 1GNSKSKDSMR236943 KJH6733 CTY EXE 1006	Start Close Priority Reason Shop ID	06/23/2021 11:34 06/23/2021 11:34 UNSAFE VEHICLE 12 OTHER All
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LINE	TYPE	COMPLETED	VMRS CODE	MECHANIC/PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION - OUT PO NUMBER	JOB	HRS / QTY	PRICE / WAGE	TOTAL COST
1	MISC	06/23/2021	034-000-000	Lighting Install - CE Veh	Emergency lighting install	OTH	1.00	3,896.00	3,896.00
1	NOTE			Lighting install invoice # 281391 / HV Public Safety Lighting					

[Dutchess County Executive, 2021 Chevy Tahoe, accessed 4/18/22]

**New York Assembly**

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Earned \$451,500 As A Member Of The Assembly**

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**Molinaro Salary Records By Reporting Period**

Period	Salary
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$20,596.22
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$44,076.85
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$44,423.15
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$44,076.85

10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$44,423.15
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$47,480.69
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$44,077.01
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$44,422.99
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$46,327.05
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$49,096.15
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$22,500

**Total** **\$450,500.11**

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$374,500 On His Staff's Salaries**

**Assembly Expenditure Reports List Salary Payment Under The Category Of "Personal Service**

**Expenditures."** "Personal Service Expenditures: In this section, salary payments made during the reporting period are listed. For Member of Assembly offices, the first listing(s) will include payments of salaries to the Member of Assembly pursuant to section 5 of the Legislative Law, and any payments of special allowances (listed as Leadership Stipend Payment) pursuant to section 5-a of the Legislative Law. Following any salary payments to Members, each employee who worked in the office and received salary payments at any time during the reporting period will be listed, along with their service dates, job title, payroll type and total amount paid. The service dates reflect the actual dates of service included in the payroll periods for which paychecks were issued during the reporting period." [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007]

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$374,506 On His Staff's Salaries.**

**Molinaro Staff Personal Service Costs By Reporting Period**

Period	Salary
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$10,548.32
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$40,080.15
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$48,001.99
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$38,446.15
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$41,111.16
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$44,195.31
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$48,347.12
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$43,673.98
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$42,338.99
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$48,720.85
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$17,762.97

**Total** **\$374,506.14**

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$77,000 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel**

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$77,277 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel.**

**Molinaro Travel Expenditures By Reporting Period**

Period	Travel Expenditures
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$2,055.79

4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$4,070
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$4,330.26
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$7,780
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$6,764.90
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$8,681
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$8,936.40
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$10,646
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$9,376.6
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$7,836
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$6,800.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,277.37</b>

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$173,500 Of Taxpayer Money On Bulk Mailings**

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$173,543 Of Taxpayer Money On Bulk Mailings**

**Molinaro Office Bulk Mail Spending By Reporting Period**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Cost</b>
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$7,088.26
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$8,997.68
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$3,849.58
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$30,014.22
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$6,934.36
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$15,976.49
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$10,603.33
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$31,972.23
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$2,999.10
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$35,090.09
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$20,018.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,543.42</b>

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007;]

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$34,000 On Allocated Operational Expenses**

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$34,112 On Allocated Operational Expenses Which Consist Of Telephone, Mail, And General Supply Costs.**

**Molinaro Allocated Operational Expenses By Reporting Period**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Cost</b>
10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$5,336.19
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$7,665.53
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$3,874.74
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$3,032.54
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$1,320.18
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$3,331.11
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$6,630.40
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$770.56
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$756.66
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$825.55

10/1/11 – 3/31/12

\$568.6

**Total**

**\$34,112.06**

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

**January 2007-December 2011: Molinaro Spent \$128,905 On Maintenance And Operations Expenses.**

**Molinaro Maintenance And Operations Expenses By Reporting Period**

**Period**

**Cost**

10/1/06 – 3/31/07	\$6,893.27
4/1/07 – 9/30/07	\$11,257
10/1/07 – 3/31/08	\$9,658.34
4/1/08 – 9/30/08	\$9,937
10/1/08 – 3/31/09	\$12,413.94
4/1/09 – 9/30/09	\$12,015
10/1/09 – 3/31/10	\$14,591.42
4/1/10 – 9/30/10	\$13,435.21
10/1/10 – 3/31/11	\$13,263.26
4/1/11 – 9/30/11	\$11,858
10/1/11 – 3/31/12	\$13,583.03

**Total**

**\$128,905.47**

[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007; April 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008; April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009; April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009; October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010; April 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010; October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011; October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012]

**Dutchess County Legislature**

**January 2000-December 2006: Molinaro Earned \$110,000 As A Member Of The Dutchess County Legislature**

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**Molinaro Served On The Dutchess County Legislature For Six Years, Eleven Months, And Eighteen Days.**

“January 1, 2000 – December 19, 2006. 11 months, 18 days, 6 years = length of service.” [County of Dutchess Personal Memo, 12/19/06]

When Molinaro left the Dutchess County Legislature, he earned a salary of \$15,450 a year.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Dutchess County Legislature Salary</b>
1999	\$10,770
2000	\$11,500
2001	\$12,000
2002	\$12,000
2003	\$12,000
2004	\$15,000
2005	\$15,450
2006	\$14,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,970</b>

[Dutchess County Personnel Memo, accessed 11/18/21]

## Mayor of Tivoli New York

### 1995-December 2007: Molinaro Earned At Least \$18,000 As The Mayor Of Tivoli, New York

#### 1995 – December 2007: Molinaro Earned At Least \$18,000 As Mayor Of Tivoli, New York

Molinaro Salary Records By Reporting Period	
Period	Salary
6/1/07 – 5/31/08	
6/1/06 – 5/31/07	
6/1/05 – 5/31/06	
6/1/04 – 5/31/05	
6/1/03 – 5/31/04	
6/1/02 – 5/31/03	
6/1/01 – 5/31/02	
6/1/00 – 5/31/01	
6/1/99 – 5/31/00	\$6,000
6/1/98 – 5/31/99	\$6,000
6/1/97 – 5/31/98	\$6,000
6/1/96 – 5/31/97	
6/1/95 – 5/31/96	

[Village of Tivoli, accessed 11/17/21]

### May 1998 – May 2005: Molinaro Spent \$5,642.91 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel

#### May 1998 – May 2004: Molinaro Spent \$5,642.91 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel.

Molinaro Travel Expenditures By Date		
Period	Mileage	Expenditures
5/1/98 – 5/31/98	642	\$160.50 (\$0.25)
6/1/98 – 6/30/98	499	\$124.75 (\$0.25)
7/1/98 – 7/31/98	238	\$59.50 (\$0.25)
8/1/98 – 8/31/98	621	\$155.25 (\$0.25)
9/1/98 – 9/24/98	425	\$106.25 (\$0.25)
10/5/98 – 10/28/98	466	\$116.50 (\$0.25)
11/1/98 – 11/23/98	367	\$91.75 (\$0.25)
12/1/98 – 12/31/98	491	\$122.75 (\$0.25)
1/6/99 – 1/28/99	274	\$68.50 (\$0.25)
2/1/99 – 2/25/99	687	\$171.75 (\$0.25)
3/29/99	65	\$16.25 (\$0.25)
4/5/99 – 4/8/99	80	\$20.00 (\$0.25)
5/3/99 – 5/22/99	225	\$56.25 (\$0.25)
6/1/99 – 6/29/99	225	\$56.25 (\$0.25)
11/15/99 – 12/9/99	219	\$54.75 (\$0.25)
12/14/99 – 1/10/00	390	\$97.50 (\$0.25)
2/19/00 – 2/23/00	543	\$135.75 (\$0.25)
3/14/00	538	\$134.40 (\$0.25)
3/23/00 – 4/18/00	303	\$75.75 (\$0.25)
5/4/00 – 5/5/00	93	\$23.25 (\$0.25)
6/1/00 – 6/21/00	456	\$114.00 (\$0.25)
6/29/00 – 7/13/00	573	\$143.25 (\$0.25)
8/1/00 – 8/10/00	100	\$25.00 (\$0.25)

