



EAST HAMPTON TOWN BOARD **Candidates Debate – October 5, 2019**

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The **East Hampton Group for Good Government** is a local nonpartisan organization promoting awareness of town and other local issues through spirited public discussions of ideas in a civil and respectful manner. The GGG sponsors "GGG Insights" on LTV and holds public forums and member meetings on local matters, encouraging its members to become involved with local government, school, quality of life and environmental issues. Learn more about the GGG at ehggg.org and watch "GGG Insights" presented on LTV, Channel 20 with direct links to our shows available on ehggg.org

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Only LTV may record this Debate and will be showing it on Channel 20

*****FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, EARLY VOTING IS AVAILABLE FROM OCT 26-NOV 3—SEE
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Town Board Candidates Debate Procedures

The purpose of the Debate is to give the public the opportunity to evaluate the candidates and to give the candidates the opportunity to share their views with the voters. We want to thank each candidate for participating in our debate.

The GGG moderator will introduce the candidates and describe the procedures. The audience may applaud before the Debate begins and at the conclusion but not during the questioning.

Only LTV may record the Debate and will be showing it on Channel 20 on the schedule on the first page.

After the first LTV showing, the full tape of the Debate will be available on "Video on Demand" at the LTV website, www.ltveh.org and we will post the direct link on ehggg.org.

Prior to the Debate, each candidate was asked to submit two pages including a resume and ideas for the town and the board by email by Wednesday, **September 25**. These materials, unedited, will be copied and will be available for debate attendees. Materials submitted after the cut off will not be included in the debate brochure.

The format of the forum is designed to give all candidates equal time to express their ideas, by setting one-minute time limits on each candidate response — with a 15 second warning card as time is running out.

The first segment is a one-minute presentation by each candidate of his or her qualifications and main ideas for the town and the board.

There follows the main part of the forum where the chairpersons will ask a series of prepared questions to the candidates. All candidates will be given up to one minute to answer each question. Seating order has been set up to alternate candidates by their primary party affiliation—Fusion and Democrat. The candidate asked to answer first will rotate so all candidates will be given a chance to be the first and last to answer some question(s). If candidates agree with an answer previously given, they are encouraged to simply say so, save time and let more questions be asked.

While the Debate is proceeding, members of the audience will be asked to submit written questions for the candidates. PLEASE USE THE LAST PAGE OF THIS BROCHURE FOR YOUR QUESTIONS and hand them to ushers moving through the audience.

The chairpersons will review the audience questions and try to incorporate their ideas into the previously prepared questions or, if a significant number of members of the audience have questions on a topic not covered, will try to construct a question on this topic. It is unlikely that there will be enough time to answer all the audience questions and within a day or so after the forum the GGG will scan all written questions and email them to all candidates. The individual candidates may choose to answer directly some, all or none as they each determine -- this is why we ask questioners for their email addresses. The question sets should also give all candidates a sense of the concerns of the community.

The last segment of the forum is one minute for each candidate to sum up his or her views.

Except for the first three questions below, we do not distribute questions to candidates prior to a forum but suggest that candidates become familiar with town government issues: including affordable housing; upgrading telecommunications; wind and solar energy; balancing airport access and noise; facilitating local business operations; improving year round job opportunities; attracting new year round business; deer management; the functioning of a town board as the town's chief executive as well as its legislature; the efficacy of a board liaison for interaction with the town's departments; the town budget, bonding and choices;

All registered voters may vote for any candidate of any party on Election Day Tuesday, **November 5, 2019**. See below for important information on applying for an absentee ballot and early voting.

For any questions regarding registering or your ballot call Suffolk County Board of Elections at 631 852-4500. For help on registering, absentee ballots or voting call League of Women Voters at 631-324-4637

REGISTERING AND VOTING 2019—ABSENTEE BALLOTS—EARLY VOTING

REGISTRATION The time to register to vote in the general election on November 5 expires on October 11

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you will be away from Suffolk County on Election Day or will be unable to go to your polling place because of illness or disability, you can vote by absentee ballot. That process is

First you must obtain an Absentee Ballot **Application** form in any of the following ways:

1. **Here at the EH Library*****
2. At the Suffolk County Board of Elections, 700 Yaphank Ave., Yaphank, NY 11980.
3. To download go to <http://www.elections.ny.gov> and click on "Need an Absentee Ballot".
4. Request an absentee Ballot by sending a letter to the Suffolk County Board of Elections by the deadline date.

