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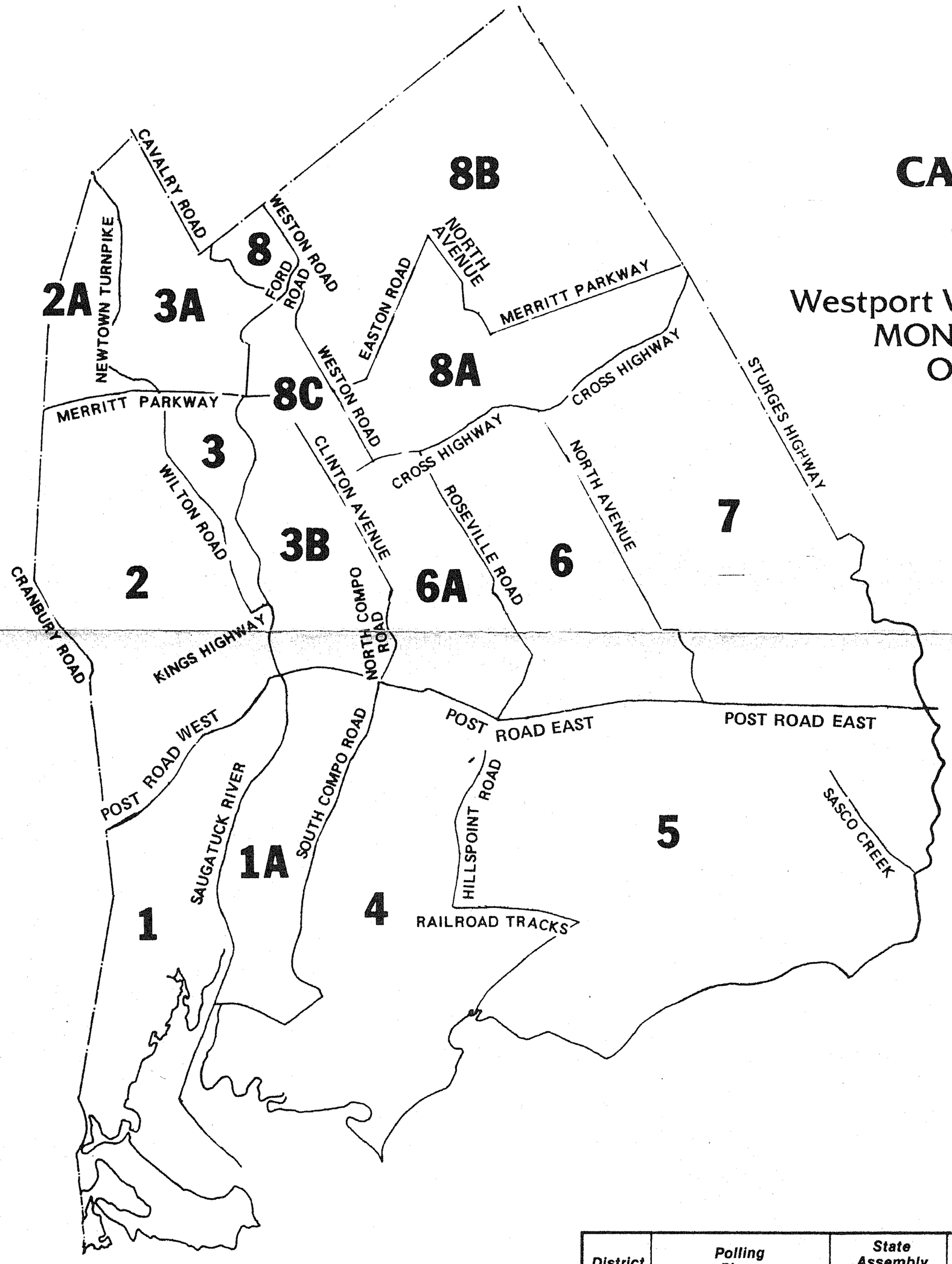

