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**Pilip's Record Proves She Won't Fight for NY-03**

*Pilip left the Nassau County Legislature yesterday without casting a vote on critical community funding*

**Glen Cove, NY** – Yesterday, Mazi Pilip, Republican nominee for the special election to replace George Santos, left the Nassau County Legislature before legislators began voting on a bill that would have provide millions of dollars of remaining federal pandemic aid to community projects to her legislative district.

More from Newsday:

*“Legis. Mazi Melesa Pilip of Great Neck, the Republican candidate competing with Democrat Tom Suozzi in a Feb. 13 special election in the 3rd Congressional District, left the meeting before the vote. A spokeswoman for the Republican Majority did not respond to a request for comment, and a spokesman for Pilip's campaign could not immediately be reached.”*

Mazi Pilip – whose only government experience is two years on the Nassau County Legislature – has set a trend of not fighting for her constituents. Prior reporting from Newsday also revealed that Pilip has had a “quiet, brief tenure” as a Nassau legislator – earning a reputation for not frequently voicing her opinion or championing critical legislation.

“Mazi Pilip is a no-show on the campaign trail and a no-show for her constituents. She had an opportunity to provided needed resources for those she represents, and she blew it,” **said former Congressman Tom Suozzi.** “The less we see of her the more questions it raises.

“I am proud of my record of working with anyone to tackle the serious problems we face, and the people of Nassau and Queens know that I not only always show up for them, but I deliver for them too.”

In addition to being an absent legislator, Pilip is running a basement campaign by ducking debates, dodging questions from reporters, taking zero questions from voters... and to add to the growing list of all the ways Pilip isn't forthright, she was also scheduled to be deposed yesterday for a lawsuit against her husband's medical practice.

The medical practice is facing legal battles after allegedly failing to pay rent while Pilip served as Operations Director.

Weeks ago, Pilip was ordered to provide testimony for the case on January 22 – during her campaign as the Republican nominee for the special election in New York's Third Congressional District.

More from City & State:

*“At the height of the campaign for Long Island's 3rd Congressional District, Republican Mazi Melesa Pilip will be dealing with a subpoena in a lawsuit against her husband over alleged unpaid rent.*

*Before her election to the Nassau County Legislature, Pilip worked as the operations manager for her husband's medical practice, and as Politico New York previously reported, the medical practice was sued by its landlord in 2020 for \$70,000 in back rent and an additional \$500,000 to cover the rest of the lease. Although Pilip was not named as a party in the lawsuit, court documents show that on Dec. 19 – just days after receiving the Republican nomination for the special election – she received a subpoena to give a deposition in the case. She's required to provide that testimony to attorneys for the landlord on Jan. 22.”*

Suozzi has been “traversing” across Nassau and Queens and routinely meeting with voters. He's also participating in more than 10 debates and candidate forums.

Suozzi has shown that rather than run from tough questions, he runs into them. In January alone, Suozzi has held press conferences on his bipartisan approach to fixing immigration, environment priorities, and common sense solutions to preventing crime and gun violence.

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*Tom Suozzi, trained as an attorney and CPA, is the former Congressman for New York's 3rd Congressional District, Nassau County Executive, and Mayor of Glen Cove. Tom has committed his 30-year public service career to delivering for his constituents. His philosophy of working with anyone who shares his goal of solving problems and delivering for his constituents has guided his career and led to notable accomplishments on issues including protecting the environment, common-sense gun safety, full access to reproductive health care, immigration, caring for our veterans, affordable healthcare, and fiscal responsibility.*

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