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Clinton to 'think seriously' about 2016 bid — next year

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Hillary Rodham Clinton says she will start to "think seriously" about a 2016 presidential bid next year.

"I want to think seriously about it. I probably won't begin thinking about it until sometime next year," Clinton said in response to Long Island business leaders, according to *Newsday*. "I will think about it because it's something on a lot of people's minds. And it's on my mind as well. But I want us to think more broadly."

The former secretary of State's comments are similar to what she recently told *New York* magazine, in which she acknowledged for the first time that she is considering another presidential campaign. At the same time, though, Clinton said in her magazine interview that she wasn't in any hurry to make a decision.

With her appearance before the Long Island Association, Clinton is shedding a little more light on timing — even if she isn't spelling out specific dates on a calendar. And as she did in her magazine interview, Clinton said the focus on electing the next president is "bad for the country" when there are issues to tackle right now.

Clinton is the top choice among potential Democratic candidates in nearly all of the public opinion polls for a race that is still three years away.

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