



# Town of Brookhaven Long Island

**Constance M. Kepert**  
Councilwoman, 4th District

## Press Release

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### **Marriage of Clean Energy and Economic Opportunity**

#### **Approximately \$150 Million Dollar Community Benefit Package**

On Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Brookhaven Town Hall Media Room, Supervisor Brian X. Foley, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, and LIPA Chairman Richard Kessel will join with community members and elected officials to announce a historic Host Benefit package for the communities surrounding the proposed Caithness Energy Facility. The benefit package, which was negotiated by the newly elected Councilwoman from the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District, totals nearly \$150 million dollars.

“I have met with community and civic representatives, with LIPA, and Caithness officials, with environmentalists, energy experts, and with other elected representatives, and have worked hard to develop a strategy which addresses the environmental, and economic consequences of building the Caithness Energy Facility within the 4<sup>th</sup> District,” stated Kepert.

The Councilwoman pressed LIPA and Caithness for both environmental and economic concessions, and is now ready to take both the benefit package and the facts about the energy facility to the people of the 4th Council District.

“I fought hard to create the council district system so that the people of a community can engage in meaningful participation. I will soon be presenting the facts and benefit package to the people of the 4th Council district. I have done all that I can do, and will proceed no further until I hear from the people of my district,” said Kepert.

Agreed upon environmental concessions include substantial investments in alternative sources of energy, and energy conservation. Economic concessions include a \$5,000,000 Community development fund, to be dedicated to the communities in vicinity of the plant, and millions of dollars to adjacent school districts..

Councilwoman Kepert has ensured that if Cathness is built the surrounding communities and school districts will reap tremendous financial rewards. The exact disbursement of this \$150 million benefit package will be unveiled during the press conference.

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“My concerns and priorities are those of our community, our children, and our environment. I’ve relentlessly advocated on behalf of the communities near the proposed site, and as a result, we’ve hammered out a historic community benefit package,” stated Kepert.

Supervisor Brian X. Foley said, “While in years past other elected officials would have settled for much less, Connie Kepert, in hard fought negotiations, has put together a wonderful host benefit packages for her constituents.”