

# **10 POINT PLEDGE FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE, TRANSPARENT AND ETHICAL TOWN GOVERNMENT**

**IN RESPONSE TO THE ETHICAL CRISIS IN YORKTOWN'S CURRENT GOVERNMENT, WE DEMAND THE CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING 10 POINT PLEDGE FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE, TRANSPARENT AND ETHICAL TOWN GOVERNMENT:**

## **ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**I PLEDGE** not to do work for a private person or business, whether on a paid or pro bono basis, if the person or business has a financial arrangement with the Town or any application before the Town.

**I PLEDGE** to recuse myself from any discussions or votes where I, a family member, or a business partner could benefit, either directly or indirectly in any way from the outcome.

**I PLEDGE** to amend the Ethics Law so that the Ethics Board can publicize its findings, independently of the Town Board.

**I PLEDGE** to amend the Ethics Law to strengthen the financial disclosure requirements and make the financial disclosure reports available to the public without redacting information that could identify potential conflicts of interest.

## **TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT**

**I PLEDGE** to provide early and honest estimates of the anticipated costs and revenues associated with proposed infrastructure projects.

**I PLEDGE** to use the public address system and televise all Town Board and Planning Board meetings including work sessions.

**I PLEDGE** to strictly limit the subjects that may be discussed in a closed executive session.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

**I PLEDGE** not to vote on any resolution unless the item has been included in the published meeting agenda and has been given, in writing, to all Town Board members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, except for emergencies affecting the public welfare.

**I PLEDGE** to seek and consider public input on early drafts of new laws, the repeal of existing laws and any other actions if requested by one or more Board members prior to scheduling any required public hearing.

**I PLEDGE** to make appointments to Volunteer Committees and Boards based on interest and knowledge rather than political affiliation. Consideration of diverse viewpoints foster the democratic process