



**Thomas Cilmi (R)**

Suffolk County Legislature, District 10  
Incumbent (Elected in 2009)  
Endorsed in 2017

Leadership/Committee Membership:

- Budget & Finance - Member
- Environment Planning & Agriculture - Member
- Public Works, Transportation & Energy - Member

Professional Background/Education:

- Chaired a Task Force on Substance Abuse
- Board Member of the Suffolk County Land Bank
- Elected to the Legislature (2009), Serving his 5th term
- Former President of the Islip Chamber of Commerce
- Formerly owner and operator of a small commercial printing company
- B.S in Business Administration, New York Institute of Technology (1986)

**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:
  - “Supported numerous environmentally-focused capital projects totaling millions of dollars.”
  - “Supported grant/loan program for advanced septic systems. Held community meetings to promote the County’s Septic Improvement Program.”
  - “Supported numerous open space purchases and investments in sewer infrastructure, including hosting informational meetings regarding proposed Great River Sewer project.”
  - “Active supporter of Seatuck Environmental Association and Friends of Connetquot State Park. Supporter of Great South Bay Audubon Society.”
  - “Supported a variety of water quality projects.”
  - “Founding board member of the Suffolk County Land Bank Corporation which is focused on addressing brownfield properties throughout Suffolk County.”
  - “Supported legislation to require 5 cent charges on plastic and paper bags to encourage the use of reusable bags.”
  - “Supported legislation reducing single use plastics including packaging and straws.”

**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:
  - “Have supported public investment in transit-oriented developments in Ronkonkoma,

- Wyandanch and elsewhere.”
- “Working with the Ronkonkoma Civic Association to fully explore the use of land on the South side of the Ronkonkoma RR Station.”
- In response to Question 3, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Public Health***, the candidate responded:
    - “In my role on the Suffolk County Land Bank, I am working to ensure that the Health Department is actively investigating alleged brownfield sites, funding phase 1 and phase 2 environmental site assessments and working with developers to remediate contaminated properties.”
    - “Working with the Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board to investigate and improve water quality issues in Lake Ronkonkoma.”
  - In response to Question 4, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Open Space Preservation***, the candidate responded:
    - “Continue to support open space acquisitions across the County.”
  - In response to Question 5, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Energy***, the candidate responded:
    - “Sponsored legislation requiring the County to investigate potential County-owned sites for solar arrays.”
    - “Support the development of off-shore wind.”
    - “Working with Land Bank and non-profits to redevelop zombie homes using renewable energy sources.”
  - In response to Question 6, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Sustainable Public Asset Management***, the candidate responded:
    - “Support spending on energy efficiency assessments and improvements in County buildings.”
    - “Support private stewardship of County parks such as the Suffolk County Environmental Center operated by Seatuck. Support their programming publicly and privately.”
  - In response to Question 7, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Waste***, the candidate responded:
    - “Supported 5 cent bag fee for single use bags as well as legislation to reduce the use of plastic packaging and virtually eliminate the use of plastic straws.”
  - In response to Question 8, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to ***Water Quality and Aquifer Protection***, the candidate responded:
    - “Support LINAP as well as LICAP. Active participant with a bi-county group of interested parties assembled by Karen Blumer and Sarah Meyland to discuss ways to improve investment and management of aquifer resources.”
  - In response to Question 9, which asks the candidate to indicate their level of commitment to

*Natural Resource Protection*, the candidate responded:

- o “Investigating and addressing the growth of invasive plant species in Lake Ronkonkoma.”
- 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 preservation of farmland, and cooperative agreements with not for profits like the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood who, with County help, is working with Island Harvest and a number of farmers to educate and promote the use of locally grown produce.”