

# [***Only Goodbye For Now : Ex-Rep. George Santos Ends Bid For Congress***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BW4-SHK1-JBCM-F006-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Body**

**Topline**

Former Rep. George Santos, the scandal-plagued New York Republican-turned-independent, announced Tuesday he is withdrawing from his independent run for Congress in November following hisexpulsionfrom the House of Representatives last December.

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**Key Facts**

Santos saidon X, formerly known as Twitter, he is withdrawing in an effort to avoid splitting the ticket and being responsible for handing the house to (Democrats).

Santos, who previously represented New York s 3rd District and was only the sixth member of the House of Representatives to ever be expelled, said if he stayed in the race in which he was running against incumbent Republican Nick LaLota and Democrats Nancy Goroff and John Avlon it would all but guarantee the Democrats win.

Santos isn t leaving ***politics***, though, saying in the post on X he will continue to participate in the public policy discussion and will do my part and that it s only goodbye for now, I ll be back.

**Big Number**

$0. That s how much Santos had raised in his campaign, New YorkSpectrum Newsreported.

**Key Background**

Santosannounced hiscampaign in early March during the State of the Union. When announcing, he said New York hasn t had a real conservative represent them since I left office arbitrarily, thanks to RINO, empty suits like LaLota, who voted in favor of expelling Santos in December. After just two weeks campaigning as a Republican, Santos announced he would berunning as an independentbecause he could no longer be part of the Republican Party, seemingly referring to the House's passing of a bipartisan funding bill to avoid a government shutdown, before adding: I will take my Ultra MAGA/Trump supporting values to the ballot in November as an Independent. He was expelled from Congress in December after a scathing ethics report that alleged he sought to fraudulently exploit every aspect of his House candidacy for his own personal financial profit. Santos was also indicted last year and haspleaded not guiltyto 13 charges of fraud and money laundering and not guilty to an additional10 chargestacked on alleging he was part of two schemes that involved the stealing of donors identities and financial information.

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