

The League of Women Voters of Westport

2012 VOTERS' GUIDE

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Vote Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Have identification ready

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Dear Westport Voters,

Voter turnout is highest during an Election Day such as November 6, 2012 where your vote impacts who will represent you in Washington and Hartford. The national and state leaders you elect make the decisions that affect you – your job, health care, energy costs, security and more. The League strives to give you opportunities to get to know the candidates and be an informed voter.

As you prepare to cast your ballot, use this Voters' Guide to learn about the candidates and their positions. In keeping with our mission to educate and inform the voting public, we have asked the candidates to answer questions that elicit thoughtful responses. We hope that voters will find this beneficial in evaluating the candidates and their stances.

As always, consistent with our nonpartisan policy, the League of Women Voters neither supports nor opposes any of the candidates running for office. You may take your Voters' Guide into the voting booth with you on November 6th. Given the recent redistricting, be sure to check your district and polling place, both of which are listed in here. Take seriously your important right to vote!

Liz-Ann Koos
President,

League of Women Voters of Westport

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

Republican: Romney/Ryan

Democratic: Obama/Biden

Independent: Anderson/Rodriguez

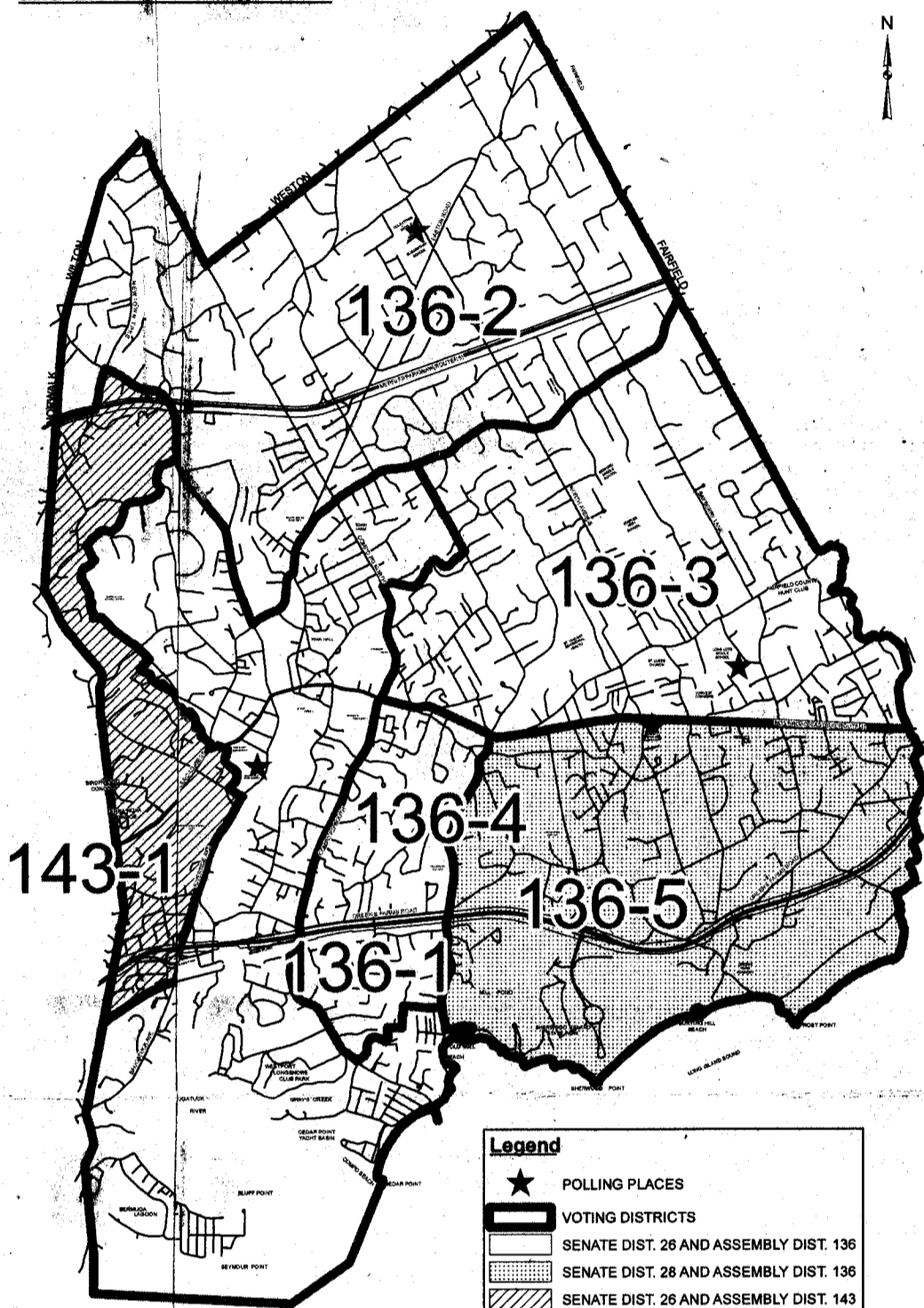
Libertarian: Johnson/Gray

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Additional copies of this guide are available at:

- Westport Public Library
- Westport Town Hall
- The Westport Center for Senior Activities, and on
- The LWV of Westport website: www.lwwestport.org

Map Depicting Senate Districts 26 & 28
Assembly Districts 136 & 143
and Election Voting Districts



Polling Places	CONG	SENATE	ASSEMBLY
SAUGATUCK ELEM SCHOOL 170 Riverside Ave	★ 4	26	143,136-1
GREENS FARMS SCHOOL 17 Morningside Drive South	★ 4	26,28	136-4,136-5
COLEYTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL 255 North Avenue	★ 4	26	136-2
