

Mazi Pilip (NY-03) Message #1 Backup

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FOX 5 New York Anchor: “Mazi Left Before Taking Any Questions.” “Mazi left before taking any questions. The GOPs tell us it was a rally, not a Q and A. She and Suozzi have just under two months to make their cases to voters. On Long Island, Jodi Goldberg, FOX 5 News.” [FOX 5 New York, YouTube, 2:00, [12/15/23](#)] (VIDEO)

CBS Anchor: “Critics Say She's Fighting To Avoid Debates, Off-Topic Questions, And Resorting To Popular GOP Talking Points.” ANCHOR: “But, critics say she's fighting to avoid debates, off-topic questions, and resorting to popular GOP talking points.” SPOKESPERSON: “We're not taking off-topic questions.” REPORTER: “But you just had two off-topic questions.” [CBS New York, 2:51, [2/1/24](#)] (VIDEO)

NY1 Anchor Errol Louis: Pilip “Has Kept A Relatively Low Profile Since Being Nominated By Her Party Last Month, Only Appearing At A Handful Of Public Events And Interviews.” LOUIS: “We invited both Democratic candidate Tom Suozzi and Republican candidate Mazi Pilip to participate in an in-studio debate tonight, but Pilip turned us down. She has kept a relatively low profile since being nominated by her party last month, only appearing at a handful of public events and interviews. The former Democratic congressman, however, did agree to debate, so he joins me now for an in-studio interview.” [NY1, :14, [1/25/24](#)] (VIDEO)



ABC7 Anchor Bill Ritter: Pilip’s Campaign Did Not Respond To A Request To Appear On Up Close Or Participate In A Debate. RITTER: “We thank Tom Suozzi for being on Up Close. By the way, we invited his opponent Mazi Pilip to appear on Up Close. Her campaign did not respond to that. We also had offered her to host a debate here in our studio. Mr. Suozzi said yes. Mrs. Pilip’s campaign turned down that offer.” [ABC7, 13:30, [1/28/24](#)] (VIDEO)

The Island 360 Editorial: “It Is Hard Not To Conclude That Pilip Is Ignorant Of The Issues” And “Would Be A Rubber-Stamp For A Dysfunctional Republican Leadership In The Thrall Of Former President Trump If Elected.” “It is hard not to conclude that Pilip is ignorant of the issues that she would face in Congress, that the Republican Party is covering for her ignorance and that she would be a rubber-stamp for a dysfunctional Republican leadership in the thrall of former President Trump if elected. This is unacceptable for someone seeking to take the place of Santos, who was expelled from the House after he was elected to represent the 3rd District by lying to Nassau and Queens voters about almost everything involving himself.” [The Island 360, Editorial, [1/29/24](#)]

- **Editorial: “With No Evidence To The Contrary, We Think It Is Fair To Assume That Pilip Will Support The MAGA Cause Whatever The Particulars.”** “Pilip did participate in a one-on-one interview with Blank Slate Media when running for re-election as a county legislator in October. But at the interview, Pilip said on virtually all issues that she deferred to Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, who had perhaps not coincidentally served in 2020 as the county Republican Party’s liaison to Trump’s re-election campaign. With no evidence to the contrary, we think it is fair to assume that Pilip will support the MAGA cause whatever the particulars.” [The Island 360, Editorial, [1/29/24](#)]
- **The Island 360 Editorial: Instead Of Making Public Appearances, Pilip Posts About Republican Talking Points On Social Media And “In No Case Has Pilip Actually Explained How She Would Help Fix These Problems.”** “Adding to our concern is her unwillingness to discuss the issues – with the media, at civic meetings or in debates. At a press conference she held in Queens last week, Republican Rep. Anthony D’Esposito spoke for 14 minutes and answered questions about the southern border while Pilip spoke for four minutes and ducked all questions. The only debate she has agreed to participate in – on News Channel 12 – will take place five days before voting takes place on Feb. 13 and five days after early voting begins. And the debate will not be available for viewing in Queens, which represents 20% of a district that includes northern Nassau County and then swings down to Massapequa. Pilip has instead engaged in posting standard national Republican talking points on social media, such as pledging to focus on the economy, fighting inflation, securing the southern border and creating jobs. Other than the southern border most of these issues are not problems, according to the latest economic news, and in no case has Pilip actually explained how she would help fix these problems.” [The Island 360, Editorial, [1/29/24](#)]

