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2019 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.

Here are a few guidelines:

- ☒ Questionnaires are due **Friday, May 3, 2019**
 - The completed questionnaire is mandatory for endorsement consideration and must be submitted via e-mail as a Microsoft Word file to: politics@nylcv.org
 - Questions or extension requests may be directed to Joshua Klainberg (jklainberg@nylcv.org)
- ☒ To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2018-19 Long Island Policy Agenda](#)
- ☒ After receipt of the completed questionnaire, candidates may be invited to participate in a formal interview with our Chapter Board
- ☒ All candidate endorsements will be made by the state board by July 24, 2019.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

I am very proud of having received the endorsement of the league for the past elections. As a former Town Councilwoman and now as County Legislator my record has always been a truly pro environmental record. From supporting the purchasing of environmental properties and preserving open space with the Town of Oyster Bay Save Environmental Assets Fund to my work as a County Legislator fighting for the Clean-Up of the Navy Grumman Plume in my district in Bethpage, approving the purchase of open space, improving our waterways through the improvements to both Cedar Creek and Bay Park Wastewater Treatment Plants, I have always been proud of my work. From the De-nitrification of the Bay Park Plant, the connection of the Zack's Bay in Jones Beach outfall to the Cedar Creek outfall, I am proud of what we have accomplished. But more is yet to be done. I support the connection of Long Beach Waste Water Facility to Bay Park, the continued clean-up of other contaminated sites and will always lend my vote to the environment.

ISSUES

Please indicate your level of commitment to, and if applicable your recent personal and professional activity with respect to the following issues:

(To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2018-19 Long Island Policy Agenda](#) when formulating your responses.)

2. Sustainable & Transit-Oriented Development

I am proud to support the recent developments in downtown Farmingdale (which is in my district) that has led to a rebirth of the Village of Farmingdale. I support the third track to move more people by train throughout the main line. As a Hicksville resident I look forward to continue working with many to again support increased TOD in our community. I have fully supported our NICE Bus System, which now operates a fleet of buses that run on Compressed Natural Gas. Approved funds for the creation of pedestrian and bicycle paths throughout Nassau County, and Support/Adopted Nassau County's Complete Street Policy.

3. Public Health

As Chairwoman of the Social Services and Health Committee in the Legislature I have great value for increasing public health. From expanding and building upon our parks and recreational facilities to working with our Non for Profit Land Trusts I am again proud of the work we have done. Working with Cornell Cooperative and the Nassau Land Trust much more can be accomplished. I have approved funding for our Integrated Mosquito Management Program to provide environmentally conscious use of pesticides.

4. Open Space Preservation

As both a Town Board Member and Legislator I have always advocated and supported the votes and funding for open space. This valuable asset has been reduced to levels non-sustainable and we must continue to do more whenever possible. Nassau County manages over 3000 acres of preserves. I enjoy working with our local Civic Groups, Organizations and residents on clean-up days and outing in these beautiful areas. I am 100% committed.

5. Energy

I am proud of the work that has been accomplished with energy use in the county during my tenure. From the installation of solar panels on county buildings, to replacing every traffic light in Nassau County with LED Fixtures, to replacing all the lighting at the Nassau County Correctional Facility with high efficiency lighting much has been done. I support Green Building and LEED Standards in all County Buildings. I am supportive of Wind Energy. I have also worked with Fire Departments in my district on CRP projects to install LED lighting in their buildings.

6. Sustainable Public Asset Management

Government must be a leader in managing our environment. I was always honored by the naming of the Town as Tree City USA. Planting of trees, converting fleet to clean energy vehicles, from creating waste to energy facilities from our sewer treatment plants there are several ways government can do more. I look forward to working on these projects in the coming term.

7. Waste

Having suffered severe issues with our recycling efforts more must be done. We recycle too little. Turning food waste to energy is a much needed program. Developing ways to better reduce our hauling to landfills must be a priority. I support a complete revision of our recycling and municipal solid waste disposal program. Education is also critical. We must begin by educating our youth immediately.

8. Water Quality and Aquifer Protection

Having the issue with Bethpage Water District and the Navy Grumman Plume I have learned first-hand the importance of Water Quality. Much more must be done. We must continue to litigate and go after those who have polluted our ground water. We must fight to assure our fair share. Increase testing, reduce nitrogen into our water ways, assure that the aqueduct along Sunrise Highway will become the pipeline from Bay Park to Cedar Creek, assisting in the betterment of the Western Bays are just some of the projects I supported funding for since Hurricane Sandy, on top of the immediate De-nitrification efforts.

9. Natural Resource Protection

I will continue my support of Local Water Revitalization Programs to improve local streams and ponds within our great region. We must continue to deliver dollars to test and assure we are not over building near these tremendous assets.

10. Farms and Local Food

I look forward to working with our local farms and food producers in our area. The need to preserve the land in Suffolk County is tremendous. I look forward to working with my fellow elected officials to improve and enhance farming here on the Island.