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## NEWS RELEASE

### ENVIRONMENTALISTS ENDORSE CANDIDATES

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The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum has announced the 11 candidates they've endorsed for election this November.

"For the more than 80 percent of Long Islanders who identify themselves as environmentalists, the choice is clear," said environmentalist Richard Amper, president of the Environmental Voters Forum.

For Congress the Voters Forum endorsed Democrat Perry Gershon over Republican incumbent Lee Zeldin. "Everyone knows that Zeldin's environmental role is indistinguishable from that of President Trump," said LIEVF Executive Director, David Reisfield, "It doesn't get any worse than that," Reisfield added, "Gershon knows the environment is very important to the residents of the First Congressional District on the East End and Brookhaven Town." LIEVF also endorsed incumbent Tom Suozzi in the Third Congressional District. Reisfield said, "Suozzi has made the environment a priority in every office in which he has ever served."

LIEVF endorsed two-term incumbent Andrew Cuomo for re-election as Governor. "There was no contest here, Amper said. "Governor Cuomo has become a leader in environmental protection nationwide," he added.

The Voters Forum is supporting Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy for re-election in his contest with Southampton Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. "Jack Kennedy has merged concern about both the economy and environment," Amper said, "Schneiderman has shown leadership in neither of these critical areas."

For New York State Senate, the environmental group endorsed Republican Ken LaValle in the First District and Democrat Todd Kaminsky in the Ninth and John Brooks in the Eighth.

LIEVF embraced challenger Jim Gaughran in the fifth Senate district against incumbent Senator Carl

Marcellino. "This is one of our highest priority endorsements," Amper said. We will be actively working on his campaign because this district and Long Island's economic and environmental interests need Jim Gaughran in the New York State Senate.

Assembly members endorsed by the environmental group include Fred Thiele, Steve Englebright, Christine Pellegrino and Charles Lavine.

The Long island Environmental Voters Forum is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization created to identify, recruit, endorse, support, train and actively campaign for pro-environmental candidates for public office.