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LEGISLATOR HAHN SELECTED TO LEAD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

NEW LEGISLATOR APPOINTED TO LEAD CRITICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

HAUPPAUGE, NY – Freshman Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn (D-Setauket) today announced that she has been selected to Chair the critical Environment, Planning and Agricultural [EPA] committee for 2012. Overseeing the County’s land acquisition programs, water quality improvements initiatives, farmland protection efforts, smart growth planning and numerous other projects, the EPA committee is central to many of the functions of County Government. As Chairwoman, Legislator Hahn will also have direct oversight of the new mega Suffolk County Planning Department and its numerous divisions including Real Estate and Economic Development.

In her role as Chairwoman of EPA, Legislator Hahn will also become a member of the Council of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Trust Review Board, Water and Land Invasives Board and Food Policy Council. Additionally, Legislator Hahn will have the authority to appoint representatives to other environmental oriented boards and commissions.

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“I am proud to have been chosen to lead this vital Committee,” said Legislator Hahn. “We are at a critical moment for our County and face the challenge of preserving open space, curbing runoff, reducing nitrogen leaching into groundwater from antiquated septic systems and planning for a smarter tomorrow. As my colleagues and I tackle the challenges ahead, I intend to build on the legacy of environmental stewardship of previous legislators including Steve Englebright, Nora Bredes and Vivian Viloría-Fisher.”

Environmental protection has long been a central focus for Legislator Hahn and residents of the Fifth Legislative District. The legacy of environmental stewardship from the district’s representatives spans decades beginning with former Legislator and now Assemblyman Steven Englebright and continuing throughout the tenures of Legislators Bredes and Viloría-Fisher.

“The forward thinking of the Fifth Legislative District’s representatives over the past nearly thirty years has given us such groundbreaking legislation as the law requiring a nickel deposit on bottles, greenways funding and a \$75 Million referendum to protect open spaces and farmland. This area has a proud history of leadership that I will continue as Chair of Environment,” Legislator Hahn concluded.

In addition to Environment, Planning and Agriculture, Legislator Hahn has also been asked to serve as Vice-Chair of the Human Services, and as a member of the Parks and Recreation and Public Safety Committees.

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