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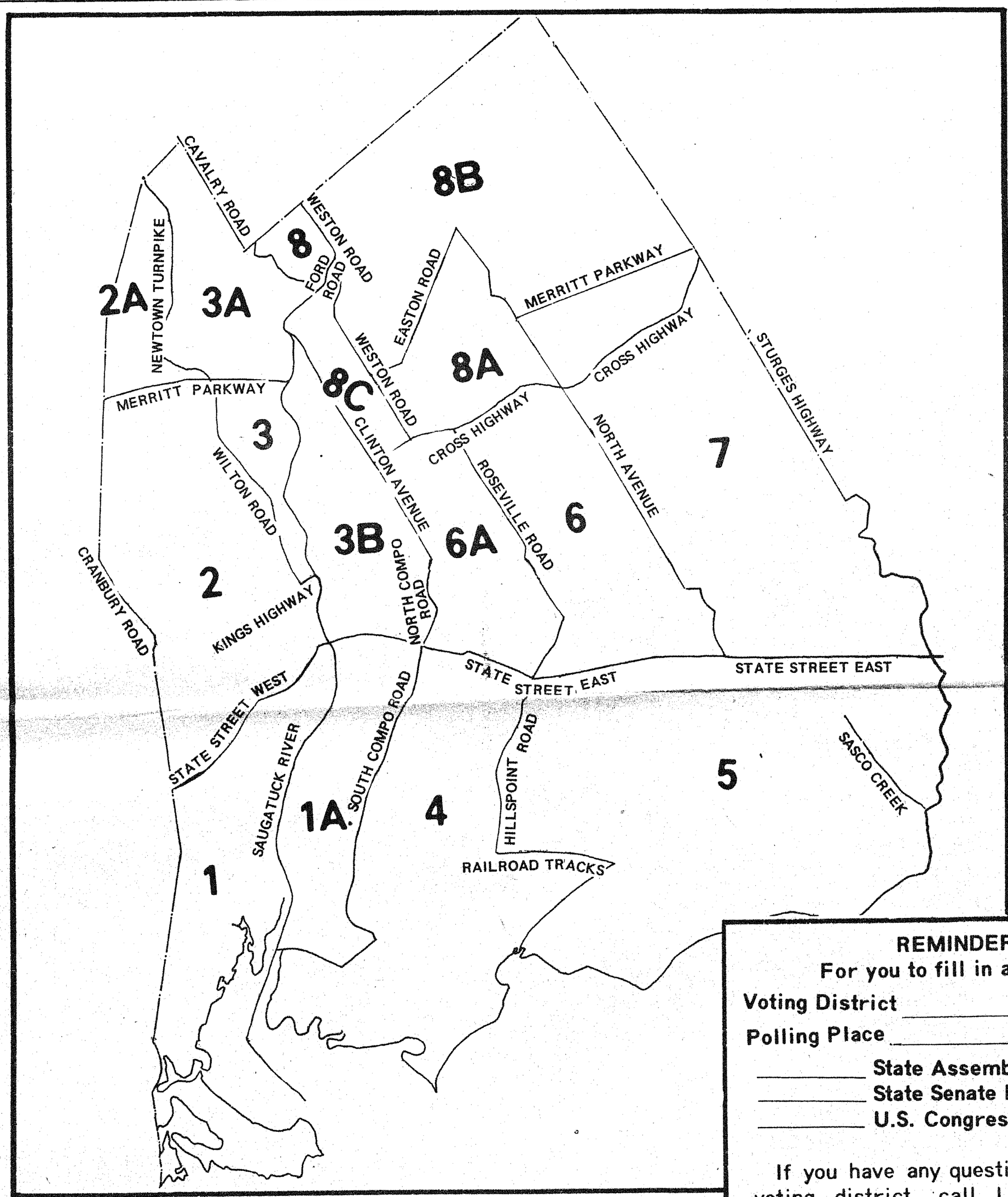


**REMINDER**
**For you to fill in and save:**

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_____ **State Assembly District**
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## POLLING PLACES

| DISTRICT | POLLING PLACE | STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT | STATE SENATE DISTRICT | U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bedford Jr. High | 136 | 25 | 4 |
| 1A<br>4 | Hillspoint El. | 136 | 26 | 4 |
| 2<br>3 | Vigilante Firehouse | 135 | 25 | 4 |
| 2A<br>3A<br>8 | Coleytown Jr. High | 135 | 26 | 5 |
| 5<br>7 | Greens Farms El. | 136 | 26 | 4 |
| 6<br>8A | Burr Farms El. | 136 | 26 | 4 |
| 8B | Coleytown El. | 136 | 26 | 5 |
| 3B<br>6A<br>8C | Christ and Holy Trinity Church | 135 | 26 | 4 |

See inside for candidates' answers to the following LWV question:

What do you consider the three top state priorities and how do you suggest they be financed?

