

**Denise Ford (R)**

County Legislature - 4th District
Incumbent (Elected in 2003)

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Public Safety Committee (Chair)
- Vice Chair of the Government Services & Operations Committee (Vice Chair)
- Planning, Development & the Environment Committee (Member)
- the Economic & Community Development & Labor Committee (Member)
- Minority Affairs Committee (Member)

Professional Background/Education:

- First elected to represent the 4th Legislative District in 2003
- Currently works with the Western Bays Group which includes environmentalists as well as other government officials and has advocated for the necessary repairs and upgrades to the Bay Park Sewage Treatment plant
- received the Big Sister award from Project Challenge
- Currently a member in a variety of organizations such as the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and Kiwanis

Personal and Professional Initiatives:

- In response to Question 1, which asks the candidate to share their *accomplishments* or *experiences* that indicate their commitment to advancing a pro-environment agenda, candidate responded:
 - o “As a legislator, I provided funding to plant trees, especially after superstorm Sandy. I advocated for the outflow pipe which will help restore Reynolds channel. I helped start the Farmer’s Market in Long Beach.”
 - o “I have always advocated for bicycle lanes and I have worked with the county and community to reconstruct a main road in Atlantic Beach which will provide for a bicycle lane. I have joined in the efforts to stop fracking and a gas terminal off the barrier island.”
 - o “As a homeowner, I have installed solar power and drive a hybrid car. As a shopper, I support the reduction of the use of plastic bags and use reusable bags when I shop. A couple of years ago, I purchased with my own personal money, reusable bags and with the help of girl scouts, we handed them out to shoppers to promote the use of these types of bags.”

Questionnaire ISSUES Highlights:

Supports all of the initiatives of the NYLCV, with the following additions:

- In response to Question 2, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to *Sustainable & Transit-Oriented Development*, the candidate responded:
 - o “I support public transportation and supported NICE taking over our bus system. I am an advocate for bicycle lanes and safety. I have always supported development at the HUB.”

- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Public Health***, the candidate responded:
 - “I have supported programs to educate our residents on health issues such as sun-protection and drug awareness. I pushed for the improvements at the Bay Park Sewage treatment plant to help improve the effluence that is discharged into Reynold’s Channel.
- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
 - “I supported the Environmental bonds which helped purchase open space and providing funding to clean up industrial sites. I worked with the legislature to require public access to all active parklands and open spaces within our county. I support funding to fix up our parks for our residents and visitors. I believe in proper development and not over-development.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
 - “I supported the local law that provides financing to property owners for installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. I support the offshore wind farm and have advocated for the repowering of the Barrett Power plant.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
 - “I have always been in support of funding for trees to be planted. As stated, I support the rehabilitation and upgrades to the sewage treatment plants to enable them to work more efficiently and cleaner.
- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Waste***, the candidate responded:
 - “I support recycling and the reduction of hazardous waste in our landfills. I applaud the elimination of plastic bag use in New York State. I have co-sponsored legislation to ban Styrofoam cups in Nassau County”
- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Water Quality and Aquifer Protection***, the candidate responded:
 - “Established the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection and have fought (and will continue to do so) against the proposed re-opening of the Queens wells.”
 - “I supported the legislation to require rain sensors on automatic irrigation systems.”
 - “I attended the presentations given by Water for Long Island regarding the Groundwater Protection Project. This was to educate us on the problems regarding the recharging for our aquifers and to find ways to help protect them.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to

Natural Resource Protection, the candidate responded:

- o “Have always supported an outflow pipe which will divert the effluence from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment plant to the Cedar Creek Outflow. I supported the connection of the Jones Beach sewage to this pipe as well.”
- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Farms and Local Food***, the candidate responded:
 - o “Have supported and provided funding to the Cornell Cooperative. I helped with the start of a Farmer’s Market in Long Beach. Would like to see more land being used to grow vegetables especially by our students.”