The New York Daily News Editorial Board: Pilip “Is Largely Ducking The Press” And Refuses To Clarify Discrepancies Between Her Financial Disclosures. “After a year of the madness of George Santos’ unraveling, the voters of the now vacant Nassau/Queens congressional district deserve a return to seriousness, sanity and experience. Their avenue to that is clear: Tom Suozzi, their once and hopefully future representative. The Daily News enthusiastically endorses him in the special election. Early voting starts tomorrow. His GOP opponent, Mazi Melesa Pilip, is seen mostly in mailers and TV ads and is largely ducking the press. The Nassau Republican machine — which has seen tremendous success over the past few years — seems intent on running her as an idea more so than a specific candidate with specific preferences, the same situation that allowed con man Santos to flourish. Did Pilip vote for Donald Trump in 2020? Who knows. What’s the deal with discrepancies on her various financial disclosures? Who knows. The machine seems to be relying on its own muscle more than on her individual strength as a candidate, which makes sense given that she has little name recognition.” [New York Daily News, Editorial, [2/2/24](#)]

Voters Also Need To Hear From Local News Sources Who Report That Mazi Pilip's Finances Are Under Scrutiny – She Is Now Facing Questions About Money She And Her Family Reported Owning To The IRS...

Newsday Reported That Pilip Disclosed A Tax Liability Of Up To \$250,000 On Her Personal Financial Disclosure. “Republican congressional candidate Mazi Melesa Pilip filed financial disclosures this week showing she and her husband owed as much as \$250,000 in federal income taxes as of last April, but her campaign said Thursday the debt has been paid.” [Newsday, [1/12/24](#)]

Pilip Was Questioned About Owning The IRS Up To \$250,000 On CBS New York. McLOGAN: “You owed and later repaid the IRS up to \$250,000 last year.” PILIP: “Yes, it was I think around 180. It was nothing too high. It was paid already, but part of being transparent.” McLOGAN: “Pilip made revisions in her initial House financial disclosure, attributed to an honest mistake.” [CBS New York, 2:09, [2/1/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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- **Pilip “Provided A Hazy Glimpse Into Her Personal Finances This Week, Submitting A Sworn Financial Statement To Congress That Prompted Questions And Led Her To Amend The Filing.”** “The Republican nominee in a special House election to replace George Santos in New York provided a hazy glimpse into her personal finances this week, submitting a sworn financial statement to Congress that prompted questions and led her to amend the filing. The little-known candidate, Mazi Pilip, reported between \$1 million and \$5.2 million in assets, largely comprising her husband’s medical practice and Bitcoin investments. In an unusual disclosure, she said the couple owed and later repaid as much as \$250,000 to the I.R.S. last year.” [New York Times, [1/13/24](#)]
- **Pilip Had Sworn Under Penalty Of Prosecution That Her Original Financial Disclosure Was “True, Complete And Correct To The Best Of My Knowledge And Belief.”** “Ethics experts said the changes warranted further study. All House candidates must file disclosure forms annually, attesting that the information is ‘true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief’ at risk of prosecution. ‘The canary in the mine can be discrepancies on their financial disclosure statements,’ said Kedric Payne, the senior director of ethics at the Campaign Legal Center.” [New York Times, [1/13/24](#)]
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- **Pilip Amended Her Financial Disclosure To Report A Legislative Pension, Identify Her Husband As The Sole Owner Of His Medical Practice, Report New Investments And Liabilities, And Revise Her Salary.** “The updated paperwork disclosed for the first time that she had a legislative pension; identified her husband as the sole owner of the medical practice, New York Comprehensive Medical Care; and disclosed previously unreported investments and liabilities, including at least \$50,000 in medical school loans for Dr. Pilip. Ms. Pilip also revised her earned income, reporting that she had earned far less from the medical practice: \$13,472 in 2022 and nothing in 2023. (She earned \$80,000 as a local lawmaker.)” [New York Times, [1/13/24](#)]

