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**GOVERNOR CUOMO APPOINTS LAUREEN HARRIS
TO LIPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

UNIONDALE, NY – Today, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appointed Laureen Harris to serve as a Trustee of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). Harris, a lifelong resident of Long Island, is a managing partner with Cronin, Harris & Associates, based in Uniondale and brings over 35 years of legal experience to the LIPA Board.

Harris is a leading authority on tax certiorari law, a branch of law focused on achieving fair property tax valuations for clients. She is the first female President of the Association For a Better Long Island (ABLI), a leading regional advocacy organization devoted to enhancing the economic viability and quality of life on Long Island for its residents. ABLI is a founding member of Long Islanders for Tax Fairness, a coalition dedicated to tax fairness for Long Island electric customers. Harris is past president and founding member of the Institute of Real Estate at Hofstra University and past Downstate Chair in Tax Certiorari and Condemnation for the New York State Bar Association.

Laureen Harris, President, Association For a Better Long Island, said “I’d like to thank Governor Cuomo for this appointment. It is not a responsibility I take lightly. I look forward to working closely with my LIPA colleagues to achieve a cleaner, more reliable and affordable electric grid. By working together, the region can become a recognized leader in achieving energy innovation, economic growth, and ratepayer relief.”

“Laureen Harris will make an outstanding Trustee and we applaud Governor Cuomo on this selection,” Ralph Suozzi, Chairman of the LIPA Board of Trustees, said. “Laureen has been a strong, proven voice for Long Island for decades. I am excited to work alongside her to advance policies to clean our energy grid and improve reliability and customer service.”

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About LIPA

LIPA is a not-for-profit public authority that owns the electric transmission and distribution system that serves 1.1 million electric customers on Long Island and the Rockaways. PSEG Long Island, a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. (PSEG), operates LIPA’s electric system under a long-term contract. Since 2014, LIPA and PSEG Long Island have improved customer satisfaction by 34 percent, reduced power outages by 37 percent, signed agreements for over 1,000 megawatts of clean and distributed energy, obtained four credit-rating upgrades, and invested over \$4 billion in Long Island’s electric grid, while holding customer bills flat.

About the LIPA Board of Trustees

LIPA’s Board of Trustees consists of nine Long Island residents appointed by New York’s elected officials. These unpaid volunteers serve Long Island’s electric customers by delivering reliable, safe and clean electric service at affordable rates.

The Board of Trustees adopts LIPA's annual budget, establishes policies and priorities for the Long Island electric grid, oversees contractual agreements and manages independent auditors—always acting in the best interest of LIPA's customers.