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2020 Westport Voters' Guide

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Dear Westport Voters,

This Voters' Guide has been prepared by the League of Women Voters of Westport. Because the League provides voter education with honest, non-partisan candidate information, you can take this trusted publication into the polls with you. Nonpartisan means that the League does not endorse any candidate or party; we do, however, have standards and principles that we defend every day. We fight to empower voters and their rights, stop unwarranted voter purges, curb gerrymandering, and quash all other actions that inhibit voting. If you would like to hear more about this work, call me at (203)227-2980, contact us at lwwwestportct@yahoo.com, or access our website at https://lwvwestport.org/.

Celeste LaCroix, President, League of Women Voters of Westport

Candidate Debates

On October 15th, The League of Women Voters of Westport and the Westport Library will hold a debate for candidates for the state Senate and House of Representatives. This is a virtual event. For more information:

https://westportlibrary.org/event/league-of-women-voters-debate/

On October 18th, The League of Women Voters and the Westport Library will hold a debate among the 4th Congressional District candidates. This is a virtual event. For more information:

https://westportlibrary.org/event/connecticut-4th-congressional-district-debate/

Candidates are listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot. Candidates' replies are published as submitted unless shortened to conform to the word limits specified by LWV of Westport.

Responses to questions for the presidential candidates were requested by National LWV. Not all candidate responses to the questions were received in advance of our publication date. For updates, if any, please see our online 2020 Voters' Guide at https://lwvwestport.org/vote.

Candidates for President - **Vote for 1**



Joe Biden
Democratic Party



Donald Trump Republican Party



Jo Jorgensen Libertarian Party



Howie Hawkins Green Party

1. What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out since March — surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local government resources to keep educators, cops and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy and boost caregiving — easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

Candidate did not respond before publication

Candidate was not invited to respond to the League's questions, as the criteria for election <u>nationally</u> was not met. Candidate was not invited to respond to the League's questions, as the criteria for election <u>nationally</u> was not met.

2. What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historical crises. we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job; to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and heal.

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3. How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

America is at an inflection point. It is past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color — building a stronger and more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

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4. What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

Candidate did not respond before publication

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5. What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

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

LWV Question 1: What measures do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

LWV Question 2: What are the most important challenges facing our country and how do you propose to address them?

LWV Question 3: What, if any, actions would you take to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

Jim Himes (D)



Jim Himes represents Connecticut's Fourth District and works with both sides of the aisle to solve problems. During his service in Congress, Jim has encourageed economic growth, ensured healthcare remains accessible and affordable, secured jobs, protected our civil rights and kept our country safe.

Question 1: I fully support restoring the Voting Rights Act. Recently in the 116th Congress, I voted for H.R. 1, the For the People Act, to make elections clean and fair, return political power to the people, end the role of dark money in our politics and ensure elected officials put the people's interests ahead of special interests. To secure our elections, I support increased federal support for voting security and backup election efforts, like paper ballots, increasing oversight over election vendors and requiring the development of a national strategy to protect our democracy.

Question 2: The most urgent challenges are the economy and jobs, COVID-19, health care and climate change. I support policies focused on economic competitiveness and innovation. We also have to prioritize combating climate change. We advance our economy and protect the environment by modernizing our transportation infrastructure and investing in zero-emissions systems. For health care, we must reduce costs and increase access. I support adjusting the Affordable Care Act to achieve these goals. Lastly, we must all commit to reducing angry polarization. We must restore decency and civility in our politics.

Question 3: This is the top issue we are facing. We must start by correctly pricing carbon so sustainable energy can compete with it. We must aggressively research energy technologies such as industrial-scale storage and lead a technological revolution. I am also an ardent sponsor of legislation to establish a Federal Green Bank, modeled after Connecticut's Green Bank, to help finance the development of clean energy and energy efficiency projects. I support re-entering the Paris Climate Agreement. Pollution does not observe borders, so we must come together internationally to address climate change.

Jonathan Riddle (R)



Jonathan is a thirty-yearold homeowner from South Norwalk, a Director for Altium Wealth Management, and a former Division I football player. He attended Iona College where he studied Finance and has been a financial advisor for the last 10 years.