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## 135TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

### SAMUEL J. FREEDMAN

REPUBLICAN

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. Government is Connecticut's largest business. Yet the last two decades witnessed a mushrooming of ineffeciency, overlapping and waste which no business' stockholders could permit. Neither should we. I cannot accept the premise that **making government more efficient** is impossible. We need Representatives who demand change. Without eliminating any essential services, I believe we can bring our budget within reasonable limits. The $13,700,000 saved by Governor Meskill's institution of only some of the Etherington Committee's proposals reveals the possibilities. So does his achievement of a balanced budget. With Legislators willing to continue this, by questioning and pruning unnecessary budgetary items, we can yet solve our financial problems while remaining responsive to public needs.

2. In two years Connecticut became a national leader in **environmental protection.** But we cannot relax. We must judge the effectiveness of our laws, and where necessary, make changes. By balancing business and individual rights with the interests of conservation, we can protect our resources if all sides are reasonable. We simply cannot afford to foul our own nest.

3. We should retain **local autonomy** to the degree possible. Zoning is a prime example. The future development of Weston, Easton and Westport should be decided within these towns, not by Legislators from elsewhere.

#### Biography

Crawford Road, Westport

EDUCATION:
University of Connecticut School of Government, George Washington University (A.B. in Government); Yale Law School (Juris Doctor degree).
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Gamma Mu (Social Science honorary).

OCCUPATION:
Attorney with Westport offices also, partner firm of Freedman, Peck and Freedman; Former Special Public Defender for Fairfield County.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Board of Education Representative to Ford Foundation study of Role of the Public School; Writer and lecturer on government, law and the arts; Veteran, World War II; Vice-president, Nationalities Service Center, Bridgeport; President, Western Connecticut Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

### RITA D. KAUNITZ

DEMOCRAT

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. Improving environmental quality through stronger enforcement of state and local laws. Guiding and limiting community growth by more fully utilizing local Conservation Commissions' powers; developing a local Environmental Zoning Code based on the community's ecological capacity. Overhaul of public utility laws and guaranteeing an integrated balanced transportation system including mini- and feeder buses and a reliable railroad for people and freight.

2. Overall restructuring of taxes must be accomplished before Connecticut's pressing needs in transportation, special education, higher education, mental health and retardation can be financed. Our sales tax, the highest in the nation, symbolizes a regressive tax system. A broad-based income tax, if enacted, must be tied to lowering of the sales and property taxes as well as to the impact of Federal revenue-sharing and court decisions on property taxes.

3. Above all, none of the many needed reforms can be realized without reform of the General Assembly itself; an even stronger Code of Ethics requiring full disclosure of the conflicts of interest of legislators and lobbyists; required roll-call votes on all major bills and restructuring of the legislative calendar to eliminate conflict with committee assignments; full disclosure of all committee records and votes.

#### Biography

14 Red Coat Road, Westport

EDUCATION:
B.A. in Economics, New York University; M.A. in Public Law and Government, Columbia University; Ph.D. in Regional Planning, Harvard University.

OCCUPATION:
Environmentalist-community planner.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Eighteen years of continuous appointive office in Connecticut under two governors at local, state and federal levels. Presently Scientific Advisor, Long Island Sound Regional Study; member, Governor's Housing Task Force, State Advisory Council on Community Affairs. Served on the state's legislative commission to study government, Clean Air Task Force, Clean Air Commission, Governor's Committee on Environmental Policy; South Western Regional Planning Agency; Westport Planning and Zoning Commission.

## 136TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

### ALAN H. NEVAS

REPUBLICAN

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. Education is the largest single item in a town's budget and the burden of funding this expense is one that many communities can no longer bear alone. Connecticut's contribution to the costs of local education is too small and compares unfavorably in the assistance given for local education costs. By spreading the burden to all citizens rather than imposing that burden on property owners, we can develop a more equitable system.

2. Much important environmental legislation has been adopted, but fiscal problems plague some measures. Connecticut should put to the voters a bond issue, the purpose of which would be to acquire open space land and areas for recreation. Florida citizens will vote on a proposition this year authorizing a 240 million dollar bond issue to enable the state to buy lands that are environmentally endangered and for recreation areas. Connecticut should adopt a similar program which would permit local communities to make such purchases with assistance from the state.

