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Joy Watson Pushes 14-Point Plan in Bid for Nassau District Attorney

(Mineola, NY) October 28, 2009 – With just less than a week away to the November 3 election for Nassau District Attorney, veteran prosecutor Joy Watson continues to push forward on her agenda for the office. An agenda that includes fiscal and management reforms to save taxpayer dollars, strengthen relationships with local law enforcement, and step up efforts to combat gangs and Internet predators.

“I’ve been a prosecutor in Nassau County Courts and I understand what it takes to successfully put criminals behind bars,” Watson said. “I’ve committed two decades of my life to this job and to the people of Nassau County. I am committed to being the next Nassau District Attorney. I need the public’s support and their vote on November 3.”

Through her countless meetings across the county, listening and talking to taxpayers and voters, Watson has devised a 14-point plan that focuses on what is important to the community and to improving the operations of the Office of District Attorney.

Her plan includes the following:

1. Videotape all violent crime interrogations, especially those most difficult to prove, sex crimes.
2. Establish Forensic/DNA Evidence Bureau - bolstering violent **and** nonviolent prosecutions while exonerating the innocent.
3. Devote greater resources to Internet Predator prosecutions, including greater coordination with State Police and putting community safety first in sting operations.
4. Create separate Gang and Narcotics Bureaus to address the ever-increasing problems with drugs and gangs in our communities.
5. Increase successful gang prosecutions, implement stronger witness protection, interview witnesses in an off site location and instill confidence in witnesses that the criminals they testify against will receive lengthy prison terms.
6. Utilize forfeiture funds to staff probation department personnel to monitor sex offenders on a 24/7 basis.
7. Relocate Special Victims Bureau to avoid contact and possible confrontation with their attackers.
8. Improve transparency by annually posting all specific Office disposition statistics. This information is available internally and should be reported to the public through the Office’s website.
9. Recruit and promote a diversified ADA force to reflect the new demographics of Nassau County.

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10. Save tax dollars and eliminate duplication of efforts by eliminating ECAB (Early Case Assessment Bureau), work which can be effectively handled by the Police Department and by restructuring the work of DA Investigators.
11. Re-establish cooperation with all branches of law enforcement, including Detectives, Probation Department, and state and local police forces.
12. Enforce Nassau Residency Requirement to ensure that members of the DA's office have a stake in the community and contribute to Nassau's economic health.
13. Eliminate political appointees to the DA's Office.
14. Pursue a County and New York State Legislative Agenda that includes installing GPS devices to track domestic violence offenders with orders of protection and ignition interlock devices on all motor vehicles across the country.

Watson is endorsed by the Nassau County Detectives Association, Inc. (DAI), Nassau Police Conference (representing Nassau's 19 village and city Police Benevolent Associations), Hempstead Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Freeport Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Long Beach Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Nassau County Veteran Police Association, Association of Retired Detectives, Nassau County Probation Officers Association (POA), Fire Marshal Association of Nassau County, Metropolitan Security Council of Greater New York, New York State Fraternal Order of Police (NYS FOP), the Adjunct Faculty Association of Nassau Community College, the Republican Party of Nassau County, the Conservative Party of Nassau County, and the Liberal Party of Nassau County.

Her debate with Kathleen Rice will appear on News 12 October 30 at 4:30 p.m. and is also available on demand at Cablevision's Channel 612.

Find her commercials on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/JoyWatsonforNassauDA#p/u/1/AI0cddFOTAk> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/JoyWatsonforNassauDA#p/u/0/G6WC4iB5bH0>

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