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“North Hempstead and America 250:

A Legacy of Liberty, A Future of Promise”

By Supervisor Jennifer S. DeSena

Good morning, everyone — and thank you for joining us here at our Town's beautifully renovated Harbor Links Golf Course. Not a bad office for the morning, right? If all government meetings were held with a view like this, I promise you, attendance would skyrocket.

This is my fifth State of the Town address as your Supervisor — part of a tradition that spans more than 40 years in North Hempstead. Each year we reflect on where we've been and where we're going. And that really captures who we are as a town in 2026. We are marking America's 250th birthday — with one foot grounded in our history and one firmly toward the future. From our historic cemetery to our cutting-edge robots, we honor the past while innovating for our future.

And it's especially meaningful that we gather during Women's History Month. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and opened doors so that others might walk through. Today in North Hempstead we have more women commissioners than ever before, and I am grateful to work with them each day.

Before I begin, a few thank-yous. To our Commissioner of Community Services and our Services for the Aging, Kimberly Corcoran-Galante — This event comes together largely because of her efforts and those of her outstanding team.

Thank you to LPGA professional Kelley Brooke, the first female Director of Golf at Harbor Links, and her team for hosting us.

Thank you to my colleagues in town government — our Receiver of Taxes, Mary Jo Collins; our Town Clerk, Ragini Srivastava; and Councilmembers Robert Troiano Jr., Ed Scott, Dennis Walsh, Christine Liu, and Mariann Dalimonte.

And please join me in welcoming our newest Councilmember, Yaron Levy — who won his district with an impressive 72% of the vote. That's not just a victory — that's a mandate. And I would be remiss if I did not thank our former Councilman David Adhami for his service.

If you've ever attended or watched a Town Board meeting, you know meetings in North Hempstead are occasionally loud. But I assure you that in a democracy, tension is not a flaw — it's a feature.

There are many other public officials here today whose partnership makes our work possible. Because no town — and no Town Supervisor — operates alone. Please hold your applause until the end.

I'd also like to recognize our first responders, whose quiet courage and selflessness define what it means to be a public servant. They show up on the hardest days so the rest of us can have better ones.

And last but certainly not least, I want to thank the workforce of North Hempstead — our commissioners, staff, and union members of CSEA Local 7555 led by President Tom McDonough — you are the living and breathing heart of this community — and we are grateful that you beat so strongly.

And I'm sending a special shout-out to all our teams, who went above and

beyond during recent snowstorms, working tirelessly to keep our roads and residents safe.

As we look ahead, we do so at a historic moment. This 250th anniversary of our nation's founding is a reminder that our democracy didn't begin in distant capitals, but in towns like ours, where everyday people stood up, spoke out, and shaped their own future.

Many don't realize that North Hempstead itself was born of that spirit. Once under the reign of King George, local farmers voiced their defiance. In September 1775, they risked their lives by signing their own declaration in support of the Revolutionary cause.

As we honor that legacy, we must carry that same spirit forward by strengthening local government, listening to one another, and upholding the values of liberty, opportunity, fairness, and limited government.

In that light, I remain committed to a Town government rooted in the will of its citizens – transparent, accountable, and a careful steward of your tax

dollars. That means maintaining infrastructure and delivering services while ensuring you can work, build a business, and raise your family without unnecessary burdens.

We all know that the cost of living continues to rise. But saving, buying a home, raising a family – these are not luxuries. **They are the foundation of the American dream and protecting that dream is this town’s top priority.**

When I first stood here in 2022, people warned me not to promise lower taxes. This town hadn’t seen a reduction in nearly three decades, but I said it anyway—and I meant it. I’ve kept that promise not once, not twice, but for three consecutive years. **And this year we delivered a full tax freeze, giving residents four uninterrupted years of tax relief—a total reduction of nearly 22%!**

Naysayers claimed we had to choose between fiscal responsibility and services. We rejected that entirely. With smart, disciplined government, residents can indeed have both.

That outlook continues to earn us recognition. Just last month the Wall Street bond rating agency Moody's Investors Service, again awarded us their Aaa bond rating. This is their highest rating, and it reflects the town's strong reserves and large and diverse tax base. Even more notable was their recognition of our strong fiscal management and our commitment to using technology to streamline services.

