The 2012 U.S. House Race for the 18th District

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This coming November 2012 millions of Americans will descend upon voting polls to cast their ballots. They will be voting not only for the President of the United States, but also for a plethora of other national, state, and local positions, including members for the House of Representatives. The Presidential election definitely garners the most attention when compared to Congressional House elections, but these races can be very interesting. In this paper I examine current member of the House of Representatives, Nan Hayworth (R) and her race against Democratic challenger Sean Maloney for New York's re-drawn 18th district. I examine each candidate, the district they hope to represent, their prior political records, and how current popular issues shape the battle for their election. This analysis will help us assess each candidate's likelihood of winning this race.

Republican Congresswoman Nan Hayworth currently represents New York's 19th District. She is seeking her second term in office after defeating previous incumbent John Hall (D) in the 2010 election. Hayworth was born in 1959 and raised in Munster, Indiana. She graduated from Princeton University and Cornell University Medical College, where she specialized in ophthalmology. She went into practice and eventually joined the Mount Kisco Medical Group as well as the Northern Westchester Hospital. Her family consists of her husband, Scott Hayworth, and their two children, Will and Jack (Biography).

As a result of redistricting, Representative Hayworth will be changing districts to move to the 18th Congressional District. The newly re-drawn 18th district has in the past been strongly Democratic. The past incumbent, Nita Lowey (D) served the district for over 20 years but is now running in the also re-drawn 17th district, which comprises most of the old 18th. In the new 18th district, roughly three-fourths of the old 19th district will be included and a small

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