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- **On Her Nassau County Legislature Disclosure, Pilip Reported That Her Husband As An Owner In Three Businesses That She Did Not Report On Her Federal Disclosure.** “In the Nassau disclosure, Pilip said her husband was an owner or partner in three businesses besides his main medical companies listed on the federal forms. The ventures include Infuse Chi, described in a 2022 news release as ‘an all-natural electrolyte hydration’ powder. Devine said in a statement the businesses ‘have not taken off and have no value. As such, it is not appropriate for these entities to be reported in [the federal] disclosure.’” [Newsday, [1/24/24](#)]
- **Pilip Reported Ownership Of A Co-Op On Her Nassau County Disclosure; Her Campaign Said That Her In-Laws Reside There.** “The county form also listed Mazi and Adalbert Pilip as owners of a co-op in addition to their home in Great Neck. Devine said Mazi Pilip's in laws reside at the co-op, it yielded no rental income and that lawyers with knowledge of federal reporting guidelines advised the campaign that it was not subject to disclosure. The property was listed on the county form under the investments category, and Kedric Payne, senior director of ethics at the Campaign Legal Center, a nonprofit watchdog in Washington, D.C., said ‘federal financial disclosure laws require disclosure of investment property even if it did not generate rental income.’ But Devine responded: ‘Any attempts to otherwise characterize the proper treatment of this property ... are either based on a lack of reporting knowledge or politically motivated.’” [Newsday, [1/24/24](#)]
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2020: Pilip’s Husband’s Medical Practice, Where She Was Operations Director, Was Sued For Allegedly Failing To Pay \$70,000 In Rent With \$500,000 Due On Its Lease. “Additionally, a POLITICO review of court records showed her husband’s medical practice, where Pilip worked as operations director, was sued in 2020 for allegedly failing to pay about \$70,000 in back rent and has \$500,000 still due on its lease. ‘This is an ongoing lease



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12/19/23: Mazi Pilip Was Served A Subpoena And Ordered To Provide An Oral Examination On January 22, 2024 Related To The Case Against Her Husband’s Medical Practice.

“Mazi Melesa Pilip 77 Beverly Road Great Neck, NY 11021-1616 WE COMMAND YOU, That all business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend at the office of Davis & Ferber, LLP, 1345 Motor Parkway, Islandia, New York on the 22nd day of January, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and at any recessed or adjourned date to give testimony in this action on the part of the plaintiffs, PROGRESSIVE HOUSING CORP, and that you bring with you, and produce at the time and place aforesaid, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, EMAILS, TEXT MESSAGES, LETTERS LEASES, PHOTOGRAPHS, STATEMENTS AND NOTES, ETC. WITH REGARD TO THE LEASE DATED, OCTOBER 1, 2015, WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS LAWSUIT. Failure to comply with this subpoena is punishable as a contempt of Court and shall make you liable to the person on whose behalf this subpoena was issued for a penalty not to exceed fifty dollars and all damages sustained by reason of your failure to comply.” [Suffolk County Supreme Court, Progressive Housing Corp. v. A.P. NY Comprehensive Medical Care, P.C. et al, Case # 616569/2020, Judicial Subpoena, filed [12/19/23](#)]

- **Pilip Was Served A Notice To Take Deposition As A “Non Party Witness” In The Case.** [Suffolk County Supreme Court, Progressive Housing Corp. v. A.P. NY Comprehensive Medical Care, P.C. et al, Case # 616569/2020, NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITION UPON ORAL EXAMINATION OF NON -against- PARTY WITNESS BY JUDICIAL SUBPOENA, filed [12/19/23](#)]

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- **The Plaintiffs Subpoenaed Pilip After Learning She Handled The Medical Practice’s Operations In Reporting About Her Congressional Candidacy.** “But Steven Ferber, attorney for the plaintiff, Progressive Housing Corp., argues Pilip must be deposed before then because her availability will be limited if she wins. [...] Ferber said Mazi Pilip was subpoenaed after the firm learned she handled the day-to-day operations for the practice as reported in Newsday on Dec. 15. That was also when the firm learned Pilip was running for Congress.” [Newsday, [1/11/24](#)]
- **Pilip’s Attorneys Requested She Testify After The Special Election; Lawyers For The Plaintiff Said She Must Be Deposed Before Then Because Her Availability Would Be Limited If She Wins.** “Mazi Melesa Pilip, the Republican Party's nominee to replace expelled GOP Rep. George Santos, has been subpoenaed to testify in an ongoing lawsuit accusing her husband and his medical practice of breaching a lease agreement. Pilip, a Nassau County legislator from Great Neck, faces former 3rd Congressional District Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat, in the Feb. 13 special election to serve the remainder of Santos' congressional term. Lawyers representing Pilip and her husband, Dr. Adalbert Pilip, are asking that a deposition be scheduled after the election. But Steven Ferber, attorney for the plaintiff, Progressive Housing Corp., argues Pilip must be deposed before then because her availability will be limited if she wins.” [Newsday, [1/11/24](#)]

