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CANDIDATES RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR

CANDIDATES RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Concentrating on current, pertinent issues and specific accomplishments, please list three reasons why the people of Westport should vote for you.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Eugene E. Cederbaum

Qualifications: I have learned the art of effecive representation as an attorney, member of the Representative Town Meeting and of Boards of Directors of local community organizations. In these endeavors, I prize proper preparation and the ability to listen and learn.

I effectively represent Westport's needs. The consolidation of childcare programs at Hillspoint School and Westport's qualification under the Neighborhood Assistance Act ($830,000) resulted, in part, from my efforts.

I protect and promote Westport's interests. For example, I opposed closed RTM sessions, and support strict drunk driving laws and severe penalties for selling liquor to those already intoxicated.

Unlike my opponent, my responsibilities would include notification to local government of all beneficial new legislation. I disagree that the communication of such information is solely the job of interest groups.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

John G. Matthews

Qualifications: Legislator last 12 years; past 4, Senator; prior 8, Representative, last 2 as Assistant Minority Leader-Chairman, Ranking member Labor Committee - Other committees - Appropriations, Environment, Human Rights, Regulation Review, Finance Advisory; full-time legislator - rated among top legislators by peers; Yale B.A. - N.Y.U. M.B.A.

Have extensive background in business, local community activities, and the legislature which provide ability to understand and assist in solution of complex social, economic, and governmental challenges facing the state. Re-election large pluralities to 6 terms verifies the electorate's confidence and trust in my ability and dedication. Initiated or supported proposals to develop favorable business climate conducive to providing expanding job opportunities in the private sector for all, and revenues for essential needs and services. Special phasis placed on control of expenditures and taxes, i.e. discriminatory dividend and unincorporated business taxes.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

CANDIDATES RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Concentrating on current, pertinent issues and specific accomplishments, please list three reasons why the people of Westport should vote for you.

136th Assembly District

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

John H. Barton

Qualifications: Chairman of the Board of a Connecticut corporation which increased its sales by 800% and quadrupled its employment. Member of the faculty of the School of Business of Fairfield University and rated as one of its outstanding teachers - Attorney - RTM member.

As a member of the majority party in the State Capitol, I would be much more effective in representing the interests of the people of Westport than a member of the minority party.

America is engaged in an economic war which is being waged in deadly earnest. It is a war that may be lost by adherence to outdated ideological and economic concepts. America's business competes not only with foreign business firms, but also with their governments. Both our state and federal economic policies must be tailored to support business. My business, academic and legal experience allows me to help forge the necessary alliance between business, government and labor that will allow our business community to effectively compete domestically and in foreign markets.

I am in favor of, and will act to initiate legislation to control hand guns.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Julie D. Belaga

Qualifications: B.S. Education, Syracuse University; Occupation: Legislator; Six years in the Connecticut House of Representatives, Assistant Minority Leader 1978-1982; Member Environment Committee; Legislature's Asbestos Task Force; Task Force on Connecticut's Water Resources; Westport RTM District 6, 1975; Planning and Zoning Commission 1972-1975; Chairman P&Z 1972-1975; President League of Women Voters 1971.

WHY??? ... because of my 1) past experience; 2) my present accomplishments and 3) my future commitment to continue the legislative fight.

1. Through my years in local office and experience as Assistant Minority Leader in the Ct. Legislature I have demonstrated that I can get results for Westporters.

2) Specific accomplishments include the Compo Cove repair; Coastal Area Management Law; Reverse Annuity Mortgage legislation for elderly; Hazardous Waste Siting Board.

3) Eliminating highway tolls; battling the Unincorporated Business Tax; striving to repeal the Dividend's Tax; working to simplify governmental procedures and eliminate bureaucratic waste are just some projects that need completion and to which I am committed.

139th Assembly District

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

John F. McGuirk, Sr.

Qualifications: Elected for two terms as State Representative, 139th District, served on Public Health and Banking Committees; lifelong Norwalk resident; member, American Legion, D.A.V., Catholic War Veterans, and other civic and charitable associations. Past President, Norwalk Babe Ruth League.

1. A Spokesman for Senior Citizens. During the two terms that I served in the General Assembly, I spoke out on issues substantially affecting the rights and interests of Senior Citizens. In particular, I pushed for more legislative oversight of Nursing Home care. My efforts produced results, and I believe that the people of Westport need a spokesman for Senior Citizens in Hartford.