LONG LOTS SCHOOL 13 Hyde Lane	★ 4	26	136-3

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To avoid extra paperwork at the polls, please bring one of the following:
Social Security Card, or Preprinted form of identification which shows:

- Name and Address, or
- Name and Signature, or
- Name and Photograph

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Candidates for U.S. Senator — Six Year Term

LWVCT ASKED CANDIDATES TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. **ECONOMY:** In this time of high unemployment, what would be your priority to improve our nation's economy?
2. **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM:** What should be done to rein in the influence of money in political campaigns? Do your support expanded requirements for disclosure of the source of money behind political ads? Why or why not?
3. **ENVIRONMENT:** In your view, has the federal government done enough to address the levels of spent fuel stored at US nuclear plants? If not, what else should be done?
4. **GUN LAWS:** What should the US Congress do to insure that guns that were originally purchased legally are not then sold illegally on our streets?

Linda E. McMahon, Republican, Independent

No response received by Westport LWV deadline.

Christopher S. Murphy, Democrat, Working Families

1. ECONOMY:

I have announced a jobs plan that centers around five key points. First, we must reform the tax code for individuals and businesses to encourage growth and to get rid of loopholes that put small businesses at a disadvantage. Second, we should promote and strengthen American manufacturing. It's clear that our nation is stronger when we make things here in the US. Third, we need to reinvest in our transportation infrastructure. Rebuilding our roads and rails will yield enormous long-term benefits while also putting Americans back to work. Fourth, we need to make education a top priority. While we won't be the cheapest place to build things, we can be the smartest with sound investments in our educational system. Lastly, we need to lead the way in renewable energy. Renewable energy is the next big global industry, and we must work now to ensure those jobs are in the U.S.

2. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM:

I strongly believe that Citizens United is one of the worst Supreme Court decisions in my lifetime. Special interest groups and billionaires are making a mockery out of our democracy by secretly funneling hundreds of millions of dollars to shadowy groups who then blanket the airwaves without any accountability. I am fighting to restore sanity in our elections by supporting several measures. First, I am a proud supporter of the DISCLOSE Act, which would expand disclosure requirements on outside groups and corporations and bring much needed transparency to campaign advertisements. Second, I have been a longtime champion of public financing federal elections, which would

mirror our system in Connecticut. Lastly, I am supporting two constitutional amendments that would reverse Citizens United. One would clarify that constitutional rights are reserved for individuals – not corporations, and the second provides Congress the clear authority to regulate and limit campaign spending.

ENVIRONMENT:

No. While we need to do a better job of ensuring the safety of spent fuel pools at reactors, we won't ever be able to fully address the issue until we find a permanent storage site for all of our nation's nuclear waste. The President's Blue Ribbon Commission on nuclear waste has developed a worthwhile "consent-based" framework to find an American community that's willing to help us store our nuclear waste over the long-term. I'm hopeful that we can finally break the partisan stalemate over this issue, and do the right thing when it comes to protecting our families, our homes, and our environment – for good.

GUN LAWS:

We need to do everything we can to make sure that guns don't get into the hands of those who would pose a danger to public safety. Fortunately, as a "My-permit" state, Connecticut's gun laws are some of the strongest in the country in ensuring that guns don't get into the wrong hands. That's why I voted against the Republicans' National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011, which would require states to recognize one another's concealed weapons permits. This would have eviscerated Connecticut's law and led to a race to the bottom among states.

In 2010, I also cosponsored the bipartisan Gun Show Loophole Closing Act, which would close the loophole that allows people to buy guns at gun shows in most states without passing a Brady criminal background check. We must work together to safeguard Second Amendment rights while also protecting public safety.



BIOGRAPHY: The link to his bio is: <http://www.chrismurphy.com/pages/about-chris/>
His website: <http://www.chrismurphy.com/>

Paul Passarelli

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United States Representative 4th Congressional District — Two Year Term

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Steve Obsitnik, Republican

1. Economy:

I believe that entrepreneurship and individual opportunity lie at the core of America's greatness. When the private sector thrives, jobs are created and the nation thrives. My priorities are:

- 1) Work towards pro-growth tax reform by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, eliminating the tangle of loopholes, making the tax code fairer, flatter, and simpler for families and small businesses.
- 2) Work towards eliminating over-regulation and red tape that punishes job creators, thereby discouraging economic growth.
- 3) Work towards getting the nation's debt and deficit under control.

Difficult decisions regarding our tax system, regulatory environment and debt and deficit cannot be made in a crisis environment. I am going to Congress so that our country is not beholden to party politics.

2. Campaign Finance:

A person's right to donate to political campaigns is one of our First Amendment freedoms, and the form of free speech. I also believe strongly in transparency and accountability in government, which is why donations should be disclosed as they are given.

3. Environment:

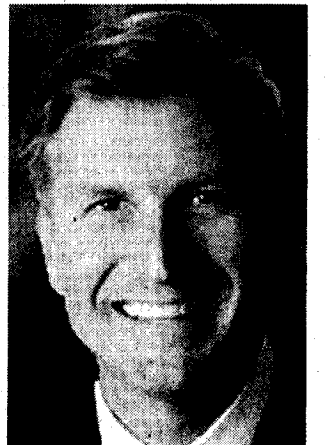
As a nuclear and electrical engineer, I support practical and sound measures to reduce pollution and protect our environment while preserving our economic vitality. Our energy needs must not be held hostage by foreign governments, special interest groups, or an overbearing regulatory environment. America is blessed with the natural resources and technical know how to bring cleaner, cheaper and more abundant energy to the market. In Congress, I will pursue a national energy strategy which:

- Facilitates the use of cleaner carbon sources like natural gas
- Pursue alternative energy sources including nuclear, wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric
- Advance solutions through solid, scientific development and market incentives

4. Gun Laws

I support the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

BIOGRAPHY: Graduated Stamford HS -1985. Graduated U.S. Naval Academy -1989. Served aboard submarine USS Ray for 5 years, at the Pentagon and Submarine Squadron Six Nuclear engineer. Wharton, MBA - degree in finance. Technology entrepreneur, small business owner. Experience bringing products to market, building global businesses serving multinational customers. Recent CEO of Quintel, providing wireless infrastructure globally. Adjunct professor of business at Sacred Heart University. Live in Westport with wife Suzanne Tager and our two girls.



