

## Mazi Melesa Pilip (NY-03) Research Report

### Significant Findings

#### **Despite Running For Office As A Republican, Pilip Was A Registered Democrat As Of December 2023 – And Had Been Since 2012**

- ✓ As Of December 2023, Pilip was a registered Democrat, and reportedly had been since 2012, when she first registered to vote in New York.
  - Pilip has never participated in a primary election for either party.
- ✓ Pilip ran for the Nassau County Legislature on the Republican and Conservative party lines in 2021 and 2023.
- ✓ Pilip did not respond to multiple requests for comment on her party affiliation.

#### **Pilip Described George Santos As An “Amazing Friend” And Campaigned For Him In 2022**

- ✓ Pilip described Santos as an “amazing friend,” campaigned for him in 2022, and congratulated him on winning.
- ✓ July 2021: Santos called Pilip a friend in a Facebook post.
- ✓ Pilip later said she was “saddened, angry, and disappointed” by Santos’ lies.

#### **Pilip Was Recruited To Run By County Chair Joe Cairo And Even Said That Only Cairo Could Decide Who Could Run For Congress**

- ✓ Pilip was backed by Cairo, who recruited her to run for the County Legislature, and claimed she had been asked to run for Congress if Santos resigned.
- ✓ Cairo was a scandal-ridden political machine boss who decided who was allowed to run for office.
  - Cairo controlled the Nassau County Republican machine and, according to Pilip, decided who could run for office.
  - Cairo collected three salaries at once, including \$198,000 from a county government job, despite ethics rules prohibiting county officials from overseeing political parties.
  - Cairo’s law license was suspended for misusing client funds.

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- ✓ Pilip voted in favor of a settlement between Nassau County and the Long Island Power Authority that reduced LIPA's tax bill by 47% over five years.
- ✓ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) claimed the settlement could increase the tax burden on Nassau County residents.

### **Pilip And Her Husband Have Repeatedly Filed To Reassess Their \$1.5 Million Home's Value – Including Against Nassau County While She Sat On The County Legislature – But Never Received Their Requested Reassessment Value**

- ✓ 2016: Pilip and her husband purchased a home in Great Neck for \$1.5 million.
- ✓ 2020 – 2023: Pilip and her husband requested three property reassessments from Nassau County and the Village of Kensington, only receiving reassessment changes lower than requested.
- ✓ 2021: Pilip requested a property reassessment and was denied any change in assessment.

### **Pilip Allied With Extreme Anti-Choice Republicans Who Repeatedly Pushed For A Federal Ban**

- ✓ Pilip touted endorsements from former Rep. Lee Zeldin; in Congress, Zeldin repeatedly voted to ban abortion and against exceptions to save a woman's health and cosponsored a bill to completely ban abortion and some contraceptives four times.
- ✓ Pilip touted an endorsement from former Rep. Pete King, who repeatedly voted to ban abortion and against exceptions to save a woman's health.

### **Pilip Attended A Fundraiser Cohosted By Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Backed A National Abortion Ban, Cuts To Medicare And Social Security, And Overturning The 2020 Election**

- ✓ December 2023: Pilip reportedly attended a fundraiser cohosted by Mike Johnson.
- ✓ Johnson backed a national abortion ban without exceptions, cuts to Medicare and Social Security, and was the "most important architect" of House Republicans' scheme to overturn the 2020 election.

### **Pilip Has Been Criticized For Finger-Pointing And Lacking Certainty On Critical Local Issues**

- ✓ October 2023: Newsday's editorial board endorsed Pilip's general election opponent, writing that she was "less certain on and less committed to critical county issues."
- ✓ Newsday Editorial Board: "Pilip will point fingers at state officials on housing, or previous county administrations on assessment, but offers no ideas to solve either."

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Mazi Melesa Pilip
- **BORN:** 10/14/1979; Ethiopia
- **FAMILY:** Husband, Adalbert Pilip (Doctor); seven children
- **HOME:** Great Neck, NY 11021
- **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's, Occupational Therapy, University of Haifa; Master's, Diplomacy and Security, Tel Aviv University
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Operations Director, A.P. New York Comprehensive Medical Care P.C; Israeli Defense Forces
- **POLITICAL:** Nassau County Legislature, District 10 (2021 – present)

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### 2021, 2023: Pilip Ran For The Nassau County Legislature On The Republican And Conservative Party Lines

**2021: Pilip Ran For The Nassau County Legislature As A Republican.** “MAZI MELESA PILIP Republican BACKGROUND: Pilip, 42, of Great Neck, works as director of operations with her husband at their medical practice. It's her first run for public office. She is also on the Conservative Party line. Born in Ethiopia during a civil war, she and her family moved to Israel in 1991 when she was 12. She was a paratrooper and gunsmith during her two years with the Israeli Defense Forces, graduated with a bachelor's in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa and a master's in diplomacy and security from Tel Aviv University.” [Newsday, [10/31/21](#)]

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**2023: Pilip Ran For Nassau County Legislator On The Republican And Conservative Ballot Lines.** [Nassau County Board of Elections, Election Results, [11/7/23](#)]

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Voter Information	
Name : MELESA PILIP, MAZI	Mailing Address (if any) :
Address : [REDACTED] GREAT NECK 11021	Political Party : Democratic
	Voter Status : Active

[New York Board of Elections, Voter Registration Search, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

*Note: Redacted to obscure address*

**November 2012: Pilip Registered To Vote In New York.** [New York Board of Elections, Voter Data Extract Details, received via FOIL 12/1/23]

Name	: MELESA PILIP, MAZI	Residential Address	: [REDACTED] GREAT NECK 11021
Gender	: F	Mailing Address	:
Date of Birth	: 10/14/1979	Political Party	: DEM
		Email Address	:

State ID	: NY000000000053409922	Status	: Active
County ID	: 99558316	Status Reason	:
County	: Nassau	Status Effective Date	:
Registration Date	: 11/06/2012	NVRA Registration Source	: Local Registrar

ID Met	: Yes	ID Required	: No
Other ID Provided	: No		

Election District	: 17	Legislative District	: 10
Senate District	: 7	Assembly District	: 16
Congressional District	: 3	Town District	: NH
Ward	: 16		

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**Pilip Participated In General Elections Since 2016, But Has Never Participated In A Primary For Either Party, According To Records From The New York Board Of Elections.** [New York Board of Elections, Voter History, received via FOIL 12/1/23]

## Voter History

[Go Back](#)**Name : MELESA PILIP, MAZI****State ID : NY000000000053409922**

County	County ID	Election Date	Election Description	Voting Method
Nassau	99558316	11/07/2023	2023 GENERAL ELECTION	Early Voting Poll Site
Nassau	99558316	11/08/2022	2022 GENERAL ELECTION	Early Voting Poll Site
Nassau	99558316	11/02/2021	General Election 2021	Poll
Nassau	99558316	11/02/2021	2021 GENERAL ELECTION	Poll
Nassau	99558316	11/03/2020	2020 GENERAL ELECTION	Poll
Nassau	99558316	11/03/2020	2020 GENERAL ELECTION	Poll
Nassau	99558316	11/08/2016	2016 GENERAL ELECTION	Poll

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**12/6/23: Politico New York Playbook Reported Pilip Has Been A Registered Democrat Since 2012.** “Mazi Melesa Pilip, a pro-Israel, Black, Orthodox Jew who served in the IDF, is on the Nassau County GOP’s shortlist for the seat vacated after Santos’ expulsion. But public records uncovered by POLITICO show Pilip has enrolled as a Democrat since 2012. Pilip currently holds office as a Republican and ran on the GOP ticket for the Nassau County legislator in 2021 and 2023.” [Politico, New York Playbook, [12/6/23](#)]

**Pilip And Cairo Did Not Respond To Requests For Comment On Pilip’s Party Enrollment**

**Politico: “Both Pilip And Joe Cairo, The County’s GOP Chair, Did Not Respond To Numerous Requests For Comment, Including Through Allies.”** “Both Pilip and Joe Cairo, the county’s GOP chair, did not respond to numerous requests for comment, including through allies. But the Nassau County Board of Elections’ spokesperson called Playbook on Pilip’s behalf and confirmed she is an enrolled Democrat.” [Politico, New York Playbook, [12/6/23](#)]

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**July 2021: Santos Called Pilip A Friend.** [George Santos for Congress NY-3, Facebook, [7/29/21](#)]





George Santos for Congress NY-3 is at Just Laugh.

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I'm proud to call these two incredibly strong women friends. @maziforlegislator and Elaine Phillips are incredibly powerful women. I urge everyone to get to know them because they are set to be part of our new leaders! #nassaugop #gop #redwave2021



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[George Santos for Congress NY-3, Facebook, [7/29/21](#)]

### **Pilip Campaigned For Santos During His 2022 Congressional Race And Appeared With Him At At Least Two Events**

**2022: Pilip Campaigned For Santos.** “When Pilip spoke at the press conference, she did not address his lies about his heritage. ‘I’m also paying for the lies told by Congressman George Santos,’ she said. ‘People trusted him, people campaigned for him, including me, as a county legislator. At this point, the trust is no longer there. Therefore, he should resign.’ In her interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Pilip said she found the fact of Santos’s compulsive lying more offensive than the lies themselves, including about his heritage. She had put her reputation on the line campaigning for him last year. ‘I trusted him and I told people to vote for him. I campaigned with him. And so when you do something like this, and then keep every day there’s something new coming about him,’ she said. ‘It’s making you feel uncomfortable because people asking, you know, what’s, what’s going on, Mazi, what happened with this guy?’” [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, [1/19/23](#)]

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you feel uncomfortable because people asking, you know, what's, what's going on, Mazi, what happened with this guy?" [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, [1/19/23](#)]

**Pilip Posted A Photo With George Santos With The Caption “It’s Always Great To Run Into Friends During Events On The Campaign Trail.”** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/29/21](#)]



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**Pilip Participated In A Town Hall With Santos.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [9/14/22](#)]





[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [9/14/22](#)]

**Pilip Appeared In Photos With Santos On At Least Two Other Occasions.** [Peter Fishking, Twitter, [11/2/22](#); Weihua Yan, Twitter, [9/16/23](#)]



**Peter Fishkind**  
@PeterFishkind



Despite his attempts to claim that he is a “moderate” here is fmr Sen Jack Martins campaigning with extremist George Santos this am. Santos proudly announced his financial support for the Jan 6th rioters and has declared that he supports prosecuting doctors who perform abortions.



