

EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL



KATHEE BURKE-GONZALEZ
(D, WF)

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, 51, grew up in Valley Stream. An advertising executive for the last 30 years, Burke-Gonzalez remains in the field, working as an account executive at an East End ad agency. Married to Joe Gonzalez — known by many year-round residents and visitors alike as the man behind the bar at Rowdy Hall in East Hampton, the couple has two children who attend local schools.

Burke-Gonzalez served for nine years on the Springs School Board, the last two as its president. Her final term ended in 2013. While on the board, Burke-Gonzalez chaired the communications, audit and budget committees of the board. The two budgets approved under her tenure as president were approved with citizen votes of 76-percent and 77-percent.

Burke-Gonzalez said she thinks preserving the quality of the town's aquifer and coastal waters is of vital importance.

"To address that issue, the town board should adopt a Wastewater Management Plan that reduces nitrogen loading in our drinking water, groundwater and surface waters," said Burke-Gonzalez.

She added the town should also actively pursue key parcels of open space with the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) program and through partnerships with Suffolk County and the State of New York. Education and outreach, she added, are also critical components to protect ground and surface waters.

Secondly, Burke-Gonzalez said quality of life issues like illegal occupancy of single-family homes, illegal share houses, overcrowded nightclubs, excessive noise and public drunkenness "have a direct impact on the peaceful enjoyment of our homes as well as our property values."

To address those issues, Burke-Gonzalez said the town board will have to communicate to the community and town employees that code enforcement is a priority and should create an inter-agency working group from the police department, code enforcement, the fire department, the building department, and the town attorney's office to focus on residential code violations.

Burke-Gonzalez also suggested the reorganization of the building department and the employment of a new code enforcement officer with investigative skills to specialize in residential zoning. The board should also look to a fully-staffed legal department for guidance, and increase fines for zoning violations as is allowed under state law.

Lastly, focusing on severe storms, coastal erosion and sea level rise that is threatening the shoreline is another priority for Burke-Gonzalez should she be elected in November.

She said the town needs to work with Congressman Tim Bishop and the Army Corps of Engineers to rebuild beaches and dunes in Montauk with appropriate scientific advice and community input, and should also adopt a Coastal Hazard Mitigation and Recovery Plan for the entire town.

"In addition to pure drinking water and clean surface waters, the other issue that impacts Sag Harbor voters is the East Hampton Airport," said Burke-Gonzalez. "While the airport is a useful facility, the noise from the airport is negatively impact our neighborhoods."

She said she would like to see the town board allow grant assurances with the Federal Aviation Administration expire, and determine how to finance necessary airport facilities so that it is safe, but not a taxpayer burden. Burke-Gonzalez said on-going technical noise studies should be completed to establish that East Hampton is a quiet community and that airport access restrictions can significantly reduce airport noise. With community input, she added the board should "develop rules for the East Hampton Airport — time of use, number of flights allowed, and type of aircraft permitted — to control noise."



FRED OVERTON
(R, C, I)

Not affiliated with any one party, current East Hampton Town Clerk Fred Overton, hopes to parlay his years of experience in town hall and his ability to work across party lines into success as a town board member if elected this November.

Overton, 67, a lifelong resident of East Hampton is a graduate of Southampton College. Overton served in the United States Navy for four years, and was a principal and manager of a truck dealership and auto parts store. A 48-year member and ex-chief of the Springs Fire department, Overton has spent most of his life committed to public service. Elected as an East Hampton Town Trustee in 1988, he went on to become East Hampton Town Assessor from 1990 to 1999 before running for his first term as town clerk.

A member and past president of the East Hampton Lions Club, Overton is also a member and commander of the East Hampton American Legion Post 419.

For Overton, continuing to work on maintaining a fiscally responsible town budget is high on his list of priorities, if elected.

"I have just finished working on the budget process with the supervisor [incumbent Bill Wilkinson, who is not seeking a third term] and the town board is currently going over the supervisor's tentative budget, so taxes are on everyone's mind right now," he said.

Overton said staying under the two-percent property tax levy cap in future budgets is something he feels is important.

"We work on a bare bones budget," said Overton. "With a zero based budget process we start at zero and I have to qualify every expenditure coming over my desk."

The environment, and specifically surface and ground water protection, is also a priority for Overton. He said looking to a wastewater management study to assess what should be done with the town's scavenger waste plant, looking at potential replacement of septic systems or new septic technologies will be issues the town has to tackle. Overton said he would support rebate programs to help residents deal with the costs associated with septic system upgrades.

"I don't believe in unfunded mandates, so we have to find a way to work with residents on this issue," he said.

Addressing quality of life issues like rental home overcrowding in Springs or the nightlife in Montauk, is another issue the town will have to address, said Overton. He advocated for hiring a new code enforcement officer and looking at potentially hiring part time code enforcement officers in the summer season.

Overton noted if elected he will be a minority, even if he and his running mate, Dominick Stanzone, are both elected to the board.

"The first thing I will have to do is develop a working relationship with the majority," he said. "Working in the town assessors office and in the town clerks office, I believe in compromise, so I don't view that as a challenge."

Overton, whose daughter lives just outside of Sag Harbor Village in Southampton, said he is aware helicopter noise is a big problem for a number of Sag Harbor residents.

"I am committed to working with the town board to mitigate that whether it comes down to changing routes, looking at alternatives, restricting flights — whatever is allowable or reasonable with the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration]," he said.

Overton added he plans to have an open door policy when it comes to residents and said he would like to develop a closer relationship with the Village of Sag Harbor.

His daughter is married to the son of Sag Harbor Mayor Brian Gilbride.

"So I think developing a mutual relationship shouldn't be too hard," joked Overton.



JOB POTTER
(D, WF)

Job Potter is seeking another term on the East Hampton Town Board after an eight year hiatus and believes his family history on the South Fork coupled with a background in preservation and real estate can begin to steer the community back to its roots — a town board focused on environmental protection, quality of life issues, and supporting working families and seniors.

A graduate of Wesleyan University and Connecticut College, earning a B.A. in Botany, Potter returned to the East End working in maritime businesses before going on to manage private real estate. Potter is now a licensed real estate sales person.

Potter was a member of the East Hampton Town Planning Board for four years before being elected to the East Hampton Town Board in 1998. He served on that board before deciding not to seek reelection in 2005.

For Potter, the three most critical issues facing the town right now are code enforcement, beach erosion and ground water and surface water protection.

"It starts with a commitment and leadership by the town board that we want to be strong in addressing these issues," said Potter.

Potter said the town board needs to look at legislative changes to deal with share houses and overcrowded rental homes. Taking a look at ideas like a rental registry is something Potter supports as well as the over-commercialization of some residential lots.

"We do have to be careful," he added. "There are a lot of contractors that work from home and I don't think that is what we are trying to crack down on."

Potter said the town attorney's office, the building inspector and code enforcement need to be strengthened and brought together to work as a unit. Looking at ways to provide relief to Montauk residents contending with a bustling nightclub scene is also important, said Potter.

"A large section of the community really feels it has gotten out of hand," he said.

Of course when it comes to Montauk, protecting a downtown from coastal erosion through an Army Corps of Engineers project has been at the forefront of discussion over the last three weeks.

"I greatly prefer a soft solution, not building a sea wall," said Potter.

Potter said it is also critical the town finish the work of its Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP), and in particular a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the entire town.

Potter added the town needs to be firm on not allowing beach-hardening structures where the LWRP does not permit them.

Looking to open space protection, said Potter, can only benefit the environment. Potter noted there is a \$42 million surplus in the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) that has not been spent.

"I think we need to refocus the program and be more active," said Potter, "particularly when it comes to properties on the aquifer."

Getting a handle on how to deal with septic systems on waterfront properties is also important, he said. Potter would also like to see affordable housing return as a priority in East Hampton Town.

Potter said he would like to see a greater connection between East Hampton Town and Sag Harbor Village.

"If we could do an affordable housing project near Sag Harbor that would be one thing we could look at," he said.

Potter suggested looking at properties that provide groundwater protection around the village for a potential CPF purchase, similar to what was accomplished with groundwater protection around Merchants Path.

"We need to look for inter-town and village opportunities to cooperative, share expenses and give each other support, project by project," said Potter.



DOMINICK STANZIONE
(R, I, C)

Dominick Stanzone, the lone East Hampton Town Board incumbent seeking reelection this year, has been in the financial services industry for 30 years, working for the last 12 as president and managing partner for Colonial Capital Advisors in East Hampton.

Stanzone, who holds a bachelor's degree and master's in public administration from SUNY Stony Brook as well as a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University, was first elected to the town board in 2009. He quickly became involved in the community and was the founder or co-founder of two separate citizen organizations advocating for transparency and open government in East Hampton Town.