Question 1: While we have strong measures in place to

secure our elections, there are many cases of illegal voting, ballot harvesting, and outdated voter rolls. We need to strengthen the absentee/mail-in ballot security, as well as increase the frequency of updates to the voter rolls in order to remove dead voters and voters who have moved out of the district. I strongly support requiring a government issued picture ID requirement at every polling location to prove your eligibility to vote.

Question 2: I believe the top 3 biggest challenges are education, our aging infrastructure system, and the ever increasing opioid crisis. I will sponsor a bill that will bring school choice, eliminate common core, and take Federal Government out of our schools. We need to rebuild our bridges, tunnels, rail roads, and electricity grid that is aging beyond disrepair, creating a huge amount of jobs. The opioid crisis almost took my sister away, however she was lucky. Last year 72,000+ Americans weren't. We need to aggressive combat this crisis and just narcan will not do that. We need treatments that work.

Question 3: The continuance of clean air and clean water is the wellspring for supporting life on this planet and must be maintained. While climate change is a reality, I do not believe man-made climate change is a realistic threat facing the US. CO2 is a life giving element and the world has never been greener. Last year the US had record farm production. I favor green solution that actually address the issues of fossil fuels such as clean, safe, and efficent 4th Generation Nuclear Power. We can and will lead the world in safe, reliable, and most importantly clean energy with 4th Gen. Nuclear Power.

Brian Merlen (Ind)



Brian Merlen was born the son of mentally ill parents, who were on disability his entire life and were faced with challenges that others would find difficult to perceive. This instilled in him a strong respect for social services, and how oftentimes, the public

does not appreciate mental health.

Question 1: I believe oftentimes the attacks on our elections come from within in the form of gerrymandering, voter purges, or influences from special interest groups leaning on challengers to drop out. We can't very well expect voters, public officials and even foreign powers to respect our democracy if we don't safeguard it ourselves. I believe we need automatic voter registrations, requirements for debates that allow third parties to participate unlike the \$15,000 campaign contribution requirement I cannot meet for the LWV debate on 10/18/20, and easier access to the ballot for those petitioning.

Question 2: The most significant challenges facing our country are institutional accountability, healthcare, and ending the drug war. We have public/private institutions that far too often prey on the public in terms of racial disparities in prosecutions and convictions and to add injury to insult qualified immunity protects those carrying out the injustices even when missteps are made. Oftentimes factors like money and influence can take advantage of our legal system on top of these systemic racial issues. I believe Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family have done terrible deeds and we need justice.

Question 3: I believe the free market is not enough on its own to meet the threat of climate change. In only decades we have wiped out significant amounts of flora and fauna and it is very obvious the way we are living is unsustainable. I believe we need to immediately subsidize electric vehicles, solar, and battery storage to improve both our grid and our transportation system. It is not cheap to get your hands on the newest technologies, for instance my somewhat dated Prius cost more as a hybrid up front, but the short term costs do not matter versus the long term gains in savings and emissions.

Candidates for State Senate District 26 - Vote for 1

LWV Question 1: What are your highest priority legislative initiatives, and how would they affirmatively impact Westport?

LWV Question 2: Given the negative impact of Covid-19 on Connecticut's fiscal health, how would you address potential revenue shortfalls?

Will Haskell (D)



I grew up in Westport and was elected to the state Senate in 2018. I spent my first term leading

efforts to lower the cost of higher education, enact common-sense gun regulations, and invest in transportation improvements for Fair-field County.

Question 1: Now, my first priority is addressing the challenges of COVID-19. That begins with ensuring that towns like Westport have access to adequate PPE and medical supplies in the event of another outbreak; and, once available, that towns are equipped to administer vaccines efficiently.

I also intend to hold Eversource accountable for recent rate hikes and an abysmal performance following Storm Isaias. It's time to freeze rate hikes, impose staffing minimums, and overhaul Eversource's storm response procedures.

