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Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

Kara George, Town Manager, Town of Thomaston			(write in)
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Return by 5:00 p.m., August 1, 2024 to:

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LPC Senate District 12

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Candidate Profile:

Kerry Leichtman has served concurrently as the assessor in the Town of Rockport for the past 14 years, and in the Town of Camden for the past 10 years. He also served as interim town manager in Rockport in 2021, planning board chair in Rockport from 1998-2012 and as a panel member of the State Board of Property Tax Review since his appointment in 2020. Kerry has served as LPC alternate for his district since 2021 and currently serves on MMA's Nominating Committee. He would like to continue his service on the LPC because of his interest and expertise on all things related to property taxation. He is also interested in current use programs, TIFs, affordable housing, zoning, short-term rentals, school funding, and senior property tax relief.

Kara George has served as town manager in Thomaston for the past four years. She previously served Thomaston as town clerk for three years, and as voter registrar and deputy clerk for seven years in the City of Rockland. Kara has also served on the Maine Service Centers Coalition (MSCC), the Maine Local Government Human Resources Association executive board and on the Maine Town, City and County Managers' Association's communications committee. Her primary issues of concern and reasons for wanting to serve on the LPC include proposed bills that are presented every session that negatively impact municipalities. She feels that the last few years have been a chaotic inundation of proposed bills that are quickly passed through the legislative process after not being comprehensively written or implemented and which have huge repercussions on local government. She welcomes the opportunity to support the efforts of MMA's LPC in advocating for municipalities and during her service on the MSCC closely followed the committee's work. She would like to positively contribute to the committee's continued mission. Kara submitted testimony to the Legislature in support of legislation that would fully reimburse municipalities for lost revenue under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program and hopes that she can continue to advocate for local municipal participation in the legislative process as a member of the LPC.