

Dear Editor,

Why am I running for Huntington Town Supervisor? It seems to be a question that some people have answered for me, without actually asking me. The Republican leader would like you to believe that I am running as an operative to help the Democrats, which is incorrect. Let's be honest, many would say I am not a party favorite as I don't do what the party wants; as I stand with the people and fight for the community I am privileged to serve.

The truth is, I am running for Huntington Town Supervisor because of a bipartisan grass roots effort that showed me Huntington voters were not happy with the choices they were being given and that they wanted someone who had a proven track record of being their independent voice. I am proud of my record of listening to the residents and business owners of Huntington. I voted against the developments that Huntingtonians did not want, like Seasons of Elwood, Benchmark of Northport and Sunrise Assisted Living on Pulaski Road. I have stood with the taxpayers against LIPA, not only by voting no to the settlement, but also by filing and funding my own lawsuit against LIPA's practices. I have thought outside the box to help our veterans' organizations when they need upgrades at their facilities at no-cost to taxpayers or the veterans. I have worked with Suffolk County Police Department and Suffolk County Police Athletic League to bring no-cost sports programs to the community to build the relationship between the police and children in minority communities, when approached by leaders of the Hispanic community in Huntington Station.

I believe Huntington taxpayers, residents, business owners and voters deserve public officials who respect what they want Huntington to be; public officials that understand what it means to balance a budget, without bonding unnecessary expenditures that should be planned for yearly. They deserve public officials who understand the importance of our infrastructure, water quality and smart development. I have proven that I am that person who has a record of listening and fighting for you. I know I may not always be able to agree with every individual who voices their concerns and wants for Huntington. Many people have conflicting voices, but I do listen to you.

I pledge that I will continue to listen and work with everyone to make Huntington the town you want it to be, and respect as a Huntingtonian you know what is best for your town, your family and your business. I will respect your right to be heard and will work with my colleagues for bipartisan government instead of wasting time with partisan fighting. I encourage anyone who would like to discuss why I am running for Huntington Town Supervisor email me at cookforsupervisor@gmail.com as I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Warmest regards,

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