3. Convert the highway trust fund into a transportation fund to assist all forms of transportation. The monies could be used for additional assistance to the Penn Central Railroad, to encourage the formation of transit districts, and to assist the cities in maintaining bus service.

#### Biography

4 Charcoal Lane, Westport

EDUCATION:
Stamford High School, Syracuse University, and N.Y.U. Law School

OCCUPATION:
Attorney. Partner in law firm of Nevas, Nevas & Rubin

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Member Westport Board of Finance 1963 - 1970, Chairman 1967 - 1970; Treasurer of Westport Bar Association; Honorary Trustee Temple Israel; Trustee - Westport Library Board; Director - Westport National Bank; Member, Connecticut General Assembly 1970 - Present; Member of Judiciary and Finance Committees of General Assembly; Former member Westport Republican Town Committee; Past President Westport YGOP; Past President Jr. Bar Association Lower Fairfield County; Veteran 2 years U.S. Army; Member of General Assembly Special Committee on the Arts.

### NICHOLAS W. THIEMANN

DEMOCRAT

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. The public school system, the environment, together with the protection of our homes and Constitutional liberties, are the three highest priorities on the state level. A quality education financed mainly by the state to each town through a dramatic increase in the per pupil aid allowance is a necessity. This would reduce local property taxes, maintain autonomy of local school systems, and most importantly keep a basic promise to all our youth.

2. Society must commit itself to a preservation of life on this planet. Rigid enforcement of existing laws will go far to improve the quality of our environment. Also programs for blighted areas should be funded so that the essential beauty of nature can be passed on to our grandchildren.

3. More well trained police must be on patrol to protect us. We must constantly guard against the instinct to suppress our liberties in order to suppress crime.
If federal revenue sharing cannot bear the costs of the above priorities, then we must bite the bullet and institute a state-wide income tax. The sales tax has become confiscatory, and the lottery a gimmick, which hardly pays for itself.

#### Biography

161 Riverside Avenue, Westport

EDUCATION:
University of Virginia, Juris Doctor; University of Connecticut, Bachelor of Arts; Greenwich Public School System

OCCUPATION:
Attorney, admitted to the Connecticut Bar, U.S. Supreme Court, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and Federal District Court, Connecticut.

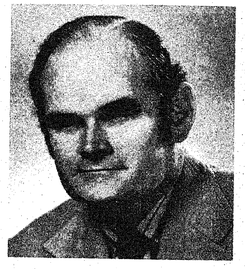
ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Westport Board of Finance, Peace Corps Volunteer (Nigeria), Americans for Children's Relief, Director

# STATE SENATE

## 25TH DISTRICT

### WILLIAMS J. LYONS JR.

REPUBLICAN



#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. Education . . . additional State help.

2. Environment . . . Federal assistance.

3. Employment . . . both State and Federal assistance.

#### Biography

Raymond Lane, East Norwalk

EDUCATION:
Norwalk Elementary Schools, Oratory Prep School, Summit, New Jersey; University of Notre Dame, 1943.

OCCUPATION:
Building Contractor.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Elected offices held: Third taxing district for the City of Norwalk, Commissioner Two term State Representative from the 149th District, Norwalk; Present Chairman of the 149th District Republican Committee.

### GEORGE E. ROSS

DEMOCRAT

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. The State should give first priority to the question of financing education. Norwalk and other cities, compared to smaller Connecticut towns, have a disproportionately large number of disadvantaged children. Their background makes it more difficult and expensive to educate them properly. The need to educate them properly is extremely important to Connecticut as a whole. Of all the states in the Union, the State of Connecticut pays almost the least to its towns for education. This raises the tax burden for Norwalkers unfairly.

2. Unemployment is working greater hardships on Norwalk and Westport than many people realize. The recent "recovery" still finds many families without a regular income, but they face continually increasing prices. The State should take a much more energetic part in finding work for the unemployed. The benefits in lowered welfare costs and unemployment benefits would pay for the additional costs of an expanded program for job retraining and placement.

3. I am opposed to a State income tax. Such a tax would discourage the growth of Connecticut. I am convinced that the State's budget can be met from present taxes. The Sales Tax should be amended to exempt extensively the purchase of inexpensive clothing and household necessities, as to fall less on poor families.

#### Biography

4 Plumley Circle, Norwalk

EDUCATION:
Norwalk High School, class of 1939.

OCCUPATION:
Retail Sales Representative, Chevron Oil Company, Eastern Division.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Councilman, Norwalk Common Council for the past nine years; Council President 1967.

