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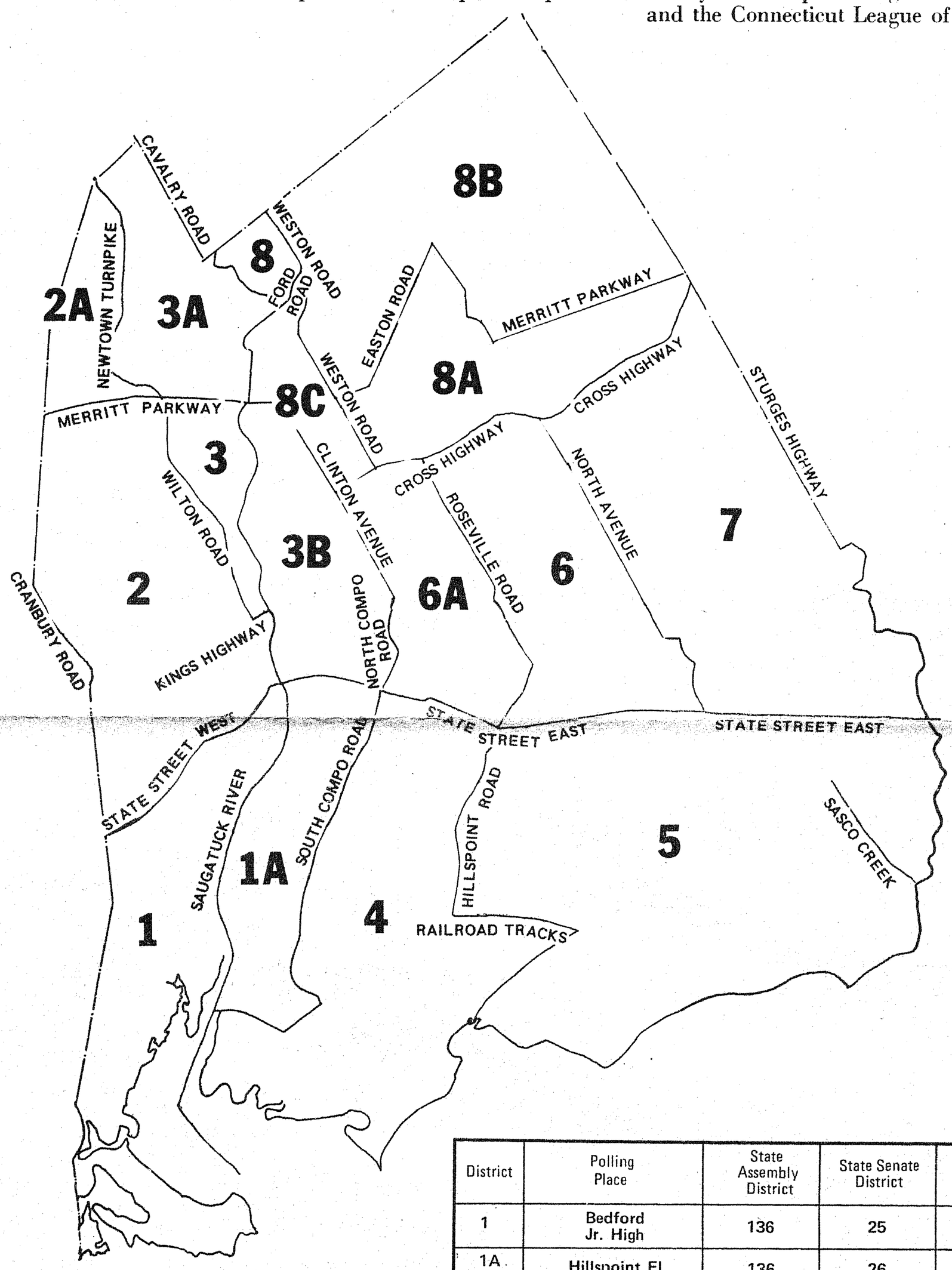

