



# The League of Women Voters of Westport 2016 VOTERS' GUIDE

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Vote Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, Polls open 6 A.M. – 8 P.M.  
Candidates' replies are published exactly as submitted.

Candidates are listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot.

Westport is engaged in this year's election. The Registrars report over 2,100 new voter registrations in Westport in the first nine months of 2016. As of October 20, Westport's Town Clerk had issued 1,876 absentee ballots, approximately 10% of registered voters. There was a standing room only crowd at the Westport Library's screening of the first Presidential debate. Staples High School will hold a mock election on Nov. 7.

But while it is easy this year to follow every move of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump – and we do include their statements to the League of Women Voters in this Guide – it is more difficult to get substantive information about local candidates. There are contested races for one U.S. Senate seat from Connecticut, for Connecticut's 4th Congressional District seat, and for three seats representing Westport in the Connecticut state legislature. What are those candidates' priorities? What are their proposals to address budget deficits, transportation issues, education funding, and the economy?

Please read this Voters' Guide and watch the debates. LWW Westport hosts a debate for candidates to the state legislature on Tuesday, October 25 from 7-9 PM at Westport Town Hall; go to [www.lwwestportct.org](http://www.lwwestportct.org) for a schedule of televised rebroadcasts of the debate. And then, don't forget to VOTE on November 8!

Sheila Ward, President, League of Women Voters of Westport.

## WHERE DO I VOTE?

You can look up your voting district on the map on the back page.

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
District 136-1	Saugatuck Elementary School-Gymnasium 170 Riverside Avenue
District 136-2	Coleytown Middle School-Gymnasium 255 North Avenue
District 136-3	Long Lots School-Gymnasium 13 Hyde Lane
District 136-4	Greens Farms School-Auditorium 17 Morningside Drive South
District 136-5	Greens Farms School-Gymnasium 17 Morningside Drive South
District 136-6	Westport Library 20 Jesup Road
District 143-1	Saugatuck Elementary School-Gymnasium 170 Riverside Avenue

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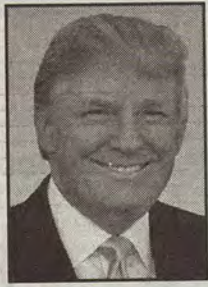
## Candidates for U.S. President - Vote for 1



**Hillary Clinton**  
Democratic Party

**Personal Statement** I'm running for President to make a difference in the lives of all Americans. I'll build an economy that works for everyone, continue my fight for children and families, and work to keep our country safe. And I'll unite Americans to take on all the challenges we face—because we're stronger together.

**Top Three Goals** 1. Grow and strengthen our economy. 2. Curb the outsized influence of big money in American politics. 3. Ensure we have the partnerships to keep our country safe.



**Donald J. Trump**  
Republican Party

**Personal Statement** The government of the US should be focused on serving the people of this great nation, not special interests. The government now rules rather than governs. The American people want their government back and together we will make America great again.

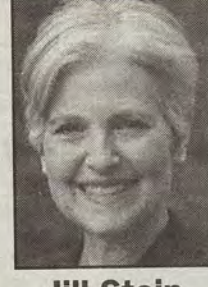
**Top Three Goals** Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore Constitutional limits on government.



**Gary Johnson**  
Libertarian Party

**Personal Statement** I am Governor Gary Johnson and along with my running mate Governor William Weld we are honored to accept the invitation of the League of Women Voters to participate in their efforts to inform the voting American public of all options available to them during this Presidential election year.

**Top Three Goals** Provide Congress a balanced budget within the first 100 days of office; Reduce (and in some cases eliminate) our military footprint abroad; Liberalize trade and economic activity.



**Jill Stein**  
Green Party

**Personal Statement** After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for President to help heal our ailing nation. Your vote for me sends a clear signal that you want a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.

**Top Three Goals** 1. Green job-creation to fight climate change. 2. A fair economy that eliminates unemployment 3. Justice, true democracy, and respect for all human beings.

### Question 1: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.

I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.

Submit to Congress a balanced budget to provide a template to stop unsustainable growth of the national debt, debt that weighs on employers, entrepreneurs and the economy. Support a simpler, fairer tax code that won't penalize productivity or investment. Fight to provide certainty in spending, taxes, and regulation so employers, entrepreneurs and investors make decisions that put people to work.

