

## **GERARD KASSAR**

Jerry Kassar is a life long resident of Brooklyn New York having been raised in the Dyker Heights section of Brooklyn. Jerry attended St. Ephrems Elementary School and Xaverian High School. Jerry earned a BBA in Accounting from Pace University in 1981.

In 1979 as a college student Jerry joined the staff of Assemblywoman Florence Sullivan. This was the beginning of a forty-year Legislative career in which he held several senior staff positions in the State Assembly Minority. In 2003, Jerry joined the central staff of the NYS Senate Majority eventually being appointed State Senator Martin Golden's Chief of Staff in 2004, a position he held until his retirement in December of 2018.

In 1996 Governor George Pataki nominated Jerry to serve as a NYS Commissioner of the Interstate Environmental Commission a tri state environmental agency. He served in this unpaid position until 2013.

Always active in politics, Jerry at 22 was elected to the National Board of Young Americans For Freedom then the nation's largest young conservative organization. He also held volunteer positions in NYS Citizens for Reagan a grassroots advocacy group for the President's policies.

In the Conservative Party, Jerry has been a District Leader, State Committee Member, County Executive Director in Brooklyn, Member of the State Executive Committee, Brooklyn County Chairman for thirty years and a Vice Chairman of the State Party for twenty five years prior to being elected Chairman.

Jerry was twice nominated to be a Presidential elector including as elector for President Trump in 2016.

Jerry has played an active role in countless campaigns. In this capacity, he has help elect many individuals to local, state and federal office. Jerry was the Political Director of John Faso's NYS Comptroller campaign in 2002 and a senior advisor to Nicole Malliotakis's 2017 Campaign for NYC Mayor.

Jerry is active in his community. He is a former President and current Director of the Dyker Heights Civic Association and served on the Board of the former Victory Memorial Hospital. Jerry has written a column entitled Common Sense which appears weekly in the Brooklyn Home Reporter for better than thirty years.

Jerry together with his wife Janet reside in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn.