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**Senator Michelle Hinchey Announces Re-Election Campaign
for New State Senate District 41 Comprised of Columbia,
Dutchess, Greene and Ulster Counties**

Hinchey earns endorsements from a coalition of over 40 community leaders across the district including Congressman and soon to be Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois, and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan

KINGSTON, NY – Senator Michelle Hinchey today announced that she is running in the newly created 41st Senate District with over forty endorsements from local elected officials and community leaders across all four of the counties she seeks to represent. After flipping the 46th Senate District from red to blue in 2020, Senator Hinchey is running for re-election to represent New York’s newly formed 41st Senate District, which includes all of Greene and Columbia Counties, most of Ulster County, and Northern Dutchess County.

“Upstate New York has faced decades of underinvestment. It’s why I ran for office in 2020 — to fight for the needs of the community that raised me by finally investing in our aging infrastructure, supporting our family farms, funding education, ending the housing crisis, and battling the opioid epidemic that is ravaging our towns and cities. It’s been a privilege to work on behalf of upstate residents, and I’m proud to reaffirm my commitment to this work by running for re-election in the newly created SD-41,” **said Senator Michelle Hinchey**. “In just the last 16 months, we’ve delivered record funding to our upstate communities and elevated the needs that have been left on the table for far too long. I’m incredibly honored to have such robust and early support from true community leaders across Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster Counties, and I thank them for standing with us in our continued fight for upstate equity.”

Hinchey added, “Albany needs strong upstate leaders who not only understand the dire need to make life more affordable, to address our local housing crisis, and to protect our natural resources but also someone who delivers real results. If there’s one thing my first term in office has proven, it’s that I’m the best advocate for this district who will actually get things done in

Albany.”

Congressman and Lt. Governor Designee Antonio Delgado said, “Senator Michelle Hinchey has been a true leader for upstate New York and has brought the issues of her district to the forefront of the conversations in Albany. Whether in her role as Chair of the Agriculture Committee or delivering on the things that matter like water infrastructure, broadband build out and small business support, I have seen firsthand how great of an advocate she is for our community. I am proud to endorse her for re-election to the State Senate and look forward to working with her to continue to deliver for the people of New York.”

Assemblymember Didi Barrett said, “Senator Michelle Hinchey has been a terrific partner in Albany advocating with me for farmers, families and rural communities in our beautiful Hudson Valley. I’m delighted to endorse her for re-election to the New York State Senate.”

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said, “Upstate New York is lucky to have Michelle Hinchey in the State Senate. From supporting our small businesses to helping our local farmers, Senator Hinchey has been a constant champion for our region. I look forward to supporting her campaign for re-election and continuing to work together to fight for our community.”

Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois said, “In her first term as a NY Senator, Michelle Hinchey has proven to be a fearless advocate for her communities. She has been a clear voice in Albany on the environment, economic development, and education among many other issues. I am so excited at the prospect of her representing much of Dutchess County and working with her to support our mutual constituents.”

Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher said, “Senator Hinchey has been a tireless advocate for her constituents on healthcare, infrastructure, business and equity issues. She understands that responsive government is critical to our economy and our quality of life. That’s why I resoundingly endorse her for election in the 41st Senate district.”

Mayor of Hudson Kamal Johnson said, “As Mayor, I have worked to make our community more accessible and a better place to live for all of its residents. I know that Senator Hinchey is the partner we need at the state level to keep us moving forward. She has a proven track record as a new, progressive voice in Albany, working hard on behalf of our upstate cities and I fully endorse her election to become our Senator and represent the 41st District this fall.”

Mayor of Red Hook Karen Smythe said, “I am excited to support State Senator Michelle Hinchey’s re-election campaign. She is a proven advocate for the Mid-Hudson Valley. Having a representative who can bring support to small but mighty villages like Red Hook will be a real asset.”

Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa said, “Senator Michelle Hinchey is a staunch supporter of common sense policing. As Senator, she has garnered support from fellow Senators on new, innovative strategies to fight the stigma of opioid addiction and to address violent crimes.

Senator Hinchey champions initiatives such as ORACLE (opioid response as county law enforcement) and AVERT (Anti-Violence Effort Response Team) in Albany. She is a true believer in local, smart solutions for social issues. I support her re-election to the NY State Senate. Our voices are heard in the Senate thanks to Senator Hinchey.”

Former State Senator Jen Metzger said, “I am thrilled to endorse Michelle Hinchey for her re-election to the State Senate, and would be proud to call her my representative in the newly drawn district. I know that she understands the challenges facing our rural communities, and will work hard to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for our residents and small businesses.”

Ulster County Legislature Chairwoman Tracy Bartels said, “I am proud to endorse Senator Michelle Hinchey for her election to the 41st Senate District. Since being elected Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Senator Hinchey on the critical issues facing Ulster County, like housing and protecting our environment. I know that she is the right person to represent our communities in Albany and has the track record in just one term to prove it.”