District	Polling Place	State Assembly District	State Senate District	U.S. Congressional District
1	Bedford Jr. High	136	25	4
1A 4	Hillspoint El.	136	26	4
2 3	Assumption School	135	25	4
2A 3A 8	Coleytown Jr. High	135	26	5
5	Greens Farms El.	136	26	4
7	Long Lots Jr. High	136	26	4
6 8A	Burr Farms El.	136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

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Candidates for U.S. Senator

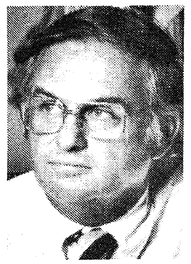
Gloria Schaffer (D)

Qualifications: Sound legislative and administrative background. Six-term state Senator, chairing committees on public welfare, penal institutions, and education. Introducer of 120 major pieces of legislation. Two-term Secretary of State. Chairman of Council on Human Services.

Priorities:
1. Economy-Inflation
2. Employment
3. Energy Policy
4. Government Ethics
5. Urban Issues
6. Tax Reform
7. Welfare Reform

Number 1 Priority:
Connecticut suffers the highest energy prices and unemployment rates in the country. Thus, the issues of economy, inflation, employment and energy are all so interrelated that it is impossible to single out only one as my first priority. I will concentrate on finding solutions to all these "bread and butter" issues as a Senator.

Lowell Weicker, Jr. (R)



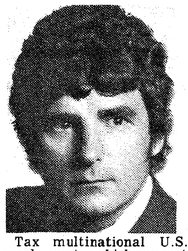
Qualifications: State Representative, 1963-1969, First Selectman, Town of Greenwich 1963-1967, Congressman, Fourth Congressional District, 1969-1971, United States Senator, 1971-present.

Priorities:
1. Employment
2. Energy Policy
3. Urban Issues
4. Health Care
5. Tax Reform

Number 1 Priority:
Look around and see what needs doing. Housing, schools, transportation, health care. The fact is, no one has to make work for America. It's there under the national nose in a massive backlog of unmet human needs. In Connecticut there are 160,000 units of slum housing. Think of the jobs created in addition to the heads sheltered by building that housing. Rebuilding the Northeast railroads means moving again, and 6,400 Connecticut jobs. Dissatisfied with 10-percent employment? It will go away with only a more than 10-percent effort for the other fellow—which in America is all of us.

Robert J. Barnabei (W)

Qualifications: 1966—State Chairman, Wallace Party; 1970—Elected National Committeeman; 1972—Presidential Campaign Manager, National Delegate 1973—Elected National Vice-Chairman Eastern States 1974—Appointed youth coordinator by Mayor Guida 1970-76; P.T.A. President 1976—New Haven Teacher of Carpentry, Building Contractor—12 years, Graduate S.C.C.C. General Education Major.



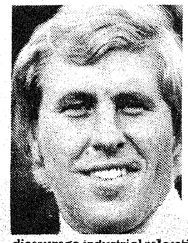
Priorities:
1. Economy / Inflation
2. Tax Reform
3. Employment
4. Energy Policy
5. Foreign Policy

Number 1 Priority:
Inflation is caused by deficit spending. I propose: Elimination of deficit spending. Cut federal spending by 50 billion while reducing personal income taxes.
$2,000.00 tax exemption per dependent.
Tax multinational U.S. based corporations and conglomerates which pay no taxes on products produced and sold outside the United States. Reduction of farm subsidies which inflate food prices.
This action will: Stimulate consumer purchases and bring business capital investment back to the United States. Production and Employment will increase. People will put more money in savings. More lower interest mortgage money will be available. This will stimulate the home-building market.

Candidates for U. S. Representative

4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Jeff Peterson (D)

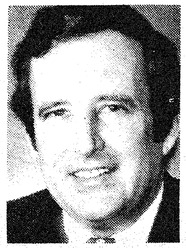


Qualifications: As Sen. Ribicoff's chief aide, I have worked closely with Connecticut's people on their problems—from welfare reform to environment to health care to tax reform. To be effective requires a sound knowledge of how Congress operates. My education includes Choate, Harvard, and Georgetown University Law Center.