Lest there be ANY confusion – none of this is an accident. **Because that Aaa is a much more than a bond rating – it's a North Hempstead mindset.**

So how do we accomplish what so few others can?

For your answer I refer you to the philosopher Voltaire who wrote, “no problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking.” That principle guides my administration – top to bottom. Solving problems – doing more with less and then doing it better.

After the American Revolution, when Alexander Hamilton looked at a young, fragile nation drowning in debt, **he didn't say government couldn't work.**

He didn't settle for patchwork fixes. He built a financial system that created stability and growth. That's what government innovation looks like — new ideas that deliver lasting results.

Today, this administration honors that legacy and turns challenge into opportunity. For example, last year I announced we would implement a one-time separation incentive for long-time employees. Developed with our union, the program was fair and mutually beneficial: it offered financial security to those considering retirement while reducing payroll and creating opportunities for new hires and promotions. Twenty-three employees participated, delivering nearly half a million dollars a year in savings to taxpayers.

That's how new strategies deliver ongoing results.

Look around this room—or out the window at this magnificent golf course. Harbor Links, our Town’s only municipal course, had long been an overlooked asset.

For an inexplicable 26 years, the Town extended the same agreement, paying \$200,000 annually to the same management firm, covering all the expenses, and earning just \$400,000 in profit—completely ignoring potential for taxpayers. So, change became my priority.

In 2025, we replaced it with an agreement with Brooke Holdings LLC, founded by Kelley who I introduced earlier. They now assume all operating costs and liability, pay rent to the Town, and share profits. The deal guarantees at least \$750,000 each year, with increases projected to exceed \$18 million over the term—and we’ve already exceeded expectations for our first year – on target for \$950,000!

They also invested nearly \$2 million in improvements: a new driving range with In-Range technology, rebuilt cart paths, two new restaurants, and a

beautifully renovated clubhouse. We're even one of the few courses in the world where robots deliver refreshments – all this while increasing accessibility – more residents playing here than ever.

Again, innovation – making government work smarter.

The same approach is being applied to the safety of our children. Too many drivers were illegally passing stopped school buses putting young lives at risk. So, we implemented Bus Patrol — an electronic enforcement system that holds reckless drivers accountable.

It's smart, automatic enforcement. It works 24/7. It removes confrontation.

It supports our police. And most important...it's changing driver behavior.

Violations are down, awareness is up, and our roads are safer. **Our children**

are safer. And while the goal was never revenue, the program has

generated more than \$2 million that we're reinvesting back into our Town.

You see – this is what good government looks like — protecting our children, using technology, and delivering results without raising taxes.

But why do we obsess over Town finances?

Because revenue isn't the finish line. It's the foundation.

Every dollar we generate or save is reinvested. Every dollar spent wisely, every tough choice made, lays the foundation for a town that people don't have to leave – a place that families can call home for generations.

This is hometown pride. This is American self-reliance.

Now let me tell you what that looks like in real time:

After 24 years of unacceptable delays, we finally constructed North

Hempstead's 9-11 memorial in Valley Park – and it's beautiful. The half

million-dollar project began last May and was unveiled for the 24th

anniversary of the attacks this past September. A semi-circular black granite

wall, made up of 11 engraved panels surrounds a steel beam recovered from ground zero.

Eight of those panels are inscribed with the names of Town residents who perished in the terror attacks. End panels will bear the names of residents who succumbed to 9/11-related illnesses. The center panel bears the Town's logo and the powerful inscription: ***"What we call resilience is often the quiet courage of ordinary people who refuse to be defeated."***

That resilience is not passive. That's why we've taken a critical look at our everyday responsibilities – the projects that don't command headlines but cannot be ignored.

At last year's State of the Town, I shared a sobering reality: North Hempstead maintains nearly 300 miles of roadway, yet for years we repaved an average of just eight miles annually. But under the able management of Commissioners Jerry LoSquadro and Kristin Seleski, we made amazing

progress, increasing that average to more than 20 miles per year. And we're not stopping there.

We are working to repave an ambitious 40 miles this go-round! More than five times the old average. That represents a record investment of nearly \$6 million in our infrastructure. And we're prioritizing the roads that are in the worst condition.

