

RE-ELECT
BRAD KENDALL
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DUTCHESS COUNTY CLERK

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, Thursday, June 6, 2019 — Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall is running for a fourth four-year term as Dutchess County Clerk announcing his re-election bid at a campaign kick-off Thursday at River Station in Poughkeepsie.

Kendall voted New York State County Clerk of the year in 2018, has been the Dutchess County Clerk since 2007 and won re-election in both 2011 and 2015. He was elected to the Dutchess County Legislature in 1994 and was chairman from 2000 until 2006.

In announcing his intention to run again, Kendall said that "continuing to aggressively enhance the delivery of services through technology offering expedient and efficient services respectful of our customers time" is his office's highest priority.

He added that the "innovative programs and business-style approach to operations" of the County Clerk's Office had gained statewide recognition. He and his team have modernized and streamlined operations during his tenure while generating over nearly \$8 million in surplus funds.

"We have aggressively over the past 13 years processed more than 5 million transactions while implementing an electronic filing process that converts paper records to a digital format. This process is an essential step in ensuring that constituents' records remain safe for years to come. It is a win-win for both the county and those submitting documents for recording, making a once-complicated process a simple one," said Kendall.

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Under Kendall's leadership, the County Clerk's office has been instrumental in instituting several successful programs including **Renew Local First**, **Return the FAVOR**, and establishing the acceptance of electronic recording/filing of land and legal documents. Today over 1.3 million land and legal documents are available online offering efficiency, accessibility, and cost savings at an estimated \$620,000 by 2019 to all who utilize the service.

The **Return the FAVOR Program** is a joint venture between the County Clerk's Office and Division of Veterans Services issuing IDs to honorably discharged veterans who are county residents enabling them to access discounted products or services through participating businesses. Over 4,000 veterans have registered in the program in which over 250 participating merchants offer discounts on purchases and services to cardholders.

Earlier this year Dutchess County completed its **ThinkDifferently Backscanning Project**, a partnership between the County Clerk's office and Abilities First.

The Conservative, Republican, and Independence parties are endorsing Kendall, a Republican, for another term.

Kendall, a resident of Dover Plains, holds a bachelor's degree from Williams College. He and his wife, Barbara, have two sons.

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