8/20/00 – 9/14/00	495	\$123.75 (\$0.25)
10/21/00	599	\$191.68 (\$0.32)
10/24/00 – 11/15/00	255	\$81.60 (\$0.32)
11/16/00	485	\$155.20 (\$0.32)
12/18/00 – 1/17/01	345	\$110.40 (\$0.32)
1/24/01 – 2/21/01	528	\$168.96 (\$0.32)
3/1/01 – 3/21/01	160	\$51.20 (\$0.32)
4/1/01	778	\$248.96 (\$0.32)
5/16/01	331	\$105.92 (\$0.32)
5/21/01 – 6/14/01	157	\$50.24 (\$0.32)
6/23/01 – 6/25/01	74	\$23.68 (\$0.32)
7/13/01 – 7/27/01	28	\$8.96 (\$0.32)
8/10/01 – 9/5/01	134	\$42.88 (\$0.32)
9/19/01 – 10/15/01	285	\$91.20 (\$0.32)
10/24/01 – 11/13/01	338	\$108.16 (\$0.32)
11/13/01 – 12/15/01	550	\$176.00 (\$0.32)
12/27/01 – 1/11/01	135	\$43.20 (\$0.32)
1/12/02	370	\$118.40 (\$0.32)
2/17/02 – 3/12/02	140	\$44.80 (\$0.32)
3/13/02 – 4/10/02	155	\$49.60 (\$0.32)
4/25/02 – 5/15/02	150	\$48.00 (\$0.32)
5/29/02 – 7/10/02	340	\$108.80 (\$0.32)
8/11/02 – 8/16/02	140	\$44.80 (\$0.32)
9/3/02 – 9/19/02	195	\$62.40 (\$0.32)
10/1/02 – 10/7/02	150	\$48.00 (\$0.32)
10/22/02 – 12/10/02	90	\$28.80 (\$0.32)
12/19/02	185	\$59.20 (\$0.32)
1/29/03 – 2/17/03	314	\$100.48 (\$0.32)
2/10/03 – 3/5/03	209	\$66.88 (\$0.32)
4/1/03 – 5/14/03	260	\$83.20 (\$0.32)
6/3/03 – 7/8/03	355	\$113.60 (\$0.32)
7/18/03 – 8/20/03	390	\$124.80 (\$0.32)
8/22/03 – 10/8/03	542	\$173.44 (\$0.32)
10/03	280	\$89.60 (\$0.32)
11/4/03 – 12/15/03	322	\$103.04 (\$0.32)
12/16/03	255	\$81.60 (\$0.32)
1/27/04 – 2/12/04	125	\$40.00 (\$0.32)
2/23 – 3/16/04	520	\$166.40 (\$0.32)
3/19/04 – 4/16/04	207	\$66.24 (\$0.32)
4/28/04 – 5/14/04	217	\$69.44 (\$0.32)
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,108</b>	<b>\$5,642.91</b>

[Village of Tivoli, accessed 11/17/21]

#### Molinaro Gasoline Expenditures By Date

Period	Gallons	Expenditures
5/1/98 – 5/31/98	15	\$9.45 (\$0.63)
6/1/98 – 6/30/98	28.6	\$18.02 (\$0.63)
7/1/98 – 7/31/98	15.8	\$9.95 (\$0.63)
8/1/98 – 8/31/98	29	\$18.27 (\$0.63)
9/1/98 – 9/24/98	38	\$21.28 (\$0.56)
10/5/98 – 10/28/98	48.5	\$27.16 (\$0.56)
11/1/98 – 11/23/98	60.4	\$33.82 (\$0.56)
12/1/98 – 12/31/98	53.9	\$30.18 (\$0.56)
<b>Total</b>	<b>289.2</b>	<b>\$168.13</b>

