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FOR MONROE: MORE MAGGIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WINS HISTORIC THIRD TERM



Local GOP leader Bill Reilich, left, and newly re-elected County Executive Maggie Brooks celebrate her victory at the Radisson downtown Tuesday. ANNETTE LEIN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Incumbent Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks on Tuesday fended off a challenge from Democrat Sandra Frankel, Brighton supervisor for the last 20 years.

"We made history tonight," Brooks said, celebrating election to her third term in office with supporters at the Radisson Hotel.

She will be aided in that term by a stronger Republican majority in the County Legislature, as the party picked up two seats.

Brooks said the Democrats "ran a race of lies, of distortion."

"Much was said and much was alleged during this campaign," she said.

"The voters in this community rejected that negativity," She added: "The voters stood

with the people who represent the only special interest group that matters, the taxpayers of this community."

Brooks, 56, never seemed seriously threatened by Frankel's candidacy, as she remains relatively popular and a formidable fundraiser.

She outspent Frankel about 6-to-1, advertising heavily on television in positive and nega-

tive advertisements, and publishing a full-color, 30-page magazine, which was sent to select supporters.

Frankel addressed a supportive crowd at the Hyatt Regency Rochester and tearfully thanked her supporters and other Democratic candidates.

Frankel also congratulated Brooks on her victory.

"We've brought the battle to

her doorstep," Frankel said. "Despite the funding disparity, we won a moral victory."

Frankel said she would continue to fight.

"Let's not let tonight silence our voices."

Brooks' efforts could indicate that she is positioning herself for a run for higher

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Doorley defeats Taylor in spirited race

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Though outspent by almost three times, longtime prosecutor Sandra Doorley kept the District Attorney's Office in Democratic control with an election victory.

Democrats have held the DA's Office since 1976. Doorley will be the first woman to serve as county DA.

In a race that in recent weeks became one of the county's toughest-fought contests, Doorley defeated Republican Bill Taylor.

Taylor, 36, is a former county attorney who now serves as special counsel to County Executive Maggie Brooks. Doorley, 48, served as first assistant district attorney for nearly three years and is now head of the office's appeals bureau.



Sandra Doorley gets a hug from her finance manager Michael Donoghue. Flanking Doorley are her daughters Meghan Loftus, left, 12, and Erin Loftus, 14. MARIE DE JESUS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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