## Here's What's Happening on the Campaign Trail ...



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FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR LD2



## Petition Challenges to Block Kabot's Write-In Opportunity-to-Ballot in the Independence Primary

Democratic Party Operatives have filed legal objections to the petitions filed on April 11 at the Suffolk County Board of Elections that would allow for a Write-In Opportunity in the Independence Primary for the position of Suffolk County Legislator. Primary Day is scheduled for June 25, 2019 and in Southampton Town, the Independence voters are already slated to choose between 2 contenders for Town Supervisor (incumbent and a challenger) and 2 contenders for Tax Receiver (incumbent and a challenger).

Linda Kabot, Candidate for County Legislator LD#2, who is currently designated on the Republican and Conservative ballot lines for the General Election Nov. 5, is seeking to run as a Write-In Candidate against the incumbent Bridget Fleming in the Independence Primary. Fleming has Democratic, Independence and Working Families Party ballot lines, and Kabot's petition seeking an opportunity to ballot for the Independence line as write-in would prompt the actual decision for Independence endorsement to be by the voters on Primary Day, who would then decide who should have the Independence ballot line in the General Election to be held on November 5, 2019.

If Kabot's petition as a write-in candidate for the Independence line by Primary is validated by the Board of Elections and the Supreme Court, she could potentially earn the Independence line directly from the voters enrolled Independence that cast their votes on Primary Day, which would result in Kabot's name appearing on three ballot lines on the General Election ballot in November. Kabot has achieved nearly 4,000 votes by Write-In in a prior General Election and has proven herself to be a formidable candidate.

Kabot stated," It is amazing to me that Fleming's Democratic Party cronies are trying to challenge voter signatures and block ballot access from any opportunity to campaign as a write-in for the Independence ballot line. What are they afraid of? Let the voters decide who they believe best represents them, and allow for choice at the ballot box, including by write-in. It is not the Independence Party that is objecting to these voter signatures. The Independence Party platform was always centered on supporting ballot access for reform-minded candidates who have demonstrated their independence, commitment to good government and who can look past political party labels to govern with common sense. This is a power play by the Democratic Party Bosses to intimidate and obstruct and attempt to control whose names appear on what party line for Election Day."

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