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2007 Questionnaire for Local Candidate

OVERVIEW

The science on climate change is in: Global warming is happening, and the enormity of the problem requires action at every level of government. Comprehensive solutions for climate change exist, but the years of refusal at the federal level have left the U.S. government behind the curve. Because of this, the real innovation on climate change in this country is happening at the local level. It's the mayors, county executives, and town supervisors in New York who can lead the way on climate change.

By “thinking globally and acting locally,” the New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) is calling upon all candidates for local office to put the issue of climate change at heart of their campaign. Our sister organization, the New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund (NYLCVEF) has compiled a list of actions state and local governments can take to address this important issue with examples of what's been either done or proposed elsewhere in New York State.

Before responding to the questions on this questionnaire, we recommend you review this document.

PROCESS


After receipt of the questionnaire, you will be invited to participate in a formal interview with our local chapter board. The interview will provide you with an opportunity to present your credentials and vision for combating climate change on the local level, elaborate on your questionnaire responses, and respond to questions.

The completed questionnaire and interview are mandatory for endorsement consideration.

NYLCV will endorse and work to elect candidates who can demonstrate a willingness and capacity to advance a comprehensive climate action agenda for their municipality.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

 Please submit questionnaire responses via email to: politics@nylcv.org

 Questions or extension requests may be directed to:
Joshua Klainberg, Political Director (jklainberg@nylcv.org)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide us with the following information:

Candidate Name: *Paul J. Sausville*

District #: *Malta Town Supervisor*

PERSONAL INITIATIVES

1. What have been your most significant achievements to date on environmental issues? *1-Malta has partnered with Saratoga P.L.A.N. for the acquisition of Round Lake Preserve, investing \$360,000 toward preservation of this special place. 2- Malta now requires future municipal buildings to be LEEDs certified. LEEDs criteria are reviewed for private developments as well. 3- Malta has completed hearing on proposed regulations governing outdoor wood furnaces. 4- We have budgeted \$500,000 to develop the Malta Avenue Ecological Park. 5- I served on the County Committee which developed the Saratoga County Green Infrastructure Plan. 6- Malta complies with M4 storm water requirements. 7- Established affordable housing regulations. Fifty percent of housing units in Town are affordable.*
2. Please outline your environmental priorities, should you be elected. *1- Continue to campaign for the Community Preservation Act and legislation to allow Saratoga to be part of the Hudson River Greenway Project. See past letters to Senator Bruno, Assemblyman McDonald and letters to editor for local papers. 2- Expand the Saratoga County Open Space Land Acquisition Grants Program. 3- Require AMD to comply with environmental regulations and to submit environmental compliance audits to Malta and the State. 4- Implement Reverse 911 for environmental emergencies. 5- Control sprawl by recognizing, respecting and strengthening our urban centers and discouraging Town land use policies which compete with urban services.*

COMMITTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE PRINCIPLES

3. Will you join the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) campaign by introducing and passing a resolution pledging to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from local government operations and throughout your municipality? *Malta is not a city, but we will do our part to control greenhouse gas emissions through our LEEDs program, regulation of emissions of outdoor wood furnaces and support for the NYSERDA STEP Park. I have placed on the Supervisor's messages to residents the importance of using energy STAR appliances and lighting fixtures. See messages at, www.malta-town.org.*

4. Will you enter your municipality into the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, whereby you would commit to take following three actions: ***I will learn more about the protection agreement.***
- Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land-use policies to urban forest restoration projects to public information campaigns? ***I support anti-sprawl land use priorities and open space protection and will consider taking quantifiable actions to meet the Kyoto targets.***
 - Urge state government, and the federal government, to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol -- 7% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012? ***I will consider specific policies and programs.***
 - Urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation, which would establish a national emission trading system? ***I will consider specific policies and programs.***

LEADERSHIP

Based on what's been either done or proposed by other local governments in New York State (see the NYLCVEF fact sheet at www.nylcvef.org/localgov), ideas from outside of the state or your own original ideas, please outline your plans to address the following areas:

5. Air Quality: ***Malta is developing outdoor wood furnace regulations.***
6. Energy Efficiency: ***Malta has developed a LEEDs certification program.***
7. Green Building Development: ***Malta has developed a LEEDs certification program.***
8. Smart Growth: ***Malta has a comprehensive land use plan. I am a strong advocate of smart growth.***