Complete the Absentee Ballot Application form and submit it to the Board of Elections by mail or in person by the deadline dates. Once it has received your Absentee Ballot Application, the Board of Elections will send or give you an Absentee Ballot form.

Then, complete the ballot and submit it by mail or in person by the deadline dates.

EARLY VOTING The big thing for 2019 is 9 days of early voting, from Saturday, Oct. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 3, which, in East Hampton Town, takes place at Windmill Village, 219 Accabonac Rd., Community Rm. #2. With an absentee ballot your vote will not be counted for two weeks, with early voting your vote is known on election day.

The dates/times for early voting are:

Weekends

Sat. Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Weekdays

Mon. Oct. 28, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 29, 12 p.m.-8 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 1, 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

DEADLINE DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION DAY: NOV. 5, 2019

- Oct. 29 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot
- Nov. 5 last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- Nov. 4 last day to postmark absentee ballot
- Nov. 5 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to County Board of Elections (by someone other than the voter)

After this forum you may wish to visit SeeThroughNY.com which gives New Yorkers a window into how their state and local tax dollars are spent. SeeThroughNY.com is a web portal through which taxpayers can share, analyze and compare data from counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and public authorities throughout New York. The site, sponsored by the [Empire Center for New York State Policy](http://EmpireCenter.org), allows visitors to search government payrolls, pensions, contracts and expenditures, and provides links to additional information and supporting material on other websites.

David Gruber
Candidate for East Hampton Town Supervisor

David Gruber is the EH Fusion Party candidate for East Hampton Town Supervisor. His candidacy is endorsed by the East Hampton Reform Democrats, the East Hampton Town Republican Committee, the Independence Party, and the Libertarian Party.

Inspired by the example of that great leader of New York City, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, who created a coalition across the ideological spectrum, the EH Fusion Party is the joint effort of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. We share the belief that partisan politics and one-party government have gotten in the way of solutions to local problems in East Hampton. Many of these problems have been talked about and have been the subject of election campaign rhetoric for years, or even decades, with little or no progress.

The members of the EH Fusion coalition agree that national politics and differences over national issues have little or nothing to do with solving our local problems. In the words of Mayor LaGuardia, "There is no Democratic or Republican way to pick up garbage." We have therefore mutually decided simply to set aside differences over national issues and work together across party lines for the good of the entire East Hampton community.

The candidates of the EH Fusion Party are all on the Independence and Libertarian party ballot lines. Those who are registered Republicans -- candidates for Town Justice, Assessor, and four Trustee candidates -- are also on the Republican line.

Accepting the nomination, David said,

"Our elected officials have been making the same promises year after year about protecting water quality, ensuring we have essential emergency communications, building affordable housing, job opportunities for young people, meeting the needs of seniors, ending reliance upon fossil fuels, reducing airport noise, code enforcement, responding to coastal erosion, and other bread and butter and quality of life issues in East Hampton. We have little or even nothing to show for it. We have no concrete plans as to how to accomplish anything that has been promised, only aspirations to do so. That's not good enough. I am running for supervisor to redeem those promises and to achieve in East Hampton an economically, socially, and environmentally just and inclusive community."

David is a former chair of the East Hampton Town Democratic Committee. With Alec Baldwin, he co-founded the East Hampton Conservators. He served as Trustee and Treasurer of the Hampton Day School and is also a co-founder of Hayground School in Bridgehampton. David served as the chair of the Town's Airport Planning Committee, Noise Sub-committee. He is currently a member of the Airport Management Advisory Committee.

David holds degrees in physics, law, and advanced economics. He is in the final stages of earning his Ph.D. in economics. After practicing commercial law for several years, he became a principal in an investment firm acquiring and managing firms in diverse businesses. His management portfolio included one of the nation's largest chains of movie theaters, apparel, animal feed, bulk trucking, and a fleet of Pacific Northwest factory fishing trawlers. With his background in mathematics, in 1991

he founded his own successful trading firm employing statistical analysis for automated trading of securities.

An East Hampton resident for 33 years, David is the adoptive single father of two one-year-old Chinese girls, now young women 22 and 19 years of age. His older daughter is a first-year graduate student in art therapy. His younger daughter is a college sophomore interested in human rights and urban planning.

On the issues facing East Hampton, David pledges scrupulous observance of the law and these principles for successful solutions, the very same sound management principles that underlie the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA):

- The pertinent facts must be gathered and assembled as a public record.
- All reasonable and achievable alternatives must be identified and on the public record.
- The economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of each alternative must be carefully evaluated and on the public record.
- The stakeholders in the community must be directly involved in every stage of the process, both because of the expertise they bring to the table that town government does not have and so that preferred solutions reflect the values and objectives of the community.

As a concrete example: Our problem of declining water quality is in fact two distinct problems, chemical contamination and septic waste. To address chemical contamination, as occurred in Wainscott and as is now suspected along Springs-Fireplace Road, we must test drinking water town-wide in order to determine what problems exist, how they can be remediated, and what must necessarily be done to protect human health.

For septic waste, we must answer the question whether “Innovative/Alternative systems,” even if installed everywhere, would remove enough nitrogen to achieve our groundwater quality goals or whether we also need other forms of wastewater treatment.

To the extent that we are to rely on I/A systems, we must determine whether to prioritize critical areas so that financial resources are employed for the greatest return. We must also streamline the process of installation so that it is completely seamless for the homeowner, one phone call, one signature, no checks to write.

Peter Van Scoyoc's family has roots in East Hampton that go back to the 1700s. Peter operated a residential construction company and a seasonal charter fishing business here for over 25 years. He is intimately familiar with the land and waters of East Hampton and the issues we face making ends meet and sustaining what is best about this place and community.

Peter has devoted much of his time to public service. He has coached little league, girls softball, and youth soccer in East Hampton and Springs. He is currently serving his eighth year on the East Hampton Town Board and his second year as Town Supervisor. Prior to being elected, Peter served six years on the East Hampton Town Planning Board and five years on the East Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals, his last year as chair.

Peter's wife, Marilyn, worked as the band director at East Hampton High School for over 25 years. His daughter, Amy, was the 2009 EHHS Valedictorian and holds a degree in Biology from Dartmouth College. She was awarded a National Science Foundation Grant and is currently at U.C. Berkeley pursuing a Ph.D. in Environmental Science. His son, Thomas holds a BFA in Film from SUNY Purchase and works in the Film Industry in New York City. Currently Tom is filming a screenplay he has written.

Some of Peter's Accomplishments

Water Quality

- Authorized the town's first Comprehensive Wastewater Management Study and Plan
- Instituted water improvement projects reducing runoff into town waters
- Authorized up to 20% of Community Preservation Funds for water improvement projects
- Offering incentives of up to \$20,000 per property for upgrades to low nitrogen septic systems
- First in Suffolk County to mandate low nitrogen septic systems for all new construction
- Expanded shellfish production to restore habitat and improve water quality
- Created a Water Supply District in Wainscott to ensure safe drinking water for more than 500 homes threatened by chemical contamination

Renewable Energy and Sustainability

- Adopting a 100% renewable energy goal, among the first communities in the U.S. to do so
- First town on Long Island to be designated a Climate Smart Community
- Benchmarked energy use in all town buildings
- Improving electric vehicle infrastructure by installing charging stations at various locations
- Replacing older gas powered fleet vehicles with electric versions
- Installing LED street lighting in Montauk and throughout town buildings and ballfields
- First megawatt scale solar farm on the South Fork repurposing an abandoned brush dump
- First utility scale battery storage facility on Long Island is completed in East Hampton. The 5MW facility can meet peak demand for 8 hours for 5,000 homes. A second battery storage facility has been completed in Montauk

Affordable Housing

- 50 affordable housing units under construction or recently completed
- Acquired additional land in Wainscott for potentially 30 more dwelling units so that families that live and work

here will have opportunities to stay

Forward Planning

- Conducted Hamlet studies with the goal of promoting the long term vitality and viability of our business centers
- Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Planning (CARP) to address erosion and sea level rise
- Erosion Control District Feasibility Study for Downtown Montauk to fund beach sand replenishment
- Montauk Downtown Community Wastewater Study to address water quality concerns

Financial Management and Efficiency

- Practicing conservative budgeting and maintaining strong fund balances has led to a Moody's Aaa rating each year as Supervisor
- Adopting a capital plan that continues to address infrastructure and other needs while reducing overall indebtedness
- Digitizing records and modernizing the way in which the town does business and serves residents
- Increased productivity and knowledge of town employees through more training and financial incentives
- Encourage community involvement with over 30 volunteer committees and approx. 300 local residents whose expertise and diverse skills provide ideas and focus to manage the complexity that is our community
- Improved the Town's website allowing residents to sign up for notifications. We've also added Facebook and Instagram pages to further inform and engage the public

Open Space and Historic Preservation

- Acquired hundreds of acres of open space for recreation, farming, water quality improvement, and habitat protection while increasing public access to our waterfronts.
- Saved and/or restored Jonathan Little Barn at Duck Creek, the Gardiner Mill Cottage, The George Fowler House Second House, Fort Pond House

Emergency Communications and Services

- Authorized the long overdue upgrade of existing emergency communications for Police and Emergency Services
- Added three new tower sites to cover areas previously not served in Springs, Montauk, and Northwest
- Worked with East Hampton Village to construct a new Emergency Services Substation in Northwest which will provide enhanced fire protection and ambulance services as well potential premium reductions in homeowners insurance

Peter's Vision

"My vision for East Hampton is for a future that is forever vigilant in protecting our natural resources; a future that honors our past, and respects our history, traditions, and diversity; and a future full of opportunity for all of our residents who work and live here. There is still much more to do to protect our beautiful surroundings and quality of life here in East Hampton. I want to do what I can to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy the beauty and bounty of our surroundings and experience the care and support that our small town community offers. I ask for your support to continue this important work."

ELIZABETH "BETSY" BAMBRICK: OFFICIAL BIO

I, Elizabeth "Betsy" Bambrick, am seeking election to the East Hampton Town Board. My career of service in town government began when I was hired by the Tony Bullock administration in 1989 to head the Animal Control Department.

My insistence on humane methods of animal care and control, combined with partnership with animal rescue groups, led to my assisting the Town Attorney in drafting local laws in 1992. These laws ensured accountability for those who would treat voiceless, innocent animals with cruelty and neglect. These laws are still in place today.

I supervised the Animal Control Department during my tenure, instituting the first free rabies vaccine clinics, low cost spay/neuter clinics, and creating emergency shelters from Sag Harbor to Montauk after witnessing the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Through my dedication to duty, ability to join forces with the private sector, strength of character, and sensitive supervision of town employees, I was promoted to Director of Code Enforcement in 2010. Moreover, the East Hampton Town Board appointed me to the Board of Ethics that same year. Under former Supervisor Larry Cantwell's administration, I was re-appointed to a second term.

As a public servant for 30 years, I have always avoided party politics, choosing instead to maintain my independence and lead rather than follow. I cried foul when witnessing discrimination, harassment, workplace bullying, and an over-all hostile work environment in town departments. I have maintained my integrity when directed by members of corrupt administrations to circumvent or selectively enforce the law. I have always considered myself to be on "Team East Hampton."

I consider my greatest accomplishments, however, to be my two adult children, Spencer and Meghan, who attended Springs School and East Hampton High School, and were exemplary students and citizens. Doing what most loving parents do, I volunteered as a Girl Scout

leader, chaperoned school trips, raised funds for PTA and band, and instilled a sense of community in my children. Both are generous of spirit: Reliable workers, talented, intelligent and kind people who are loyal to their friends and respectful of their community. Sadly, neither will be able to set roots of their own in their hometown due to the lack of affordable housing for young families. Parents of my children's former classmates, teammates, bandmates lament over the same scenario.

