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From the President's Desk



Stefan Krompfer

The AFA does not endorse candidates for public office. We do invite candidates, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, to submit letters that support their candidacy. Such letters are included in a Special Edition of our Vanguard, which is sent to our members and friends of the AFA just prior to Election Day. As you know, political support for NCC, particularly when it results in adding funds to the college's coffers, is essential to the college's well-being and, by extension, to all of us.

For those of you who reside in the **Third Congressional Election District** please consider the content of the submission we received for the open congressional District Seat that is up for a vote this coming Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Stefan Krompfer
 President
 Adjunct Faculty Association

Tom Suozzi Candidate Essay

I support the Nassau Community College (NCC) and the Adjunct Faculty Association. When I served as Nassau County Executive, despite overwhelming financial problems, I implemented a system to increase the funding of the NCC by a set percentage every year. This took out the uncertainty and unfairness that had often plagued NCC before I became County Executive. I believe NCC is an integral part of the long term future success of Nassau County and its residents.

As I seek my old Congressional seat, I know that my constituents are uncertain and unhappy. National polling shows parents are concerned that their children will not be able to live the

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lives that they did, unable to buy a home and afford to live in the area. The immigration crisis is unnerving. Once in a century storms, smoke haze from Canada forest fires this past summer, droughts out west, and punishing coastal storms seem to be the norm. Violent wars abroad make us question our future.

Sadly, when people look to Congress for help, what do they see? They've kicked out the Speaker of the House, they can't agree on a budget, they threaten to shut the government down, and they haven't done anything to address the problems that people care about.

Every problem we face is complicated. Complicated problems cannot be solved in an environment of fear, anger, and petty, partisan, performative, finger pointing. We need reasonable people to work across party lines and to negotiate to solve the real problems we face.

While in Congress, I was the Vice Chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus. Twenty-five Democrats and twenty-five Republicans who met weekly to find common ground and helped to pass major legislation.

I was a Founding Co-Chair of the Congressional Labor Caucus. I always supported increased funding for community colleges. I wrote an op ed in the New York Times titled "The Grand Compromise," with Republican Congressman Peter King to address the immigration crisis and propose a comprehensive policy which I have now recommended to the President, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries. I know how government works and I will work with anyone whether they are conservative or progressive, Democrat or Republican, if they are willing to solve problems.

My experience as Glen Cove Mayor, Nassau County Executive, and Member of Congress has given me the knowledge and relationships needed to address the most pressing problems for Long Island and Queens. I have laid out my "10-Point Plan to Help Restore Sanity in Washington and Get Things Done," which includes priorities like restoring the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, further reducing prescription drug prices, addressing the immigration crisis, protecting our local environment, and improving public safety. I encourage you to go to my website, suozziforcongress.com, for more details.

Serving the people of Long Island over the past three decades has been a great honor. I respectfully ask that in this Special Election, you send me back to Washington so that I can keep fighting for you.