



The Brookhaven Town Democratic Committee

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Long Island Federation of Labor Endorses Seven Brookhaven Democrats

SHIRLEY – The Long Island Federation of Labor on Tuesday formally announced support for seven Brookhaven Democrats seeking office in the November election: Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko, Deputy Supervisor for Constituent Services John Leonard, Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Highway Superintendent John Rouse, Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington, and environmental leader Ron Lupski.

"Supervisor Lesko, Deputy Supervisor Leonard, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington and Highway Superintendent John Rouse have proven to be strong advocates for working families across Brookhaven," said Roger Clayman, executive director of the Long Island Federation of Labor. "And Town Council candidate Ron Lupski is a union carpenter who also understands a need for fair pay and benefits for workers. This team is committed to creating and maintaining good jobs in our community – the kind of jobs that can boost middle-class life and enable the next generation raise their families here."

Lupski, the president of nonprofit organization Save the Forge River, is a union carpenter of almost 30 years. He is seeking the Sixth Council District's seat on the Brookhaven Town Council.

"I know the struggles facing working families – and the need for fair wages and benefits – because that's my life, too," Lupski said. "I joined Local 7 because I needed a job that offered the safety and security ensured by a union job. When I enter Town Hall, I will work to help the next generation of workers get the same opportunities and good wages that I got almost 30 years ago."

Kepert, Lesko, Rouse and Fiore-Rosenfeld were honored for their commitment to fair wages for workers in Town Hall, while Eddington was chosen for similar leadership in the State Assembly. Eddington is running for Brookhaven Town Clerk. As Deputy Supervisor, Leonard is the voice of residents in Brookhaven Town Hall.

"As a working father to three young boys, I know how difficult it is to raise a family – especially in these tough economic times," Leonard said. "That's why I'm committed to helping boost our jobs base for working families. Creating a larger jobs base means there's a better chance my kids – and your kids – can, and will want to, stay on Long Island to raise their families."

"One way to do this is to revitalize our downtowns – including Rocky Point's. Revitalizing our downtowns means, in the short term, construction jobs; and in the long term, more thriving businesses, which means more jobs."

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