

***Rockville Centre Democratic Club  
Talking Points  
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***Karen Blitz for Nassau County Legislature  
7th Legislative District***



Karen resides, with her three children, in Rockville Centre, where she has been active in community and Democratic affairs. She has been a physician for over 20 years, and Dr. Blitz is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and has a special certification in Neurorehabilitation.

She is the Democratic Party's nominee to be the 7th Legislative District member of the Nassau County Legislature.

More about her background and platform can be found on her candidate website: <http://www.blitz4nassau.com/> or her candidate Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/karenblitz4NassauCountyLegislator/>.

In addition to the other substantial issues that Nassau County must address, Dr. Blitz want to make certain that the County properly addresses health concerns that are rarely adequately discussed at the County level, notwithstanding the County's major health care and monitoring responsibilities.

"I believe strongly that we need to work to protect our environment, and I stand by Laura Curran's pledge to follow the Paris Climate Accord locally. We can further protect our environment by investing in and leading the way with wind and solar energy. As a breast cancer survivor, I have a vested interest in understanding the factors related to the high cancer rate in Nassau County, which is significantly higher than the national average. I also believe we need to educate the community about our risk exposures including pesticides and daily care products that contain pesticides. We need to pay more attention to other health issues on the island including the opioid crisis. This requires collaboration

between schools and healthcare providers and law enforcement to optimize our strategies moving forward

"As a physician, my training has taught me to look for and resolve situations that require solutions. Our present tax grievance systems and our budget need to be redone properly. The financial mismanagement of the county has resulted in an outside board to oversee our finances. That speaks volumes!! The cost of corruption is clear, and my ability to problem solve, without special interests clouding my vision, will be a critical part of the solution.

"Avoidance, discovery and remediation of water contamination are essential, and the public must be alerted to all findings of contaminated water and inadequate sewage containment.

"Moreover:

- Corruption, "pay-for-play", and cronyism need to stop.
- Nassau is among nine counties in the United States with an average annual property tax greater than \$10,000/year. We must balance the budget and make the assessment and tax grievance systems work for all of us. The system is unfair to most, and is a gift of taxpayer money to a small group of law firms, politicians and high-end property owners..
- I strongly believe in term limits. If elected, I will lead by example and promise not to serve more than 6 years.
- The proceedings and actions of the legislature must be made known to the public by applying generally accepted transparency standards. Pending legislation should not be agreed in backrooms, and should not be enacted without any real opportunity for the public to voice their views. It was through the efforts of local clubs, such as the Rockville Centre Democratic Club, that we have been able to start that process.
- The mandated redistricting, of the County Legislature election districts, must be on a fair basis, so as to avoid gerrymandered districts that favor one political party or the other. The 7th Legislative District is the most gerrymandered district in the County and the lines were clearly drawn to favor the incumbent.
- Partisan bickering, as to fundamental government issues and services, must be reduced so that the Public's business can properly be done in a way that favors the interests of the Public and not of a political party or of special interests. We all need to raise our voices, vote, and work together as a community.