• Eliminate unemployment by creating a job for every American who needs work. • Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges. • Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water. • Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

### Question 2: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

In my first 100 days, I will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. An estimated nine million lawful permanent residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. As President, I will work to expand fee waivers and enhance outreach, so that more of the working poor can assume the full rights and responsibilities of becoming U.S. citizens.

We must re-establish the rule of law in this country. Criminal illegal immigrants will be deported. No one should be given the gift of U.S. citizenship based on illegal behavior.

Ensure a pathway to citizenship for deserving immigrants by first establishing a way for non-criminal undocumented immigrants to achieve documented status. After that crucial first step, the pathway to citizenship will be the same as it is for all immigrants. No cutting the line. No unfair advantages. Just a legal status that allows immigrants to pursue the traditional path to becoming a citizen.

First, end the massive deportation schemes that have torn families apart. I would also end the so-called Secure Communities program that has led to abuse of both citizens and non-citizens. End the misguided free trade agreements and regime change wars that have forced people to emigrate for their own survival. Finally, provide a welcoming and legal path to citizenship for current immigrants.

### Question 3: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

Every child deserves a high-quality education. I will double our investments in Early Head Start programs and ensure every 4-year old has access to high-quality preschool. I will do more to support our teachers, modernize our classrooms, and support STEM programs so that all public school students can learn computer science. We must give children the foundation to succeed, from pre-K to grade 12.

My administration will provide states with incentives to increase school choice options for parents and local school districts. Allowing the entrenched Washington education establishment and federal bureaucrats to leverage federal funds to dictate educational practices, curriculum and outcomes must be stopped. Control of K-12 education must be returned to parents and citizens locally.

Education works best when decentralized. Since President Carter created the Dept. of Education, test scores have stagnated despite any new initiatives or spending programs. Parents and teachers make the best decisions for students, not bureaucrats at the DoE. Education is traditionally a state and local responsibility, and should remain so for innovation, best practices and even competition.

1) Protect our public schools from privatization schemes that will inevitably undermine the American dream of quality public education for all.  
2) Increase federal funding of public schools to make sure all school districts have the financial resources they need to provide quality education.  
3) Ensure that kids come to school ready to learn: healthy, nourished, and secure.

### Question 4: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests - our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change - require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As President, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.

We are the leader of the free world - whether we like it or not - and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam, & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.

Above all, we must maintain a national defense that is second to none. Government's first responsibility is to protect us from threats abroad. If attacked, we respond. Our greatest assets are economy and culture. Blue jeans and computers did more to win the Cold War than stockpiled warheads. I will pursue vigorous diplomacy based on our economic might, not idle threats and military interventions.

Forge a new foreign policy based solidly on diplomacy, international law, respect for human rights, and consistent nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world. End the misguided policies of militarism that have produced terrorist organizations, refugee crises, failed states, and a bloated military that we can no longer afford.

### Question 5: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, end the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.

The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return Constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court Justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The President must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read at grade level & not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.

I would do everything in the Presidency's power to end the militarization of the police. I would end the failed drug war, which unfairly targets communities of color. I would use the powers of the Federal Government to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, aggressively enforcing 14th Amendment protections. I would continue the work to help all Americans to achieve equality of opportunity.

My plan to end unemployment will transform the economic life of low income communities that are now struggling with unemployment rates two or three times the national average. Coupled with my commitment to quality public schools and community empowerment, we can not just lessen racial disparity, but bring it to an end.

**Candidates for U.S. Senate - Vote for 1**



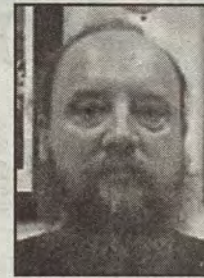
**Richard Blumenthal**  
Democratic Party/  
Working Families Party



**Dan Carter**  
Republican Party



**Richard Lion**  
Libertarian Party



**Jeffery Russell**  
Green Party

**Question 1 How fast should the US move from coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas to renewables; and what can/should Congress do to speed up the conversion?**

It is essential that Congress take steps to change the course of the country's dependence on fossil fuels as our nation's energy security and climate change challenges grow. Any federal energy policy must reflect the nation's position by promoting and encouraging investment in and deployment of renewable energy. As we continue to transition to these new energy sources, we must ensure that our traditional sources of energy are used in as clean and efficient a manner as possible.

I support efforts to end tax subsidies for oil companies and redirect that money to support the development of clean, renewable sources of energy. I also believe the federal government should provide adequate support and incentives to innovators who are working to create new jobs and more affordable, clean energy, especially for projects that would not necessarily be able to attract private investment without government assistance.