During his first term, Stanzone said his financial expertise helped the board save the town from bankruptcy. "I take some pride in being part of the team that rescued the town's finances," he said.

Going into this year's election, Stanzone believes coastal erosion beach preservation, as well as public access to the beaches, are the most critical issues facing the town.

"What I have done so far is work with the supervisor to attract an offer from the federal government under the Sandy relief program to provide us with upwards of \$50 million for downtown Montauk beach protection," Stanzone said.

"In addition to the coastal erosion issue in Montauk," he added, "we have to begin to think about developing a capital program that includes regular beach restoration over the long term."

Stanzone attended a recent forum sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) with the Army Corps of Engineers. He said the two most realistic plans before the town board are using buried rock revetments with beach restoration or more soft solutions involving sand only.

Other important issues facing the town this election season have to do with quality of life, Stanzone said, specifically relating to clean water and overcrowded group rentals.

"I am the author of the comprehensive wastewater management plan proposal that calls for a town-wide comprehensive review of clean water policy and septic management," he said.

Stanzone also authored a proposal for a rental registry, which he called a "bold initiative" that would require renters to register with the town to help implement code enforcement capabilities and help cut down on illegal overcrowding.

Speaking about deer management, Stanzone said he authored the town's comprehensive deer management plan that was approved in September, which calls for a permanent plan to reduce the herd using both lethal and non-lethal methods.

Stanzone said the most important issues facing Sag Harbor have to do with environmental cleanups in the waterways, as well as issues with population growth and overdevelopment.

Stanzone has been closely involved in creating a master plan for the East Hampton Airport, which included "a series of major accomplishments," he said.

"We have brought in and reestablished a professional relationship with the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] that had been lost," he said. "I understand airport opponents continue to pursue policies that will limit our capacity to make investments in the airport moving forward, making them conditioned on no FAA funding."

"I have disagreed with those," he added. "I believe we can achieve reasonable voluntary use restrictions that accomplish much of what is sought by airport opponents. We have achieved effective control of the skies, a Class D airspace, air traffic control, and both have contributed significantly to a quieter airport. Does more need to be done? You bet."

EH SUPERVISOR



LARRY CANTWELL

(D, I, WF)

Larry Cantwell, 61, is a life-long resident of East Hampton who has been in public service for 37 years. The youngest elected bay constable, Cantwell served for two terms on the East Hampton Town Board before becoming the East Hampton Village Administrator, a position he served for over 30 years until his retirement from the post this summer.

Cantwell, who is running unopposed for East Hampton Town Supervisor, served as the chief financial officer for the Village of East Hampton guiding the village finances to an accumulated surplus every year for three decades.

He continues to live in East Hampton with his wife Anne. His daughter, Dr. Lara Siska is also a resident, raising two children in East Hampton.

Cantwell said he intends to bring the same fiscal responsibility to the town if elected in November.

Cantwell said a continued priority of the board, and one he will focus on as supervisor is to continue to make progress stabilizing town finances.

Within that, Cantwell said the town needs to support economic development and local businesses in an effort to provide year-round jobs. Looking at the town's infrastructure, he added, is critical as deterioration of infrastructure has led to increased expenses. Investing in technology, said Cantwell, would be another way to make the town more efficient, and therefore cost effective.

A second priority is addressing the threat of coastal erosion, in the near term specifically in downtown Montauk, but also throughout the town, he said.

"In terms of coastal erosion, I make a commitment to complete a beach stabilization project in downtown Montauk, which I would like to see expanded to include Ditch Plains," said Cantwell. "Furthermore I will propose the town adopts a Coastal Mitigation and Recovery Plan, which would be a town wide plan."

"With respect to surface water and groundwater, we are fortunate enough to have about \$45 million available in Community Preservation Fund (CPF) program funding and we need to aggressively preserve water recharge and wetland areas," he added.

For Sag Harbor residents, Cantwell noted that keeping taxes low and being a fiscally responsible town board member is something that will impact everyone throughout the town.

"Open space acquisitions certainly would affect residents in Sag Harbor especially when it comes to water quality in Northwest Harbor and Sag Harbor Cove," he said. "I think that is a critical issue Sag Harbor is facing, particularly as a waterfront community."

Cantwell added that the East Hampton Airport and incoming and outgoing helicopter traffic has also impacted residents and is something he would like to address come January.

"I think the town needs to have a clear strategy to get helicopter noise and its impact on residential neighborhoods under control," said Cantwell.

