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Community Advocate Lynn Russo Endorsed by Nassau Retirees for Her Commitment to Protecting Healthcare Benefits.

Nassau County, NY – Lynn Russo, Democratic candidate for Nassau County Legislature in District 19, has received strong support from local retirees and community members following her public commitment to defend the healthcare rights of Nassau’s retired public servants.

In a letter issued September 8, Russo voiced her full support for the Nassau Retirees’ Legal Fund (NRLF) and condemned the County’s decision to strip retirees of their long-promised healthcare benefits. She pledged to fight against the 2023 agreement between the County and CSEA, which replaced the comprehensive NYSHIP Empire Plan with the inferior “Excelsior Plan,” reducing coverage and increasing costs for retirees who spent their careers serving Nassau residents.

“Our civil servants deserve better,” Russo said. “They served the people of Nassau County with dedication, often accepting lower wages in exchange for the promise of lifetime healthcare security. That promise was broken. If elected, I will work to correct the improper 2023 agreement and ensure this betrayal never happens again.”

Russo outlined three key points of her platform regarding retiree healthcare:

- The 2023 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was negotiated without representation for Nassau Retirees and must be revisited.
- Collective bargaining agreements guaranteed County-paid health insurance with lifetime benefits that cannot legally be diminished.
- Nassau Retirees are entitled to fully paid health insurance at least equal to the NYSHIP Empire Plan.

Advocates for retirees praised Russo for taking a clear stand. “Lynn Russo is the only candidate who has come forward to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Nassau Retirees in this fight,” said a spokesperson for the NRLF. “Her commitment to restoring and protecting our healthcare benefits shows she understands fairness, respect, and the sacrifices made by public workers.”

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As a candidate for Nassau County Legislature, Russo has made protecting working families, seniors, and retirees the cornerstone of her campaign.

About Lynn Russo

Lynn Russo is the Democratic candidate for Nassau County Legislature, District 19. She is committed to fighting for working families, protecting retiree benefits, and ensuring that Nassau County government honors its promises to those who dedicated their lives to public service.

The NRLF urges voters in Legislative District 19 to support **Lynn Russo** in the upcoming election. Her commitment to fairness, transparency, and protecting retiree benefits makes her the clear choice to represent Nassau's families and seniors.

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