Response: Our campaign has decided to not answer any survey from any organization this election cycle. As you can imagine we receive dozens of surveys each week which would take up a lot of the candidate's time. If we were to answer just some of these, it would raise questions on why some were more important than others from those we did not respond to.

We should move as fast as possible to clean energy such as solar and wind. The free market will provide the fastest and best path to that end. People were hunting whales for oil and were pushing them near extinction. When Oil was discovered in Pennsylvania, it saved the whale. The free market found a way to provide us with oil cheaper than whale oil. Sun light and wind will always be free and will win out in the free market. The free market has never made a nuclear power plant. Every nuclear power plant on earth was funded in whole or in part by government. The free market doesn't make nuclear power plants because they are a bad investment. If elected, I will never support funding for a nuclear power plant.

**Question 2 What would you do to move federal law to improve disclosure of the actual names of campaign finance donors?**

There has never been a greater need for campaign finance reform. The Supreme Court's decision in the now-infamous case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, strikes at the core of democratic principles, opening the floodgates for unlimited "dark money" in political campaigns that can drown out the voices of millions of ordinary Americans. It allows the wealthy and powerful to have a disproportionate voice in the most fundamental aspect of our democracy—a free and fair election that counts everyone's vote equally.

I support a constitutional amendment to overturn this decision by clarifying that reasonable regulations on campaign finance are not a violation of the right to free speech.

I'm also a cosponsor of the Fair Elections Now Act, to give Congressional candidates a voluntary alternative to the current system by providing matching financial support in exchange for agreeing to limit spending.

Candidate did not respond.

This is my 9th time running for public office. I have never accepted even one penny in campaign contributions or public funding. I ask voters to not vote for someone who you can't identify the donors, or if the donors not to your liking.

Candidate did not respond.

**Question 3. What federal laws would you favor to reduce gun violence?**

In the Senate I fought to expand background checks and close the gun show loophole, ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines, provide tough penalties for straw purchases and get guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. We must also keep anyone on the terrorist watch list from being able to buy a gun.

In addition, I believe our teachers should receive mental health first aid training and resources to recognize signs and symptoms for mental illness.

After the shooting in Orlando, I said that so long as Congress fails to act, it will continue to be complicit in ongoing deaths from guns - whether in mass shootings that make the headlines or in the far more prevalent incidents of gang violence, domestic violence, suicides, accidents, and more.

I support the second amendment of the constitution because people have an unalienable right to defend themselves. I see gun rights as a women's rights issue. Of all the adults that are raped, nearly all of them are female. Women have a right to defend themselves from an attacker. A cell phone to call for help will often not be enough. It can take too long just to make a call. You may not even have a signal, and may not be able to make a call. A gun may only take about a second to draw. Most attackers will run away as soon as they see the gun, then you can call the police. If the attacker doesn't run, you shoot him, then call the police. That will prevent him from attacking others, so you will save lives. I support gun safety training to prevent gun accidents.

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<http://www.sots.ct.gov>

**Candidates for U.S. Congress - District 4 - Vote for 1**

**Jim Himes**  
Democratic Party



**1. How fast should the US move from coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas to renewables; and what can/should Congress do to speed up the conversion?**

The conversion from fossil fuels to green energy and renewables should be carried out as swiftly as possible, taking care to ensure that it does not put an undue burden on Americans struggling to make ends meet. I am proud that the last coal-fired power plant in Connecticut, the Bridgeport Harbor Station, is being transitioned to natural gas and Dominion Bridgeport Fuel Cell provides 14.9 megawatts of electricity. Natural gas is a good transitional step, but remains a finite fossil fuel; wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal energy should be the long-term goals.

Congress can facilitate this transition by providing incentives for companies to invest in green technologies, helping consumers transition to this kind of energy and ending our subsidies for oil companies. Then we can move to cleaner, greener fuels that protecting the environment and improve health in our communities.

**2. What would you do to move federal law to improve disclosure of the actual names of campaign finance donors?**

One of the most important issues that we face is the disproportionately large influence of money in politics. After the disastrous Supreme Court decision in Citizens United, the floodgates opened and we now have virtually no accountability. I support a Constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United and also am in favor of the Supreme Court overturning its previous decision.

I cosponsored the DISCLOSE Act, which would strengthen the reporting requirements for outside groups that wanted to donate money to political campaigns.