I now work at St. Michael's Senior Housing as an advocate for the elderly tenants. This apartment complex is a model for what affordable housing for seniors should be. Not a day goes by without a local resident coming into my office to inquire about vacancy, or to place an aging loved one onto the ever-growing waiting list for availability. Each of our five hamlets should have a facility like St. Michael's – yet no new public/private projects like this are being considered.

It is for these reasons that I ask for the community's vote to become an elected representative on the Town Board. Every day I encounter friends and neighbors – tax-paying, voting citizens – who ask me to help find reasonable solutions to the problems we face. They want to know that their voices will be heard, and that they will be treated with respect and dignity when they seek assistance from our elected officials.

I, Elizabeth "Betsy" Bambrick, am a more-than-qualified candidate of integrity. I have worked side-by-side with every East Hampton Town administration, from Tony Bullock to Larry Cantwell, in my 28 years of public service. I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to a community that I love so much. No one will work harder for you.

DAVID LYS

For over 43 years I have been educating and preparing myself for the opportunity to become a town councilman for the home town that I grew up in, East Hampton. During these years I became an expert in the values and traditions that have set the town of East Hampton apart from other communities that have forever been trying to replicate the inherent foundations that East Hampton was founded on. And in the beginning of 2018 when my town and its leading officials ask me to rise and serve on the town council, I knew that I was ready and qualified to do so.

I was fortunate to be brought up by wonderful parents that took the job of parenting extremely seriously. I am the son of a former 29-year tenured school teacher of the East Hampton school district and of an immigrant who escaped tyranny at the time in his home country of Indonesia. They both fought hard to establish values in myself and my sister that would mold us to be successful throughout our adult lives. I feel that my parents Joyce and Hakim have accomplished those goals and I am proud to be known as their son.

I was educated in the local East Hampton school district by some of the finest teachers and administrators that a community could ask for. I am also thankful for the opportunity to seek higher education and complete my degree in kinesiology from The Pennsylvania State University. But it is the education that I learned from my cumulative life experiences that has given me the most strength and knowledge to continue to lead East Hampton.

Over my entire life I have observed the changes that our community has gone through. Changes that have been both positive and negative. Changes in social economic strata and discrepancies, the over development of areas that tarnish East Hampton's unique character and the diminishing purity of our environmental resources. All of these negative changes have also been followed or happened at the same time as many positive actions. Preservation of our surviving historical structures, the increase in local volunteer organizations to support our community, and the priority in dealing with sea level rise and clean drinking water. Its only with proper long-range planning and community input and buy in, that any positive action happen. I look forward to continuing the positive planning that our town desires and deserves.

I am not running to retain my councilman seat because of political gains or aspirations. I am running to retain my councilman seat because I know that I have the background to help my hometown continue being a leader and to help to continue to shape East Hampton's future to be one that mine and your children can be proud of. My life experiences and desire to help East Hampton are what sets me apart from my competition. I will not wage a negative campaign full of false narratives to better myself in the eyes of East Hampton's voters. The voters are too smart and will see the wrong in that. Instead I will let me record of volunteerism, community involvement, and accomplishments as a town councilman speak for itself.

As a childhood cancer survivor, I learned a very hard lesson of never giving up and trusting in the lord's decisions and the guidance of professional doctors.

As a founding member of Paddlers for Humanity we have been able to donate a over one million dollars to local children's-based charities such as project most and build on.

Helping to found and serve on the board of Citizens for Access Rights I helped lead the grass roots charge to defend public beach access in East Hampton and unify generations of beach users together for a common goal.

For over eight years I have led the fundraising and the complete restoration efforts for the historic Amagansett Life-Saving Station. A project that I helped unify multiple craftsman's, preservationist and town department to help carefully complete. And now it's a town owned structure that recently has been added to the National Historic Register.

