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**TEAM NEW CASTLE ANNOUNCES HOMEGROWN INITIATIVE TO CREATE INDEPENDENT LINE
ON THE BALLOT FOR 2019 LOCAL ELECTION CYCLE:**

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NEW CASTLE, NY – April 24, 2019 - Team New Castle today announced an effort to create an independent line on the ballot this fall, aiming to set an important precedent for New Castle for years to come, whereby local elections will put community first and above party ties. This initiative is the product of Team New Castle’s genuine belief that good government requires contested elections and accountability, year in and year out.

Before Team New Castle candidates won 6 years ago, the New Castle Democratic Committee held a monopoly on Town government. This monopoly was built on the premise that residents would vote down party lines no matter how poorly they were served. It led to unresponsive government and catastrophic, often irreparable policy decisions.

Eventually, residents decided enough was enough. They put aside party labels, rejected partisan rancor, and ended the New Castle Democratic Committee’s stranglehold. Over the past 6 years, Town officials elected under the Team New Castle banner have put community first. Accountability and responsiveness have been restored, an unprecedented amount of progress has been made, and all incumbents are kept on their toes with contested elections. It is this progress Team New Castle seeks to preserve, feeling strongly that the community can’t go backwards.

Jim Smith, Team New Castle Candidate for Town Supervisor said of the effort, “We want an independent line that is homegrown—a clear statement that we won’t seek the help of Albany powerbrokers to get endorsed for a line on the ballot. Instead, we’ll go to folks in Millwood and Chappaqua for support, and our neighbors down Pinesbridge, Quaker, Roaring Brook and King. New Castle residents deserve the opportunity to choose the best candidate on Election Day. I accomplish more working absent party lines. It’s productive. I want to see more of that in New Castle.”

Town Board Candidate Lauren Levin added, “We recognize that this will not be easy, but we are embracing the challenge because it is simply the right thing to do for New Castle. We want a ballot line -- created right here in New Castle by your friends and neighbors – where residents

know they can find candidates that put community first. Party labels, partisanship and machine politics really have no place in local government.”

In describing how New Castle residents can help with this effort, Town Board Candidate Sean Maraynes said, “If you are a New Castle unaffiliated voter, or a registered Democrat, Republican, Independence, Working Families, Green, Conservative, or Libertarian, who has not yet signed a candidate's petition, when you see us around Town, help us preserve a true democratic process for New Castle by signing a petition or getting involved with our petition drive which will last through Memorial Day.”

Team New Castle is committed to: moving the Town forward; never going back to the way it was under one party rule with uncontested elections; improving the daily lives of our residents; being proactive; listening; collaborating; including; responding; promoting; and always putting COMMUNITY FIRST.

Be a part of Team New Castle 2019 and visit <http://www.teamnewcastle.org>.

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