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2021 Environmental Questionnaire for Long Island Candidates

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the New York League of Conservation Voters Questionnaire.

To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please consult [NYLCV's 2021 Long Island Policy Agenda](#) when answering the questions.

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 the 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, April 30, 2021**
- 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)
- After receipt of the completed questionnaire, candidates will be invited to participate in a formal interview with a local Chapter Board.
- General election endorsements will be made by the NYLCV State Board on July 29, 2021.

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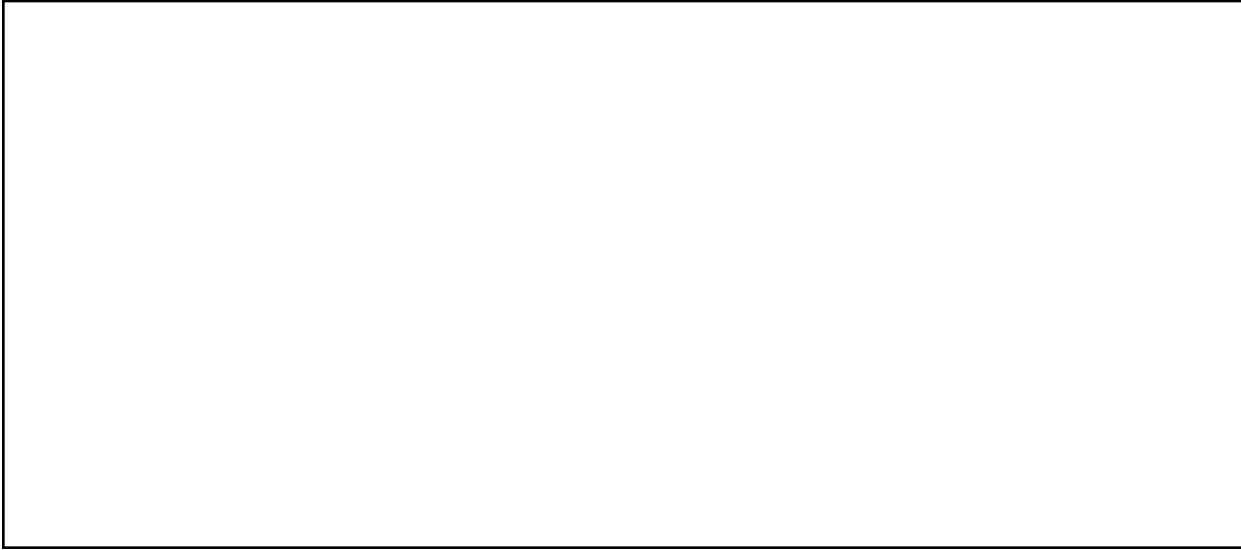
1. Please share your accomplishments or experiences that indicate your commitment to advancing a pro-environment agenda. These experiences may be professional or personal.

I am a 4th generation farmer from Cutchogue. Raising food and working the land develops a great respect for Mother Nature. I served as Southold Town Trustee from 1985 to 2004, Southold Town Board from 2005 to 2013, and have since represented the 1st district. As a Trustee, I protected the wetlands and shoreline from over development, while preserving public access to our beaches and marshes.

As a Town board member, I passed a drainage code, which prevents upland runoff from carrying nutrients and pathogens into our surface waters, as well as recharging our aquifer.

My personal commitment is based on leaving the north fork a better place for my children and grandchildren.





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Each year, NYLCV works closely with New York’s leading environmental, public health, conservation, energy, environmental justice, and transportation organizations to identify the most pressing priorities on fighting climate change, conserving land and water, and protecting public health. These issues drive NYLCV’s advocacy work throughout the legislative session, influence the bills we select for NYLCV’s Environmental Scorecards, and informs the decision on the candidates we choose to endorse. To ensure your responses are in alignment with the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV’s 2021 Long Island Policy Agenda](#) when formulating your responses.