While some residents seeking relief from air traffic and the ensuing noise for those under flight paths into and out of the airport have argued for restrictions, specifically curfews and even the potential to limit certain aircraft, Cantwell said research was where his focus would lay.

"Any airport access restrictions must be supported by noise data, otherwise you are enacting them in what is viewed as a discriminatory fashion," he said. "The legal standard for restrictions on access to an airport is to have reasonable, non arbitrary and non discriminatory restrictions in terms of aircraft. The town needs to build a legal foundation in terms of hard information on the noise impacts before it can adopt restrictions. My first goal would be to get that data."

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL



BRAD BENDER

(D, I, WF)

Brad Bender, 52, is running for his first four-year term on the Southampton Town Board, although civic involvement — or political races — are hardly new territory.

Raised in Beloit, Wisconsin, Bender's grandparents hailed from East Hampton — his parents meeting at Atlantic Avenue Beach in Amagansett while his father was stationed at Camp Hero in Montauk.

Bender, who owns his own construction business, Bender Services, moved to the East End in 1984. He and his partner, Larry, live in Northampton.

Bender became involved in the Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association (FRNCA) after seeing a need for services within those communities. Now president of that group, Bender was responsible for starting a Community Cares initiative to bring winter coats to grade school children, food to seniors and implemented a toy drive administered by the Giving Tree and the Phillips Avenue Elementary School.

Bender is also a member of the Southampton Rose Society, and a member and chairperson of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons.

Bender said water quality was chief among the issues he would like to focus on if elected in January.

"If we don't address water quality we are going to have big problems on our hands," he said.

Secondly, Bender said working on economic development — how the town can help support businesses in an economy still recovering from a downturn and revitalize hamlet centers in need — is another initiative he would like to see the town support.

"Before we start building new things, I would like the town to address how we reuse and repurpose storefronts that are already sitting empty," he said.

Bender said he would like to see tax incentives or credits offered to new businesses settling into vacant storefronts.

Ensuring the finances of the town are watched closely is another priority for Bender.

"Supervisor Throne-Holst has for four years offered a flat tax rate and no increases in the tax levy through her annual budgets," said Bender, noting staff cuts were made through attrition and retirement incentives, not layoffs.

"The town has used more technology and innovation to streamline the workload," added Bender, noting reorganizing departments like moving the fire marshal and code enforcement into town hall and closer to the town attorney's office only allows those entities to work more in concert with each other.

"They have done more enforcement actions in the first six months than in the whole of the last year," said Bender. "So we want to keep looking at options like that as well as new technologies that can make us more efficient."

For Sag Harbor voters, noted Bender, water quality is likely at the forefront of concerns.

"You are a waterfront community in Sag Harbor," he noted. "It drives your entire economy."

Reducing the incidences of nitrogen, pesticides and runoff entering our local waters, said Bender, has to be a top priority. Looking at new technologies, he said, that reduce the amount of nitrogen created in septic systems should be a focus for the town. If a new technology could be developed in concert with the town, added Bender, that would translate into new jobs locally in research and development, but also manufacturing and sales — a boost to the local economy.

While Bender has enjoyed a 35-year career in construction, he noted his heart lies in community service.

"This job is considered part time, but I see it as being one that comes with town hall responsibilities, as the responsibility of serving as a liaison to several departments and community groups and then there is your responsibility to the public," said Bender.



STAN GLINKA

(R, C, SN)

Stan Glinka, 43, is all about community. A resident of Hampton Bays and graduate of Westhampton Beach High School, Glinka has built a career in banking while his personal life has been devoted to community service.

"How am I going to know what is going on unless I am out there with the people?" Glinka asked during a recent interview.

The answer for Glinka, a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College and current Vice President at Bridgehampton National Bank, has been simple. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Rogers Memorial Library Foundation and a Board Member of Dominican Sisters Family Health Services. He also serves as President of the Hampton Bays Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of Hampton Bays Rotary, Treasurer of the Southampton Town Business Alliance and Treasurer for the Good Fellows of Suffolk County.

If elected to the Southampton Town Board, Glinka, who is a political newcomer, said economic redevelopment would be a top priority, with an emphasis on helping to build small business.

"For existing businesses, there is very little support," Glinka said. "I would like to see the Small Business Administration set up back in Southampton Town and let people know about grants and programs that can help small businesses. There is a lack of support for the business community, so I want to tell business owners there is someone who is willing to go out into the community and help people."

Glinka also believes improved code enforcement should be a priority, an issue he said that is crucial to public safety.