**jackmartinsforsenate**  
Great Neck, New York



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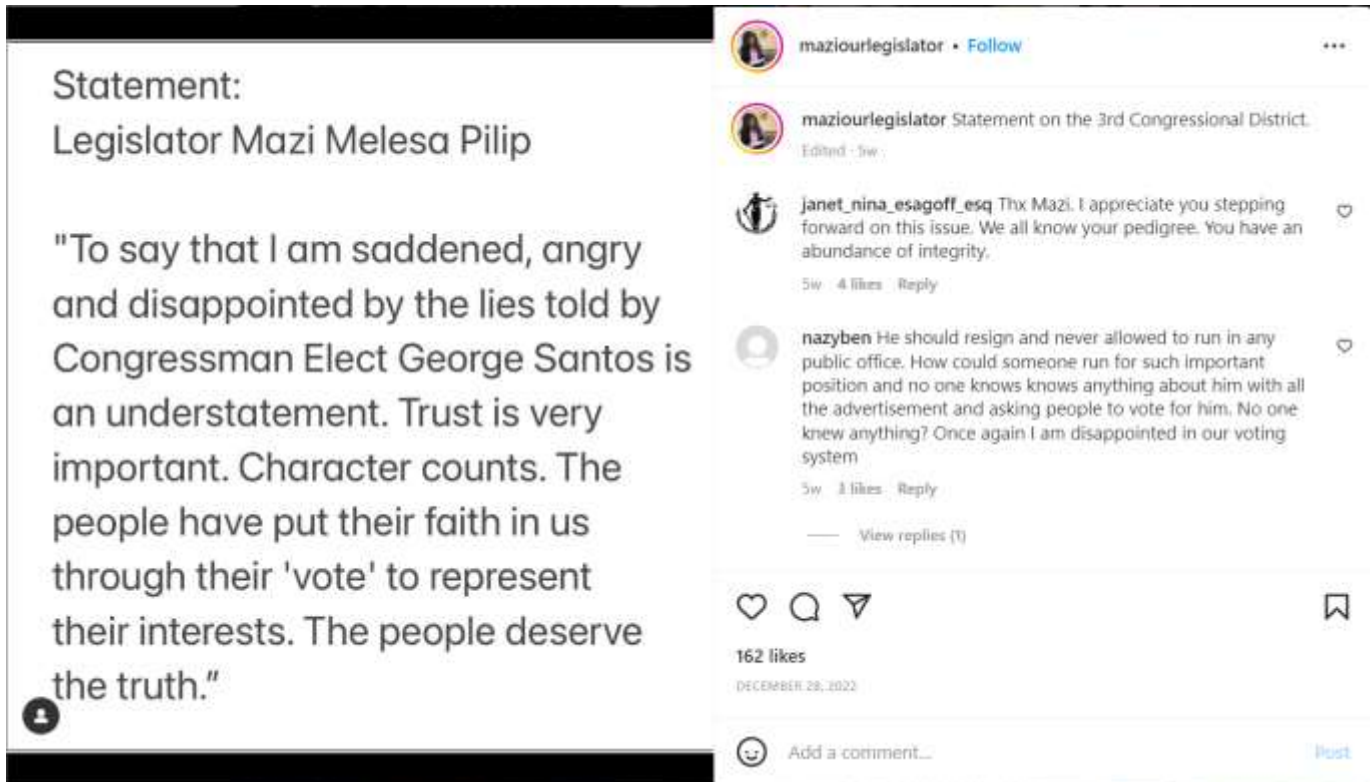
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### **Pilip Was Backed By Cairo And Claimed She Had Been Asked For Run For Congress If Santos Resigned**

#### **Cairo Recruited Pilip To Run For The County Legislature And Supported Her Campaign**

**Cairo Was The Chair Of The Nassau County Party.** “On the heels of pay-to-play corruption scandals that have tarnished the Long Island GOP, the Nassau County Republic Party has elected a one-time disbarred lawyer to be its new leader — and the retirement-age politico intends to collect fat paychecks from three different jobs simultaneously. Joseph Cairo, 72, the new chairman of the Nassau County Republican Party, is also head of the Nassau County Off-Track Betting Corporation. He’s paid \$198,000 at OTB. The long-time No. 2 to former Nassau GOP boss Joe Mondello had his law license yanked in the 1990s for misusing client funds. His license was reinstated and the politically-connected lawyer now has an established law practice, GOP sources said. He also has not ruled out collecting a third paycheck from the Nassau GOP.” [New York Post, [6/10/18](#)]

**Cairo Recruited Pilip To Run For County Legislature.** “Cairo had led an effort to diversify GOP candidates on the island, and a year ago, at Pilip's swearing-in ceremony, he explained why: He was an Italian American whose parents favored Republican ideals but felt unwelcome in the GOP until they helped integrate it themselves, in New Jersey and then on Long Island. It had become his mission to bring more minority candidates into the fold, and he recruited several of them to run in the 2021 local elections. Pedram Bal, a Persian Jew and the mayor of Great Neck, told Cairo he should look at Pilip, an Ethiopian-Jewish immigrant who was active in efforts to revitalize Great Neck, and who had been vice president of her synagogue, Kol Yisrael Achim. It was an easy sell, Cairo said, and it paid off. ‘An Orthodox Jewish woman, a religious refugee from Ethiopia is elected as a Republican to the Nassau County legislature!’ he marveled at the inauguration.” [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, [1/19/23](#)]

**Cairo Nominated Pilip To Be The Republican Candidate For Nassau County Legislature District 10.** “Cairo also knows his political history. He saw how the Nassau County Republican Party of the late 1940s reinvented itself when Long island suburbs became home to Italians, Jews and Irish seeking a place for their families in communities across post-war Long Island. Those ethnicities became the next-generation Republicans. So, it's no surprise that Cairo nominated Republican Mazi Melesa Pilip, a first-time candidate from Great Neck, to run against incumbent Democratic County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum in the 10th District, with Pilip declaring victory last Tuesday night. And just who is this person that Cairo entrusted with this race? Pilip was born in Ethiopia, moved to Israel at age 12, and became an Israel Defense Forces paratrooper and a gunsmith before graduating with a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa and a master's in diplomacy and security from Tel Aviv University.” [Long Beach Herald, [11/11/21](#)]

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**Pilip Said She Had Been Asked To Run For Congress If Santos Resigned.** “All lies, but as it happens those descriptors apply to Pilip, an Ethiopian Jew who won't count out a run for Congress if Santos ever accedes to demands, including from fellow Republicans, to resign. (Santos says he intends to serve out his two-year term.) ‘I'm not going to lie to you, people are definitely asking me to run,’ she told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview as she drove while shopping for Shabbat. ‘That doesn't mean nothing.’ Pilip said her journey into American politics was propelled by her experience advocating for fellow Ethiopian immigrants in Israel where she moved as a child through the Operation Solomon airlift and lived until marrying her American husband and by her children's experience with antisemitism in their Long Island schools. ‘I am a strong believer, if you see something's not working well for your community, or for yourself, you have to be involved,’ she said. ‘You can't just complain from outside.’ A Politico reporter, Olivia Beavers, reported on Twitter last week that Pilip was one of two Republicans the Nassau County Party is considering running should Santos step down. (The other is Jack Martins, a state senator; both he and Pilip ousted Democrats in a recent Republican sweep of Nassau County.)” [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, [1/19/23](#)]

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**New York Times: The Nassau County Republican Party Was “Like An Old-School Political Machine.”** “Mr. Santos was a political neophyte when he first showed interest in running for a House seat made up of parts of Queens and Nassau County in 2020. His only real electoral experience ended quickly: A year earlier, he was forced to drop his insurgent campaign for a low-level party position in Queens because he lacked enough valid signatures to make the ballot, according to Joann Ariola, a New York City Council member who led the Queens Republican Party at the time. Among the tight-knit Republican circles on Long Island, he was virtually unknown. And in Queens, party leaders were still sour over his initial foray. In normal circumstances, Mr. Santos would have been shooed away. Republicans in Nassau County, which comprises the bulk of New York’s Third Congressional District, have long been famous for exercising tight control over who runs, grooming and rewarding a stable of candidates like an old-school political machine.” [New York Times, [1/13/23](#)]

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- **Watchdogs Said Arrangements Like Cairo’s Opened The Door To “Conflicts Of Interest And Potential Corruption.”** “Cairo said he was not relinquishing his OTB executive job or suspending his law practice after taking the reins of the GOP. ‘I’ve been at OTB. This is a crucial time at OTB with possibly sports gambling coming so we’re deeply involved with that there now,’ Cairo said. ‘This is a political position. My attorneys tell

me there is no conflict and I think having a position in a political party is such that it's been done in the past by people on both sides of the aisle. And I think it's currently done, too, in some other counties — their elected officials are also party chairmen,' he said. But watchdogs have long complained that allowing people to simultaneously hold top positions in government and party leadership opens the door to conflicts of interests and potential corruption.” [New York Post, [6/10/18](#)]

**Cairo Said He Would Not Resign From His County Government Position, Despite The County Executive Signing Executive Orders Barring County Government Officials From Holding Party Positions.** “Fat paychecks for three simultaneous jobs: Taxpayers ask is it legal, or ethical, for Nassau's new GOP leader to wear three top hats at once. Joseph Cairo is the president of Nassau OTB, where he earns \$198,000 a year. He's also Nassau's new Republican chairman, with another annual salary: \$120,000. In addition, Cairo has an established Long Island private law practice. [...] Nassau's new executive signed orders barring county government officials from holding party positions, but McLogan was told via email Cairo has no plans to relinquish any of his jobs. Nassau OTB said there is no ethical or legal constraint from holding three jobs, and that both Democrats and Republicans have done so in the past.” [CBS, [6/11/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: New York Post: “Nassau GOP Chair Intends To Collect Fat Paychecks For 3 Jobs.”** [New York Post, [6/10/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: CBS: “1 Man, 3 Full-Time Jobs: Nassau GOP Chairman Also Heads Nassau OTB And Has Private Law Practice.”** [CBS, [6/11/18](#)]

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### **Pilip Voted In Favor Of A Settlement Between Nassau County And The Long Island Power Authority That Reduced LIPA's Tax Bill By 47% Over Five Years**

**Pilip Voted In Favor Of A Settlement Between Nassau County And The Long Island Power Authority Over Utility Taxes.** “Despite a protest at Long Island Power Authority headquarters on Earle Ovington Boulevard on April 21, the Nassau County Legislature voted on Monday afternoon to approve the settlement between the county and the utility over taxes at the E.F. Barrett Power Station in Island Park. Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, former U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato and Island Park School District and library leadership gathered 10 days after the Legislature's Finance and Rules committees voted not to table the agreement. Schools Superintendent Vincent Randazzo and library President Jessica Koenig, among others, have voiced concerns about the increased tax burden that would likely be shifted to residents as part of the settlement. Legislators Denise Ford and Delia DeRiggi-Whitton asked for the decision to be tabled, but that motion was voted down. The final vote accepted the settlement by a count of 10-8. James Kennedy was absent. Presiding Officer and District 9 Legislator Richard Nicoletto, and other legislators who voted in favor of the settlement believed that the county would ultimately lose the case in court. LIPA has argued that the Island Park power station has been overtaxed for over a decade. The

deal will reduce the current \$59 million annual tax bill on the Barrett station and the decommissioned Glenwood Landing power plant to \$32 million over five years a decrease of roughly 47 percent. The payments are guaranteed even if the plants close. As part of the settlement, LIPA will waive between \$700 and \$800 million in past refund liability for tax years dating back to 2010 when the current case began according to Dan Vincelette, who is representing the county in the tax dispute. [...] The vote for the settlement went as follows: Kevan Abrahams: No Siela Bynoe: No Carrie Solages: No Denise Ford: No Debra Mule: No C. William Gaylor: Yes John Giufee: Yes Richard Nicoletto: Yes Mazi Melesa Pilip: Yes.” [Long Island Herald, [4/25/22](#)]

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**Pilip And Her Husband Have Repeatedly Filed To Reassess Their \$1.5 Million Home’s Value – Including Against Nassau County While She Sat On The County Legislature – But Never Received Their Requested Reassessment Value**

**2016: Pilip And Her Husband Purchased Their Home In Great Neck For \$1.5 Million**

**October 2016: Pilip And Her Husband Purchased Property For \$1,510,000.** In October 2016, Adalbert and Mazi Melesa Pilip purchased real property for \$1,510,000. [Nassau County Registry Land Records, Grant Deed Details, Instrument # 120486, filed 12/5/16, dated 10/7/16, accessed 11/15/23]

**As Of The 2025 Tax Year, Pilip’s Property Had A \$1,861,747 Assessed Market Value.** [Nassau County Land Records Viewer, accessed 11/15/23]

Values Used for This Class 1 Property	2025 - School ('24-25) and County/Town '25'	2024 - School ('23-24) and County/Town '24'	2023 - School ('22-23) and County/Town '23'	2022 - School ('21-22) and County/Town '22'
Fair Market Values	\$1,861,747	\$1,711,247	\$1,711,247	\$1,711,247
Effective Market Value	\$1,861,747	\$1,646,000	\$1,701,000	\$1,605,000
Level of Assessment (% of Market Value)	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%
Assessed Value	1862	1646	1701	1605
Tax Roll Status	Tentative as of 1/2/23	Final as of 4/3/23	Final as of 4/1/22	Final as of 4/1/21
Taxable Status Date	January 2, 2023	January 3, 2022	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2020

The Assessed Value for Class I residential properties (excluding new construction and renovations) cannot be increased by more than 6% per year or 20% over 5 years.

