

GREEN GROUP ENDORSES CANDIDATES

No Endorsement In County Executive Race

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The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum has made endorsements in only a handful of the races for the Suffolk County Legislature and no endorsement at all in the Suffolk County Executive race. LIEVF has also made endorsements in several town supervisor and council elections.

The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum endorsed neither candidate for Suffolk County Executive. Incumbent Steve Bellone supported Steve Levy's raid of Suffolk's Drinking Water Protection Program and has done little to provide a dedicated fund for clean water. Challenger John Kennedy sent 1099s to both homeowners and installers of nitrogen protecting septic systems and criticized the clean water proposal. "You'll need to select your candidate for Suffolk County Executive on the basis of something other than environmental record. Neither candidate is an environmentalist." declares Voters Forum chairman Richard Amper.

For Suffolk County Legislature, LIEVF only made endorsements in five of the races. Legislators Al Krupski, Sara Anker, Robert Calarco and Susan Berland were singled out for their work on the environment and water quality. Amper states that: "Legislator Krupski has become an environmental leader and a great public servant to his North Fork constituents." He goes on to note that Legislator Sara Anker: "...has made the environment a priority for many years." Rounding out the legislature endorsements is challenger David Bligh in district 4. An environmental engineer, he shows great promise to support the environment in a district severely lacking in environmental leadership.

In Brookhaven, the Environmental Voters Forum once again gave its endorsement to Supervisor Ed Romaine. "A true environmentalist and a stalwart for water quality for both Brookhaven and Long Island." asserts Voters Forum executive-director David Reisfield. LIEVF also endorsed Council members Valerie Cartright, Jane Bonner and Michael Loguercio. The mix of political parties that the Voters Forum has endorsed in Brookhaven and throughout Suffolk shows that the environment is not a partisan issue.

In the Town of Huntington, the Voters Forum made a single endorsement. Council member Joan Cergol was endorsed for re-election. David Reisfield

observed: "Councilwoman Cergol is a forward-thinking and astute steward who understands how to balance environmentalism and economic development in such a way to ensure progress and prosperity of both disciplines."

The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum is a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization created to identify, recruit, endorse and support pro-environment candidates for public office.