CANDIDATES MEETING

at the
Westport Women's Club
MONDAY EVENING
OCTOBER 30TH
8:00 PM

Polls Open
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
November 7th

District	Polling Place	State Assembly District	State Senate District	U.S. Congressional District
1	Bedford Jr. High	136	25	4
1A 4	Hillspoint El.	136	26	4
2 3	Assumption School	135	25	4
2A 3A 8	Coleytown Jr. High	135	26	5
5	Greens Farms El.	136	26	4
7	Long Lots Jr. High	136	26	4
6 8A	Burr Farms El.	136	26	4
8B	Coleytown El.	136	26	5
3B 6A 8C	Saugatuck Congregational	135	26	4

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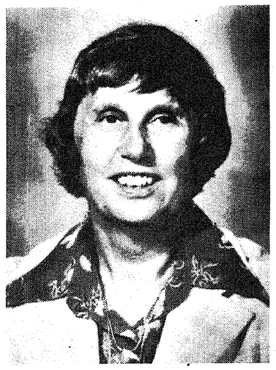
CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

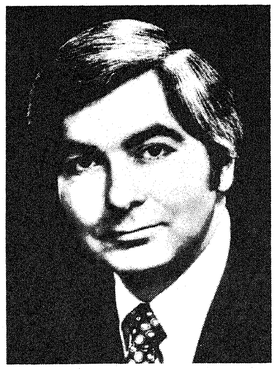
DEMOCRAT



ELLA T. GRASSO

Experience: Governor of Connecticut 1975; U.S. House of Representatives, 6th District, 1971-73, 1973-75; Secretary of the State of Connecticut, 1959-71; Connecticut House of Representatives, 1953-55, 1955-57 (Assistant Majority Leader); Constitutional Convention, 1965 (Democratic Floor Leader); Mount Holyoke BA, MA (Economics).

REPUBLICAN



RONALD A. SARASIN

Experience: Town Counsel, Beacon Falls; Connecticut Legislature, 1969-1972, Assistant Minority Leader; U.S. Congress, 1972-1978, Member: House Committee on Education and Labor; Ranking Member Subcommittees: on Compensation Health and Safety; on Employment Opportunities; Member, Select Committee on Aging; Committee on Welfare Reform; Labor Standard Subcommittee; Education, University of Connecticut and UConn School of Law.

Candidates responded to the following questions.

1. What sources of funds should be used to implement a program of educational equalization?

1.) The present tax base has already provided municipalities $77 million for education equalization under my administration. Additional funds from the state's tax base (growing over $150 million yearly) will provide necessary funding, phased in with a realistic, planned program. This is the top priority of my administration for 1979-80.

2.) Presently space remains for landfill. However the Department of Environmental Protection and the Resource Recovery Authority are actively pursuing varied programs for waste disposal in our state. Most notably these programs include source separation recycling as well as resource recovery plants. Connecticut's statewide solid waste management plan is continuously revised.

2. In view of the Connecticut towns' option to reject landfill sites within our boundaries, how should the state handle its growing volume of solid waste?

1.) General revenue funds should be used for educational purposes . . . as for all state expenditures. The approach to educational equalization should be geared to the quality of the education rather than the quantity of the dollars spent.

2.) The Resource Recovery Authority was created to help solve our solid waste problems and it should be given a chance to work. Other areas of the nation have effectively used source separation at the home level and recycling of solid waste. We should expand our efforts by initiating these programs.

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEMOCRAT
CARL AJELLO

A lawyer 21 years; government experience includes 14 years as State Legislator (four years House Majority Leader, two years Minority Leader); Being incumbent Attorney General, I know the duties of the Office and the State legal system; My record of performance in this office is excellent, innovative and effective.

REPUBLICAN
PETER C. DORSEY

Since 1959 - general legal practice, particularly trial. As U.S. Attorney I represented the United States in civil and criminal cases and supervised the work of 14 lawyers. President, Board of Governors, Chairman Ethics (15 years as member), Court and other committees, Connecticut Bar Association reflecting a commitment to community service. J.D. Harvard.

CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT

WILLIAM A. O'NEILL

Served on the local Democratic Town Committee since 1954; serve on the local Board of Finance, the Fire Commission, and the Zoning Board in East Hampton. Elected to the General Assembly 1966,have served as rank and file member, Committee Chairman, Assistant Majority Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, and past four years as Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

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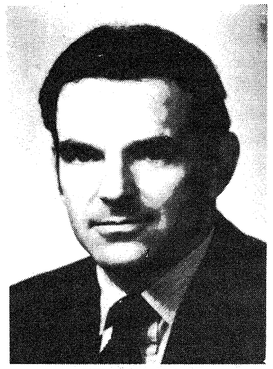

LEWIS B. ROME

My 8 years in local government, as councilman and mayor, and my 8 years in the State Legislature - two as majority leader in the Senate and four as minority leader - have given me a strong background in state issues and solving problems. I opened both committee meetings and caucuses to the public and the press, creating an atmosphere for better discussion of legislation.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

DEMOCRAT
BARBARA B. KENNELLY

The Secretary of the State is responsible for preserving and enhancing the heart of our democratic system: citizen access to and participation in government. The person holding this office must be an honest and fair-minded individual, dedicated to open government. In my service as a public official, I have tried to demonstrate these qualities and to work toward this goal. The office also demands a person willing to devote extensive time and energy to its many responsibilities. As a Hartford city councilwoman, I resolved to make my elected office a full-time position. I shall do no less should I be elected Secretary of the State.

REPUBLICAN
LOUISE S. BERRY

Louise Berry brings to the office of Secretary of the State a strong background of leadership in public service at both the state and municipal levels. As State Senator, she chaired the Public Health and Safety Committee and in 1973 was responsible for legislation creating the Commission on Hospitals and Health Care. Mrs. Berry is a member of the Killingly Board of Education and presently serves as chairman. Mrs. Berry is a school administrator in Brooklyn and will receive her law degree from the University of Connecticut next June, thus giving her the administrative and legal background necessary for the office of Secretary of the State.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE TREASURER

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
HENRY E. PARKER	MARGARET MELADY

CANDIDATES FOR STATE CONTROLLER

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
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CANDIDATES FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

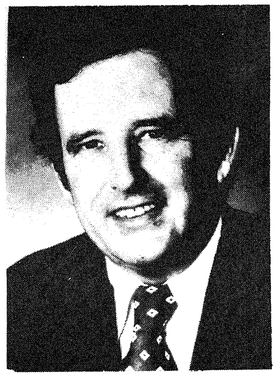
4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT

MIKE MORGAN

Assistant Vice President, United States Trust Company; B.A. Washington and Lee University; M.B.A. Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Majority Leader, Stamford Board of Representatives; member, Democratic National Committee's Commission on Presidential Primaries; citizen member, New England Water Pollution Control Commissioner; former congressional aide to House Majority Leader James Wright (D-Tex.)

REPUBLICAN



STEWART B. McKINNEY

I consider my philosophy of representation my best qualification: Listen first, then act. Newsletters, constituent questionnaires, student, veteran and senior citizen handbooks, ambitious casework all reflect that philosophy. My voting and legislative records also avoid ideological stereotyping, as shown by my introduction of Homesellers Tax Relief legislation in response to the needs of Fairfield County residents.

5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT

WILLIAM RATCHFORD

My qualifications for Congress include 16 years of public service: 12 years in the Connecficut House of Representatives, 4 years as Speaker of the House, President of the National Legislative Conference, head of Governor Grasso's nursing home investigation, and Connecticut's most recent Commissioner on Aging.

REPUBLICAN

GEORGE C. GUIDERA

Graduated from Colgate University, 1964; Georgetown University Law Center, 1967; youngest member of State House of Representatives 1971-72 and State Senate, 1973-74; Re-elected to State Senate 1974 and 1976; Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, 1973-74; voted "Outstanding Senate Chairman" by Capitol Press Corps; Author, Connecticut Child Abuse Act; married, four children.

Candidates responded to the following questions.

1.) An effective conservation program should start with federal offices and federally funded institutions. Tax credits, as incentives, should be used to encourage home insulation and conversion of boilers to coal. Conservation is a short run strategy to be implemented while this country develops alternatives to oil and gas.