Jim Himes, Democrat, Working Families

1. Economy

Since I took office in 2009, we have gone from losing 700,000 jobs every month to 30 months of private-sector job growth. But unemployment is still too high, and businesses continue suffering from insufficient consumer demand. We need to promote short-term economic growth and enact policies that set us up for long-term prosperity.

Right now, with thousands of engineers and construction workers looking for work, we should invest in our roadways, railroads, and airports which all need billions of dollars in improvements to make them safe and efficient. And I am aggressively working to improve the business climate. I consistently support efforts to remove incentives to ship jobs overseas and wrote and passed legislation to make it easier for businesses to access capital to invest in their companies and hire more workers. Looking forward, we must reduce the deficit, streamline our tax code, and improve our education system.

2. Campaign Finance Reform

The explosion of poorly regulated and undisclosed money in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United has reaffirmed my belief that money plays an outsized role in our political system. That is why I support amending the Constitution to reverse the effects of Citizens United and ensure that Congress can create responsible campaign finance laws. I believe this can be accomplished in a manner that protects free speech and the First Amendment. I also support legislation such

as the Free Elections Now Act, which would increase the power of small contributors and reduce the influence of interest groups.

With disclosure, I agree with Justice Brandeis that sunlight truly is the best disinfectant. Disclosure allows voters to make informed decisions and can help fight corruption and avoid the appearance of corruption. I have voted for and continue to support legislation which would create sensible disclosure requirements.

3. Environment

In the past, I have been supportive of the careful development of nuclear power, which as you may know, now accounts for 20 percent of U.S. power generation. Like so many others, I watched in horror as the Japanese earthquake and tsunami demonstrated just how dangerous nuclear power can be, both in its generation and in the subsequent disposal of waste. I am particularly conscious of these dangers given the proximity of the Indian Point reactors to my constituents (and my family).

America must transition to a sustainable energy economy. This means reducing our consumption of oil and natural gas, and deploying new technologies for capturing wind and solar energy – energy sources that are both clean and plentiful.

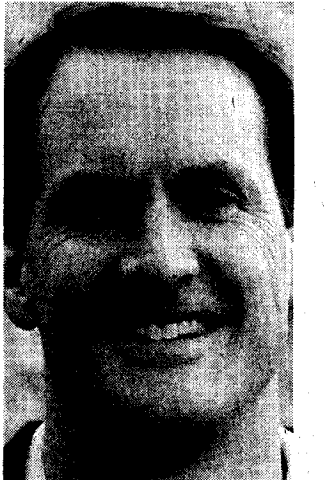
Personally, I hope that truly clean technologies will someday replace nuclear generation. Until then it is absolutely essential that we redouble our efforts to keep our nuclear capability safe and protected.

4. Gun Laws

I support the right of Americans to bear arms. After a

long series of violent tragedies, we must do more to protect our communities and keep weapons out of the hands of criminals and the unbalanced. Balancing these things is possible with simple regulations and technologies that protect responsible gun owners and the public at large.

I believe the most effective method for ensuring weapons stay out of the hands of criminals is through reasonable regulations at the point of sale. I support reforms to the background check system which would close loopholes and better ensure that criminals, the mentally ill and people inclined to violence are identified. I also believe that we should encourage the sale of trigger locks to keep guns out of the hands of children and other unauthorized users. Finally, we should limit access to devices, such as high-capacity magazines, solely designed for mass-killing.



