

Here are the question and answers from the Long Island Press for their article about this website. Because of space they could not use every answer, we present them in full here. Once more, a big thanks to Long Island Press for a great article.

### When did you start this particular website against Schmitt? And do you work with anyone else?

You might actually be the first person I don't know that has visited the site. I've been putting the site together for the past couple of weeks compiling links and information. It's not really completely finished as you can see by the unclickable "Quotable" graphic. I'm doing this by myself but I have a cheering section giving me support and ideas.

### Are there other political figures you disagree with? If so whom?

Locally or nationally? On the national scene I see Bush causing great harm to the country. I can go through his policies which I disagree with but that would take a few issues of the paper. Locally I disagree with Pete Schmitt (surprise!) on his approach and his record. I have a congressional representative who makes ludicrous statements on the BBC regarding the French and whose voting record wouldn't match mine.

### Do you think you're misunderstanding any of the quotes posted?

That's an interesting question. On the site I make sure to link to or publish the source of the quote. I'm not going to take a snippet out of context and use it because that is dishonest. I know that the translation from voice to print sometimes causes misquotes but I've generally stayed on what Schmitt has written himself. I'll comment on what he has been quoted as saying in the press and unless there is a correction in the press I'll take the published version as fact. If I am mistaken for some reason I'll correct it. Schmitt has repeatedly written and said that the Democrats have had "solid" or "firm" control for four years. There is no misunderstanding that. I watched his response to Tom Suozzi's state of the county speech and heard it there first. Chalk the first time up to a mistake but then the second and third time is clearly on purpose.

### Do you favor a political party?

I was listed as "no preference" when I first registered. I have always and will always vote for the person and not the party. The problem with a "no preference" is that I was locked out of the primary system. We don't have open primaries like some other states so unless you are in a party, you have no say on who makes it to the big dance. I registered as a Democrat in 2000.

### What's your outlook on Long Island politics?

We had decades of one party rule which led to a complacency and a complete breakdown of the system. Corruption wasn't the exception, it was the rule. From no-show and patronage jobs and the abhorrent 1% party "donation" to get or keep a county job to bribes and kickbacks, we were headed for a big fall. I don't want to be misunderstood so I will be clear; the decades-long one party rule that we had in Nassau created a machine that was more concerned about themselves than the voters. Unfortunately it took the brink of bankruptcy to get a change. I am happy to see a county executive and majority legislature more concerned with fiscal matters than photo-ops. I see real solid plans that will bring the county back to fiscal stability. I think the old days of knee-jerk party-line voting is going away. It's not gone but it will never be like it was before. There are some who have winning elections as their primary goal and that is the wrong direction to go. I see partisan complaints from the republican minority instead of ideas and plans. Now I'm not talking about a broad brush stroke of "let's cut spending" but real numbers and well thought-out feasible plans that can succeed in our current fiscal situation. I would welcome a good plan from any source.

### What is the goal of your website?

To give voters in the 12th LD a different perspective and more information. Local politics too often falls through the cracks in daily news consumption so important stories and threads of stories are missed. We lost \$70million in the BPA scheme. If you look for stories on it, you see them here and there but the connecting thread is hard to make. It's a story that hasn't resonated in the county but in terms of importance it should be huge. \$70million isn't chump-change. If you see a story in the newspaper quoting a local politician, nine times out of ten that comment goes unchallenged. There are columnists in the local papers but they can only do so much with the space they have. I picked Pete Schmitt because he is my legislator and lucky for me and maybe unlucky for him he is the minority leader which means he is the one out front for his caucus. I believe you have to keep your elected officials accountable and this site is my contribution to that effort.

### How many hits do you have on the site?

Including you? Not many. As I said before this is a brand-new site so it's been people I know and told.

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