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## Press Release

### Nolan Wins Independence Party Primary in Landslide

**Mike Nolan**, a former Monroe County Assistant District Attorney who is challenging incumbent Fred Gallina for Pittsford Town Justice, won the Independence Party primary over Gallina last Tuesday by an overwhelming two to one margin, 67% to 33%.

Nolan attributes the victory to hard work in meeting voters and getting his message out - that he has the experience, and commitment to service and independence that people are looking for. He also thinks voters are looking for a choice in Town Government. "One party has controlled Pittsford Government, including the Town Justice position, for decades now. I think voters are looking for alternatives, and when someone with the right credentials comes along to challenge the incumbent, that resonates, especially with independent-minded voters." He also wanted to thank the Independence Party voters who supported him. "I'm incredibly pleased and honored that so many Independence voters thought I was the right person to carry the mantle of their party," Nolan said.

As an Assistant District Attorney, Nolan prosecuted numerous cases in local courts, including Pittsford's, before being promoted to the Appeals Bureau, where he handled about 60 felony appeals, including almost a dozen homicides, and co-wrote the petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court in the Angel Mateo case - Monroe County's first capital case in over 40 years. In addition to his time at the DA's office, Nolan has spent several years in private practice, and several more in the State Court system, including as law clerk to **Judge Richard Wesley** at the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court. He is also the only

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candidate who has handled a case before the State's highest court, having argued there twice.

Nolan points to his service with Judge Wesley, a prominent Republican and Governor Pataki's first appointee to the high court, as evidence of his judicial independence. He says that, despite being a life-long Democrat, Republican Judge Wesley hired him based on his quality, independent legal analysis of cases at the Appellate Division - the State's second-highest court - where both men served prior to Wesley's appointment.

Since moving to Pittsford over a decade ago, Nolan has coached youth leagues at the YMCA and for the Pittsford Mustangs, and served as founding chairman of the Children's Justice Committee at Transfiguration Church. If elected, he intends to demonstrate his continued dedication to public service by asking the town board to reduce the Town Justice's compensation by 25%.

Nolan currently serves as law clerk to State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Lindley. He lives in the Mitchell Estates subdivision with his wife, Nicole, and two children, Matthew (8) and Robert (6).