Question 2: When it comes to our budget, fiscal health and public health go hand-in-hand. We can continue to contain the virus, but it will take significant state investment to keep our economy afloat. During my first term, I protected our \$3.1 billion rainy day fund, so that we would have a cushion during times of hardship. Now, those funds have proven essential, as unemployment payments, small business subsidies, and PPE purchasing have required substantial investments.

Making sure our budget is sustainable in the long-term, however, will require that we make both careful spending cuts (I voted against unaffordable union contracts), and hard decisions about new revenue (I support tolls in Connecticut, so that we can recoup funding from the millions of out-of-state drivers who wear down our roads each year).

Kim Healy (R) (Ind)



I am Kim Healy - wife, mother of four, Wilton resident, CPA and former auditor with Pricewaterhouse-Coopers. My father was an NYPD officer and my mother, a nurse. I have 20+ years of local volunteer experience, including with AARP, preparing taxes for seniors and low-income earners, and as Board Treasurer of the Wilton Library.

Question 1: The safety of our residents is priority number one. The police accountability bill, cosponsored by Senator Haskell, does not actually address the bad actors within law enforcement. Worse, local police captains were never consulted about how

to make the bill better. I will work with police leadership to eliminate frivolous and costly changes that do not address the underlying concerns, like loopholes in officer complaint review and fine-tuning training practices. This will keep everyone safe.

Question 2: I will create more economic opportunity zones by working with local industry leaders to facilitate partnerships for entrepreneurship, private capital funding, and mentoring within economically disadvantaged communities. The future of Westport is bright when it is built on coming together and finding common purpose to create opportunity and jobs, not divisiveness. We need to take affirmative steps to strengthen our economy. Connecticut spends excessively in relation to revenues from taxation – which is incredible given our overall tax burden. We must reduce spending, enact pension reform and make the state competitive to attract new businesses. The first step in that direction is voting for responsible leaders who will address these critical issues.

REMEMBER TO BRING IDENTIFICATION 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:

- library cardbill addressed to you at your home
- driver's license
- passport
- personal check with name and address on it

If you do not have any of the listed documents, in most cases you may sign an affidavit in lieu of presenting ID. See the poll moderator.

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Candidates for State Senate District 28 Vote for 1

Michelle McCabe (D)



A Connecticut native, Michelle Lapine McCabe Tony Hwang (R) (Ind) Senator Hwang serves as the Ranking Leader of the is the Director of Center for Food Equity and Economic Development with The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport. She lives in Fairfield with her three sons.

Question 1: As Senator, I will champion: 1. expanding access to mental health services; 2. strengthening our businesses by lowering the cost of health insurance through a public option, benefits reform that allow businesses and employees take risks to grow, and increasing our broadband capacity; 3. expanding our green economy by increasing competition in

the marketplace to lower our electricity costs, by investing in a robust recyclerecover-reuse system, green building practices, reliable, electric public transportation, and local agriculture; 4. addressing inequity across all sectors, education to economic opportunity. I will tackle the pervasive problem of urban gun violence, with consistent support of community-led programs, clamping down on illegally sold firearms, and preventing guns from ending up in the hands of the wrong people.

Question 2: Regarding the State budget, I believe that we need to address new revenue opportunities by: installing tolls so that out of state drivers contribute to our transportation infrastructure, legalizing recreational marijuana to regulate it safely, and retrofitting state-owned assets into green buildings to transfer them to a pension liability fund. It's time to invest in Connecticut, in our schools, our economy, our businesses and our residents. With the dramatic influx of new residents and a renewed interest in relocating businesses here, we have the opportunity to shine if we send the right leadership to Hartford.



Housing, Higher Education, and Public Safety & Security Committees. He is also a member of the Transportation Committee. Senator Hwang served as CT State Chairman for the 2016 Republican Presidential Campaign of Governor John Kasich and has publicly spoken out against President Trump's behavior and conduct and his policies on immigration, race relations, environmental and foreign policy.

