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## Murtari (Citizen John) Resumes Campaign in the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Lyons, NY – Following release of the final redistricting maps, John Murtari is resuming his Campaign for Congress. “I’m disappointed by the ***Political Musical Chairs*** in our 24<sup>th</sup> District. Mr. Jacobs moves his campaign to the Southern Tier and is replaced by Ms. Tenney from Utica – all within a 24 hr period. Let’s take back local control of Congress. This is now a safe Republican district, whoever the voters choose in the August 23<sup>rd</sup> primary, will most likely be our Member of Congress.”



John was the first Republican to file with the FEC in the 24th District last August. Born in Wayne County, he is concerned about where our Country is heading and feels we need people who have proven they can do more than 'talk', but have demonstrated they'll stand up for their beliefs – but with civility and respect for others.

His is a response to the divisiveness that has gripped our nation: between political parties, between family members and friends, intolerance, and desires to limit free speech. A student of history, he’s concerned where these trends will take our country.

A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with Cum Laude Honors, earning a Bachelor's in Astronautical Engineering and a Master's in Computer Science. John is a former Air Force pilot, software engineer, business owner, and civil rights activist.

Use of the moniker “Citizen John” highlights his outsider nature. His appreciation for the struggles faced by ALL Americans and their desire for a better life for themselves, their families, and neighbors. The campaign website, <https://VoteCitizenJohn.com/>, highlights different episodes in his life: child of Italian immigrants, Air Force instructor pilot, caring for elderly parents, husband, father, whistle blower, struggling thru divorce, distant parent, jailed in peaceful civil rights demonstrations & inability to make child support payments, business owner, and bladder cancer treated by the VA.

His continued theme, “*A different kind of Candidate & A different kind of Campaign.*” He wants to speak simply & clearly about policy and his belief in dialogue between opposing views. A return to what he calls “*Civil Discourse*” – the understanding that two intelligent people can accept the same set of facts, yet reach different conclusions based on their life experiences.

While his website explains in some detail how he feels about topics of current interest. He hopes to also stress fundamental beliefs about what we want for our country: *Liberty, honesty, & excellence. A compassionate, united, and proud America.*

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