

	<p>Jay Schneiderman (D) Southampton Town Supervisor Incumbent (Elected in 2015) Endorsed in 2017</p> <p><u>Professional Background/Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Supervisor of the Town of Southampton (2015-Present) • Elected to County Legislature (2003-2015) • Served two terms as East Hampton Town Supervisor • Member of the Town of East Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals, Appointed Chairmanship in 1996 • M.A. in Education from SUNY Cortland • B.A. in Chemistry, Ithaca College
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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 “I sponsored the county CCA ban (marine environments), the light pollution law, the fertilizer setbacks, Sunday bus legislation (less cars).”
 - o “I sponsored a bill to prohibit cosmetic uses of pesticides containing acute human toxins (did not pass).”
 - o “I introduced a bill to prohibit methoprene in salt water estuaries.”
 - o “I also successfully sponsored legislation that offers a County phase-in of property taxes for LEED construction and enable the commercial PACE program.”
 - o “I worked with SOMAS to study thermal pollution in the LI Sound and Peconic Estuary (on going).”
 - o “I sported bans on BPA and gave the tie breaking vote to raise the smoking age to 21.”
 - o “At the Town level I have worked to preserve thousands of acres of land.”
 - o “I established a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2025.”
 - o “Helped establish a shellfish nursery. Banned PDD’s (planned Development Districts).”
 - o “Passed a Water Quality Improvement plan and a Coastal Resources Management Plan.”
 - o “Co-sponsored and passed a law mandating advanced wastewater systems for new construction in areas near water bodies.”
 - o “Helped create a grant program for nitrogen removing sanitary systems.”
 - o “Supported a Town ban on plastic straws and Styrofoam.

Questionnaire 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:
 - “I led efforts to approve a 38-unit affordable housing development in Speonk along a train station.”
 - “I worked with NY State Assemblyman Fred Thiele to get the LIRR to run commuter rail service on the east end. The service is new this year and provides 2 new trains in the morning eastbound and 2 new trains in the afternoon westbound. Ridership has been increasing weekly.”
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Public Health***, the candidate responded:
 - “I have helped create many new recreational opportunities for residents including hiking trails and new athletic fields.”
 - “At the moment I am very involved in improving drinking water quality.”
 - “We are extending water mains in areas with private residential wells impacted with emerging contaminants like PFOS.”
- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
 - “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 habit, beach access, trail connectors, scenic vistas, historic places, and recreational opportunities.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
 - “Under my leadership the Town of Southampton has 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.”
 - “I sponsored a resolution establishing a 100% renewable goal by 2020.”
 - “We are also well into a process of examining Community Choice Aggregation which would allow the town to act as a bulk purchaser of electricity. This would enable a fully renewable energy allocation for Southampton Town.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
 - “We are installing an energy efficient new heating and cooling system for Town Hall (high efficiency heat pumps).”
 - “We have completed a project to change all incandescent street lamps to LED fixtures.”
 - “We did the first installation of solar panels on a Southampton Town governmental building. This was at our marine education center. Both the center and the solar

system was an initiative of Councilman John Bouvier and had my full support.”

- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Waste**, the candidate responded:
 - “I have been very interested in the topic of both solid and liquid waste. When I was a county legislator I led efforts to develop a regional solid waste plan.”
 - “As Southampton Town Supervisor I co-sponsored a law mandating nitrogen removing septic systems for new home construction in sensitive areas. We also established a grant program for this.”
 - “We are also providing significant grants for larger sewage treatment facilities.”
- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Water Quality and Aquifer Protection**, the candidate responded:
 - “I have been active in preserving thousands of acres of land in critical groundwater recharge areas.”
 - “I have helped pass many water quality initiatives including prohibiting CCA in marine environments, banning products with microbeads.”
 - “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 also helped develop the Town’s Water Quality Improvement Plan <http://www.southamptontownny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7318>.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Natural Resource Protection**, the candidate responded:
 - “I helped develop and pass a Water Quality Improvement Plan and a Coastal Resources Management Plan for the Town of Southampton.”
 - “I was also involved in the development of East Hampton’s Groundwater Protection Plan.”
 - “I have used our CPF funds to target critical habitat areas for wildlife including Tiger salamanders and rare plants like Sandplain gerardia (*Agalinis acuta*). “
 - “I have fought against adverse land uses that threaten our aquifer or our marine environment.”
- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Farms and Local Food**, the candidate responded:
 - “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.”
 - “I served on a committee that assisted the county in the Chapter 8 revisions for farm stands.”