

	<p><b>Laura Gillen (D)</b>  Supervisor - Hempstead  Incumbent (Elected in 2017)</p> <p><u>Professional Background/Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previously served as Counsel to the Uniondale law firm of Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker &amp; Sharfstein, LLP</li> <li>• Member of Nassau County Bar Association</li> <li>• Volunteered for South Nassau Communities Hospital and Camp Anchor</li> <li>• Studied at Stella Adler Studio</li> <li>• Agent/Volunteer for a leading speakers bureau, GHMC, and assisting people living with HIV/AIDS</li> <li>• B.A. cum laude from Georgetown (1991)</li> <li>• New York University's School of Law (1998)</li> </ul>
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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 “Under my leadership, the Town of Hempstead began working with a green energy consultant for the first time.”
  - o “In the first year of my term, I put forth a resolution to establish the Town of Hempstead Renewable Energy and Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee. The Committee is comprised of Town staff as well as representatives from the private sector, educational institutions, environmental organizations and other stakeholders. The Committee is to discuss and recommend feasible short-term and long-term sustainability initiatives to be implemented by the Town.”
  - o “I have always taken an active role in advancing a pro-environment agenda, both before becoming Town Supervisor and after. I’m proud to have hosted and participated in many environmental initiatives, including park clean ups, tree plantings, beach cleanups, and forums where I listened to and resolved my constituents’ environmental concerns.”

### 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 “I have worked with local leaders to expand access to public transportation and stressed the importance of factoring how increased congestion will affect the LIRR.”
  - o “Another of my priorities in office has been increasing public safety by reducing speed limits on arterial roads. We recently responded to decade-old concerns about the speed limit on Dutch Broadway in Elmont.”

- “I am actively advancing the proposal for a zoning overlay district for the hamlet of Baldwin, which will promote mixed-use transit-oriented development around the Baldwin LIRR station.”
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Public Health***, the candidate responded:
  - “I believe in accelerating the change from home heating oil to more environmental-friendly alternatives, such as natural gas and electric heat and converting from diesel vehicles to electric vehicles. One of my first actions after becoming Town Supervisor was to reverse the prior Administration’s decision to close the Town’s Marine Water Testing Laboratory facility and sell off its equipment. I have made the re-establishment of the laboratory a priority. We have secured a NYS grant for the renovation work and well underway with the construction. This laboratory is key to ensuring healthy marine waters to support recreational use of our beaches and a thriving commercial fishing industry.”
- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
  - “I believe in expanding land banks in the Town of Hempstead and preserving the green space available to us in the town.”
- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
  - In 2018, we began working with a green energy firm to work toward making the Town of Hempstead more energy-efficient for all its residents, including those in lower income areas.”
  - “I put forth a resolution, which was adopted by the Town Board, committing to the Climate Smart Communities Pledge to make efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”
  - “We applied for and were recently awarded a NYS grant for our Energy and Sustainability Master Plan, which will become our roadmap for reducing GHG emissions, increasing use of renewable energy sources and develop “green” purchasing practices.”
- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
  - “I am proud of the work we have done in the Town of Hempstead to support green streets initiatives. Last year, we became recognized as a ‘Tree City’ and held the Town’s first Arbor Day event, including a tree planting. We have applied for several grants to undertake a town-wide tree inventory, develop a tree master plan and for the purchase/planting of trees.”
  - “During 2018 we applied for and received a \$250,000 state grant to modernize the Point Lookout hydrogen-fueling station so the Town of Hempstead can stay on the cutting edge of the clean energy boom.”
  - “This year (2019) work has commenced on a significant contract (approx. \$1.3M) to

upgrade existing facility and park lighting to LED.”

- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Waste**, the candidate responded:
  - We have recently initiated a review of the materials that comprise our recycling streams to ensure we are collecting appropriate recyclables and limiting contaminants that reduce the marketability of the recycled materials.”
- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Water Quality and Aquifer Protection**, the candidate responded:
  - “Improving water quality in the Town of Hempstead is one of my top priorities. We have received a NYS grant to replace lead pipes in order to remove any potential risks well before they can become an issue.”
  - “Our office has worked with homeowners and public agencies to promote sustainable management practices that increase water quality.”
  - “In advance of pending State regulations for 1,4 dioxane, we have proactively begun the planning phase for water treatment systems and applied for several NYS grants for the design and construction of the treatment systems.”
- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Natural Resource Protection**, the candidate responded:
  - “I support measures that reduce the use of single-use bags and our office has worked with local businesses to promote re-usable bags.”
  - “Over the course of my year and a half as Town Supervisor, we have secured several grants to study, protect and rehabilitate the Town’s natural resources, including grants to expanding the existing shellfish hatchery, undertake a program to create new living reefs, and implement a project to restore lost marshlands.”
- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Farms and Local Food**, the candidate responded:
  - “I support measures from the Department of Agriculture designed to create more farmers markets throughout the Town of Hempstead, specifically in food deserts”