

Suozzi Chooses Diana Reyna to Serve as Running Mate for Lieutenant Governor

Diana Reyna will be the very first Latino elected to statewide office in New York

Congressman Tom Suozzi, the common-sense Democratic candidate for Governor, today held a press conference in Brooklyn to announce that he has chosen Diana Reyna to be his running mate as Lieutenant Governor. If elected, Reyna would become the first Latino elected to statewide office in New York history.

Reyna has served on the NYC Council and was named by then-Brooklyn Borough President and current NYC Mayor Eric Adams, as his Deputy Borough President.

“Diana believes that public service is about getting things done to improve the lives of the people we serve,” **said Suozzi**. “As the next Lieutenant Governor, Diana will partner with me to ensure that New York State government addresses the critical issues of public safety, affordability, and improving our education system.”

“The historic significance of Diana’s candidacy represents a new beginning for the Latino community, that for too long has been effectively denied a seat at the table of state government.”

“I am honored and excited to be running alongside Tom Suozzi, as we create opportunities for all New Yorkers,” **said Reyna**. “Tom Suozzi and I won’t hide from the tough issues, won’t pander to the political left or right, and will stand up to the special interests and lobbyists that have been choking Albany for decades.

“As the first Latina to serve in a statewide position, I will bring a deep sense of empathy, background, and experiences to the job to represent every person in every corner of the state.”

Suozzi and Reyna were joined by a diverse group of supporters and community leaders at Rodney Park North in Williamsburg, which sits squarely within the site of the BQGreen, a proposed 3.5-acres of grassy and wooded open space with recreational amenities including playgrounds, a baseball diamond, and a water play zone to be built on a platform high above the congested lanes of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.

Reyna has championed the plan since she was a member of the City Council, securing millions of dollars in funding for development. As Deputy Borough President, she continued to champion the idea hoping to greatly improve the environment and health of the community.

“I want to turn what has been for years a community divider into a beautiful community park, bringing people together,” she has said.

Suozzi praised Reyna's 20 years of public service, her legislative and executive experience, and her proven ability to get things done.

Working together, Suozzi and Reyna will address the ongoing crime crisis, lower the state's sky-high taxes, work to fix our troubled schools, and improve the lives of all New Yorkers.

Reyna, like Suozzi, is a first-generation American. Both of her parents were born in the Dominican Republic. Suozzi's father was born in Italy.

As the first woman of Dominican descent elected to public office in New York State, Reyna served as a New York City Council Member for the 34th district, which includes Williamsburg and Bushwick, as well as Ridgewood in Queens for 12 years.

During her tenure in the City Council, she garnered citywide attention for her efforts in championing affordable housing, economic development, improving equity in education, park space and waste, as well as expanding youth and senior services.

Reyna was born and raised in Williamsburg's *Los Sures* neighborhood and now lives in Bushwick with her husband, a Lieutenant in the New York City Police Department, and their two teenage sons.

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Congressman Tom Suozzi is a common sense Democrat who gets things done. Tom was trained as a CPA and attorney, has served as Mayor of his hometown, Glen Cove, NY and as the Nassau County Executive before being elected to Congress in 2016. He has the proven executive experience, pragmatic approach to solving problems, and the bold vision to lead New York as its next Governor. Tom and his wife Helene live in Glen Cove, NY and have three children, Caroline, Joseph and Michael.