

**Rockville Centre Democratic Club**  
*Talking Points*  
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*There are 48 days until the November 6 election  
for Nassau County and Town of Hempstead.*

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**Jack Schnirman's County Comptroller Platform**

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- 1. OPEN AND MODERNIZE COUNTY FINANCES**
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# Top Four Priorities to Clean up Nassau's Finances and Save Taxpayer Dollars

## 1. OPEN AND MODERNIZE COUNTY FINANCES

We have to start with an **honest conversation** about the county's finances and end the accounting gimmicks. It's time to do better than a D+ grade in transparency—Nassau County residents deserve an honest government.

- Phase 1: Open up the county's finances and make them accessible to all residents by modernizing financial technology.  
Bring Nassau County up to speed with best practices from around the country.
- Phase 2: Create a publicly accessible scorecard that reports on fiscal data and tracks our progress.
- Phase 3: Generate recommendations to improve financial operations and efficiency.

## 2. SMART AUDITS TO ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS

One of the most important duties of the Comptroller is the power to audit – we will safeguard taxpayer dollars and demand accountability.

- Bring a professional approach to targeting waste, potential fraud, and uncover cost savings.
- Reestablish the Independent Audit Committee/Audit Advisory Committee.

## 3. CLEAN UP AND REFORM COUNTY CONTRACTING

Nassau County's **contracting system is crying out for reform** – this has fallen on deaf ears for too long. Corruption and an inefficient contracting process costs Nassau taxpayers too much money – **I will partner with District Attorney Madeline Singas to do better.**

- District Attorney Madeline Singas needs a partner who will enact the reforms recommended in her 2015 Special Report on the Nassau County Contracting Process.
- Partner with NYS Comptroller to implement best practices for vetting, disclosure, and tracking county spending to ensure contractors are playing by the rules.
- Contractors and nonprofits are not being paid in a timely manner which delays projects, slows services, and drives up costs for the taxpayers.
- Modernize the vending system to increase oversight and more efficiently review and process contracts.

## 4. REPORT IT, REFORM IT

If you see waste, fraud, or inefficiency, we need you to report it and **together we will do the audits and drive the reforms to fix the mess** in Nassau County.

- Build a list of suggested audits from the public. Tips and ideas should be sent to [jack@jackfornassau.com](mailto:jack@jackfornassau.com).
- The comptroller's office needs to be accessible to Nassau County residents. The office works best when collaborating with residents to make sure every tax dollar is used appropriately and efficiently.

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