<b>May 1998 – March 2005: Molinaro Spent \$6,732.58 On Office Expenditures</b>
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<b>Molinaro Office Expenditures By Date</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
5/29/98	Computer/Internet	\$62.66
6/3/98	Dinner	\$32.00
6/8/98	Dinner	\$36.64
6/17/98	Dinner	\$77.58
7/6/98	Aerial Picture of Tivoli	\$45.08
7/19/98	Dinner	\$30.22
7/31/98	Dinner	\$107.80
8/18/98	Restaurants	\$82.61
11/98	Restaurants	\$138.67
1//99	Per Diem – NYS Association of Towns	\$960.00
2/10/99	Per Diem – Hudson Valley Greenway Session	\$160.00
12/6/99	Postage	\$26.97
1/12/00	Things remembered – Retirement	\$73.26
1/20/00	Retirement	\$117.13
2/19/00 – 2/23/00	Per Diem – NYS Association of Towns	\$1,000
5/3/00	American Red Cross Mayoral Conference	\$500.00
11/18/00	Holiday Lights	\$39.98
12/7/00	Meeting supplies	\$12.30
1/17/01	Per Diem – NYS Association of Towns	\$1,000
4/2/01	Easter Egg Hunt Supplies	\$43.32
6/13/01	Dinner	\$68.90
6/14/01	Luncheon	\$92.72
6/15/01	Ambulance Supplies	\$58.10
7/31/01	Document Covers	\$19.98
10/11/01	Dinner	\$46.40
10/19/01	Lunch	\$23.00
11/25/01	Gazebo Decorations	\$48.64
11/26/01	Winterfest Celebrations	\$25.76
12/6/01	Postage	\$68.00
12/15/01	Lunch	\$51.76
1/23/02	Conference Meeting approval	\$2,200
1/25/02	Registration – NYS Association of Towns	\$100.00
2//02	Per Diem – NYS Association of Towns	\$1,000
3/13/02	Lunch	\$24.50
7/17/02	Hotel	\$271.25
7/25/02	Lunch	\$44.25
9//02	Cell Phone	\$32.73
2/15/03	Association of Towns	\$41.10
2/19/03	Village of Tivoli Ink Stamp	\$12.07
4/16/03	Dinner	\$22.50
9/20/03	Dinner	\$87.20

2/20/04	Lunch	\$14.26
3/11/04	Lunch	\$16.25
3/30/04	Paper	\$16.99
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$6,732.58</b>

[Village of Tivoli, accessed 11/17/21]

## Appendix VI – State Votes

2007

### 2007 New York State Assembly Significant Legislation

[New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Press Release, 12/27/07]

**2007: Molinaro Voted Against Limiting The Amount A Landlord Could Increase Rent Upon A Vacancy.** On May 15, 2007, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-2894, a bill that “would decrease from twenty percent to ten percent the amount a landlord could increase rent upon vacancy and also prohibit a landlord from taking more than one increase in anyone calendar year.” The bill passed the Assembly 103 to 42 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-2894, 5/15/07]

**2007: Molinaro Voted Against A-8590, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On June 19, 2007, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-40003, a bill that “provides same-sex couples the same opportunity to enter into civil marriages as opposite-sex couples.” The bill passed the Assembly 85 to 61 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-8590, 6/19/07]

**2007: Molinaro Voted Against Legalizing Medical Marijuana.** On June 13, 2007, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-4867, a bill that “Legalizes the possession, manufacture, use, delivery, transfer, transport or administration of marihuana by a certified patient or designated caregiver for a certified medical use; prescribes procedures for such possession, manufacture, etc. including certification of patients by their practitioner, and that, in the practitioner's professional judgment, the serious condition should be treated with the medical use of marihuana; provides that possession or manufacture of marihuana shall be lawful under these provisions provided that the marihuana possessed does not exceed twelve plants and a total aggregate weight of two and a half ounces; directs the department of health to monitor such use and promulgate rules and regulations for registry identification cards; provides for reports by the department of health to the governor and legislature on the medical use of marijuana.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 52 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2007 Term: A-4867, 6/13/07]

2008

### 2008 New York State Assembly Significant Legislation

[New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Press Release, 2008]

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against Publicly Financed Campaigns In New York State.** On June 18, 2008, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-11507, a bill that “Establishes public campaign financing for statewide and legislative races. Under the bill, funds would be raised for general, primary and special statewide and state legislative elections through an optional \$5 check-off on state income tax forms. Participating candidates would have to agree to campaign spending limits and could not accept donations exceeding \$2,000 and contributions from state residents of up to \$250 would be matched by the state at a rate of \$4 for every \$1 raised.” The bill passed the Assembly 94 to 46 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-11507, 6/18/08]

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against A Windfall Recapture Tax On Oil Companies.** On June 18, 2008, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-11590, a bill that “Establishes a windfall recapture tax and a windfall profits tax for oil companies; establishes the New York energy reinvestment account.” The bill passed the Assembly 120 to 16 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-11590, 6/18/08]