[Nassau County Land Records Viewer, accessed 11/15/23]

**2020 – 2023: Pilip And Her Husband Have Filed Four SCAR Petitions To Reassess The Value Of Their Property And Did Not Once Receive Their Requested Reassessment Value**

**2020: Pilip Requested A Property Reassessment From Nassau County That Decreased Her Property’s Value By More Than \$300,000 And Did Not Receive Her Full Requested Reduction**

**May 2020: Pilip Filed A SCAR Petition Against Nassau County Requesting A Property Reassessment From \$1,693,000 To \$1,377,385.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI MELESA PILIP -v.- Nassau County, Case # ER20350442, SCAR Petition, dated 10/11/18, filed 5/29/20]



- D.  EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT:
1.  The total assessed value exceeds the full (market) value of the property.  
 Total assessed value of property: \$ 1,693,000  
 Complainant believes the total assessment should be reduced to a full value of \$ 1,377,385  
 Attach list of parcels upon which complainant relies for objection, if applicable.  
 This amount may not be less than the amount indicated in Section A (1), or Section B (3).
  2.  The taxable assessed value is excessive because of the denial of all or a portion of a partial exemption. Specify exemption \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., aged, clergy, veterans, etc).  
 Amount of exemption claimed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Amount granted, if any: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This amount may not be greater than the amount indicated in A (2).  
 If application for exemption was filed, attach a copy of application to this petition.

[Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI MELESA PILIP -v.- Nassau County, Case # ER20350442, SCAR Petition, dated 10/11/18, filed 5/29/20]

**October 2020: A Hearing Officer Reassessed Pilip’s Property At \$1,515,000.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI MELESA PILIP -v.- Nassau County, Case # ER20350442, Decision of Hearing Officer, dated 9/23/20, filed 10/2/20]

	FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL	CLAIMED ASSESSMENT	DECISION BY HEARING OFFICER
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Unequal Assessment Total Assessment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excessive Assessment Exempt Amount	\$ <u>1,693.00</u>	\$ <u>1,337.00</u>	\$ <u>1,515.00</u>
4. <input type="checkbox"/> No Change in Assessment Taxable	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Settled pursuant to an agreement of both parties.	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

[Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI MELESA PILIP -v.- Nassau County, Case # ER20350442, Decision of Hearing Officer, dated 9/23/20, filed 10/2/20]

**2021: Pilip Requested A Property Reassessment From The Village Of Kensington And Did Not Receive Her Full Requested Reduction**

**January 2021: Pilip Filed A SCAR Petition Against The Village Of Kensington Requesting A Property Reassessment From \$1,782,353, Or \$3,030 In Assessed Value, To \$1,464,009, Or \$2,489 In Assessed Value.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI PILIP v. Kensington Village Of, Case # ER21350012, SCAR Petition, dated 9/1/20, filed 1/5/21]

- D.  EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT:
1. [ ] The total assessed value exceeds the full (market) value of the property.  
 Total assessed value of property: \$ 3,030/\$1,782,353  
 Complainant believes the total assessment should be reduced to a full value of \$ 2,489/\$1,464,009  
 Attach list of parcels upon which complainant relies for objection, if applicable.  
 This amount may not be less than the amount indicated in Section A (1), or Section B (3).
  2. [ ] The taxable assessed value is excessive because of the denial of all or a portion of a partial exemption. Specify exemption \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., aged, clergy, veterans, etc).  
 Amount of exemption claimed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Amount granted, if any: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 This amount may not be greater than the amount indicated in A (2).  
 If application for exemption was filed, attach a copy of application to this petition.

[Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI PILIP v. Kensington Village Of, Case # ER21350012, SCAR Petition, dated 9/1/20, filed [1/5/21](#)]

**September 2022: Pilip Received A Stipulation To Reassess The Assessed Value Of Her Property To \$2,924.**

[Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI PILIP v. Kensington Village Of, Case # ER21350012, SCAR Stipulation, dated 9/12/22, filed [9/12/22](#)]

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	PART II - AGREEMENT		
	FINAL ASSESSMENT	CLAIMED ASSESSMENT	STIPULATED TOTAL ASSESSMENT
(X) Settled pursuant to an agreement of both parties	\$ 3030	\$ 2489	\$ 2924

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[Nassau County Supreme Court, MAZI PILIP v. Kensington Village Of, Case # ER21350012, SCAR Stipulation, dated 9/12/22, filed [9/12/22](#)]

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**2021: Pilip Requested A Property Reassessment From The Village Of Kensington And Was Denied**

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**May 2021: Pilip Filed A SCAR Petition Against Nassau County Requesting A Property Reassessment From \$1,763,918 To \$1,238,675.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, Mazi Pilip - v. - NASSAU County, Case # ER21727535, SCAR Petition, filed 5/24/21]

D.  EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT:

- The total assessed value exceeds the full (market) value of the property.  
Total assessed value of the property: \$ 1,763,918.00  
Complainant believes the total assessment should be reduced to a full value of \$ 1,238,675.00  
Attach list of parcels upon which complaint relies for objection, if applicable.  
This amount may not be less than the amount indicated in Section A (1), or Section B (3).
- The taxable assessed value is excessive because of the denial of all or a portion of a partial exemption. Specify exemption \$\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., aged, clergy, veterans, etc).  
Amount of exemption claimed: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Amount granted, if any: \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
This amount may not be greater than the amount indicated in A (2).  
If application for exemption was filed, attach a copy of application to this petition.

[Nassau County Supreme Court, Mazi Pilip - v. - NASSAU County, Case # ER21727535, SCAR Petition, filed 5/24/21]

**Pilip Was Denied A Reassessment.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, Mazi Pilip - v. - NASSAU County, Case # ER21727535, Decision of Hearing Officer, filed [8/10/21](#)]





	FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL	CLAIMED ASSESSMENT	DECISION BY HEARING OFFICER
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Unequal Assessment Total Assessment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Assessment Exempt Amount	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Change in Assessment Taxable	\$ <u>1,605.00</u>	\$ <u>1,202.00</u>	\$ <u>1,605.00</u>
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Settled pursuant to an agreement of both parties.	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

State below, the findings of fact concerning the assessment, and the basis for your decision.

The subject property is currently assessed at \$1605, which translates into an equalized value of \$1,654,639.

An adjustment is not warranted.

The best evidence of market value as of the valuation date is Petitioner's adjusted comparable # 1 and Respondent's adjusted comparable # 3. When averaged together, placing a greater weight on those sales which most closely approximate the valuation date, GLA, style and lot size, such sales indicate an approximate market value of \$1,659,733, which exceeds the current equalized value.

[Nassau County Supreme Court, Mazi Pilip - v. - NASSAU County, Case # ER21727535, Decision of Hearing Officer, filed 8/10/21]

**2023: Pilip's Husband Requested A Property Reassessment From The Village Of Kensington And Did Not Receive The Full Requested Reduction**

**January 2023: Pilip's Husband Filed A SCAR Petition Against The Village Of Kensington Requesting A Property Reassessment From \$2,212,500, Or \$3,540 In Assessed Value, To \$1,659,375, Or \$2,655 In Assessed Value.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, ADALBERT PILIP -v.- Kensington Village Of, Case # ER23350001, SCAR Petition, dated 9/5/22, filed [1/4/23](#)]

D.  EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT:

1.  The total assessed value exceeds the full (market) value of the property.  
Total assessed value of property: \$ 3,540/\$2,212,500  
Complainant believes the total assessment should be reduced to a full value of \$ 2,655/\$1,659,375  
Attach list of parcels upon which complainant relies for objection, if applicable.  
This amount may not be less than the amount indicated in Section A (1), or Section B (3).

2.  The taxable assessed value is excessive because of the denial of all or a portion of a partial exemption. Specify exemption \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., aged, clergy, veterans, etc).

Amount of exemption claimed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Amount granted, if any: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
This amount may not be greater than the amount indicated in A (2).  
If application for exemption was filed, attach a copy of application to this petition.

[Nassau County Supreme Court, ADALBERT PILIP -v.- Kensington Village Of, Case # ER23350001, SCAR Petition, dated 9/5/22, filed 1/4/23]

**October 2023: Pilip Received A Stipulation To Reassess The Assessed Value Of The Property To \$3,320.** [Nassau County Supreme Court, ADALBERT PILIP -v.- Kensington Village Of, Case # ER23350001, SCAR

Stipulation, filed 10/20/23]

	PART II - AGREEMENT		
	FINAL ASSESSMENT	CLAIMED ASSESSMENT	STIPULATED TOTAL ASSESSMENT
(X) Settled pursuant to an agreement of both parties	\$ 3,540	\$ 2,520	\$ 3,320

[Nassau County Supreme Court, ADALBERT PILIP -v.- Kensington Village Of, Case # ER23350001, SCAR Stipulation, filed 10/20/23]

**Pilip Allied With Extreme Anti-Choice Republicans Who Repeatedly Pushed For A Federal Ban**

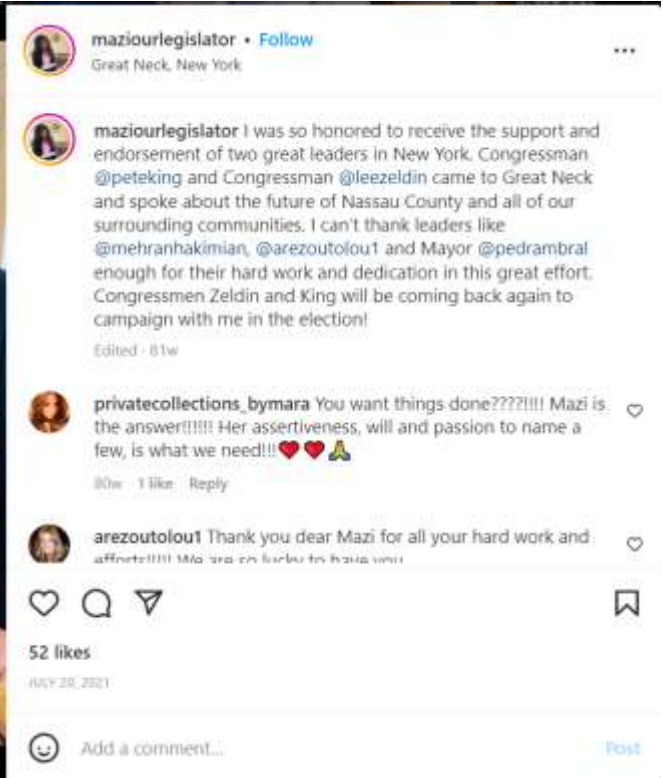
**Pilip Endorsed By Lee Zeldin In 2021 And 2023 And Backed His 2022 Gubernatorial Campaign**

November 2023: Pilip Touted An Endorsement From Her “Good Friend” Lee Zeldin. [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [11/7/23](#)]