Greene County Legislator Daryl Legg said, “The Mountaintop in Greene County has been fortunate to have Senator Hinchey leading us in Albany since she was elected just two years ago. Michelle has proven herself as a leader who consistently shows up, brings tangible resources back to our area, and gets real results for our small rural communities. I am confident that she'll continue to deliver for us and I'm proud to endorse her for re-election.”

City of Kingston Common Council Alderwoman and Majority Leader Rita Worthington said, “Senator Michelle Hinchey has shown up, time and again, and delivered for the City of Kingston and I am excited to endorse her for her election to the 41st Senate District. She is literally everywhere and we need her in Albany to keep fighting for us on issues like housing, combating the opioid epidemic, addressing gun violence, and much more. I look forward to continuing to work with her on behalf of our community.”

Ulster County Democratic Committee Chair Kelleigh McKenzie said, “In her first term as State Senator, Michelle Hinchey has proven to be a dedicated and remarkably effective advocate for the people of Ulster County. Not only did she champion dozens of bills on the critical issues we sent her to Albany to address, including closing the broadband gap, expanding healthcare, and strengthening our local farms and food supply, her innovative outreach to constituents during the COVID pandemic offered a lifeline to so many, helping them access the services and support they need. All this, and she's just getting started! Ulster Democrats are proud to support her run for a second term.”

Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chair Julie Shiroshi said, “Senator Michelle Hinchey has proven that she has the vision, energy, and know-how to improve the lives of Hudson Valley residents. I am thrilled to welcome her to Dutchess County and enthusiastically support her reelection in the new 41st Senate District.”

Columbia County Democratic Committee Chair Sam Hodge said, “Michelle Hinchey is a fierce advocate for the Hudson Valley. She's a problem solver always seeking innovative solutions. Columbia County can't wait to have her as our State Senator.”

Greene County Democratic Committee Chair Lori Torgersen said, “Senator Michelle Hinchey has shown up and made sure that Albany has delivered for Greene County more than ever before. She secured record funding for our roads, has worked to expand broadband and been a champion of our agricultural and small businesses. I am proud to endorse her re-election campaign because I know we need to keep her in Albany fighting for our Upstate communities.”

Additional elected officials and community leaders endorsing Senator Hinchey's campaign for Senate District 41 include:

Dutchess County:

- Current Congressman and Lt. Governor Designee Antonio Delgado
- Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois
- Dutchess County Legislator Brennan Kearney
- Dutchess County Legislator Kristofer Munn
- Village of Red Hook Mayor Karen Smythe
- Village of Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett
- Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chair Julie Shiroshi

Columbia County:

- Assemblymember Didi Barrett
- City of Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson
- City of Hudson Council President Hudson Thomas DePietro
- City of Hudson 3rd Ward Supervisor Michael Chameides
- City of Hudson 5th Ward Supervisor Richard Scalera
- New Lebanon Town Supervisor and Minority Leader of Board of Supervisors Tistrya Houghtling
- Columbia County Democratic Committee Chair Sam Hodge

Ulster County:

- Former State Senator Jen Metzger
- Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan
- Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher
- Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa
- Ulster County Legislature Chairwoman Tracy Bartels
- Ulster County Legislature Majority Leader Jonathan Heppner
- Ulster County Legislator Abe Uchitelle
- Ulster County Legislator Aaron Levine
- Ulster County Legislator Brian Cahill
- Ulster County Legislator Eric Stewart

- Ulster County Legislator Eve Walter
- Ulster County Legislator Kathy Nolan
- Ulster County Legislator Laura Petit
- Ulster County Legislator Manna Jo Greene
- Ulster County Legislator Megan Sperry
- Ulster County Legislator Peter Criswell
- City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble
- City of Kingston Common Council Alderwoman and Majority Leader Rita Worthington
- Town of New Paltz Supervisor Neil Bettez
- Village of New Paltz Mayor Tim Rogers
- Town of Rosendale Supervisor Jeane Walsh
- Town of Saugerties Supervisor Fred Costello
- Village of Saugerties Mayor Bill Murphy
- Town of Woodstock Supervisor Bill Mckenna
- Ulster County Democratic Committee Chair Kelleigh McKenzie

Greene County:

- Greene County Legislature Minority Leader Harry Lennon
- Greene County Legislator Daryl Legg
- Town of Athens Supervisor Michael Pirrone
- Village of Athens Mayor Amy Serrago
- Town of Lexington Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn
- Village of Tannersville Mayor Lee McGunningle
- Greene County Democratic Chair Lori Torgersen

Senate District 41 includes all of Columbia and Greene Counties, the towns of Marlborough, Plattekill, Lloyd, Esopus, Rosendale, New Paltz, Kingston, Ulster, Saugerties, Woodstock, Hurley, Shandaken and the City of Kingston in Ulster County and the towns of Amenia, Clinton, Dover, Hyde Park, Milan, North East, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, and Washington in Dutchess County.

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