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2017 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire for Long Island Candidates

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the New York League of Conservation Voters Questionnaire.

The New York League of Conservation Voters is the only non-partisan statewide environmental organization in New York that fights for clean water, clean air, renewable energy and open space through political action. This questionnaire is designed to elicit your views regarding what environmental, public health, clean energy and transit and environmental justice groups consider to be the most important issues of the day. Responses may inform NYLCV's educational and legislative programs and actions NYLCV takes in the election cycle.

Responses should be considered public. Although NYLCV may choose not to publicize responses to every question, verbatim responses may be reproduced and distributed publicly. If so, your responses may be shortened, if necessary, but will not be edited in substantive ways. If you choose to refer us to a position paper or website, please indicate exactly what text you would like us to cite. For candidates choosing not to respond to the questionnaire, NYLCV will note as much in its public materials.

NYLCV and its partners in the environmental policy arena believe that New York's voters are determined to make the environment a voting issue this year. Candidate positions on issues such as protecting public health, building a clean energy future, and mitigating climate change will help voters decide how to cast their ballots this election cycle. This questionnaire is one of the primary ways the public will get this information.

After receipt of your completed questionnaire, you will be invited to participate in a formal interview with our Chapter Board. The interview will provide you with an opportunity to present your credentials, elaborate on your questionnaire responses, and respond to questions. Here are a few more guidelines:

- Questionnaires are due **Friday, June 2**
- The completed questionnaire is mandatory for endorsement consideration and must be submitted via e-mail as a Microsoft Word file to: politics@nylcv.org
- To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2016-17 Long Island Policy Agenda](#)
- Questions or extension requests may be directed to Joshua Klainberg (jklainberg@nylcv.org)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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 have been a leader on land preservation and reducing toxins in the environment. I sponsored the county CCA ban, the light pollution law, the fertilizer setbacks, Sunday bus legislation (less cars). I sponsored a bill to prohibit cosmetic uses of pesticides containing acute human toxins (did not pass). I introduced a bill to prohibit methoprene in salt water estuaries. I also successfully sponsored legislation that offers a County phase-in of property taxes for LEED construction. I worked with SOMAS to study thermal pollution in the LI Sound and Peconic Estuary (on going). I sported Bans on BPA and gave the tie breaking vote to raise the smoking age to 21. At the Town level I have worked to preserve thousands of acres of land. I established a goal of 100% renewable by 2025. Helped establish a shellfish nursery. Banned PDD's. Passed a Water Quality Improvement plan and a Coastal Resources Management Plan. I am also co-sponsoring a law mandating advanced wastewater systems for new construction in areas near water bodies.

ISSUES

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

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2. Expanding Renewable Power: Streamlining and standardizing regulations that will spur innovation and wide-spread adoption in the residential and commercial sectors

I established a town goal of 100% renewables by 2025. I supported the Tri-Energy program to help homeowners install solar power and take conservation measures. I helped establish the town as a certified Clean Energy Community. I sponsored the PACE legislation when I was at the county. It is now available for commercial properties.

3. Improving Water Quality: Identifying financing mechanisms to replace failing septic systems

I am helping develop a town program for rebates on septic upgrades to I/A systems. At the County I worked with Legislator Horsley in creating a \$2Mil yearly fund for advanced wastewater. I have pending legislation that will mandate these systems in critical areas.

4. LIRR Third Track: Ensuring the Long Island Rail Road completes a planned third main line track from Floral Park to Hicksville

I sent a letter into the record in support of this project. I am also working with LIRR on increasing service on the East End. I am hoping a morning train will be added by 2019 to help workers commute into this region.

5. Expanding Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure: Facilitating the development of a larger network of charging stations that will encourage more municipalities, businesses and individuals to switch to EVs in the coming years

We installed a charging station at town hall and we purchased a fully electric vehicle. We also permitted a large electrical vehicle charging station along the main highway (CR39/Rt27)

6. Sustainable & Transit-Oriented Development: Creating livable and sustainable communities that permit increased density and diversity in our downtowns and neighborhoods

I led efforts to approve a 38 unit affordable housing development in Speonk along a train station. I also recently helped establish s trolley bus service in downtown Hampton Bays.

7. Transportation: Maximizing environmentally friendly mobility options in and around residential and commercial centers

At the county I led efforts to expand the bus system. I was recognized by Vision Long Island for my work on establishing Sunday Bus service for the first time.

8. Open Space Preservation: Planning strategies such as clustering, creating pocket parks in developed areas, and encouraging biotic corridors in less densely populated areas

I do not believe there is any individual in the region who has signed more contracts for land preservation. I led an aggressive program when I was East Hampton Town Supervisor and I am again running an aggressive land preservation program as Southampton Town Supervisor. I have been involved in preserving thousands of acres of open space, farmland, critical habitat, beach access, trail connectors, scenic vistas, historic places, and recreational opportunities.

9. Sustainable Public Access Management: Making significant impacts on energy use and the environment simply by deciding to spend money and deploy resources wisely

I am in the process of developing a plan for a new hvac system for Town Hall. It will greatly improve efficiency. We have already begun converting to LED's in town buildings.

10. Energy: Achieving energy efficiency in residential and commercial settings, in existing and new buildings, and with cutting-edge technology and the smarter use of older technology

We have been promoting smart thermostats, solar systems, conservation efforts etc through our Tri-Energy program please visit www.tri-energy.org. We also have an active Sustainability Committee.

11. Water Quality and Aquifer Protection: Ensuring clean water not only for drinking but for recreation and agriculture

I developed the nation's first municipal organic easement program. This program allows the town to purchase chemical rights on farmland in order to incentivize organic farming and support the newly emerging locally sourced organic foods industry. I have helped preserve thousands of acres in critical water recharge areas. I also helped develop the Town's Water Quality Improvement Plan <http://www.southamptontownny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7318>

12. Natural Resource Protection – Comprehensively managing and protecting regional natural resources (i.e., air, water and land)

I am planning on launching a major update to the town's comprehensive plan next year. As I mentioned I helped develop and pass a Water Quality Improvement Plan and a Coastal Resources Management Plan.

13. Farms and Local Food: Managing development and providing access to healthy, fresh foods

I have been active in establishing community gardens in Southampton. I was instrumental in the creation of a community organic farm in East Hampton (EECO Farm). I created the first municipal organic easement program. I support farmers markets such as the weekly Farm Fresh Foods Market in Riverside on Town property and I served on a committee that assisted the county in the Chapter 8 revisions for farm stands.