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## PRESS RELEASE

### ENVIRONMENTALISTS ENDORSE Candidates for National & State Office

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The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum has announced its picks for state and national offices. The Voters forum is a non profit, grassroots organization created to identify, recruit, endorse, support, train and actively campaign for pro-environment candidates for public office.

Our endorsements for Congress include incumbents Timothy Bishop, Steve Israel and Gary Ackerman as well as challenger David Mejias in his race against incumbent Peter King. The Voters Forum has declined to endorse a candidate in the Fourth Congressional District. The race is between incumbent Carolyn McCarthy and challenger Martin Blessinger.

In contests for New York State Senate, the Environmental Voters Forum endorsed Republicans Kenneth LaValle and John Flanagan. The Voters Forum made it a point not to endorse other incumbent State Senators "because of their worst ever record on the environment," said Richard Johannesen, LIEVF Chairman. The State Senate defeated or declined to vote on nearly a dozen major environmental bills approved by the New York State Assembly, this past session. The Environmental Voters Forum is expected to make an endorsement in the State Senate race in the Third Senatorial District – the seat currently held by Caesar Trunzo. Three candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination. They are: James Dahroug, David Ochoa and Ricardo Montano.

Assembly candidates endorsed by the environmentalists include Mark Allesi, Fred Thiele, Patricia Eddington, Steven Englebright, Bill Falk, Phillip Boyle, Andrew Raia, Thomas DiNapoli, Joseph Saladino and Harvey Weisenberg.

The Voters Forum also endorsed Suffolk County Clerk Judith Pascale for election.

The organization will announce its choices for statewide offices following the September 12 primary.