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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.

**While serving in Government , I initiated efforts that resulted in the first pump out boat for Islip in the Great South Bay boating community. I was an active participant of the Islip Town Environmental Committee (ITEC), leading the effort to label our storm drains with medallions in 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 communities without them in the Town of Islip, and personally led the effort with Citizens Campaign for the Environment for a Fire Island waste water management plan study. This past year, I put forward Resolution 1575 to obtain funding for that study. I have supported and helped to expand the Town of Islip's clam and oyster hatcheries and aqua farming leases. I**



**actively supported and secured approval for the bay bottom leases for aquaculture in the Peconic Bay. I led the effort to create an educational video for our public access channel to advocate the importance of recycling and to educate residents of our resources at the town compost facility and our STOP Day (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants).**

## 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)



**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 they were making the project energy efficient by being LEAD Certified. I strongly supported Suffolk Community College with the partnership between Orsted and New York State to train and educate students to build, install, and repair solar panels here in Suffolk County. I will continue to look to implement common sense solutions like this that helps to make us more energy efficient with no extra cost to the taxpayers.**

3. Transportation (p. 6)

**While at the Town of Islip, I spearheaded and approved multiple Transit Oriented Development projects in Bay Shore and throughout the town. I won multiple awards from Vision Long Island for my efforts in these projects. As a Suffolk County Legislator, I fought against budget cuts to Suffolk County bus routes. I also facilitated a donation of bicycles to the Suffolk County Police Department for their patrols.**

4. Resiliency (p. 6 - 7)

**I am actively working with Seatuck to restore Penataquit Creek which has included removing invasive species of plants and replacing them with native plantings. I have also assisted on a similar project with Save the Great South Bay for Sampawams Creek.**

5. Solid Waste (p. 7)

**Sustainable waste management can protect the environment. I am immensely proud of my record when I served on the Islip Town Board, one of the few towns that separates its WRAP and resisted going to single stream. The Islip facility had contracts with multiple other towns taking their recyclables to process. Since joining the Suffolk County Legislature, I have continued to host Earth Day events and other clean the stream events to continue to educate and foster partners to adopt areas for continued maintenance. I have supported legislation to do away with non-biodegradable food packaging and plastic straws.**

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)

**Protecting the aquifer and the quality of our drinking water must be a top priority for anyone in government. I have secured several grants and worked on, or supported numerous projects such as the Greene's Creek Watershed in West Sayville and Great Cove in Bay Shore. There have been tree planting programs which I assisted on starting in the Town as well as storm drain sponges and rain gardens in planning designs. As a Legislator, I have been working very closely with Seatuck for the Penataquit Creek restoration as well as Save the Great South Bay organization on cleanup efforts on Sampawams Creek.**

7. Sustainable Development (p. 9)

**During my time in Government, I have advocated for sustainable development. Bay Shore has become a model community for sustainable and transit-oriented development and proved what a good effect this can have on the local economy. Recently I assisted on garnering approval from Suffolk County, for assistance to build a 418-unit smart growth transit-oriented development at the former Touro School of Health Sciences property in downtown Bay Shore.**

8. Parks and Open Spaces (p.11)

**When I was in the Town of Islip, using open space preservation, we were able to successfully negotiate the rezoning of the former LaSalle Academy property from sprawl zoning to cluster zoning and thereby protecting open space and wetlands. Through my efforts, the town received 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. As a Suffolk County Legislator, I have voted consistently to purchase open spaces to add to our inventory of protecting our fragile ecosystem.**

9. Farms and Local Food (p. 11)

**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. More recently, I strongly supported and advocated for the approval of the Peconic Bay- bay bottom lease agreement. I am also an adamant supporter of County farmland preservation in all of Suffolk County.**