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ENVIRONMENTALISTS ANNOUNCE ENDORSEMENTS L.I. Environmental Voters Forum Makes Picks

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The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum has announced its endorsements for the 2005 General Election. The Island-based environmental political action committee endorsed one County Executive Candidate, nine candidates for Town Supervisor, 15 candidates for county legislature and 7 candidates for Town Councils.

In Nassau the Environmental Voters Forum endorsed Thomas Suozzi for County Executive and incumbent Supervisors Jonathon Kaiman in North Hempstead, Kate Murray in Hempstead and John Venditto in Oyster Bay. The Voters Forum endorsed Democratic County Legislative candidates Lisanne Altmann, David Denenberg, David Mejias and Presiding Officer Judy Jacobs as well as Republicans Norma Gonsalves and Edward Mangano. In the 18th Legislative District, LIEVF awarded dual endorsements to Republican Martha Offerman and Democrat Diane Yatturo, saying that the district's environmental concerns are likely to be advanced by either.

In Suffolk, the Environmental Voters Forum endorsed Frank Petrone of Huntington, Steve Bellone of Babylon, Brian Foley of Brookhaven, Phil Cardinale of Riverhead, Bill McGintee of East Hampton and Alfred Kilb, Jr. of Shelter Island - four Democrats and two Republicans for Town Supervisor. The Voters Forum endorsed eight candidates for the Suffolk County Legislature. They are Edward Romaine, Timothy Motz, Kate Browning, Joseph Michaels, Daniel Losquadro, Frank Gargano, Louis D'Amaro and Jon Cooper.

The Voters Forum selected seven Town Council candidates for endorsement. They are Loewen Bradley and Laurence Penny in East Hampton and in Brookhaven, Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Constance Kepert and Carol Bissonette. In Brookhaven's Second Council District, LIEVF made a dual endorsement of incumbent Republican Kevin McCarrick and his Democratic challenger Lori Baldissare.

"Every candidate claims to be an environmentalist, it's the job of the Voters Forum to tell voters who is the real deal," said LIEVF Nassau Chair Joseph Lorintz. "If elected, the candidates we've endorsed are likely to advance the environment as a priority of government on Long Island," he added. The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization that recruits, endorses and actively works to elect pro-environment candidates for public office.