

# Tom Suozzi Policy Paper

## Protecting Democracy

*“The veneer of civilization is paper thin. We are its guardians, and we cannot rest.”*

– Former Congressman (and Holocaust Survivor) Tom Lantos

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### Tom Experienced Firsthand the Horrific Consequences of Republican Election Denial on January 6, 2021

Tom was in the chamber of the House of Representatives on January 6, 2021 when alarms went off and members were told to get the gas masks from under their seats. He and his colleagues, along with Capitol Police, made sure that the doors were locked and barricaded. He heard the police officer's gunshot that killed a rioter as she and others tried to breach the chamber and stop the certification of the election.

**Tom has experienced firsthand what can happen when public figures undermine our democracy and knows that it is his responsibility to help protect our institutions.** Tom often quotes the late Congressman Tom Lantos, a Holocaust survivor, who said, “The veneer of civilization is paper thin. We are its guardians, and we cannot rest.”

When Tom returns to Congress, **he will always respect our democratic process and the will of the voters.** The people of New York's Third District

deserve to have someone like that representing them, **not someone who can't answer basic questions about election legitimacy or who she voted for in 2020.**