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Lenny Harrington

Democratic challenger Lenny Harrington has deep roots in Putnam County. A local resident for more than 30 years, Harrington said his family has been in the county for three-quarters of a century, raising two sons with his wife in Mahopac.

An electrician by trade, Harrington calls himself a

proud member of IBEW Local 3 who has spent the last 20 years managing large-scale construction projects in New York City “working with and for public agencies, private developers, and managing hundreds of tradespeople”—an experience that helped inspire him to run for the Legislature.

“Doing that, I gained valuable experience balancing multimillion-dollar budgets, meeting deadlines, and solving problems under pressure,” Harrington said. “Those years on the job taught me how to listen, lead, and deliver results.”

“I’m running because I’ve seen too many longtime residents struggling to stay in their homes, too many young families priced out, and not nearly enough accountabil-

ity in how our tax dollars are spent,” he added. “I’m not a career politician. I’m a proud working man, a father, and a resident who believes government should serve the people.”

Harrington calls public service and self-sacrifice a long-held tradition in his family.

“Three of my family members are honored in the Hometown Heroes banner program,” he said. “I’m so proud of the legacy in Putnam and in our country. Now that my children are grown, I have the time to give back to the community that has given me and my family so much. The more I watch the mismanagement of the current Legislature, the more motivated I’ve become to step up. I’m dedicated to serving all residents of Putnam regardless of political ideology.”

If elected, Harrington would be joining a county government that has been mostly Republican for decades. How would he fit in?

“Community challenges are best resolved through collaboration, and that is where I will focus,” he said. “I look forward to working with the county executive and all members of the Legislature who are focused on the best interests of the community.”

Among the biggest challenges facing the county, Harrington lists “maintaining affordability and quality of life without losing what makes our towns special.”

“We need responsible fiscal planning that looks beyond one-year budgets,” he added. “Every dollar should be tracked, and every department should be held accountable for measurable outcomes.”

“We need more housing options for young adults and seniors, but we can’t build without a plan,” Harrington added about affordable housing. “The county should support projects that fit our infrastructure and protect natural resources. Smart growth means balancing affordability with sustainability. Too many people are being priced out of their homes by high taxes. I’ve watched friends and longtime residents struggle to stay here, and I know we can do better.”

“Our roads, drainage systems, and emergency services need investment and better coordination,” Harrington added. “I’ll prioritize projects that improve public safety

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and property values. We can

save money through shared purchasing, countywide technology systems, and regional partnerships without losing local control. I've managed multimillion-dollar projects; I know efficiency comes from planning, not cutting corners.

The county must pursue every available state and federal grant to ease the burden on property taxpayers while ensuring our infrastructure keeps pace with community needs."

Regarding recent controversies around projects like the proposed grid-scale battery storage system in Mahopac, Harrington focused on the community.

"Resident concern and safety are the driving forces behind making these decisions," he said. "Every location needs to be judged on its own merits."

Harrington said he is "100 percent opposed" to raising taxes.

"The federal government, the state government, and the county government have more than enough of our hard-earned tax dollars," he said.

As for why he deserves to

be elected, Harrington said he would work for ordinary citizens.

"When I looked into how our local representatives operate, I became appalled at the mismanagement and infighting that goes on," he said. "I'm running because I want Mahopac and Putnam County to work for everyone, not just a few political insiders. I will bring professionalism, accountability, and integrity to county government. I don't answer to party bosses or political insiders. I will answer to the people of Mahopac. I'll listen, show up, and work hard every day to make Mahopac and Putnam County a place where families can thrive for generations to come. I want to bring honesty, accountability, and common-sense management to county government. Please consider giving me your vote on Nov. 4—I look forward to serving."

