



John Ferretti Jr. (R)

Nassau County Legislature - 15th District
Incumbent (elected in 2017)

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Veterans & Senior Affairs - Chairman
- Economic & Community Development & Labor - Vice Chairman
- Government Services & Operations
- Public Safety

Professional Background/Education:

- Former Nassau County Chief Deputy County Clerk
- Appointed by the Hempstead Town Board to the Hempstead Industrial Development Agency
- Currently practices law as an associate trial attorney

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 “Professionally, my record speaks for itself as it pertains to my pro-environment agenda. Below I outline many of the initiatives I have taken as Legislator to further this agenda.”
 - o “I am a proud owner of a residential home solar system and a hybrid automobile. I support the use of LED lighting, and have same throughout my house, along with energy efficient appliances.”

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:
 - o “Supported the operation of the NICE bus system to preserve needed bus service in Nassau County. NICE now operates a fleet of buses that run on Compressed Natural Gas, minimizing its carbon footprint while providing vital transportation services throughout Nassau County.
 - o “Support Nassau County’s Complete Streets Policy initiative to consider all users of roadways including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders in planning and designing of new and current roadways.”
 - o “Requested and approved funds for the creation of pedestrian and bicycle pathways throughout the 15th legislative district”
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to *Public Health*, the candidate responded:

- “Support funding for Integrated Mosquito management program to provide environmentally conscious use of pesticides.”
 - Support funding for the United States Geological Survey to provide for the collection of hydrogeological data collection, monitoring, and reporting on Nassau County’s ground and surface water resources.
- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
 - “Passed Legislation to require all active parkland and open space owned or operated by Nassau County to be open and accessible to all County residents, with appropriate parking facilities and points of ingress and egress. Pursuant to this Legislation, signage will be placed to identify all open space and active parkland and the County and the County website will be updated to provide the public with information about each location.”
 - “In support of this initiative, I voted to approve Capital Plan spending of \$5M to support this important initiative.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
 - “I advocated and supported Local Law 16-2018 - Sustainable Energy Loan Program: Provides property assessed clean energy financing to property owners for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
 - “Voted to provide funding for the planting of trees on County rights of way, parks and County facilities.”
- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Waste***, the candidate responded:
 - “Work with the Town of Hempstead, Oyster Bay, and North Hempstead and sanitation districts to promote the responsible disposal of Hazardous Household Waste and electronic waste to maximize the safe, environmentally sound disposal of the many hazardous materials found in the average home.”
- 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, a joint Nassau/Suffolk agency to address threats to Long Island's groundwater and to advocate for a coordinated, regional approach to groundwater resources management. This organization provides research and resources to assist policy makers and the public to understand how to better protect our groundwater resources.”
 - “Passed legislation to require rain sensors on automatic irrigation systems that operate in Nassau County.”
 - “Continue to fight against the proposed reopening of the New York City Queens

- groundwater wells. Reactivation of these wells carries an unpredictable risks to Long Island's sole source aquifer system, our only source of drinking water.”
- o “Lobbied New York State and the Federal Government for additional funding to address groundwater contamination emanating from the Grumman facility in Bethpage. Approved an agreement with North Hempstead to allow for the remediation of freon contamination.”
 - o “Approved the capital funding and contracts to support the County’s storage tank replacement program. This program allows for the removal of aboveground and underground storage tanks due to age or failure of periodic tightness tests, as well as remedial investigations and actions if leaks are discovered.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Natural Resource Protection***, the candidate responded:
 - o “Voted to approve contracts and funding to divert treated sewage effluent from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant to the Cedar Creek Outfall pipe. This initiative will help restore Reynolds Channel and improve the health of Nassau County’s south shore estuaries.”
 - o “Approved funding for Countywide parks improvements and open space access.”
 - In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Farms and Local Food***, the candidate responded:
 - o “Support the County’s partnership and funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide programing and educational resources to the public regarding farming, nutrition and sustainable practices for home gardens. Cornell Cooperative Extension operates a farm stand at the East Meadow Farm offering locally grown produce.”