Question 1: I have a documented record of protecting local control on education and zoning. Legislative proposals in Hartford are aimed to take over the decision-making process, leaving local leadership and residents powerless. This shift would institute sweeping changes related to our schools (education

regionalization) and local planning & zoning governance (CT Statute 8.30g on workforce & affordable housing/land use). Eliminating local control over education and zoning laws would increase government bureaucracy and include less input from community residents. Westport's education system is nationally recognized for its teaching excellence and accomplished graduates. Westport has been a leader in providing socially responsible, diverse and affordable housing but now needs to do more to create a more socially, economically and racially diverse community. This can only be accomplished with a collaborative local, state and federal vision, not a top down Hartford mandate. I am committed to finding solutions by working with all sharehold-

Question 2: Connecticut's fiscal problems have existed for decades. Covid-19 did not create these issues, but it did glaringly expose them. We now desperately need to rebuild our economy and restore good-paying jobs by creating an ecosystem for growth and success for businesses. We need solutions like vocational and higher education to develop a skilled workforce and empower innovative industries like bioscience and advanced manufacturing to thrive and grow. I am a collaborative and trusted leader who has a proven record of bringing people together during difficult times. You can trust me to use experience and independence to solve problems and always put people before politics.

Vote for 1 **Candidates for State Representative District 136**

Jonathan Steinberg (D)



Five-term State Representative. Four terms RTM; 3-time Deputy Moderator. 40+ year Westporter: Staples ('74); B.A. Yale; M.B.A., NYU. Jonathan and Nancy are proud of daughters: Rachel (Staples '09), Margot ('12), Charlotte ('16).

Question 1: 1) As Chair of the Public Health Committee, I pledge to secure essential healthcare funding (such as for mental health, testing and PPE), assure that nursing homes are prepared for a

resurgence, and help the state plan for safe vaccine administration when available; 2) help people cope with the virus by funding economic supports (unemployment and PPP) and work with the Governor to permit appropriate expansion of education and business activities; 3) pursue a jobs recovery **plan**, putting people to work fixing our aging transportation, energy, water and housing infrastructure based on the federal WPA model and Connecticut's Green Bank.

Question 2: Having served six years on the Legislature's Finance Committee, I have critical experience making tough decisions on balancing the budget and opposing tax increases. I Chaired the Pension Sustainability Commission and served on the Spending Cap Commission, both of which focused on improving the state's fiscal stability. Now we'll soon be back in deficit because of the pandemic. Fortunately, we have created a **robust Rainy Day** Fund of \$3.1 billion, based on spending cap legislation I championed. So we're much better off than most states, at least initially. To avoid raising taxes or cutting crucial social/healthcare services, we'll need to drill down on budget lines to identify greater efficiencies and savings. I know it won't be easy because I've had to do it, many times!

Chip Stephens (R)



Over 10 years serving 3 terms on Westport's P&Z, have worked hard to maintain Westport's charm and character as this is key to securing our Town's future as an attractive place for all to live. I use foresight to appreciate implications of decisions and strive to avoid those with unexpected consequences. If not strategically planning the impact of more congestion and density, we jeopardize our property values and the uniqueness of Westport. I believe in preservation and enforcement of regulations and ordinances. I served as Chair of Village District regulation, Sandy Recovery regulation and other PZ committees. I lead and worked for preservation of green and open space, intelligent affordable housing, and historic

preservation. Five children Charlie, Bryn and Dean Stephens, Sal Recco and Ashley Baum Edwards. Westport since 1960. MS. Microbiology, medical executive, and business owner. Coached Staples Wrestling, PAL Football, Baseball and Basketball.

Question 1: My top issues that I will promote and seek intelligent solutions for

- State threat to local autonomy for towns on land use issues, education and preserving character.
- Fiscal responsibility in proper funding Education, Infrastructure and Safety.
- Assure accountability for Utility Companies and best practices for distribution, sourcing, and disaster recovery.
- Support and funding of our First Responders: Police, Fire and Healthcare.

All issues are germane to the Town of Westport as well as ALL towns within the

Question 2: Financially we must get away from throwing money at issues and not addressing waste. Any incremental taxes must be matched with spending trim-

Candidates for State Representative District 143 Vote for 1

Stephanie Thomas (D) (Wk Fam) Stephanie: knows how to come up



with creative solutions, build consensus and quickly cut through the politics of differing priorities; NYU grad; small business owner; strong work ethic; compassionate listener to all points of view.