Mazi Pilip (NY-03) Message #2 Backup

Voters can't afford to be fooled again! Mazi Pilip is totally unvetted, handpicked by extreme party bosses. She's hiding from voters that she's embraced a party with an extreme platform of banning abortion in New York, with no exceptions for rape or incest.

Mazi Pilip Is Totally Unvetted...

1/17/24: Gothamist Headline: “GOP Candidate Keeps A Low Profile In Race To Replace Ex-Rep. George Santos” [Gothamist, [1/17/24](#)]

- **Gothamist: “Pilip Has Kept Her Schedule Largely Under Wraps, Appearing At Events With Party Officials, Avoiding Her Opponent, And Undecided Voters, On The Campaign Trail.”** “While Democrat Tom Suozzi is traversing New York’s 3rd Congressional District to bolster support from the voters he used to represent in Congress, Republican candidate Mazi Pilip has kept her schedule largely under wraps, appearing at events with party officials, avoiding her opponent, and undecided voters, on the campaign trail.” [Gothamist, [1/17/24](#)]
- **Pilip’s Low Visibility “Is Leading To Head-Scratching And Frustration Among Some Voters [...] Especially Following The Scandals That Plagued Santos Over His Ever-Evolving And Fictitious Background.”** “Her campaign maintains that the Nassau County legislator is running hard, but her lack of visibility in the district — which spans from eastern Queens through the north shore of Long Island — is leading to head-scratching and frustration among some voters who are determined to get to know the candidates before the special election, especially following the scandals that plagued Santos over his ever-evolving and fictitious background. Doug Mittler, 63, a sports statistician in New Hyde Park, attended what was initially supposed to be a debate between Suozzi and Pilip organized by the Lakeville Estates Civic Association. It turned into a meet and greet when only Suozzi showed. Mittler described himself as a ‘highly disenchanting’ Republican party-line voter, who was still deciding who to support in the upcoming special election. He said the ongoing migrant crisis and local landlord and tenant issues were among his top concerns, but ‘quite honestly’ wasn’t sure where Pilip stood on the issues ‘because she’s not been here,’ Mittler said.” [Gothamist, [1/17/24](#)]

December 2023: Pilip Agreed To Just One Debate On News 12 After Suozzi Accepted Multiple Debate Invitations. “While former congressman Tom Suozzi has agreed to participate in three debates ahead of the Feb. 13 special election to replace George Santos, as the saying goes: ‘It takes two to tango.’ Republican candidate Mazi Melesa Pilip will take part in a News 12 debate on Feb. 8, a spokesperson confirmed to Patch. No other debates have been agreed upon, but they are ‘actively working on her schedule,’ campaign spokesperson Aidan Strongreen said.” [Patch, [12/27/23](#)]

- **NY-03 Residents Who Live In Queens Would Not Be Able To Access The News 12 Debate.** “For weeks former Rep. Tom Suozzi has criticized his opponent, Mazi Pilip, the Republican Party’s nominee in the special election to replace George Santos, for her failure to commit to several televised debates. The only one the Nassau County legislator has agreed to is one with News12 Long Island, which Queens residents cannot access.” [Queens Chronicle, [1/11/24](#)]

LI Herald Editorial: The Only Scheduled Debate Before The Special Election Will Happen Days Before The Election, Meaning “Thousands Of People Who Chose To Vote Early Will Not Have A Chance To Hear The Two Candidates Debate.” “Suozzi is pushing for more debates, according to published reports. Pilip, however, fewer. At this point, there is just one debate scheduled between the two, and it happens mere days before actual Election Day. That means the thousands of people who chose to vote early will not have a chance to hear the two candidates debate the issues.” [LI Herald, Editorial, [1/19/24](#)]