2. Taxation. If elected, I would urge the repeal of the Unincorporated Business Tax in order to provide relief for middle income businessmen and professionals.

3. Local Control. I believe that the people of Westport firmly support local control for schools and zoning. I fully support such control and will fight any attempts to substitute state planning for local direction.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Jacob P. Rudolf

Qualifications: Elected to: Norwalk Common Council 4 terms, 1959-1967; Common Council President 3 terms; Connecticut State Senate 28th District 3 terms, 1966-1973; Minority Whip, Senate; Connecticut House of Representatives, 1980-1982.

Co-sponsored bill to remove pleasure boats from property tax to fee schedule.

Co-sponsored Automobile Warranty bill "Lemon Bill".

Will submit legislation to permanently repeal unincorporated business tax.

Will submit bill to remove tolls from I-95 after bonds are paid off.

Will strongly support the completion of Route 7.

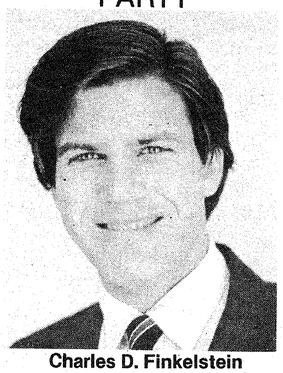
Will seek State assistance to prevent further erosion of Cockenoe Island.

CANDIDATES FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

CANDIDATES RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Are you in favor of restructuring probate fees? If so, how would you work to secure it?

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

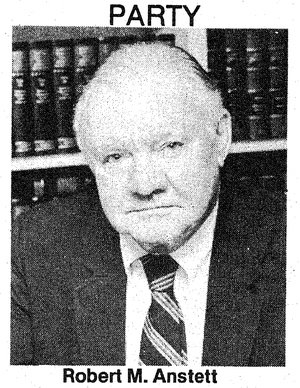


Charles D. Finkelstein

Qualifications: Energetic attorney, even temperament, trusts and estates experience; formerly Assistant Attorney General (N.Y.S.); strong desire to serve and educate community; able to help pass needed legislative reforms; judgeship-top priority.

I would like to make it easier for people to pay the probate fees. Installment payments of up to a year for administration of an estate; for those unable to afford the commitment of a relative to an institution, the State should help defray expenses. Public hearings, probate assembly, legislative hearings.

REPUBLICAN PARTY



Robert M. Anstett

Qualifications: Columbia Law School; Connecticut lawyer since 1954; extensive probate practice, becoming Probate Judge in January 1971; demonstrated judicial temperament and considered extremely knowledgeable in probate procedures and law; reputation for integrity.

Probate fees are, like taxes, sociological matters and as such are determined by the State Legislature. Judges judge and do not legislate. In 1978, the fee system was restructured by the Legislature: those using the Courts pay fees on a graduated scale. I agree. Only the legislature can act, not a Judge.

CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Do you view the chief function of sheriff as being more than a court or police officer? Why?

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Gloria Rice Clark

No Reply Submitted

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Edwin S. Mak

Qualifications: I have been a working Sheriff for 19 years with over 65,000 services completed. I have compiled a training manual and have trained over 30 Deputy Sheriffs in the duties of that office.

Duties of a High Sheriff as set forth in the Connecticut Statutes (6-29). To assume duties which are not prescribed by law is not only improper, but contrary to the mandate of law and the mandate of the citizens who elect the Sheriff. In carrying out the prescribed duties, however, the Sheriff must show compassion not only for persons in his charge and persons upon whom service of process is being made but, must also show a great concern for the protection of the general public in the training of his deputies so as to avoid prison escapes and callous service of process by his deputies. Professionalism in the carrying out of the statutory duties is more important than picturesque speeches about matters which do not directly affect the office or the citizens who come in contact with the Sheriff.

Candidates For Registrar of Voters

Democratic Party

Helen P. Stamps

Qualifications: B.A. in Economics and Sociology, Agnes Scott College; graduate studies in Industrial Relations, University of Illinois; professional experience in personnel placement and management. Believes the Registrar's office must be administered so the will of the voters can be accurately expressed.