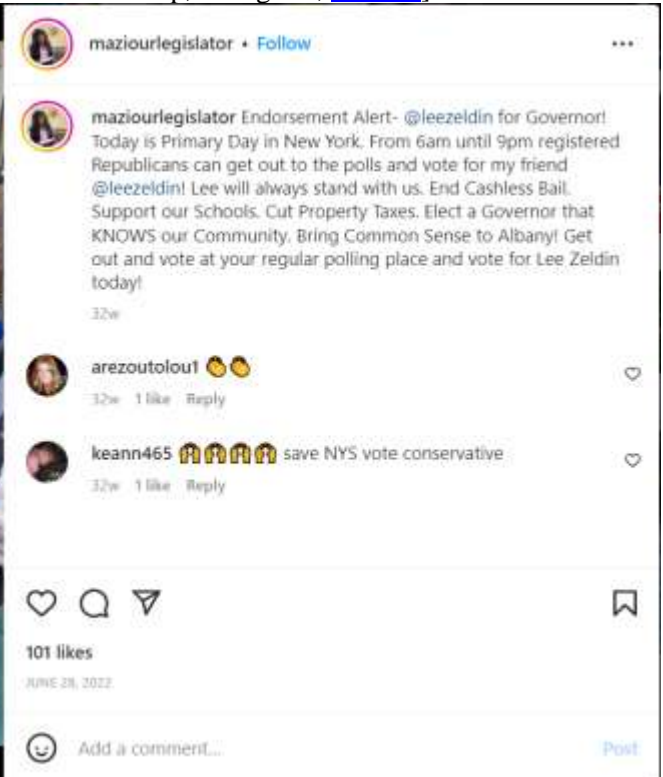
[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [11/7/23](#)]

2021: Pilip Was Endorsed By Rep. Lee Zeldin. [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/20/21](#)]



[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/20/21](#)]

**July 2022: Pilip Endorsed Lee Zeldin For Governor.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/28/22](#)]



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## Zeldin Pledged To Reverse New York's Abortion Rights Protections After He Voted To Allow States To Ban Abortion Without Any Exceptions

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### *April 2022: Zeldin Pledged To Reverse New York's Protections On Abortion Rights Before Flip-Flopping Weeks Before The Election*

**April 2022: Zeldin Told An Anti-Choice Group He “Strongly Believed” New York’s Reproductive Health Act “Should Be Reversed.”** “The ad clip comes months after Zeldin told members of New York Right to Life, an anti-abortion group, that he would support rolling back the state’s Reproductive Health Act. In 2019, the Dem-led Legislature codified Roe into state law and allowed pregnancies to be terminated after 24 weeks if a woman’s life is in danger or the fetus is not viable. The law also allows a licensed or certified health care practitioner to perform abortions. ‘I absolutely do not support these changes that have been made up in Albany,’ Zeldin told the anti-abortion lobbyists in April. ‘I strongly believe that they should be reversed.’” [New York Daily News, [10/20/22](#)]

- **October 2022: New York Daily News Headline: “Lee Zeldin Flip-Flops On Abortion As N.Y. Gov Race Tightens.”** [New York Daily News, [10/20/22](#)]
- **October 2022: Zeldin Claimed He Would Not Change New York Abortion Law If Elected Governor.** “Until recently, Zeldin has largely avoided discussing reproductive rights on the campaign trail in the wake of the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in June as he remains focused on crime and the economy. Last week, his campaign released an ad in which the Long Island lawmaker vowed that he ‘will not change and could not change New York’s abortion law.’” [New York Daily News, [10/20/22](#)]

### **2019: The Reproductive Health Act Decriminalized Abortion And Codified Roe V. Wade In New York Law.**

“The Reproductive Health Act Removes Abortion from the Criminal Code and Ensures Constitutional Protections are Reflected in New York Law [...] The Reproductive Health Act would align New York law with federal constitutional law, ensuring that a woman would have the explicit right under New York law to access the care she needs when her health is at risk or the fetus is not viable. Further, by removing abortion from the criminal code, the legislation ensures that health care professionals can provide women with appropriate health care without fear of criminal consequences.” [New York Civil Liberties Union, [1/23/19](#); New York State Assembly, S00240, Introduced [1/9/19](#)]

### *September 2021: Zeldin Voted To Allow States To Ban Abortion Completely, Without Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman's Life*

**September 2021: Zeldin Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act.** In September 2021, Zeldin voted against: “Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient’s life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers’ ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient’s health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes with providers’ ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients’ health; is likely to delay or deter patients in

accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to "liberally construe" provisions of the bill to effectuate its purposes." The bill passed by a vote of 218-211. [HR 3655, [Vote #295](#), 9/24/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

- **The Women’s Health Protection Act Would Federally Codify Protections From Roe V. Wade.** “As a leaked draft opinion of a Supreme Court ruling shows a conservative majority of justices appear poised to overturn federal protections of abortion rights, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Thursday the Senate will hold a procedural vote to begin debate on the Women's Health Protection Act next week. WHPA is a bill that aims to codify Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that grants protections for a woman's right to abortion, at the federal level. The bill prohibits governmental restrictions on access to abortion services, according to the Congressional Research Service.” [ABC, [5/7/22](#)]
- **Federally Codifying Protections From Roe Would Prevent States From Passing “Full Bans” On Abortion Following The Overturning Of Roe.** “Congressional Democrats have mulled options to guarantee the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling’s protections since a leaked majority draft indicated in May that the Supreme Court would reverse the decision. The majority conservative court indeed overturned Roe last week, sparking nationwide tumult among abortion-rights advocates and celebrations by their anti-abortion counterparts. The reversal returns the power to state legislatures to pass full bans on abortion. The ruling, which stood for nearly 50 years, had nullified broad bans on the procedure and established it as a constitutional right. Now Democrats are pushing to effectively restore that right by ‘codifying’ Roe v. Wade.” [USA Today, [6/30/22](#)]
- **July 2022: The Atlantic: “Conservative States Are Rushing To Eliminate Or Narrow Existing Exceptions” To Abortion Bans Including To Save A Woman’s Life.** “Even if someone believes that a fetus enjoys the same rights as an adult, abortion could be justified much in the same way that people who are anti-violence can understand the need in certain situations for self-defense. Support for the so-called life-of-the-mother exception seemed unshakable. Not anymore. Anti-abortion-rights groups, like Pro-Life Wisconsin, have described the ‘life of the mother’ exception as unnecessary and wrong. The Idaho GOP just approved a platform with no lifesaving exception. Republican candidates like Matthew DePerno, the Republican running to be Michigan’s attorney general, oppose all exceptions to abortion bans, and that includes to save a mother’s life. Conservative states are rushing to eliminate or narrow existing exceptions to their laws. Powerful groups like Students for Life, Feminists for Life, and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) argue that ‘abortion is never medically necessary’ and that doctors should always be punished for intentionally taking a fetal life.” [The Atlantic, [7/25/22](#)]
- **Guttmacher Institute: Trigger Laws In 12 States In The Event Roe Were Overturned Did Not Have Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** “12 states do not include exceptions for rape and incest in their bans that would be triggered if Roe were overturned or bans on abortions up to eight weeks of pregnancy: Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.” [Guttmacher Institute, [11/22/21](#)]

### *Zeldin Repeatedly Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act*

**2021: Zeldin Cosponsored H.R. 1011 - Life At Conception Act.** [Congress.gov, H.R. 1011, introduced [2/11/21](#), cosponsored [8/6/21](#)]

- **Zeldin Previously Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act Three Times In 2015, 2017, And 2019.** [Congress.gov, HR 616, cosponsored [1/16/19](#); HR 681, cosponsored [10/11/17](#); HR 816, cosponsored [11/16/15](#)]

### *2017: The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman's Health*

**The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman's Health.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire News, [9/28/19](#)]

**The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Birth Control Pills, IUDs, Emergency Contraception, Some Cancer Treatments, And IVF.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire News, [9/28/19](#)]

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### **Zeldin Repeatedly Voted For Federal Abortion Bans And Against Exceptions To Save A Woman's Health**

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#### *2017: Zeldin Voted To Ban Abortion Nationwide At 20 Weeks And Against An Exception To Save A Woman's Health*

**October 2017: Zeldin Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors, With Exceptions For Rape And Incest Only If It Had Been Reported To Law Enforcement.** In October 2017, Zeldin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, [Vote #549](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]



- **Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow.** “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, [10/3/17](#)]

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act on reports of child abuse. As amended, the bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the "potential" to survive outside the womb, and, if the fetus is born alive, the bill would require that the infant be provided medical care and immediately be transported and admitted to a hospital. As amended, women wishing to have abortions under the bill's exceptions would need to sign (along with the doctor and a witness) an informed consent authorization form detailing the age of the fetus and stating that, if born alive, would be given medical assistance and transported to a hospital." The bill passed by a vote of 242-184. [HR 36, [Vote #223](#), 5/13/15; CQ, [5/13/15](#)]

### ***2013: King Voted For 20 Week Abortion Ban Requiring Women Prove Rape Before Accessing An Abortion***

**2013: King Voted For Ban Requiring Women Prove Rape Before Accessing An Abortion.** In June 2013, King voted for: "Passage of the bill that would create a nationwide ban on abortions performed at 20 weeks or later, except in cases where the life of the woman is in danger. It would provide exceptions to the ban in cases of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest against a minor, if it has been reported to law enforcement or a government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. It also would impose criminal penalties on physicians who violate the ban and subject violators to a maximum five-year jail sentence, fines or both." The bill passed, 228-196. [CNN, [6/17/13](#); Associated Press, [6/18/13](#); HR 1797, [Vote #251](#), 6/18/13]

### ***2012: King Voted For 20-Week Abortion Ban In D.C.***

**2012: King Voted For Banning Abortions In D.C. After Twenty Weeks Of Pregnancy.** In July 2012, King voted for a "motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit abortions in the District of Columbia after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except when the woman's life is endangered. The bill would impose reporting requirements for any abortions performed prior to the 20-week threshold. Violators would be subject to fines or imprisonment, with a maximum two-year sentence. The measure would prohibit the prosecution of the woman obtaining the abortion." The bill failed 220 to 154. [HR 3803, [Vote #539](#), 7/31/12; CQ, [7/31/12](#)]

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**Pilip Reportedly Attended A Fundraiser Johnson Cohosted While He Was In New York In December 2023.** "Sources noted that it's no coincidence that Pilip attended one of the fundraisers co-hosted by House Speaker Mike Johnson in New York last week, accompanied by prominent donors in the party, sources said." [New York Post, [12/10/23](#)]

### **Who Backed A National Abortion Ban, Cuts To Medicare And Social Security, And Overturning The 2020 Election**

### **Johnson Cosponsored A National Abortion Ban Without Any Exceptions**

**January 2023: Johnson Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act.** [H.R. 431, cosponsored [1/20/23](#)]

**Los Angeles Times: The Life At Conception Act Would Constitute A Nationwide Abortion Ban From The Moment Of Fertilization.** "The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion. The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks 'equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person,' specifying that it covers 'all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.' Put simply: 'It would be a nationwide abortion ban,' said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected." [Los Angeles Times, [8/29/22](#)]

**The Federal Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortion Without Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman's Life.** "H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and 'preborn' human person. 'Human person' is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization." [Rewire News Group, [9/28/19](#)]

**Legal Experts Argued The Life At Conception Act Could Result In Criminal Charges Against People Who Help Women Get Abortions, Including Health Care Providers.** "With the idea that life begins at conception, personhood laws grant fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos and fetuses the same status as victims in other scenarios. Because of this, some legal experts — as well as Mathis's campaign — have argued abortion could result in criminal charges, such as homicide. The Life at Conception Act specifically states that nothing within the bill 'shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.' But the bill does not explicitly protect anyone else from criminal charges, such as abortion providers or those who help others obtain an abortion. The freshman representative from Iowa has not publicly stated whether she would support criminal charges in this scenario. [...] The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the

possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. Hinson has never publicly stated she would support legislation that includes criminal penalties for abortions. But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion.” [Cedar Rapids Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

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### **As Chair Of The Republican Study Committee, Johnson Backed Cuts To Medicare And Social Security**

