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## **DOMINICK MACCHIA AND MILI MAKHIJANI JOIN LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



*Pictured left to right: Thomas Falcone, LIPA Chief Executive Officer; Mili Makhijani, LIPA Trustee; Bobbi O'Connor, LIPA General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Dominick Macchia, LIPA Trustee.*

**UNIONDALE, NY** – The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) today announced that Dominick Macchia of Syosset and Mili Makhijani of East Northport have officially joined the Board of Trustees, after being nominated by New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins earlier this month.

“I want to thank New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for nominating two outstanding individuals, Dominick Macchia and Mili Makhijani, to the LIPA Board of Trustees,” **said Thomas Falcone, LIPA’s Chief Executive Officer.** “Their expertise and guidance will be critical at a pivotal time for the future of energy on Long Island and the Rockaways. We look forward to working with Dom and Mili to provide clean, reliable, and affordable electric service for our customers.”

Dominick Macchia has served as an International Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) since 1997. He is also Treasurer of both the Long Island Federation of Labor and the Labor Education and Community Services Agency Inc., as well as an Executive Board Member of the New York State AFL-CIO. Previously, Mr. Macchia was Treasurer at the New York State Association of Electrical Workers and Business Manager at Local 1430 IBEW. He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island.

“Thank you to Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins for nominating me to the LIPA Board of Trustees,” **said Dominick Macchia**. “I believe that my background and experience in labor and industry will be a valuable addition to the Board as we transition to a clean, resilient electric grid together.”

Mili Makhijani is the Principal Law Clerk for the Honorable Randy Sue Marber of the Nassau County Supreme Court. Her legal background includes work at firms such as Mejias Milgrim & Alvarado PC and Catalano Gallardo & Petropoulos, LLP. In 2019, Ms. Makhijani was a gubernatorial appointment to the SUNY Old Westbury College Council, where she still serves as Council Chair. She has also been an adjunct professor at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, where she previously graduated with a Juris Doctor. Ms. Makhijani also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Hofstra University.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins for this opportunity,” **said Mili Makhijani**. “I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Board to provide a customer-first utility to Long Island and the Rockaways.”

Trustee Drew Biondo, who was first appointed as a Trustee in 2018, will be leaving the Board.

“We are grateful for Drew’s years of service to our customers,” **Mr. Falcone continued**. “During his time on the Board, Drew focused on accountability for results to ensure that customers were provided with the excellent service they deserve. He is a thoughtful, dedicated, first-rate public servant with an admirable commitment to deliver for our Long Island community.”

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### **ABOUT LIPA**

LIPA is a not-for-profit public utility with a purpose to serve our customers and community by providing clean, reliable, and affordable energy to Long Island and the Rockaways. LIPA contracts with PSEG Long Island to manage its electric system to performance standards specified by its Board of Trustees under a four-year contract.

### **ABOUT THE LIPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

LIPA is governed by a local Board of Trustees consisting of customers. The Board supervises, regulates, and sets policy for LIPA. The Board consists of nine Long Island and Rockaway residents appointed by New York’s elected officials. The Trustees are not compensated for their service and serve for staggered four-year terms.