- **LI Herald Editorial: “We Can’t Have Another George Santos Situation. We Urge Suozzi And Pilip To Debate.”** “Debates have perhaps never been more vital than in this race, just 15 months after voters elected Santos, a man they later discovered they knew nothing about. It is crucial that voters get to know Suozzi and Pilip, what their positions are and how they would represent their constituents. There’s no such thing as too many debates, at least not in this race. It’s great that both Suozzi and Pilip have been accessible to the media — both, for example, have agreed to individually sit down with the Herald to take questions from our reporters — but nothing compares to being on stage and taking your case straight to the people whose votes you want. We can’t have another George Santos situation. We urge Suozzi and Pilip to debate.” [LI Herald, Editorial, [1/19/24](#)]

December 2023: Business Insider Reported Pilip “Has Struggled To Articulate Clear Positions On Key Issues Since Her Selection By Local Party Leaders Last Week.” “A county-level legislator for less than two years, Pilip’s candidacy poses both opportunities and challenges for the GOP in the Long Island district once occupied by George Santos. She’s an Ethiopian-born Jewish woman with 7 children, a profile unlike the typical Republican politician and one that may resonate with a broader swath of the electorate. But she’s also a relatively inexperienced politician and has struggled to articulate clear positions on key issues since her selection by local party leaders last week.” [Business Insider, [12/21/23](#)]

12/14/23: The New York Times Reported Pilip “Has Taken No Known Public Positions On Major Issues That Have Shaped Recent House Contests.” “Ms. Pilip, however, lacks many of the credentials typically prized in a competitive congressional race. She has almost no experience raising money, lacks relationships with key party figures outside her affluent New York City suburb and has never faced the kind of scrutiny that comes with being a candidate for high office. In fact, beyond fierce advocacy for Israel and support for the police, she has taken no known public positions on major issues that have shaped recent House contests. That includes abortion rights, gun laws and the criminal charges against former President Donald J. Trump.” [New York Times, [12/14/23](#)]

- **During Her Interview With The New York Times, Pilip “Declined To Discuss Her Policy Positions In Depth.”** “In her first interview as a candidate Thursday afternoon, Ms. Pilip would not say whether she planned to switch party affiliations, and she declined to discuss her policy positions in depth. As a county legislator, much of her work has been nonpartisan or local in scope: funding roads, administering grants and overseeing police. When Ms. Pilip was asked to state her position on a national abortion ban, a spokesman for the Nassau County Republican Party cut in to say that the candidate did not intend to ‘get through the whole platform here.’” [New York Times, [12/14/23](#)]

December 2023: At Her Campaign’s Launch, Pilip Delivered “Short, Prepared Remarks” Before She Was “Rushed Out Of The Venue,” Leaving Others From Her Party To Answer Reporters’ Questions On Her Behalf. “Republican Mazi Melesa Pilip is surrounded by family and supporters as she launches her bid for the New York House seat vacated by George Santos on Friday. [...] Pilip, an Ethiopian-born mother of seven, delivered short, prepared remarks at her rally, then was rushed out of the venue and into a waiting car. The tactical exit left others from her party — a distinctly white and male representation — fielding reporters’ questions on her behalf.” [Politico, [12/15/23](#)]