Question 1: I will support Westport in maintaining and leveraging its assets - schools, commercial life, and quality of life.

School independence: Westport is on the cutting edge of what is working in education and fear mongering about state control negates the thoughtful approach taken by residents. It prevents conversation around voluntary strategies to

help Westport maintain its status.

Supporting businesses: Supporting new business development and those close to bankruptcy is key. We must stimulate value creation and consider waiving some of the short-term burdens on commercial efforts.

Quality of life: Advocating for the safety of our frontline workers and seniors, stronger gun safety regulations, affordable healthcare for individuals and businesses, lower prescription costs, and protecting our coastline/open spaces cannot wait.

Question 2: To drive revenue, you need to drive value by protecting the assets prized by others, but we cannot rely solely on our tax base growing through new residents and businesses. We must review the state budget/tax codes with a laser-like focus to determine if every dollar spent gives more than \$1 in return. Legislative proactivity, ingenuity, and transparency are key. We must also maximize all available Federal dollars. Scrapping programs that reflect our pre-COVID environment and investing in growth opportunities will eliminate funding for obsolete initiatives and allow us to seek unique partnerships and inspire innovation.



Patrizia Zucaro (R) (Ind) A lifelong resident of Westport and a Staples and UConn graduate, is the proud daughter of parents who immigrated from Italy and taught her to value hard work. In 2012, with nearly 10 years in real estate, she became a licensed attorney in CT and NY, serving small businesses and individuals through her own law practice and as general counsel for two small compa-

> **Question 1:** a. Local Control of Local Decisions: Leaving local zoning, environmental, and education decisions to local elected officials accountable to local residents. One-size-fits-all initiatives deprive

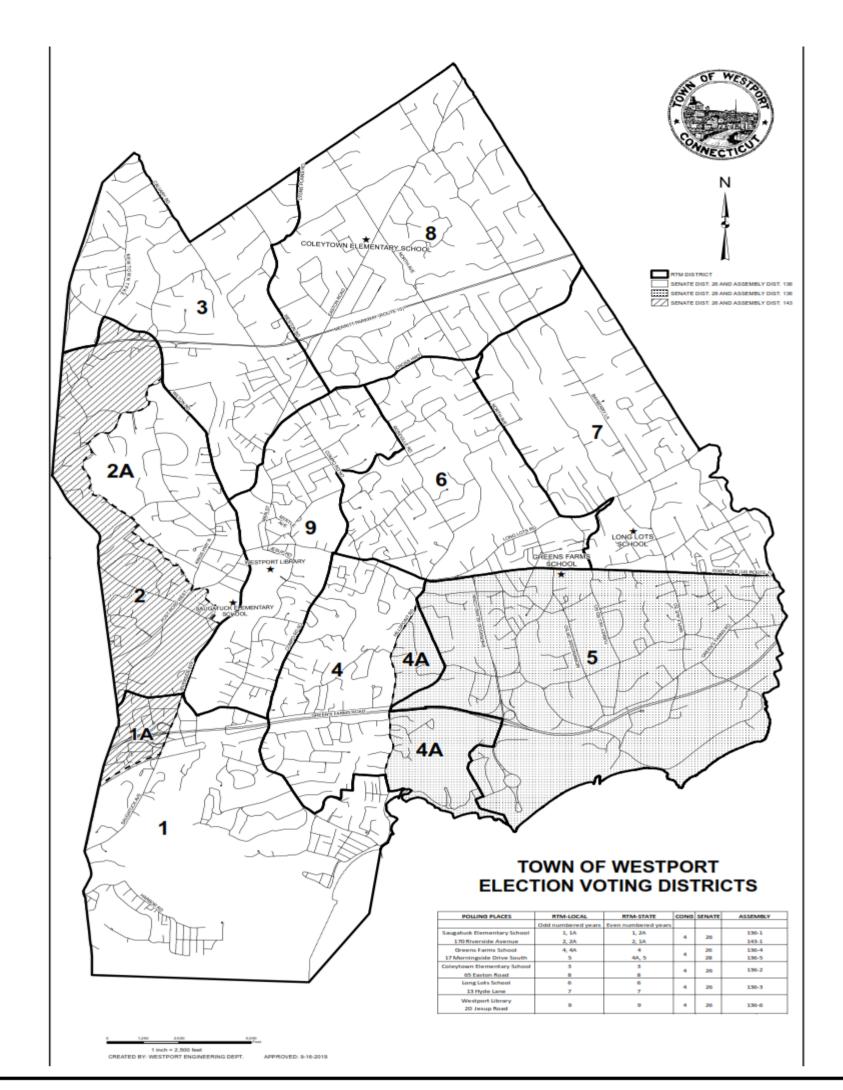
Westporters of autonomy from external bureaucrats who lack our love and appreciation of our town. Westport's independent spirit made it an environmental pioneer with local initiatives like the plastic bag ban. Preserve this independence through local control of our schools and zoning, which affects density, traffic, landscape, wetlands, and historic buildings.

