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**GOVERNOR HOCHUL APPOINTS MARY ELLEN MENDELSON
TO THE LIPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

UNIONDALE, NY – This week, Governor Kathy Hochul appointed Mary Ellen Mendelsohn as a Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) Trustee. Ms. Mendelsohn, a resident of Northport, has an accomplished 18-year congressional career and brings a wealth of experience to the LIPA Board.

John Rhodes, LIPA's Acting Chief Executive Officer, said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for appointing Ms. Mendelsohn, an outstanding individual, to represent our customers. With her impressive professional background and record of service within her community, she is a strong addition to our board and will play a critical role in advocating on behalf of our customers."

Tracey Edwards, Chairwoman of the LIPA Board of Trustees, said, "Ms. Mendelsohn will make a terrific Trustee, and we applaud Governor Hochul on this selection. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am excited to work alongside her to conduct the important work ahead of our utility, including advancing clean energy, improving the reliability of the electric grid, and enhancing customer service."

For nearly two decades, Ms. Mendelsohn served as district director and chief of staff for U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, representing New York's 4th congressional district from 1997-2015. In this role, she managed the congressional staff, acting as chief spokesperson and advisor and working on the Congresswoman's signature issues, including gun violence and education. Mary Ellen also supported her re-election as campaign manager and finance director.

Trustee Mary Ellen Mendelsohn said, "What an incredible honor and opportunity to serve the 1.2 million electric utility customers across Long Island and the Rockaways. I truly thank Governor Hochul for her nomination. The energy industry is undergoing enormous change, and I am excited to work with my fellow trustees to help ensure LIPA fulfills its mission to provide clean, reliable, and affordable electricity."

In addition to her congressional experience, Ms. Mendelsohn has worked for the Kings County District Attorney's Office, the Suffolk County Legislature, and the Chapin Foundation. She also served as district director for former U.S. Congressman Robert Mrazek. Before serving as district director, Mary Ellen served her community as a Trustee for the Village of Asharoken.

Ms. Mendelsohn is on the board of directors of New Hour for Women and Children, the steering committee of the Rechler Family Foundation for Huntington Hospital, and previously served on the board of Long Island Blood Services.

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ABOUT THE LIPA BOARD

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

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

ABOUT LIPA

LIPA is a not-for-profit public utility that aims 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 long-term contract. For more information, visit lipower.org and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).