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**Johnson’s Republican Study Committee Budget Proposed Cutting Medicare By Raising The Eligibility Age.** “Adjust the Medicare Eligibility Age to Reflect Life Expectancy: Since Medicare’s creation in 1965, advances in science and medical technology have increased average life expectancy. This is a great miracle, but it does put additional stresses on the solvency of the Medicare program. As a result, the amount of time a Medicare beneficiary is expected to be covered by the program has increased from 14.6 years in 1965 to over 19 years in 2015. As beneficiaries continue to live longer, the ratio of workers to retirees shrinks threatening the solvency of Medicare. In 1965 there were 4.5 workers per Medicare beneficiary. That number shrunk to 3.3 workers in 2011, 3.1 in 2015, 2.8 in 2018 and is expected to continue to decrease to 2.3 workers per beneficiary by 2030. To address the increased demands on Medicare, this budget proposes increasing the age of Medicare so it is aligned with the normal retirement age for Social Security and then indexing this age to life expectancy, ensuring Medicare remains available for future generations.” [Republican Study Committee, Budget, [FY 2020](#)]

- **Raising The Medicare Eligibility Age Would Force Most Americans Ages 65-70 To Delay Retirement Or Turn To The Public Marketplace To Buy Insurance, Where Premiums Can Be Cost-Prohibitive.** “Postponing eligibility for Medicare ‘would leave most older Americans age 65 -70 significantly underinsured and threatens their finances and their health,’ said Mary Johnson, Social Security and Medicare policy analyst, at The Senior Citizens League, an advocacy group for older Americans. Americans between 65 to 70 years of age would either need to work longer in order to keep their health coverage through their employers, or turn to Healthcare.gov’s marketplace to buy insurance, she noted. Even plans for people who are under 64 can be costly, running more than \$10,000 per year in premiums. ‘The cost for those 65 to 70 would be even more financially challenging, especially given the fact of the need to use more care and spend more out of pocket,’ she noted. ‘Where will they find the money to pay those new unexpected healthcare costs?’” [CBS, [11/9/22](#)]
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**Johnson’s Republican Study Committee Budget Called For Raising The Social Security Eligibility Age To 69 And Eventually 70 Years Old.** “The goal of the Social Security Reform Act is to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security for this and future generations. It does so by modernizing the program, phasing out antiquated elements and bringing together a number of commonsense ideas to make the system work better for today’s



workers and retirees. Many of the specific policies included in this legislation have bipartisan support and have been included in proposals put forward by members of Congress on both sides of the aisle and well-respected non-partisan organizations. **Adjust the Retirement Age to Reflect Longevity:** The bipartisan Social Security Amendments of 1983 phases in an increase in the Social Security full retirement age over time, beginning at 65 and reaching 67 by 2022 for those born in 1960 and later. The Social Security Reform Act would continue this gradual increase of the normal retirement age at a rate of three months per year until it reaches 69 for those reaching age 62 in 2030. The RSC Budget recognizes that, due to Congressional inaction, the Social Security Reform Act’s retirement age increase would need to be extended, likely to age 70, to achieve long-range sustainable solvency. Further, the existing 5-year gap between the normal and early retirement ages would be maintained as the full retirement age is incrementally adjusted.” [Republican Study Committee, Budget, [FY 2020](#)]

- **Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: “Raising Social Security’s Retirement Age Would Cut Benefits For All New Retirees”** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]
- **CBPP: Raising The Social Security Eligibility Age Would Result In Cuts That “Could Be Deep” For Middle- And Lower-Income Americans Who Claim Benefits Earlier, Meaning They Permanently Receive Lower Benefits.** “Some policymakers, such as those on the Republican Study Committee, have proposed to raise Social Security’s full retirement age to 70 and beyond. Raising the retirement age cuts benefits for all new retirees — that is, those claiming Social Security benefits for the first time. These cuts could be deep, and they would fall hardest on lower- and middle-income beneficiaries because they rely most heavily on Social Security benefits. Moreover, they have not seen the life expectancy gains that higher-income people have experienced and that are often used as the rationale for raising the retirement age. The full retirement age is the age at which new retirees can receive full Social Security benefits. If beneficiaries claim before full retirement age, they receive permanently reduced monthly benefits; if they claim after, they get a permanent increase. The full retirement age was 65 for most of Social Security’s history. The last major Social Security overhaul, in 1983, gradually raised the age to 67, effectively cutting benefits by 13 percent. Now there is renewed talk of moving the age to 70, which would effectively cut currently scheduled benefits by nearly 20 percent.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]
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**After The 2020 Election Was Called, Johnson Went On Radio Interviews To Discuss “Credible Allegations Of Fraud And Irregularity” In The 2020 Election.** “‘There is still reason for hope’ that Mr. Trump might win, he told a conservative Louisiana talk radio host a week after the election, citing ‘credible allegations of fraud and irregularity.’ Charges that voting machines had been ‘rigged’ had ‘a lot of merit,’ he asserted in another radio interview.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

**November 8, 2020: On The Night After Biden’s 2020 Election Victory, Johnson Talked To Trump About How “Every Instance Of Fraud And Illegality Has Got To Be Prosecuted.”** “Look, I talked to the President last night. Kelly and I were on stage at a local church presenting our God Government seminar and the President called my cell and Kelly, her eyes got real big and she handed it to me. And we were live, in front a bunch of people at this church, and I said ‘y’all can I take this call, it’s the President?’ [...] I was so encouraged, Moon, to hear his resolve last night. The President is dug in on this. He wants to ensure that every single legal vote gets properly counted. And he knows that every instance of fraud and illegality has got to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law because this is bigger than the Trump/Pence campaign, it’s bigger than this election cycle, this is about the American people’s faith in our election system itself.” [Moon Griffon Show, Soundcloud, 4:32, [11/9/20](#)] (AUDIO)

**New York Times: Johnson Was “The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections.”** “In formal statements justifying their votes, about three-quarters relied on the arguments of a low-profile Louisiana congressman, Representative Mike Johnson, the most important architect of the Electoral College objections.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

- **Johnson Was Credited With Coming Up With The Option For Republicans To Vote Not To Certify 2020 Election Results On The Grounds Of Changed Voting Procedures During The Pandemic.** “On the eve of the Jan. 6 votes, he presented colleagues with what he called a ‘third option.’ He faulted the way some states had changed voting procedures during the pandemic, saying it was unconstitutional, without supporting the outlandish claims of Mr. Trump’s most vocal supporters. His Republican critics called it a Trojan horse that allowed lawmakers to vote with the president while hiding behind a more defensible case.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

**New York Times: About 75% Of Republican Representatives Who Objected To 2020 Election Results “Chiefly Relied On Mr. Johnson’s Argument.”** “In the weeks before Jan. 6, the vast majority of objectors had publicly sympathized with Mr. Trump’s allegations of conspiracy and fraud. Yet when it came time to stake out an official justification for their votes, about three-quarters chiefly relied on Mr. Johnson’s argument, including 35 who signed a statement that he had written and read aloud at the previous day’s meeting.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

**New York Times: “Even Lawmakers Who Had Been Among The Noisiest ‘Stop The Steal’ Firebrands Took Refuge In Mr. Johnson’s [Election Denial] Claims.”** “Even lawmakers who had been among the noisiest ‘stop the steal’ firebrands took refuge in Mr. Johnson’s narrow and lawyerly claims, though his nuanced argument was lost on the mob storming the Capitol, and over time it was the vision of the rioters — that a Democratic conspiracy had defrauded America — that prevailed in many Republican circles.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

## Crime

### 2021 Campaign

**November 2021: Pilip Said She Wanted To Focus On Issues Including Public Safety.** “Pilip said that her experience as an immigrant and her military service made her want to serve the public — first in the nonprofit world, working with pro-Israel organizations, and more recently by running for office. ‘I had some difficult moments throughout my life,’ she said. ‘But on the day I arrived in Israel, I saw young children welcoming us at the airport and showing us so much love and support. That empowered me in life to be just like them — to serve the country, to serve the community, and to be a leader.’ Being a person of color was helpful in pursuing office, she said. ‘Here I am bringing something unique to the table, and people resonated with my message of unity, of bringing all communities together for common cause, even when we have different opinions,’ she said. Republicans now hold a 12-7 majority over Democrats in the 19-seat legislature, just one seat shy of a supermajority. But the GOP won’t necessarily need the additional seat to override a veto since the new county executive, Bruce Blakeman,

is also a Republican. Pilip said she wants to focus on issues that matter to all Long Islanders, including public safety and revitalizing businesses that suffered during the pandemic. Combating antisemitism is also high on her priority list. As an two-time immigrant, soldier and mother, Pilip she said she could ‘bring a lot to the conversation about building a better society, and bring people together.’ [Forward, [11/29/21](#)]

## Catalytic Converter Theft

**Pilip Co-Sponsored A Bill To Combat Catalytic Converter Theft.** “The Nassau County Legislative Majority joined with Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and Upper Brookville Mayor Elliot Conway to announce a local law to provide another tool for the county in its fight against the rising theft and illegal resale of catalytic converters. Under this law, all businesses buying catalytic converters will be required to obtain information from the seller, including their ID, copy of title, and the make, model and vehicle identification number of the vehicle the part came from. Businesses will be required to keep these records for five years of the purchase date and they must be made available for inspection, upon request, by the Nassau County Police Department and Consumer Affairs within 72 hours after date of purchase. [...] In my district, car thefts and break-ins have gone on the rise,’ Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip, one of the co-sponsors of the legislation said. ‘This bill will help deter criminals from being able to sell catalytic converters, thus making them less popular to steal. The law will not eliminate car thefts entirely though, and I still urge residents to always lock their vehicles and take their key and any other valuables with them.’ [Syosset-Jericho Tribune, [4/27/22](#)]

## Bail Reform

**Pilip Opposed Cashless Bail Laws.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [10/7/21](#)]

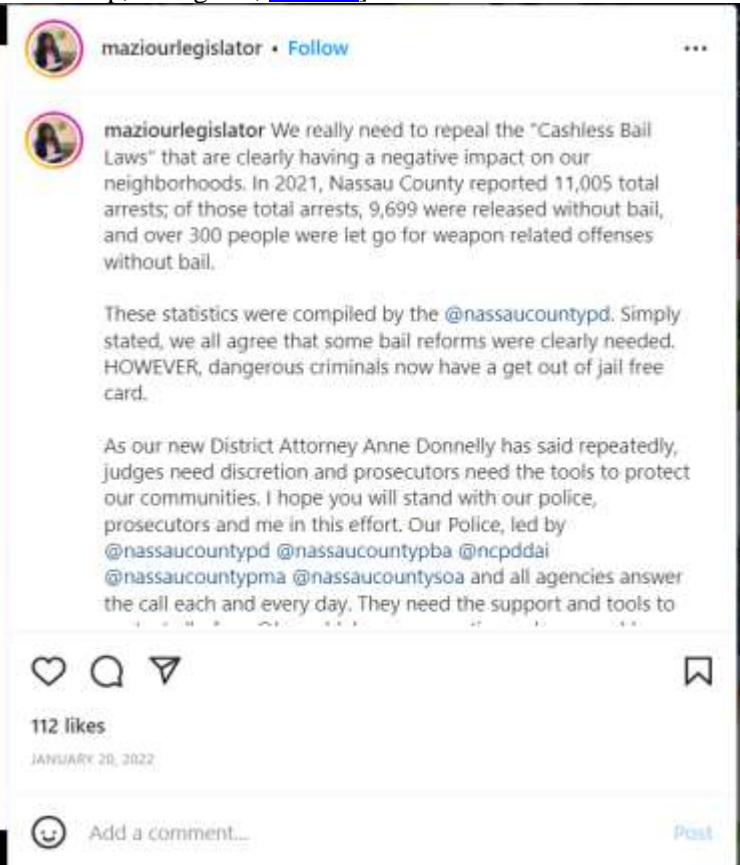


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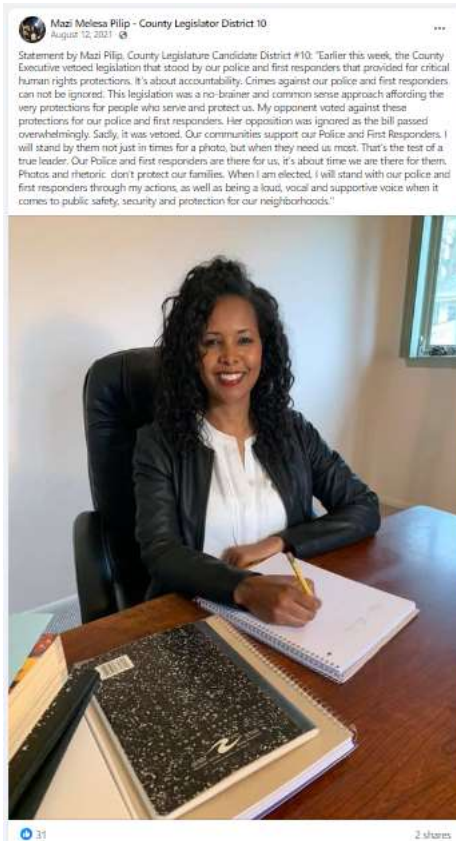
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[Mazi Melesa Pilip – County Legislator District 10, Facebook, [8/12/21](#)]