**3. What federal laws would you favor to reduce gun violence?**

Gun violence affects the lives of every American through the loss of loved ones, the terror we feel after mass shootings and the damage to our communities from the scourge of daily violence. No one knows this sense of loss and pain more than we do in Connecticut.

I support laws that would institute universal background checks for all gun purchasers; ban assault weapons that are designed only for combat; limit the size of magazines so that killers can't wipe out entire rooms without reloading; and allow research into the health effects of gun violence by the CDC and NIH. We should also invest more in mental health services and local initiatives to reduce violence.

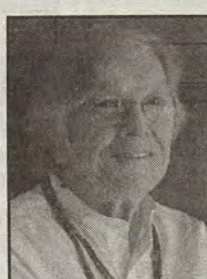
I respect the Second Amendment, and understand there are responsible gun owners in Connecticut, but we cannot sit silently as gun violence against our families and communities goes unchecked.

**John Shaban**  
Republican Party/Independent Party  
Candidate did not respond.



**Candidates for State Senator District 26 - Vote for 1**

**Carolanne Curry**  
Democratic Party



Curry offers the 26th District forty(+) years of public and political service: on State Senate and municipal levels.

She is President Emerita of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University.

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

1. Elimination of the Business Entity Tax...This is an unnecessary burden on the backs of small businesses. There are many such businesses in Westport who cannot expand or even remain in business with foolish taxes like this

2. Participation in ending the evolving controversy surrounding Judge Moukawsher's decision regarding school funding in Connecticut. As State funding to Westport schools is affected by this decision as well as the Judge's ruling on teacher evaluation, it is critical to be part of the legislative involvement which will happen in the 2017 session.

3. Propose legislation that will stop "developers" from using State law to ride roughshod over local zoning regulations in their plan to build multiple housing units that reflect no awareness of town character and its quality of life. They have reduced communities to mere commodities in their greedy pursuits.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

I would not cut any funding directed to mass transit, especially as it applies to Metro North Rail service. There are far too many Westporters whose jobs are dependent on the rail service. Furthermore, job growth for the Westport area will occur with expanded service as well.

Neither would I cut any funding directed to the local option property tax relief for the elderly and the disabled. (The "circuit breaker") This program should continue and municipalities should continue to be reimbursed as it is apparent that the seniors in Westport want to stay in their own homes.

**Toni Boucher**  
Republican Party



Chief Deputy Senate Minority Leader; Assistant House Minority Leader; State Board of Education, local Board of Education Chairman; Wilton Board of Selectmen; financial executive; small business owner; UConn MBA; Series 7, 63 and 31 security licenses

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

We must restore confidence in Connecticut by building financial stability and predictability, supporting our families with opportunities to succeed and thrive and restoring peoples' trust in its government. The three priorities listed are part of a plan that will correct the problems that are currently impeding growth and help put our state on a path back to prosperity and give hope for a better future.

**My Top 3 Priorities**

1. Make CT more affordable: to grown jobs and people CT must control escalating costs and deficits; reform pension; cap spending and prioritize bonding to reduce tax burden and cost of living; stop borrowing for operating expenses; restore a pro jobs, pro-business environment

2. Make education a priority; reform funding formula; restore lost town education funding; stop higher education tuition hikes

3. Safeguard special transportation funds; oppose tolls, a miles driven tax, rail fare increases; regional government and taxes.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

Education quality has been a Connecticut hallmark and is still its one remaining competitive advantage. However, we are losing our place as the number one education state in the nation. We cannot afford to reduce educational funding during crucial period in the state's history. High structural costs and reduced state support due to bad budgeting and resulting deficits have produced higher education tuition hikes in the double digits. This is making college less affordable and less accessible for middle and low income families. This is a dangerous trend. Higher education is the great equalizer. The best way to close the income gap is to close the education gap. Higher education attainment allows everyone from any background to climb the economic ladder. Education access and quality has always been and will continue to be my top priority.

# Vote Tuesday, Nov. 8th

## Polls Open 6am - 8pm

### Remember to bring identification

**YOU MAY BRING THIS GUIDE INTO THE POLLS**

#### Candidates for State Senate District 28 - Vote for 1

##### Philip Dwyer Democratic Party/Working Families Party

Philip Dwyer has served the community as CEO of the local YMCA and as Chairman of the Fairfield Board of Education. He has real world experience making tough decisions.

