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Objective: To serve as a member of the Board of Managers of the Westhampton Landings Condominium (WLC) where an exceptional ability to liaise and communicate effectively with all condominium unit owners is needed and where integrity, credibility and accountability of all Board of Managers members must be of utmost importance.

Platform: My name is Lidia Szczepanowski-Goldsmith and my husband and I have been owners of a unit at the WLC since April 2016. Our complex is an extraordinary place for so many unique and wonderful reasons and I love spending time at our place all year. I would welcome the opportunity to become a member of the WLC Board of Managers, so I can help our residential community continue to evolve and thrive. As a Board member I will use my best efforts to encourage the Board to act as a democracy and focus on the following points:

- Embrace and support the “Big Picture” rather than personal agendas
- Protect against potential liabilities while promoting a safe and aesthetically pleasing living environment which includes financially responsible maintenance and upkeep of our common elements including our waterfront, landscaping, sidewalks, pool, garbage receptacles, utilities, etc.
- Always keeping in mind that members sitting on the Board of Managers have a fiduciary duty to all WLC owners and when making decisions for the WLC, knowing that their decisions should work towards the community as a whole, not just neighbors or friends
- Make informed decisions and enforce rules and regulations uniformly as a deliberative body based on logic, reason and solid input which may include personal experience, facts, data, standard of care and standard of the industry, precedents set before them, expert opinion, and the like, that are best for the community, even when those decisions may be unpopular
- Despite conflicting personalities or opinions, carrying out one main goal: helping the community thrive
- Speaking with one united voice to owners, keeping openness, and being proactive with information while communicating positively and regularly with owners because people want to be a part of something successful, upbeat, and positive
- Value integrity and credibility by supporting a polite, respectful, and open atmosphere in which Board members show they are unbiased, mature, and responsible in their actions

Qualifications: As a litigation attorney for over 27 years, I have worked diligently to find creative solutions to complex legal issues to successfully accomplish a client’s objectives. I have handled a wide range of cases, from inception up through trial, in the areas of corporate and commercial litigation, real estate, and bankruptcy, just to name a few. I always do my best to keep open communication with my clients while holding myself to the highest standards of integrity, competence, and excellence. I graduated from *Hofstra University* where I received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in *International Business* and thereafter I earned a *Juris Doctor* degree from *St. John's University School of Law*. I had the privilege of taking part in an internship in the *Appellate Division, Second Department* and in the *United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York* and I was Chief Legal Officer to a Manhattan-based international branding and advertising agency for almost a decade. I currently have “of counsel” relationships with several law firms and my practice is now focused on transactional work. I also sat on the Board of Directors of a 91 unit condominium homeowner’s association in Miami Beach, Florida for several years where I held the position of Vice President. I ensured that order was maintained during board meetings, I served as an informed source about association rules, bylaws, and governing documents, and I acted as a liaison between the association and rental operations.

Other Accomplishments and Accolades:

- Nominated as “Best Lawyer” in “Best of Long Island” competition, *Long Island Press* in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015
- Founded the *National Organization for Women’s Safety Awareness, Inc.*, (the NOWSA) a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Long Island’s *Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business*, *Long Island Business News*, 2012 and 2015
- Pro bono legal counsel for several charities including the *New York Veteran Police Association* and *Yes We Care, Inc.*
- Presented with many Proclamations including “Woman of Distinction” Award from the *New York State Assembly*
- Received “Prevention Through Education” Award from *Child Abuse Prevention Services*; “About Face 2008: Making Changes” Award; “Making a Difference for Women” Award by *Soroptimist International of Nassau County*
- Established “Teen Personal Safety Awareness Week” in New York
- Keynote Speaker at *St. John's University School of Law*, *St. John's University*, *Molloy College*, *National Association of Women Business Owners*, *Suffolk County Women's Business Enterprise Coalition*, and other organizations
- *New York Boutique Lawyers Networking Group*, Marketing and Event Coordinator
- Winner *Folio Award*, “Best Corporate Communicator” by *Fair Media Council*, as President of *Everything Lidia, Inc.*
- Black Belt Karate, PADI Open Water Diver Certification
- Launching patented figure enhancing garment line named “*Sculptura*”®