TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2023

A LOCAL LAW CREATING ARTICLE XVI OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED "USE OF PUBLIC OFFICE OR AGENCY FACILITIES IN CAMPAIGNS"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

Findings; purpose. The purpose of this article is to prohibit employees from using public resources of the Town to fund or support political campaigns for public office.

Section 2.

The Town Code of the Town of North Hempstead is hereby amended to include a new Article XVI of Chapter 24 of the Town Code entitled "Use of Public Office or Agency Facilities in Campaigns" to read as follows:

Article_XVI_ Use of Public Office or Agency Facilities in Campaigns

No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency of the Town may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this article or in its application to the person or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.