"We have budgetary constraints, but our demographic population is growing at a rapid pace," Glinka said. "There have been code enforcement issues with overcrowding. I want to hone in on that. Look for more boots on the ground and look at how the budget system works to earmark funds where we can add more staff to code enforcement and police. Obviously that will take time but grant programs are available."

Like his Republican running mates, Linda Kabot and Jeff Mansfield, Glinka would, if elected, call for increased communication with the town trustees in an effort to protect the environment and the fishing and farming communities that exist here. Looking to them for support in ongoing efforts to address surface and ground water issues is also critical, he said.

"They are our information box in terms of educating the town board on what we can do to protect the water," Glinka said. "The nitrogen levels are increasing and we have to have a better relationship with our town trustees."

Glinka believes in protecting the historical nature of the town as well, and looks at Sag Harbor as a prime example where historic preservation and restoration should be a top priority. Greater and improved efforts in those areas, Glinka said, will also help the economy grow.

"It is a very short season, and after that it just drops off and we're looking to see what we can do in terms of our local businesses," he said. "Sag Harbor businesses need as much help as anyone finding out what resources are available out there. I think if we are going to entice people to come out here we want to look at revitalization like what is happening at Baron's Cove," the soon-to-be revived condominium and restaurant project on West Water Street in Sag Harbor.

"If the businesses are thriving," Glinka added, "the people will come."



JEFF MANSFIELD

(R, C, SN)

A native of Bridgehampton with a long family history based in Southampton Town, Jeff Mansfield believes in preserving the town's quality of life while also being fiscally responsible in government.

Mansfield, 48, believes it is his strong connection to Southampton, and the hamlet of Bridgehampton, that led him to work with civic groups and community organizations, eventually seeking political office for the first time this fall.

Mansfield has financial experience with 15 years working on Wall Street at Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers. Since re-locating to Bridgehampton, he has been involved with the community as a member of the Southampton Town Audit Advisory Committee and as a former member of the Town's Budget and Finance Advisory Committee. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Bridgehampton Citizens Advisory Committee and, as the father of three young children, is an active member in the school community as well, working with the Bridgehampton School Foundation and Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Little League.

Mansfield, who has a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Business Administration and Law Degrees from Syracuse University, said his priorities, if elected would be to continue the town's "belt tightening mode" and to do so in a transparent manner.

"New expenditures that include new personnel are not one-time costs," said Mansfield, noting the long-term costs associated with health insurance and retirement must be considered when looking at full time employees. Mansfield said he was in favor of looking at part time hiring, when necessary.

"Increasing and reoccurring operational costs — pension and health care costs — those are the issues bankrupting the schools," he said.

Mansfield also believes the town's "political will has to catch up with the will of the people" in terms of water quality. If elected, he would like to incentivize protection of waterways through septic improvements and rebates and like many candidates believes looking at new nitrogen-reducing technologies for septic systems should be approved.

"I like the idea of working with our trustees hand-in-hand," he said. "How about planting eel-grass through the schools. I like the idea of controlled breaches. It's a simple concept, isn't it? It's flushing our waters."

Mansfield has also expressed concern about code enforcement and overbuilding, especially as it relates to overcrowding in homes and the potential safety issues that arise in those scenarios.

"It's really about public safety," he said. "It's a quality of life and public safety issue, so I would like to see more people [from code enforcement] on the ground."

Mansfield noted if it proved cost prohibitive to make such hires on a full-time basis, the town should explore part time code enforcement officers. Mansfield also believes town government should implement special public hearings in the evening where code enforcement issues could be discussed. This would also give the town good standing, he said, to request night court once a month.

"Hopefully that could free up the log jam in the court system," he said.

As far as Sag Harbor is concerned, Mansfield wants to work on issues like flooding and traffic, as well as listen to the concerns about parking.

"And of course helicopter noise," he said.

Mansfield said, if elected, he would work with — and pressure, if need be — East Hampton Town officials with regard to the airport and whether or not to accept grant money from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).



FRANK ZAPPONE

(D, I, WF)

After serving as deputy supervisor for the last two years under current Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst, Frank Zappone, 67, is hoping to make his voice heard as a newly elected member of the Southampton Town Board.

Zappone earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Manhattan College and a master's degree in education from Iona College and Fordham University. He worked in education in Westchester County for 30 years, progressing from a classroom teacher to school administrator. He also worked as an adjunct professor at Manhattanville College teaching courses in leadership and organizational change. He has been a consultant for Apple computers and worked with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, helping to improve inner city schools.

