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2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

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Candidate Name: **Joseph S. Saladino**

Office Sought (district if applicable): **Member of Assembly, 9th AD**

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

As a thirteen year member of the NYS Assembly, and a veteran of the Environmental Conservation Committee I am honored to have the best pro-environment voting record of any Republican in the Assembly. I have focused on water quality, open space and protection from toxins. I have been an outspoken leader calling for the containment and remediation of the Grumman Navy plume, the worst plume of carcinogens in a sole-source aquifer anywhere in the nation.

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 continue to be one of the leaders in the NY State Assembly to continue funding, initiatives and legislation to protect the environment.

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

As the only Member of the NY State Legislature whose home was destroyed by Superstorm Sandy, I am very aware of the effects of Climate Change. I support the initiatives that will reduce these effects. I am particularly interested in promoting solar and other renewable technologies to raise NY to the highest level of renewables usage in the nation.

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

I have supported and voted for legislation that to protect our communities and our health on a consistent basis. This legislative support has helped to earn me the distinction of the best pro-environment record in my NY Conference of the Legislature.

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

I continue to support legislative efforts that address this issue in a productive and effective manner. My knowledge and participation in initiatives supporting these primary issues, containing and remediating the Grumman plume, and supporting open space initiatives, has demonstrated the clarity and consistency of my ideology. There is no question that my constituents are supportive and well-served by my continued action.

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

Over the past 13 years my record is one of supporting our infrastructure, fighting for green technology, supporting environmental initiatives and effectively driving for more dollars for these programs on Long Island, I have clearly demonstrated a commitment to environmental conservation that is second-to-none.