Priorities:
1. Economy / Inflation
2. Employment
3. Environment
4. Urban Issues
5. Governmental Ethics
6. Energy Policy
7. Welfare Reform

Number 1 Priority:
The economy is a top priority. Improvement must come through expansion and modernization of the private sector plus public service employment. There must be incentives to discourage industrial relocation abroad and to bring the chronically unemployed, including *minorities and women, into the job market.*
Our cities are important to our economy and must be revitalized through an Urban "Marshall" Plan" I have proposed. Economic strength can be harmonized with stringent environmental safeguards. My comprehensive Long Island Sound preservation plan is another priority fully consistent with economic recovery.

Stewart B. McKinney (R)



Qualifications: The key to my philosophy of representation is responsiveness and I see that as the most important qualification for the job of congressman. Throughout my six years in Congress, I have tried, and often succeeded, in translating the voices of concerned citizens into concrete accomplishments.

Priorities:
1. Economy / Inflation
2. Employment
3. Energy Policy
4. Urban Issues
5. Governmental Ethics

Number 1 Priority:
We must continue an expansionary fiscal policy to keep the economic recovery on track, for a healthy economy is the surest way to put people back to work. At the same time, Congress must play a more active oversight role to avoid refueling the fires of inflation. I am working towards this goal as ranking member of the House Economic Stabilization Subcommittee. I am also working to reduce New England's energy costs and to redistribute federal revenues to older, industrial states, such as Connecticut, which need the means to keep existing industry and to attract new businesses to the area.

Richard H. G. Cunningham (W)

Qualifications: I am a graduate of MIT (S.B. '67) and Duke University Law School (J.D. '70). I majored in Political Science with an engineering minor in Mechanical Engineering. In 1974 I was the Republican nominee for the Connecticut State Senate (27th District). I am an attorney in Stamford.

Priorities:
1. Morality including Human Life
2. Defense Policy
3. Energy Policy
4. Foreign Policy
5. Tax Reform
6. Welfare Reform

Number 1 Priority:
Although issues such as national defense are vital to our nation, the issue of first priority must be the protection of human life. I support a human life amendment to the United States Constitution because I believe that the first principle of government must be the protection of life. Without life there can be neither liberty nor the pursuit of happiness. Abortion destroys life. The right of a woman over her body must be subordinate to the right of human life.

Zoltan Toth Solymossy (C)

Qualifications: Practicing Certified Public Accountant, Master of Business Administration, Doctor of Law, former attorney, interest in public life. Ability to work hard. Capacity and judgment necessary to make correct decisions. Man of principles, not yielding to pressure groups, lobbyists. Not interested in getting rich.

Priorities:
1. Civil Defense
2. Foreign Policy
3. Economy / Inflation
4. Tax Reform
5. Energy Policy

Number 1 Priority:
In accordance with the spirit of detente we have dismantled our air defense and rely solely on our capability to retaliate. We also are leaving our civilian population largely undefended against nuclear weapons and fallout. Our potential enemy spends a billion a year on bomb shelters. Our expenditure on civil defense is less than 8 percent of this;—however we plan to spend 8 billion on the highly controversial space shuttle. The protection of American life is the responsibility of the Federal Government. The wealthiest nation in the world should be able to pay for this. Very urgent action needed.

5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

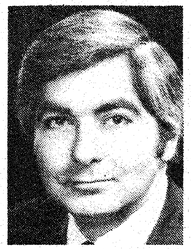
Michael J. Adanti (D)

Qualifications: I am in my second term as Mayor of Ansonia, a position which has given me an intimate understanding of the problems—especially the economic problems—facing the Fifth District. I am much closer to the pulse of the district than the incumbent who has lost touch with his constituents.

Priorities:
1. Economy / Inflation
2. Employment
3. Health Care
4. Energy Policy
5. Environment
6. Urban Issues

Number 1 Priority:
The economy and employment are two sides of the same coin. I have proposed adoption of a detailed "Marshall Plan," which calls for greatly increased Federal aid and joint action by the six New England states to reverse the present deterioration of the regional economy. My opponent turned his public attention to this crucial subject only after I had announced my plan. The plan also calls for an energetic self-help effort by the 6 states. I strongly support the concept of the Humphrey-Hawkins full-employment bill and stepped-up efforts in this region by the Economic Development Administration.

Ronald A. Sarasin (R)



Qualifications: Experience, a record of accomplishment at the state and national level, proven ability to work effectively with my colleagues in committee and on the House Floor and a demonstrated willingness to work long hours seven days a week for the best interests of my constituents.

Priorities:
1. Economy / Inflation
2. Employment
3. Energy Policy
4. Tax Reform
5. Governmental Ethics
6. Health Care

Number 1 Priority:
The economy, inflation and unemployment are so interrelated it is impossible to separate them. Only a strong economy will provide the jobs we must have, but doing it through excessively inflationary policies would only lead to another cycle of inflation-recession and renewed high unemployment. We must create productive, long-term jobs, primarily in the private sector. Energy policy and tax reform are also integral parts of the formula. Tax equity and energy sufficiency are essential with energy even a bigger factor in the economy of the Northeast. I have endeavored to work on comprehensive solutions to these problems.

William Kozak, Jr. (W)

Qualifications: A life-long resident of the district who recognizes the problems of inflation, unemployment and taxes with a compelling desire to change the situation for the betterment of the general public. It is a God-given right to represent the people and speak the truth.

Priorities:
1. Economy / Inflation
2. Employment
3. Energy Policy
4. Tax Reform
5. Welfare Reform

Number 1 Priority:
We believe our dollar, which is not backed by gold or silver, but printed at will by our Federal government to support wasteful welfare and foreign aid programs, is the basic cause of inflation. Most people believe that higher wages are the cause of inflation, but this is not true. Higher wages are the result of inflation which the government has created through deficit spending. The only thing that can bring prices down is open competition in a free market with a stable currency.

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS FOLLOWING CANDIDATES' NAMES: (D) Democratic, (R) Republican, (C) Conservative, (W) George Wallace, (P) Petitioning Candidate.

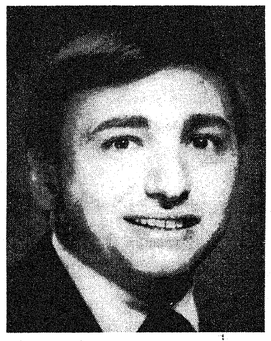
Candidates for State Senator

25th SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Louis Ciccarello (D)

Qualifications: State Senator, 1975-77; Senate Chairman, General Law Committee; Ad Hoc Committee on the Arts; Committee on Consumer Protection, Council of State Governments; Board of Estimate & Taxation 1967-73, chairman, 1971-73; Past President, Norwalk Exchange Club, and Marvin Beach Association; Active American Cancer Society, United Way, L.W.V.; Wesleyan Univ. 1961; Stanford Univ. Law School 1964.

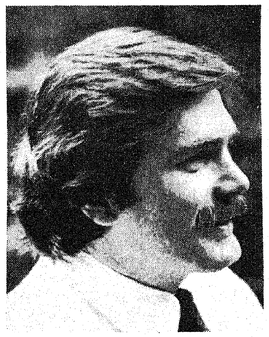
Alfred Santaniello, Jr. (R)



Qualifications: Life long resident of the district; partner in the law firm of Santaniello, Culhane and Allen; Vice President of the Norwalk Exchange Club; member Knights of Columbus, third Degree; Past member of the Norwalk-Wilton Bar Association Executive Committee; Norwalk Republican Town Committee member; member of various State local and national professional associations.

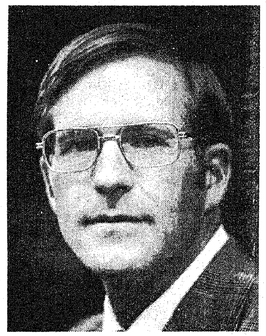
26th SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Greg Collins (D)



Qualifications: B.S. Degree-Sacred Heart University; former organizer for the Connecticut Public Interest Research Group; Board of Director National Student Lobby; Westport Conservation Commission; present member of Wspt. Democratic Town Committee; served on the national staff of Morris Udall's presidential campaign; committed to serve the 26th District full-time.

George C. Guidera (R)



Qualifications: Graduate, Colgate University and Georgetown University Law School; Connecticut House of Representatives, 1971-1972; State Senate 1973-1976; Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, 1973-1974; Author, Child Abuse, Court Reorganization, Divorce Reform, Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment, and Conn. Public Transportation Authority Acts; Awards for outstanding service, Commuters Action Committee and Conn. Town Clerk's Association.

The candidates were each asked to list 5 of 10 issues in order of their priority, and to discuss their number-one priority. The issues given were agricultural lands, bottle legislation, state aid for education, welfare, mass transportation, energy conservation, tax reform, regionalism, housing, health service, other.

Priorities:
1. Re-establishing trust in government.
2. Creating jobs and improving our business climate.
3. Increasing State aid to education.
4. Immediate creation of a commission to study the tax impact of the pending Equal Educational Opportunity case.
5. Strong consumer protection legislation.

Number 1 Priority:
The next Legislature must revive our faith in open and honest government by making provision for strong conflict of interest laws, an ethics committee with investigatory and enforcement powers, financial disclosure by Legislators, stricter controls on lobbyists, and merit selection of judges.

Priorities:
1. Employment
2. Energy Conservation
3. State Aid for Education
4. Welfare
5. Tax Reform

Number 1 Priority:
Connecticut Citizens are resourceful and assume the responsibility and opportunity to seek gainful employment. The changing character of our Connecticut economy, and the resulting changes in manpower needs requires that our State Government accommodate a favorable labor market for the employment demands of new industries in professional—semi-professional-public service, and technical fields, in partnership with our backbone industrial, Construction and mercantile labor force.
My first priority will be to enhance Connecticut attraction for new industries with invigorating tax structure and skilled work force, trained in more vocational and technical schools.

Priorities:
1. Tax Reform
2. State Aid for Education
3. Mass Transportation
4. Bottle Legislation
5. Energy Conservation

Number 1 Priority:
Issue: The critical issue Conn. must face is a fair and balance system of taxation. Equitable taxation is no game of chance. Connecticut cannot rely on games and gambling as a source for solving long range financial needs. We must pursue a more balanced and realistic tax structure. Consideration of an income tax as an alternative to the regressive sales tax and increasingly burdensome property tax should not be disregarded for political expediency. It's proper implementation can provide us with a consistent source of revenue which can be returned to towns and cities to insure the quality of education and maintain adequate services throughout the state.

Priorities:
1. Connecticut Economy
2. Mass Transportation
3. Tax Reform
4. State Aid for Education
5. Energy Conservation

Number 1 Priority:
Connecticut ranks 43rd among the states in attractiveness to business. Unless our state fosters a strong and growing economic base, tax revenues will fall and budget deficits will threaten essential programs. The State must first put its own house in order by adopting zero-based budgeting to eliminate wasteful programs. The Legislature must establish a Joint Economic Committee to ascertain the economic impact of new legislation and develop a consistent and rational tax policy for business and citizenry alike. Jobs depend upon our efforts in this area. I strongly support tax incentives for business to encourage economic investment in Connecticut.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The following proposed constitutional amendments will appear at the upper left-hand corner of the voting machine. There will be pointers above each, and the elector may push down the pointer over "YES" or "NO" to indicate his choice.

Vote on the Questions	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO
	1. For the constitutional amendment concerning qualification of electors	2. For the constitutional amendment concerning pre-registration of seventeen year old citizens as electors	3. For the constitutional amendment concerning judicial removal	4. For the constitutional amendment streamlining the reapportionment procedure

AMENDMENT 1

The proposed amendment repeals provisions of the Connecticut Constitution concerning eligibility to vote which have been superseded by federal legislation or United States Supreme Court decision, and substitutes language which is in conformity with such federal requirements and with current state statutes.

AMENDMENT 2

The proposed amendment would permit seventeen year olds who will be eighteen on or before the day of a regular election to register during the four-month period prior to such election. If found qualified, such person would become an elector on the day of his or her eighteenth birthday.

AMENDMENT 3

The proposed amendment would authorize the state Supreme Court to remove or suspend any non-elected judge. The proposed amendment would also permit the general assembly to establish a judicial review council with authority to censure or suspend any non-elected judge for a period of not longer than one year.

AMENDMENT 4

The proposed amendment would revise the present procedure for decennial reapportionment of the general assembly by (1) establishing a legislative committee to advise the full general assembly on reapportionment matters, (2) increasing the membership of the commission which adopts a new plan of districting if the general assembly fails to do so, (3) abolishing the special board presently designated as the final reapportionment authority should said commission fail to act, (4) vesting original jurisdiction in the state supreme court to effectuate the reapportionment process by such action as it may deem appropriate, and (5) altering the time limitations affecting reapportionment to conform with United States census schedules and state election law deadlines.

Candidates for State Representative

135th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Richard M. Winokur (D)

Qualifications: My qualifications include extensive experience in business for the past eight years in Fairfield County, nine years practicing law, and the last 5 years on Weston's Board of Education. I have a strong belief that government can be made to work effectively and efficiently.

Number 1 Priority:
My top priority will be to help restore people's faith in government. Every candidate seems to be promising the same thing. How will I do it? I run a service business. I have to keep expenses down, while maintaining an efficient operation and giving the best service I can. I believe our state government can be run the same way. Once people are sure they are getting full value for their tax dollars and waste is being eliminated, they will look with more favor on their government.

Priorities:
1. Restore confidence in government
2. Energy Conservation
3. Better Climate for Business
4. State Aid for Education
5. Mass Transportation

Alice V. Meyer (R)

Qualifications: Barnard and Columbia graduate; experience in teaching field, business and as homemaker. Lived in area 28 years. Knows people and problems of district. Long time record of community service and leadership. Politically aware citizen whose judgment is valued throughout the state. Will LISTEN to people in district. Only commitment is full time dedication to voters of 135th.

Number 1 Priority:
We need greater fiscal responsibility and sound governmental administration on the state level. Would work for passage of law mandating a balanced state budget, would scrutinize expenses through zero-based budgets and periodic review of all state agencies and programs. Also, by allocating priorities most carefully. Fiscal gimmickry used during last session must end. Fiscal control is most effective when officials spending the money are DIRECTLY responsible to the taxpayer as is the case in our local towns. Therefore, I am opposed to a state income tax, which would give the free-spenders in Hartford almost unlimited funds to squander.

Priorities:
1. Fiscal Responsibility
2. Preserving local control of Education
3. Agricultural Lands
4. Energy Conservation
5. Mass Transportation

The candidates were each asked to list 5 of 10 issues in order of their priority, and to discuss their number-one priority. The issues given were agricultural lands, bottle legislation, state aid for education, welfare, mass transportation, energy conservation, tax reform, regionalism, housing, health service, other.

136th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Christopher C. Dunham (D)

Qualifications: 30-year Westport resident; graduate Westport public schools, Wesleyan University (BA, Phi Beta Kappa), Columbia University Law School (Law Review); attorney; commuter; 12 years service in Westport politics and government, as Board of Finance member, P&Z alternate, SWRPA representative, member and chairman of selectman's advisory committees, Democratic Town Chairman.

Priorities:
1. Regionalism
2. Tax Reform
3. State Aid for Education
4. Environmental Protection
5. Governmental Reform

Number 1 Priority:
Regionalism means preserving local control of schools and zoning, and the quality of life in Westport, while working with neighboring towns' and cities' representatives to promote common concerns—including, particularly, increased state aid preferentially directed to the cities that need it most rather than to towns, like Westport, better able to provide for themselves. Tax reform is essential to achieve this goal in a fiscally responsible way. Our legislators' first priorities are not what we can get for Westport, but regional and statewide problems: unemployment, urban decay, unequal educational opportunity, environmental deterioration, political and governmental reform.