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

1) We must restore state funding to our public schools and our towns, including Westport. My knowledge and experience from serving on two Boards of Education makes me uniquely qualified to help the legislature find an honest school funding formula and stick to it. My lifetime of advocacy for children gives me a powerful voice that Hartford politicians will listen to.

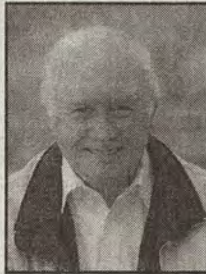
2) Transportation infrastructure must be a priority, but it can't be paid for on the backs of Fairfield county commuters. I will support legislation for a transportation lockbox that will protect transportation funds and advocate for more commuter input in transportation decisions.

3) I will make it easier to foster innovation and ensure Connecticut has the best educated workforce. With government, universities and businesses working together, Connecticut can continue to develop and grow industries that provide well-paying jobs in alternative energy, healthcare, and biotech.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

Government's number one priority is to keep its residents safe. I will fight to protect funding for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and aid to towns for police and fire services. I will also work to fully fund school security grants to keep our children safe.

Education is the single greatest expense in nearly every town in Connecticut. I will fight for state government to make rational decisions on how funds are allocated to our local school districts. We have a Constitutional requirement to fund public education and special education programs, and I will support the funding of Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grants. Our children should have the best schools and best teachers, and we will have the best educated workforce in the country.



##### Tony Hwang Republican Party/Independent Party

My critical mission is commitment to the community in everything I do and practicing representative government with a common sense approach. Fiscal Accountability balanced with Social Responsibility. Service above Self.

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

1. Taxes & spending
2. Jobs and the economy
3. Transportation

All 3 require immediate action and, fortunately, addressing one, in essence, addresses the others.

We must end excessive borrowing & decrease spending in smart, responsible ways, to send a strong message that we can create a predictable, sustainable and transparent government. Simultaneously, by making the necessary investments to improve our transportation infrastructure via roads, rails and waterways, we create a sustainable economic ecosystem that will help create jobs and grow our businesses.

We can achieve the above improvements by: privatizing certain state social services; moving to a defined contribution pension plan for state employees; eliminate excessive and burdensome bureaucracy and taxes that hurt businesses.

Most importantly, you have my commitment that I will address these issues in a predictable and transparent process, an open mind and in a true and genuine bipartisan manner.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

State government must reflect the needs and wants of the people they represent. We have to create jobs, enable business growth, and take the tax burden away from citizens by reducing governmental spending. As we reduce spending, we also have a responsibility to ensure that we protect the most vulnerable and enable them to succeed.

As a steadfast proponent of fiscal accountability, balanced with social responsibility, I will work to ensure that a balanced budget maintains and ensures the availability of quality educational services, senior care, high quality medical and mental health services, and support for Connecticut's developmentally disabled & handicapped.

We must have a predictable, sustainable, and transparent state government that puts the well-being, health and safety of citizens first. You can count on me to put people before politics.



#### Candidates for State Representative District 136 - Vote for 1

##### Jonathan Steinberg Democratic Party

Two-term State Representative. 4 terms RTM; Deputy Moderator. 33-year Westporter. Staples ('74), B.A. Yale, M.B.A. NYU. Jonathan and Nancy proud of: Rachel (Staples '09), Margot (Staples '12), Charlotte (Staples junior).

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

Transportation, the budget and the economy are my top priorities.

As Chair of the Transportation Bonding Subcommittee, I helped secure over \$5 billion in capital to repair aging transportation infrastructure. I pledge to ensure that this money is spent accordingly, so that Westport remains a great place to live and do business.

As a member of the State's Spending Cap Commission, I'm committed to restoring the balance required to achieve budget sustainability. We need a sustainable budget to maintain many of the services we rely on here in town, including quality education and modern infrastructures.

I've supported legislation to help entrepreneurs and small businesses, train students for skilled, better-paying jobs and promoted growing business clusters like bioscience and green technology. Growing our economy will keep Westport a vibrant place to live, and my work on this issue has earned me the endorsement of groups like the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

We must prioritize the services and programs that keep our town and our state economically competitive and ensure the health and safety of our residents.

I support the "lockbox" amendment which would ensure that the financial resources dedicated to modernizing our infrastructure will be spent doing exactly that. I will also fight for education funding for Westport which will allow us to maintain the excellent public school system we have established here.