**2008: Molinaro Voted Against A-6584, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On June 3, 2008, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-6584, a bill that “Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or

expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes." The bill passed the Assembly 108 to 34 and died in the Senate." [New York State Assembly, 2008 Term: A-6584, 6/3/08]

**2009**

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### **2009 New York State Assembly Significant Legislation**

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[New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Press Release, 12/14/09]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Microstamping Identification To Track Pistol Bullets, And Mandatory Renewals For Pistol Permits.** "In 2009, he voted against state legislation that would require microstamping identification on semi-automatic pistols to track bullets. Also in 2009, he voted against legislation requiring renewals for pistol permits." [City & State, 10/10/18]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-0801B, A Bill Requiring The Renewal Of Firearms Licenses After Five Years.** On April 28, 2009, Molinaro voted "No" on A-801B, a bill that "requires the re-licensing of firearm licenses after five years." The bill passed the Assembly 87 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-801B, 4/28/09]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against S-1290, A Bill Prohibiting Pregnant Incarcerated Women From Being Shackled During Birth Or While Being Transported To The Hospital.** On May 20, 2009, Molinaro voted "No" on S-1290, a bill that "Provides for the care and custody of pregnant female inmates before, during and after delivery; prohibits the use of restraints of any kind from being used during the transport of such female prisoner to a hospital for the purpose of giving birth, unless such prisoner is a substantial flight risk whereupon handcuffs may be used; prohibits the use of any restraints during labor; requires the presence of corrections personnel during such prisoner's transport to and from the hospital and during her stay at such hospital." The bill passed the Assembly 119 to 21 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: S-1290, [5/20/09](#)]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A Bill Requiring Utilities To Provide Call Center Services, And Require A Hearing Before Call Centers Are Closed Or Relocated.** On June 22, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-7593, a bill that "Relates to utility service call centers for gas, electric corporation or municipality and their subsidiaries furnishing utility services." The bill passed the Assembly 108 to 27 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-7593, 6/22/09]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against Informing Parents Of Their Right To Object To Their Child Participating In Animal Dissections On Moral Or Religious Grounds.** On June 22, 2009, May 25, 2010, and June 22, 2020, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-3467, a bill that "Requires that boards of education to establish a policy to ensure that students and parents are notified of a student's right to object to participate in animal dissections on moral or religious grounds. Under the bill, boards of education must make the notice available and distribute it at the beginning of each school year." The bill passed the Assembly three times and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-3467, 6/22/09]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against The 2009 – 2010 New York State Education Budget That Increased School Funding By \$403 Million.** "On March 31, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-153, a bill that "stabilized aid to schools by restoring \$1.1 billion to school districts and provides \$376 million for universal pre-kindergarten. It lifted the governor's freeze on reimbursable expense-based aid including transportation, building aid and BOCES - ensuring schools have access to the funds they need. Under the bill, schools benefit by an estimated increase of \$403 million in state funds for the 2008-09 school year. Foundation aid for the 2009-2010 school year will remain at current levels. The Assembly continues its commitment to foundation aid by phasing in full funding over three

years, a year earlier than the executive's proposal, starting in 2011-12." The bill passed the Assembly 84 to 63 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-153, 3/31/09]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-2005, A Bill Expanding Rent Control Coverage In New York.** On February 2, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-2005, a bill that "repeals provisions of New York State and New York City statutes that remove apartments from rent stabilization or rent control when such apartments are vacated and could be rented under such statutes for monthly rents of \$2,000 or more." The bill passed the Assembly 91 to 52 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-2005, 2/2/09]

**2009: Molinaro Voted Against A-40003, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On December 2, 2009, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-40003, a bill that "provides same-sex couples the same opportunity to enter into civil marriages as opposite-sex couples." The bill passed the Assembly 88 to 51 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term: A-40003, 12/2/09]

**2009 - 2010: Molinaro Twice Voted Against A-5710, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On April 21, 2009, and March 2, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-5710, a bill that "Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes." The bill passed the Assembly 97 to 38 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, A-5710, 4/21/09]

## 2010

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### 2010 New York State Assembly Significant Legislation