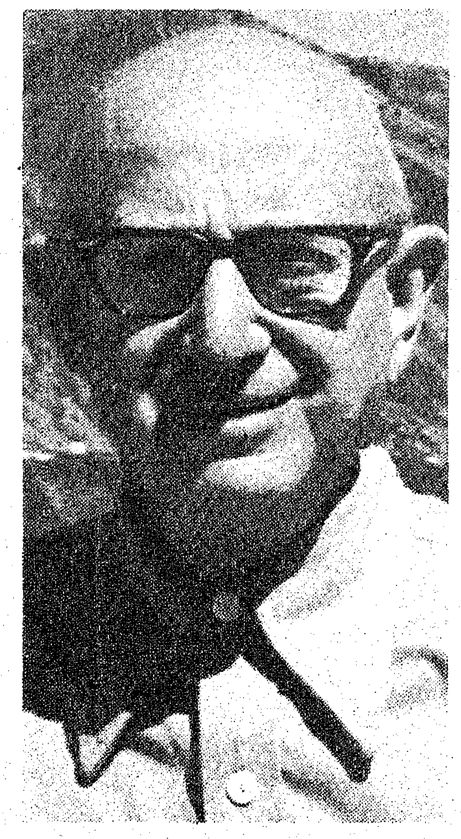
Julie D. Belaga (R)

Qualifications: B.S. Syracuse University 1951; Westport RTM, Employee Compensation Chairman; Planning and Zoning Commission, Chairman 1973 through 1975; Westport Republican Woman, Legislative Chairman; Coastal Area Management Advisory Board; Westport Bicentennial Steering Committee; Community Council Westport / Weston, Vice President; Westport / Weston Arts Council; League of Women Voters President 1971-1972.

Priorities:
1. Tax Reform
2. Agricultural Lands
3. Energy Conservation
4. Mass Transportation
5. Coastal Area Management

Number 1 Priority:
In order to tackle any of the legislation that the LWV has identified above, the public first needs some straight answers re public spending and agency performance. This means tax reform (not an additional income tax) and budget reform (including zero base budgeting) as first steps towards public accountability. Then we can address legislation about which I care deeply including: preserving agricultural lands; conserving energy while making provisions to guarantee energy supplies; directing funds to improve mass transportation; assuring adequate services to youth and elderly; and planning management of our coastline and our dwindling land resources.

Louis K. Weinstein (P)



Qualifications: I am a retired accountant with expertise in financial planning, money management, taxation and bargaining. I will devote full time and talent, without any conflict of interest, to the office of State Representative. When I need additional information, I know where and whom to ask intelligent and thoughtful questions.

Priorities:
1. Agricultural Lands
2. State Aid for Education
3. Tax Reform
4. Bottle Legislation
5. Housing

Number 1 Priority:
My foremost priority is prudent and long range application and management of Agricultural Lands.

Agricultural Lands prime purpose is FOOD PRODUCTION.

A known fact, but little understood, is that once Agricultural Lands are put to any other use, NEVER again are they used for FOOD PRODUCTION.

Population Explosion is using Agricultural Lands for housing and other economic needs.

Population Explosion, flood and drought, plus man's abuse of Agricultural Lands are RADIDLY decreasing the WORLD'S Food Supply.

World-Wide Starvation makes all other issues academic.

Intelligent and discriminating use of available Agricultural Lands will maintain an adequate FOOD SUPPLY.

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We are pleased to bring you our 1976 non-partisan Voters Guide. Once again you will be able to determine the positions of all the candidates running for Connecticut offices based on their own responses to our questions.

Those men and women you elect will have a direct impact on Westport's future. We hope that the information in this guide helps you to choose those candidates who will most fully represent your interests.

JUDITH ABEND, President
League of Women Voters of Westport