Please indicate your level of commitment to, and if applicable your recent personal and professional activity concerning, all the policy priorities of our partners per the following issues:

Combating Climate Change

The time to act on climate is now. We must make radical changes in short order to avoid catastrophic climate change. New York’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act will require action at all levels of government to achieve its ambitious goal of reducing economy wide emissions 85% by 2050 and achieving 70% renewable energy by 2030. By allocating resources wisely, local governments can have a significant impact on energy use and the environment. Localities must also adapt to a changing climate and include resiliency planning in all aspects of future governance.

2.

I support the local wind farms, as well as the solar farms on industrial zoned land. We need NYS building codes to require commercial builds built to a standard to allow for rooftop solar. We need to design parking lots to accommodate ground mount solar. I worked on and supported a town-wide wind code, allowing windmills on parcels over 7 acres for agricultural use. Five of these have been installed to date, helping the ag operations, and providing an example for the public of what renewable energy “looks like”.



As chair of the Public Works, transportation and energy committee, I have supported and encouraged energy conservation projects and investments at county buildings, reducing our energy footprint and saving taxpayers money in energy and maintenance costs.

3. Transportation (p. 6)

I have worked with S.C.DPW on bus types and design, to ensure rider safety and comfort. Currently participating in the Reimagine Suffolk effort, to address public transportation needs in the face of steadily declining ridership. The SCAT system continues to be in demand as some people have limited transportation options.

4. Resiliency (p. 6 - 7)

In 2019, I sponsored and passed a law requiring SC DPW to take sea level rise into account on roadwork projects.

I formed a Sea level rise/coastal erosion task force, with representatives of the Towns and villages and NYS DEC, to attempt to have a consistent approach to permitting wetland and coastal erosion applications to help the landowner, and have no negative impacts on adjacent shoreline, neighbors, beaches and nearshore areas.

And find a consistent regional approach to spend public funds on raising/armoring public infrastructure to be ahead of sea-level rise and coastal storm events.

5. Solid Waste (p. 7)

Worked with Drawdown East and NYS DEC to facilitate a food waste compost project with the town of Southold.

Protecting People and Natural Resources

All New Yorkers deserve indoor and outdoor environments that are free of contamination and pollution.

6. Clean Water (p. 8 - 9)



I have worked with SC planning, Health dept and DPW on Art 19 of the Health code allowing for the piloting, testing and permitting of alternative septic systems. Worked with the same task force, composed also of a wide range of community and municipalities on Art 5 & 6 changes to further refine how and when to use these systems. Encourage the use of shallow drain fields in the septic system with grants, which not only polish out the nutrients but use the bio-dynamic nature of the soil to break down personal care products, pharmaceuticals and cleaners, that all go down the drain.

Worked with Cornell Cooperative Extension, who runs the county Ms4 program and SC DPW to coordinate efforts on all road drainage projects, to both comply with the State program and improve water quality.

Attended and participated for 9 years in the Calverton RAB, tracking the Navy's efforts to mitigate historic groundwater contamination.

7. Sustainable Development (p. 9)

As part of LICAP water conservation sub-group, I worked on policy to reduce residential irrigation which stresses both the public water supply systems and the aquifer at the same time. There is still a lot to be done to make development and land use compatible with the water resource.

8. Parks and Open Spaces (p.11)

Successfully fought a bill in 2020 that would have diverted dedicated funding from land preservation into the general fund.

Worked with SC Parks on health and safety measures during the pandemic and 2021 to insure our parkland is accessible to all county residents. Working with a POA and the Parks department to enhance safety and improve access to Moriches Bay.

9. Farms and Local Food (p. 11)

As a farmer I am very concerned with Food production and food security in our county and country.

We need to concentrate efforts on farmland preservation. Once our fertile productive soils are preserved, it will provide an opportunity for the next generation to keep it productive.

Most people agree that climate change in the Northeast will result in warmer falls and adequate rainfall. It is critical to preserve as much farmland as we can now, before it is paved over, providing an opportunity for the following generations.