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[New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Press Release, 11/24/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-7575, A Bill Prohibiting Domestic Violence Offenders From Possessing Firearms.** On March 16, 2010, Molinaro voted "No" on A-7575, a bill that "would improve public safety and prevent domestic violence incidents from escalating into even greater violence by keeping guns out of the hands of domestic violence perpetrators." The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 53 but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-7575, 3/16/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-10894, A Bill To Require The Division Of Criminal Justice Services To Report On The Administration Of Certain Laws Related To Handgun Licenses.** On May 12, 2010, Molinaro voted "No" on A-10894 a bill "to require an annual report by the Division of Criminal Justice Services on the administration, function and effectiveness of administration of the laws regarding the issuance, modification of, amendment to, and revocation of handgun licenses in each city with a population greater than one million and each county." The bill passed the Assembly 83 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-10894, 5/12/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring That Utilities Hire Competent Workers For Road Excavation Projects, And Pay Prevailing Wages.** On May 17, 2010, Molinaro voted "No" on A00404, a bill that "Relates to workers on excavations; provides that utility companies or their contractors shall use competent workers and shall pay the prevailing wage on projects where a permit to use or open a street is required to be issued." The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 30 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-0404, 5/17/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against Increasing The Number Of Charter Schools.** On May 28, 2010, Molinaro voted "NO" on A-11310, a bill "To provide for the issuance of additional charters through a new competitive request for proposals process developed by the board of regents and the board of trustees of the state university of New York and to establish enhanced transparency and accountability measures for the operation and management of charter

schools.” The bill passed the Assembly 93 to 42 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-11310, 5/28/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-5276.** “On January 20, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-5276, a bill that “Simplifies the absentee ballot process to make it easier to vote in such manner by removing requirement for certain information on circumstances for the voter's absence.” The bill passed the Assembly 137 to 5, and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-5276, 1/20/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions In New York By 20% By 2020.** On April 20, 2010, Molinaro voted “YEA” on A-7572, a bill that “Requires a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gasses over the next 10 years to reduce the presence of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and methane gases in the state's environment. Under the bill, greenhouse gas levels in 2050 would be reduced by 80 percent below the 1990 levels.” The bill passed the Assembly 111 to 33 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-7572, 4/20/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted For Lowering The Costs Of Prescription Drugs.** On March 10, 2010, Molinaro voted “YEA” on A-2007, a bill “to alleviate those burdens and improve access to necessary medication by organizing the collective market power of New York's prescription drug consumers to negotiate rebates with suppliers.” The bill passed the Assembly 94 to 50 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-2007, 3/10/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against S-4057, The Child Health Plus And School Meals Enrollment Coordination Act, Which Required Coordination Between Child Health Plus, Medicaid, And School Meals Programs.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on S-4057 a bill that “requires coordination between Child Health Plus, Medicaid, and School Meals programs to ensure that children who are eligible and enrolled for free and reduced price school meals are also enrolled in Child Health Plus or Medicaid to ensure they have ready access to health care.” The bill passed the Assembly 130 to 14 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, 6/21/10; New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: S-4057, 7/1/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill That Required People To Be Notified Of An End Date If Their Medicaid Coverage Was Terminated.** On June 30, 2010 Molinaro voted “No” on A05948, a bill “To require the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to provide to an individual whose medical assistance has been terminated, notice of effective coverage end date. The bill also provides 30 days for an individual to notify OTDA of intent to appeal the determination before enrollment is terminated.” The bill passed the Assembly 130 to 7 and was vetoed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2009 Term, A05948, 6/30/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against A-11410, A Bill Extending Emergency Housing Rent Control Coverage In New York.** On June 16, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-11410 a bill that “extend the provisions of the rent stabilization and rent control laws, for an additional seven years, until June 15, 2018.” The bill passed the Assembly 94 to 41 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term, A-11410, 6/16/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against The Wage Theft Prevention Act.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-10163, a bill “to protect workers from wage and hour abuses. The bill would increase penalties for wage underpayments and for the failure of an employer to notify his or her employees of their wage rates and other rights. In addition, this bill would provide anti-retaliatory protections to workers and increased enforcement tools for the Department of Labor.” The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 48 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: A-10163, 7/1/10]

**2010: Molinaro Voted Against S-1523, A Bill Allowing Two Unmarried Persons To Adopt A Child Together.** On July 1, 2010, Molinaro voted “NO” on S-1524, a bill that allowed two unmarried persons to adopt a child together. The Bill passed the Assembly 95 to 44 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2010 Term: S-1523, 7/1/10]

