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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

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

Supported numerous environmentally-focused capital projects totaling millions of dollars.

Supported grant/loan program for advanced septic systems.

Supported numerous open space purchases and investments in sewer infrastructure.

Active supporter of Seatuck Environmental Association.

Supported a variety of water quality projects.

Founding board member of the Suffolk County Land Bank Corporation which is focused on addressing brownfield properties throughout Suffolk County.

Supported compromise legislation to require 5 cent charges on plastic and paper bags to encourage the use of re-usable bags.

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

Support uniform building standards and application processes for solar panel installation.

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

Supported legislation to use a portion of quarter-cent drinking water fund for a grant program.

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

Third track will take additional vehicles off our roads and reduce pollution. I fully support.

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

Possibly offer tax incentives for installation of necessary equipment.

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

Supported necessary infrastructure improvements (including sewer connections) for Ronkonkoma Hub, as well as financial incentives for similar projects such as Wyandanch Rising.

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

Supported “complete streets” legislation

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

Have supported all open space purchases.

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

Support annual capital project for continued implementation of energy efficiency measures in County buildings.

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

Have facilitated presentations to local community groups from energy efficiency experts.

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

Supported a variety of projects to protect groundwater and surface water

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

Achieved with the combination of initiatives summarized herein, including more efficient public transportation, open space preservation, water quality testing and studies and funding for filtration of runoff

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

- **Support farmland preservation and transfer of development rights requests** •

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