

Staten Island 63rd Assembly District: Running on Four Lines

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Democratic Assemblymember [Michael Cusick](#) is running for re-election this November. Cusick was first elected to the Assembly in 2002 and has focused much of his time in the Assembly on preventing what he considers to be overdevelopment of the district and improving education.

Cusick represents one of the more Democratic districts in Staten Island - the 63rd has two thirds as many registered Republicans as registered Democrats - but Cusick has covered all his bases, garnering endorsements from the Working Families Party, the Independence Party and the Conservative Party.

David Anthony Pascarella is running as the Republican candidate, pledging to "change Albany's culture of corruption" and speak out for "our values."

Both candidates have ties to prominent New York politicians. Before being elected to the Assembly, Cusick served as liaison to New York State officials for U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer. He has also served as the Chief of Staff for former Assemblymember Eric Vitaliano.

www.pascarellaforassembly.com Pascarella, a lawyer, has served on the staff of New York City Council members and has also worked in the Mayor's Office of Operations under both Rudolph Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg.

At the last disclosure deadline, Cusick [reported having \\$42,000](#) in campaign funds, with about \$22,000 in recent contributions. Pascarella [reported having \\$13,366](#) with \$2,675 in recent donations.

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