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Candidates for State Senator - District 26 - Two Year Term

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1. During the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions, jobs bills were passed that included tax credits to small businesses and training subsidies for new hires, and the First Five Program for companies creating at least 200 new jobs. What additional steps and fine tuning are needed at the state level, if any, to spur job creation and economic recovery in Connecticut?
2. Connecticut is ranked as one of the most expensive states for electricity and yet, we have experienced several extended power outages over the past year. What role should the State Legislature take to move Connecticut toward improved energy efficiency and reliability?

Toni Boucher, Republican



1. Barron's "Connecticut is the worst managed state in the country." It has the highest combined taxes, highest debt and is business unfriendly. People and jobs are fleeing the state. We need tax policies that will reverse this trend and revitalize Connecticut.

A profitable business sector can provide jobs and increase state revenues. Yet, Connecticut has not added one net new private sector job since 1991 (the year of the imposition of a state income tax) despite

numerous job programs, tax incentives and subsidized corporate moves. It is a fact that employers will only expand their workforces if there is demand for their goods and services. When government takes the consumers disposable income through increase taxes and fees they have less purchasing power. The state can help employers create jobs by: reducing taxes; business costs; red tape; state spending; the worst in the nation's unfunded liabilities; and paying down debt.

2. Rising energy costs that are already the highest in the nation make it difficult for families and businesses to manage budgets. It also negatively affects Connecticut's business competitiveness. We need fuel diversity, upgraded transmission and distribution systems and new generating facilities.

Multiple power outages exposed weakness in Connecticut's energy reliability. Power supply should be placed underground. This is a long term process as the current system was built before the growth of the underbrush that

exists today. Towns are also moving to bring natural gas to their centers.

Top down energy delivery is inherently inefficient and will get worse with congestion. Developing user level generation will take pressure off the grid. More people are installing generators as backup. Investment in making these generators more efficient is a wise use of investment capital. Conservation will help but we must also develop new technologies that can be installed in homes or businesses.

Biography:

Deputy Senate Minority Leader, House Rep Assistant Minority Leader, CT State and Local Board of Education-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Fortune 50 executive, Small business owner, Finance executive, UConn MBA

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Carolanne Curry, Democrat, Working Families



1. To spur job growth, I would encourage a focused effort on the programs offered by Connecticut's technical and vocational schools so that the programs are responsive to the market needs. I would suggest

through legislative effort, a Match and Mentor program so that at the end of the student's Connecticut vocational or training school program, there is a job in place for the student.

An additional effort would involve the rebuilding of Connecticut's infrastructure, which would go beyond just roads and would include bridges and buildings projects of historic significance to the State.

2. Legislative leadership is needed to encourage and push forward the use of at least five of the specific forms of renewable energy sources that are the focus of the Connecticut Clean Air Energy Fund: wind power, geothermal power, hydropower, biomass power and solar power. Incentivizing the use and creation of these sources is

imperative.

It is known that the majority of this State has exposed power lines. There is obvious and increasing climate change that is producing severe weather conditions in Connecticut. Storms are bringing down the wires and the solution is to bury the wires underground. A shared cost must occur for this project.

Biography:

Carolanne Curry, 25 year Westport resident, received several State and municipal appointments, a former small business owner, and a founding board member of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University.

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Candidate for State Senator - District 28 - Two Year Term

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John McKinney, Republican (Unopposed)



1. I voted against Governor Malloy's two-year budget that increased spending by more than \$1 billion and taxes by a record \$3.8 billion. Increasing taxes and spending during a recession generally slows economic recovery and, unfortunately, that has happened here in Connecticut. Economists at UCONN now predict it will

take until 2018 to recover all the jobs lost during the recession and Barron's ranks Connecticut worst among all 50 states when it comes to debt and unfunded pension liabilities.

To help spur economic growth and job creation, Connecticut must get government spending and our state's long-term debt under control. This will allow us to reduce or repeal the 20% corporate tax surcharge imposed by the Malloy budget and further lower taxes on working families and especially small businesses who create more than 60% of all new jobs.