### EDWARD J. McGUINNESS

CONSERVATIVE

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. Cut the State Budget

2. The need for state legislation to permit local referendum by petition.

3. To return control of the Board of Education to the local taxpayers and voters.
These three very important items do not require any financing. In fact, they will save the taxpayers money by giving them the proper control over the budget, both for the city and the Board of Education.

#### Biography

263 East Avenue, Norwalk

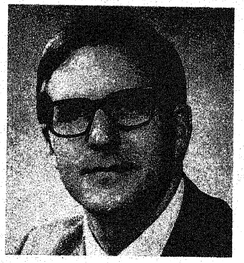
EDUCATION:
Attended St. Joseph's, Fairfield Prep, Norwalk High and Bridgeport Engineering Institute.

OCCUPATION:
Self employed, owner of the Wallstreeter Liquor Store, 55 Wall Street, Norwalk.

## 26TH DISTRICT

### GEORGE C. GUIDERA

REPUBLICAN



#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. The Environment - Clean air, clean water, and protection of our vital natural resources continue to be the top priority items for Connecticut. We must directly involve private industry in the planning and implementation of a new solid waste management system by encouraging them to compete with one another in the development of the best system. Continued acquisition of additional park and forest land should be borne by the General Fund.

2. Fiscal Responsibility - Fiscal sanity has been returned to our State under Republican leadership, and we must continue the policies of controlled and sensible money management. We have ended the highly dangerous policy of borrowing to pay for current expenses. We must eliminate the highly discriminatory and unfair capital gains and dividends tax which places a penalty on thrift.

3. Towns and Cities - Connecticut towns and cities have maintained the finest traditions of local government and independence and I support the right of our towns to determine their own future in matters of planning and zoning and education. To this end I support the principle of block grants to towns and cities. Decisions on how such assistance can best help our towns meet increasing local property tax rates should also be made at the local level.

#### Biography

227 Lyons Plain Road, Weston

EDUCATION:
Weston Public Schools; Staples High School, Westport; Colgate University (B.A. in Political Science); Georgetown University Law Center (Juris Doctorate).

OCCUPATION:
Attorney at Law practicing in Westport; State Legislator.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Member of the Connecticut State House of Representatives, 1970-1972, from the 162nd Assembly District (Weston and Wilton); member of the Governor's Commission on the Age of Majority (Appointed by Governor Meskill in 1971); Chairman of the Weston Republican Town Committee 1970-1972.

### MYRON JOHNSON

DEMOCRAT

#### Answers to LWV questions:

1. Environmental Protection - Preserve rapidly dwindling land resources. Must be concerned with legacy of future generations. Better balance needed in natural relationship between man and biological environment. Oregon wants no immigrants, has 18 persons per square mile: Connecticut has 506 per square mile. Override Meskill veto of Environmental Protection Act - developer interests strong - Will the new Route 7 destroy the Berkshires?

2. Criminal Justice Reform - Prisons graduate schools for criminals. Shift emphasis from punitive to rehabilitative. Treat, not punish. Send cons home better equipped psychologically with a meaningful trade and a savings account. Guards to become rehab specialists. Against capital punishment. For liberalized abortions. Money problem mainly one of reallocation - L.E.A.A. should help.

3. Transportation - Railroad a disgrace - Turnpike becoming Long Island Expressway. Energy crisis looming. Must shift emphasis from reliance on family car. Progress means going from a two-car to a one-car family. Need mini-bus feeder services. Explore shop-by-phone with cable TV network and regularized home delivery services. Shift truck cargos back to railroads - Reallocate funds from highway trust.

#### Biography

62 Brookside Road, Darien

EDUCATION:
B.A., University of Minnesota; M.A. Clark University; Ph.D. Columbia University.

OCCUPATION:
Professor of Psychology and Director, Lab. of Psychological Studies, Stevens Institute of Technology.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:
Former Railroad Commuter for 9 years while a staff psychologist at Lever Bros. Co., understand business and commuter problems. Work with local police and International Association of Chiefs of Police on police recruitment, selection and training problems.

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

| REPUBLICAN | DEMOCRAT |
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| Jane Heath | Thelma Ezzes |

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

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|---|---|
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| Virginia P. Boyd | Albert J. Kelley |
| Arnold R. Fasano | Lawrence O. Aasen |
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| Edwin K. Dimes | Carol O. Agate |
| Joan M. Marcus | Denise T. Davidoff |
| Sandy C. Macpherson | William M. O'Connor |

# MEET THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

**Districts 135 and 136**

## SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 29, 7P.M.

## GREENS FARMS CHURCH Moderator: Ralph Sheffer

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Dear Westport Voters -

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Be sure to get to the polls on November 7th. Your vote DOES make a difference!

Julie Balaga
President