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Good evening, Attendees,

I hope that you are all well.

First, I would like to thank you all for inviting me to this event. Unfortunately, due to a conflict in my schedule, I could not attend. I apologize for this inconvenience.

I welcome anyone who would like to speak with me personally to contact me at your convenience.

Please join us at our meet and greet **on September 30 at 9 a.m.** at Hampton Eats (Where Hampton Bagels used to be).

My name is Dr. Gretta Leon. I was born in Heredia, Costa Rica, and raised in East Hampton since I was about three weeks old. I went to East Hampton Public School until 8th grade, where I transferred to the Ross School for high school and graduated.

I embarked on a journey to study college abroad in San Jose, Costa Rica, to become fluent in my parents' native language, Spanish.

In Costa Rica, I coursed a B.A. in English Teaching and Translation (Spanish to English) and a master's in project management. I obtained a Doctorate in Dental Sciences, commonly referred to as a Dentist (I am a foreign-trained dentist and member of the board of ethics in Costa Rica).

Recently, I graduated from UPenn (University of Pennsylvania), where I had the opportunity to complete a master's in science in organizational dynamics, which is how a different group of people interact within a company or entity. These relationships can include anything from customers, employees, stakeholders, and organizational leaders. It also helps lead in a way that creates a more efficient environment while providing an empathetic approach.

So, you may be asking yourself what I bring to the table. The answer is the following:

I bring up the idea of not running based on politics because I am not a politician; I suggest a different approach with innovation and welcoming the general public to create a more empathetic and efficient environment for all by building upon each other's feedback.

Accomplishing objectives can be done in many ways, and incorporating different ideas from different people can be positive. One way to achieve our goals is by listening to what others say for feedback and rapport building. If we have rapport, we will get far in many things we do.

I love East Hampton, so I am running as Town Supervisor. I haven't given up on living out here and refuse to do so. I do not see myself as a hierarchy leader but as a team member trying to keep up, as many of us are in East Hampton.

I favor hunting and fishing; However, I do not practice. It brings an ecological balance to the environment and provides food for those most in need in crucial times. It is a survival skill that people should learn to do more often because then we would be more self-sufficient.

As with everything in life, I support these sports, but I ask that if you are part-taking, please be mindful of your surroundings and know what you are doing (at least know your skill level), which, in my opinion, is a significant aspect of any daily activity including hunting and fishing.

Acknowledging that you do not know something is not an act of failure. Instead, it takes courage to admit that you do not comprehend something, but reaching out to others who do or are more skilled is a way of learning.

Laws and regulations should be abided by in many different activities because most limits exist to create a safe environment for all to enjoy.

As for the Maidstone Gun Club, it should be open. The gun club provides an environment for our local police department to build the necessary skill level in a safe environment to handle a firearm when called for outside by the general public. The Maidstone Gun Club helps create a safe environment for those who want to learn or be part of something solely as a leisure activity. This club is a favorable place to do so because it is in a contained environment.

We are fortunate to have such a place in East Hampton, and it would be a pity for it to be permanently closed since everything is so far away from town. It would create more hassle for those who want to and need to take part in any training or leisure activity to travel to the nearest facility. This closure may even lead the way for unsafe use of firearms.

I welcome you to teach me more on these topics. I look forward to working with the community differently while acknowledging that my job would be working for those in the community and implementing their needs.

I wish you all a wonderful evening, and I hope we can build a better East Hampton together with more teamwork and rapport for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gretta Leon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Gretta Leon