I completed a five year term on the towns Zoning Board of Appeals. It was there that I earned the respect of my fellow board members, town staff and residents of East Hampton for my constant preparedness, tenacity

to defend the environment, and the character of East Hampton's neighborhoods. I immersed myself in the towns written code and gave each applicant a fair and unbiased hearing on their application. I am very proud of how my time on the zoning board of appeals and how I represented the residents of the town in that appointed role.

And most importantly as a husband and father of four young children, I have the pleasure to help educate them in their personal life experiences so that they can all bring out the best in themselves. All while balancing the demands of work and financial stability. That is the definition of working family concerns.

While this background history is what has prepared me for my role on East Hampton's Town council, I feel proud in what I have been able to accomplish in the short time that I have been an East Hampton Town Councilman.

I have helped to move forward and complete studies, design and a construction project at the ditch plain beaches that addressed safety, increased public parking access and prioritizing the towns residents. I helped the board accomplish this by listening to community input and also by taking on a hands on role during construction to meet tight deadlines.

Successfully I sponsored funding for the upgrades to multiple town's recreational complexes. These includes resurfacing of the Stephens hands path soccer fields, new complaint lights on the Montauk Lion's field, and the restoration of David King baseball field at Maidstone park in Springs after it was vandalized. I believe, Recreation and its arenas are of the utmost importance to a balanced life style of work and play in our town.

In my desire assist in water quality concerns I have been a steady attendee of the water quality technical advisory committee meetings. It is at these meetings that brainstorming and design solution are discussed in how to help advise the town board in the actions that they can take to increase the water quality of our bays and estuaries. And from my desire to continue on the multiple front battle for improved water quality I successfully submitted and was awarded the largest grant in East Hampton's history from the Empire State Development fund for the design of the consolidation of the town's Aquaculture department.

With all of these recent accomplishments that I helped spearhead and my liaison roles to the towns parks and recreation department, aquaculture and land management departments, waterfront advisory, wildlife management, and fisheries advisory committees, I have shown that I have hit the ground running as your town councilman with the spirit and energy that is need to get tasks accomplished at the town board level.

As a town councilman I look forward to forwarding the conversation about affordable housing on all levels. Housing for seniors, work force and working families that make up the fabric of East Hampton.

I also am extremely motivated to find tangible, strict solutions to the noise and safety problems that hamper the East Hampton airport. This is a quality of life issue for many residents that has to be addressed by our town government firmly so that our residents' voices are heard on the national level.

Meaningful job creation is of the utmost importance to the success of our children's future and the future of East Hampton volunteers and citizens. Without having economically tangible jobs that allow for ample family and free time, there will be less availability of potential volunteers in our community and the community grassroots organizations that our town relies on.

I feel that I have the temperament, and desire to learn and listen, that the residents would want to see in a town councilman. A leader by example, that puts the love of his hometown over any politics that can be divisive and negative to good government.

For all of the factors that I stated above, I respectfully ask for your support and vote in the upcoming November 5th general election.

BONNIE BRADY

My name is Bonnie Brady, I'm 56 years old and live in Montauk with my husband and our two daughters. I am running for the East Hampton Town Board on the Independence, Libertarian and Conservative lines, and have the support of the EH Fusion party, the East Hampton Reform Democrats, and the East Hampton Town Republican Committee.

I have a journalism degree from the University of South Carolina, and moved to the East End from Washington, DC, where I had been working for Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey. I originally moved to Montauk in 1989 to help my mom Carol care for my four younger siblings after my parents' divorce.

Arriving in Montauk, I worked a series of waitressing jobs at first, then became a reporter, first for Dan's Papers, and then for the East Hampton Star. I also joined the Montauk Fire Department, as a member of its Ambulance Company (Co. 4) and became an EMT-D.

Back when I still lived in DC, I had applied to the US Peace Corps, and in 1991 I received a bid to join as a health volunteer in Cameroun, West Africa. In November of 1991 I moved to Cameroun, and after training, worked at a district hospital in Bengbis in the South province, co-coordinating primary health care for pre and post-natal women, and their infant children. The Project SESA program that I administered was a joint partnership effort funded by USAID and Harvard University.

