Steve Flotteron (R)
Suffolk County Legislature: 11th District
Incumbent (Elected in 2017)
Endorsed in 2017

Leadership/Committee Membership:
- Education & Human Services Committee: Member
- Public Safety Committee: Member
- Seniors and Consumer Protection Committee: Member
- Veterans Committee: Member

Professional Background/Education:
- Served as President of the Code Enforcement Committee and later Vice President of the Bay Shore Summit Council for 10 years
- Elected as Councilman for the Town of Islip in 2005 - served for 12 years
- Received the Central Islip Distinguished Citizen Award

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:
  - “As Islip Town Councilman, I initiated efforts that resulted in the first pump out boat for the Great South Bay boating community. I was an active participant of the Islip Town Environmental Committee (ITEC). In that capacity, I led the effort to label our storm drains with medallions educating the public not to pour pollutants in them as it all leads to the bay.”
  - “I am a supporter and active participant of Keep Islip Clean (KIC), an organization of which my children were junior commissioners. I have sponsored numerous clean up and gardening days throughout the town, such as Brookwood Hall, West Islip Beach and Sagtikos Manor County Park. I have lobbied for and been a zealous advocate for sewers in the unsewered communities of the Town of Islip and personally leading the efforts with Citizens Campaign for the environment for Fire Island study.”
  - “I have supported and helped to expand the Town of Islip's clam and oyster hatcheries and aqua farming leases. I led the effort to create an educational video for our public access channel to advocate the importance of recycling and to educate about our resources at the town compost facility and our STOP Day (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants).”

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 have been one of the leaders in the Town of Islip pushing these efforts. Bay Shore
has become a model community for sustainable and transit-oriented development and has proved what a good effect this can have on the local economy. I have been honored to receive two awards individually and others as a group from Vision Long Island recognizing my efforts in this area. I will continue to be a zealous advocate for Smart Growth in the county.”

- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Public Health**, the candidate responded:
  - “I am supportive to 1) encourage the adoption of cleaner alternatives to home heating oil including natural gas and electric heat. 2) adopt integrated pest management plans for public owned properties. 3) create pocket parks, community gardens, urban farms. 4) electric vehicles and buses.”

- In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Open Space Preservation**, the candidate responded:
  - “At the Town of Islip, using just this type of strategy, we were able to successfully negotiate the rezoning of the former LaSalle Academy property from sprawl zoning to cluster zoning and thereby protected open space and wetlands. Through my efforts, the town received the land from the county and we were able to develop a pocket park in the former blighted area of Redington and Brook Avenue in Bay Shore. I have and will continue these common sense, beneficial to all efforts in county government.”

- In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Energy**, the candidate responded:
  - “I helped to pass town zoning legislation that enabled a developer to receive increased residential density on an application if that developer could demonstrate that he was making the project energy efficient. I will continue to look to implement common sense solutions like this that helps to make us more energy efficient while not costing the taxpayers a dime.”

- In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Sustainable Public Asset Management**, the candidate responded:
  - “I enthusiastically support common sense measures that would go a long way in protecting our natural resources for future generations through reasonable and sustainable public access management plans. At the Town of Islip's yearly Earth Day event, our emphasis was on educating the public about simple measures they could do to protect the environment from earth friendly vendors, demonstrations and educational workshops. Since I have been at the County I have supported legislation to do away with non biodegradable food packaging and plastic straws.”

- In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Waste**, the candidate responded:
  - “Sustainable waste management can protect the environment. I am very proud of my record when I served on the Islip Town Board. One of the few towns that separates it's WRAP program and resisted going to single stream. The Islip Town facility had
contracts with multiple other towns taking their recyclables to process.”

- In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Water Quality and Aquifer Protection**, the candidate responded:
  - “Protecting the aquifer and the quality of our drinking water has to be a top priority for anyone in government. I actively worked on securing grants and many projects in the Town such as: the Greene's Creek Watershed in West Sayville, Great Cove in Bay Shore, tree planting programs (which I assisted on starting in the Town), storm drain sponges and rain gardens in planning designs. Again, I will continue to work with public and private partnerships to insure the most effective efforts are made to protect water quality.”

- In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Natural Resource Protection**, the candidate responded:
  - “Most of my many efforts to protect the quality of our air, water and land have been covered in the preceding questions. I can only repeat here that I will continue this commitment, in whatever capacity that I serve, to ensure the protection of our natural resources for the benefit of those here today and for future generations.”

- In response to Question 10, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to **Farms and Local Food**, the candidate responded:
  - “When at the Town of Islip, we leased some unused land in East Islip to Organics Today which is a small organic farm specializing in organic heirloom tomatoes, organically grown fruit and vegetables, raw honey and locally grown eggs. We also started and expanded bay bottom leases for clam and oyster farming. Since being at the County we recently approved farmland protection in the Western part of the County at the new farm at the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brentwood. There are many more common sense (no tax) measures we can employ on a county level to encourage stores and restaurants to offer more "farm to table” choices for consumers.”