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### **LETTER TO EDITOR – East Hampton Star**

With local elections less than 2 months away, here are a few of the reasons why I'm running for the position of Suffolk County Legislator.

Fiscal Responsibility is the #1 issue in Suffolk County. The Bellone Administration and Rubberstamp County Legislators (like incumbent Bridget Fleming) are continuing on a path of financial disaster. The operating deficit is nearly \$900 Million. Suffolk County's bond rating is just one grade above junk bond status, and a court recently ruled that Bellone's raid on monies set aside for clean water programs to pay for day-to-day operating expenses is ILLEGAL. Yet, they claim to be protecting the taxpayer !!?

As former Southampton Town Supervisor and Councilwoman, I've made the difficult decisions necessary to balance the budget, cut wasteful spending, and put local government back on the right track for fiscal health. Our County government is at a crossroads and the path to a positive future is in your hands. We need to elect Proven Leaders who will bring Fiscal Solvency and Results.

The Facts Do Not Lie. Suffolk County is broke, and yet:

- Fleming has voted YES to redirecting county funds for "Public Financing of Political Campaigns." Why should the taxpayers be forced to finance election expenses for politicians?
- Fleming is one of two legislators (out of 18) who voted NO to suspend an automatic cost-of-living pay raise for legislators and other county elected officials.
- Fleming has voted NO to accepting specialized public safety federal funding designed to combat gangs because she wanted to go on record against accepting any monies that may be associated with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Fleming is strongly in favor of wind turbines off the coast of East Hampton despite the economic and environmental concerns of our local commercial fishermen, Town Trustees, hamlet business owners, and long-time community residents and without ensuring adequate studies to identify and mitigate impacts to the fisheries and marine wildlife, including whales, dolphins and shorebirds.

Fleming is not conducting County business in an open, transparent manner. Fleming and her Democrat colleagues conduct closed meetings in the basement of the Legislature building to discuss the budget and Republican Legislators are excluded and given short notice to review proposals. This is the arrogance of one-party rule, and it needs to end.

Citizens, Taxpayers and Voters deserve more effective representation.

My record in local government is built on listening to the voices of the taxpayers and solving their problems in a way that is not only cost-effective, but without creating bureaucratic nightmares. I bring common sense and principled leadership to the table, with a proven track record in reaching across the aisle to work with other for the common good, regardless of political affiliation.

On Election Day, November 5, you will have the opportunity to select your representatives for important elected positions at the county and town level. Respectfully, I ask for your vote for County Legislator and urge you to vote for John Kennedy for County Executive.

For more info, visit my campaign website: [LindaKabotForSuffolk.com](http://LindaKabotForSuffolk.com)

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