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L.I. Environmental Voters Forum Makes Candidate Picks

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The Long Island Environmental Voters Forum has announced its endorsements for the November Elections. They are intended to aid voters for whom the environment is a priority. The group endorsed Barack Obama for president, four candidates for Congress and 18 candidates for the state legislature.

The Environmental Voters Forum supported the re-election of Long Island House Members Tim Bishop, Steve Israel and Gary Ackerman. The group chose challenger Blair Mathies over incumbent Peter King and made no endorsement in the race between incumbent Carolyn McCarthy in her race against challenger Jack Martins.

The Voters Forum endorsed incumbents Caesar Trunzo, Kenneth LaValle, John Flanagan, Owen Johnson, Charles Fuschillo and Dean Skelos for the State Senate, but supported challenger Mathew Meng who is trying to unseat incumbent, Carl Marcellino. Meng is a former member of the Board of Directors of LIEVF. Marcellino is Chairman of the Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee.

For State Assembly, LIEVF endorsed incumbents Marc Allesi, Fred Thiele, Patricia Eddington, Steven Englebright, Philip Ramos, Robert Sweeney, Joseph Saladino, Charles Lavine, Michelle Schimel, Harvey Weisenberg and Thomas Alfano but declined to make an endorsement in eight other races.

"The candidates the Long Island Environmental Voters Forum endorsed represent the best promise that the environment will be a priority in the federal and state government in the new legislative terms," said LIEVF Chairman Richard Amper. "Most Long Islanders consider themselves environmentalists but their leaders have not always followed suit. These candidates are most likely to be environmental leaders in the years to come."

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-environment candidates for public office.