Upon returning from the Peace Corps in 1993, I again went to work for the East Hampton Star while also working part-time jobs as a waitress, bartender and cab driver. In 1995 I was accepted to SUNY Stony Brook's paramedic program, the same year that I met my husband, Dave Aripotch, a commercial fisherman. I became Montauk's first paramedic (unpaid) in 1996, graduating from Stony Brook with both NY State and National Registry certification. My husband and I married in 1998, and we have two daughters.

I was a member of the Montauk Fire Department (MFD) for 16 years in total, from 1990-2006. In addition to becoming the first medic as a member of the ambulance company (Co. 4), I was also Firefighter I-certified with MFD Company 5. In the early 1990s, on behalf of the MFD, I wrote the application for the Suffolk County Health Department's AED Pilot Project which awarded the first automatic defibrillators in Suffolk County to Montauk, and was the ambulance company's Training Officer and the MFD Secretary, both for three years.

In 2012 right after Hurricane Sandy, I was one of a handful of local men and women that helped to establish the East End Cares (EEC) group. EEC devoted itself to a variety of disaster relief efforts post Hurricane Sandy, including acquiring and gathering disaster supplies and creating supply pathways into the Rockaways.

For the last almost 20 years I've been the executive director of the Long Island Commercial Fishing Association, a position I hold today, representing New York's commercial fishermen throughout Long Island at the Town, County, State, and Federal level. I have testified before both houses of Congress on Harbor Maintenance, Fisheries, and National Ocean Policy issues.

When I moved here back in the 80s as a single person, I carried with me all the hopes and dreams of any of our younger adults. I worked my butt off, had at least two jobs at any one time, moved from

rental to rental trying to score year-round housing, and tried my best to survive and thrive while making Montauk my home and giving back to my community by joining the fire department and becoming a Little League softball coach.

I loved my new hometown 30 years ago and I still do. It's why I'm running for office.

For too long I have listened to the Town Board's empty promises regarding affordable housing plans for locals, for kids who have grown up here and working families who want to stay close to their roots.

I'm tired of town-board led mandates that are handed down as de facto edicts, instead of working respectfully with all stakeholders and differing points of view, for solutions that we can all willingly accept and live with together as a community.

I'm fed up with the zero-transparency surrounding town-wide initiatives that affect us all, like the Deepwater Wind backroom deal that was cloaked in secrecy, one that disenfranchises an entire industry within our town and divides neighbor against neighbor regarding transmission cable landing.

Or the insanity of the Springs emergency communications tower nightmare, where some poor soul might have to die first before they solve the problem?

And now with the Wainscott water contamination issue under a microscope, and further testing of a possible larger "hot zone," we can no longer delay or pretend these issues don't exist. It's time to get serious.

I'm running for Town Board because I want to help our Town's residents with the local issues that affect us all. Can I drink the water? Can I raise my kids here? Can we afford to stay here? Quality of life issues that bind us together as friends and neighbors, that can and should be solved as a community together with transparency and fairness for all.

Councilwoman Sylvia Overby
East Hampton Group for Good Government, October 5, 2019

Family, friends and our community are what I hold dear. For over half of my life now, East Hampton has been my focus. My husband and I came here over 35 years ago, and I fell in love with a place that had astounding beauty, a rich history and preserved open spaces. My husband, raised in Huntington, had come here every summer as a child and stayed in Mary Smith's cottages on Old Montauk Highway. These were his best-loved memories. So, his connection with East Hampton brought us here and it was a place I quickly adopted. Although we were married and resided in Atlanta, we wanted to be here, in East Hampton. We bought property in Amagansett and built our home in 1984. Our two sons grew up here. They graduated from Amagansett, East Hampton Middle School and East Hampton High School. I was a summer soccer coach when my boys were in middle and high school and was an active parent in their school activities. My sons are proud to have been town beach lifeguards, too. They learned to appreciate the oceans and bays and to understand how precious and unique life in East Hampton can be. This is the place that still glues our family together.

