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Elaine Phillips Becomes First Woman to Serve as Nassau County Comptroller

Comptroller Phillips vows to be the *Independent Protector of Nassau County Taxpayers* and to ensure that Nassau County's government operates efficiently, ethically and with transparency

As the first woman elected to serve as Nassau County Comptroller, I am an example that with hard work and determination anyone can enjoy success and achieve their dreams. It is truly an honor and a privilege to once again serve the residents of Nassau County.

As Comptroller, I see myself as the *Independent Protector of Nassau County Taxpayers and Residents*. My goal is to renew the faith and trust that residents and businesses deserve to have in Nassau County government.

I now lead a team of more than 70 dedicated CSEA professionals who are responsible for ensuring that Nassau County operates efficiently, ethically and transparently for taxpayers and vendors.

Nassau County has a budget of approximately \$3.5 Billion and more than 11,000 employees. With over 1.35 million residents Nassau County is larger in population than 10 states.

The Office of the [Nassau County Comptroller](#) conducts audits of governmental operations, monitoring and issuing reports on matters that affect the County's financial health, audits and approves all claims paid to County vendors, and oversees the administration of County payroll and health benefits.

Together with my team, we will work to promote fiscal responsibility throughout the County as an independent entity. This is done using modern methods to report on performance and make recommendations for corrective actions.

My staff and I are committed to ensuring that every hard-earned tax dollar the County receives is spent properly.

We will continue to examine the systemic issues within our County's broken property tax assessment system and grievance process. [The Comptroller's Review of the Residential Property Procedures and Controls of the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission](#) report issued in late 2021 presented comprehensive findings and offered 17 recommendations. We will proactively work with partners to explain the recommendations and explore other actions that can be taken to resolve issues. I will be actively involved in educating the public and supporting approaches that will address this challenge which has plagued our County for decades.

Through our audit powers, we will identify inefficiencies and root out fraud and abuse, wherever it occurs.

There is hard work to be done and my team along with our partners in government will take on challenges immediately with thoughtfulness, creativity, and compassion. Together with leaders from all parties, every community, all faiths, and the business sector, we will identify issues and support the implementation of effective solutions.