

## **Islip Town IDA Board Member Biographies**

### **Chairwoman Angie Carpenter**

Appointed by the Islip Town Board on 03/03/2015 for 4 year terms that coincide with terms/tenure as Supervisor of the Town of Islip

In addition to the volunteer work that Angie has done over the years with children, Angie is a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, past President of the Board of Our Lady of Consolation, and former chair of the Catholic Health Services Continuing Care Board, and Vanderbilt Board of Trustees. She also served as President of the West Islip Chamber of Commerce for many years, and formed the Town-wide Chamber of Commerce Council, which united Chambers throughout the Town.

After being elected to the County Legislature in 1993, Angie served on almost every legislative committee, where her leadership generated county-wide initiatives in public safety, education, economic development, consumer protection and cultural affairs. She was elected unanimously to serve as the Legislature's Deputy Presiding Officer for 2 consecutive years.

Angie's experience owning a business was invaluable in helping to draft the County's annual \$2 billion+ budget during her years in County Government. She worked to bring Touro School of Health Sciences to downtown Bay Shore, and worked tirelessly to increase aid to Suffolk Community College. Additionally, she helped implement a mass transportation public information program, enacted a Linked Deposit Program to promote local business expansion, directed the County Health Department to provide free testing for prostate cancer, and worked with local breast cancer coalitions. She was also instrumental in the acquisition and preservation of Sagtikos Manor in Bay Shore as a historic landmark, and improvements at Gardiner County Park.

In November 2005, Angie was elected by the residents of Suffolk County to serve as County Treasurer. As Treasurer she worked aggressively and increased interest earnings with all designated depositories, and recommended changes to the State's Real Property Tax Law.

On March 1st 2015 Angie Carpenter was sworn in as the first woman Supervisor of the Town of Islip in its more than 300 year history, to fill the vacancy of Islip Town Supervisor, created when Tom Croci was elected to the New York State Senate. She brings more than twenty years of government experience, coupled with her extensive financial knowledge, and was thrilled to come home to Islip and work to improve the community she loves so much. As expected, Angie hit the ground running embracing the challenges and working on new ideas to make Islip an ever greater town for people to do business, raise a family, and enjoy the many wonderful available amenities.

In November 2015, Angie was elected by the residents of the Town to serve four more years as the Islip Town Supervisor. Angie will continue to engage residents to work together to revitalize the airport, promote business, and increase efforts to ensure that the needs of all Islip residents are met in a cost effective, and compassionate manner.

### **Board Member John C. Cochrane, Jr.**

Appointed by the Islip Town Board on 01/05/2012 for 4 year terms that coincide with terms/tenure as Councilman of the Town of Islip

Captain Cochrane's sea duty assignment was onboard the USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) where he served as Fourth Division Officer, First Division Officer and Fire Control Main Battery Officer. His shore duty assignment was Aegis Training center, Dahlgren, VA., where he served as a Technical Instructor for the Aegis Combat System.

His first reserve assignment was Training Officer for Convoy Command, Naples Det 102. His next assignment was the successful formation of a new reserve unit for USS GETTYSBURG (CG-64) where he served as Gaining Command Liaison Officer. Captain Cochrane was selected as REDCOM TWO Reserve Officer Association (ROA) Junior Officer of the year in 1992. He then was assigned as Commanding Officer of NR AFDL-6-Det 102 and Executive Officer of Readiness Unit 1602 in Amityville, New York. Captain Cochrane was selected as REDCOM FOUR Naval Reserve Association (NRA) Junior Officer of the Year in 1994.

Captain Cochrane then assumed command of Mobile Mine Assembly

Group Five in Albany, New York. His unit was awarded REDCOM One Readiness Award and Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of Navy. He was activated by the New York Naval Militia to be an Liaison to the TWA Flight 800 Recovery Command. In October 1997, Captain Cochrane assumed duties as Operation Officer (J3), Commander Strike Fleet Atlantic. The unit was awarded the Leo Bilger Award.

In the fall of 2000, he was assigned as the Administrative Officer in NAVSEA PMS 102 unit in Washington DC. Captain Cochrane commanded FFG 39 Augment Bravo in October 2001 and assumed command of Military Sealift Command Northern Persian Gulf Detachment 102, Bronx, N Y in 2003. Served as Commanding Officer, Military Sealift Command Expeditionary Port Unit 106, Baltimore, MD. In October 2007 he was mobilized as Commanding Officer MSCO Kuwait in support of OIF, Presently serving as Chief Staff Officer, Commander Second Fleet, Expanded Missions Unit, Norfolk VA. Captain Cochrane's decorations include: Legion of Merit(Gold Star), Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star), Navy Commendation Medal Fourth Award, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (Gold Star), Two Navy Unit Commendations and Navy Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Captain Cochrane resides in Brightwaters, New York with his wife, the former Kathryn Ann O'Connor of Allendale, New Jersey. They have two sons, John Campbell and Connor James.

