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Corporation. When the container port development project was on our agenda for a vote, I was the lone dissenting vote. Even though the governor was pursuing this as his number one project, I voted against it as a member of his political party. I felt that I did the right thing for Jamestown. I have also voiced my opposition to the proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities, as a result of hearing the voices and concerns of Jamestown residents. I am a strong supporter of renewable energy and have successfully passed legislation to make this a reality.

Listening to Jamestown Shores residents resulted in the passage of legislation requiring DEM to create regulations that would address the density of development in the Shores. Families have lost their well water to contamination. The 'cumulative impact' ISDS regulations will help protect and preserve clean drinking water in the future.

Recently, working with our state senator, public meetings were requested to explain the E-ZPass program prior to its implementation. When we observed that the forums that were conducted by the RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) weren't working as well as we expected, we then requested a public hearing, which will take place next week prior to the RITBA's Board of Director's vote on the E-ZPass rules. We are strongly advocating for discounted rates for locals.

As a parent, I care about what happens in the lives of children, and I feel that they are all our children. I am involved in the underage drinking issue because of the depth and

magnitude of the problem. If we can keep alcohol out of the hands of youth until they are 21 years of age, the likelihood of their becoming addicted is greatly reduced. Almost all of us have somehow been affected by the negative impact of alcohol abuse. I have worked with the state and local network of substance abuse prevention coalitions to develop strategies that are proven to reduce the incidence of alcohol abuse by youth in our communities.

I have been working collectively with Jamestown officials, residents, and governmental agencies, such as DEM and DOT, to bring about positive results for Jamestown. Working with our state senator in a bipartisan fashion, Jamestown residents can expect accountability and results from state agencies. Collaborative efforts are necessary to solve the problems and reach the best solutions for our community.

I am happily married to Jane Long. We share five children—Christina, Jamie, Jessica, Jonathon, and Timothy. I have been a business owner much of my adult life. For the past twenty years, I have owned and operated a Del's Lemonade franchise in Middletown. Through this venue, I have been able to contribute to the community, through sponsorships and donations to worthy causes.

In my six years representing Jamestown, I have worked tirelessly to listen to your concerns, make government more accessible, and bring real results that benefit the quality of life in Jamestown. With your support, I will continue to work hard for you and make Jamestown a better place to live. Please call me at 423-0700 with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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our town, our future and the future of our children and grandchildren.

The problems facing us demand a new perspective, a new energy and creative problem solving. Much has changed since 1980 when Ronald Reagan was president and my opponent was first elected to office. After 28 years, it's time for change that moves us forward. I believe I am the leader – not just a liaison – who will deliver a strong and articulate voice on your behalf to the State House.

My life experience has been about getting things done for others. I am an innovative consensus builder who will create legislation to benefit Jamestown and Middletown. I will work to attract and retain jobs, increase tourism, and build environmental economics that the future demands. Twenty-eight years of complacency is enough. We need a fighter and a leader, not someone who just "shows up" everywhere.

Like you, I live on the island. I pay taxes and understand and share the difficulties we face -

exploding fuel prices, increased property taxes, and skyrocketing health care costs. But, I see these challenges as our opportunities and the problems as seeds for invention.

My unique leadership qualities stem from the crossroads of my areas of expertise: my work in the media and communications to keep the public informed; my experience as a businesswoman who understands economics; and my work with non-profit organizations that help the least advantaged of us all. I am proud of my legislative efforts as president of the American Lung Association to help pass the smoke-free workplace law.

As I campaign in our town, I am grateful to the citizens of Jamestown and Middletown who take time to discuss issues they care about – like the need to provide discounts to frequent users of the Pell Bridge through the design of a fair E-Z Pass program. I am an advocate for fewer fees and less taxes, not more.

As I go door to door and talk with so many residents, I share my 4 E's Platform — economy, environment, education and elderly. They are all intertwined and at the nexus of our future and a better quality of life. I will pro-

vide the road map to success and work tenaciously on the taxpayers' behalf to achieve results.

My discussions with the RI Economic Development department to create wind farms and renewable energy options and advance our biotech and marine industries have already begun to take shape. My plan will create renewable energy options, as well as create 'green collar' jobs to provide excellent wages and careers, and that will boost our local economy as well as the state economy.

Like you, I work hard and pay my taxes. To me, my decision to run for office and be elected as your State Representative is a privilege, not a pre-conceived notion as my opponent may believe. After 28 years, it's time for change that moves us forward...not just an expected outcome to keep "a seat" warm.

Please call me on the island at 423-0444. I am open, accessible, and accountable. You can also email me at DRJamestown@aol.com.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 4.

Democrat Candidate for
State Representative
District 74
Jamestown/Middletown

College fair in Newport this weekend

The Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) will hold a college fair for students on Aquidneck Island and the surrounding towns on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newport campus.

The event will include a seminar on financing a college education, presented by the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Representatives from a dozen colleges, universities and technical schools as well as the College Planning Center, the Higher Education Assistance Authority and

the Youth Services Division of the Department of Labor and Training will be available to answer questions.

The East Bay Community Action Program will provide free childcare and light refreshments will be served.

For more information about preparing for college, visit www.ribghe.org/col-prep.htm.

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