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LINC Endorses Jim Gaughran for New York State Senate

Huntington-based Long Island Network for Change (LINC), is endorsing former Democratic Suffolk County Legislator Jim Gaughran for New York State Senator from the 5th District.

“LINC is very proud to endorse Jim Gaughran based upon his decades of experience as a public official, his progressive stance on many issues including state taxes and public school funding, his willingness to root out and punish corrupt elected officials, and his desire to eliminate the influence of “big money” in New York State politics,” states Richard Rhodes, member of LINC’s Steering Committee and the Chair of LINC’s Election Committee.

LINC membership specifically approves of Mr. Gaughran’s efforts:

- To ensure that our public schools which are responsible for educating every single child in our community are adequately funded;
- To reject budgets that do not provide our school districts with our fair share of State funding;
- To eliminate unfunded mandates required by Albany;
- To ban all outside income for legislators, close the LLC loophole that shields big donors behind anonymous shell corporations, and require legislators to disclose any personal business dealings that could affect their vote and,
- To ban convicted politicians from collecting a publicly funded pension, and demand repayment from those already collecting their pension and double-dipping.

LINC members will actively support Jim Gaughran’s candidacy to unseat Senator Carl Marcellino by personally engaging in door-to-door canvassing and telephone outreach, encouraging all eligible voters in the 5th Senate District to exercise their right and vote for Mr. Gaughran in the November election.

About LINC: Formed in the wake of the 2016 Presidential Election, the Long Island Network for Change is candidly described as “Ordinary people committed to action in extraordinary times!” Specifically, the mission of LINC is: To be a force for social, racial, economic and environmental justice through personal engagement, education and political action.

Towards this end, LINC meets monthly to strategize and take action; endorses and campaigns for local and national candidates whose goals coincide with LINC’s mission statement; advocates for relevant issues with elected officials; presents community forums on relevant issues including voting rights, upcoming elections, racism, and the environment; initiates strategically-timed letter writing and email campaigns; publicizes and distributes up-to-the-minute action alerts, and encourages its membership to attend and speak up at town hall meetings, rallies, and demonstrations.

LINC is a member group of Indivisible.

Go to www.linetworkforchange.com to learn more about LINC.

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