#### **Board Member Mary Kate Mullen**

Appointed by the Islip Town Board on 01/20/2016 for 4 year terms that coincide with terms/tenure as Councilwoman of the Town of Islip

After graduating St. John's Law School, Mary Kate began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County. From 1995 until 2003, Councilwoman Mullen prosecuted all types of cases, including class A-1 felonies as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Narcotics Bureau. Upon leaving the District Attorney's Office in 2003, she entered private practice and worked for a law firm in Central Islip, concentrating in all aspects of civil litigation. In 2015, Mary Kate opened a Suffolk County office for the law firm Biedermann Hoenig Semprevivo.

Since 2001, Councilwoman Mullen has lived in Bayport with her husband James Most and their three children, all of whom attend Bayport-Blue Point schools. Mary Kate is an active member of the Suffolk County and New York State Bar Associations. In addition, she volunteers with the Bayport-Blue Point youth football and lacrosse leagues. In her free time, Councilwoman Mullen enjoys all of the natural beauty and outdoor activities that the Town of Islip has to offer. She is an avid swimmer and runner, having completed 16 full marathons and is a member of the Greater Long Island Running Club.

#### **Board Member James P. O'Connor**

Appointed by the Islip Town Board on 01/03/2018 for 4 year terms that coincide with terms/tenure as Councilman of the Town of Islip

He began his legal career fighting to defend Long Island ratepayers as a staff attorney to the Long Island Lighting Company. In 1995, Jim was appointed General Counsel to the New York State Insurance Fund by Governor George Pataki where he worked tirelessly to protect New York workers until 2003. During this time he also served four years as Councilman in the Town of North Hempstead.

In 2005, Jim formed a small insurance-based law firm where he continues to practice. As a small business owner, he appreciates and understands firsthand the challenges associated with opening and managing a business.

Actively engaged in his community, Jim is a Distinguished Past President of the County Seat Kiwanis in Mineola, and a former Vice President of the Nassau-Suffolk Chapter of the Autism Society of America. He is also a former Commissioner of the Great River Fire Department.

Jim is presently an officer and director of the Defense Association of New York and also serves as an Officer of the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section, and as the New York State Representative of the Defense Research Institute. He lectures often on insurance law and has published many articles on developments in the law of insurance.

Jim resides in Great River with his wife, Maureen, who is a Cardiologist at St. Francis Hospital's Suffolk County office in West Islip. Together they are proud parents to Thomas, Matthew, and Meghan and attend St. Mary's Church in East Islip where Jim is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

#### **Board Member Jorge Guadrón**

Appointed by the Islip Town Board on 02/08/2022 for 4 year terms that coincide with terms/tenure as Councilman of the Town of Islip

For more than four decades in the United States, Guadrón has worked hard and contributed to his community. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Nyack College and worked in the restaurant industry for 18 years; Jorge was a shop steward assistant for the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 100 in NYC, learning the importance of workers being organized. In 2002, he started his own marketing company, Guadrón International.

Among his successes, Jorge Guadrón was awarded Administrator Assistant of the Year in 1993; has been listed as a member in the National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals in 2004, 2007, and 2008.

Now, a successful business man, Guadrón has actively participated in the civic life of his community, in particular the Salvadoran community, often called the “sleeping giant of Long Island” because of its size and political potential. Guadrón is currently serving his fourth term as President of the Salvadoran American Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as president of United Salvadorans Abroad New York, which engages and empowers Salvadoran Americans in the political process.

As an immigrant who has worked hard to realize the American Dream for himself and his family, Guadrón is convinced that everyone’s American Dream starts in their hometown. Guadrón continues in his commitment to providing Islip residents with safer streets and the Town resources that will improve their quality of life, including affordable WORKFORCE housing initiatives, economic development programs and a sustainable budget process that keeps taxes down.

Guadrón has been elected to four consecutive terms as a member of the New York State Democratic Committee for the 6th Assembly District that includes North Bay Shore, Brentwood, Central Islip, and parts of the Village of Islandia.