Dear Friend & Neighbor,

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out and return this edition of the Raia Report Survey. Your answers to this questionnaire help me to better represent you and your family in our state's capital. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete. Don't forget to return your answers to my district office so that your voice can be heard.

As no survey can be comprehensive enough to address every concern, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts on the issues you care about or if you have ideas for areas in which I should be concentrating my efforts. My work in Albany starts with listening to you.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Raia

TAXES

1. Property taxes on Long Island affect my disposable income, cost of living, and overall quality of life.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. Albany should eliminate unfunded state mandates, reject our broken assessment process, and move toward a comprehensive property tax cap instead of our existing property-tax formula.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Should state government spending be capped?

Yes No Undecided

4. Should school district spending be capped?

Yes No Undecided

5. Do you support a circuit breaker credit to refund part of your total property tax bill?

Yes No Undecided

6. Governor David Paterson has proposed eliminating the Basic STAR exemption, a discount available to every homeowner paying property taxes. Do you agree with this cut?

Yes No Undecided

7. What are the best ways to close next year's state budget deficit, estimated at over $7 billion?

Yes	No	
☐	☐	Consolidate state agencies
☐	☐	Freeze state hiring
☐	☐	Across-the-board cut of 5 percent from all state agencies
☐	☐	Cut Medicaid waste and end fraud
☐	☐	Early retirement incentives for state employees
☐	☐	Borrow
☐	☐	Trim and consolidate the education system
☐	☐	Raise fees and fines
☐	☐	Across-the-board tax increase

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TAXES

8. Do you agree with the practice of implementing consumption taxes to plug budget deficits, such as taxing carbonated soft drinks and water?

Yes No Undecided

9. This year Governor Paterson proposed a sales tax on cable and satellite TV/radio services. Do you believe that taxing the leisure time of middle-class families solves our state's long-term financial crisis?

Yes No Undecided

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

10. Should Albany repeal an MTA payroll tax which costs small businesses, schools, nonprofits, and local governments 34 cents for every $100 they spend?

Yes No Undecided

11. New York State should lower the tax rate on businesses in order to encourage lasting economic growth.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

12. The Empire State has had a problem attracting and retaining job-creating businesses here.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. The state should cut red tape which imposes higher operating costs on small businesses.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

14. We can increase New York State's competitiveness by raising the number of tax credits available to businesses.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

EDUCATION

15. Do you feel that Long Island gets its fair share of state school aid?

Yes No Undecided

16. Do you think Long Island's taxpayers are getting value for their education dollar?

Yes No Undecided

17. Evaluate the following sentence: The quality of schoolchildren's education on Long Island is high.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

18. New York State should fund charter schools.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

19. Should our state make vouchers available to more parents for their children to attend private schools instead of public schools?

Yes No Undecided

HEALTH CARE

20. Do you support or oppose the Obama administration's health care plan?

Support Oppose Undecided/No Opinion

21. Do you support or oppose a universal health care system for New York State?

Support Oppose Undecided/No Opinion

22. Should the state reduce Medicaid optional services to help rein in overall costs and control the growth of local property taxes?

Yes No Undecided

23. Do you support or oppose shifting to an annual health care credit for Medicaid recipients who meet income requirements as a way to save money?

Support Oppose Undecided/No Opinion

24. REFORM

24. Do you support or oppose reforming New York State's budget procedures to include more bipartisan input from rank-and-file members of the Legislature?

Support Oppose Undecided/No Opinion

25. Legislative leaders should be subjected to strict term limits of no more than six years.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

26. New York State should change its laws to allow for a non-political redistricting commission to determine legislative districts.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

27. The Empire State should immediately adopt an initiative and referendum mechanism to vote up or down on state issues like tax caps each November.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

28. CRIME

28. Do you support expanding the DNA database to include all criminals, regardless of the severity of the crime?

Yes No Undecided

29. Do you support the death penalty for cop killers and terrorists?

Yes No Undecided

30. Do you agree with Andrew's legislation to protect young people from cyberbullying?

Yes No Undecided

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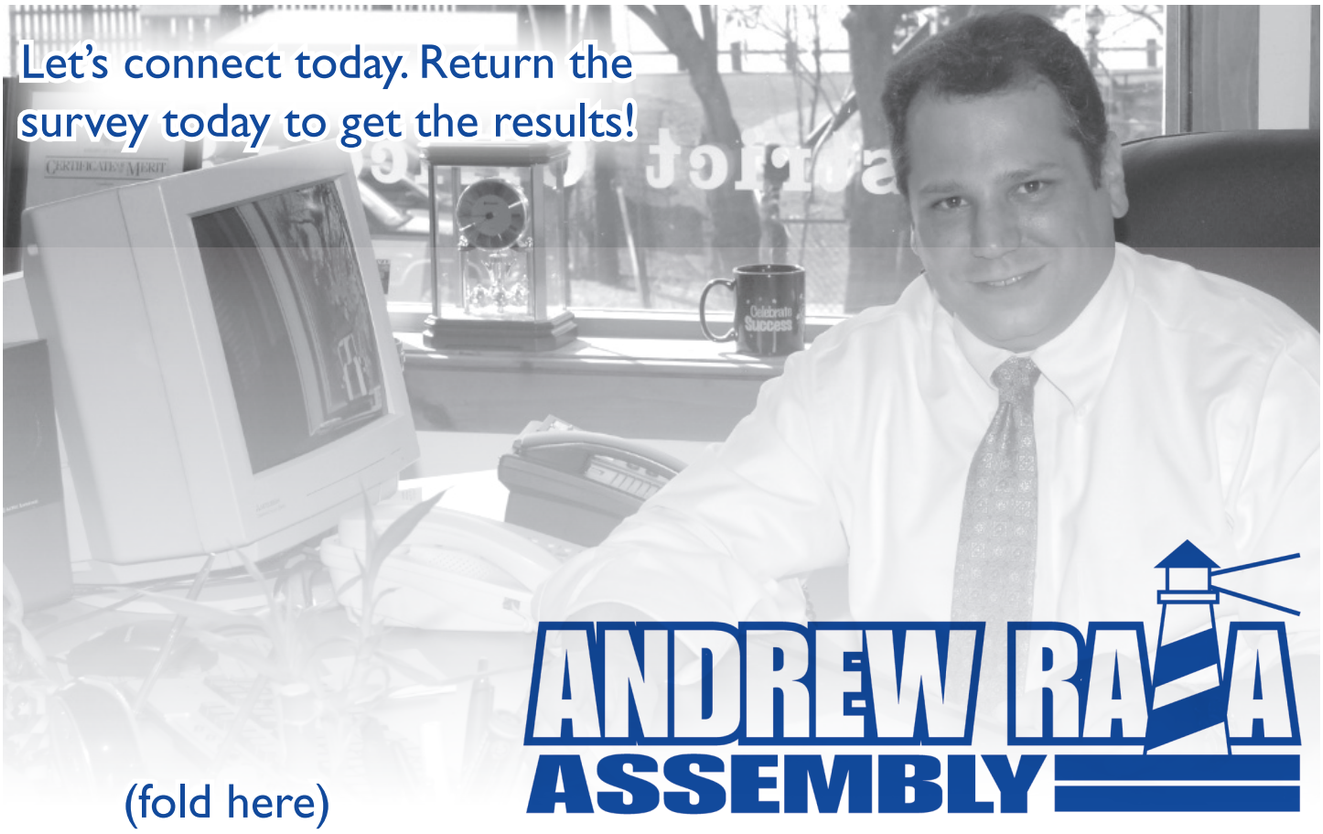

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