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2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

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

I am the original prime sponsor of the Solar Choice Act of 1996 which established residential solar net-metering in our state. Subsequent to this, I prime-sponsored numerous laws in this policy area that went on to expand the use of solar and wind energy net-metering and have become the foundation for future solar and wind energy investments in NYS.

I was one of the first voices in the political community to express concern about Long Island's sole source drinking water and have been one of the strongest proponents for preservation of the Pine Barrens to protect this regional groundwater resource. Further to this, I helped lead the effort to protect the Lloyd aquifer from inappropriate or excessive exploitation.

I will continue to work for solutions to the tremendous environmental problems we now face and those that threaten on the horizon. Since my first days in elected office, I have used my scientific and educational background to advance an innovative agenda to protect public



health, safeguard the environment, and create a sustainable economy in the alternative energy sector. In my position as chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, I will continue to pursue these endeavors with an increased power to achieve success.

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

Strongly committed. I am a long-time advocate for adequate funding for environmental programs and the NYSDEC.

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

Strongly committed. I am the prime sponsor of A.10342, the Climate Change and Community Protection Act which recently passed the Assembly. This measure would codify into law the Governor's robust emission reduction goals. I am also the prime sponsor of A10264 (passed Assembly on 6/2/16) which establishes the NYS Ocean Acidification Task Force to study and evaluate ways of addressing the problems and impacts of ocean acidification. In this year's budget I successfully worked to include in EPF funding for tax credits to incentivize the purchase of electric vehicles as well as funding to expand our state's electric vehicle recharge station infrastructure.



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

Strongly committed. I am the prime sponsor of the Child Safe Products Act and co-prime sponsor of A.9230A to prohibit the sale of cleaning products containing triclosan which is highly stable and is poisoning our waterways and aquatic life.

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

Strongly committed. Open Space preservation and protecting drinking water and our surface and marine waters are at the core of my conservation mission.

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

Strongly committed. I fought this year for the first-time inclusion of monies in the EPF to expand the vehicle charging infrastructure in New York State.