I grew up in Florida, attended the public schools, and graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. This background has been very useful in numerous town issues such as water quality, energy conservation, and environmental policies. I have been a middle school science teacher, a manager for a major department store, and I launched/operated a business making cheesecakes for restaurants. The business was eventually sold but is still in operation today.

Community service: My formal involvement in community issues began with the Amagansett Citizens Advisory Committee. I subsequently became its chair for 5 years. I worked on several other town committees and was especially proud to work with a group to establish the first Historic District in the town.

In 2004 I was honored to be appointed a member of the East Hampton Town Planning Board, serving for seven years, including two as vice-chair and four as chair. During my tenure, the Planning Board shepherded two important affordable housing projects through the planning process, Springs-Fireplace Apartments and St. Michael's Senior Affordable Housing.

Elected Service: I was elected to the Town Board in 2011 and again in 2015. My colleagues and I have been committed to fiscally responsible Town Budgets and finances: the Town is now Aa1 rated by Moody's, the highest rating in the town's history. Equally important, my colleagues and I work hard to sustain our community character, preserve our environment and protect our quality of life. Key Board roles with Town Departments and Citizen Committees 2015-19 are:

- Housing and Community Development Dept., Community Housing Opportunity Fund
- Town Planning Dept., Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Architectural Review Board
- Hamlet Study Planning Process
- Business Committee

- Energy Sustainability Committee
- Town Airport, Airport Management Advisory Committee
- East Hampton Town Sanitation Dept., Recycling and Litter Committee
- Montauk Citizens Advisory Committee
- Anti-Bias Task Force
- East Hampton Arts Council

Proud Accomplishments Related to these roles, I personally started the East Hampton Arts Council, the Agricultural Committee and the Business Committee, and brought back the Anti-Bias Task Force and the Recycling and Litter Committees. The Community Housing Opportunity Fund management plan had not been updated in 10 years; this needed update was one of the first accomplishments of our committee, and we have diligently kept it updated since then.

The housing initiatives, for which I am very committed and proud, are critical to our community character and success. They give families in East Hampton the opportunity for home ownership. They support our businesses' and our town's efforts to attract and retain sorely needed employees. They allow our families to make East Hampton's collection of villages and hamlets a persisting, multi-generational home. So, to achieve this, I brought back the shelved Manor House affordable condominium project. I supported the Gansett Meadow project in Amagansett and the purchase of 4.2 acres on Route 114. And I initiated legislation for detached affordable apartments and increased affordable housing opportunities in commercial buildings.

In other efforts to sustain our community character, I lead the town-wide Hamlet Study planning process, getting your input and capturing it in the final documents. I sponsored Formula/Chain Store legislation that helped stop the urbanization of the town and supported local businesses. And, I supported legislation to preserve historic structures and landmarks. As an example, we saved Fort Pond House for community use. I also promptly responded to residents' desires relating to Indian Wells Beach and Ditch Plain Beach: now there is effective enforcement of resident-only permits and we upgraded beach facilities in the town.

To protect our rich natural beauty and environment, we strengthened our resiliency through Energize East Hampton and Peak Savers programs. We are continuing to work towards our 100% renewable goals with a new solar farm and Community Choice Aggregation opportunities. I reinforced the town's commitment to the environment by sponsoring legislation to ban single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam take-out containers. We preserved open space, wetlands, watersheds and historic properties through the Community Preservation Fund (CPF). We protected our water quality by quickly addressing the contamination found in Wainscott: extending Suffolk County Water to a newly created water district. We supported the expansion of CPF to include water quality projects and grants for private and commercial I/A septic systems.

Residents and neighborhoods have always been my focus. We all want opportunities to earn a living, safe neighborhoods for our kids, and the quiet enjoyment of the beautiful place we call home. It is a privilege to serve my community and the people that make it extraordinary. Please vote for me, Sylvia Overby, on November 5 so that I can continue to serve.

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It will not be possible to have all questions answered during our debate. However, after the debate we will send copies of all questions to all the candidates who will be invited to answer questions not raised at the debate if you include your contact information.

Name(s): _____

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My question(s) for the panel is:
