Anthony D’Esposito (NY-04) Research Report
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Anthony D’Esposito
Republican Candidate in
New York’s 4th Congressional District

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## Significant Findings

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- June 2022: D’Esposito criticized New York Democrats’ decision to “enact the nation’s most extreme abortion law,” an apparent reference to a package of legislation the New York legislature passed to protect the right to abortion in the event Roe v. Wade was overturned.
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- D’Esposito was endorsed by the New York State Conservative Party, which supported outlawing all abortions except to save the mother’s life, which meant they did not support exceptions for rape or incest.

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- D’Esposito “demurred when asked whether he thought President Joe Biden was the rightful winner of the 2020 election,” but acknowledged that Biden “was sworn in.”
  - D'Esposito on Biden becoming President: “I think whenever a President is sworn in, whether we love them or dislike them, it’s a chance for us to root for them because we want success for America.”

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- D'Esposito said that “Biden & House Democrats’ out-of-control spending to fund their far-left agenda has caused historical inflation.”

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✓ A Civilian Complaint Review Board determined that in 2008, then-NYPD officer D’Esposito had abused his authority during a search of a 43-year-old Black man, finding the allegation “substantiated” and appearing to recommend charges against him.

✓ Oct. 2008: D’Esposito was charged with abusing his authority as an NYPD officer during a search and a frisk of a 43-year-old Black man.

✓ The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) found that the allegation of abuse of authority for frisking the person was unsubstantiated, but that the allegation of abuse of authority for search of the person was “substantiated (charges).”

✓ A CCRB conclusion of “substantiated” meant that the CCRB determined the alleged conduct occurred and violated the rules, and “substantiated (charges)” appeared to mean that it recommended charges against the officer.

✓ However, NYPD had discretion over what, if any, discipline to impose on an officer, and did not have to follow CCRB recommendations.

✓ In D’Esposito’s case, the NYPD appears to have ignored the CCRB’s recommendation of charges and instead decided to impose “instructions,” which appeared to be a lesser form of discipline.

✓ Dec. 2013: D’Esposito and the NYPD were sued by a man who accused D’Esposito of false arrest, false imprisonment, and malicious prosecution.

✓ Gregory Crockett, the plaintiff in the case, had been charged on Dec. 13, 2011 “with multiple felonies” related to the criminal possession of weapons and illegal drugs.

✓ In his lawsuit, Crockett accused D’Esposito of knowingly lying to a District Attorney and Grand Jury when D’Esposito provided information to connect Crockett to illegal drugs and weapons.

✓ Crockett further alleged that he had been arrested and prosecuted as a result of D’Esposito’s false testimony, that the arrest had been “effectuated” without a warrant or probable cause, and that D’Esposito knew there was no probable cause to initiate or continue prosecution of Crockett.

✓ To bolster his claims, Crockett pointed to the fact that “on February 7, 2013, all criminal charges against plaintiff were dismissed and the criminal prosecution terminated favorably to plaintiff.”

✓ The outcome of the case was unclear.

✓ 2015: D’Esposito and other NYPD officers were named as defendants in a lawsuit in which plaintiffs alleged civil rights violations stemming from false arrest.

✓ 2015: D’Esposito was named as one of the defendants in Campbell et al v. The City of New York et al.

✓ The plaintiffs accused D’Esposito and other officers of violating their Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights and using “fabricated and false evidence” against them.
The plaintiffs specifically alleged that they “were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause.”

The case was settled for $37,500.

2014: D’Esposito was named as an NYPD officer in the case Bethea v. City Of New York, et al, which was settled for $45,000, though the case details were unclear.

D’Esposito Appeared To Be Double-Dipping On Taxpayer Money, Collecting Simultaneous Salaries For A Job On The Hempstead Town Council And A Job On The Nassau County Board Of Elections

D’Esposito earned a $100,000 salary as an Administrative Assistant on the Nassau County Board of Elections at the same time he was earning a $71,000 salary as Hempstead Town Councilman.

2018: D’Esposito accepted a full-time position as an Administrative Assistant on the Nassau County Board Of Elections, which would pay him $100,000 salary, even thought he was already earing $71,000 salary for his position on the City Council.

D’Esposito’s personal financial disclosure showed that as of 2022, he was still being paid the $100,000 Nassau County salary and $71,000 Town of Hempstead salary.

Upon accepting the Board of Elections job in 2018, D’Esposito said “he would be a 90% employee” for the Nassau County Board of Elections, which would only leave 10% of his time for the Hempstead Town Council.

Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said that D’Esposito’s job on the Nassau County Board of Elections was “a patronage hire” and would pull him “away from serving his constituents” on the Town Board.

As an employee for the Nassau County Board of Elections, D’Esposito could be in a position to oversee his own election to the Hempstead Town Council.

D’Esposito Denied That Police Enforced Drug Laws In A Racially Biased Way And Said If Someone Was Arrested For Marijuana Possession, “It’s Because They Deserve To Be”

Despite evidence to the contrary, D’Esposito said that “to claim police are enforcing” marijuana prohibition laws in a racially biased manner “is not true.”

Black and Latino people make up a disproportionate share of marijuana arrestees in Nassau County and Long Island as a whole.

D’Esposito added that if someone was arrested for marijuana possession, “it’s because they deserve to be” and “maybe the arrest numbers are different but it’s not biased.”

As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Tried To Line The Pockets Of Family Members Who Also Worked In Town Government, But Boasted About Laying Off And Cutting Hours For Other Workers

A Judge ruled that as a Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito violated ethics rules by voting for a no-layoff clause for Hempstead Civil Service Employees, which included members of his family.

Dec. 2017: D’Esposito voted to enact a no-layoff clause that banned civil service layoffs for anything other than “misconduct or incompetence.”
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- The no-layoff clause was opposed by a bipartisan group of other Hempstead Town Council members.

- Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen said the no-layoff clause “seiz[ed]” her office’s “authority to manage staff and consolidate departments” and protected Republican patronage appointments.

- A Nassau County Supreme Court Judge ruled that D’Esposito “violated the ‘spirit and intent’ of the town’s ethics code when” he voted for the no-layoff clause because his mother, brother, and sister-in-law all worked for the Hempstead town government.

- March 2017: D’Esposito voted for a pay raise for his mother, a secretary in the town Highway Department.

- D’Esposito defended voting to raise his mom’s salary by $2,500 because she had “worked for town for three decades.”

- The town spokesman, Michael Derry, claimed that D’Esposito “received no direct benefit” from voting to raise his mom’s salary.
  - However, D’Esposito may have lived with his parents, as he was registered to vote at an address owned by his parents, Steven and Carmen D’Esposito.

- D’Esposito’s website said that he “helped downsize Hempstead town’s workforce by 7%” “cut payroll costs in 2017 by almost $20 million,” and cut “the number of hours worked by part-time staff” on the Hempstead town payroll.

As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Criticized The Town Supervisor For Cracking Down On A Contractor—Whose CEO Gave D’Esposito $11,800 In Campaign Contributions—For Operating Venues Without A Contract And Failing To Pay Rent It Owed To The Town

- July 2019: Hempstead, NY Town Supervisor Laura Gillen criticized other town officials for extending the Dover Group’s contract to run Malibu Beach Park even though the group’s CEO, Issac “Butch” Yamali, owed the town $531,400 in rent.

  - The Dover Group was “one of the largest hospitality, catering, vending, and ice cream providers in the” New York metropolitan area.

- Oct. 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen ordered a subsidiary the Dover Group to stop holding events at the Sands in Lido Beach, a local catering hall, because it had not had “a valid contract with the town since 2011.”

- D’Esposito accused Gillen of “playing politics” for going after the Dover Group for operating properties without contracts and not paying rents.

- March 2016-April 2022: D’Esposito took $11,800 in campaign contributions from Issac “Butch” Yamali, the CEO of the Dover Group.

D’Esposito Opposed Measures To Curtail Waste, Fraud, And Corruption In Hempstead

- D'Esposito opposed a plan to crack down on pay-to-play culture by banning Hempstead Town Department heads from leading political committees.
✓ D’Esposito opposed creating “an inspector general as an independent investigator to monitor waste, corruption and fraud in” the Hempstead “town government.”

✓ D’Esposito opposed a plan to seek competitive bids for professional services” for Hempstead “costing more than $20,000.”

✓ April 2018: D’Esposito opposed the Town Supervisor’s plan to have the Town of Hempstead seek competitive bids for professional services costing more than $20,000.

As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Repeatedly Put Partisan Politics Over The Town’s Best Interests

✓ 2018: D’Esposito voted to block a proposal to hold special elections for vacant Town Council seats, which Newsday said would have loosened “the grip of the GOP machine on the town.”

✓ D’Esposito voted against providing transition funds to then Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen even though it could disrupt vital town services like “sanitation and snow removal” and despite bipartisan support for doing so.

✓ D’Esposito voted for a budget that the Democratic Town Supervisor said “[raided] the town’s rainy day fund” and “[hiked] fees on parks.”

✓ D’Esposito blocked the Democratic Town Supervisor’s Town Comptroller Appointee but supported appointing Republican Party officials with conflicts of interest and ties to corrupt officials instead.

D’Esposito Did Not Vote On A Five-Year Capital Plan For Hempstead That Invested In Highway, Sanitation, And Town Park Improvements

✓ June 2018: D’Esposito missed a vote on a five-year capital plan for Hempstead worth $244.1 million, which invested $112 in highway improvements, $4.5 million worth of heavy equipment in the Sanitation Department, and $27 million for town parks.

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✓ New York State Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D’Esposito is aligned with “our party’s mission.”

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D’Esposito Opposed A New York State Education Department Order To Ensure That Public And Private School Students Were Receiving Equivalent Educations, Claiming It Would Hurt Private Schools
The New York State Education Department ordered local public school districts “to ensure that the education received by private school students is equivalent to the education received in public schools.”

D’Esposito said this measure “would be detrimental to private school[s] such as 70-year-old Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead.”

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Anthony P. D’Esposito
- **BORN:** February 22, 1982
- **FAMILY:** Timothy D’Esposito (Brother), Danielle D’Esposito (Sister-in-Law), Stephen D’Esposito (Father), Carmen D’Esposito (Mother)
- **HOME:** Island Park, NY 11558
- **EDUCATION:** Hofstra University, Bachelor of Arts, English Language and Literature (2000-2004)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Administrative Assistant, Nassau County Board of Elections (Feb. 2018-Present); Detective, NYPD (Feb. 2006-Feb. 2018); Chief, Island Park Fire Department (2000-Nov. 2016)
- **POLITICAL:** Hempstead Town Council, 4th District (Feb. 2016-Present); Deputy Town Supervisor (April 2017-Jan. 2018)
- **NON-PROFIT:** Francis X. Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center (Member of the Board of Directors); Limb Kind Foundation (Member of the Board of Directors); RVC Blue Speaks (Member of the Board of Directors); Jimi Gubelli Foundations (Co-Founder)
- **AWARDS:** 2020 recipient of the “Anthony D’Esposito Award for Excellence” by the Board of Directors of the Law Enforcement Officers Weekend (LEO Weekend)
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** New York Association of Fire Chiefs (Second Battalion Delegate and Member); Fraternal Order of Police (Member); Knights of Columbus of Oceanside (3rd Degree Knight)

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June 2022: Gov. Kathy Hochul And New York State Democrats Enacted Six Pieces Of Legislation Protecting Abortion Rights In Anticipation Of Roe V. Wade Being Overturned

Gov. Hochul Enacted Legislation Allowing Abortion Patients To Sue People Who Brought Charges Against Them For Facilitating, Aiding, Or Obtaining “Abortions “In Accordance With New York State Law.” “Legislation S.9039A/A.10094A establishes a cause of action for unlawful interference with protected rights. This will allow individuals to bring a claim against someone who has sued them or brought charges against them for facilitating, aiding, or obtaining reproductive health or endocrine care services in accordance with New York State Law.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, 6/13/22]

Gov. Hochul Enacted Legislation Banning New York State Courts From Cooperating With The Enforcement Of Out-Of-State Abortion Bans. “Legislation S.9077A/A.10372A aims to provide certain legal protections for abortion service providers, those who assist someone else in obtaining an abortion, or individuals who self-manage an abortion. This bill provides those protections by creating a statutory exception for the extradition of abortion-related offenses, prohibiting courts from cooperating with out-of-state civil and criminal cases that stem from abortions that took place legally within their borders, and providing judicial protections by prohibiting law enforcement from cooperating with anti-abortion states' investigations regarding abortions that look place legally.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, 6/13/22]

Gov. Hochul Enacted Legislation Prohibiting Healthcare Practitioners From Being Sued For Performing Abortions In States Where They Are Illegal. “Legislation S.9079B/A.9687B prohibits professional misconduct charges against healthcare practitioners on the basis that such healthcare practitioner, acting within their scope of practice, performed, recommended or provided reproductive healthcare services for a patient who resides in a state where such services are illegal.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, 6/13/22]

Gov. Hochul Enacted Legislation Prohibiting “Medical Malpractice Insurance Companies” From Penalizing New York Abortion Providers For Providing Their Services To Out-Of-State Patients. “Legislation S.9080B/A.9718B prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against an abortion or reproductive healthcare provider who performs an abortion or provides reproductive healthcare that is legal in the state of New York on someone who is from out of state.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, 6/13/22]

Gov. Hochul Enacted Legislation Allowing Reproductive Health Service Providers And Their Families “To Enroll In The State's Address Confidentiality Program To Protect Themselves From Threats.” “Legislation
S.9384A/A.9818A allows reproductive healthcare services providers, employees, volunteers, patients, or immediate family members of reproductive healthcare services providers to enroll in the State's address confidentiality program to protect themselves from threats.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, 6/13/22]

Gov. Hochul Enacted Legislation Commissioning A Study “Examining The Unmet Health And Resource Needs Facing Pregnant People In New York And The Impact Of Limited Service Pregnancy Centers.” “Legislation S.470/A.5499 directs the New York State Department of Health commissioner to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant people in New York and the impact of limited service pregnancy centers. This ensures New Yorkers have access to information and resources necessary to have healthy pregnancies with positive outcomes.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, 6/13/22]

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The New York State Conservative Party Endorsed D’Esposito For Re-Election In 2018. “Councilman Anthony D’Esposito has secured the Conservative ballot line and party designation for his upcoming re-election campaign, having filed the required number of signatures on nominating petitions with the County Board of Elections. […] This development marks the second election in which D’Esposito, the Republican nominee for Councilman of the fourth district, has been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will afford him a second ballot line this coming November.” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, Press Release, 8/3/17]

- New York State Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D’Esposito Is Aligned With “Our Party’s Mission.” “Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan said, ‘Councilman D’Esposito played a vital role in Supervisor Santino’s deficit reduction initiative in which the Town of Hempstead successfully turned a $23.5 million budget deficit into a $5 million budget surplus. […] Councilman D’Esposito’s strong affinity for the police and fire departments, his endorsement of family values as well as his firm determination to strive for smaller, more efficient government, aligns him to our party’s mission. We are excited to have Councilman D’Esposito run for re-election on our ballot.’” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, Press Release, 8/3/17]

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Democrats in Congress who have been a rubberstamp for the Biden agenda, Anthony will stand up for taxpayers and put an end to wasteful government spending.” [D'Esposito for Congress, accessed 7/15/22]

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My neighbors/business owners in #NY04 can’t afford one-party rule on Capitol Hill.

Elect me your Congressman and let’s #FlipTheHouse.

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The Inflation Reduction Act Included “$80 Billion In Rebates, Including As Much As $14,000 In Money Back” To Help “Households Pay For Green-Energy Upgrades.” “The Inflation Reduction Act is Congress’s latest effort to usher in a new era of greener climate change policy. But for millions of Americans, the bill could mean big savings when making big-ticket green purchases, as well as lower energy and health-care costs and even faster tax filings. […] Lawmakers’ top goal was to create a new framework paving the way for more clean and sustainable energy sources. To that end, it includes $80 billion in rebates, including as much as $14,000 in money back, helping households pay for green-energy upgrades. Subsidies cover a range of improvements, including efficient heat pumps ($8,000 back per household), electric water heaters ($1,750) and electric cooktops ($840). Homeowners can also receive a 30 percent credit for installing solar panels.” [Washington Post, 8/16/22]

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Oct. 2008: A Complaint Was Filed Against D’Esposito Alleging That He Abused His Authority As An NYPD Officer A Search And During A Frisk Of A 43-Year-Old Black Man

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Complaint from October 7, 2008

Case number 200814636
Incident: October 7, 2008 Received: October 10, 2008 Closed: March 11, 2010

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In 67th Precinct Brooklyn
Outcome: No arrest made or summons issued

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Further details on conclusion definitions.

[50-a.org, Case Number 200814636, 10/7/08]

- **50-a.org** is “A Searchable Website Of NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board And Related Public NYPD Data.” 50-a.org is a searchable website of NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board and related public NYPD data. Information is compiled from now public CCRB records, FOIL requests from NYCLU, ProPublica, LatinoJustice PRLDEF and numerous individuals, as well as NYC DA Adverse Credibility lists and letters to defense attorneys by Gothamist/WNYC, discipline summaries from BuzzFeed and The Legal Aid Society, lawsuits from NYC Law Department, and profile data provided by the NYPD and the city.” [50-a.org, accessed 8/8/22]
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[50-a.org, Case Number 200814636, 10/7/08]
A CCRB Conclusion Of “Substantiated” Meant That The CCRB Determined The Alleged Conduct Occurred And Violated The Rules, And “Substantiated (Charges) Appeared To Mean That It Recommended Charges Against The Officer

A Conclusion Of “Substantiated” Meant That The Civilian Review Board Determined The Alleged Conduct Occurred And It Violated The Rules Set By The NYPD In Their Patrol Guide And The Officer Should Receive Some Sort Of Discipline. “‘Substantiated’: The alleged conduct occurred and it violated the rules set by the NYPD in their Patrol Guide and the officer should receive some sort of discipline. The NYPD can choose to ignore CCRB recommendations and has discretion over what, if any, discipline is imposed.” [CCRB Conclusion Definitions, accessed 8/18/22]

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However, NYPD Had Discretion Over What, If Any Discipline, To Impose On An Officer, And Did Not Have To Follow CCRB Recommendations

“When A CCRB Complaint Is Substantiated, It Can Only Recommend Types Of Discipline. The NYPD Can Choose To Ignore These Recommendations And Conclude For Itself Which Discipline, If Any, To Apply.” “When a CCRB complaint is substantiated, it can only recommend types of discipline. The NYPD can choose to ignore these recommendations and conclude for itself which discipline, if any, to apply. CCRB complaints and discipline are recorded in officers’ personnel records.”

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In D’Esposito’s Case, The NYPD Appears To Have Ignored The CCRB’s Recommendation Of Charges And Instead Decided To Impose “Instructions,” Which Appeared To Be A Lesser Form Of Discipline

“Instructions” Was On A List Of NYPD Conclusion Counts, And Based On Its Placement On List, Appeared To Be A Lesser Form Of Discipline.
NYPD Conclusion counts:

337 Charges and Specifications - Guilty
8 Closed: Charges not served
5 Closed: Deceased
17 Closed: Other
68 Closed: Retired
5 Closed: SOL Expired in APU
19 Closed: SOL Expired prior to APU
5 Command Discipline
1895 Command Discipline - A
954 Command Discipline - B
53 Command Level Instructions
12 DAO case
1723 Decision Pending
417 Dismissed
284 Filed
1212 Formalized Training
809 Guilty
2540 Instructions
1906 No Disciplinary Action-DUP
293 No Disciplinary Action-SOL
66 No Finding
73 Nolo contendre
1106 Not Guilty
327 Plead Guilty
26 Previously Adjudicated
58 Previously adjudicated, with discipline
5 Previously adjudicated, without discipline
29 Resigned
135 Retained, with discipline
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27 Retired
According to the NYPD, “Instruction” was a method of re-training through which a commanding officer instructs a member of the service on proper procedures, and was used for the “least serious procedural violations.” “Discipline in the NYPD is broadly defined, encompassing actions designed to remediate inappropriate behavior, and imposed in a variety of ways, largely determined by the seriousness of the substantiated misconduct. The least serious procedural violations may result in “instruction,” a method of re-training through which a commanding officer instructs a member of the service on proper procedures, or “reprimand,” where members of the service are admonished for low-level violations.” [New York City Police Department, Disciplinary Systems Penalty Guidelines, 1/15/21]

NOTE: A FOIL request has been submitted for all documents related to this complaint.

Dec. 2013: D’Esposito and The NYPD Were Sued By A Man Who Accused D’Esposito Of False Arrest And Imprisonment And Malicious Prosecution

Crockett Accused D’Esposito Of Falsely Arresting And Imprisoning Him, Which Violated His Rights Under “The Fourth And Fourteenth Amendments To The U.S. Constitution.” “FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DESPOSITO […] (False Arrest/Imprisonment Under 42 U.S.c. § 1983) […] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. […] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a false arrest and false imprisonment of plaintiff, and thus an unlawful seizure of plaintiff in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and entitle plaintiff to recover damages against Desposito pursuant to 42 U.S.c. § 1983.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

Crockett Accused D’Esposito And The City Of New York Of Maliciously Prosecuting Him Under New York State Law. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE CITY and DESPOSITO […] (Malicious Prosecution Under NY State Law) […] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. […] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a malicious prosecution of plaintiff under New York State law, for which Desposito is answerable in damages and for which the City is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondeat superior.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

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Dec. 13, 2011: The Plaintiff, Gregory Crockett, was charged “With Multiple Felonies” Related To The Criminal Possession Of Weapons And Illegal Drugs. “Gregory Crockett, Plaintiff, -against-The City Of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito [...] That on or about December 13, 2011, plaintiff was charged in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, with multiple felonies and other crimes, including conspiracy in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, unlawful possession of marijuana, and criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

In His Lawsuit, Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Knowingly Lying To A District Attorney And Grand Jury When D’Esposito Provided Information To Connect Crockett To TheIllegal Drugs And Weapons

D’Esposito Claimed That Crockett Said He Used The House Where “Illegal Drugs And Weapons Allegedly Were Recovered […] As His Primary Residence And That He Stayed Over Or Slept At The House Several Times Per Week.” “That at all times herein mentioned, Desposito had spearheaded the investigation into the facts and events underlying the aforesaid prosecution of plaintiff. […] That in support of the prosecution, Desposito made verbal representations to the Office of the New York County District Attorney regarding plaintiffs connection to a house in which illegal drugs and weapons allegedly were recovered. […] That among the verbal representations made by Desposito were that plaintiff stated to Desposito that he used the house as his primary residence and that he stayed over or slept at the house several times per week.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

• Crockett Alleged That He Made No Such Statements And That D’Esposito Knowingly Lied To A District Attorney And Grand Jury About Them. “That plaintiff in fact never made any such statements to Desposito, and Desposito knew that plaintiff had not made any such statements to him nor to anyone else. […] That when he made the aforementioned representations to the District Attorney, Desposito knew that those representations were false. […] That on or about December 13, 2011, Desposito repeated those false representations in testimony before a Grand Jury. […] That at all times herein mentioned, Desposito knew that there did not exist probable cause for plaintiff to be charged with any crimes.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

Crockett Further Alleged That He Had Been Arrested And Prosecuted As A Result Of D'Esposito's False Testimony, That The Arrest Had Been “Effectuated” Without A Warrant Or Probable Cause, And That D'Esposito Knew There Was No Probable Cause To Initiate Or Continue Prosecution Of Crockett

Crockett Alleged That He Was Indicted, Arrested, And Prosecuted “As A Result Of D’Esposito's Intentional Misrepresentations Both To The District Attorney And To The Grand Jury.” “That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was indicted on the aforementioned criminal charges. […] That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was arrested on December 14, 2011. […] That over the ensuing fourteen months, plaintiff was criminally prosecuted and was compelled to appear in court on numerous occasions to defend against the criminal charges that had been initiated by Desposito.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]
Crockett Alleged That He Was “Effectuated” And Imprisoned “Without A Warrant And Without Probable Cause To Believe That Plaintiff Had Committed Any Crime.” “That the arrest of plaintiff was effectuated without a warrant and without probable cause to believe that plaintiff had committed any crime. […] That following his arrest plaintiff was forcibly confined and imprisoned for a period of approximately twenty-two days.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

Crockett Alleged “That D'Esposito Knew That There Was No Probable Cause To Initiate Or Continue The Prosecution Of Plaintiff.” “That Desposito knew that there was no probable cause to initiate or continue the prosecution of plaintiff.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

To Bolster His Claims, Crockett Pointed To The Fact That “On February 7, 2013, All Criminal Charges Against Plaintiff Were Dismissed And The Criminal Prosecution Terminated Favorably To Plaintiff”

According To Crockett’s Lawsuit, Crockett Was Arrested On Dec. 14, 2011, But “On February 7, 2013, All Criminal Charges Against Plaintiff Were Dismissed And The Criminal Prosecution Terminated Favorably To Plaintiff.” “That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was indicted on the aforementioned criminal charges. […] That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was arrested on December 14, 2011. […] That on February 7, 2013, all criminal charges against plaintiff were dismissed and the criminal prosecution terminated favorably to plaintiff. […] That on February 19, 2013, the Clerk of the Court of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, certified the dismissal of the criminal charges against plaintiff.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed 8/15/22]

The Outcome Of The Case Was Unclear

The Outcome Of Crockett V. City Of New York Et Al Was “Unknown.”

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- Anthony P. Desposito, 73rd Precinct
- Neil F. Casey

Documents
- Complaint

[CAPstat, accessed 8/5/22]

NOTE: A FOIL request has been submitted to obtain more information about the outcome and the case in general.
| 2015: D’Esposito And Other NYPD Officers Were Named As Defendants In A Lawsuit In Which Plaintiffs Alleged Their Civil Rights Had Been Violated When They Were Arrested Without Probable Cause, Which Was Settled For $37,500 |

**The Plaintiffs Accused D’Esposito And Other Officers Of Using “Fabricated And False Evidence” Against Them**

**The Plaintiffs Accused D’Esposito And Other Officers Of Subjecting Them “To Illegal, Improper, And False Arrests” And Violating Their Fourth Amendment Rights.** “FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION […] 42 U.S.C. § 1983 -Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of all Plaintiffs for Unreasonable Seizure and False Arrest (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) […] As a result of defendants’ aforementioned conduct, the plaintiffs were subjected to illegal, improper, and false arrests by the Individual Officer Defendants. The plaintiffs were taken into custody and caused to be falsely imprisoned, detained, confined, and incarcerated. In the abovementioned actions, defendants acted intentionally, willfully, with malice, and without probable cause, privilege or consent. […] By virtue of the foregoing, the defendants deprived the plaintiffs of their Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to be free from unreasonable seizures of his person and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherrell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed 4/2/15, accessed 8/17/22]

**The Plaintiffs Accused D’Esposito And Other Officers Of Depriving "Their Fourth Amendment Rights Under The United States Constitution To Be Free From Unreasonable Searches Of Their Person.”**

“SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION […] 42 U.S.C. § 1983 -Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of all Plaintiffs for the Failure to Intervene (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) […] The defendants who were present but did not actively participate in the unlawful actions alleged herein and who observed and had an opportunity to prevent such conduct and failed to intervene. […] By virtue of the foregoing, the defendants who failed to intervene deprived the plaintiffs of their Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to be free from unreasonable searches of their person and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherrell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed 4/2/15, accessed 8/17/22]

**The Plaintiffs Accused D’Esposito And The Other Officers Of Violating Their Fourth, Fifth, And 14th Amendment Rights And Using “Fabricated And False Evidence” Against Them**
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[...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983-Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of Cherell and Dawn Tillman for Fabrication of Evidence (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] The Individual Officer Defendants create false evidence against plaintiffs Cherell and Dawn Tillman and drafted or signed sworn criminal complaints and false police reports. [...] The Individual Officer Defendants forwarded to prosecutors fabricated and false evidence that was likely to influence a jury’s decision. [...] The Individual Officer Defendants knowingly and intentionally provided false evidence against plaintiffs Cherell Tillman and Dawn Tillman in legal proceedings. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the Individual Officer Defendants deprived the plaintiffs Cherell Tillman and Dawn Tillman of their Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to due process and to a fair trial and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed 4/2/15, accessed 8/17/22]

May 31, 2012: D’Esposito And Other NYPD Officers Attempted To Enter 132 Hull Street Because Someone Supposedly “Ran Into The House And Hid A Gun.” “On or about May 31, 2012, at approximately 3:30 p.m., plaintiff Dawn Tillman telephoned plaintiff June Campbell to say that police officers stopped Maurice Fields, plaintiff Campbell’s grandson, in front of 132 Hull Street, Brooklyn, New York. [...] After the telephone call, plaintiff Campbell, who was speaking with an insurance agent in the first floor of 132 Hull Street, saw a police officer, believed to be Police Officer Anthony Esposito, attempting to open the front door to the first floor. [...] Plaintiff Campbell opened the front door to the first floor, exited 132 Hull Street, and asked a police officer, believed to be Police Officer Neil Casey, ‘What’s wrong?’ [...] Police Officer Casey told plaintiff Campbell that ‘someone ran into the house and hid a gun.’” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed 4/2/15, accessed 8/17/22]

When June Campbell, One Of The Residents of 132 Hull Street, Said That No One Had Entered The House, Police Officer Casey Arrested Her. “Plaintiffs June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman along with Maurice Fields resided at 132 Hull Street at the time of the incident. 132 Hull Street consists of three floors of living space and a basement. [...] Plaintiff Campbell responded to Police Officer Casey that no one entered the first floor of 132 Hull Street during her hour-long meeting with the insurance agent. Police Officer Casey subsequently arrested plaintiff Campbell, a seventy-five (75) year old retiree, who had never previously been arrested.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed 4/2/15, accessed 8/17/22]

The Plaintiffs Specifically Alleged That They “Were Falsely Arrested And Taken Into Custody Without Probable Cause”

June Campbell Claimed She And The Other Plaintiffs “Were Falsely Arrested And Taken Into Custody Without Probable Cause” And The Case Was Settled For $37,500.
Campbell et al v. The City of New York et al

CASE NUMBER: 15CV01786

COURT DISTRICT: United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

PLAINTIFF GENDER, SPECIFIED IN LAWSUIT: Female

PLAINTIFF RACE, SPECIFIED IN LAWSUIT: Black or African American

INCIDENT DATE: May 31, 2012

INCIDENT TIME: 3:30PM

STOP LOCATION: Residence

INCIDENT COUNTY: Kings (Brooklyn)

PRECINCT TAKEN TO: 73rd Precinct

SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: $37,500

OUTCOME: Settled

Summary

Plaintiffs were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause.

[CAPstat, accessed 8/5/22]

NOTE: A FOIL request has been submitted to obtain more information about this case.

The Case Was Settled For $37,500

The Case Campbell Et Al V. The City Of New York Et Al Was Settled For $37,500.
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2014: D’Esposito Was Named As An NYPD Officer In The Case Bethea V. City Of New York, Et Al, Which Was Settled For $45,000, Though Case Details Were Unclear

D’Esposito Was Named As An NYPD Officer In The Case Bethea V. City Of New York, Et Al.


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Harvis & Fett, LLP

Named Officers
• Anthony P. Desposito, 73rd Precinct

[CAPstat, accessed 8/5/22]

Bethea V. City Of New York, Et Al. Was Settled For $45,000.

Case # 14CV02134, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY, 2014
$45,000 Settlement

[50-a.org, accessed 8/5/22]

NOTE: FOIL request has been submitted to obtain more information about this case.

D’Esposito Appeared To Be Double-Dipping On Taxpayer Money, Collecting Salaries For A Job On The Hempstead Town Council And A Job On The Nassau County Board Of Elections At The Same Time

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2022: D’Esposito’s Personal Financial Disclosure Showed That As Of 2022, He Was Still Being Paid The $100,000 Nassau County Salary And $71,000 Town Of Hempstead Salary

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[House Ethics Committee, Anthony P. D’Esposito Personal Financial Disclosure, Filing Year 2022, filed 8/8/22]

2018: Upon Accepting The Nassau County Board Of Elections Job, D'Esposito Said “He Would Be A 90% Employee” For Board Of Elections, Leaving Only Leave 10% Of His Time For The Hempstead Town Council

“D’Esposito told Newsday that he would be a ‘90 percent employee,’ leaving himself time to still perform his duties at a town councilman. But in a statement, Gillen said that wasn’t good enough for the people of Hempstead Town. ‘Hempstead residents are sick and tired of the rampant and shameful abuse of their taxpayer dollars. It is wholly unethical and a clear conflict of interest for Councilman D’Esposito to continue serving in his elected capacity while he accepts a plum, six-figure patronage job from his political party,’ Gillen said. ‘America's largest township deserves and requires more than '10 percent' of his councilman's time. It needs an elected official who is above reproach, not someone indebted to party bosses.’” [Patch, 2/27/18]

D’Esposito “Faced Backlash From The Public For Recently Taking A Position At The Nassau County Board Of Elections” Because It Was “A Patronage Job”

Bellmore Herald: D’Esposito “Faced Backlash From The Public For Recently Taking A Job At The Nassau County Board Of Elections.” “D’Esposito also faced backlash from the public for recently taking a job at the county Board of Elections, alongside his fellow Republican Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Gillen. D’Esposito said that he would remain on the board while taking the $100,000 salaried job at the Board of Elections.” [Bellmore Herald, 3/8/18]

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said that even if there was no actual contract of interest, D'Esposito should be aware of the bad optics in him taking the position at the BOE, in what would appear to be a political appointment. ‘We know how the BOE works,’ Schurin said. ‘It’s a patronage job; they’re divvied up by the parties. It’s just not right and it sets a very bad precedent. In a way, it’s insulting to all the other public servants who make accommodations in their careers and make great sacrifices.’” [Bellmore Herald, 3/8/18]

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“Gillen, the first Democratic supervisor in the town in at least 100 years, criticized the councilman’s hire. ‘Hempstead residents are sick and tired of the rampant and shameful abuse of their taxpayer dollars,’ she said in a statement. ‘It is wholly unethical and a clear conflict of interest for Councilman D’Esposito to continue serving in his elected capacity while he accepts a plum, six-figure patronage job from his political party. America’s largest township....needs an elected official who is above reproach, not someone indebted to party bosses.’” [Illustrated News, 3/7/18]

- Gillen: D’Esposito Serving On Both The Town Council And The Board Of Elections “Is Outrageous And Displays Nothing But Contempt For The Taxpayers We Swore An Oath To Serve.” ‘The councilman should either refuse the political appointment or resign his position on the town board. To work simultaneously in both capacities is outrageous and displays nothing but contempt for the taxpayers we swore an oath to serve.’” [Illustrated News, 3/7/18]

As An Employee For The Nassau County Board Of Elections, D’Esposito Could Be In A Position To Oversee His Own Election To The Hempstead Town Council

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employee so he can take time off for town board meetings. There is no law preventing elected officials from working at a municipal board office - even in a role where they could count ballots for their own election, according to State Board of Elections spokesman John Conklin. The state board has no say in the hiring decisions of local boards of elections.” [Newsday, 2/28/18]

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D’Esposito Denied That Police Enforced Drug Laws In A Racially Biased Way And Said If Someone Was Arrested For Marijuana Possession, “It’s Because They Deserve To Be”

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Black And Latino People Make Up A Disproportionate Share Of Marijuana Arrestees In Nassau County And Long Island As A Whole

Newsday: Two-Thirds Of All People Arrested On Marijuana-Related Charges On Long Island Between 2010 And 2017 “Were Black And Latino.” “Advocates at the meeting cited data showing a disparity of marijuana arrests and minority communities. Susan Gottehrer, Nassau County chapter director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said there were 20,000 arrests on Long Island between 2010 and 2017 and two thirds of those arrested were black and Latino. She said minorities were disproportionately affected.” [Newsday, 2/27/19]

Bellmore Herald: Black And Latino People “Accounted For 60 Percent Of Arrests For Marijuana Possession” In Nassau County “Despite Making Up Only 30 Percent Of The Population.” “Local activists, however — including Bellmore's Lisa Tyson, director of the Long Island Progressive Coalition — pointed to the high arrest rates of people of color for low-level marijuana offenses despite near-equal levels of use among white people in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Some residents also questioned the value of the townwide moratorium. [...] In Nassau County in 2017, black and Latino people accounted for 60 percent of arrests for marijuana possession, despite making up only 30 percent of the population, according to the LIPC.” [Bellmore Herald, 3/7/19]

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D’Esposito Said That If Someone Was Arrested For Marijuana Possession, “It’s Because They Deserve To Be.” “Susan Gottehrer, director of the Nassau County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, […] also noted that four out of five people arrested for possession are black or Latino, despite similar rates of use across ethnicities. She urged the board to consider ‘civil penalties and desk ticket appearances’ for people who violate the town laws against using in parks, to avoid ‘being complicit’ in biased policing. D’Esposito, a former NYPD detective, took issue with Gottehrer’s statements. ‘It either is marijuana or it's not,’ he said. ‘If they're arrested, it's because they deserve to be. It's not biased toward any race. Maybe the arrest numbers are different, but it's not biased.’” [Bellmore Herald, 3/7/19]

As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Tried To Line The Pockets Of Family Members Who Also Worked In The Town Government, But Boasted About Laying Off And Cutting Hours For Other Workers

A Judge Ruled That As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Violated Ethics Rules By Voting For A No-Layoff Clause For Hempstead Civil Service Employees, Which Included Members Of His Family…

Dec. 2017: D’Esposito And A Majority Of The Hempstead Town Board Voted To Enact A No-Layoff Clause That Banned Civil Service Layoffs For Anything Other Than “Misconduct Or Incompetence”

Dec. 12, 2017: The Hempstead Town Board Voted To Enact A No-Layoff Clause That Banned Civil Service Layoffs For Anything Other Than “Misconduct Or Incompetence.” “As the Anthony Santino era came to a close in the Town of Hempstead, the outgoing supervisor initiated and town leaders controversially voted to place high-paid employees in other positions and amended the agreement with the civil service union to include a no- layoff clause. […] An overflowing, at times rowdy crowd and heavy media presence characterized the last town board meeting of the year on Dec. 12. […] The most contentious item was a memorandum of agreement amending the collective bargaining agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Local 880. It stated that ‘no employee shall be terminated for reasons due to budgetary, economy, consolidation, abolition of functions, abolition of position or curtailment of activities but may be terminated only for misconduct or incompetence.’” [Garden City Life, 1/3/18]

- **D’Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Policy.** “Voting ‘aye,’ in addition to Santino, were Ed Ambrosino, Anthony D’Esposito and Dennis Dunne Sr.” [Garden City Life, 1/3/18]

**The No-Layoff Clause Was Opposed By A Bipartisan Group Of Other Hempstead Town Council Members**

Republican Town Council Members Bruce Blakeman And Erin King Sweeney Joined Democratic Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby In Voting Against The No-Layoff Clause. “Speaker after speaker had weighed in against the amendment, some warning the only Democrat on the board, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, to vote against it. In the end she did, joined by Bruce Blakeman and Erin King Sweeney. […] Blakeman argued that the resolution represented ‘a sad day for the Republican Party. It’s not in line with our principles and I would urge my Republican colleagues to reconsider.’ In a statement, King Sweeney said, ‘I believe this amendment sets bad policy that limits our ability as policy makers to do our jobs. It could impact our bond rating and will tie the Supervisor-elect’s hands going forward.’” [Garden City Life, 1/3/18]

Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen Said The No-Layoff Clause “Seize[d]” Her Office’s “Authority To Manage Staff And Consolidate Departments” And Protected Republican Patronage Appointments

Hempstead Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen: The Civil Service No-Layoff Clause Seized Her Office’s “Authority To Manage Staff And Consolidate Departments.” “As the Anthony Santino era came to a close in
the Town of Hempstead, the outgoing supervisor initiated and town leaders controversially voted to place high-paid employees in other positions and amended the agreement with the civil service union to include a no-layoff clause. Adding to this recent hectic period, Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen called for Santino to immediately resign. […] Asked about how this resolution, if passed, would impact her ability to manage the budget and serve as the town’s chief financial officer, Gillen had responded, “It’s disastrous for the town board. It seizes all our authority to manage staff and consolidate departments.”” [Garden City Life, 1/3/18]

**Gillen Said That The No-Layoff Clause Was “Meant To Protect Patronage Employees And Hamstring Her Authority As Supervisor.”** “Gillen, a Democrat, and a group of ‘resident taxpayers,’ brought the Article 78 petition last April against the Republican-controlled town board, former Supervisor Anthony Santino, a Republican, and the Civil Service Employees Association. Gillen argued in the suit that the no-layoff clause and personnel transfers passed by the board in December 2017, one month before she took office, were meant to protect patronage employees and hamstring her authority as supervisor.” [Newsday, 4/10/19]

**Nov. 7, 2017: Democrat Laura Gillen Was Elected Hempstead Town Supervisor Over Republican Incumbent Anthony Santino.** “In a stunning turn of events, Democratic challenger Laura Gillen has declared victory over incumbent Republican Anthony Santino to take the supervisor seat for the Town of Hempstead. As of midnight, with all of the precincts reporting in, Gillen led Santino 80,214 votes to 77,946 in unofficial results. If the results stand, it would be the first time in history that a Democrat has led the Town of Hempstead.” [Patch, 11/7/17]

- **Gillen Said The No-Layoff Clause “Placed Santino’s Political Allies In Protected Positions.”** “Last month, Gillen filed a suit against Santino, the town’s civil service union and every member of the board, seeking to overturn a series of labor contract changes and personnel moves that she claimed placed Santino’s political allies in protected positions, and tied her hands when it came to lay-offs and managing the town’s budget.” [Bellmore Herald, 5/2/18]

**Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Ruled That D’Esposito “Violated The ‘Spirit And Intent’ Of The Town’s Ethics Code When” He Voted For The No-Layoff Clause Because His Mother, Brother, And Sister-In-Law All Worked For The Hempstead Town Government**

**Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Randy Sue Marber: D’Esposito “Violated The ‘Spirit And Intent’ Of The Town’s Ethics Code When” He Voted For The No-Layoff Clause Because It Protected His “Mother, Brother And Sister-In-Law […] From Termination.”** “A State Supreme Court judge on Tuesday issued a split decision in Democratic Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen's lawsuit against former Supervisor Anthony Santino and the Republican-majority Town Board. Judge Randy Sue Marber found that Santino and Republican Councilman Anthony D'Esposito violated the ‘spirit and intent’ of the town's ethics code when they voted for a controversial amendment to the town's labor contract that protected many employees — including Santino's mother and D'Esposito's mother, brother and sister-in-law — from termination. […] The judge minced no words in evaluating Santino’s behavior after he lost the election, either, and Marber said that despite Santino’s claim that the no-layoff clause was ‘negotiated in good faith’ for ‘many months,’ there was no proof of any negotiation at all.” [Long Island Herald, 3/7/19]

- **Marber: The Resolution “Lacked Any Semblance Of Rationality, And Constituted An Abuse Of Power.”** “The resolution wouldn't have passed without Santino and D'Esposito's votes, Marber noted, and it ‘lacked any semblance of rationality, and constituted an abuse of power.’ ‘The vote that took away my authority to manage the town's workforce and fiscal health was not legal, and violated the town's ethics code,’ Gillen said at a news conference Wednesday.” [Long Island Herald, 3/7/19]

- **Marber: “The Mere Appearance Of Ethical Impropriety Warranted Abstention By” D’Esposito “And Its Disregard Was An Error.”** “In the order, Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Randy Sue Marber found that the no-layoff clause to the town's collective bargaining agreement with CSEA should not have passed, as Santino and current town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito should have recused themselves from voting on it.
Both Santino and D’Esposito had relatives who worked for the town, Marber wrote, making their failure to recuse themselves a violation of the town’s ethics code. ‘The mere appearance of ethical impropriety warranted abstention by any affected Board members, and its disregard was an error,’ she wrote. Without their votes, the measure - which was approved 4-3 - would not have passed. The resolution approving the memorandum of agreement that contained the clause ‘must be annulled and vacated,’ Marber wrote.” [Newsday, 3/6/19]

Randy Sue Marber Was A Nassau County Supreme Court Judge. [NY Courts, Nassau County, accessed 8/18/22]

D’Esposito’s Mother, Father, Brother, And Sister-In-Law All Worked For The Hempstead Town Government. “Other town board members also have family on the payroll. Councilman Dennis Dunne Sr.’s son is a plans examiner, Councilman Ed Ambrosino's daughter was a summer seasonal employee before she resigned a year ago and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito's mother, father, brother and sister-in-law all work for the town. D'Esposito voted for a raise for his mother, a secretary in the highway department, in March.” [Newsday, 10/26/17]

Five D’Espositos Were On The Hempstead Payroll, Including Anthony’s Father, Stephen D’Esposito, Who Served As “Town Supervisor Anthony Santino’s Chief Of Staff” And As Leader Of The “Island Park GOP.” County GOP chairman Joseph Mondello has had a sister, daughter, son-in-law and other relatives holding local government jobs in recent years. And how about that D’Esposito clan? Five members collect almost a half-million dollars from Hempstead taxpayers; they are town board member Anthony D'Esposito, his mother and father, and his brother and sister-in-law. His father, Stephen D'Esposito, is Town Supervisor Anthony Santino's chief of staff, and also leader of the powerful Island Park GOP.” [Newsday, Editorial, 10/17/17]

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D'Esposito Defended Voting To Raise His Mom’s Salary By $2,500 Because She “Worked For Town For Three Decades.” “D'Esposito said Gillen should have recused herself from the vote after she previously criticized a vote by D'Esposito to award his mother a $2,500 raise. ‘You took joy for crushing me for voting for a $2,500 raise for my mother who worked for town for three decades,’ he said. ‘I will continue to point it out after you went after my family.’ Gillen said she does not know where every relative of her past associates work. She said her only relative who works for the town is her niece, who was a counselor at Camp Anchor before she took office. ‘I never voted to give my niece a raise,’ Gillen said.” [Newsday, 11/16/18]

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The past, had done what amounts to the same thing, town officials acknowledge - by voting on raises for his sister. Town ethics code looks to say that's a no-no. But Michael Deery, town spokesman, defended the votes. Deery said D'Esposito received no direct benefit as a result of his vote for mom, and neither did Santino, in voting for his sister. But wait, D'Esposito lives with his parents. Couldn't that raise show up as a direct benefit to him - even if it goes to buy pot roast for the dinner table? No, Deery said: ‘The parents owned the home before the raise, and they own the home after,’ a defense which, he said, covers the pot roast, too.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, 4/9/17]

D’Esposito Was Registered To Vote At 41 Roosevelt Pl Island Park, NY 11558, Which Nassau County Property Records List As Owned By His Parents, Steven And Carmen D’Esposito

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed 8/4/22]

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[Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, accessed, 8/5/22]

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July 2019: Hempstead, NY Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Criticized Other Town Officials For Extending The Dover Group’s Contract To Run Malibu Beach Park Even Though The Group’s CEO, Issac “Butch” Yamali, Owed The Town $531,400 In Rent

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Dover chief executive Butch Yamali. In July, she decried a ‘sweetheart’ contract extension Hempstead officials offered Yamali to run another town property, Malibu Beach Park, although Yamali had not paid the town rent on Malibu in seven months. Yamali, who has held numerous municipal concessions contracts on Long Island, has dismissed Gillen's actions as political grandstanding. He asked a state Supreme Court in Nassau County in August to confirm the Malibu contract extension was legal. The litigation is ongoing.” [Newsday, 10/22/19]

- **July 2019: The U.S. Attorney For The Eastern District Of New York Subpoenaed Hempstead For Record On The Dover Group After It Was Reported That The Town Had Not Paid $531,400 In Rent To Hempstead.** “Gillen also said Sands is rarely booked for events. In 2018, she said, Dover hosted eight functions at the venue and paid the town $20,000. Records indicate Dover is to provide the town 10% of its sales revenue at Sands, she said. [...] Newsday reported in July that Yamali had not paid the town rent on the property for nearly a year, accumulating a balance at that time of $531,400. The U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York then subpoenaed the town for records on Dover. Yamali has said he has not paid rent on Malibu because the town owes him for capital improvements, and town officials instructed him not to pay until the two sides came to terms.” [Newsday, 10/22/19]

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**NOTE: The Dover Group also operates as the Dover Gourmet Corp.** [Better Business Bureau, accessed 8/3/22]

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**Oct. 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Ordered A Subsidiary Of The Dover Group To Stop Holding Events At A Local Catering Hall, Because It Had Not Had “A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011”**

**Oct. 22, 2019: Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen Announced That The Town Was Seeking A New Vendor To Run The Sands In Lido Beach, A Local Catering Hall, Because Its Current Vendor “Dover Sands Inc. — Owned By The Dover Group […] Has Not Had A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011”**

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a new partner to run the Sands in Lido Beach, and that the current vendor did not have a contract with the town to run the catering hall.” [Long Beach Herald, 10/24/19]

- **The Sands’ Current Vendor, “Dover Sands Inc. — Owned By The Dover Group […] Has Not Had A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011.”** “At a news conference in front of the facility, Gillen told reporters that the operator of the facility, Dover Sands Inc. — owned by the Dover Group, based in Freeport — has not had a valid contract with the town since 2011, and called on the company to cease operations. Since the agreement expired eight years ago, the arrangement between Dover and the town, Gillen said, appeared to be a ‘verbal or oral agreement’ and she described it as ‘highly questionable.’” [Long Beach Herald, 10/24/19]

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Gillen: It was illegal for the Dover Group to operate the Sands in Lido Beach without a contract. “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen announced on Tuesday that the town was seeking a new partner to run the Sands in Lido Beach, and that the current vendor did not have a contract with the town to run the catering hall. […] Since the agreement expired eight years ago, the arrangement between Dover and the town, Gillen said, appeared to be a ‘verbal or oral agreement’ and she described it as ‘highly questionable.’ ‘To be absolutely clear, it is illegal under New York state law to authorize a deal such as this one without a properly executed contract,’ Gillen said, ‘and without a public vote.’” [Long Beach Herald, 10/24/19]

**Gillen: The Lack Of Contract For The Dover Group Meant That There Was “Nothing In Place Protecting The Town And The Town Taxpayers From Potential Liability At” The Sands On Lido Beach.** “Dover Sands Inc. has hosted weddings and other events at the Sands on Lido Beach by an apparent ‘verbal deal’ with town officials since 2011, Gillen said at a news conference in front of the waterfront catering hall. She called the arrangement ‘extremely troubling.’ ‘There is nothing in place protecting the town and the town taxpayers from potential liability at this facility,’ she said.” [Newsday, 10/22/19]

**D’Esposito, Who Was Then Serving As A Hempstead Town Councilman, Accused Gillen Of “Playing Politics” For Trying To Crack Down On The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rents**


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D’Esposito Accused Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Of “Playing Politics” For Going After The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rents. A spokesman for Yamali said Tuesday Dover does have a contract and insurance to operate Sands and is up-to-date on any payments on the facility owed to the town. “The supervisor would be well served to review town records before attacking a well-respected vendor who has provided four decades of quality services to Hempstead residents,” said the spokesman, Brian Finnegan. Finnegan did not respond to a request to provide Newsday a copy of the contract. Republican Hempstead Councilman Anthony D’Esposito said through a spokeswoman Tuesday Gillen’s staff “received copies of contracts and related materials for the Sands and the Malibu” shortly after she took office in 2018. He accused her of “playing politics.” The spokesman could not say whether the materials Gillen received included a Sands contract.” [Newsday, 10/22/19]

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- Gillen Responded That D'Esposito’s Focus Wasn’t “On How The Taxpayers Have Been Getting The Raw End Of What Looks Like A Clearly Illegal Deal.” “Mike Fricchione a spokesman for Gillen responded to D'Esposito's claims. ‘Supervisor Gillen has been actively cooperating with law enforcement since last year to bring about much-needed change in the town, so it's a little surprising that the councilman's focus isn't on how the taxpayers have been getting the raw end of what looks like a clearly illegal deal,’ Fricchione said. He added that if Dover and D'Esposito have a contract, they should produce it.” [Long Beach Herald, 10/24/19]

March 2016-April 2022: D’Esposito Took $11,800 In Campaign Contributions From Issac “Butch” Yamali, The CEO OF The Dover Group

March 29, 2016: Yamali Gave $1,000 To Citizens For D’Esposito. [New York Board of Elections, accessed 8/3/22]

May 16, 2021: Yamali Gave $5,000 To Citizens For D’Esposito. [New York Board of Elections, accessed 8/3/22]

April 6, 2022: Yamali Gave $5,800 To D’Esposito’s Congressional Campaign. [FEC, accessed 8/19/22]

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As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Opposed Measures To Curtail Waste, Fraud, And Corruption
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Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Proposed “A Ban On Town Department Heads Leading Political Committees As A Way To Help Eliminate A ‘Pay-To-Play’ Culture.” “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen is proposing a ban on town department heads leading political committees as a way to help eliminate a ‘pay-to-play’ culture. Gillen said she will propose legislation next month to amend the ethics code to ban town commissioners from also serving as heads of local political clubs or committees. She said about half of the town’s department chiefs, including nearly every commissioner and town attorney, are leaders of local Republican clubs.” [Newsday, 10/4/19]

- Gillen Said That Town Workers “Were Required To Carry Petitions, Participate In Republican Club Activities Or Make Campaign Donations In Order To Advance Within Departments Or Get A Raise.”
  “Gillen said whistleblowers have come forward and claimed they were required to carry petitions, participate in Republican club activities or make campaign donations in order to advance within departments or get a raise. ‘The culture of fear that permeates the town is indicative of the culture the Republican machine has created here in Town Hall,’ Gillen said. ‘The system does little to ensure the government operates fairly and effectively. Especially when there's a perception one's next promotion or raise has to do with service to a party, instead of the taxpayers who they are supposed to serve.’” [Newsday, 10/4/19]

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D'Esposito Opposed A Measure To Add A Town Position Of Inspector General As An Independent Investigator To Monitor Waste, Corruption And Fraud In The Hempstead Town Government

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D'Esposito Voted To Block A Resolution Creating “An Inspector General As An Independent Investigator To Monitor Waste, Corruption And Fraud In” The Hempstead “Town Government.” “Two Hempstead Town Board members on Tuesday called for ethics reforms and an inspector general's review of town contracts, but a vote on an emergency resolution for the proposal failed. Councilman Bruce Blakeman proposed adding the resolution to Tuesday's voting calendar to create an inspector general as an independent investigator to monitor waste, corruption and fraud in town government. The proposal was backed by Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney. Town attorney Joe Ra said the vote was on adding the emergency resolution, not the merits of the motion. [...] The push for an immediate vote was defeated 4-3. Supervisor Anthony Santino and council members Dorothy Goosby, Gary Hudes
and Anthony D'Esposito voted down adding the motion. Blakeman, King Sweeney and Councilman Ed Ambrosino voted in favor of it.” [Newsday, 4/26/17]

**D’Esposito Opposed The Town Supervisor’s Plan To Have The Town Of Hempstead Seek Competitive Bids For Professional Services Costing More Than $20,000**

April 2018: D’Esposito Voted To Block Town Supervisor “Gillen’s Plan To Seek Competitive Bids For Professional Services” For Hempstead “Costing More Than $20,000.” “Democratic Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen has posted on the town's website the cost of outside counsel for the past two years, after three Republican council members and the town board's only other Democrat again stalled a plan to solicit competitive proposals for legal services. […] Goosby, along with Republican board members Anthony D'Esposito, Dennis Dunne and Ed Ambrosino, voted twice in a row to table Gillen's plan to seek competitive bids for professional services costing more than $20,000.” [Newsday, 4/30/18]

**As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Repeatedly Put Partisan Politics Over The Town’s Best Interests**

**2018: D’Esposito Voted To Block A Proposal To Hold Special Elections For Vacant Town Council Seats, Which Newsday Said Would Have Loosened “The Grip Of The GOP Machine On The Town”**

May 2018: Hempstead Town Supervisor Gillen Proposed “Legislation Taking Away The [Hempstead Town Board’s] Power To Fill Vacant [Town Board] Seats With Appointments, And Instead Require Special Elections”

May 1, 2018: Hempstead Town Supervisor Gillen Proposed “Legislation Taking Away The [Hempstead Town Board’s] Power To Fill Vacant [Town Board] Seats With Appointments, And Instead Require Special Elections.” “In a statement Tuesday, Gillen said that she would push for new legislation taking away the board's power to fill vacant seats with appointments, and instead require special elections. Five of the board's seven members were appointed rather than elected, which made it easier for them to win as incumbents during regular elections, Gillen said. All of the five are Republicans.” [Merrick Herald, 5/2/18]

- **Gillen: Appointing Board Members To Vacant Seats Without A Special Election Was A “Protection Program For Party Politicians” That Gave Candidates “The Power Of Incumbency Through Selection.”**
  “'It's disgraceful that whenever there is a vacancy in the Town, voters are robbed of an opportunity to make their voices heard,' said Gillen, a Democrat, who ousted Republican former Supervisor Tony Santino last year. ‘It's a protection program for party politicians, where candidates are unfairly given the power of incumbency through selection, when it should be by an election.’” [Merrick Herald, 5/2/18]

**D’Esposito And Other Republican Hempstead Town Board Members Voted To Block Discussion And Public Comment On Gillen’s Legislation To Hold Special Elections For Town Board Vacancies**

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• **D’Esposito And Other Republican Members Of The Hempstead Town Board Were First Appointed To Fill Vacant Seats.** “Anthony D’Esposito (R): Appointed to the board in February 2016; elected to a full four-year term in November 2017. [...] The legislation — for which Gillen wanted to call a Sept. 4 public hearing — would be a significant change in the way the town conducts business, with five of the seven members of the Republican-majority board having been appointed to their positions when they first assumed office.” [Bellmore Herald, 8/8/18]

• **The Town Board Voted To Change Its Rules To Only Allow Tabled Items To Be Resurrected Via “A Majority Vote Of The Board,” Which Prevented “Gillen From Bringing Up Special Elections Again.”** “Board members even went a step further, passing a change to the board's procedures that will prevent Gillen from bringing up special elections again. Under the new rule, items that have been tabled will be considered postponed indefinitely, and can only be resurrected by a majority vote of the board. This effectively guaranteed that special elections will not be discussed again until new council members join the board and change the procedure.” [Bellmore Herald, 8/8/18]

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Gillen Accused Republicans On The Hempstead Town Council Of “Politburo Politics” And “Hamstringing Her Power As A Democratic Supervisor.” “Gillen called the votes ‘Politburo politics’ aimed at hamstringing her power as a Democratic supervisor, and a number of residents also spoke up, demanding that the board give the motion an up or down vote. Susan Ryan, of Point Lookout, told board members during the public-comment period—at the end of the meeting, after the board had decided the matter—that she had waited for hours to speak about the issue before it was tabled. ‘This is a democracy,’ Ryan said, addressing the Republicans. ‘Whether you like it or not, Laura Gillen was elected . . . Dorothy Goosby, you were voted in, and so was Laura. The rest of you were part of the Republican theater system, where you don't learn to play well with others. You've had your own way for so long you seem to have no respect for bipartisan government.’” [Bellmore Herald, 8/8/18]

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Newsday: Holding Special Elections For Vacant Town Board Seats “Would Loosen The Grip Of The GOP Machine On The Town” And “Stop The Game Of Musical Chairs For GOP Insiders.” “Gillen is trying to make a critical change that would loosen the grip of the GOP machine on the town. Her democratic idea of having a special election rather than an appointment when a council vacancy occurs is kryptonite to the Republicans. It would stop the game of musical chairs for GOP insiders, where everyone finds a seat, one that pays $71,000 for a part-time job. [...] Every GOP member of the current five-person majority was initially appointed by a vote of fellow GOP members. That includes King Sweeney, Edward Ambrosino, who is serving despite facing a federal indictment for tax evasion and wire fraud, Bruce Blakeman, Anthony D’Esposito and Dennis Dunne, a county legislator for 22 years. Only Democrats Dorothy Goosby and Gillen had to face voters to win their first seats.” [Newsday, Editorial, 8/6/18]

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**2017: D’Esposito Voted Against Providing Transition Funds To Then Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen, A Democrat, Even Though It Could Disrupt Vital Town Services Like “Sanitation And Snow Removal”**

Nov. 2017: D’Esposito Voted Against Providing “$100,000 In Transition Funds To Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen” Even Though Nassau Republican Chairman Joseph Mondello Supported Doing So. “Nassau Republican Chairman Joseph Mondello said Thursday he supported a failed effort by three Republican members of the Hempstead Town board to provide $100,000 in transition funds to Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen, the first Democrat elected town supervisor in more than century. Mondello said he made his feelings known to town
Republicans, including three who voted against the proposal: Councilmen Anthony D’Esposito and Dennis Dunne and Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his bid for re-election last week. ‘My opinion was to everybody that we should cooperate with Ms. Gillen,’ Mondello said in an interview. ‘If we can legally give the money to her, we should do it. As soon as we could legally do it, we should do it.’” [Newsday, 11/16/17]

- **Republican Town Board Member Erin King Sweeney:** A Smooth Transition For Gillen Is Vital Because The Services “Hempstead Is Responsible For Are Essential — Sanitation And Snow Removal.”
  “Republican Town board members Erin King Sweeney, who had feuded with Santino over ethics reform in the past year, and Edward Ambrosino voted for the funding for Gillen, who takes office in January. […] Said King Sweeney: ‘Clearly we’re in unprecedented times in the Town of Hempstead. We all, Republican and Democrat, need to pull together to make sure this transition happens smoothly. We need to remember that the bulk of the services that the Town of Hempstead is responsible for are essential — sanitation and snow removal. We can’t let petty politics get in the way of serving the people.’” [Newsday, 11/16/17]


The Hempstead Town Council’s 2019 Budget, Which D’Esposito Voted For, Cut $11.6 Million In Spending From Town Supervisor Gillen’s Initial Budget Proposal. “Presented on Oct. 3, Gillen’s $444.1 million spending plan called for a .74 percent increase in the overall tax levy, well below the state-mandated tax cap of 2 percent. Most residents, according to Gillen’s budget message, would see a modest decrease of 1.88 percent in their tax bills. The town council countered with a plan to trim $11.6 million from the supervisor’s budget and cut taxes by 3.46 percent. It was presented before a town board meeting on Oct. 15 in the form of 76 resolutions and voted on in the ensuing meeting. Only Gillen voted against the preliminary budget, stating that she and her staff were not afforded the time to study the resolutions. […] Fellow Democrat and Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby joined Majority Leader Erin King Sweeney and councilmembers Bruce Blakeman, Ed Ambrosino, Anthony D’Esposito and Dennis Dunne Sr. in the 6-1 vote.” [Levittown Tribune, 11/7/18]

- **Gillen Said That The Hempstead Town Council’s Alternate Proposed Budget “[Raided] The Town’s Rainy Day Fund” And “[Hiked] Fees On Parks.”** “In a statement, Gillen charged, ‘The town council has created a fiscally irresponsible budget, crafted in secret, that keeps the Town of Hempstead in the dark ages, giving themselves more money for political patronage at the expense of taxpayers. These amendments raid the town’s rainy day fund, hike fees on parks, and will either force taxes to go up next year, or force cuts to essential services for seniors, children and everyday residents.” [Levittown Tribune, 11/7/18]

**D’Esposito Blocked The Democratic Town Supervisor’s Town Comptroller Appointee But Supported Appointing Republican Party Officials With Conflicts Of Interest And Ties To Corrupt Officials Instead**

Sept. 3, 2019: D’Esposito And Other Hempstead Town Council Republicans Voted “To Nullify Supervisor Laura Gillen’s Appointment Of Elmont Resident Averil Smith As The Acting Comptroller.” “The Town of Hempstead Council’s Republican majority voted on Sept. 3 to nullify Supervisor Laura Gillen’s appointment of Elmont resident Averil Smith as the acting comptroller, saying the appointment violated civil service law. […] To that end, Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, a Republican from Island Park, proposed an ‘emergency resolution’ at Tuesday's Town Board meeting to change Dominick Longobardi’s position from second deputy comptroller to deputy comptroller. Longobardi, a Republican who has worked for the town since 1990, also is mayor of Floral Park. Gillen had previously told the Herald that he had declined the position over worries about a conflict of interest in his role as an elected official. The resolution passed 6-1, with Gillen the sole vote against the measure. D’Esposito then proposed the legislation to declare Smith's appointment ‘null and void.’” [Franklin Square-Elmont Herald, 9/4/19]
• D’Esposito And Other Hempstead Town Council Republicans Claimed That Smith’s Appointment Violated Civil Service Laws “Because She Also Serves As Gillen’s Finance Director.” “Town of Hempstead Republican lawmakers are challenging Supervisor Laura Gillen’s selection of Elmont resident Averil Smith as acting town comptroller, claiming the appointment violates civil service law. In an Aug. 29 letter sent to Gillen, Town Board members Bruce Blakeman, Erin King Sweeney, Anthony D’Esposito, Dennis Dunne and Thomas Muscarella, who make up the Republican majority on the board, wrote that the second deputy comptroller is to act as comptroller until the board names a replacement, according to town code. They added that there were ‘serious legal conflicts and ethical issues’ that arose from Smith's appointment, because she also serves as Gillen's finance director.” [Franklin Square-Elmont Herald, 8/29/19]

Gillen Said That Hempstead Town Council Republicans “Want To Stop [Smith] From Uncovering Corruption” As Acting Town Comptroller. “Town of Hempstead Republican lawmakers are challenging Supervisor Laura Gillen's selection of Elmont resident Averil Smith as acting town comptroller, claiming the appointment violates civil service law. […] Gillen, a Democrat, said the Republicans' accusation is another example of the GOP majority attempting to obstruct her agenda. ‘What we have here is a Town Board majority desperately trying to cover things up,’ she said. ‘They want to stop [Smith] from uncovering corruption.’”’ [Franklin Square-Elmont Herald, 8/29/19]

• Hempstead’s Previous Town Comptroller, Kevin Conroy, Resigned Amid Rumors That He Was Under Investigation For Extending The Dover Group’s Contract To Operate The Malibu Shore Club. “The previous town comptroller, Kevin Conroy, abruptly resigned earlier this month. His departure coincided with reports that the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York was investigating him for a controversial contract extension that Conroy reportedly approved for the Dover Group to operate the town's Malibu Shore Club.” [Franklin Square-Elmont Herald, 8/29/19]

Smith “Served As Comptroller For The Town Of North Hempstead, And Oversaw A Credit-Rating Upgrade To AAA By Standard & Poor” And “Reportedly Helped To Assemble Hempstead’s Previous Two Budgets.” “‘What they're doing is a great disservice to the taxpayers,’ Gillen said of the Republican board members. ‘The person with the greatest knowledge of the budget is Ms. Averil Smith.’ Smith previously served as comptroller for the Town of North Hempstead, and oversaw a credit-rating upgrade to AAA by Standard & Poor's. She also reportedly helped to assemble Hempstead's previous two budgets.” [Franklin Square-Elmont Herald, 8/29/19]

D’Esposito Proposed Changing “Dominick Longobardi’s Position From Second Deputy Comptroller To Deputy Comptroller,” Which Would Allow Him To Serve As Acting Comptroller. “But according to town code, Republicans said, the board is responsible for naming a replacement. Until then, they said, the deputy comptroller is to fill in as comptroller. To that end, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, a Republican from Island Park, proposed an ‘emergency resolution’ at Tuesday's Town Board meeting to change Dominick Longobardi's position from second deputy comptroller to deputy comptroller.” [Long Island Herald, 9/4/19]

• Longobardi Previously Declined The Position “Over Worries About A Conflict Of Interest In His Role As” A Republican Elected Official. “Longobardi, a Republican who has worked for the town since 1990, also is mayor of Floral Park. Gillen had previously told the Herald that he had declined the position over worries about a conflict of interest in his role as an elected official. The resolution passed 6-1, with Gillen the sole vote against the measure. D'Esposito then proposed the legislation to declare Smith's appointment ‘null and void.’” [Long Island Herald, 9/4/19]

Aug. 2019: D’Esposito Supported Appointing Timothy Sullivan, Who Served As “Former County Executive Ed Mangano's Finance Deputy” As Acting Comptroller Instead Of Averil Smith. “In an Aug. 29 letter sent to Gillen, Town Board members Bruce Blakeman, Erin King Sweeney, Anthony D'Esposito, Dennis Dunne and Thomas Muscarella, who make up the Republican majority on the board, wrote that the second deputy comptroller is to act as comptroller until the board names a replacement, according to town code. They added that there were ‘serious legal conflicts and ethical issues’ that arose from Smith's appointment, because she also serves as Gillen's
finance director. They instead filed a resolution to appoint Timothy Sullivan, former County Executive Ed Mangano's finance deputy, who served as Nassau University Medical Center's vice president of finance while Freeport-based Dover Gourmet Corp., a subsidiary of the Dover Group, stopped paying the hospital.” [Franklin Square-Elmont Herald, 8/29/19]

- March 2019: Mangano, Who Was Described As Part Of “Long Island’s Republican Political Machine,” Was Convicted “On Counts Including Bribery And Wire Fraud.” “Edward P. Mangano, the former Nassau County executive who for years participated in a bribery and kickback scheme, was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison for his role in what prosecutors called ‘a culture of corruption’ at the heart of Long Island’s Republican political machine. Mr. Mangano, 60, was convicted in March 2019 on counts including bribery and wire fraud. It was the second trial in the case, after the first ended in a mistrial in 2018. He was acquitted on two counts, including an extortion charge.” [New York Times, 4/14/22]

June 2018: D’Esposito Did Not Vote On A Five-Year Capital Plan For Hempstead Worth $244.1 Million

D'Esposito Missed A Vote On A Five-Year Capital Plan For Hempstead That Invested $112 In Highway Improvements, $4.5 Million Worth Of Heavy Equipment In The Sanitation Department, And $27 Million For Town Parks

June 5, 2018: D'Esposito Missed A Vote On A Five-Year Capital Plan For Hempstead Worth $244.1 Million. “The board, at the June 5 meeting, unanimously (minus absent Councilman Anthony D’Esposito) approved a five-year capital plan. In the introduction to the plan’s publication, Supervisor Laura Gillen noted that it was the first time in the town’s history that the capital plan extended for more than one year. […] The plans call for the town to spend about $244.1 million over the 2018-2022 time frame.” [The Illustrated News, June 13, 2018]

- The Capital Plan Invested $112 In Highway Improvements, $4.5 Million Worth Of Heavy Equipment In The Sanitation Department, And $27 Million For Town Parks. “A large chunk ($112 million) will go to highway improvements. The highway department will also see about $9 million in vehicle and equipment purchases over that span. The town will also spend $9 million in improvements at its Roosevelt yard. The sanitation department will get about $4.5 million worth of heavy equipment and another $8.47 million to improve its facilities. Expenditures of $33 million will make needed improvements at the various water districts. Town parks will get an infusion of about $27 million for improvements and upgrades, while another $4 million will be spent to upgrade the town’s computers and information and technology (IT) system.” [The Illustrated News, June 13, 2018]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party, Which Opposed Expanding “The Human Rights Law To Include ‘Transgender’ As A Protected Class”

D’Esposito Ran On The New York State Conservative Party’s Ballot Line And Was Praised By Its Chairman, Daniel Donovan

D'Esposito Ran On The New York State Conservative Party Ballot Line In 2016. “D'Esposito, 34, of Island Park, is running on the Republican, Conservative, Independence, Tax Revolt and Reform party lines to keep the Hempstead Town Board seat he was appointed to fill in February.” [Newsday, 11/6/16]

The New York State Conservative Party Endorsed D’Esposito For Re-Election In 2018. “Councilman Anthony D’Esposito has secured the Conservative ballot line and party designation for his upcoming re-election campaign, having filed the required number of signatures on nominating petitions with the County Board of Elections. […] This development marks the second election in which D’Esposito, the Republican nominee for Councilman of the fourth district, has been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will afford him a second ballot line this coming November.” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, Press Release, 8/3/17]

- **New York State Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D’Esposito Is Aligned With “Our Party’s Mission.”** “Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan said, ‘Councilman D’Esposito played a vital role in Supervisor Santino’s deficit reduction initiative in which the Town of Hempstead successfully turned a $23.5 million budget deficit into a $5 million budget surplus. […] Councilman D’Esposito’s strong affinity for the police and fire departments, his endorsement of family values as well as his firm determination to strive for smaller, more efficient government, aligns him to our party’s mission. We are excited to have Councilman D’Esposito run for re-election on our ballot.’” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, Press Release, 8/3/17]

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- **New York’s Human Rights Law “Prohibits Discrimination Based On Specific Protected Classes.”** “New York State’s comprehensive anti-discrimination statute is the New York State Human Rights Law (State Human Rights Law). The State Human Rights Law prohibits discrimination based on specific protected classes in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodations, and non-sectarian educational institutions. Under the State Human Rights Law, every citizen has an ‘equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life.’” [New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission, accessed 6/14/22]

May 12, 2011: The New York State Conservative Party Declared That Any Politician Who Supported Marriage Equality Could Not Use Their Ballot Line. “Following up on a threat by chairman Mike Long, the state Conservative Party passed a resolution today vowing not to support any politician who supports gay marriage. The resolution, which was unanimously passed by the party’s executive council, is pretty clear cut: ‘… any elected official or potential candidate who does not support marriage as defined between one man and one woman, shall not have their name appear on Row C, the New York State Conservative Party position on election ballots, in any election.’” [Albany Times-Union, 5/12/11]

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Taxes

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D'Esposito Supported “Cutting Gas Taxes” And Repealing “A $1 Billion Commuter Tax.” “Nassau County Republicans unveiled their slate of candidates Friday, led by Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito running for Congress and a return of Jack Martins, seeking to reclaim his seat in the State Senate. The candidates are running on a platform to reduce crime by repealing cashless bail and adding funding for police, cutting gas taxes and a plan to reverse a $1 billion commuter tax.” [Newsday, 3/26/22]

D'Esposito Opposed Putting “A Toll On Any Vehicle That Enters Manhattan And Travels South Of 60th Street” To Raise Money For Mass Transit In New York City And Long Island. “Where elected officials stand on what Governor Andrew Cuomo called ‘Central Business District Tolling’ depends on their party affiliation. Also known as congestion pricing, it proposes to put a toll on any vehicle that enters Manhattan and travels south of 60th
Street. […] The funds raised by the tolls will go to an MTA capital fund, with 10 percent each reportedly earmarked to the Long Island Rail Road and Metro North. […] Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony D’Esposito noted that he’s spent most of his career as a NYPD detective, and was there to speak on behalf of ‘anybody who wears the uniform and travels to New York City on a daily basis.’ Law enforcement personnel and first responders, he observed, don’t always have regular hours and can’t always depend on mass transit.” [Farmingdale Observer, 5/1/19]

D’Esposito Supported “Restoring The State And Local Tax (SALT) Exemption”

D’Esposito Said “We Need To Lift The Regulatory Barriers And Lower The Tax Burden Facing Our Families And Small Businesses.” “Prior to the COVID pandemic, our economy was full-speed ahead, but two years later we have not fully rebounded from the business closures and onerous mandates that tied the hands of our local businesses. If we want to grow our economy and create opportunities for good paying, family-sustaining jobs in Nassau County, Anthony believes we need to lift the regulatory barriers and lower the tax burden facing our families and small businesses.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

- D’Esposito Supported “Restoring The State And Local Tax (SALT) Exemption.” “As Hempstead Town Councilman, Anthony worked hand-in-hand with our local businesses to help them grow and prosper. And, in Congress, Anthony will fight to lower federal taxes and protect property taxpayers by restoring the State and Local Tax (SALT) exemption.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

D’Esposito Said He “Cut Or Froze Taxes In Each Of The Last Four Budgets Passed By The Hempstead Town Board”

D’Esposito “Cut Or Froze Taxes In Each Of The Last Four Budgets Passed By The Hempstead Town Board.” “As Hempstead Town Councilman, Anthony cut or froze taxes in each of the last four budgets passed by the Hempstead Town Board and, in Congress, he will continue protecting taxpayers by ‘doing more with less.’” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 7/15/22]

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D’Esposito Said That Eliminating Cash Bail For Certain Offenses Would “Put The Rights Of Criminals Over The Rights Of Our Law Abiding Citizens.” “The Hempstead Town Board unanimously passed a resolution this week urging Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and the state legislature to reconsider bail reform measures set to go into effect next month. The resolution approved Tuesday calls upon state representatives to amend or delay bail and discovery reform laws that would eliminate cash bail for specific offenses. The resolution says the town's most vulnerable population will be at risk under changes that will release certain offenders. ‘These so-called reforms put the rights of criminals over the rights of our law abiding citizens and that is completely unacceptable,’ Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said.” [Newsday, 12/13/19]
**Foreign Policy**

**D’Esposito Supported A Law Prohibiting The Hempstead Town Government “From Doing Business With Anyone” Who Boycotted Israel And Refused To Say Whether He Supported A Two-State Solution**

D’Esposito Opposed The Boycott, Divestment And Sanctions (BDS) Movement Against Israel. “D’Esposito boasted of strong relationships with the local Jewish community and a strong record on Israel, including opposition to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement in local government.” [Jewish Insider, 5/10/22]

D’Esposito “Stood With Israel And Passed One Of The Nation’s First Anti-BDS Laws Prohibiting Town Government From Doing Business With Anyone Engaged In BDS.” “The United States and Israel share a special bond that must always be protected. As a nation, we must stand with Israel to support its right of self-defense against ongoing threats from Hamas and Iran, as well as economic aggression through the BDS movement. In the Hempstead Town Council, Anthony stood with Israel and passed one of the nation’s first anti-BDS laws prohibiting town government from doing business with anyone engaged in BDS.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 7/15/22]

D’Esposito Refused To Say Whether He Supported A Two-State Solution. “Foreign aid to the Palestinians ‘is important to maintain relationships,’” he added, but should be reassessed annually ‘based on behavior and relationships and mutual respect.’ He said he was not familiar enough with the specifics of the issue to say whether he supports a two-state solution.” [Jewish Insider, 5/10/22]

**D’Esposito Said He “Will Oppose Any Effort By The Biden Administration To Rejoin The Failed Iran Nuclear Deal”**

D’Esposito Said He “Will Oppose Any Effort By The Biden Administration To Rejoin The Failed Iran Nuclear Deal.” “As a member of Congress, Anthony will work to strengthen military cooperation between the United States and Israel, including the continuation of foreign aid for security assistance and defense programs, to ensure the safety and security of both nations. He will also preserve important policies like the Taylor Force Act and the relocation of the American Embassy to Jerusalem. Anthony will oppose any effort by the Biden Administration to rejoin the failed Iran Nuclear deal.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 7/15/22]

**Health Care**

**D’Esposito Said That “Every American Should Have Access To High-Quality, Affordable Health Care, Including Individuals With Pre-Existing Conditions” And That He Would “Stop Nancy Pelosi And Congressional Democrats From Adopting A Trillion-Dollar Government Takeover Of Our Health Care System”**

D’Esposito Said That “Every American Should Have Access To High-Quality, Affordable Health Care, Including Individuals With Pre-Existing Conditions.” “Every American should have access to high-quality, affordable health care, including individuals with pre-existing conditions. By strengthening the employer-provided health insurance system, as well as the social safety net, and investing in our local hospital systems, Anthony will ensure that federal health care policy empowers patients to make their own health care decisions, lowers the cost of prescription medications and protects the most vulnerable.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

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dollar government takeover of our health care system and controlling Americans’ personal medical decisions.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

Energy

D’Esposito Blamed “The Biden Administration’s Failed Policies” For Rising Gas Prices

D’Esposito Said That America Achieved Energy Independence Under Trump And That “The Biden Administration’s Failed Policies” Were Responsible For Rising Gas Prices. “Two short years ago, America achieved energy independence. After less than one year of the Biden Administration’s failed policies, however, gas prices have soared to a 15-year high and we are once again reliant on foreign nations to meet our energy needs.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

- D’Esposito Said That “To Restore Our Energy Independence And Lower Costs For Hardworking Families, We Need An All Of The Above Strategy.” “To restore our energy independence and lower costs for hardworking families, we need an all of the above strategy that leverages both our natural resources and American innovation to fuel our country and ensure we are never again reliant on hostile countries like Iran, Venezuela and Russia.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

Immigration

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D’Esposito Supported “Ending Misguided Sanctuary City Policies” And Opposed “Providing Amnesty To Those Who Broke The Law And Entered Our Country Illegally.” “America is a nation of immigrations, but we are also a nation of laws, and Anthony has spent his career proudly enforcing those laws. Last year, over a million illegal immigrants came across our border. Anthony supports securing our border, investing in Border Patrol officers who are on the frontline of the immigration crisis, ending misguided sanctuary city policies and preventing Nancy Pelosi and Congressional Democrats from providing amnesty to those who broke the law and entered our country illegally.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

Trump’s Attempt To End Sanctuary Cities Threatened Funding For Local Law Enforcement

Trump Released An Executive Order On His Fifth Day Of Office That Would Punish Local Governments That Don’t Comply With Federal Authorities In “Sanctuary Cities”. “President Trump released an executive order on his fifth day in office to support immigration enforcement and punish local governments that don’t comply with federal authorities, but the order was blocked by a federal judge in November. Here’s how these policies work. In some so-called ‘sanctuary cities,’ officials refuse to hand over illegal immigrants for deportation. Because jails are typically run by counties, rather than cities, county policies can matter more to immigrants.” [Washington Post, 1/18/17]

- Trump’s Executive Order Withheld Federal Funds From The Department Of Justice And Homeland Security. “Trump’s Jan. 25 executive order asked the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to withhold ‘federal funds, except as mandated by law’ from sanctuary cities. This unclear wording that puzzled elected officials and municipal attorneys. Homeland Security funds could include money allocated to cities for counterterrorism.” [Washington Post, 1/18/17]

CNN: “The Bulk Of The Funds” Threatened By The Executive Order Went To Police And Corrections Departments. “Across the nation, so-called ’sanctuary cities’ are scrambling to assess what they stand to
lose if the Trump administration carries out a threat to take away federal funds from jurisdictions it says do not comply with immigration laws. What’s at stake? […] New York received about $53 million from the Justice Department in fiscal 2017, according to city officials. That’s a small fraction of its total budget. The bulk of the funds went to the police and corrections departments for crime lab equipment, drug and gang task forces, crime prevention and domestic violence programs. About $17.5 million were for the purchase of new ballistic helmets and vests for the country’s largest police force, city officials say.” [CNN, 4/21/17]

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### Education

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D’Esposito Said That “Bureaucrats In Washington And Albany Should Not Be Dictating To Parents, Teachers And Elected School Boards.” “A high-quality education is the best way to guarantee our children’s success. That includes access to technology and the best teachers, challenging curriculum and, most importantly, parental involvement and local control. Bureaucrats in Washington and Albany should not be dictating to parents, teachers and elected school boards. Anthony has been a strong advocate for education as a Hempstead Town Councilman and he has delivered important funding for local schools. In Congress, he will continue building upon this record and giving every child the opportunity to succeed.” [D’Esposito for Congress, accessed 8/4/22]

D’Esposito Opposed A New York State Education Department Order That Local Public School Districts Ensure That The Education Received By Private School Students Is Equivalent To The Education Received In Public Schools”

The New York State Education Department Ordered Local Public School Districts “To Ensure That The Education Received By Private School Students Is Equivalent To The Education Received In Public Schools.” “Outside of Mesivta Ateres Yaakov High School in Lawrence on Aug. 29, several local Republican elected officials encouraged residents to make their thoughts known to the State Education Department for their proposed ‘Substantially Equivalent Instruction for Nonpublic School Students.’ The instruction outlines that local public school officials have the responsibility to ensure that the education received by private school students is equivalent to the education received in public schools. […] Failure to do so could result in the loss of state funding for textbooks, transportation and other items.” [Nassau Herald, 8/29/19]

- **D’Esposito Said This Measure “Would Be Detrimental To Private School Such As 70-Year-Old Sacred Heart Academy In Hempstead.”** “Councilman Anthony D’Esposito gave an example of how he thinks the initiative would be detrimental to private school such as 70-year-old Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, which he considers ‘a renowned all-girls institution.’ ‘If this initiative moves forward, Sacred Heart would then be in the hands of the Hempstead School District,’ he said. ‘A district that's been plagued with trouble and reprimanded by the state in the past.’” [Nassau Herald, 8/29/19]
**Feb. 2018-Present: D’Esposito Started Working For The Nassau County Board Of Elections As An Administrative Assistant**

Feb. 26, 2018: D’Esposito Started Working For The Nassau County Board Of Elections As An Administrative Assistant “Making $100,000 And Focus On Elections Cybersecurity As Well As Security At Polling Places.” “In another development Councilman Anthony D’Esposito (R-Island Park) was hired by the Nassau County Board of Elections, beginning his job as an administrative assistant on Feb. 26. Reportedly, he will be making $100,000 and focus on elections cybersecurity as well as security at polling places.” [Illustrated News, 3/7/18]

**April 2017-Jan.2018: D’Esposito Served As Hempstead Town Deputy Supervisor**

D’Esposito Was Appointed To The Hempstead Town Council In Feb. 2016 And Named At Town Deputy Supervisor In April 2017. “D’Esposito was appointed to the Town Council in February 2016 by Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, and defeated Mayer in his first election last year to keep his seat. Santino named D’Esposito the Town's deputy supervisor in April.” [Rockville Centre Herald, 10/16/17]

Jan. 8, 2018: D’Esposito Was Replaced As Hempstead Town Deputy Supervisor By Bruce Blakeman. “Days before holding her first town board meeting as Town of Hempstead Supervisor, Laura Gillen announced that she had appointed Republican Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman as deputy town supervisor. […] Blakeman replaces Republican Anthony D’esposito in the position, and his appointment marks the first time in Hempstead’s history where a supervisor and deputy supervisor hail from different political parties.” [Bellmore Herald, 1/8/18]

**Feb. 2016-Present: D’Esposito Served On The Hempstead Town Council**


**Councilman**
Town of Hempstead Government - Full-time
Feb 2016 - Present · 6 yrs 7 mos
1 Washington Street - Hempstead, NY

Council members are responsible for adopting the annual budget, adopting and amending the town code and the building zone ordinances, adopting all traffic regulations, and hearing applications for changes of zone and special exceptions to zoning codes.

[Anthony D’Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed 8/5/22]

**While Serving On The Town Council, D’Esposito Was Appointed To Serve On Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin’s Transition Team Along With Rep. Peter King**

Nov. 25, 2019: D’Esposito Was Appointed To Serve On Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin’s Transition Team Along With Rep. Peter King. “Anthony D'Esposito: Councilman for the Town of Hempstead […] Newly elected Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin announced his transition team at the Hofstra University Club on Monday. The team, which is comprised of more than 50 people, is headed by U.S. Rep. Peter King and Hempstead Village Attorney Cherice Vanderhall, who will serve as co-chairs of the transition team.” [Nassau Herald, 11/25/19]

**While Serving On The Town Council, D’Esposito Was Tasked With Leading Hempstead’s Coronavirus Task Force**
D’Esposito Was Tasked With Leading Hempstead’s Coronavirus Task Force. “With the coronavirus sweeping across Nassau County over the past year and a half, D’Esposito co-chaired the town’s Covid-19 Task Force and helped provide critical resources like testing materials and personal protective equipment to residents and business owners. [...] That is why Supervisor Don Clavin tasked him with leading the town’s coronavirus task force.” [Long Island Herald, Editorial, 10/28/21]

**Hempstead’s Coronavirus Task Force Was Tasked With “Crafting Strategies And Precautionary Measures In Response To Concerns Related To Novel Coronavirus.”** “Clavin established a task force, led by Town of Hempstead Medical Director Dr. David Neubert and Councilman Anthony D’Esposito. The task force is dedicated to crafting strategies and precautionary measures in response to concerns related to novel coronavirus. The agenda includes expanded disinfectant and cleaning efforts as well as enhanced communication and education initiatives. Along with Dr. Neubert and D’Esposito, Clavin was also joined by Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, Councilman Bruce Blakeman, Councilman Dennis Dunne, Sr., Councilman Tom Muscarella and Councilman Chris Carini, Town Clerk Kate Murray and Receiver Jeanine Driscoll.” [Garden City Life, 3/18/20]

**Feb. 2006-Feb. 2018: D’Esposito Served As A Detective For The NYPD**

Feb. 2006: D’Esposito Began Serving As A Detective For The NYPD.

![Detective](New York City Police Department
2006 - Present · 16 yrs 8 mos
brooklyn, new york)

[Anthony D’Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed 8/5/22]

**Feb. 2018: D’Esposito Retried From The NYPD When He Was “Hired At The Nassau County Board Of Elections As A $100,000 Administrative Assistant.”** “Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito said he has been hired at the Nassau County Board of Elections as a $100,000 administrative assistant whose focus will draw on his experience as an NYPD detective to deal with polling place security and elections cybersecurity. [...] D’Esposito, who won his bid for re-election in November for a four-year term, has been on unpaid leave from his job as an NYPD detective since his appointment to the town board in 2016. He said he will retire from the NYPD and plans to defer collecting his police pension. His town board salary is $71,000.” [Newsday, 2/27/22]

D’Esposito “Made More Than 600 Arrests” As A New York City Police Detective

D’Esposito “Made More Than 600 Arrests” As A New York City Police Detective. “D’Esposito, a retired New York City police detective who made more than 600 arrests on the job and a former volunteer fire chief, is clearly committed to public service and has the leadership credentials to do enormous good during crises such as the coronavirus pandemic.” [Long Island Herald, Editorial, 10/28/21]

**2000-Nov. 2016: D’Esposito Served As The Chief Of The Island Park Fire Department**

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Political Career

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[Long Island Herald, 11/9/16]

Campaign Finance

D’Esposito Raised A Total Of $641,854.06 And Spent A Total Of $96,437.84 In His Run For Congress So Far

According to the FEC, D’Esposito raised $641,854.06 and spent $96,437.84 so far in his run for Congress.

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[FEC, accessed 8/16/22]

D’Esposito Raised A Total Of $1,436,952.22 And Spent A Total Of $1,356,753.81 In His Runs For Hempstead Town Council

According the New York State Board of Elections, D’Esposito raised $1,436,952.22 and spent $1,356,753.81 in his run for federal elected office.

D’Esposito Federal Campaign Finance History
### Personal Political History

#### Personal Political Donations

**D’Esposito Has Given $250 To One Federal Political Candidate, A Democrat**

According to the Federal Election Commission, D’Esposito has given $250 to federal political candidates.

#### D’Esposito Political Giving History - Federal

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[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed 8/4/22]

**D’Esposito Has Given $4,985 To State-Level Political Candidates**

According to the New York State Board of Elections, D’Esposito has given $4,985 to state-level candidates.

#### D’Esposito Political Giving History - State

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### Voter Activity

**D’Esposito Was Actively Registered To Vote As A Republican In New York’s 4th Congressional District As Of August 2022**

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<td>Friends For Kate Murray (Nassau County District Attorney)</td>
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<td>7/6/2015</td>
<td>Five Towns Republican Clubs</td>
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<td>Friends To Elect Brian Curran (State Assembly)</td>
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<td>Friends Of Ed Mangano (Nassau County Executive)</td>
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<td>5/13/2013</td>
<td>Nassau County Republican Committee</td>
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<td>9/15/2011</td>
<td>Howard Kopel For Legislature (Nassau County Legislature, 7th District)</td>
<td>R</td>
<td>$150</td>
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[VoteBuilder, accessed 8/4/22]

## Public Records

### Associated Entities

As of August 2022, D’Esposito was potentially associated with the following entities.

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<td><strong>Years</strong></td>
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<td>New York Association of Fire Chiefs</td>
<td>Anthony D’Esposito-Member</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Fraternal Order of Police</td>
<td>Anthony D’Esposito-Member</td>
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<td>Knights of Columbus of Oceanside</td>
<td>Anthony D’Esposito-3rd Degree Knight</td>
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<td>Nassau County Firefighters Museum &amp; Education Center</td>
<td>Anthony D’Esposito-Board Member</td>
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<td>Limbkind Foundation</td>
<td>Anthony D’Esposito-Board Member</td>
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<td>Jimi Gubelli Foundation</td>
<td>Anthony D’Esposito-Founder</td>
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**NOTE:** Further research necessary into D’Esposito’s associated entities.

### Assets

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<td><strong>Value of Asset</strong></td>
<td><strong>Income</strong></td>
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<td>Checking Account</td>
<td>$1,001-$15,000</td>
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<td>NYC Deferred Compensation</td>
<td>$50,001-100,000</td>
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<td>NYC Police Pension Fund</td>
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### Liabilities

As of August 2022, D’Esposito owned the following liabilities.

| D’Esposito Associated Liabilities | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Creditor** | **Date Incurred** | **Type** | **Amount of Liability** |
| Sallie Mae | 2018 | School Loan | None |

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Earned Income

As of August 2022, D’Esposito received the following earned income.

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<td>Nassau County</td>
<td>Self-Salary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred Compensation (NYS)</td>
<td>Pay Out</td>
<td>$12,000</td>
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<td>City of New York</td>
<td>Retroactive Pay</td>
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Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of August 2022, D’Esposito was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 8/4/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether D’Esposito has a criminal record.

No Evidence Of Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of August 2022, D’Esposito is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 8/4/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into whether D’Esposito or their associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.