2. Connecticut's utility companies were insufficiently prepared for the October snow storm and Tropical Storm Irene. The storm response bill passed in 2012 is a good first step toward increasing the reliability of our power grid. The bill establishes performance and accountability standards; including penalties. The utility

companies are better equipped and the state of Connecticut will be better able to hold them responsible for storm preparation and power restoration.

By establishing a micro-grid grant and loan pilot program and allowing onsite generation to critical facilities, we have taken steps to ensure Connecticut residents will have access to grocery stores and gas stations even in the midst of severe power outages. Finally, we must protect the Energy Conservation Fund. Connecticut has raided this fund in the past to pay for other government programs. It cannot happen again.

Biography:

John McKinney was born and raised in Fairfield where he lives with his three children. A graduate of Fairfield Prep, Yale University, and UCONN School of Law, John was first elected to the senate in 1998 and has served as Minority Leader since 2007.

The LWV of Westport owes many thanks to Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk, for her help with this guide.

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The League of Women Voters is a non partisan organization where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. The LWV neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. Join LWV and be directly involved in shaping the important issues in our community.

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Candidates for State Representative - District 136 - Two Year Term

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Stephen Rubin, Republican



1. Here's the problem in Connecticut: We have too many folks in the legislature who tell us our state is "open for business" while they pursue and support policies that send business owners and their employees an entirely different message. That behavior creates uncertainty — a significant barrier to growth.

The bipartisan "jobs bill" providing resources to small businesses was a positive step, but these employers would applaud louder if our state reduced tax burdens and eased regulations that have them fighting and spending their way through red tape rather than growing their companies. "First Five," soon to be "First Fifteen," smells like corporate welfare. Can the state afford to hand out hundreds of millions of dollars in forgivable loans and tax breaks only to have well-funded companies such as Bridgewater shift jobs from one Connecticut community to another? I believe this program and deals such as Bridgewater deserve comprehensive legislative oversight.

2. The operation of the state's transmission grid is regulated as a public utility. We need to allow the public utilities to make vital improvements needed to keep our electric grid up and running and if there is a blackout to get it back functioning as soon as possible.

The state invests heavily in energy efficiency, but needs to make certain that efficiency measures entail more than just changing some light bulbs. Energy efficiency measures need to require energy saving measures that are deep enough to reduce homeowners overall energy costs.

Biography:
30 years business experience in the Medical and Surgical industry. RTM since 1993 serving on Education, Public Protection, Transit, Human Services, Rules, Police Athletic League Trustee, Justice of the Peace.

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Jonathan Steinberg, Democrat



1. The recently passed jobs bills are starting to turn things around. The "Small Business Express" program has already helped two Westport businesses expand and will help other businesses grow in-state jobs. We've made a significant investment in the bioscience sector, making Connecticut an epicenter of cutting-edge genomic research.

Regulatory review to simplify and accelerate permitting processes is underway.

Legislative oversight will verify that business incentives, like the "First Five" program,

actually create/retain jobs. Then we'll either fine-tune the program or repurpose/consolidate these funds.

Transportation infrastructure investment creates jobs and addresses another cost of doing business. Fairfield County handles the brunt of car and rail traffic. DOT should prioritize fixing deteriorating bridges, roads and rails.

Education's another key to job growth; many Connecticut small businesses can't find qualified workers locally. The Jobs Bills encourage collaboration between businesses and state colleges to assure graduates have the right skills.

2. Connecticut must reduce energy costs to become economically competitive. Thanks to landmark energy legislation, electricity rates are now declining. The "Lead by Example" program — which I helped establish — is reducing energy costs in state and municipal buildings and soon will be extended to residential and commercial properties.

The storm response hearings, in which I participated, resulted in holding the utilities accountable, requiring improvements in their preparation, communication and coordination with municipalities. But with minimal in-state generation and 18,000 miles of transmission lines, cutting down trees won't eliminate power outages. We're now exploring distributed generation alternatives and innovations in energy storage to assure that key municipal services and vulnerable citizens will maintain electricity.