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- **Pilip “Spoke Far Less Than Her Colleagues,” According To An Analysis Of Meeting Transcripts.** “Mazi Melesa Pilip had spent two quiet years in the Nassau Legislature, co-sponsoring bills to deter antisemitism and car thefts, securing funds for local villages and issuing proclamations honoring various residents, before Republicans announced her as their nominee in a special election for New York's 3rd Congressional District. Pilip spoke far less than her colleagues on the legislature's horseshoe-shaped dais in Mineola, according to meeting transcripts. A registered Democrat who was elected on the Republican line in 2021, she stuck with Republicans when voting on issues that ranged from a controversial redrawing of legislative maps to bipartisan support of a proposed casino.” [Newsday, [12/31/23](#)]
- **A Review Of Two Years Of Legislature Meeting Transcripts Showed That “At Many Meetings, The Only Words [Pilip] Said Into Her Microphone Were ‘Here’ During Roll Call Attendance And ‘Aye’ During Vote Tallies.”** “Legis. Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D-Glen Cove), the incoming minority leader, said: ‘She's a brand-new legislator. She's really completing her first term, and typical of some first-term legislators, she seems to be very quiet and she has not asked many questions.’ A review of two years’ worth of transcripts shows Pilip speaks much less frequently than her colleagues. At many meetings, the only words she said into her microphone were ‘here’ during roll call attendance and ‘aye’ during vote tallies.” [Newsday, [12/31/23](#)]
- **Newsday: Pilip’s Record On The Nassau County Legislature Left Her Resume “Conspicuously Thinner” Than Suozzi’s.** “Pilip's tenure has been typical for first-term county legislators, her colleagues say. But it leaves her with a record that is conspicuously thinner than that of her opponent, Democrat Tom Suozzi, who over three decades has been Glen Cove mayor, Nassau County executive and held the 3rd District seat for six years before leaving it in 2022 to run for governor. The winner of the Feb. 13 election will serve out the remainder of expelled Rep. George Santos’ two-year term and would need to run again in November for a full term.” [Newsday, [12/31/23](#)]

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December 2023: Politico Headline: “New York Republicans Pick Mazi Melesa Pilip To Succeed George Santos” [Politico, [12/14/23](#)]

Nassau County GOP Chair Joe Cairo Led The Search For Republicans’ Nominee In The NY-03 Special Election. “Republicans picked Nassau County Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip as their candidate for the upcoming special election to replace ousted Rep. George Santos, according to an announcement on Thursday from the head of the Nassau County GOP. Pilip’s selection comes nearly two weeks after Gov. Kathy Hochul set the Feb. 13 special election date and follows several reports of Nassau and Queens County Republican leaders struggling to thoroughly check the background of any potential Santos successor. ‘Pilip is an effective tax fighter who will prioritize public safety, economic recovery, border security and tax relief in Congress,’ said Nassau County Republican Chair Joe Cairo, who was leading the selection process, in a statement.” [Gothamist, [12/14/23](#)]

Rep. Richard Hudson Endorsed Pilip As A “Formidable Candidate.” “‘Mazi Pilip is a formidable candidate with a unique biography: a former IDF paratrooper and mother of seven,’ the NRCC's chairman, Rep. Richard Hudson, R-N.C., said in a statement. ‘Mazi’s incredible life stands in stark contrast to career politician Tom Suozzi, who uses his office to make life better for himself instead of his community.’” [NBC News, [12/14/23](#)]

- **January 2023: Hudson Was Elected Chairman Of The NRCC.** “In the 118th Congress, Hudson was elected by his colleagues to House Republican leadership as the Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC).” [NRCC, Accessed [12/22/23](#)]



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- **NY-03 Residents Who Live In Queens Would Not Be Able To Access The News 12 Debate.** “For weeks former Rep. Tom Suozzi has criticized his opponent, Mazi Pilip, the Republican Party’s nominee in the special election to replace George Santos, for her failure to commit to several televised debates. The only one the Nassau County legislator has agreed to is one with News12 Long Island, which Queens residents cannot access.” [Queens Chronicle, [1/11/24](#)]

LI Herald Editorial: The Only Scheduled Debate Before The Special Election Will Happen Days Before The Election, Meaning “Thousands Of People Who Chose To Vote Early Will Not Have A Chance To Hear The Two Candidates Debate.” “Suozzi is pushing for more debates, according to published reports. Pilip, however, fewer. At this point, there is just one debate scheduled between the two, and it happens mere days before actual Election Day. That means the thousands of people who chose to vote early will not have a chance to hear the two candidates debate the issues.” [LI Herald, Editorial, [1/19/24](#)]

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December 2023: At Her Campaign’s Launch, Pilip Delivered “Short, Prepared Remarks” Before She Was “Rushed Out Of The Venue,” Leaving Others From Her Party To Answer Reporters’ Questions On Her Behalf. “Republican Mazi Melesa Pilip is surrounded by family and supporters as she launches her bid for the New York House seat vacated by George Santos on Friday. [...] Pilip, an Ethiopian-born mother of seven, delivered short, prepared remarks at her rally, then was rushed out of the venue and into a waiting car. The tactical exit left others from her party — a distinctly white and male representation — fielding reporters’ questions on her behalf.” [Politico, [12/15/23](#)]

