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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](mailto:politics@nylcv.org)
- Questions or extension requests may be directed to Joshua Klainberg ([ijklainberg@nylcv.org](mailto:ijklainberg@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.

## CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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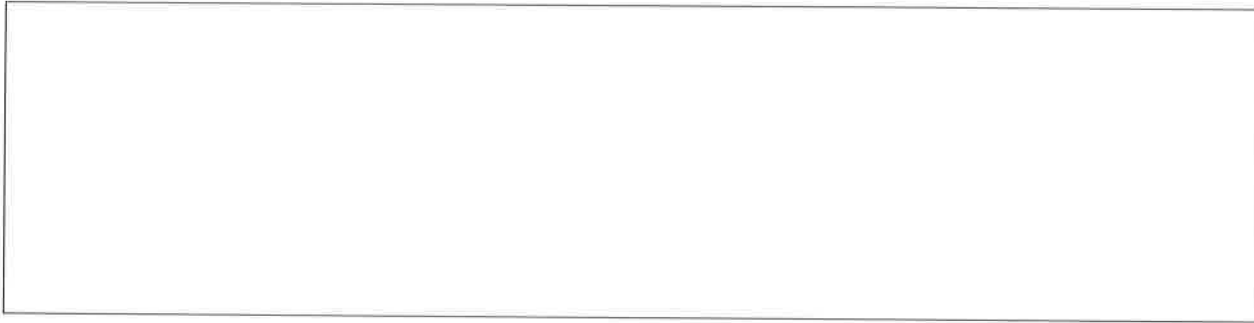
## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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 spearheaded legislation in Nassau County to include the strategic planning of environmental infrastructure projects such as solar power development and the introduction of an electric vehicle fleet and charging stations throughout Nassau County. Personally, I have residential solar panels installed on my home and have purchased a hybrid vehicle.**

**I am honored to have received the endorsement from the League of Conservation voters in my past runs and hope that both my personal and professional accomplishments earn that support once again in 2021.**





## ISSUES

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. Energy (p. 5)

Environmental Planning: Spearheaded and drafted legislation which was passed unanimously to amend Nassau County's capital planning process to include the strategic planning of environmental infrastructure projects such as solar power development and the introduction of an electric vehicle fleet and charging stations throughout Nassau County.

#### 3. Transportation (p. 6)

Supported the creation and support the operation of the NICE bus system to preserve needed bus service in Nassau County. The NICE bus system was established in direct response to the



MTA's plan to cut Nassau County routes by 50% and raise the annual cost of operation by \$30M.

NICE now operates a fleet of buses that run on Compressed Natural Gas, minimizing its carbon footprint while providing vital transportation services throughout Nassau County.

Restored millions in funds to provide for the continued operation of the Nassau County's bus system in 2021.

Lobbied New York State for additional funds for Nassau County's transportation infrastructure.

Approved capital funding and contracts for the creation of pedestrian and bicycle pathways throughout Nassau County.

Adopted/Support Nassau County's Complete Streets Policy initiative to consider all users of roadways including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders in planning and designing of new and current roadways.

Approved grant funding for transit oriented development for projects throughout Nassau County.

#### 4. Resiliency (p. 6 - 7)

Supported funding and legislation for the Bay Park Conveyance Project. The partnership between Nassau County and New York State will allow for the construction of infrastructure and piping to send treated effluent from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant to an existing ocean outfall pipe located at the Cedar Creek Sewage Treatment Plant. The project will dramatically improve the water quality of the Western Bays by eliminating the discharge of treated wastewater effluent into Reynolds Channel.

By restoring the health of the Western Bays, this project will restore tidal wetlands, enhancing the environmental conditions for aquatic and wildlife and providing greater protection against flooding from adverse weather events.

#### 5. Solid Waste (p. 7)

Work with the Town of Hempstead, Oyster Bay, and North Hempstead and sanitation districts to promote the responsible disposal of Hazardous Household Waste and electronic waste to maximize the safe, environmentally sound disposal of the many hazardous materials found in the average home.



Banned Styrofoam Containers and created a special revenue fund for the cleanup of Nassau County properties.

Sponsored parks, beach, pond cleanups and Levittown cleanup on Earth Day.

### 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)

Lobbied NYS and the federal government for funding and approved easements for the construction of remedial systems and cleanup of groundwater contamination including an easement to the US Navy for the cleanup of contaminated groundwater in Bethpage. This action will allow the Navy to install groundwater remediation systems that will help contain and cleanup the toxic plume emanating from the former Navy Facility at Grumman. Additional easements were granted to the Port Washington Water District for groundwater contamination impacting local public water supplies.

Authorized the creation and funding of the Long Island Commission on Aquifer Protection, a bi-County commission in partnership with Suffolk County with the goal of proactively identifying threats to Long Island's drinking water and to advance a coordinated, regional approach to the protection of Long Island's sole source aquifer. The LICAP hosts a GIS water quality mapping system known as WaterTraQ to allow local governments, water suppliers and the public to track threats to our water supply.

Passed Legislation to require annual public reporting on Nassau County's groundwater and public water supplies. This report will bring together data and analysis on Nassau County's groundwater resources from every level of government, including assessments of the sustainability of Nassau's groundwater, identified contaminants, and treatment systems utilized to combat such contamination.

#### 7. Sustainable Development (p. 9)

Voted to provide funding for the planting of trees on County rights of way, parks and County facilities.



Voted to Establish the Commercial Property Sustainable Energy Loan Program to provide financing to local businesses to fund renewable energy systems and energy conserving enhancements at such businesses.

Voted to adopt New York State's Climate Smart Communities Pledge: This legislation commits the County towards a path of sustainability, including the lowering of greenhouse emissions, climate smart land use and the preservation of open spaces, decreasing energy usage and the conversion to renewable energy sources, the reuse and recycling of materials, the enhancement of community resilience to the impacts of climate change, and the evaluation of Nassau County's transportation infrastructure.

#### 8. Parks and Open Spaces (p.11)

##### Local Law 14-2018: A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY TO REQUIRE PUBLIC ACCESS TO ALL ACTIVE PARKLAND AND OPEN SPACE IN NASSAU COUNTY

- I voted to approve Capital Plan spending of \$5M to support this important initiative.
- Nassau county Manages over 3000 acres of preserves
- Nassau County, through its Environmental Bond Act, purchased hundreds of acres of open space.
- Passed Legislation to require all active parkland and open space owned or operated by Nassau County to be open and accessible to all County residents, with appropriate parking facilities and points of ingress and egress. Pursuant to this Legislation, signage will be placed to identify all open space and active parkland and the County and the County website will be updated to provide the public with information about each location.
- The Department of Public Works is to prepare an annual report providing details as to all open space and active parkland owned and operated by Nassau County including accessibility information and a description of the wildlife and plant life that may be found at such properties.

#### 9. Farms and Local Food (p. 11)



Partnered with/support the County's partnership and funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide programing and educational resources to the public regarding farming, nutrition and sustainable practices for home gardens. Cornell Cooperative Extension operates a farm stand at the East Meadow Farm offering locally grown produce.