## Foreign Policy

**Pilip Supported An Economic And Cultural Agreement Between Nassau County And An Area Of The West Bank.** “Nassau County cemented its relationship with Israel last week, signing an economic and cultural agreement with the Shomron, an area in the northern part of the territory commonly referred to as the West Bank or Judea and Samaria. ‘This is an agreement of friendship, understanding and solidarity,’ Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman proclaimed during a ceremony in the executive and legislative building in Mineola. Blakeman's Israeli counterpart, Shomron Regional Council Chairman Yossi Dagan, said his region has been the Jewish heartland since the days of the religion's forefathers and prophets. Nassau County Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip of Great Neck, a former Israeli Defense Forces paratrooper who emigrated to the Jewish state from Ethiopia during Operation Solomon in 1991, said the agreement would ‘continue an important and meaningful partnership and friendship based on social, economic, security and cultural’ links.” [Jewish Star, [5/18/22](#)]

## Housing

**February 2022: Pilip Attended A Press Conference Held In Opposition To Gov. Hochul’s Plan To Allow Accessory Dwelling Units Statewide.** “Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena, Councilmembers Dennis Walsh and David Adhami, and Town Clerk Ragini Srivastava joined with dozens of irate and outraged officials at the state, county, town, city and village levels today to slam a provision of Governor Hochul's State Budget proposal, which would effectively eliminate single-family home zoning across New York State. Discreetly buried within the governor's budget, the proposal would mandate that localities permit accessory dwelling units (ADU) on the property of homes that are currently zoned for single-family use, effectively stripping local government of their "home rule" authority to control local zoning. [...] Among the other elected officials at the press conference were Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Nassau Legislature Majority Leader Rich

Nicoletto, Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino, Glen Cove City Mayor Pam Panzenback, Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Jeanine Driscoll, Town Clerk Kate Murray, Town Council Members Anthony D’Esposito, Dennis Dunne, Chris Carini and Tom Muscarella, Town of Oyster Bay Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, Councilmembers Steve Labriola, Michele Johnson, Lou Imbroto, Tom Hand, Laura Maier and Vicki Walsh. Also City of Glen Cove Councilmembers Joseph Capobianco, Kevin Maccarone, Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, Jack Mancusi and Barbara Peebles, State Assemblymembers Ed Ra, Dave McDonough, John Mikulin, Missy Miller, Michael Montesano and Michael Durso, Nassau County Legislators Denise Ford, Bill Gaylor, Howard Kopel, John Giuffre, Mazi Melesa Pilip, James Kennedy, Tom McKeivitt, Laura Schaefer, John Ferretti, Rose Walker and Steve Rhoads. Also present were Nassau Comptroller Elaine Phillips and County Clerk Maureen O’Connell.” [Port Washington News, [2/16/22](#)]

**February 2022: Pilip Claimed Hochul’s ADU Proposal Was “Trying To Destroy Suburbia.”** [Mazi Melesa Pilip – County Legislator District 10, Facebook, [2/18/22](#)]



[Mazi Melesa Pilip – County Legislator District 10, Facebook, [2/18/22](#)]

**April 2023: Pilip Opposed Hochul’s Housing Plan, Which She Said Would Mean “THOUSANDS Of Apartments And High Density Housing” Overwhelm Neighborhoods.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [4/10/23](#)]





[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [4/10/23](#)]

**Taxes**

**Assessment Issues**

**Pilip Introduced Local Law 1-2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto, Deputy Presiding Officer Howard Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford, and Legislators Gaylor, Giuffre, Pilip, Kennedy, McKeivitt, Schaefer, Ferretti, Walker, and Rhoads

LOCAL LAW 1 -2022

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

**February 7, 2022: Local Law 1-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 17 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on February 7, 2022  
Voting: Ayes: 17, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0  
Became a law on February 10, 2022 with the approval of the Deputy County Executive acting on behalf of the County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

- **Local Law 1-2022 Extended The Deadline To File “Any Grievance For The Correction Of An Assessment Contained In The Tentative Assessment Roll” From January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 To April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of Nassau County as follows:

Section 1. §6-40.3 **Application for the correction of assessment for taxation** of the Nassau County Administrative Code is amended to include the following section subdivision:

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any grievance for the correction of an assessment contained in the tentative assessment roll filed by the Department of Assessment on January 3, 2022, the deadline to file an application for the correction of an assessment shall be April 30, 2022.

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

## Exemptions

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**Pilip Introduced Legislation To Establish A Real Property Taxation Exemption For Certain Seniors With Limited Incomes**

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**Pilip Introduced Local Law 7-2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 7-2022, [9/7/22](#)]

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Richard J. Nicoletto, Deputy Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford, Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams, and Legislators Siela A. Bynoe, Carrié Solages, Debra Mulé, C. William Gaylor, III, John J. Giuffré, Mazi Melesa Pilip, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, James Kennedy, Thomas McKeivitt, Laura Schaefer, John R. Ferretti, Jr., Arnold W. Drucker, Rose Marie Walker, Joshua A. Lafazan, Steven D. Rhoads

LOCAL LAW NO. **7** – 2022

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 7-2022, [9/7/22](#)]

**September 7, 2022: Local Law 7-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 19 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 7-2022, [9/7/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on September 7, 2022  
Voting: Ayes: 19, Nays: 0, Abstained 0

Became a law on September 19, 2022 with the approval of the County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 7-2022, [9/7/22](#)]

- **Local Law 7-2022 Established A Real Property Taxation Exemption For Certain Seniors With Limited Incomes.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 7-2022, [9/7/22](#)]

**§ 6-2.2 Real property taxation exemption for certain persons with limited income.**

- a) Real property in the County owned by one or more persons, each of whom is sixty-five years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife or by siblings, one of which is sixty-five years or over shall be exempt from taxation by the County to the extent set forth in the following Schedule A:

## SCHEDULE A

ANNUAL INCOME	PERCENTAGE ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION
Up to and including \$50,000	50%
More than \$50,000 but less than \$51,000	45%
At least \$51,000 but less than \$52,000	40%
At least \$52,000 but less than \$53,000	35%
At least \$53,000 but less than \$53,900	30%
At least \$53,900 but less than \$54,800	25%
At least \$54,800 but less than \$55,700	20%
At least \$55,700 but less than \$56,600	15%
At least \$56,600 but less than \$57,500	10%
At least \$57,500 but less than \$58,400	5%

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 7-2022, [9/7/22](#)]

**Pilip Said The County Legislature Would Repeal The Gas Tax.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [4/11/22](#)][Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [4/11/22](#)]**Pilip Introduced Local Law 4-2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Richard J. Nicoello, Deputy Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford, and Legislators C. William Gaylor, III, John J. Guiffre, Mazi Melesa Pilip, James Kennedy, Thomas McKeivitt, Laura Schaefer, John R. Ferretti, Jr., Rose Marie Walker, and Steven D. Rhoads

**LOCAL LAW NO. <sup>4</sup> - 2022**[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]**April 11, 2022: Local Law 4-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 19 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on April 11, 2022  
Voting: Ayes:19, Nays:0, Abstained: 0  
Became a Law on April 13, 2022 with the approval of the  
County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

- **Local Law 4-2022 Shifted The Nassau County Gas Tax From A Percentage Rate To A Cents Per Gallon Rate, Capped At A Total Of \$3.00.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

Notwithstanding the provisions of any local law or ordinance to the contrary, in lieu of the percentage rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed on receipts from the retail sale of and consideration given or contracted to be given for, or for the use of, motor fuel and diesel motor fuel, such taxes shall be imposed at a rate of cents per gallon of such motor fuel or diesel motor fuel, in the manner prescribed by subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the New York Tax Law, provided that, for the purposes of calculating the cents per gallon rate of tax, such receipts or consideration shall be limited to three dollars (\$3.00) per gallon of either such fuel. Provided that, if the average price of such fuels changes as described in such subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the Tax Law, the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall adjust the cents per gallon tax rate on such fuels in the manner prescribed in such subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the Tax Law.

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

## Personal History

### 1991: Pilip Was Evacuated From Ethiopia To Israel At 12

**Pilip Was Born In Ethiopia And Airlifted To Israel With Her Family During Operation Solomon In 1991 At 12 Years Old.** “Born in Ethiopia, Pilip was evacuated to Israel with her family when she was 12 during Operation Solomon in 1991, in which Israel covertly transported more than 14,000 Jews in 36 hours. Pilip said moving from a poor village to a modern society was ‘very challenging.’ But she said government assistance, her years at boarding school with immigrants of other backgrounds, and her time in the army helped her assimilate into Israeli society.” [Forward, [11/29/21](#)]

### Pilip Began Serving In The IDF At 18 Years Old

**Pilip Said She Began Serving In The IDF At 18 Years Old.** “When she was 18, Pilip served in the Israel Defense Forces as a paratrooper. ‘It was a moment of pride because I felt like I was giving back to the country that had given so much to me and my family,’ she said. ‘My family was very proud of me.’” [Aish, [1/29/23](#)]

### 2005: Pilip Moved To The U.S. From Israel, Where Many Of Her Family Members Still Live

**2005: Pilip And Her Husband Moved To The U.S. From Israel.** “In college she met her future husband, Adalbert Pilip, who was born in Ukraine, raised in the U.S., and who came to Israel for medical school. The couple moved to the U.S. in 2005. He is now a cardiologist in Smithtown, New York.” [Forward, [11/29/21](#)]

**Pilip’s Parents And Siblings Still Live In Israel, Where Her Cousins Serve In The IDF And Her Sister Is A Police Officer.** “Meanwhile, Nassau Legis. Mazi Melesa Pilip, who served in the Israel Defense Forces’ Paratroopers Brigade, said she’s worried for her entire family, including her parents and siblings, who still live in



Israel. Pilip's cousins serve in the Israeli Army while her sister is a police officer. 'I don't know how safe they are to be honest. I'm afraid it's going to get even worse,' said Pilip, a Great Neck Republican. '... My entire family is just trying to survive really but there is so much that is unknown. They don't know what to expect. What will happen in another hour or what's going to happen in another two minutes?' [Newsday, [10/11/23](#)]

### **Pilip Met Her Husband, Who Was Born In Ukraine And Raised In The U.S., While He Was Attending Medical School In Israel**

**Pilip Met Her Husband, Who Was Born In Ukraine And Raised In The U.S., While He Was Attending Medical School In Israel.** "In college she met her future husband, Adalbert Pilip, who was born in Ukraine, raised in the U.S., and who came to Israel for medical school. The couple moved to the U.S. in 2005. He is now a cardiologist in Smithtown, New York." [Forward, [11/29/21](#)]