This year, North Hempstead will implement Pavement Condition Index (PCI) surveys, a system developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. PCI technology objectively evaluates road conditions, eliminating guesswork and political bickering. With data guiding our decisions, we'll make repairs more strategic, efficient, and cost-effective — **Again, innovation that makes a difference.**

Of course, paving is just part of the picture. We must also address the larger, more complex projects that connect our communities to the broader region.

For nearly 15 years, one of those challenges sat ignored. A stretch of Bayview Avenue along Manhasset Bay was severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and the road shoulder bordering the bay endured a decade of structural erosion, undermining the road's integrity and long-term stability.

Using a partial grant from FEMA, we took it head on, stabilizing 700 linear feet of shoreline. We not only repaired existing damage, but we fortified the road against any future storms.

Our commitment didn't stop there. Working with the MTA, the 127-year-old Webster Avenue Bridge in Manhasset has now been completely rebuilt. This \$28 million investment strengthens a vital crossing and improves reliability for Long Island Railroad commuters across the region — yet another project decades in the making, now finally delivered.

Projects of this magnitude protect the backbone of our transportation network. But we also modernized the road system we rely on every night by jumpstarting our LED streetlight conversion project, which had also been

stalled for years. Instead of allowing it to sit on the shelf any longer, we invested \$1 million this year and moved at record speed. In just six months we replaced more fixtures than we had in the last decade!

The result? A 60% reduction in energy consumption, lower emissions, safer roads for everyone, and 20-year fixtures that significantly reduce maintenance costs.

In my administration good ideas don't sit in binders — they become results that people can actually see.

And we don't skip the little details. Things like new vintage-style black poles and crisp, white-lettered street signs for Albertson Downs. Spearheaded by Councilman Scott and funded by a grant from County Legislator Scott Strauss, this initiative marks the beginning of a broader beautification effort. Thank you Councilman Scott for going that extra mile.

Now, let's turn our attention to something a little more fun — what I call our Parks Renaissance. You remember the long overdue transformation of Tully Park in New Hyde Park. After 30 years of temporary fixes that never addressed larger problems, we took action.

We renovated tennis courts, added pickleball courts, resurfaced the track and field, and fully reconstructed the parking lots and walkways to resolve decades of settling. We also improved lighting, landscaping, and fencing, and rebuilt a training area for local fire departments at no cost to them. And here's the best part—we finished **early** and **under budget**. **That's smart government in action.**

That \$5 million renovation ignited our Parks Renaissance, and now improvements are underway across North Hempstead.

Let me give you a quick snapshot:

Four of our fields at Fuschillo, 8th & Asbury, and two at Caemmerer—were transformed from natural clay to synthetic turf. That means everything from excavation and irrigation to new turf, concrete bases, portable mounds, fencing, and topsoil. We also renovated dugouts and backstops. Caemmerer Park got corrugated roof shades, while Fuschillo received new a batting cage and bleachers.

And we didn't forget our furry friends. At Tully Dog Park, we expanded the synthetic turf area, giving dogs even more room to play. Again, by leveraging federal funding we did all this while easing the burden on local taxpayers.

But there's more: new amenities are popping up everywhere. A beautiful clock at Blumenfeld Park in conjunction with the Port Washington BID, LED walkway lights at multiple parks, new backboards at Alvan Petrus Park thanks to a generous resident, and new playground equipment at Shepherd Lane Park. We even replaced the steam generators for both the men's and women's rooms at Tully Park.

And all this is just a glimpse. Every project is about making our parks **safer, more accessible, and more fun.**

Just ask Councilman Dennis Walsh, who spearheaded work and helped cut the ribbon this past July at Broadway Park in Garden City Park. This beloved space has been serving the neighborhood since 1971, but over time, the neglected playground and equipment had grown worn and outdated.

Thanks in part to funding from the Long Island Railroad, the Town seized the opportunity to modernize the park. Today, it boasts new spray pads, playground equipment, seating and rest areas, landscaping, fencing, and LED lighting. Thank you to Councilman Walsh for helping us turn this park into a place worth playing in!

Another park turnaround that had been stalled for years: the Hicks Bridge and Memorial Centre at Gerry Pond Park in Roslyn. It started when the Gerry Charitable Trust provided a grant to reproduce the missing 28-inch bronze plaque in 2017 – but because the bridge itself needed restoration,

the new medallion sat in storage — essentially collecting dust in an office — while work was delayed.