We also need to protect the funding for programs that focus on helping people with mental health and substance abuse problems. Just this past legislative session I voted for a bill that will be a major step forward in how we deal with the opioid epidemic in Connecticut. Opioid addiction is growing rapidly and we must do everything we can to provide the proper resources to the programs that are combating this issue at the frontline.



##### Catherine A. Walsh Republican Party/Independent Party

Current Chair Planning and Zoning Commission and 40 year steel industry executive. Youth coach for swimming, soccer and cross country. My daughters Annie and Michelle are Staples Grads. 26 year resident.

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

My first legislative priority is to restore fiscal sanity by balancing the budget and enacting the spending cap. I will work to reform the prevailing wage law to fix our crumbling infrastructure, stimulate commerce and reduce traffic. Working with my colleagues I hope to persuade both sides of the merits of renegotiating excessive wage contracts and reducing regulatory and tax burdens on business in order to spur economic growth. Creating a stable statewide business friendly environment to attract new employers will help Westport real estate rebound and maintain our quality of life.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

I would immediately reevaluate the cuts which impact our most vulnerable citizens including children, handicapped, veterans and seniors and work to begin restoring funding.



#### Candidate for State Representative District 143 - Vote for 1

##### Gail Lavielle Republican Party

State Representative since 2011, town Board of Finance, CT Public Transportation Commission, 20 years as Fortune 500 senior executive, Yale MA, Cornell BA, UConn MBA, married (Jean-Pierre) 30 years.

**What are your top 3 legislative priorities and how do they impact Westport?**

• **Restore Connecticut's financial sustainability.** Implement state spending cap, renegotiate state employee benefits, pay off debt, limit borrowing and restrict it to capital projects, reduce unfunded liabilities, require realistic revenue projections. Lower state structural costs will reduce Westport's exposure to state funding fluctuations and their effects on property taxes, and allow Connecticut to reduce taxes on residents, including retirees.

• **Improve business climate. Reduce taxes,** payroll costs, and punitive mandates, expedite permitting, and eliminate burdensome regulations for all businesses to help existing businesses thrive and grow and attract new ones. This will expand the tax base, foster job growth, help young people remain and work in Connecticut.

• **Invest strategically in transportation and education.** Fix Metro-North, roads, bridges, and ports before starting new projects; prioritize bonding for transportation; protect transportation funds from diversion. Invest in early education, keep higher education tuition down. Goals: improved quality of life, workforce, business climate, access to opportunity.

**In this time of budget austerity, what programs would you not cut?**

First, two key points:

• To have significant impact, budget reform must involve reductions in contractual benefits for state employees, which often far exceed those of the private sector. This would effectively cut spending from most programs, but not the programs themselves, their services, or their staff.

• Most program budgets can be improved, certain of them dramatically, with cost efficiencies and better allocation of funds. These must be examined across the board.

With those caveats, there are areas that cannot withstand further substantial cuts without jeopardizing health or safety. These include services to the intellectually disabled and their families, hospitals, services to the mentally ill, and transportation infrastructure investment. Education, especially early education, must retain its funding, while opportunities for setting more effective policies and eliminating statewide mandates must be explored. Also, the probate courts, which provide critical services to the very needy, cannot operate if funding is cut further.



## ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

**Location: Westport Town Hall Auditorium  
110 Myrtle Avenue**

If you miss the November 1 deadline, Election Day Registration permits anyone to register and vote in person on Election Day who meets the eligibility requirements for voting in this state and is not already registered, OR is registered in one town but has moved to another town. By law, a person is eligible to register and vote if he or she is (1) a US citizen, (2) age 18 or older, (3) a bona fide resident of the town in which he or she applies for admission, and (4) has completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a disfranchising felony.

Election Day Registration is not available at your polling place, but is available at the Town Hall Auditorium, beginning at 6AM. You will need to provide proof of identity and residency. Please allow extra time as the process takes much longer than polling place voting.