**Pilip's Husband Is The Grandson Of Holocaust Survivors.** "She met her husband, an American medical student at the Technion, while she was at the University of Haifa. They moved to the United States, where she became active speaking about Israel for Jewish federations and other Jewish groups. Her Instagram handle couples the U.S. and Israeli flags. Her husband, Adalbert, who was born in Ukraine, and whose mother is the child of Holocaust survivors, was especially offended by Santos's Holocaust lies, Pilip said." [Forward, [1/19/23](#)]

### **Pilip Has Seven Children**

**Pilip Has Seven Children.** "Legislator Pilip, who immigrated to Israel with her parents in 1991 during a period of dangerous instability in her home country of Ethiopia, explained that the Nassau County's Special Legislative Task Force to Combat Antisemitism did a lot of work through holding public hearings, meeting with school superintendents and getting an antisemitism bill signed. But, she's feeling that the task force's power is limited. 'I have my own seven children, and a son starting to ask about his bar mitzvah and I have to think twice about giving it to him because I'm afraid something could happen,' Pilip said." [Syosset-Jericho Tribune, [10/4/23](#)]

**Pilip Gave Birth To Her Two Youngest Children, Twin Girls, Weeks Before Her 2021 Election To The County Legislature.** "She became a local celebrity, giving birth to twin daughters — her sixth and seventh children — just weeks before the election. Pilip, 43, said in her interview with JTA that her involvement in politics was almost inevitable, after she had migrated to Israel on Operation Solomon, the 1991 airlift, when she was 12." [Forward, [1/19/23](#)]

## **Professional History**

### **As Of 2021, Pilip Was The Operations Director Of Her Husband's Medical Practice**

**As Of October 2021, Pilip Was The Operations Director Of Her Husband's Medical Practice.** "Pilip, 42, of Great Neck, works as director of operations with her husband at their medical practice. It's her first run for public office. She is also on the Conservative Party line. Born in Ethiopia during a civil war, she and her family moved to Israel in 1991 when she was 12. She was a paratrooper and gunsmith during her two years with the Israeli Defense Forces, graduated with a bachelor's in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa and a master's in diplomacy and security from Tel Aviv University." [Newsday, [10/31/21](#)]

- **A.P New York Comprehensive Medical Care P.C. Was An Active Corporation.** [New York Department of State, Entity Display, filed [3/23/17](#)]

Entity Details	
ENTITY NAME: A.P. NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE P.C.	DOS ID: 4387974
FOREIGN LEGAL NAME:	FICTITIOUS NAME:
ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION	DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:
SECTION OF LAW: 1503 BCL - BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW	ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE
DATE OF INITIAL DOS FILING: 04/12/2013	REASON FOR STATUS:
EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 04/12/2013	INACTIVE DATE:
FOREIGN FORMATION DATE:	STATEMENT STATUS: PAST DUE DATE
COUNTY: SUFFOLK	NEXT STATEMENT DUE DATE: 04/30/2015
JURISDICTION: NEW YORK, UNITED STATES	NFP CATEGORY:

[New York Department of State, Entity Display, filed [3/23/17](#)]

**2013: The Facebook Page For Stony Brook Internists, New York Comprehensive Medical Care Featured Photos Of Pilip, Appearing As A Staff Member.** The Facebook page for Stony Brook Internists, New York Comprehensive Medical Care posted this photo in 2015:



In 2013, the page posted this photo:



[Facebook, Stony Brook Internists, New York Comprehensive Medical Care, [10/22/13](#); [1/13/15](#)]

## Education

**Pilip Received A Master’s Degree In Diplomacy And Security From Tel Aviv University.** “Pilip, 42, of Great Neck, works as director of operations with her husband at their medical practice. It's her first run for public office. She is also on the Conservative Party line. Born in Ethiopia during a civil war, she and her family moved to Israel in 1991 when she was 12. She was a paratrooper and gunsmith during her two years with the Israeli Defense Forces, graduated with a bachelor's in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa and a master's in diplomacy and security from Tel Aviv University.” [Newsday, [10/31/21](#)]

**Pilip Received A Bachelor’s Degree In Occupational Therapy From The University Of Haifa.** “Pilip, 42, of Great Neck, works as director of operations with her husband at their medical practice. It's her first run for public office. She is also on the Conservative Party line. Born in Ethiopia during a civil war, she and her family moved to Israel in 1991 when she was 12. She was a paratrooper and gunsmith during her two years with the Israeli Defense Forces, graduated with a bachelor's in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa and a master's in diplomacy and security from Tel Aviv University.” [Newsday, [10/31/21](#)]

## Political Career

### Election Results

2023 Nassau County Legislature District 10 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage



Mazi Melesa Pilip (R, CON)	11,233	60.2%
Weihua Yan (D)	7,388	39.6%

[Nassau County Board of Elections, Election Results, [11/7/23](#)]

2021 Nassau County Legislature District 10 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mazi Melesa Pilip (R, CON)	7,723	53.22%
Ellen Birnbaum (D, CSP)	6,779	46.71%

[Nassau County Board of Elections, Election Results, accessed via webarchive [2/7/23](#)]

## 2023 Campaign

**October 2023: Newsday’s Editorial Board Endorsed Pilip’s Opponent, Democrat Weihua Yan.** “Weihua Yan recognizes that he had “tremendous support” since he first arrived in the United States from China as a high school exchange student. Now he wants to give back, to help future generations achieve their versions of the American dream. [...] But Pilip is less certain on and less committed to critical county issues, expressing assurance that Bruce Blakeman’s administration is working on a problem without adding a necessary dose of skepticism, or her own perspective. Pilip will point fingers at state officials on housing, or previous county administrations on assessment, but offers no ideas to solve either. [...] Yan brings a fresh, thoughtful perspective and a key skill set to a county that needs both. Newsday endorses Yan.” [Newsday, Editorial, [10/30/23](#)]

## Endorsements

**Pilip Was Endorsed By Rep. Lee Zeldin.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/20/21](#)]

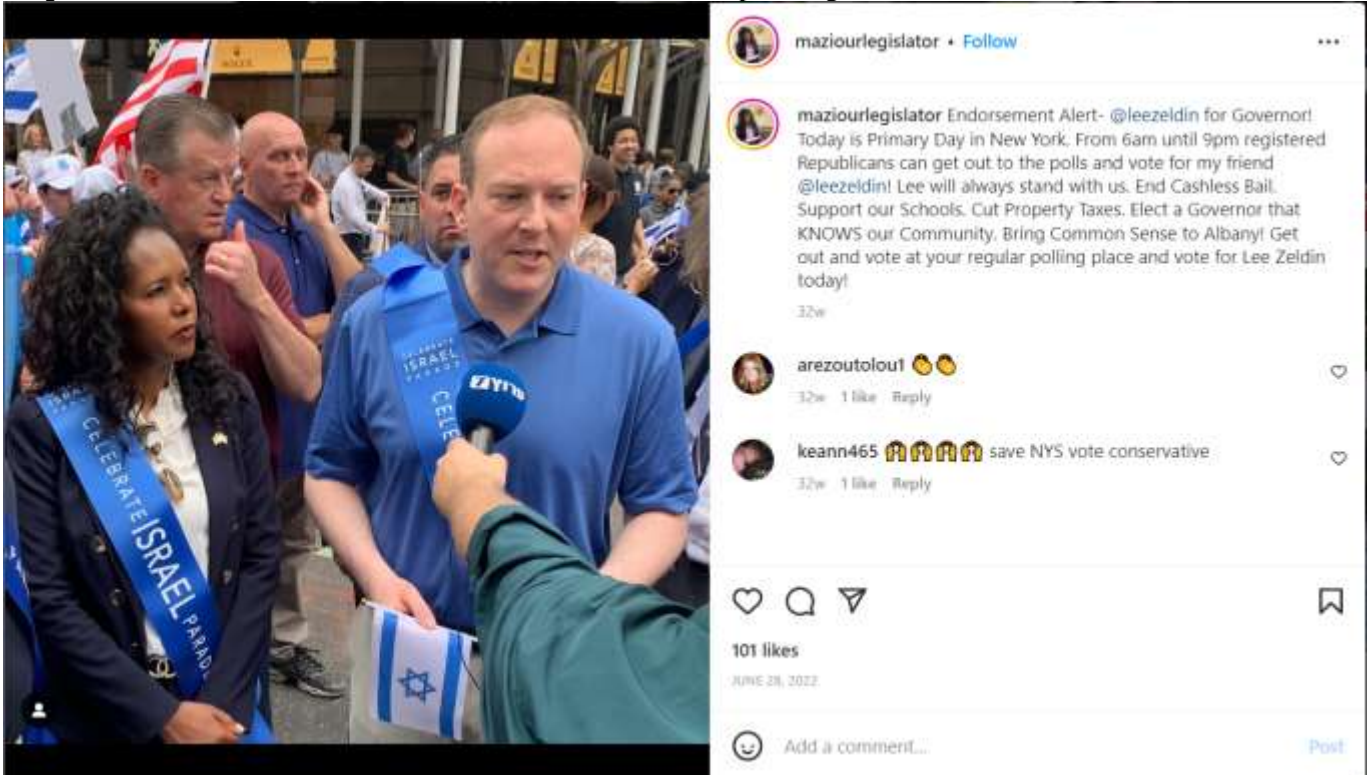


The image shows an Instagram post from the account 'maziourlegislator'. The main image is a group photo of four people standing in a well-lit room with a chandelier. From left to right: a man in a blue suit and tie, a man in a dark suit, a woman in a bright green dress, and a man in a blue blazer and light-colored pants. The caption of the post reads: "I was so honored to receive the support and endorsement of two great leaders in New York. Congressman @peteking and Congressman @leezeldin came to Great Neck and spoke about the future of Nassau County and all of our surrounding communities. I can't thank leaders like @mehranhakimian, @arezoutolou1 and Mayor @pedrambral enough for their hard work and dedication in this great effort. Congressmen Zeldin and King will be coming back again to campaign with me in the election!" There are two comments visible: one from 'privatecollections\_bymara' saying "You want things done????!!!! Mazi is the answer!!!! Her assertiveness, will and passion to name a few, is what we need!!!" and another from 'arezoutolou1' saying "Thank you dear Mazi for all your hard work and efforts!!!! Mazi is on her way to being the...". The post has 52 likes and is dated May 20, 2021.

[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/20/21](#)]



**Pilip Endorsed Lee Zeldin For Governor.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/28/22](#)]



[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/28/22](#)]

**Pilip Was Endorsed By Former Rep. Peter King.** [Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/20/21](#)]



[Mazi Melesa Pilip, Instagram, [7/20/21](#)]

## Campaign Finance

### Pilip Raised A Total Of \$22,559.00 And Spent A Total Of \$24,809.60 In Her Runs For State-Level Office

According to the New York Board of Elections, Pilip raised \$22,559.00 and spent \$24,809.60 in their runs for the Nassau County Legislature.