Now Zappone is hoping to apply his experience to governing Southampton Town. His proximity to Shinnecock Bay, where he lives with his wife, Gail, serves as a daily reminder of what would be his top priority if elected this fall.

"The top of the list has to be water quality," Zappone said. "Both surface and groundwater, bays, beaches, ponds, streams, lakes and of course the aquifer. That is the overriding local and regional issue."

Zappone believes water quality issues should be addressed in three general ways. First, is to work with environmental organizations to help mitigate the impact on the bays as they exist now with greater eel grass planting and oyster bogs, as well as increased water flow and "flushing" of the bays.

Secondly, Zappone would like to address issues with antiquated septic systems.

"Whether it was 50 or five years ago, we are all using the same design and that contributes more significantly than anything else to the nitrogen impact on bays and lakes," he said. "The only thing we can do is support regional — if not state-wide — processes and do the research and development to develop a system that can be used by an individual homeowner that is affordable and can be managed."

Problems with water quality should also be addressed, Zappone said, with regard to what is intentionally being put into the ground, including everything from landscape fertilizer to expired medications being flushed down the toilet.

"Not only is this an issue locally, but clean drinking water many will say on the international level is the single most important issue today," Zappone said. "You are also talking about creating an industry, where if you can develop a technology, talk about economic revitalization."

Zappone said water quality issues are some of the biggest problems facing the residents of Sag Harbor today.

"Water quality a big issue in the village with the ends of the harbor and the main harbor there covered with brown tide," he said. "Density issues in the village are very significant and need to be looked at hard and carefully."

Outside the water quality issue, Zappone, if elected, would seek to apply uniformity to the town's code enforcement policies, which he believes are outdated.

Another important issue for him is land use and preservation in general, where he believes there is an opportunity to protect more wetlands and coastal areas and for greater historic preservation.

Zappone would also like to deal with issues of traffic and congestion, especially as it relates to areas like Sag Harbor, which has seen increased density in a small area.

"There is too much lip service and not enough hard analysis," Zappone said. "Shuttle busing, bike paths, outlying parking if that is viable — we have to think outside the box and think carefully."

SOUTHAMPTON SUPERVISOR



LINDA KABOT

(R, C, SN)

Linda Kabot, 45, is a former Southampton Town Supervisor with more than a decade of experience in town government. Born and raised in Westhampton, Kabot was a town councilwoman from 2002-2007 before becoming the town's first female Republican supervisor in 2008, a position she hopes to regain in this year's election.

Prior to serving in elected office, she worked for the town for six years as Executive Assistant to the supervisor. She currently lives in Quogue with her husband, Lance, and her three sons, Jeff, Zack and Connor.

In 2011, with the Republican and Conservative parties choosing not to run a candidate against current supervisor Anna Throne-Holst, Kabot waged a write-in campaign and garnered approximately 3,900 votes.

Kabot, who graduated with honors from Hobart and William Smith College, said one of her top priorities, if elected, would be continued fiscal prudence in an effort to keep property taxes low. She said her record as a fiscal conservative while in office laid the groundwork for the current administration's success in keeping finances stable during the recession.

"I am working for the hard working taxpayers," she said. "In 2007, I ran the Republican primary and I am proud the state comptroller indicated in its report that we were on sound financial footing. Five weeks after leaving office, Moody's said the conservative and transparent management safeguarded our credit rating. I left the town in a much better place."

Kabot also sees a need for more efficient and responsive government, as well as greater efforts to bolster the local economy. She said one of the biggest issues town-wide is the need for more proactive code enforcement while helping areas like Flanders, Hampton Bays and North Sea preserve property values by cracking down on overcrowded housing.

Connected with this should be an effort to revitalize hamlet centers, which will help improve the tax base, said Kabot. When appropriate, streamlining the regulatory process for economic revitalization is critical on the town level, said Kabot.

Kabot believes access to affordable housing for legal residents should be improved, especially east of the Shinnecock Canal where there are fewer affordable housing opportunities that have been developed by the town. If elected, she would explore additional locations for increased rentals and affordable housing, as well as community housing for seniors, first responders and young professionals.

In terms of the environment, Kabot, if elected, said she would work closely with the town trustees on sustaining the traditional industries of farming and fishing, and improved stewardship of the waterways. She said the trustees are advocating for improved treatments of wastewater, which includes complicated issues that the town should weigh in on.

"Our economy is our environment," she said, adding that the town needs to be proactive in addressing water quality issues, and push Suffolk County to look at new ways of regulating septic systems.

