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## **INCUMBENT DEBORAH DAWSON ANNOUNCES SELF-FUNDED WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN FOR TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 7 SEAT**

Incumbent Tompkins County Legislator Deborah Dawson (Dem, District 10) is launching a self-funded write-in campaign for the new District 7 seat. Dawson's decision to forgo retirement from the Legislature is driven by the extraordinary fiscal, economic, and social services challenges facing the county over the next three years – challenges that will have to be addressed by a 16-member Legislature that will include at least eight new and inexperienced members, a relatively new County Administrator, a new Director of Finance, and newly appointed Commissioners of Social Services and Whole Health.

In this challenging environment, legislative experience and familiarity with local issues will be crucial. In her two terms as a county legislator, Dawson has served on and chaired multiple legislative committees and organizational boards, most notably, six consecutive years on the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, including three years as Chair. She believes that her experience matters now, more than ever, as our county navigates the fiscal and social impacts of the Federal government's rapidly changing policies.

Dawson is also running to give District 7 voters a choice – and an incentive to vote - this fall. Currently, there will be only one candidate on the ballot for the District 7 seat.

Further details about Dawson's experience and record are available at [writein-deborahdawson.com](https://writein-deborahdawson.com). She can be reached for comment and interview at [ithacadeborah@yahoo.com](mailto:ithacadeborah@yahoo.com), or at (607)351-8689.

Thank you for your interest.

