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*Talking Points*  
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*There are 48 days until the November 7 election  
for Nassau County and Town of Hempstead.*

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**Dean Bennett's County Clerk Platform**

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- **ACCOUNTABILITY**
- **PROFESSIONALISM**
- **SERVICE**
- **INNOVATION**
- **INTEGRITY**

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# Dean Bennett's 5-Point Plan for the Office of Nassau County Clerk: *Problems and Solutions*

## What the Nassau County Clerk Does

The County Clerk is responsible for managing the records of all Nassau County court decisions, business and real estate transactions, and the military service of veterans. When I am elected, I will address the following problems with practical solutions that will serve all of Nassau County.

### 1. **Accountability.**

**The problem:** Until the week of August 21, 2017, the current Nassau County Clerk had not posted an annual report since 2012. As of this writing, the 2015 report still has not been posted. This lack of transparency makes it hard to know how the County Clerk's office is being run, why the fees collected by the County Clerk are so high, and how the budget of the County Clerk is managed.

**My solution:** As an experienced public servant, I have prepared and presented countless accountability reports. I know how to research, prepare, and publish them, and how to use them for continuous improvement. **This is a task that will be performed without fail under my administration.**

### 2. **Professionalism.**

**The problem:** Of the 62 counties in New York State, the Office of Nassau County Clerk is not even in the top 10 when it comes to expertise and responsiveness. Frankly, the reputation of the Nassau County Clerk's Office is poor, as anyone who has visited the Office knows.

**My solution:** I intend to turn our reputation around and make the Nassau County Clerk's office a model of professionalism. **I will do this by creating and enforcing uniform performance standards and operations manuals to ensure a knowledgeable, swift, reliable, and pleasant experience for everyone who reaches out for information and help.**

### 3. **Service.**

**The problem:** Last year, the Nassau County Clerk's office received a grade of C- in a study of open records response (that's the time it takes to respond to a request for a record).

**My solution:** A grade of C- is simply not acceptable. **I will investigate why service is so slow, and I will respond by installing policies and training programs that allow the County Clerk Office Staff to deliver faster service.**

**4. Innovation.**

**The problem:** Many of the actual paper documents maintained by the County Clerk are getting old, brittle, moldy, and useless because of the way they're currently stored.

**My solution:** It is long past time to update the County Clerk's record-keeping technology. **As County Clerk, I will undertake the project of making the Office a paperless agency.**

**5. Integrity.**

**The problem:** The current County Clerk is part of the same incumbent County government that you read about every day for being indicted on charges of fraud and corruption.

**My solution:** Fraud and corruption terrify me. I am a God-fearing, hard-working family man, (my children think I'm a nerd), and I value honesty and plain-dealing. I will go to work and do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, every day. I will never succumb to the practices that compromise County government today. **As your County Clerk, I pledge to keep the records straight and to set the record straight in Nassau County.**

**It is time to bring the Nassau County Clerk's office into the modern era.  
*Accountability Efficiency, Economy, Accuracy, Security, Service, Integrity***

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