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2009 Environmental Questionnaire for Long Island

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PERSONAL INITIATIVES

1. Please share with us accomplishments or experiences that would indicate your commitment to advancing a sustainability agenda for Long Island. These may be professional or personal.

As NYLCV Long Island Chapter “Champion for a Greener Nassau” and Chairman of the Nassau County Planning, Development and Environment Committee, I constantly work to advance green initiatives and protect Long Island’s environment.

I was instrumental in Nassau’s open space protection and open space funding, creation of the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee (OSPAC), emission controls on power plants, engine idling, low sulfur diesel requirements, encroachment, solar panel tax credits, park and preserve protection and guidelines, green building purchasing requirements, stricter

environmental standards for underground fuel storage tanks, plastic bag and fertilizer regulations and four-year capital plan requirements. I authored the voter referendum which secured a \$50 million environmental bond approved by voters in 2004, and a \$100 million environmental bond program approved by voters in 2006. The \$50 and \$100 million bond programs are saving Nassau's open spaces, protecting and preserving Nassau's water resources and improving Nassau's parks and preserves.

ISSUE QUESTIONS

Our sister organization, the NYLCV Education Fund, identified key principles of urban sustainability in its recent [*Blueprint for a Greener Long Island*](#). By building constructive policies around these core areas, we believe Long Island can get on the path toward a sustainable future. NYLCV has endorsed these goals and others that promote the following core principles that represent a sustainability agenda for officials seeking elected office.

Please articulate specific policy and budgetary proposals that would advance the following goals:

2. Combating climate change by reducing carbon emissions and energy consumption

I authored engine idling and low sulfur diesel legislation which passed in Nassau County.

3. Promoting sustainable land use policies

I am constantly promoting smart growth when I speak to members of my community and organizations

4. Developing sustainable solid waste policies

5. Reducing congestion and increasing mass transit ridership

I support dedicated funding for the continued operation and expansion of local public transportation system and promoted, as chair of the Planning Development and the Environment committee the MIS Study and mass transit for the HUB.

6. Protecting our extensive shoreline and improving water quality

I authored the EBA of 04 and 06 which sets aside funds for storm water protection, open

space acquisitions, etc. This past week I past fertilizer legislation which bans fertilizing during the cold months to prevent run off into of bays and water tables, amongst other things.

7. Improving air quality

See question #2

8. Committing to green procurement

I authored the green procurement legislation which passed in Nassau County

9. Supporting a sustainable economy by encouraging clean-tech industries and “green collar” jobs

I am looking to help pass tax exemptions for solar power equipment to get residents to “go solar.” This will be a big boost to the solar power industry.