



## From the Desk of Village Justice Christopher P. McGuire Election Day Is March 16 • Keep Proven Leadership In Patchogue

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Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to thank you for the honor of serving as your Village Justice, to announce my candidacy for re-election, and to respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming election.

In 2002, I committed to you that I would faithfully and impartially administer the law. Since then, I have relied on my experience as a criminal lawyer to overhaul the Patchogue Village Justice Court and to restore accountability and the public's trust. The initiatives undertaken have included the following:

- An improvement of the Court's system of checks and balances, internal controls, and fine collection system. Based on the results we achieved, I was asked to teach other local Town and Village Justices about accountability and court records.
- Added an additional court session to address housing and building issues, and made the Court available on weekends and evenings to conduct arraignments and to preside over quality of life issues.
- Applied for and received more than \$42,000.00 in state grants, which enabled our Justice Court to improve on information technologies and efficiency, and to upgrade courtroom facilities, all without cost to Village residents.
- Commenced an internship program and coordinated a youth court for local Patchogue students interested in a career in the legal field.

In 2008, I ordered an independent assessment of our operations to evaluate the effect our initiatives had on the overall performance of the Justice Court. The report determined that we rank among the best in the state in the categories of access, fairness, time to disposition, financial accountability, and reliability and integrity of court files. The report noted that the NYS Comptroller's Office ranked our Court in the top 15 % of the more than 1300 Town and Village Justice Courts statewide.

I am proud of my record, and I have never forgotten that the office I hold belongs to you. I have kept that in mind on a daily basis, and have made certain that everyone in my courtroom is treated with professionalism, dignity, and respect. If re-elected, I pledge to continue to work hard to improve upon our successes.

Thank you again for the confidence that you have shown in me. I look forward to meeting with you during the upcoming campaign, and I ask again for your support on Election Day, Tuesday, March 16. I will be on the Patchogue First line on the ballot.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. McGuire  
Patchogue Village Justice