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### **Public Finance Expert, Jonathan Trichter, Announces Candidacy for New York State Comptroller**

*Registered Democrat Has Support of Leadership in the NYS GOP & Conservative Party – Will Seek Wilson Pakula*

New York, NY—April 10...Jonathan Trichter has officially announced his candidacy for New York State Comptroller with the release of an introductory campaign video posted to Facebook [here](#).

He also launched his campaign website ([trichterfornewyork.com](http://trichterfornewyork.com)) and will make himself available as best he can for press inquiries. He can be reached via the contact information above.

Trichter is a former public finance investment banker at JP Morgan who specializes in public pensions and covered the Office of New York State Comptroller for the investment bank.

“I had a front-row seat in the private sector to what happens when a government office meant to provide grownup supervision to Albany politicians was itself run by Albany politicians. The prior Comptroller was hauled off to prison. The current Comptroller was handpicked to fill the vacancy by disgraced ex-Assembly Speaker Shelly Silver over the objections of every editorial board in the state,” said Trichter. Silver is scheduled for retrial on corruption charges later this month.

“The Comptroller came to office not because he was qualified but because he was everybody’s best friend in Albany. It’s no surprise, then, that he has brought to bear the powers of that office to protect the Albany status quo. I don’t have any friends in Albany. I will use the powers of the Comptroller to protect ordinary New Yorkers,” said Trichter.

Jonathan Trichter ran a municipal restructuring line of business for The MAEVA Group – a boutique restructuring firm owned by Harry Wilson, the 2010 GOP candidate for Comptroller. Wilson ran the most successful statewide race for a Republican challenger in New York since George Pataki in 1994, winning every major newspaper endorsement and 2.1 million votes – as many as Governor Andrew Cuomo in his 2014 re-election race. Trichter ran the policy on that campaign and went to work at The MAEVA Group shortly thereafter.

MAEVA was engaged by Pew Charitable Trusts, where Trichter helped lead a SWAT team of pension experts who provided professional assistance to troubled public pension plans around the U.S. Trichter himself helped lead the restructuring of among the most distressed public safety pension plans in the country – the Jacksonville, Florida Police and Fire Pension Fund. Trichter worked with the Democratic Mayor of Jacksonville and the police and fire unions to preserve the system’s defined benefit status via a consensual process that saved the City \$1.5 billion while re-funding the pension system in a reasonable period and without major benefit cuts to its members.

“I’ve always said it was providential that Jonathan Trichter reached out to our task force to offer pro bono assistance to us in restructuring our underfunded Police and Fire Pension Fund”, said Bill Scheu, Chair of the Retirement Reform Task Force in Jacksonville, Florida (2013-14). I don’t know how we would have gotten it done it without his help. We relied on Jonathan’s experience and advice, and that of his partners on the project from Pew Charitable Trusts, to come to a comprehensive solution – among all stakeholders – to a problem the City had been wrestling with for years. We were so very grateful for his service to us.”

On account of his relevant skills and professional accomplishments, Trichter has received support and encouragement from the New York State Republican Party and the New York State Conservative Party to run on their ballot lines.

“The Office of the Comptroller is and should be a non-political position”, Trichter emphasized. “The Comptroller serves as chief fiscal officer of the State, the sole fiduciary of the State’s Pension System and is uniquely powerful in ways that are underutilized and underappreciated. For those reasons, and because of my relevant professional experience, leaders in the Republican and Conservative Party have encouraged me to run for the office, notwithstanding my party registration,” said Trichter.

Active in New York government, policy and civic causes for decades, Trichter spent his early career in City government, on political campaigns and, while in high school and then through college, at non-profit grassroots organizations, including the New York Public Interest Research Group. Jonathan served as an adjunct professor at Fordham University in the political science department and founded a survey research institute at Pace University. He has written on politics and public policy for a variety of publications and offered commentary for news outlets. He also served as the series consultant on major financial plotlines for the hit television show “Empire”.

Trichter is a graduate of Emory University and resides in New York City on the Upper East Side of Manhattan with his wife, the Executive Editor of *Seventeen Magazine*, and their son. He is also an ironman triathlete, marathoner and open-water swimmer, *but all before his son was born.*

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