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Jack Schnirman Sworn-in as Nassau County Comptroller

Outlines the role of the office and his priorities and promises during public remarks

Garden City, NY -- Jack Schnirman today was sworn-in as Nassau County Comptroller during a public ceremonial inauguration at Nassau Community College. In making his first public remarks since taking office, he pledged to bring accountability, transparency, responsibility, and honest government to the people of Nassau County.

"We are going to start talking about the state of the county's finances honestly again - no games, no gimmicks," Schnirman said. "We are going to conduct smart audits that ask the tough questions and give the public the answers they have been demanding for years."

Schnirman, Chief Deputy Comptroller Shari James, and Deputy Comptrollers Kim G. Brandeau and Jeffrey R. Schoen were sworn in by State Supreme Court Justice Sharon Gianelli.

"Our Deputy Comptrollers are going to bring a much-needed fresh perspective to the office and lead the way on reform," Schnirman said. "The public can be sure that their comptroller's office has leadership that will independently innovate the way government does business and break down the barriers that are standing in the way of progress."

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli introduced Schnirman and in his remarks noted the important leadership he will bring to Nassau in his role as County Comptroller.

"As Nassau County Comptroller, Jack Schnirman is the kind of public servant we need: honest, focused and dedicated to making government work for the people. As Brookhaven Chief Deputy Town Supervisor, Jack helped stop the abuse of taxpayer dollars on no-bid contracts. As Long Beach City Manager, he helped turn around the city's finances, which resulted in upgraded bond ratings and credit-positive reviews. I have no doubt he will serve Nassau County with the same integrity and passion and be a positive force for its residents."

During his comments, Schnirman outlined his four top priorities: modernizing the county's financial operations, initiating strategic audits to target waste, reforming the contracting process, and improving accessibility to the Comptroller's Office to better serve residents.

"We aren't talking about never before-seen untested practices here. This is common sense, smart and tough financial analysis that for too long has been pushed by the wayside so those who clung to power could take advantage of us," Schnirman said.