

**Mitrano**  
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Tracy Mitrano was born and raised in Rochester to an Italian and Irish family. She has spent her whole life in Western and Southern Tier New York. Tracy's father owned a small restaurant in downtown Rochester in which she learned firsthand the meaning of hard work and community.

She was the first member of her family to go to college because Tracy's parents believed that getting an education would give her choices in life that they did not have. Because of their sacrifice, Tracy went on to receive a Ph.D and a law degree from our region's excellent universities.

Although always interested in politics, Tracy decided to run for Congress after the presidential election of 2016 after watching a foreign government hack into our democratic processes. In the last year, Congress has not taken a single step to address the cyber security threat. Tracy is a cyber security expert, she believed she could address the severe lack of expertise on this issue in Congress to help keep our country safe. She also decided to run after watching NY-23 fall behind because of poor Congressional leadership.

Tracy has significant federal policymaking experience that will allow her to get to work right away once elected to develop legislative solutions to the challenges facing the district. She served for 13 years as the Director of Information Technology Policy at Cornell University. She was also a member of the EDUCAUSE Board, and sat on the New York State Board of Education Task Force on Distance Education and the Tompkins County Legislature's Broadband Committee. After retiring from Cornell, she built a successful cyber security consulting business and created a public-private partnership cyber security certificate degree for the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Tracy has long watched NY-23 suffer as the local economy lags. Too many friends and neighbors are losing farms and businesses. Families are split apart as children must move far away to find employment. Meanwhile, a political divide has grown in our district. Congressman Reed has exploited this rift to distract from the fact that he votes again and again for corporate interests and lobbyists instead of the needs of his own constituents.

NY-23 must be ready to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy or it will continue to suffer. Tracy's platform focuses on bringing opportunity back to the district through economic growth, access to affordable healthcare, improving education, protecting the environment, better infrastructure, boosting investment, and defending civil rights. She will also fight to establish robust Internet connectivity to every farm, business, home, and school to attract 21st Century businesses to the area. Our many hardworking small businesses have been operating for too long on outdated Internet in rural areas that hinders their ability to grow.

Tracy was recently listed as one of the top 100 progressive women running for Congress by Project 100. She would be the only cyber security expert in Congress, if elected.