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## **Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin to Bolster Local Workforce Development Board With New Appointment**

***Supervisor Clavin to appoint Theresa Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island, to help lead board tasked with providing township residents tools necessary to thrive as members of Long Island workforce.***

Recognizing the importance of a vibrant labor pool to the long term health of America's largest township, Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin has selected a dedicated public advocate to join the Town of Hempstead/City of Long Beach Workforce Development Board – Theresa Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island.

The Town of Hempstead/City of Long Beach Workforce Development Board serves as a connector between the New York State Department of Labor and area residents participating in the local workforce. In this role, the Workforce Development Board helps promote partnerships between local businesses and the municipal government under the banner of *HempsteadWorks* in order to facilitate training programs that benefit residents seeking to either enter, or improve their standing in the labor force. The service provided by the Workforce Development Board is crucial to enhancing the overall economic life of the region and producing skilled workers ready to meet the challenges of a quickly evolving economy.

"The addition of Theresa Regnante to the Town of Hempstead/City of Long Beach Workforce Development Board is a major step in the right direction for America's largest township as we help prepare local jobseekers for the economy of tomorrow," said Clavin. "I have great confidence in the ability of Ms. Regnante to build on the past successes of this board as Hempstead Town continuously works to support residents in their professional pursuits."

The mission of the Town of Hempstead/City of Long Beach Workforce Development Board is deeply intertwined with the stated goals of United Way of Long Island which Ms. Regnante currently leads. The two organizations shared commitment to improving the health, education and financial stability of individuals as building blocks for successful and fulfilled lives makes Ms. Regnante a fitting choice for appointment to the board, Clavin explained.

"I am honored to be joining a team of strategic leaders who are committed to improving the stability and quality of life for the local residents. So many families are struggling financially due to sudden unemployment and it's important that residents have a variety of training and career opportunities that will help lead them back into the workforce," noted Theresa Regnante.

Programs provided by the Workforce Development Board through HempsteadWorks include career counseling, professional referrals, training programs, and access to a computerized job bank for those seeking new professional opportunities. The organization also plays a vital role in aiding economically disadvantaged young people, older job seekers, persons with disabilities and veterans in pursuing sustainable careers. Visit [www.Hempsteadworks.com](http://www.Hempsteadworks.com) or call (516) 485-5000 for more details.

“Supporting our local workforce is a direct investment in building sustainable communities,” said Clavin. “I look forward to collaborating with Ms. Regnante as we continue working to ensure Hempstead remains an excellent place to live, work and raise a family.”

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