Well, we dusted off those plans and gave Hicks Bridge the renovation it deserved. That included rebuilding walls, repairing stonework, and installing new railings and sidewalks. We were joined for the ribbon cutting there by the Roslyn Landmark Society and the Hicks family, who originally built the bridge. North Hempstead is rich in history, and preserving these treasures for future generations helps keep our story alive.

And of course there are less glamorous things. The Town Dock restrooms in Port Washington got a full makeover—proof that even bathrooms deserve a little TLC.

As you can see, projects that were shelved for years are getting a new lease on life under my administration. **And we're tackling them more intelligently, getting better value on every investment we make.**

Take for example the planned installation of new EV charging stations across North Hempstead, which had always been talk but never action. Our Town recently approved a contract to place 58 stations at parking lots and parks throughout town. And the best part? You know I love it. The Town will receive 91 cents of every revenue dollar from station usage — a far better deal than previous contracts. There's just no bones about it: Every dollar earned is one less we need to raise taxes.

We're through with the lip service. We're making things happen.

Now imagine doing all of this while cutting your taxes by 22% !

Our progress echoes the enduring American story: neighbors working side by side, solving problems, and **building something for the next generation.**

In that spirit, let me share what lies ahead:

I begin with the biggest news this Town has seen in a very long time.

This year North Hempstead will break ground on a \$20 million renovation of Town Dock in Port Washington. We've secured permits from New York State, and the Army Corps of Engineers gave us the green light. Now it's GO time. You may recall our dock was badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and was left to deteriorate over the years.

But now we have the federal and state funding to rebuild it better than ever.

- A taller, stronger bulkhead to protect the waterfront
- Sloped erosion barriers to absorb waves
- Upgraded gangways, sidewalks, security, irrigation, lights, and benches
- Underground utilities protected from storms
- Rain gardens that manage stormwater and support wildlife
- And more space for community events

This is a once-in-a-generation public works project, the likes this town hasn't seen since the New Deal. Our Town Dock will be a destination for all of Long Island.

And special thanks U.S. Senator Schumer who has delivered on my request for another key item in our long-term capital plan – The Greywater Irrigation Project – with a \$3 million federal grant.

Last year I explained that this facility uses 36 million gallons of water per year, making North Hempstead one of the largest water consumers in the district. But this innovative system will capture stormwater and use it to irrigate the course instead – decreasing freshwater consumption by millions of gallons while protecting our delicate aquifers

Best of all – you already know what I’m going to say – **it will save us money!**

I can proudly report that we are ready to start phase 1 of construction, designing the special pumps that will be the heart of our greywater system.

Talk about forward thinking government!

Now let’s move across the peninsula to Hempstead Bay for a capital plan project that may rival our Town Dock: North Hempstead Beach Park – still affectionately known as Bar Beach.

A bold, multi-year plan will restore the shoreline, protect Hempstead Harbor, and create a vibrant, year-round waterfront. Visitors can expect an expanded promenade, enhanced recreational areas, and potential year-round dining—all designed to highlight the park's natural beauty. Our resilient design strategies will restore the shoreline, expand wildlife habitat, and protect our wetlands.

We are currently advancing the first three major components of this project. With the DEC permit in hand for a new wave attenuator to reduce erosion, we have issued an RFP to complete design before bidding. Second, we have already hired an engineering firm to design a new bulkhead, aiming for permits by year's end. Third, we are issuing an RFP to assess the park's utilities infrastructure, ensuring water and sewer systems can fully support our plans. We know that before you invest time and money in building anything you must first ensure a safe foundation.

Again, rather than chasing splashy announcements, we choose steady execution over empty promises — advancing step by step and project by project.

And our progress doesn't end at the water's edge. We're moving full speed ahead on infrastructure all over Town.

In close partnership with Nassau County, we are now advancing the long-anticipated Westbury Avenue project in Carle Place. Together we will reconstruct sidewalks, curbs, roadways and even drainage to enhance safety, and ADA accessibility. Moreover, we are creating a pedestrian-friendly streetscape for residents and businesses alike. Our final plans have been submitted, and we now expect the bulk of work to be completed in 2026.

Again, here we used a combination of federal, Town and County funding.

This is the kind of collaboration our residents deserve.