Westport's an exemplar in energy conservation and renewable energy projects. The SolarizeCT program will make it affordable for Westport homeowners to install solar arrays to stay powered up even when the grid goes down after storms.

Biography:
Incumbent State Representative, 4 terms RTM; Deputy Moderator. 31-year Westporter. Graduated Staples ('74), Yale, NYU MBA. Jonathan and Nancy proud of: Rachel (Staples '09), Margot (Staples '12), Charlotte (Staples freshman).

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Candidates for State Representative - District 143 - Two Year Term

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Gail Lavielle, Republican



1. Connecticut's largest tax increase ever is driving people and businesses out of the state, hampering job creation and competitiveness. We need a rigorous overhaul of the state's finances.

To revive Connecticut's economy, we must follow the example of other states by reducing spending and taxes, and adopting policies that attract businesses and allow them to thrive and create jobs.

Eliminate or phase out onerous taxes on small businesses and their owners

Further streamline permitting and regulations and reduce payroll costs

Reduce state spending by renegotiating state employee wages and benefits and replacing defined benefit pensions with 401(k)s

Trim the size of state government through cost-saving consolidations and providing certain services through non-profits

Restrict state borrowing to capital projects

Upgrade our existing transportation infrastructure

Provide a skilled workforce by closing the education achievement gap and training candidates for available jobs

2. This year's emergency preparedness bill, which I co-sponsored, holds utilities strictly responsible for reliable service, and sets standards for infrastructure maintenance activities and improvements like tree-trimming, micro-grid installation, and interagency coordination of roadwork and line undergrounding.

This is a start, but the grid must be addressed. While generation costs are driving up Connecticut's electricity rates, regulations restrained investments in transmission. With natural gas costs now driving generation costs down, the state should consider encouraging utilities to make transmission investments that will improve the grid's reliability.

For ratepayers, using energy more efficiently is the most immediate way to reduce energy costs and conserve precious resources. I will work to provide incentives for the adoption of energy efficiency measures and technologies in homes, businesses, vehicles, and town facilities, and will support educational programs for consumers and businesses. I will also encourage our public universities to focus research initiatives on energy efficient technologies.

Biography:
State Representative, town Board of Finance and Energy Commission, CT Public Transportation Commission, 20 years as Fortune 500 senior executive, Yale MA, Cornell BA, UConn MBA, married (Jean-Pierre) 27 years.

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Ted Hoffstatter, Democrat



1. My Dad worked his way through college. My Grand Dad served in WWII, my Father served in Korea. Growing up, we didn't spend beyond our means. The Family Budget was

all important. If we couldn't afford it, we didn't buy it. At the same time, my parents always put money aside for my college education. An investment in the future. We need to look at our State Budget in the same light. That means infrastructure and energy. Investments in high tech, bio meds, and renewable energy sources are the future. Finally, if we want to get anything done, we need to work together. The partisan non-sense is out of control. We need to listen. We need to find common ground. If we want better content from Hartford, we need to improve the process. It's time to change the tone; it's time to change the game!

2. A big part of changing

the game is not just changing the energy we bring to the table as legislators, but how we handle the energy needs in our State. Costs are high. Investing in renewable energy not only creates jobs for the long term, it helps us mitigate our high electric bills. Energy independence and renewable sources help our economy, create jobs, and help the environment.

Biography:
I am a Selectman from Wilton; my family has been members of Saugatuck harbor Yacht Club since 1981. Married with two toddlers, Wyatt and Lavielle. Fiscal Conservative; Social Progressive.

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SAMPLE BALLOT

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TOWN-WIDE CANDIDATES				DISTRICTS 136-1, 2, 3 & 4 CANDIDATES		DISTRICT 136-5 CANDIDATES		DISTRICT 143-1 CANDIDATES	
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