"We have to have Suffolk County update archaic codes," she said. "There are site-specific ways they can work with us and allow different kinds of treatments."

Kabot said she supports both incentives to get homeowners to update their septic systems, which is a leading cause for nitrogen loading of the bays, but would also be open to mandates.

In Noyac, Kabot said the town should work with the highway superintendent on traffic calming in the area, which is another "quality of life and safety issue." She said helicopter noise is a concern for residents of Sag Harbor and the surrounding areas, and if elected, she would work with the new administration in East Hampton to deal with improved flight paths.



ANNA THRONE-HOLST

(D, I)

Independence Party member Anna Throne-Holst has served as supervisor for four years and is seeking a third term at the helm of Southampton Town with a cross endorsement from the Democratic Party.

Throne-Holst is a graduate of American University where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration. She also earned a master's degree in public administration and international affairs from Columbia University. Throne-Holst is also fluent in four languages.

A Sag Harbor resident and mother to Nicholas, Max, Sebastian and Karess, prior to public service, Throne Holst focused her work on the East End in childhood education. A co-founder of Bridgehampton's Hayground School, Throne-Holst also spent five years as the executive director of the Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreational Center.

A newcomer to politics, Throne-Holst was successfully elected in her inaugural 2008 campaign for Southampton Town Council. Shortly after her election, Throne-Holst began calling for a forensic audit of town funds, which later led to the discovery of multi-million deficits. It was shortly after that, Throne-Holst said she decided to seek the Supervisor's position in 2009 in an effort to help restore the town's financial health and improve constituent services.

Throne-Holst was elected supervisor in 2009 and is now seeking a third term. Keeping taxes low, continuing to run a sharp fiscal ship, addressing water quality and focusing on land use decisions and code enforcement are some of the major planks in her current campaign.

Throne-Holst's highest priority as supervisor has been to restore the fiscal health of the town with a goal towards planning for the long-term to protect taxpayers from unanticipated revenue shortfalls and budget for future expenses including infrastructure and equipment.

She notes that as a result of her budgeting practices, for two years Southampton has had an operating surplus, eliminated a multi-million dollar deficit ahead of schedule and accumulated reserves.

Throne-Holst's platform promises she will continue to base expenditures on conservative revenue projections, look at two-year departmental budgeting, reduce staff size primarily through attrition and reorganize departments to improve efficiency.

Environmental protection is tantamount to economic protection, states Throne-Holst in her platform.

"Protecting those industries also requires managing the impact of new development that threatens to compromise Southampton's community character and natural environment—the hallmarks of the town," she states.

Throne-Holst has supported the Community Preservation Fund program and has worked to accelerate the acquisition rate of land to take advantage of the downturn in real estate prices and secure environmentally critical parcels.

When elected in 2009, Throne-Holst spearheaded the "Sustainability Committee," also known as the Green Committee, and has also developed green building initiatives to require new residential construction to meet Energy Star standards. The supervisor has also created a town Sustainability Office, and funded through grant monies a Sustainability Coordinator to launch Southampton Green Homes, a program that provides low cost financing to residents who retro-fit their homes with efficient building materials.

Throne-Holst said she is focused on septic regulation reform to protect local waters from the effects of nitrogen pollution and will look to research and development with the goal of an alternative treatment technology that can affordably reduce nitrogen levels in single family septic systems.

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR



CHRIS NUZZI

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Chris Nuzzi, 39, a Westhampton Beach resident will vie for a seat in the Suffolk County Legislature representing the Second District after two terms as a member of the Southampton Town Board, first elected in 2006. An East Hampton native, Nuzzi said he has focused his campaign on the idea of returning fiscal stability to Suffolk County while also renewing a commitment to local businesses and environmental preservation.

"We have to stabilize the county's finances," said Nuzzi. "The county is rated as one of the most significantly financially distressed counties by the state comptroller and it has incurred significant debt. They have operating budget deficits, which means they are spending more than they are taking in and because of that other priorities are suffering."

Nuzzi said he believes the county needs to reduce and eventually eliminate its reliance on what he called "one shot" revenue sources, those that bring in revenues realized for one year but not revenues that will be re-occurring over time.

"I also think we have to be very careful how county finances relate to collective bargaining," said Nuzzi. "We want to take care of our workforce and make sure we have a level of salary and benefits to provide for that workforce, but we have to be able to balance that with the taxpayer's ability to pay and ensure the sustainability of our budgets."

Ultimately, said Nuzzi, the county needs to reprioritize where its focus is. The councilman said he believes the environment and water quality are issues of upmost importance countywide.

"The entities responsible for regulations regarding septic standards, responsible for groundwater and air quality monitoring, the Peconic Estuary Program and the South Shore Estuary Program should be where our focus lay to ensure our bays and surrounding waterways are healthy," said Nuzzi.

Nuzzi said he would like to see the county health department focused on alternative septic systems that are affordable for a single family, and employ technology that removes nitrogen as a part of its process.

"For the past year to year-and-a-half the county has languished in approving updated systems," said Nuzzi. "Recently it approved small treatment plants that are absolutely unaffordable and unattainable for the average household. They are meant for several properties to hook into rather than a single family. It is wonderful they were approved but it doesn't offer an approval that will impact a majority of residents living in Suffolk County."

"We need to design a system that is applicable to a single family residential lot and I think the county should have been charged with that task years ago," he said.

Nuzzi said in staffing cuts made in the county, the Peconic Estuary Program and the South Shore Estuary Program have had its resources cut. He would like to see those resources re-committed to those programs.

Ensuring proper funding is available for stormwater management mitigation—funding Nuzzi says is dwindling—is another priority, as is open space acquisitions, which Nuzzi said have been healthy in the past but that the county will need to be able to support in the future.

"In terms of infrastructure, it is time for the county to make good on improving infrastructure like Dune Road [in Southampton], said Nuzzi. "Access to the barrier island, highly valued homes, restaurants, the commercial docks and our beaches are at stake. Without it, without the protection of that barrier island, think about what that would mean for our regional economy in terms of those who visit, but also those who live here year round."



JAY SCHNEIDERMAN

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Incumbent Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman, 51, is seeking his sixth and last term with the county legislature. The Long Island native, who lives in Montauk with his two children, was first elected to the legislature in 2003 after serving as East Hampton Town Supervisor from 2000 to 2004.

Schneiderman said this week he is running on his record, which includes the creation of the Sunday and holiday county bus routes, the widening of County Road 39 in Southampton and the inclusion of drainage and sidewalks on the Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike.

Schneiderman said he believes the fiscal issues facing the county will continue to be at the top of concerns facing the legislature over the course of the next two years.

"Our expenses went up significantly as we lost quite a bit of sales tax revenue and people turned to the county for services," said Schneiderman. "Myself and others have been responding consistently to shrinking the size of government and coming up with new sources of revenue without increasing sales tax or property taxes."

Suffolk County, which Schneiderman said is projected to have around \$14.25 million in debt by the end of 2013 and will be debt free by 2014, has 3,000 fewer employees than it did when the Great Recession hit and has seen new revenue sources like red light traffic cameras.

"The debt could have been hundreds of millions if we had not done anything to deal with this," said Schneiderman. "We made difficult choices, but we did what we had to do to respond to a recession we did not create."

Water quality is another issue Schneiderman said he would continue to focus on come 2014.

"There are a lot of factors affecting the quality of our ground water and surface waters," he said, pointing to nitrogen loading of bays, the introduction of pharmaceuticals into drinking water through medication being flushed down the toilet and the impact fertilizers and pesticides have on water quality.

Schneiderman noted land preservation — Suffolk County has spent \$100 million and preserved 1,600 acres in his legislative district during his tenure — has been a successful method of protecting water quality. However, he said the county needs to look at how septic systems are regulated, particularly in waterfront communities, and look towards new technologies in terms of septic systems that are affordable for the single family homeowner and actually reduce the amount of nitrogen produced by a system.

The county has passed a law creating a 20-foot setback to wetland areas for the use of pesticides and Schneiderman noted he has been working to restrict the pesticide methoprene in estuaries as a method of killing mosquito larva because of its toxicity on marine invertebrates like lobsters.

Public health is another priority for Schneiderman, specifically looking at mental health services and combating tick borne illnesses.

Schneiderman successfully passed legislation requiring the county's vector control to come up with a plan to address tick borne illness abatement.

In terms of mental health, Schneiderman said looking at suicide rates and the high incidence of drug and alcohol abuse in Suffolk County needs to be a priority for the county.

Schneiderman said he is working with New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr., Southampton Hospital and local school districts to bring a child psychologist to the full time hospital staff that could assist school districts on the East End.

"I think it is an important issue and I don't think there is a silver bullet answer but making the resources better for better diagnostics would be a great service for our young people," he said.