Pilip State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2023	Nassau County Legislature	\$1,500	\$3,271.20
2021	Nassau County Legislature	\$21,059	\$21,538.40
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$22,559</b>	<b>\$24,809.60</b>

[New York Board of Elections, accessed 2/7/23]

## Legislation

### Pilip Introduced Legislation To Extend The Deadline To Contest Property Tax Assessments

**Pilip Introduced Local Law 1-2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto, Deputy Presiding Officer Howard Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford, and Legislators Gaylor, Giuffre, Pilip, Kennedy, McKeivitt, Schaefer, Ferretti, Walker, and Rhoads

LOCAL LAW 1 -2022

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

**February 7, 2022: Local Law 1-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 17 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on February 7, 2022  
Voting: Ayes: 17, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0  
Became a law on February 10, 2022 with the approval of the Deputy County Executive acting on behalf of the County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

- **Local Law 1-2022 Extended The Deadline To File “Any Grievance For The Correction Of An Assessment Contained In The Tentative Assessment Roll” From January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 To April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of Nassau County as follows:

Section 1. §6-40.3 **Application for the correction of assessment for taxation** of the Nassau County Administrative Code is amended to include the following section subdivision:

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[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 1-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

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### **Pilip May Have Voted For Legislation Establishing The Nassau County Redistricting Commission**

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**February 7, 2022: Local Law 2-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 12 To 0 With Seven Abstaining And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 2-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on February 7, 2022  
Voting: Ayes: 12, Nays: 0, Abstained: 7  
Became a law on February 10, 2022 with the approval of the Deputy  
County Executive acting on behalf of the County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 2-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

- **Local Law 2-2022 Established A Redistricting Advisory Commission.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 2-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

WHEREAS, in accordance with *Yatauro, et. al. v. Mangano, et. al.* and consistent with the practice established by this Legislature in 2001, this Legislature shall (i) complete the initial step of the redistricting process pursuant to § 112 of the County Government Law of Nassau, (ii) retain the existing metes and bounds description of the nineteen legislative districts, (iii) establish a temporary districting advisory commission as required by § 113 of the County Government Law of Nassau County and (iv) pursuant to § 114 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, adopt a final plan for the redistricting of the County Legislature that shall meet all constitutional and statutory requirements; NOW THEREFORE

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 2-2022, [2/7/22](#)]

*NOTE: The County Legislature does not appear to disclose how individual legislators voted on local laws.*

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### **Pilip May Have Voted To Establish A Special Revenue Fund For Sales Tax Collections In Excess Of The County Budget**

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**April 25, 2022: Local Law 3-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 17 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 3-2022, [4/25/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on April 25, 2022  
Voting Ayes: 17, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0  
Became a law on April 27, 2022 with the approval of the  
County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 3-2022, [4/25/22](#)]

- **Local Law 3-2022 Established A Special Revenue Fund For Sales Tax Revenues In Excess Of The Adopted Budget.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 3-2022, [4/25/22](#)]

A special revenue fund is hereby established, to commence concurrently with the 2021 budget, to which all sales tax revenues collected by the County that are in excess of the adopted 2021 Nassau County budget shall be deposited except as provided herein and to which any budgeted funds in any budget line that become surplus as a result of the receipt of federal aid to address the COVID-19 pandemic shall be deposited.

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 3-2022, [4/25/22](#)]

- **The Special Revenue Fund Was To Be Used For Paying Various Legal Settlements, Employment Benefits, And Certain COVID Response Costs.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 3-2022, [4/25/22](#)]

The use of this special revenue fund will be to fully or partially fund tax certiorari settlements and judgments (including those arising under Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Article 18), principal and interest payments on debt issued in 2021 or later to pay tax certiorari settlements and judgments (including those arising under RPTL Article 18), claims against the County by the Nassau Health Care Corporation, claims relating to the Fair Labor Standards Act, payment and/or prepayment of non-pension post-employment benefits, longevity payments, other general litigation, to fund expenses due to the loss of budgeted state aid, and to pay for unbudgeted COVID-19 response costs in the event that no federal COVID-19 assistance funds remain available to pay for such costs, and shall be restricted for any other purpose.

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 3-2022, [4/25/22](#)]



*NOTE: The County Legislature does not appear to disclose how individual legislators voted on local laws.*

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**Pilip Introduced Legislation To Shift The County Gas Tax From A Percentage Rate To A Cents Per Gallon Rate, Capped At A Total Of \$3.00**

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**Pilip Introduced Local Law 4-2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

Introduced by: Presiding Officer Richard J. Nicoello, Deputy Presiding Officer Howard J. Kopel, Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford, and Legislators C. William Gaylor, III, John J. Guiffre, Mazi Melesa Pilip, James Kennedy, Thomas McKeivitt, Laura Schaefer, John R. Ferretti, Jr., Rose Marie Walker, and Steven D. Rhoads

**LOCAL LAW NO. <sup>4</sup> - 2022**

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

**April 11, 2022: Local Law 4-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 19 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on April 11, 2022  
Voting: Ayes:19, Nays:0, Abstained: 0  
Became a Law on April 13, 2022 with the approval of the  
County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

- **Local Law 4-2022 Shifted The Nassau County Gas Tax From A Percentage Rate To A Cents Per Gallon Rate, Capped At A Total Of \$3.00.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

Notwithstanding the provisions of any local law or ordinance to the contrary, in lieu of the percentage rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed on receipts from the retail sale of and consideration given or contracted to be given for, or for the use of, motor fuel and diesel motor fuel, such taxes shall be imposed at a rate of cents per gallon of such motor fuel or diesel motor fuel, in the manner prescribed by subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the New York Tax Law, provided that, for the purposes of calculating the cents per gallon rate of tax, such receipts or consideration shall be limited to three dollars (\$3.00) per gallon of either such fuel. Provided that, if the average price of such fuels changes as described in such subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the Tax Law, the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall adjust the cents per gallon tax rate on such fuels in the manner prescribed in such subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the Tax Law.

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 4-2022, [4/11/22](#)]

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### **Pilip Introduced Legislation To Combat Catalytic Converter Theft**

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**Pilip Introduced Local Law 5-2022.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

Introduced by: Legislators C. William Gaylor III, John J. Giuffré, Mazi Melesa Pilip

## LOCAL LAW **5** -2022

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

**May 23, 2022: Local Law 5-2022 Passed The County Legislature By A Vote Of 19 To 0 And Was Signed Into Law.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on May 23, 2022

Voting: Ayes: 19, Nays: 0, Abstained: 0

Became a law on June 6, 2022 with the approval of the Deputy County Executives acting on behalf of the County Executive

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

- **Local Law 5-2022 Was Intended To Combat Catalytic Converter Theft.** [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

WHEREAS, as these catalytic converters are easily stolen by skilled thieves using common tools and are not marked, stamped or otherwise identifiable in a manner that would assist law enforcement to identify the vehicle from which the device was stolen from, the theft and sale of catalytic converters has skyrocketed as the price of precious metals have increased; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Local Law to require scrap metal dealers in Nassau County to better document information on the seller of a catalytic converter to assist law enforcement in its mission to deter the theft of these devices and prosecute offenders; NOW

THEREFORE

[Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

- **Local Law 5-2022 Required The Seller Of A Catalytic Converter To Provide The Year, Make, Model, And Vehicle Identification Number Of The Vehicle The Converter Came From.** “A) In addition to the requirements of this section, a person attempting to sell a catalytic converter to a Purchaser shall provide to the Purchaser the following information: i. the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number for the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.” [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]
- **Local Law 5-2022 Required The Seller Of A Catalytic Converter To Documentation Ownership Of The Vehicle The Converter Came From.** “A) In addition to the requirements of this section, a person attempting to sell a catalytic converter to a Purchaser shall provide to the Purchaser the following information: [...] ii. A copy of the certificate of title or other documentation indicating that the seller has an ownership interest in the vehicle described in subdivision (i), or where the seller is the owner of a garage or repair shop and the catalytic converter was removed in connection with a motor vehicle repair, the name and address of the vehicle’s owner and copies of all related invoices.” [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]
- **Local Law 5-2022 Required The Purchaser Of A Catalytic Converter To Keep A Record Of The Purchase For At Least Five Years.** “D) A Purchaser shall keep an accurate electronic record of each purchase of a catalytic converter made in the course of the Purchaser’s business. The record must be in English and include the information required pursuant to § 21-29.10 of the Nassau County Administration Code. E) A Purchaser shall preserve each record required pursuant to this section until the fifth anniversary date the record was made. The records must be available for inspection not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the date of purchase.” [Nassau County Legislature, Local Law 5-2022, [5/23/22](#)]

## Personal Political History

### Personal Political Donations

### Pilip Has Not Given To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Pilip has not given to federal political candidates. [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [12/1/23](#)]

**Pilip Has Given \$9,535.00 To State-Level Political Candidates And Committees**

According to New York Board of Elections, Pilip has given \$9,535.00 to state-level candidates and committees.

Pilip Political Giving History – State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
8/24/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$1,000
7/27/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$175
7/19/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$500
5/23/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$260
3/31/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$1,000
2/22/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$225
2/9/23	Nassau County Conservative Party	Cons	\$300
1/23/23	North Hempstead Republican Committee	R	\$175.00
1/23/23	North Hempstead Republican Committee	R	\$175.00
1/19/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$175.00
1/10/23	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$1,000.00
11/7/22	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$1,500.00
10/17/22	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$500.00
7/5/22	Steve Rhoads for Senate	R	\$250.00
6/24/22	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$350.00
5/25/22	North Hempstead Republican Committee	R	\$875.00
3/24/22	North Hempstead Republican Committee	R	\$175.00
2/22/22	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$250.00
5/24/21	Nassau County Republican Primary Campaign Committee	R	\$175.00
5/21/21	Friends of Dan Alter	R	\$250.00
4/26/21	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$225.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,535</b>

[New York Board of Elections, accessed [12/1/23](#)]

**Voter Activity**

**As Of December 2023, Pilip Was A Registered Democrat.** [New York Board of Elections, Voter Registration Search, accessed 12/6/23]

**November 2012: Pilip Registered To Vote In New York.** [New York Board of Elections, Voter Data Extract Details, received via FOIL 12/1/23]

**Pilip Participated In General Elections Since 2016, But Has Never Participated In A Primary For Either Party, According To Records From The New York Board Of Elections.** [New York Board of Elections, Voter History, received via FOIL 12/1/23]

**12/6/23: Politico New York Playbook Reported Pilip Has Been A Registered Democrat Since 2012.** “Mazi Melesa Pilip, a pro-Israel, Black, Orthodox Jew who served in the IDF, is on the Nassau County GOP’s shortlist for



the seat vacated after Santos' expulsion. But public records uncovered by POLITICO show Pilip has enrolled as a Democrat since 2012. Pilip currently holds office as a Republican and ran on the GOP ticket for the Nassau County legislator in 2021 and 2023." [Politico, New York Playbook, [12/6/23](#)]

## Public Records

### Business Records

**2018: Pilip Medical Care PC Was Registered As A Corporation With New York's Department Of State In Smithtown, NY.** In May 2018, Pilip Medical Care PC was registered as a corporation with New York's Department of State using the address 732 Smithtown Bypass Ste 200, Smithtown, New York. [New York Department of State, Entity Display, filed [5/8/18](#)]

- **New York Comprehensive Medical Care Listed The Same Smithtown Address As Its Location And Dr. Adalbert Pilip As One Of Its Physicians.** New York Comprehensive Medical Care's website listed its address as 732 Smithtown Bypass Ste 200, Smithtown, New York. The site also listed Adalbert Pilip, M.D., as an Internal Medicine & Cardiology physician at the practice. [New York Comprehensive Medical Care, accessed [11/20/23](#); accessed [11/20/23](#)]

### COVID Relief Loans/Grants

#### **Pilip Medical Care P.C. Received Two PPP Loans Totaling \$136,034**

**May 2020: Pilip Medical Care Accepted \$52,702 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Pilip Medical Care in Smithtown, NY received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$52,702 which was approved in May 2020. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of November 2023 and reportedly retained four jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), [5/1/20](#)]

**February 2021: Pilip Medical Care Accepted \$83,332 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Pilip Medical Care in Smithtown, NY received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$83,332 which was approved in February 2021. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of November 2023 and reportedly retained four jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), [2/13/21](#)]

#### **A.P. New York Comprehensive Medical Care PC Received A PPP Loan For \$157,415**

**May 2020: A.P. New York Comprehensive Medical Care PC Accepted \$157,415 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** A.P. New York Comprehensive Medical Care PC in Great Neck, NY received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$157,415 which was approved in May 2020. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of November 2023 and reportedly retained 23 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), [5/1/20](#)]