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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 ([jklainberg@nylcv.org](mailto: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.

## 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.

**Asa County Legislator I have been supportive of all environmental issues. From brokering compromise Legislation on plastic bag fees, banning plastic straws and Styrofoam packaging. I also supported purchase of hybrid vehicles for the county fleet and buses. Additionally, I am a big supporter of expanding sewer districts to limit nitrates in our surface and ground waters.**

**I continue to say our lakes, streams, waterways and beaches don't belong to us, we are only borrowing them from our Grandchildren so we need to make them last.**

## 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)

As a County Legislator I long advocated for offshore wind projects. Additionally, I supported energy conservation improvements and standards in County Buildings.

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

I have supported the purchase of hybrid vehicles in the County Bus, truck and car fleet. I am an advocate for walkable downtowns which promotes less use of cars. I am also supportive of the expansion of County Bike trails.

4. Resiliency (p. 6 - 7)

I continue to support coastal resiliency efforts. As Deputy Mayor of Lindenhurst during the impact and aftermath of Superstorm Sandy I understand the importance of coastal resiliency. I have supported coastal resiliency efforts including natural buffers and shore line hardening where needed.

5. Solid Waste (p. 7)

In my over 30 years in Local and County Government I long supported recycling and composting efforts. I recently approved access to the County Sewer plant to assist food recycling efforts.

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)

The Bergen Point Sewer Plant is in the heart of my district. I have supported the expansion of this plant to allow for wastewater from outside the sewer district. Most recently I supported the expansion to unsewered areas with no connection fees to the expanded district as far away as Oakdale and Sayville. I supported the Suffolk County Water District fee increases to aid in the elimination of contaminants in our drinking water. I also support the creation of new sewer districts in other parts of the County. Work with Save the Great South Bay to promote and participate in waterway clean ups,

7. Sustainable Development (p. 9)

I continue to support with County Dollars the development of walkable downtowns. As Deputy Mayor in Lindenhurst I began the process of developing an industrial area in the downtown into 261 units of housing, scheduled to open this Month. I also secured a grant for a walkability study in Lindenhurst to foster more walkability in the Village, I supported these

projects throughout the county. I work closely with Vision LT and the Main Street alliance to continually support these projects.

8. Parks and Open Spaces (p.11)

I continue to support the purchase of open spaces and the expansion of our park system on all levels.

9. Farms and Local Food (p. 11)

I have long supported the expansion of Agriculture Districts and Local farmer markets. Farming is an important part of our local economy.