b. Education: Quickly filling gaps for all students caused by uneven learning experience during COVID period. Protecting Westport from costly state mandates. Focusing state resources on turning struggling districts around.

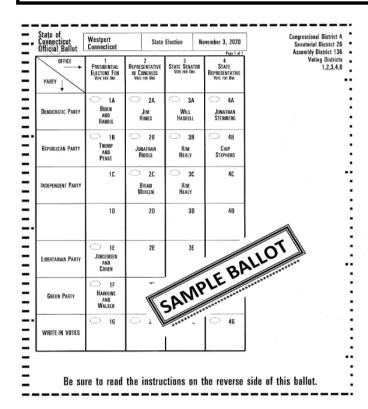
Economic and Job Growth: Attract new businesses with business-friendly policies, not one-off incentives. Set consistent tax and regulatory policies that allow businesses to plan long-term. New local businesses will benefit Westport's economy.

Question 2

Connecticut's issue is spending, not revenues. COVID has exacerbated structural deficits. Bipartisan work required to reduce structural spending: renegotiating state union contracts; reducing unfunded liabilities; streamlining government; optimizing technology; halting non-essential borrowing; and reallocating nonessential spending to education, infrastructure, and essential social services.



Westport has three different ballots, each representing separate voting districts



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Voting District	Westport Poll Locations				
136-1 & 143-1	Saugatuck Elementary School, 170 Riverside Ave.				
136-2	Coleytown Elementary School, 65 Easton Rd.				
136-3	Long Lots School, 13 Hyde Lane				
136-4 & 136-5	Greens Farms School, 17 Morningside Drive South				
136-6	Westport Library, 20 Jesup Road				
All Polling Places will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.					
Absentee Ballots wi	ill be counted at the following central location: Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Avenue.				

IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

You can register to vote in Westport if you meet the following criteria: You are a U.S. citizen and Westport resident who will be 18 by Election Day, November 3. You meet the criteria above and have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a felony.

To register to vote you must provide one of the following: Learner's Permit, your Connecticut Driver's License Number, Social Security Card, or your Connecticut non-driver ID number. Alternatively, provide a copy of one of the following with your registration application: current and valid photo ID, Government Issued Document that shows your current name and address, automobile documentation (insurance or registration), utility bill, government check, bank statement, or paycheck that shows your current name and address.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

All voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot due to 1)COVID-19; 2) active service in the U.S. armed forces; 3) absence from town during all the hours of voting; 4) illness; 5) physical disability; 6) his or her religion forbids secular activity on that day; 7) his or her required performance of duties as a primary, referendum, or election official at a polling place other than his or her own during all the hours on that day.

Absentee ballot applications have been sent to every registered voter in Westport and include a postage-paid return envelope. You may return your absentee ballot by using the safe and secure absentee ballot drop box that is stationed in back of Town Hall, or mail it directly to Westport Town Hall % Town Clerk's Office, 110 Myrtle Avenue Westport, CT 06880 using the postage-paid envelope included in the mailing.

Alternatively, you can make an in-person appointment with the Town Clerk's office to receive your official absentee ballot by calling 203-341-1110