2.) I support expansion of neighborhood preservation and urban homesteading programs as well as increased funding for senior citizen, handicapped, low and moderate income housing. Also, I advocate more federal support for local schools, police departments, and transportation projects as well as economic development efforts to attract and retain jobs.

1.) Energy conservation and solar energy tax credits are the most important first step toward an effective conservation policy. The low-income weatherization grants contained in proposed legislation, if extended to multiple-family dwellings, are also necessary. And naturally, the ultimate goal of energy independence must be the judicious use of our own resources. My amendments, approved by the House, restricting the export of Alaskan and OCS oil are geared toward that objective.

2.) A realization by federal policymakers that today's urban problems are tomorrow's national problems would end inter-regional conflict over urban policy. Specifically, urban aid formulas must be readjusted to reflect higher costs for land, housing and services in urban areas. My work on the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, and its Cities Subcommittee, has been directed toward both of these goals.

1. ENERGY - How would you make energy conservation an effective part of a federal energy policy?

1.) I advocate a variety of measures to promote energy conservation, including increased emphasis on mass transit, tax credits and federal aid for home insulation, expanded conservation efforts in schools, hospitals and the federal government, and peak-load pricing in electricity rates. The key is directed, priority spending to produce maximum savings.

2.) Sunset legislation and reorganization proposals hold great promise for more efficient programs and less wasteful spending. The federal government's effectiveness in confronting the urban crisis specifically can be improved through the consolidation of existing fragmented programs into broader "block grants" which would offer cities increased flexibility in meeting local needs.

2. URBAN CRISIS - What changes, if any, would improve the federal government's effectiveness in confronting our national urban crisis?

1.) Congress must legislate full tax deductions for individual taxpayers who invest in home insulation and automobiles with high mileage per gallon ratings. I will not support gas rationing nor increased federal taxes on imported oil. Solar research deserves massive funding.

2.) To increase the local tax base, the Federal government must pass special tax credits for business and industry investing in urban areas. Direct federal aid to high unemployment areas for vocational training and retraining will produce permanent jobs. Congress must stop mandating programs to be paid for by local taxpayers.

CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
GLORIA R. CLARK	EDWARD MAK

CANDIDATES FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
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The Westport League of Women Voters is pleased to bring you this newest edition of VOTER'S GUIDE.

This guide is a completely non-partisan publication. It offers you the opportunity to assess the qualifications of Connecticut candidates, and to learn where they stand on the issues.

All statements have been prepared by the candidates themselves.

Remember, the men and women you elect will have a direct impact on Westport's future.

Be an informed voter on **November 7th.**

KAREN SENTER
President
League of Women Voters of Westport

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR

25TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT

BARBARA ANDREWS

Chairman, Southwestern Regional Housing Council; member, Central Housing Committee of Conn. Administrator of a small business. Mother concerned with education of two children (one now in college). Two years chairman, Norwalk Area Ministry, directing PIVOT. Former chairman, Norwalk Housing Authority.

1.) I understand that the study of the School Financing Advisory Panel will recommend that between $150,000,000 and $300,000,000 will be needed to implement the program of educational equalization. If, as anticipated, the Connecticut tax base continues to grow as a result of additional residents, businesses and expenditures at the current rate, these additional funds (without any new or increased taxes) phased over the next three to five years would be sufficient to implement the program.

2.) I am concerned for Norwalk that my opponent voted for this bill without any answer for the disposal of the residue that will remain after Norwalk's solid waste is condensed into reusable fuel at the CRRA plant in Bridgeport beginning February '79. Short of repealing the law, the alternatives that remain are: the state must continue to develop technological solutions, place emphasis on source separation and volume reduction and generate more interest in recycling.

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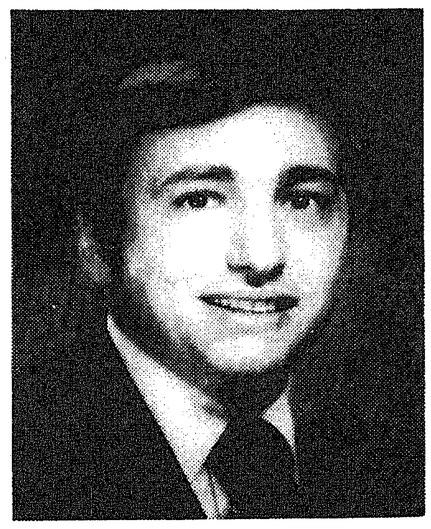


ALFRED SANTANIELLO, JR.

Served on Judiciary; Sub-Committee Chairman on Courts and Procedure; Ranking Member, Liquor Control Committee; Appointed to Council of State Governmental Criminal Law Division; Served on Special Investigation of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney; Served on Price Fixing Investigation.

1.) Contrary to the views of others, the Horton vs. Meskill ruling for equalization is not an invitation to an income tax but rather a call to the legislature to provide equal education for our children. The best method for funding would be first remove the inequies from the G.T.B. formula, then, in addition to the 20 million already funded, take 25 million each year from the 100 million plus projected revenue increases over the next five years.

2.) There is no doubt that the concept of Home Rule must be protected as being a vital cog in the autonomy of local government, especially in the days of greater and greater state and federal intervention. Our solid waste problem cannot be solved by one community forcing their refuse on another. This is, at best, a temporary answer to a long range problem. The responsible direction is a comprehensive commitment to regional resource recovery and recycling.

26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT

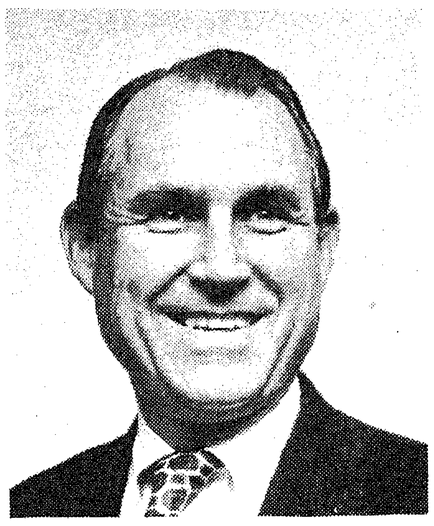
JAMES L. ELDRIDGE

Unique combination of business and government experience for Senate's 1979 problems in finances and taxes. Broad knowledge of fiscal matters with over 30 years in management at Sikorsky Aircraft, 11 years as Fairfield's Second Selectman and 4 years each on Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting.

1.) Funds should come from general revenue and certainly not tied to specific sources such as gaming returns. Present tax structure along with sound economic growth should generate sufficient funds to phase in an equitable program without reduction in state's high standards of education.

2.) The Regional solid waste program of the Resource Recovery Administration underway for our area, progeny of a pioneer study by Fairfield will be the long term answer. Short term problems will require state leadership in mediating regional and local concerns.

REPUBLICAN



JOHN G. MATTHEWS

State Representative - 8 years - Assistant Minority Leader 2 yrs. - Chairman-ranking Member Labor/Industrial Relations Committee - Member Committees for Appropriations, Banks, Environment, Human Rights and Program Review and Investigations. Sponsor of variety of successful bills. Full time legislator - 99 per cent attendance - Rated by peers among State's top legislators, especially for integrity.

1.) Funds to implement educational equalization in addition to the present $250 ADM grant should come from annual tax revenues which historically increased yearly 5-6 percent. From the $100 million annual revenue increase at least $25 million should be set aside as line item in budget until equalization funded fully, perhaps 5 years.

2.) Solid Waste should be handled by the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority, or by similar private concerns. Recycling solid waste to save polluting the air, land, and water, to provide energy, and to fabricate products which can be resold provides the best method of solid waste consumption for the future.

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1. What source of funds should be used to implement a program of educational equalization.
2. In view of the Connecticut towns' option to reject landfill sites within their boundaries, how should the state handle its growing volume of solid waste?

CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

135th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT

ELIZABETH LEWIS

Am convinced that solution of challenging community and state problems demands more effective legislative representation. I have demonstrated creative, active leadership in the community: member Board of Tax Review; President Democratic Women, WILPF; Secretary, Democratic Town Committee; Board member Community Council Westport/Weston LWV, Intercommunity Camp, P.T.A.

1.) The belated Horton vs. Meskill decision demands state-wide public discussion and rigorous practical and philosophical implementation by the next legislature. I share the hope of Governor Grasso's Commission that anticipated economic growth will make additional taxes unnecessary. Otherwise comprehensive tax reform, de-emphasising property and sales taxes, will be needed.

2.) Landfill is no longer a solution to the solid waste problem. Modern regional incinerators that convert garbage into electrical energy, such as our Bridgeport facility seem best answer with present technology. These should be served by town transfer stations and should aim for improved resource recovery of glass and metals.

REPUBLICAN

ALICE V. MEYER

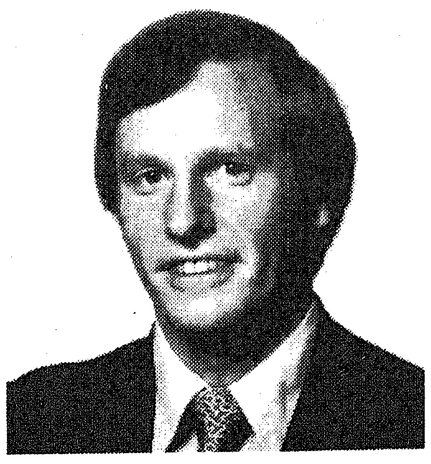
Genuinely dedicated to improving state government making it more responsive to concerns of all the people in the 135th District. Experienced legislator; knowledgeable through long involvement in community and state affairs; effective because of a willingness to work hard locally and in Hartford to get results for my constituents.

1.) Provide additional state funding using annual growth in existing government revenues NOT new or increased taxes. Phase-in over 5 years. Make education a top-priority item while controlling spending in all areas through greater efficiency and economy. Improve business climate to stimulate job creation and thus provide greater revenue growth.

2.) Expedite program of Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (non-profit, financially self-sufficient, quasi-public authority) established by General Assembly to build resources recovery facilities. Reduce amount of solid waste by devising less wasteful and more biodegradable packaging. Make it economically attractive for Towns with available landfill sites to accept waste from other Towns.

136th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT



JOHN JACOBSON

Offer experience in Business & Professional Planning (Manager, Corporate Planning Dept., General Foods) and Economics & Engineering (B.S. in Engineering, M.S. in Management Science, NYU) which are lacking in Legislature dominated by special interest groups. Experience in local government (Planning & Zoning Commission). Married, with two children attending local schools.

1.) Support primary goals of equalized educational opportunities. Reliance on property taxes penalizes property-poor towns disproportionately, necessitating incremental State aid. However, no school system should be downgraded nor new taxes instituted. Instead, use existing budget surplus, increased credits for tax-exempt property and reallocate funds from existing budget through zero-based budgetting.

2.) Inability of towns to independently handle refuse problems creates need for cooperative efforts. Encourage Regional approaches prior to State mandated action. CRRA recycling facility (Bridgeport) will demonstrate viability of advanced technological solutions applied at Regional level. In the interim, state intervention may be required for shorter-term resolution of local conflicts.

REPUBLICAN

JULIE D. BELAGA

House of Representatives (1976-1978); Environment Committee; State and Urban Development; Public Health and Safety. Legislature's Interim Committee on Coastal Area Management and Steering Committee of Ct.'s Academy of Science and Engineering. Locally: RTM District 6; Chairman Employee Compensation Committee; Environment Committee. Planning and Zoning Commission (1972-1975) Chairman 3 years.

1.) Educational equalization can be done within the framework of existing tax revenues. Funds are available. The question is not WHERE the money will come from but HOW it will be allocated. Developing and phasing in that new formula over 5 years will allow for adjustments and must preserve local control over local schools.

2.) Westport is part of Connecticut's first resource recovery project. Our pressure has been relieved, but across the state desperate towns will be watching to see if this regional pilot program succeeds as projected. Meanwhile, the state must immediately emphasize source separation so that the amount of landfill space needed can be reduced.