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### **Letter to Editor – Sag Harbor Express**

**Election Day is November 5** – Early Voting Begins October 26. This is an important election year for local government elected positions at the County and Town level. Our County government is at a crossroads—we need to elect leaders who will bring fiscal solvency and results. I am proud to stand with County Executive Candidate John Kennedy and work to get out our message to voters.

I am running for Suffolk County Legislator for the South Fork, which spans from Moriches to Montauk and includes Shelter Island. I bring to the table common sense and know-how as former Town Supervisor and Councilwoman, with 14 years of dedicated service to the community working at the executive and legislative level of Southampton Town government. I have demonstrated time and time again that I stand up for the taxpayers and can make the difficult decisions. I have also shown that I can reach across party lines to work for the common good and that I truly care about people from all walks of life.

The most critical priority is restoring fiscal sanity to County government, and to move Suffolk County forward towards a brighter future. Under the current Democratic administration, there is a negative outlook predicted by bond rating agencies due to years of fiscal mismanagement and political budgeting. It is mind-boggling that the Bellone administration claims to be “protecting the taxpayer” and “protecting the environment”!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Suffolk County’s bond rating is now just one grade above Junk Bond status! Over \$300 Million has been borrowed by the Democratic Majority in the County Legislature to pay pension costs! The County’s accumulated debt is over \$2 Billion. All that borrowing means that tax revenue goes to pay down debt rather than fixing roads, maintaining parks and providing other public services.
- Taxes & Fees have been raised by over \$200 Million since Bellone was elected as County Executive with Rubberstamp Democrat County Legislators voting Yes to every fee, tax & spending increase. Rather than cutting spending, fees were created & raised—alarm fees, red light camera fees, mortgage recording fees, park fees, vehicle registration fees & more!

- Year after year, the \$3 Billion County Budget is unbalanced, meaning we continue to spend much more than we are bringing in.
- A state appellate court for a second time has ruled a \$29.4 Million dollar diversion from the Drinking Water Protection Program was illegal. All told, Suffolk County has borrowed over \$171 Million from clean water environmental funds and now the taxpayers have to pay it all back!

Raiding of environmental funds should be reason enough for any environmentally-conscious voter to NOT vote for the incumbent County Executive and rubberstamp Legislators who have allowed this to happen.

On Election Day, I hope to earn your vote of confidence. For more info, visit: [www.LindaKabotForSuffolk.com](http://www.LindaKabotForSuffolk.com)

*Linda Kabot is the designated candidate for the Office of Suffolk County Legislator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District on the Republican, Conservative, and Libertarian lines for the November 5 General Election ballot.*