Republican Party

Mabel A. Johnson

Qualifications: B.A. from Hunter College, Masters's equivalent in Education, taught in NYC School system four years, secretary to VP of Great Lakes Carbon, Purchasing Agent for Knoll Associates. Attending Norwalk Community College and Norwalk State Tech. Am recording secretary for the Republican Women.

A Message from
The President of the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose main purpose is service to the electorate. We bring you this Voter's Guide as one way to help you make an informed choice. It offers you the opportunity to assess the qualifications of Connecticut candidates, and to learn where they stand on the issues. Make up your mind and cast your ballot on November 2.

To vote, you must first be registered. Citizens may register year 'round at the office of the Registrars of Voters on the first floor of the Town Hall. Remember to notify the Registrar if you change your name; change your address within the town; or, move to another town in this area.

For further information contact the League of Women Voters at P.O. Box 285, Westport, CT. 06881, or telephone 226-6170.

Muriel Woolley

FOUR STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed constitutional amendments as they will appear on the voting machine at the November 2, 1982 state election. These amendments will appear at the upper left-hand corner of the voting machine. There will be pointers above each, and the voter 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 the requirement of a grand jury for capital offenses	2. For the constitutional amendment concerning regulations of state agencies	3. For the constitutional amendment concerning compensation of elected officials	4. For the constitutional amendment concerning an appellate court

EXPLANATION of AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1

This amendment would abolish the requirement that a grand jury find probable cause of guilt before a person could be prosecuted and convicted of a crime punishable by death or life imprisonment. Instead probable cause would have to be shown at a hearing held pursuant to procedures prescribed by law.

Amendment 2

This amendment establishes the legislative branch's power to delegate regulatory authority to the executive branch subject to the review of the legislative branch. This practice is currently in effect, but its legitimacy was called into question in a court case which cited a possible unconstitutional encroachment upon the separation of powers.

Amendment 3

This amendment prohibits, with certain exceptions, any increase in the compensation of an elected official of the State or any political subdivision thereof during the term of office for which such official was elected. It also prohibits paying a public contractor above the amount specified in the contract. The exceptions to the prohibition of compensation increases are: 1. in those towns in which the town meeting is the legislative body, such town meeting may grant increases; and 2. a compensation increase may be granted to elected officials of political subdivisions after two years in office, if the term is four or more years in duration. The term "compensation" is also clarified by this amendment. The present constitutional provision is unclear in its application.

Amendment 4

This amendment establishes an intermediate appellate court in the state's judicial system. The General Assembly would have the authority to establish the powers and jurisdiction of such appellate court.

SAMPLE BALLOT

139th Dist.* 136th Dist.*

PARTY \ OFFICE	1 Governor and Lieutenant Governor	2 United States Senator	3 Representative in Congress	4 State Senator	5 State Representative	5 State Representative	6 Secretary of the State	7 Treasurer	8 Comptroller	9 Attorney General	10 Sheriff	11 Judge of Probate	12 Registrar of Voters
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REPUBLICAN ☐	Lewis B. Rome and Gerald Labriola ☐ 1B	Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. ☐ 2B	Stewart B. McKinney ☐ 3B	John G. Matthews ☐ 4B	Jacob P. Rudolf ☐ 5B	Julie D. Belaga ☐ 5B	Michael L. Werner ☐ 6B	John T. Becker ☐ 7B	Susan Hutchinson ☐ 8B	William H. Champlin III ☐ 9B	Edwin S. Mak ☐ 10B	Robert M. Anstett ☐ 11B	Mabel A. Johnson ☐ 12B
LIBERTARIAN ☐	Walter J. Gengarelly and Charles Turnbull ☐ 1C	James A. Lewis ☐ 2C	Lothar Frank ☐ 3C	☐ 4C	☐ 5C	☐ 5C	Peter H. Reed ☐ 6C	Louis A. Garofalo ☐ 7C	Richard S. Land ☐ 8C	Vincent Stuart Tirola ☐ 9C	☐ 10C	☐ 11C	☐ 12C
CONSERVATIVE ☐	☐ 1D	Lucien P. DiFazio, Jr. ☐ 2D	☐ 3D	☐ 4D	☐ 5D	☐ 5D	John O. Parsons ☐ 6D	William B. Krones ☐ 7D	David J. Ordway ☐ 8D	☐ 9D	☐ 10D	☐ 11D	☐ 12D