Now, let's turn north to another key capital project: the Carlton Avenue retaining wall in Port Washington. This initiative will repair and reinforce the existing wall and stabilize the roadway. Engineering designs are complete, funding has been secured, and the project will soon go out to bid, with construction expected to wrap up by the year's end.

Here's the thing: engineering may not always be glamorous — it's detailed, methodical, and behind-the-scenes work. But it's that kind of careful, deliberate effort that gets things done. In many ways it embodies our North Hempstead strategy: **preserve what works, reinforce what is vulnerable, and plan for the future ...but get the job done right the first time!**

We apply the same approach to our Parks. There's more there than I could list in one breath, but I'll give it the old college try.

We are:

converting the handball courts at Broadway and Whitney Park into pickleball courts, upgrading the pond system at Clark Gardens, installing a

new playground at the 8th & Asbury Ballfield, and installing new HVAC components at Tully Park. Meanwhile, our brand-new shade structures at Tully Dog Park will be ready by the end of this month, so our four-legged friends can chill in style without turning into hot dogs.

And yes - we're fixing the perpetually leaky kiddie pool at Clinton G. Martin — it's been leaking since it opened in 2017 like it had something to prove. Since that time the frustrating cycle has been the same: the pool leaks. It's patched. The pool leaks again — And it costs taxpayers each and every time. Not to mention the tremendous waste of water. **Kicking the can down the road never works. So, we're doing it our way — the right way - installing an entirely new liner to fix the problem once and for all.**

And while all of these are important, **a town requires a vision for the future.**

I've said since my first inauguration that our town needed to update its master plan—which, believe it or not, hasn't been touched since 1989.

So today, I'm pleased to announce that after months of preparation, we will be issuing an RFP for consulting services in the coming weeks — the first

step in comprehensively updating our master plan. This will help us **preserve our neighborhoods, guide development wisely, and coordinate all our departments to work toward the same goals.**

All of this is fantastic news but we know a town is more than plans and policies. It's about people. And making government work better for them has been our mission.

Take the North Hempstead Buildings Department — once the cloud hanging over Town Hall — now a story of reform and results. For years, systemic issues frustrated residents despite the dedication of hardworking staff. But using an 84-page audit from Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips as a roadmap, I launched sweeping changes to restore trust and efficiency.

We established a direct Help Desk phone line and an Open-Door policy so homeowners and contractors could meet staff before submitting plans.

Inspectors now rotate areas, staff are cross-trained, and decades of paper records are being digitized. We even bring the department directly to your

neighborhoods, hosting regular workshops to make guidance more accessible than ever.

The result? Residents and businesses are reporting that, for the first time in many years, they can get live help when they need it.

From liability to a model of accountability, the department is thriving — and we're just getting started. Last week, Kyle Strober of Association for a Better Long Island and Michael Florio of the Long Island Builders' Institute helped us unveil OpenGov, industry-leading software used by municipalities across New York that streamlines operations, improves communication, and puts residents first.

Hats off to Commissioner Haramis and the Building Department staff for taking it from headache to hope. **While there's more to be done, the department's transformation shows what happens when accountability meets innovation.**

I also want to take a moment to express gratitude to our IT team, our unsung heroes. So many of the improvements I have reported to you today rely on their ability to painstakingly integrate new technology for the Town. I couldn't be prouder of the work they do.

And speaking of bright spots, let me highlight one of the Town's true treasures: Project Independence—the unique, town-wide program that helps seniors and residents with disabilities stay independent and connected to the community they call home. I know I thanked her earlier, but she wears many hats – our gratitude to Commissioner Kimberly Corcoran Galante and our incredible Services for the Aging staff.

In 2025, Project Independence handled 29,275 service requests from local seniors — **58% of all town-wide requests** and a 5 ½ % increase over the previous year. Memberships grew to 18,527, with 1,029 new seniors joining.

Transportation remains a cornerstone. Partnering with local licensed taxi companies, we provided 31,716 rides last year — 72% for medical visits, 28% for groceries. Since 2009, that amounts to a staggering 473,990 rides.

These aren't just numbers — they represent independence preserved and peace of mind for families across North Hempstead.

And people notice what works. In 2024, Fortune magazine ranked North Hempstead the 15th Best Place to Live in America, highlighting our dedication to health and wellness. Their words: “With a growing portion of Americans caring for both children and aging parents, more people want to live in cities where multigenerational families can thrive.”

