

## A Sampling of Local Assemblyperson Candidates in Dutchess County and Where They Stand on Health Care in 2020

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Assemblyman **Kieran Lalor** vs. Challenger **Laurette Giardino**

<b>Kieran Lalor</b>	<b>Laurette Giardino</b>
<p>Lalor has very little information on his views towards healthcare and how he will personally alter healthcare going forward. He is most passionate about high taxes and dwindling job opportunities. Concerning healthcare, he voted against establishing a new york health plan in 2018, appropriate funds for the COVID19 coronavirus response and authorizing absentee voting due to the risk of contracting a disease. Additionally, Lalor seems to like private healthcare, which is starkly contrasted with the New York health act that he opposes.</p>	<p>Giardino believes that healthcare is a human right that should be afforded to all, not just the privileged. To that end, she supports the <a href="#">NY Healthcare Act</a>, which would provide a “<a href="#">single-payer model of comprehensive health coverage to all New Yorkers</a>” that covers all medically necessary care, funded through a graduated income tax based on ability to pay. She also supports the <a href="#">Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act</a>, which would establish minimum staffing requirements and safe nurse-to-patient ratios in acute care facilities and nursing homes. In addition, Giardino will work to <a href="#">implement ranked-choice voting in New York State</a> to make voting more equitable, <a href="#">establish advanced trade programs in high schools and colleges</a>, and <a href="#">construct more affordable housing units</a> to ensure that they are accessible to those who need them.</p>