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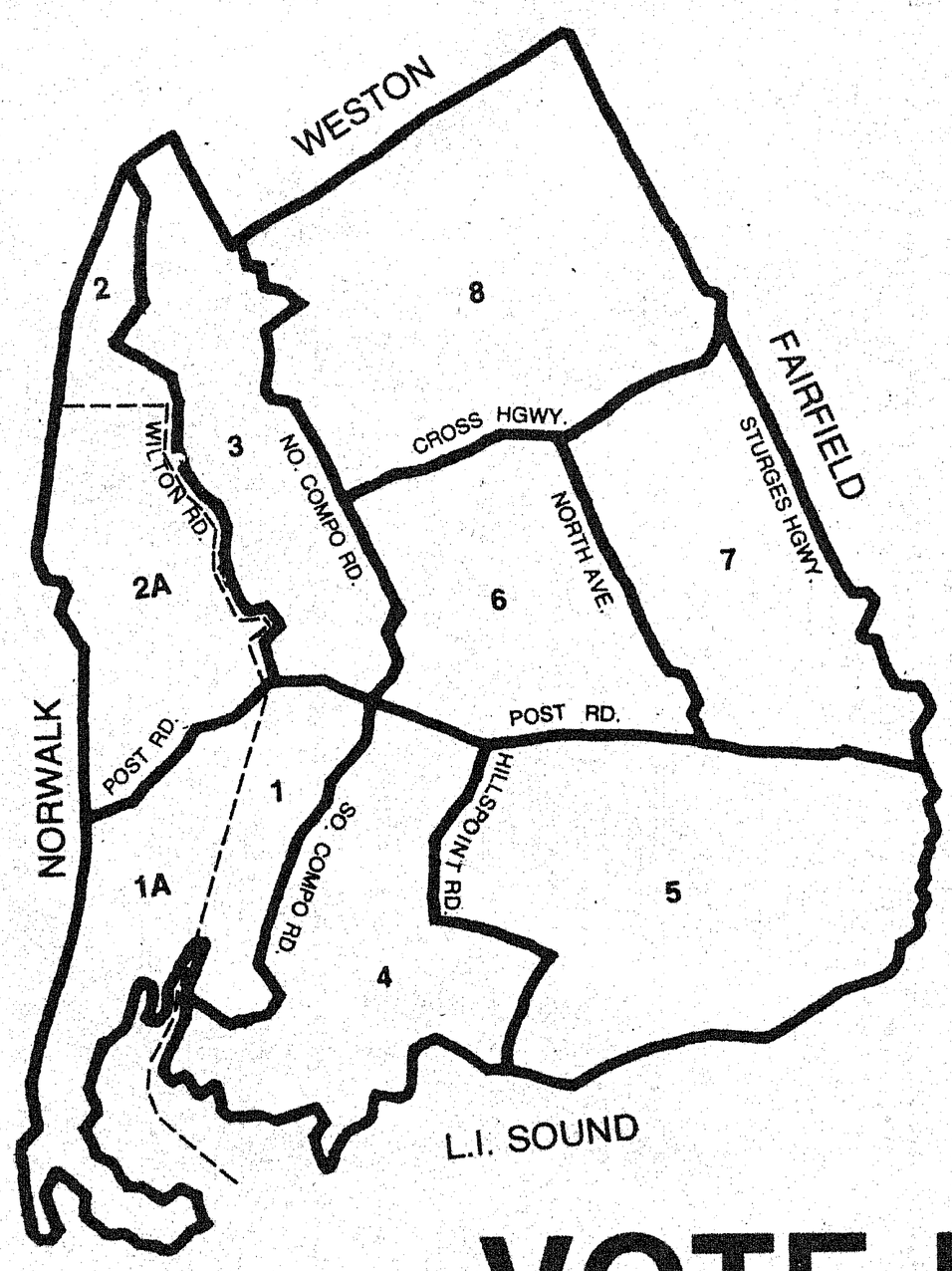

POLLING PLACES

	139th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT	136th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
BEDFORD JR. HIGH SCHOOL Riverside Avenue	1A, 2A	
HILLSPOINT SCHOOL Hillspoint Road		1, 4, 5
COLEYTOWN ELEMENTARY Easton Road		2, 3, 8
LONG LOTS JR. HIGH Hyde Lane		6, 7

POLLS OPEN FROM 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VOTE NOVEMBER 2nd