

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE Town Hall – 15 Bedford Road Armonk, NY 10504

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On a motion made by Councilman Barbara DiGiacinto and seconded by Councilman Matt Milim, the following statement was unanimously approved:

Statement from North Castle Town Board Re A4282B/S3505B - Election Law

The Town of North Castle Town Board urges Governor Hochul to Veto Election Law A4282B/S3505B, which was approved by the NYS Senate and Assembly. The result would move Town elections from odd numbered years to even numbered years when races for President and Governor take place, with the stated goal to increase turnout.

Substantively, the Legislation will have the effect of marginalizing local concerns as they would be overshadowed by National and State issues, resulting in a disservice to local communities and their residents across the State. Additionally, the Legislation alters the terms of those elected in 2025 Town elections to <u>one-year terms</u>, and forces an additional election one year later.

Procedurally, the lack of transparency of the legislative process and discourse among the public and local elected leaders disregarded basic tenets of good government. The Governor's veto would preserve the ability of the residents of North Castle and all across the state to have a meaningful voice in local issues and Government accountability.

I, Alison Simon, Town Clerk of the Town of North Castle, do hereby certify that the above statement was duly approved at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of North Castle held on June 14, 2023 and that the above statement is a true and correct transcript thereof.

Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: June 15, 2023 Armonk, New York