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2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Please share you accomplishments or experiences that indicate your commitment to advancing a pro-environment agenda. These experiences may be professional or personal.

I was named to NYLCV's New Generation 2013 list which included 13 lawmakers who were elected to the New York Legislature in 2012.

NYLCV President Marcia Bystryn at the time said, "Fortunately, there is a new generation of environmental leadership in the New York State Senate and Assembly that is committed to addressing these challenges head-on. Because of his impressive track record and plan for a more sustainable future, we are proud to count Assembly Member Angelo Santabarbara among our New Generation 2013."

As a LEED certified engineer and a member of the Assembly Energy Committee, I will continue to promote smart policies that encourage investments in alternative energies, sustainability, and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

Please indicate your level of commitment to, and if applicable your recent personal and professional activity with respect to, the following issues:

(To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2016 State Policy Agenda](#))

2. Ensuring adequate funding for the environmental agencies and programs

I supported the 2016-17 state budget contains over \$1.4 billion for environmental agencies and programs. This includes \$300 million, the highest funding level to date, for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) The Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) provides money for a variety of environmental initiatives including: municipal recycling, waterfront revitalization, open space protection, including land acquisition and farmland protection, water quality improvement projects, and support for Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

3. Addressing the causes and effects of climate change (e.g., clean energy and emission controls)

I voted for A.6072 (Englebright) that would authorize DEC, after a public hearing, to promulgate rules and regulations establishing a limit on greenhouse gas emissions, known to contribute to climate change.

I also supported the Assembly's 2016-17 one-house budget that advocated for \$32 million in funding for climate change programs. However, the final 2016-17 SFY Budget agreement, provides \$24 million to the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for several newly established climate change initiatives.

4. Protecting the health of New Yorkers and their communities (e.g., toxics, air quality, food quality and security)

I voted for A.2592 (Dinowitz) require the Commissioner of Health (COH) to give written notice requiring the discontinuation of a paint condition conducive to lead poisoning when an area of high risk is designated and also require the COH to conduct a hearing when a designated dwelling fails to comply with the demand and order abatement of a paint condition conducive to lead poisoning if there is proof of violation.

I am also a cosponsor and have voted for A.5612-A (Englebright), which would restrict the use of harmful chemicals in children's products and prohibit the sale of products containing the most harmful chemicals.

5. Conserving and protecting natural resources (e.g., water, open spaces, habitat, organic recycling)

I voted for the 2016-17 State Budget that contained \$300 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) including: \$14 million for municipal recycling (organic recycling equipment is an eligible item); \$40 million for open space; \$20 million for farmland protection; \$16 million for waterfront revitalization; and \$20 million for municipal parks. In addition, the EPF contained several water initiatives including: \$20 million for water quality improvement projects; \$27 million for non-point source pollution control; \$1.5 million for water testing and \$1 million for drug collection.

6. Investing in better, smarter infrastructure (e.g., transportation, electrical grid, green infrastructure, smart growth, rail transport of crude oil)

I have voted for A.7625 (Fahy), which would increase the requirements for major petroleum facilities to demonstrate financial responsibility and require railroads to submit certain financial preparedness information.

I supported the final 2016-17 state budget that provides \$27.14 billion, including \$1.99 billion for the Thruway Authority, \$3.99 billion for the DOT capital plan in year 2020-21, and \$21.17 billion for the 2015-2020 DOT capital plan, an increase of \$1.04 billion allocated as follows: \$860 million over four years for road and bridge projects throughout the State; \$100 million over four years for upstate and non-MTA downstate transit systems, for total annual capital funding of \$84.5 million; \$50 million over four years for rail projects, for total annual funding of \$27.5 million.