## NEED TO REGISTER?

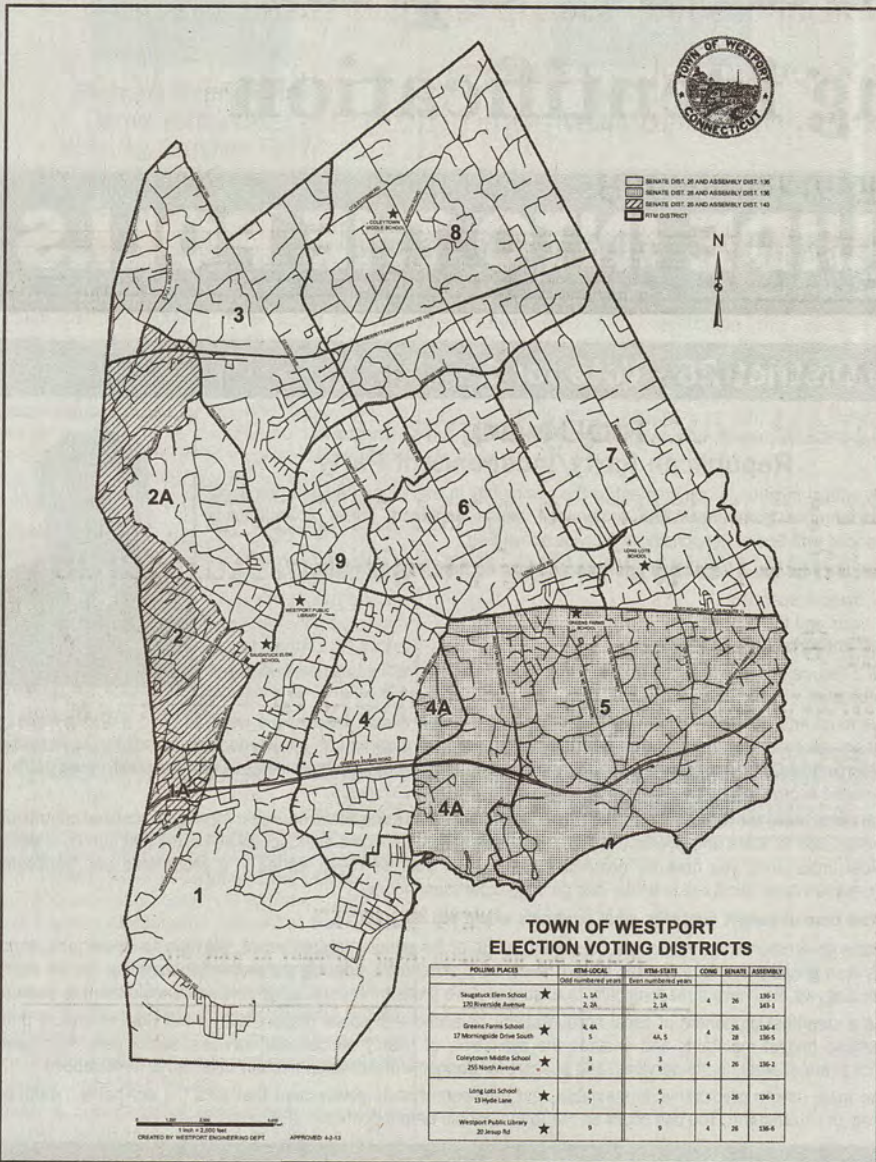
Online registration is available at:  
<https://voterregistration.ct.gov>  
A downloadable mail-in registration form is available on the Connecticut Secretary of the State website at [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov)  
In-person registration is available business days from 9AM – 4PM at Westport Town Hall.

## IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Online Voter Registration Deadline – November 1
- Mail Postmark Voter Registration Deadline – November 1
- In-Person Voter Registration Deadline – November 1

# WESTPORT HAS THREE DIFFERENT BALLOTS DUE TO MULTIPLE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

## YOU MAY BRING THIS GUIDE INTO THE POLLS



State of Connecticut Official Ballot  
Westport Connecticut  
State Election  
November 8, 2016  
Congressional District 4 - Senatorial District 28  
Assembly District 138  
Voting Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6  
Sheet 1 of 1

OFFICE	1 Presidential Electors for Vote for One	2 United States Senator Vote for One	3 Representative in Congress Vote for One	4 State Senator Vote for One	5 State Representative Vote for One
PARTY					
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A Clinton and Keane	<input type="radio"/> 2A Richard Blumenthal	<input type="radio"/> 3A Jim Himes	<input type="radio"/> 4A Caroline Curry	<input type="radio"/> 5A Jonathan Steinberg
REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1B Trump and Pence	<input type="radio"/> 2B Dan Carter	<input type="radio"/> 3B John Shaban	<input type="radio"/> 4B Toni Boucher	<input type="radio"/> 5B Catherine A. Walsh
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1C	<input type="radio"/> 2C Richard Blumenthal	<input type="radio"/> 3C	<input type="radio"/> 4C	<input type="radio"/> 5C
INDEPENDENT PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1D	<input type="radio"/> 2D	<input type="radio"/> 3D John Shaban	<input type="radio"/> 4D	<input type="radio"/> 5D Catherine A. Walsh
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1E Johnson and Wald	<input type="radio"/> 2E Richard Lion	<input type="radio"/> 3E	<input type="radio"/> 4E	<input type="radio"/> 5E
GREEN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1F Stein and Baraka	<input type="radio"/> 2F Jeffery Russell	<input type="radio"/> 3F		
WRITE-IN VOTES	<input type="radio"/> 1G	<input type="radio"/> 2G			<input type="radio"/> 5G

