

Sanders’ fans eye Clinton’s territory

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ALBANY - Supporters of Bernie Sanders’ presidential bid submitted 80,000 signatures Thursday to get him on the primary ballot in New York, saying the Vermont senator will fare well in Hillary Clinton’s home state.

Supporters brought dozen of boxes to the state Board of Elections near the Capitol in a bid to surpass the 15,000 signatures needed to get on the April 19 presidential primary ballot in New York. Clinton’s camp was also expected to file about 80,000 signatures needed to get on the ballot.

But it was Sanders’ backers that held a news conference outside the elections board to tout his candidacy and say he can contend in New York with Clinton, who lives in Chappaqua, Westchester County, and is the state’s former senator.

Kelleigh McKenzie, a delegate from Ulster County for the Sanders’ campaign, said Sanders’ campaign has grassroots enthusiasm.

“In Ulster County, there are several independent Bernie grassroots groups since last July,” she said. “The enthusiasm and commitment, just the sheer number of hours people are giving, I see it everywhere. I think that what he stands for, his values, appeal to the majority of the people.”

Sanders is from Brooklyn, but made a political career for himself in Vermont.

“My guess — but we’ll let the numbers speak for themselves — is that Hillary Clinton is viewed by more New York Democrats as the native daughter than Sanders as is the native son,” Steven Greenberg, spokesman for the Siena College Poll, said. The college will have a poll next week on the race in New York.

Greenberg said that Clinton has been elected statewide twice by New York voters, although the last time a decade ago in 2006. But Sanders also has an appeal to New York voters, “so it will be very interesting to see where New York Democrats are,” Greenberg said.

Clinton supporters said she will carry New York.

“Hillary Clinton has the drive, experience and enthusiasm to lead our country forward,” Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, D-Yonkers, said in a statement. “Hillary has served our nation, both at home and abroad, with distinction and has proven her Democratic values and pragmatic approaches to achieving results.”

Cari Gardner, a Sanders delegate from Westchester County, said she supports Sanders.

“Bernie’s got the message that we need to hear,” Gardner said.

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About 100 people came out Wednesday evening at Beverly J. Martin School for a rally to found Black Lives Matter Ithaca.

‘MOMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE’

Rally heralds start of Black Lives Matter Ithaca initiative

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Facing a row of cameras and dozens of faces both black and white, community organizer Dubian Ade stood in the front of the auditorium of Beverley J. Martin Elementary School set to make an announcement.

He didn’t have a microphone. It didn’t matter.

“We’re going to try to speak loud,” Ade said.

On the heels of an appearance by the founders of the Black Lives Matter movement at Cornell University on Wednesday night, a contingency of Ithacans led by Cornell professor Russell Rickford announced the foundation of Black Lives Matter Ithaca.

Rickford addressed a diverse crowd called together by both empathy and frustration to band together for a new social movement in the City of Ithaca, one addressing the superficial equality present in both the nation as a whole and prevalent in the social fabric of Ithaca. Rickford contrasted a world where a black president serves as a face of a whole race while economic inequality and a racist criminal justice system still exist.

“It is this paradox that has inspired the national movement,” Rickford said of BLM. “It’s become one of the most powerful grassroots moments for social change in our lifetimes.”

BLMI, as a movement, will not serve



Russell Rickford, second from right, addresses people who came to a rally held to introduce the Black Lives Matter Ithaca organization.

as a formal group or an “additional level of bureaucracy,” Rickford said. The aim of the group is to build a grassroots, anti-racist movement through mobilization and education, to end the marginalization of underrepresented groups in the Ithaca community and seek equality across all arenas of society for all black people. The main tenet of this mission, Rickford said, is to end a culture of denial in the community, to examine and acknowledge structures of white

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Salt mine still idle after elevator mishap

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Mining operations remain suspended at the Lansing salt mine nearly a month after 17 workers were rescued from an elevator became stuck 900 feet underground.

Minneapolis-based Cargill Inc. says work continues on the elevator system at the mine.

The mine at the southern end of Cayuga Lake is the deepest salt mine in the

nation, employing about 200 people. There’s no estimate on when mining will resume.

The elevator malfunctioned late on the night of Jan. 6 as the workers where descending to the mine’s 2,300-foot-deep floor to start their shift.

They were trapped for up to nine hours before a crew from a crane company used a basket to haul the men to the surface.



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Bail reduced for ex-cemetery caretaker

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The former caretaker of Lake View Cemetery, Scott Goodrich, reappeared Thursday in Tompkins County Court.

His bail was reduced to \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 bond by Judge John Rowley. Bail was previously set at \$15,000 cash or \$30,000 bond.

Goodrich is accused of writing himself \$58,517 worth of checks and giving away or selling cemetery equipment between February and December 2013. Assistant District Attorney Eliza Filipowski said Monday the damages are close to \$65,000. Goodrich was charged with second-degree grand larceny and

indicted by a grand jury on that charge Feb. 26, 2015.

Goodrich was supposed to have been arraigned March 10, 2015, but he was a no-show for court, and was missing for 10 months until he turned himself over to state police Sunday. Goodrich told Rowley that he was “out West.” He also told the judge he has no bank account or car. Since he could not afford an attorney, he was assigned one.

Goodrich was represented Thursday by defense attorney Joseph Joch, who said Goodrich had gone to the western part of the U.S. for work. He claims Goodrich was never contacted by police on his cellphone. Joch said Goodrich returned to the area after he lost his job.

He said he doesn’t think Goodrich has ever been a fugitive. Joch also said Goodrich was not given notice of grand jury proceedings after his previous lawyer had withdrawn from the case.

Tompkins County Assistant District Attorney Diane Lama asked Rowley to increase bail to \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 bond. Lama argued Goodrich took off knowing about pending charges. Because the grand larceny charge carries a sentence of five to 15 years in state prison, Lama said Goodrich is a flight risk.

Joch plans to file motions. Goodrich is due to reappear in court Feb. 18.

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