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- **New York Conservative Party Chair: “I Have Talked To [Pilip] Extensively, And Am Confident She Aligns With The Conservative Party’s Values.”** “The New York State Conservative Party, in conjunction with the Nassau and Queens Conservative Party Committees, have chosen to endorse Mazi Melesa Pilips to run for the 3rd Congressional District after the expulsion of George Santos. She is an outstanding public official who will be an incredible candidate to keep this seat in the hands of our party. I have talked to her extensively, and am confident she aligns with the Conservative Party’s values.” [New York Conservative Party, [12/15/23](#)]

Pilip Will Appear On Both The Republican And Conservative Party Ballot Lines In The 2024 Special Election. “A source told the News that Republican and Conservative leaders would file paperwork later Thursday to officially place Pilip on their ballot lines for the special election.” [Killeen Daily Herald, [12/14/23](#)]

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1965: New York Amended Its Statute To Widen Life Of The Mother Exceptions. [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pg. 1798, [1/1/1991](#)]

¹³⁰ New York amended its statute in 1965 to widen the therapeutic exceptions. See Means, supra note 25, at 498-500. California adopted the most progressive abortion reform in 1967 to close a perceived gulf between the legal and medical standards concerning justifications for abortion. See George, supra note 50, at 393-402 (discussing perceived gulf); Sands, supra note 52, at 286-88 (same); Note, Abortion Reform, supra note 59, at 530-34 (discussing California legislation); Note, Survey of Abortion Reform Legislation, 43 Wash. L. Rev. 644, 644-54 (1968) (discussing California legislation in comparison with Colorado, North Carolina, and Great Britain legislation). Then Governor Reagan signed the bill only after the legislature eliminated a provision permitting abortion of a greatly deformed child. See Note, Changing Abortion Laws, supra note 30, at 496-97. Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, New Mex-

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19th Century: New York Fully Banned Abortion At All Phases Of Pregnancy, And Later Included A “Therapeutic Exception.” [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pgs. 1784-85, [1/1/1991](#)]

- **Britannica: A Therapeutic Abortion Can Take Place Because The Pregnancy Endangers The Mother’s Life.** “A therapeutic abortion is the interruption of a pregnancy before the 20th week of gestation because it endangers the mother’s life or health or because the baby presumably would not be normal.” [Encyclopedia Britannica, accessed [12/22/23](#)]
- **One Scholar, Cyrus Means, Argued That Therapeutic Exceptions In New York Were Driven Out Of Concern For The Life Of The Woman.** [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pgs. 1784-85, [1/1/1991](#)]

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She Wants To Hide That Position, But We Won't Be Fooled Again.

Pilip "Has Deflected Questions From Journalists Seeking More Detail On Her Position" On Abortion. "Ms. Pilip's rush to defend her position underscores the point. While she has said that as a mother of seven, she is personally opposed to abortion and accepts the endorsement of the anti-abortion Conservative Party, she insists she would vote against a federal ban on the procedure. (She has deflected questions from journalists seeking more detail on her position.)" [New York Times, [1/29/24](#)]

- **When A New York Times Reporter Asked About Pilip's Position On A National Abortion Ban, A Spokesman For The Nassau County Republican Party "Cut In To Say That The Candidate Did Not Intend To 'Get Through The Whole Platform Here.'"** "In her first interview as a candidate Thursday afternoon, Ms. Pilip would not say whether she planned to switch party affiliations, and she declined to discuss her policy positions in depth. As a county legislator, much of her work has been nonpartisan or local in scope: funding roads, administering grants and overseeing police. When Ms. Pilip was asked to state her position on a national abortion ban, a spokesman for the Nassau County Republican Party cut in to say that the candidate did not intend to 'get through the whole platform here.'" [New York Times, [12/14/23](#)]
- **January 2024: Pilip "Did Not Answer Directly When Asked Whether She Supports Codifying Roe V. Wade."** "Pilip did not answer directly when asked whether she supports codifying Roe v. Wade. In 2022, the



U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 landmark decision that legalized abortion nationwide. ‘I have respect for our Supreme Court. It went back to the [states], and each state can make that decision based on the people. The people will vote,’ she said.” [Newsday, [1/28/24](#)]