Or as I like to tell people: Project Independence isn't just a program — it's a promise — that our seniors will always be cared for in North Hempstead.

If we're talking about smart, compassionate government that makes life here more affordable, we must highlight the Tax Receiver's office under

Mary Jo Collins. What was once a paper-heavy, outdated office is now a beacon of innovation. .

Modernization came first. Residents can pay by phone, use a secure after-hours drop box, access an in-office kiosk, and enjoy extended hours. These upgrades reduce delays, improve accuracy, and put government on your schedule. Smarter operations mean smarter financial management. By moving funds to higher-interest accounts, the Town boosted returns, generating millions more for taxpayers. This year, North Hempstead returned \$2,115,594 in interest to 13 school districts — an 89% increase over 2024 **and 249% over prior administrations!** — real dollars helping real children, ...Your children.

And, ready? Mary Jo personally went to the Mineola School Board to get them to raise the Low-Income Senior Citizen exemption threshold — **and they did it. How's that for being on a mission?**

But it's not just about saving money—we also need to grow our local economy. That's why we've reinvigorated Business and Tourism efforts with new signature events that celebrate our community and attract visitors.

With Councilwoman Christine Liu, we launched the annual Dragon Boat Race, a celebration of culture that brought thousands to our waterfront. And I worked with Race Awesome to bring The Great Gatsby Triathlon to North Hempstead – attracting athletes from around the country.

These events are more than fun—they're investments in North Hempstead's economic vitality, with every visitor supporting local business and helping to generate town revenue.

Again, this is the North Hempstead Aaa mindset.

That's how we rebuild infrastructure.

That's how we cut your taxes year after year.

That's how we protect the American Dream right here in North Hempstead.

That dream is not a collection of streets and buildings. It's safe neighborhoods, strong schools, and families who take pride in their suburban way of life. I believe that's worth protecting.

Together with Bruce Blakeman and Town Supervisors Joseph Saladino and John Ferretti, we've defended that quality of life. We opposed efforts to exploit state loopholes that allow marijuana sales just steps from our homes and schools.

We also pushed back on Albany's attempts to override local zoning and force high-density buildings into our neighborhoods. These top-down mandates ignore infrastructure limits, strain schools and first responders, and erode neighborhood character.

And believe me, our schools and fire departments — the best in the nation — feel this pressure. Albany's constant stream of unfunded mandates forces costs onto local taxpayers but moves decision-making farther and farther away from the people they impact.

We believe in local control because no one knows our neighborhoods better than the families who live here. Just as our founders rejected distant rule, we stand united against Albany bureaucracy – to defend our suburbs, protect home rule, and preserve the American Dream.

Let me be abundantly clear: we reject the self-made affordability crisis Albany has created and I know I speak for many New Yorkers when I say we want change!

My friends, our hometown is defined by balance: quiet, safe neighborhoods coexist with bustling town centers, recreational facilities, and waterfront spaces. There is a shared pride and love for our communities that makes life here not just comfortable, but meaningful.

When you elected me your Town Supervisor four years ago, North Hempstead faced serious challenges — stalled projects, limited investment, and a sense that we were standing still. But I asked you not to settle.

I asked you to believe that our best days lay ahead of us — to lock arms and make it happen. And that’s what we did together.

We rebuilt our infrastructure, strengthened public safety, restored fiscal discipline, and laid the foundation for lasting growth.

But we restored something even more important — we restored

CONFIDENCE; Confidence that this town is moving forward, Confidence that local government can work, Confidence that North Hempstead remains a place where families can thrive and businesses can grow.

We didn’t wait for change — we created it. We didn’t accept decline — we chose progress. And in doing so we realized that there’s no limit to how hard we were willing to work.

You know, Thomas Jefferson said, “I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.” That is certainly the case in North Hempstead.

Please, never forget – this Town is built on a proud legacy. As we celebrate America 250, we are reminded that our story is inseparable from the American story – a story of perseverance, hard work, and the promise of opportunity for everyone.

It is our obligation to deliver that spirit intact to future generations, and it is my job to nurture it—so that this corner of this beautiful island remains a place every resident can proudly call home.

Be confident, North Hempstead. Be bold. And be proud.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Town Supervisor. May God bless you, your families, the Town of North Hempstead, and the United States of America.

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