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## New York State Assembly Significant Legislation

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[New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Press Release, 8/24/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Protecting Utility Customers Who Made Bill Payments To Authorized Payment Agents.** On June 7, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-2001, a bill that “Makes provisions regarding the payment of utility bills to authorized payment agencies providing that such payment shall be deemed to be a payment to the utility on the date of payment to the agent, requiring written contracts between a utility and its payment agent and review of such contracts by the public service commission.” The bill passed the Assembly 112 to 29 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-2001, 6/7/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Temporarily Prohibiting Utility Companies From Disconnecting Customers While The Public Service Commission Reviewed Consumer Protection Policies.** On June 21, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-7777, a bill that “Directs the public service commission to undertake a study of consumer protections adopted by electric corporations and utilities; includes reporting on the adequacy of the public service commission's assistance to customers facing disconnection of utility service.” Specifically, the bill would direct the PSC to conduct a study on consumer protections adopted by utility companies, and if the study was not completed by November 15, 2012, directs the PSC to place a temporary halt on utility disconnections from December 2012 through March 2013. The bill passed the Assembly 111 to 33, and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-7777, 6/21/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Requiring Utility Companies To Use Competent Workers For Road Excavation Projects, Pay Prevailing Wages.** On June 16, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-6970, a bill that “Enacts the "roadway excavation quality assurance act"; relates to workers on excavations; provides that utility companies or their contractors shall use competent workers and shall pay the prevailing wage on projects where a permit to use or open a street is required to be issued.” The bill passed the Assembly 102 to 41 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6970, 6/16/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-7487, A Bill That Prohibited Commercial Striped Bass Fishing In The Hudson River.** On June 16, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-7487, a bill that “Prohibits the taking of striped bass from the Hudson river for commercial purposes; defines the pertinent portions of the Hudson river and ‘taking of striped bass for commercial purposes’; does not prohibit lawful taking of striped bass by angling for recreational purposes; provides for expiration thereof.” The bill passed the Assembly 120 to 24 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-7487, 6/16/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Allowing Local Governments To Enact Or Enforce Laws Regarding Oil, Gas And Solution Mining Within Their Jurisdictions.** On June 20, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-3245, a bill that “Allows local governments to enact or enforce certain laws and ordinances.” The bill’s memo noted “The bill amends subdivision 2 of § 23-0303 of the environmental conservation law, as added by section 846 of the laws of 1981, allowing for any local government to enact Or enforce local laws or ordinances of general applicability if the local laws do not expressly regulate the oil, gas and solution mining industries regulated by state statute, regulation, or permit. Local governments shall not be prevented from enacting or enforcing local zoning ordinances or laws which determine permissible uses in zoning districts.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 47, and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-3245, 6/20/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against The Patient Privacy Protection Act.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A00694A, a bill that “prohibits in any action involving personal injury, medical, dental or podiatric malpractice, or wrongful death the defendant from conducting ex parte interviews with the plain- tiffs nonparty treating physicians. This bill also clarifies that an attorney or the agent or employee of an attorney who represents the patient, the estate of the patient, or the natural or duly appointed guardian of the patient whose condition is at issue in the action may conduct ex-parte conversations with a treating physician or other healthcare provider of the patient.” The bill passed the Assembly 87 to 58 but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term:A00694A, 6/14/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A08514, The Bill To Establish The New York State Health Care Exchange.** Molinaro voted “No” on A08514 “An act to amend the public authorities law and the public officers law, in relation to the establishment of the New York Health Benefit Exchange.” The bill passed the Assembly 95 to 43 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A05814, 6/23/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-2674, A Bill Reducing Authorized Rent Increases To Vacancy Leases.** On April 11, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-2674, a bill that “expand tenant protections by limiting a landlord's ability to take possession of units for their own personal use; reduce the percentage by which rent may be increased upon vacancy; extend rent and eviction protections to tenants living in former federal Section 8 projects; allow cities with a population of one million or more to strengthen rent regulation laws or to provide more comprehensive coverage than provided by state laws; extend the various provisions of the rent stabilization and rent control laws, for an additional five years, until June 15, 2016; reduce the amount that rent can be increased to one-sixth of the cost of the improvement and authorizes the Division of Housing and Community Renewal to approve such rent increases for vacant apartments; repeals vacancy decontrol; prohibit an owner from adjusting the amount of preferential rent upon the renewal of a lease; extend the number of ownership years from three to six years in respect to eligibility for an alternative hardship rent adjustment; establish a methodology for determining major capitol improvement rent surcharges based on seven years; protect tenants living in Mitchell-Lama housing by extending rent stabilization after they leave the supervision of the State; and adjust high-income deregulation thresholds to more accurately represent inflation.” The bill passed the Assembly 92 to 54 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term, A-2674, 4/11/11]

**June 2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8446, A Bill To Extend Expiring Provisions Of New York Rent Control Laws.** On June 15, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A08446, a bill that “Extends the expiration of rent control until 3:00 p.m. on June 17, 2011.” The bill passed the Assembly 100 to 43 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8446, 6/15/11]

**June 2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8506, A Bill To Extend Expiring Provisions Of New York Rent Control Laws.** On June 20, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-8506, a bill that “Extends the provisions of rent control laws.” The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 43 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8508, 6/20/11]

**June 2011: Molinaro Voted Against S-5831, A Bill To Extend Expiring Provisions Of New York Rent Control Laws.** On June 20, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on S-5831, a bill that “Extends the provisions of rent control laws.” The bill passed the Assembly 99 to 43 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: S-5831, 6/20/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against “An Act To Amend The Executive Law, In Relation To Discrimination Based Upon The Income Of Persons.”** On June 2, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-1121B, a bill “To prevent housing discrimination based upon the source of income of individuals; makes discrimination by landlords based on a tenant's source of income illegal under New York State Human Rights Law.” The bill, which passed 87 to 50, but died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-1121B, 6/2/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Allowing An Intercity Bus Service Permit System In Cities With Populations Exceeding 1,000,000 People.** On April 4, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” On A-4578, a bill that “Establishes an intercity bus service permit system in cities having a population of one million or more; defines terms; provides exemptions; imposes civil penalties for violations; requires a public hearing.” The bill passed the Assembly 92 to 46, and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-4578, 4/4/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against Wage Protections For Freelance Or Independent Contractors.** On June 21, 2011, Molinaro voted “No” on A-6698C, a bill that “Relates to payment of independent contractors and authorizes the department of labor to investigate complaints, make claims for compensation, assess liquid damages, civil penalties and criminal penalties; authorizes the award of attorney fees and liquidated damages; excludes construction contractors.” The bill passed the Assembly 84 to 58 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6698C, 6/20/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against The New York State Fair Pay Act, A Bill To Prohibit Wage Discrimination Based On Gender, Race, Or National Origin.** On April 11, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-6130, a bill that “Enacts the ‘New York State fair pay act’; provides that it shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discriminate between employees on the basis of sex, race and/or national origin by paying different wages.” The bill passed the Assembly 93 to 53 and died in the Senate. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-6130, [4/11/11](#)]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-8354, A Bill To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage In New York.** On June 15, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-8354, a bill that “amends the domestic relations law to grant same-sex couples the ability to enter into civil marriages in New York.” The bill passed the Assembly 80 to 63 and was signed by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-8354, 6/15/11]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-5039, A Bill Prohibiting Gender Identity Discrimination In New York.** On June 14, 2011, Molinaro voted “NO” on A-5039, a bill that “Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes.” The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 55 but died in the Senate.” [New York State Assembly, A-5039, 4/30/12]

**2011: Molinaro Voted Against A-2288, A Police Reform Bill That Banned Police Officer From Using Racial And Ethnic Profiling.** “Prohibits police officers from using racial and ethnic profiling; requires that a procedure be established for the taking and review of complaints against police officers for racial and ethnic profiling; allows an action for injunctive relief and/or damages to be brought against a law enforcement agency, any agent of a law enforcement agency and the supervisor of an agent.” Molinaro voted against this bill that passed the Assembly 95 to 51. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: A-2288, 6/14/11]

**December 2011: Molinaro Voted For The Income Tax Overhaul.** In December 2011, Molinaro voted “Yes on S50002, a bill “enacting into law major components of law necessary to the state; relates to tax rates and exclusions under the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax.” The bill passed the Assembly 132 to 8 and was signed into law by the Governor. [New York State Assembly, 2011 Term: S50002, 12/07/11]

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