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

Be sure to read the instructions on the reverse side of this ballot.

State of Connecticut Official Ballot  
Westport Connecticut  
State Election  
November 8, 2016  
Congressional District 4 - Senatorial District 28  
Assembly District 138  
Voting District 5  
Sheet 1 of 1

OFFICE	1 Presidential Electors for Vote for One	2 United States Senator Vote for One	3 Representative in Congress Vote for One	4 State Senator Vote for One	5 State Representative Vote for One
PARTY					
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A Clinton and Keane	<input type="radio"/> 2A Richard Blumenthal	<input type="radio"/> 3A Jim Himes	<input type="radio"/> 4A Philip Dwyer	<input type="radio"/> 5A Jonathan Steinberg
REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1B Trump and Pence	<input type="radio"/> 2B Dan Carter	<input type="radio"/> 3B John Shaban	<input type="radio"/> 4B Tony Hwang	<input type="radio"/> 5B Catherine A. Walsh
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1C	<input type="radio"/> 2C Richard Blumenthal	<input type="radio"/> 3C	<input type="radio"/> 4C Philip Dwyer	<input type="radio"/> 5C
INDEPENDENT PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1D	<input type="radio"/> 2D	<input type="radio"/> 3D John Shaban	<input type="radio"/> 4D Tony Hwang	<input type="radio"/> 5D Catherine A. Walsh
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1E Johnson and Wald	<input type="radio"/> 2E Richard Lion	<input type="radio"/> 3E	<input type="radio"/> 4E	
GREEN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1F Stein and Baraka	<input type="radio"/> 2F Jeffery Russell	<input type="radio"/> 3F		
WRITE-IN VOTES	<input type="radio"/> 1G	<input type="radio"/> 2G			<input type="radio"/> 5G

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State of Connecticut Official Ballot  
Westport Connecticut  
State Election  
November 8, 2016  
Congressional District 4 - Senatorial District 28  
Assembly District 143  
Voting District 1  
Sheet 1 of 1

OFFICE	1 Presidential Electors for Vote for One	2 United States Senator Vote for One	3 Representative in Congress Vote for One	4 State Senator Vote for One	5 State Representative Vote for One
PARTY					
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A Clinton and Keane	<input type="radio"/> 2A Richard Blumenthal	<input type="radio"/> 3A Jim Himes	<input type="radio"/> 4A Caroline Curry	<input type="radio"/> 5A
REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1B Trump and Pence	<input type="radio"/> 2B Dan Carter	<input type="radio"/> 3B John Shaban	<input type="radio"/> 4B Toni Boucher	<input type="radio"/> 5B Gail Lavielle
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1C	<input type="radio"/> 2C Richard Blumenthal	<input type="radio"/> 3C	<input type="radio"/> 4C	<input type="radio"/> 5C
INDEPENDENT PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1D	<input type="radio"/> 2D	<input type="radio"/> 3D John Shaban	<input type="radio"/> 4D	<input type="radio"/> 5D
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1E Johnson and Wald	<input type="radio"/> 2E Richard Lion	<input type="radio"/> 3E		
GREEN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1F Stein and Baraka	<input type="radio"/> 2F Jeffery Russell			<input type="radio"/> 5F
WRITE-IN VOTES	<input type="radio"/> 1G	<input type="radio"/> 2G		<input type="radio"/> 4G	<input type="radio"/> 5G

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[www.lwwestportct.org](http://www.lwwestportct.org)

### REMEMBER

Remember to bring ID to the polls.

You are required to provide one of the following: A Social Security card or a preprinted form of identification which shows name and address, or name and signature, or name and photo.

Acceptable forms include: driver's license, library card, bill addressed to you at your home, passport, personal check with name and address on it.

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