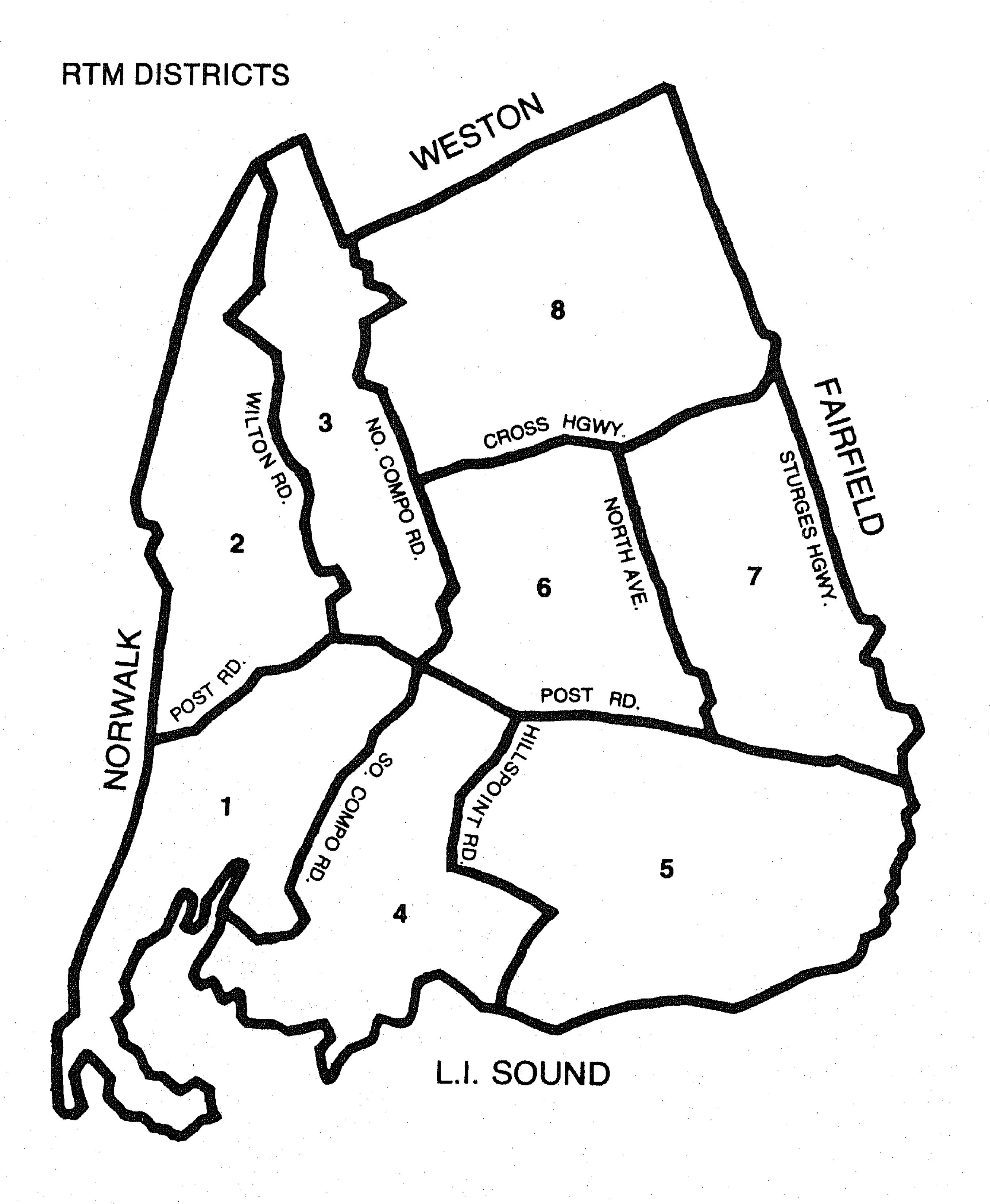


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POLLS OPEN FROM 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. NOVEMBER 8



POLLING PLACES

DISTRICTS 1 and 2:
Assumption School

DISTRICTS 3 and 8: Coleytown Elementary School

DISTRICTS 4 and 5:
Greens Farms Elementary
School Cafeteria

DISTRICTS 6 and 7:
Greens Farms Elementary
School Gymnasium

VOTE! It's your future.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



Westport's League of Women Voters launched an experiment in the local election of 1981 by mailing a copy of the Voter's Guide to every residence in town. It was so well received that the League has decided to do the same in all future local election years. In the years of general elections the Voter's Guide will continue to appear as a League-produced insert in the newspaper. The League is a nonpartisan organization that publishes this guide as one of its traditional ways of helping the public cast an informed vote.

This year's issue has tried to go one step beyond 1981 by including information you will find useful throughout the year. You will also note a new format designed for your increased convenience.

May we suggest that you read what each candidate has written, make your decision, mark the sample ballot provided and take it with you to the polls. We urge you to exercise your RIGHT TO VOTE on November 8. Voting districts and polling places are indicated. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. At every polling place there is an official ready to answer questions and demonstrate the operation of the voting machine.

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 Town Hall. Remember to notify the Registrar of Voters if you change your name, change your address within the town, or move to another town in the state of Connecticut.

HOW TO VOTE BY MACHINE

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- 1. Pull the red handle of the curtain lever to the right as far as it will go, and leave it there. This will close the curtain around you and unlock the machine for voting.
- 2. Register your vote for candidates in one of three ways:
- a) Simply turn down the pointer over the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote, and leave it down. If you are permitted to vote for more than one candidate for an office, it is indicated at the top of each column, directly under the office designation.
- b) OR, pull the party lever of your choice. (These are located on the extreme left, over the party designations.) This will automatically turn down the pointers over all the names on that party row.
- c) OR, pull the party lever of your choice and then turn up the pointers over candidates for whom you do not wish to vote. Then, turn down the pointers for candidates of other parties for whom you do wish to vote.

 3. When you have finished voting, LEAVE THE POINTERS DOWN OVER THE NAMES, move the red handle of the curtain lever to the left as far as it will go, and leave it there. This will register your vote and return the pointers to their non-voting position, after which it will open the curtain.

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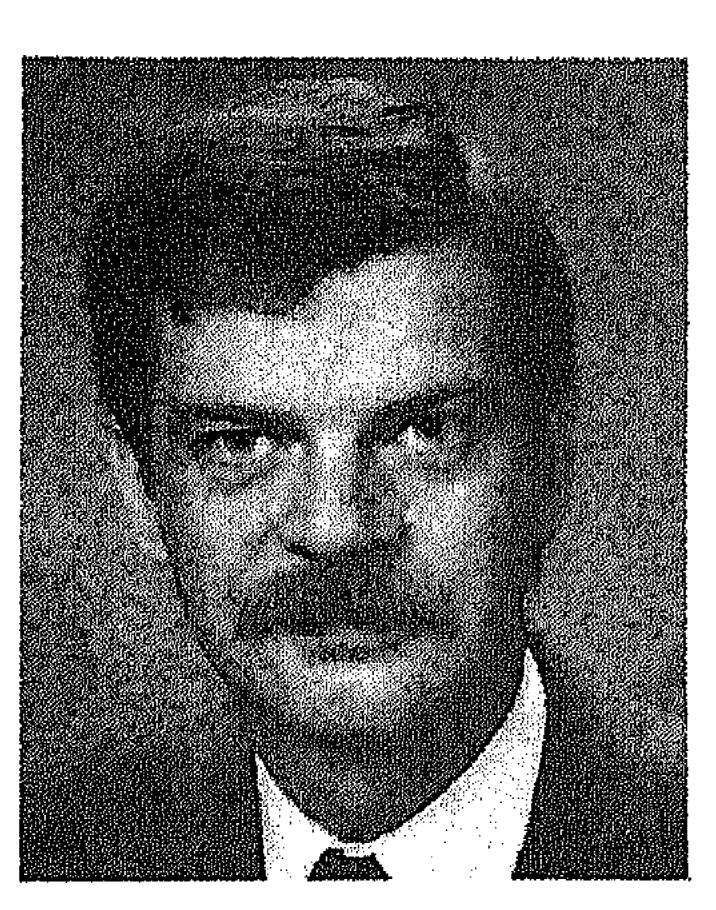
- In the case of an office to which two or more candidates are to be elected, you can turn down the proper number of pointers anywhere in that group, even though one may be directly below the other.
- The machine is so arranged that you cannot turn down more than the proper number of pointers for any office. Therefore you need have no fear of spoiling your ballot by voting for too many.
- You may WRITE IN the name of a candidate who does not appear on the ballot. Write-in slides are located over the space for questions. Do not open one unless you intend to use it.
- There is no danger of anyone's knowing how you vote, as the movement of the curtain lever returns the pointers to their non-voting position before the curtain begins to open.

The Board of Finance has six members serving staggered four-year terms. They review and endorse all appropriations, including the annual budget, set the tax rate, prepare and issue the annual Town report.

BOARD OF ENANCE

vote for 2

LWV QUESTION: How do you feel about the budget process in which the mill rate is determined and the budget fitted into it rather than the budget determining the mill rate?



Carl W. Leaman (D)



Doris B. Shiller (D)



Robert Horne (R)



Edward R. Karazin, Jr. (R)

Qualifications: Twenty years experience in finance with Chase Manhattan Bank and Salomon Brothers. Chairman of two town committees — Railroad Parking and Capital Finance. Love for Westport, our home since 1969. Reply: We live in a world of limited resources — including a limited ability to tax. The mill rate is one factor Board members consider when they determine the budget. At the same time, we must maintain the town's infrastructure, continue essential services and fund new programs. I will urge town departments to project operational needs three years ahead and draw Board members' attention to long term priorities and expenditures. This approach will yield services Westporters want while maintaining fiscal integrity.

Qualifications: Board of Education 1971-1978, Westport resident 26 years; active in PTA, LWV, Child Care Council, Long Range Budget Committee; Graduate of Yale Law School; B.A. in Economics from Barnard. Reply: Fitting the budget to a predetermined mill rate is simplistic. The Board of Finance must realize that control over town budgets is control over town policies. It should thoroughly analyze and carefully allocate among departments to achieve the services the community wants, yet control taxes. Each quarter of a mill raises \$300,000. This means \$20 yearly for the owner of a house assessed at \$80,000. The tough decision is whether the expenditure is necessary. Westport deserves tough decision makers.

Qualifications: Current Member, Board of Finance. Prior Chairman, Board of Tax Review. Fifteen years practical experience making forecasts, establishing budgets and monitoring results in a broad range of business operations. Reply: A predetermined mill rate will lead to an excessively rigid budgeting system. It could also cause long term deterioration of essential services or encouragement of further commercialization to broaden the tax base. The budget must be a careful balance of the services that are needed and the ability of the citizens to pay for them. The budget is not a cold set of numbers but is a living document — a reflection of what the Town is and wishes to become.

Qualifications: Attorney. Westport Resident — 35 years, Married — 3 Children, Vietnam Veteran, Former State Prosecutor, Connecticut Trial Lawyers, Levitt, Red Cross, Little League, President-Westport Bar Association. Reply: The budget process is more complex than this. In developing the budget, the Board of Finance is a buffer between the taxpayers and the various agencies of the town that provide services. The Board must balance the needs of the community with the desires of citizens to keep taxes within reasonable limits. The Board sets the mill rate only after the grand list has been determined and the final budget has been set through public hearings and RTM action.

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BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

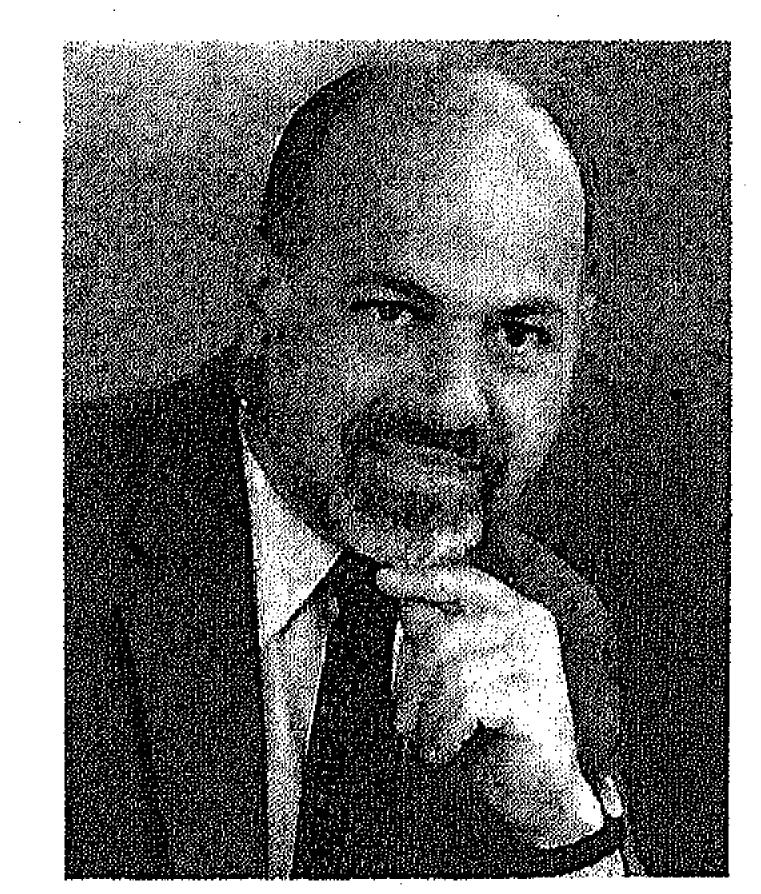
The Board of Tax Review has 3 members with staggered 4-year terms who review appeals for revision of tax assessments. Annual salary \$200.

LWV QUESTION: On what basis do you propose to form your judgment when reviewing a citizen's appeal for a reduction in tax assessment?

Four-Year Term

vote for 1:

Qualifications: Current member of Westport Board of Tax Review (BTR) and Selectman's Revaluation Advisory Committee. Former member, 14 years, Westport RTM. Chemical engineer (Yale) with extensive financial, computer and analytical experience.



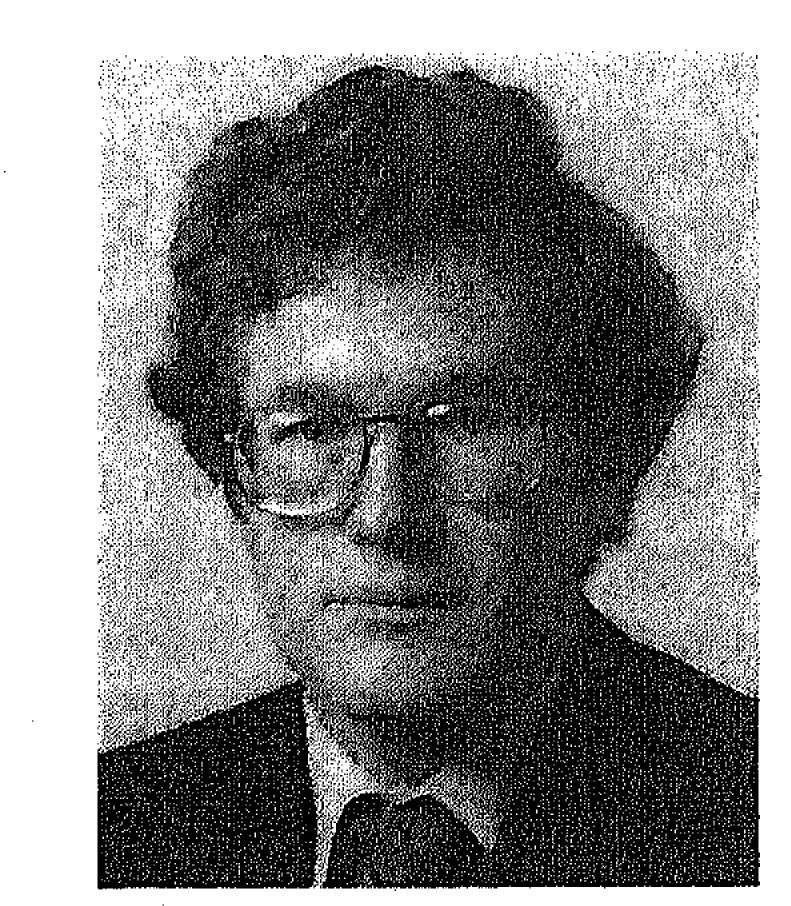
Garson F. Heller, Jr. (R)

Reply: Each appeal is researched by at least one member in detail and reviewed by the entire BTR. The appeal is checked for accuracy and comparative properties are reviewed. Field inspections may occur, as required. Then BTR and Assessor jointly review all facts and the BTR makes a determination.

To Fill Two-Year Vacancy

vote for 1:

Qualifications: With 14 years of urban planning and development experience in N.Y.C. and Connecticut, I am well acquainted with the problems of equitably assessing both commercial and residential properties.



Ross Burkhardt (D)

Reply: My professional experience will be very useful in evaluating the complex set of variables that determine market value. My concerns will include the following: 1) are there errors in factual information that could alter the assessment? 2) are there unusual conditions on the property? 3) have valid property comparisons been made?

Qualifications: Stanford University graduate; advanced work Harvard; Proctor and Gamble; New York Times sales; Manager Saturday Evening Post; Publisher Better Homes and Gardens; the Dial; Publishing Consultant; Wife — Westport.



Morton Bailey, Jr.

Reply: Making a tax appeal judgement is basically objective common sense using perceived neighborhood conditions and values. There will be errors in valuation and they must be fairly corrected.

AFTER YOU'VE THOUGHT THROUGH YOUR CHOICES:

D VOTE!

THEN...

☐ Keep informed throughout the year.

☐ Let elected officials and party leaders know your feelings.

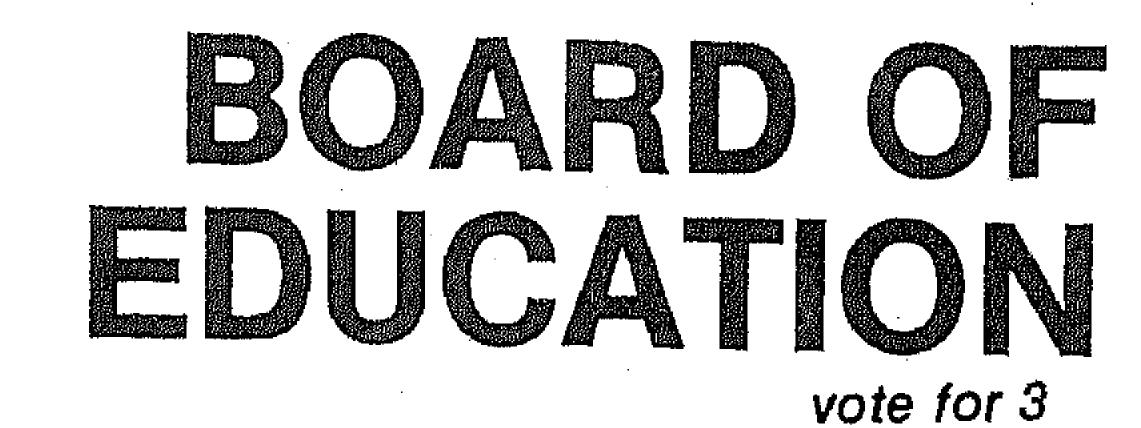
☐ Be a letter-writer; send your opinion to newspapers, radio and TV stations.

☐ Attend public meetings; stand up and be heard.

☐ Don't be afraid to ask tough questions.

Be proud of yourself for participating.

The Board of Education has 5 members serving staggered 4-year terms. It functions primarily as a policy-making and planning agency of the Town's educational system consulting with and relying on the school staff for the administration and implementation of plans.

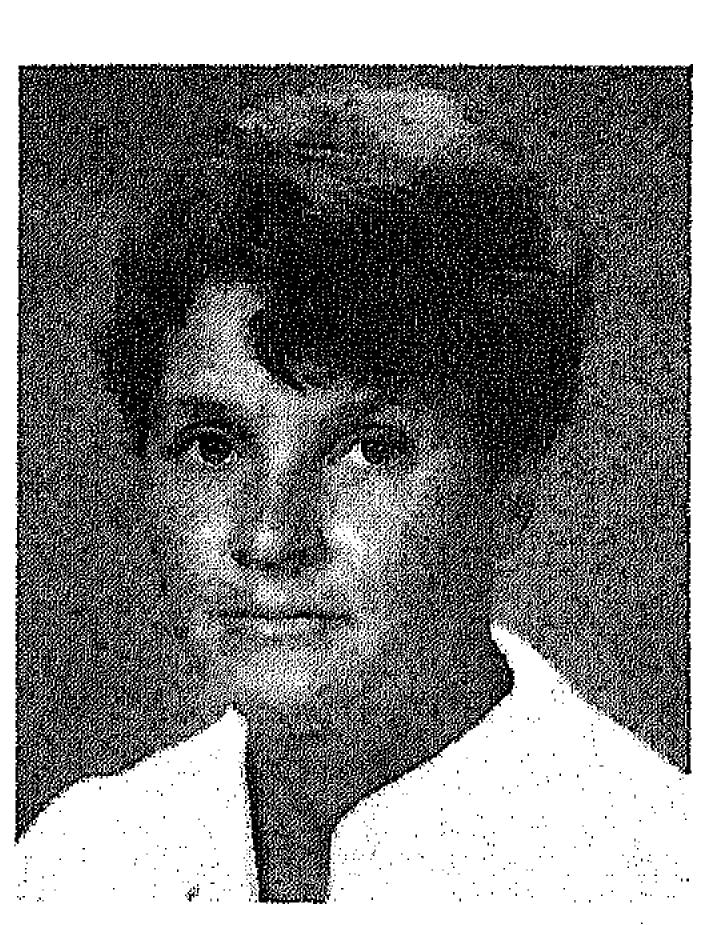


LWV QUESTION: In light of continuing school consolidations and decline in enrollment, how would you achieve the best and most economical education for Westport students?



John H. Barton (D)

Qualifications: • Elected member of Westports RTM and extremely active on its Education committee. • An experienced educator who, as a member of the faculty of Fairfield University, was rated by my students as an outstanding teacher. • Attorney and extensive business experience as a Chief Executive Officer of a large Connecticut based corporation. Reply: As a member of the Education committee of the RTM, I have been deeply involved with the Board of Educations budget, school closings and curriculum. To understand the town resources available to educate students, we have to understand the Board of Educations budget, which is broken down into fixed and non-fixed costs. It is in the area of non-fixed costs, only 10% of the budget, that help set the qualitative tone of the educational system. This part of the



Judith G. Freedman (R)

Qualifications: Chairman Ad Hoc Committee for Future School Planning. Member Committee to Study Decreasing School Population. Member CLASP. Past President 4th Congressional District Republican Women. Reply: It is critical in these fast moving times that Westport students leave the schools with a firm foundation in Basics, an ability to analyze and an ability to adapt to change. With fewer schools to maintain and a smaller student population, we owe it to our children to retain the best professional staff to teach them. This is the time to examine programs to revise and enhance them to meet these objectives. This should be possible without additional cost to the taxpayer.



Herbert M. Lobsenz (R)

Qualifications: Member of Board of Education — 8 years. President of Market Data Retrieval — 14 years. (Company maintains largest data bank of information on U.S. schools.) Reply: Expand our gains at the elementary level by: Continued focus on basic skills, Continued use of test results to adjust the curriculum and its implementation, Developing new programs that let parents support classroom teaching objectives. Improve secondary education by: Developing standards for measuring educational achievement, Developing a more structured curriculum that concentrates on academic subjects and reduces non-academic electives. Continue to improve the leadership and performance of our administrators. Initiate planning meetings with other town boards to end the annual budget crisis.



Dorothy Arden Lyne (R)

Qualifications: Vice-Chairman, Board of Education, 1979 to present. Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals, 1975-1979. Former President, Westport League of Women Voters. Former PTA president. Westport resident for 20 years. B.A., Ursinus College; M.A. Tufts University. Reply: The five-year consolidation program effected without fuss or feathers this September freed thousands of dollars for instructional improvement in the classroom. Much careful planning preceded the present grade alignment but, throughout, the Board's primary attention focused on improving the educational program itself: developing a K-12 computer curriculum, beginning foreign language in the 5th grade, increasing graduation requirements at Staples. Declining enrollments and further consolidation are inevitable but the quest for excellence in the classroom must be the Board's foremost concern.

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A Westport Government Primer

GOVERNMENT:

In Connecticut, power is vested in either the State or the Town government. The Counties have virtually no political power.

The New England system of open town meetings is one of the purest forms of democratic government, a system that was followed in Westport until 1949. In that year, with the population showing signs of rapid growth, a special act of the State Legislature provided the Town with a less cumbersome Representative Town Meeting. The new system delegated votes to an elected, nonpartisan group yet retained the tradition of an open meeting with public participation. Today, the meetings of the RTM are open to the public and once the representatives have concluded their discussion of a subject, any citizen may seek the floor to make his views known.

In Westport's colonial days "select" men were elected to carry out the instructions of the Town Meeting. By custom, one of the selectmen came to carry on the day-to-day activities of the group. This position of First Selectman was formalized when the Town Charter was written and today his duties are those of a mayor. The First Selectman's responsibilities include public works, recreation, fiscal management, public health, assessment and tax collection, public safety, planning and zoning and the general administration of Town affairs.

APPOINTMENTS:

Although the First Selectman is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the Town government with the exception of education, he may delegate direct supervision of these areas to various Town departments, boards, and commissions. It is the First Selectman's duty to fill all the jobs for appointive boards, commissions and heads of departments (the daily work of many town agencies is handled by a paid staff within their operating departments). In addition, the Selectman may appoint official advisory boards which are disbanded after completing their tasks.

ELECTIONS:

Municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years (exception: selectmen are elected for 4-year terms). Candidates for local elected offices other than the RTM are chosen by the Town Committees of the political parties. Democratic Town Committee (DTC) and Republican Town Committee (RTC) members are elected for two-year terms by the enrolled party members in their respective RTM Districts. "Save Westport Now" is a minority party qualified to run candidates for the Planning and Zoning Commission on a third line. Nonpartisan petitioning candidates may also be included on the ballot. If the candidates endorsed by the political parties are challenged by a successful petition, a primary election must be held before the regular election.

INVOLVEMENT:

Small town government and low budgets are the New England style, a style that must be supported by volunteer hours. Westport's government counts over 1,000 citizens in its volunteer ranks. You can join them by giving your name to the First Selectman's office or the chairmen of the various boards and commissions:

VOLUNTEER

Architectural Review Board Area Nine Cable Council Arts Center Task Force Beautification Committee Bikeways Committee Building Board of Appeals Capital Financing Committee Cockenoe Island Steering Committee Joint Computer Committee Conservation Commission John Steuart Curry Fresco Restoration Committee Downtown Advisory Committee Downtown Finance Advisory Committee BOARD OF EDUCATION Commission for the Elderly Emergency Medical Services **Energy Coordinator Ethics Committee** Fair Housing Agent BOARD OF FINANCE Flood and Erosion Control Board Historic District Commission Home Equity Task Force Housing Authority Housing Code Committee Housing Task Force Levitt Pavilion Committee Pension Committee PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Police and Fire Department Chaplains Public Site and Building Commission

Railroad Parking Advisory Committee Recreation Commission REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING Revaluation Advisory Committee Social Services Advisory Board SW CT Agency on Aging: Housing Task Force Representative SW Regional Mental Health Board Representative SW Regional Planning Agency Representative Transit District Board of Directors **UN Hospitality Committee** Westport/Weston Foundation Distribution Committee Westport/Weston Health District Youth Adult Council Policy Group ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PAID

Assessor
Town Attorney
Building Inspector
Civil Preparedness
Conservation Department
Constables
Controller
Dog Warden
Board of Education Department
Engineering Department
Fire Department
Grants Administrator

Health Department (Westport/ Weston Health District) Highway Department Housing Authority Department Department of Human Services Indices Checkers Jury Committee Justices of the Peace (Fee) Labor Negotiator Westport Public Library Maintenance The Nature Center for Environmental Activities, Inc. Personnel Department Planning and Zoning Department Police Department Judge of Probate Public Site and Building Department Public Works Department Railroad Parking Department Recreation Department REGISTRARS OF VOTERS Registrars of Voters Department BOARD OF SELECTMEN Board of Selectman Department Sewage Treatment Plant Shellfish Policemen Shellfish Warden Tax Collector BOARD OF TAX REVIEW Town Clerk Transit District Tree Warden

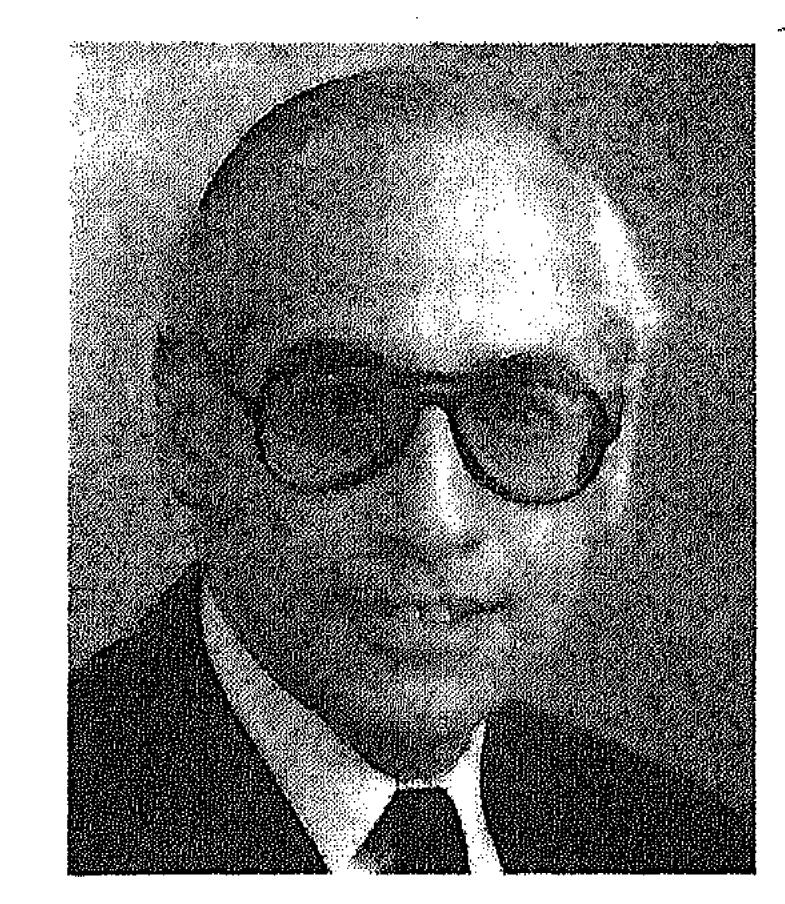
Harbor Master

The ZBA has 5 members serving staggered 4-year terms. They review appeals for variance from P&Z regulations.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

vote for 2

LWV QUESTION: What factors would you consider in granting a variance to the present P&Z regulations, and how do you define hardship?



Allan P. Cramer

Qualifications: Attorney familiar with legal/practical aspects of zoning. Longtime Westporter. Am determined to obtain legally correct zoning decisions which will save tax-payers' money from being wasted on costly court battles. Reply: Would strict enforcement of the Regulations cause unnecessary and unique hardship? Is the topography or other physical factors of the property responsible for the alleged hardship? Is the variance sought harmonious with Westport's Regulations? Will the variance adversely affect Westport's health, safety, convenience, welfare or property values? Will a variance be fair and legally appropriate? Hardship is a condition of exceptional difficulty for a piece of land which is caused by the Zoning Regulations.

Qualifications: I am currently chairman of the ZBA, where I have served since 1979. In dental practice for 23 years, I make many decisions daily when presented with a variety of information. Reply: When granting a variance one must consider the effect the variance will have on the health, welfare and safety of the neighbors, neighborhood and town. I don't believe hardship is a black-white issue. Citizens have the right to use and enjoy their property as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. We must always look to upgrade the quality of life in Westport. Each case is a separate entity and it does not set a precedent for future cases.



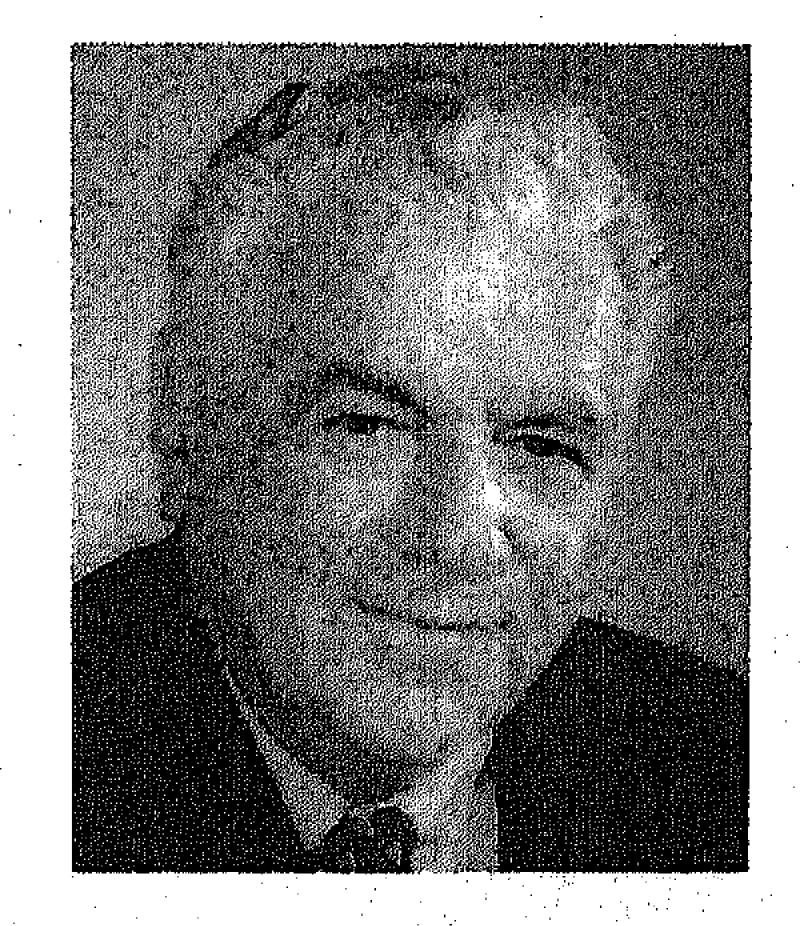
Stanley Freeman (D)



Judith S. McClellan

Qualifications: Genuine interest in creating an environment beneficial to Westport residents. Conscientious and thorough. Objective and logical approach attributable to my scientific background—Purdue University graduate—B.S. in Chemistry. Reply: State statute stipulates that zoning regulations follow a "comprehensive plan" as to the town's present and future growth. A variance should only be granted when the applicant has proven there is a hardship peculiar to his situation. It must comply with the overall "comprehensive plan" and not be contrary to the public welfare. A hardship may be physical or geographic in nature. Economic hardship is not a valid condition for granting a variance.

Qualifications: Lawyer; graduate Amherst and U. of Pittsburgh Law School; alternate Westport ZBA; extensive law practice and business experience; Village Attorney for New York villages with zoning problems; Westport resident since 1970. Reply: The law requires that variance not affect the comprehensive zoning plan; due consideration is required for the public health, safety, convenience, welfare and property values. Generally, hardship exists where unique physical conditions peculiar to a particular lot prevent strict compliance with regulations; however, if the condition can be controlled by the owner, or if it is merely to his financial disadvantage, no legal hardship exists.



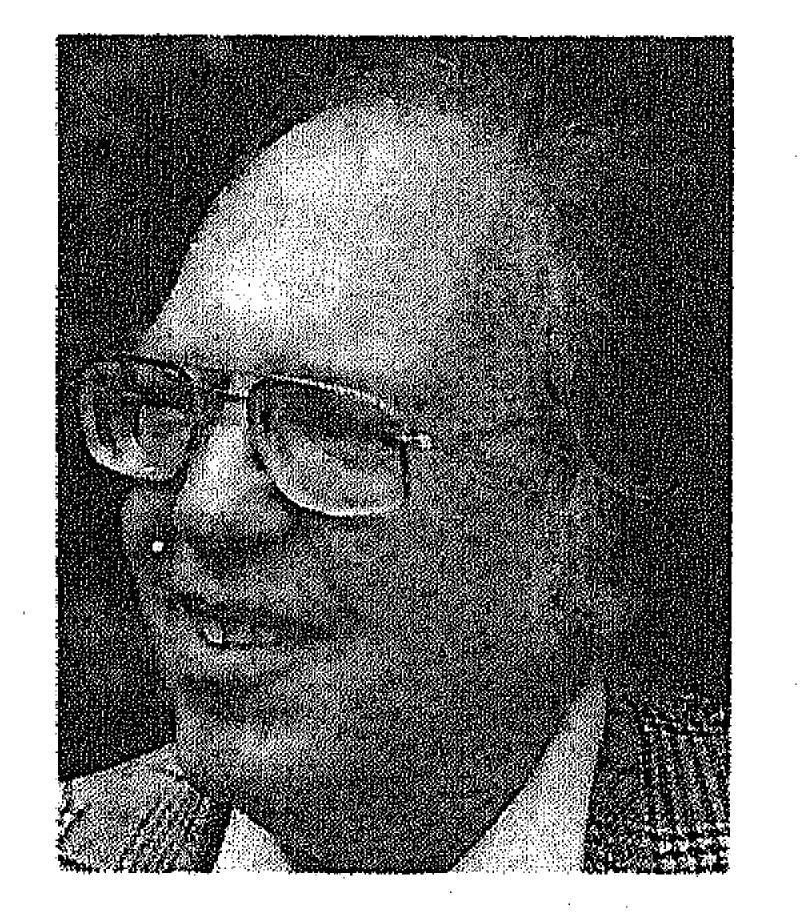
Lynne A. Warren

PLANNING AND ZONING

Four Years

LWV QUESTION: Do you believe commercial development and alternative housing should be expanded beyond the present restrictions? If so, why? If not, why not?

vote for 4



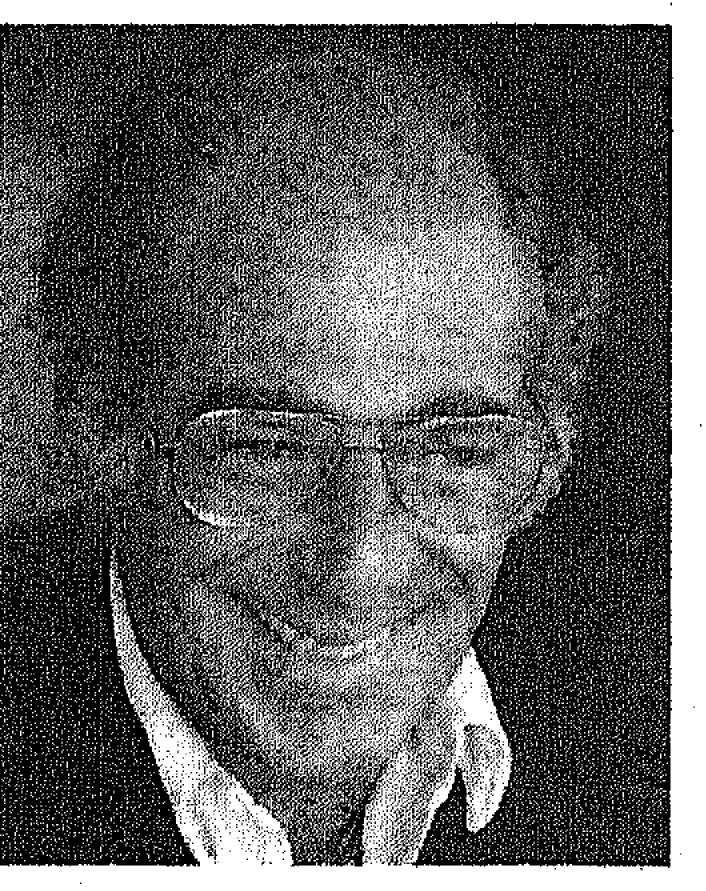
Bertram Cohen (D) (Save Westport Now)

Qualifications: I have been an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a year and previously for two years, a Westport delegate to SWRPA. I believe my experience will be an important asset to the Commission in the next four years. Reply: These are two separate issues. Commercial growth will have to be slowed down if only to prevent the town from choking on excess traffic. It is also highly probable that the saturation point for commercial development has been reached. One method of slowing commercial growth is to trade some currently zoned commercial areas for housing which will allow the land owners to realize the properties' potential. I favor this. In addition, other alternate housing should be encouraged so that Westport can have a varied mix of residents. As one example, municipal employees deserve the chance to live in the community where they work.



Constance Greenfield (D) (Save Westport Now)

Qualifications: Twelve years a Westport resident. Active involvement in community affairs. For past two years have worked on P&Z to limit over-commercialization and protect residential areas from commercial intrusions. Reply: I believe our traffic congestion crisis requires further limitation of commercial development. Since over a million square feet of commercial space can still be built in Westport, the town will reach "gridlock" if we don't reduce this potential. Fairness to property owners and long-range planning are needed. Some alternative housing is needed and is a good trade-off for commercial development, but we must be careful not to "go overboard," if we want Westport to remain a predominantly single family residential town.



Daniel Katz (D) (Save Westport Now)

Qualifications: Town Representative: South Western Regional Planning Agency. Time and experience to do thorough job. Member: Housing Task Force. Democratic and Save Westport Now endorsement. Reply: An exhaustive traffic study has allowed us to see where Westport is most impacted by commercial development. In many areas, expansion would be overdevelopment which can and should be stopped. In other, less impacted areas, land owners' rights to get the "highest and best" use of land will, by law, outweigh the right of the town to stop them. Changing needs often require changes in attitude about zoning practices. It is worth exploring alternative housing that will allow us to keep our suburban atmosphere and not overburden our facilities.

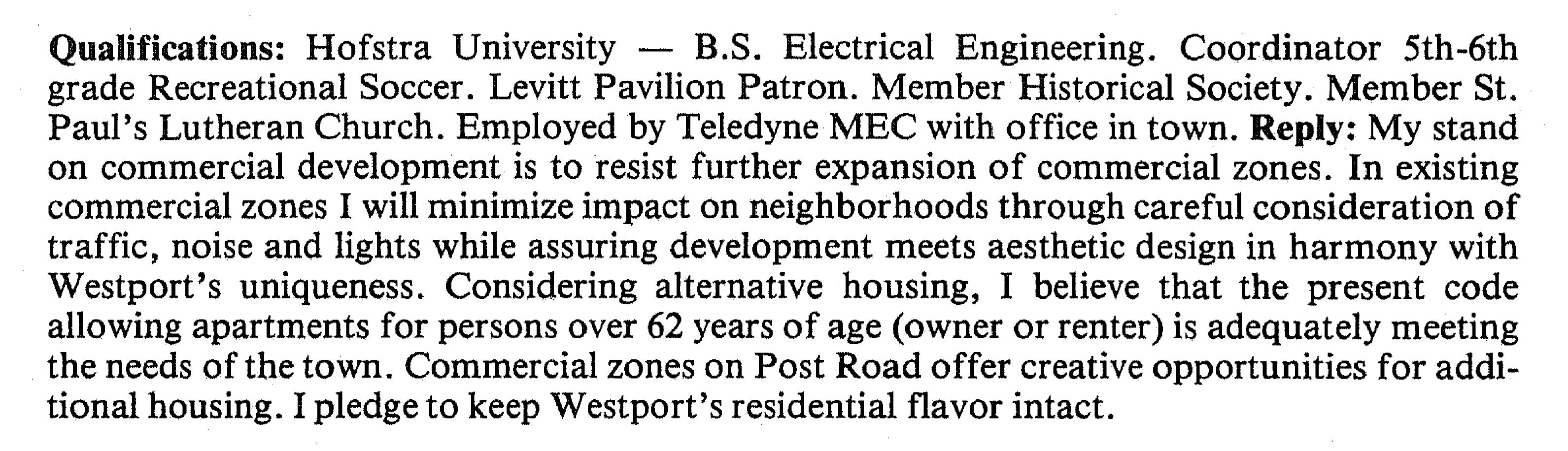


Arlene Donahue

Qualifications: Member — RTM: Planning & Zoning and Environment Committees. LWV (Past Vice-President): Gorham Island Study; Town Government Study; Public Affairs Radio Program Producer. Little League Commissioner. Member — Historical Society. Reply: Commercial Development — No. Under present zoning, the potential exists for approximately 2 million additional square feet of commercial building, an increase of one-third over what's already on the ground. Where legally feasible, this potential should be reduced and alternatives encouraged. Alternative Housing — ONLY IF effected in a cautious, controlled way. We will create new problems if we increase the population beyond the capacity of roads and services, if we endanger neighborhoods, and if we don't ensure stringent enforcement of the regulations. The overriding consideration must be protection of property values.

The P&Z has 7 members serving staggered 4-year terms. They are responsible for developing a Town Plan, securing the most desirable use of land within the town, regulating the density of population, and drafting zoning regulations necessary to the success of the Plan.

Qualifications: 15 years resident — understand town's needs and motivations. 6 years experience — long range planning/trend analysis. 2 years — president of Compo Beach Improvement Association. Demonstrated strong personal drive, ability to communicate clearly. Reply: Preserving the quality of life in Westport, without inflated costs, are primary goals for P&Z members and must be addressed in commercial/housing development considerations. Over development commercially, injures Westport's residential character. There appears to be no justification for expanding office development since there is an over abundance. Retail facilities are generally adequate to meet town's needs. Small apartment development (in commercial zones) deserves consideration as a means of regulating traffic patterns and providing lower cost dwellings. Expansion of in-house-apartment regulations should be treated with caution and be the subject of thorough public discussion.



Planning and Zoning to fill two-year vacancy

vote for 1

Qualifications: A commission incumbent, I have devoted much time and energy understanding and helping solve our town's problems. I am proud to be endorsed by the Democrats and Save Westport Now. Reply: Continued development and alternative housing are inevitable parts of Westport's future. The challenge is to manage change in a way that will not destroy the character that makes our town special. We must balance the needs of the young who wish to raise and educate a family here, with those who are older and want to remain in the town in which they have settled. Only with careful planning and maximum citizen input, can we be fair and protect Westport from growing traffic problems and over-commercialization.

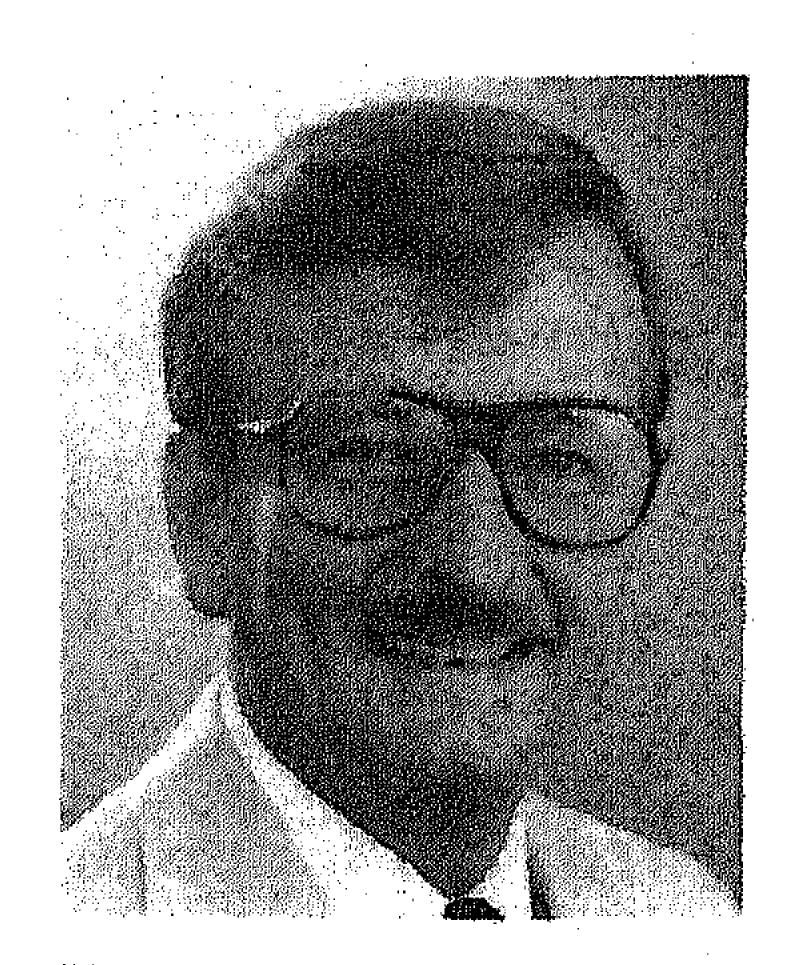
Qualifications: Westporter for eighteen years, home owner since 1981, business degree U.B., Member Housing Task Force. President Financial Service Corporation, with the time, energy, and desire to make the commitment. Reply: I wish it were that simple to be either for or against development. The P&Z despite what some might believe, cannot merely halt all building. They must work within the existing regulations. I am concerned with the growing pains Westport suffers as we its residents deal daily with such heavy traffic. If we are to preserve what makes this town special, then P&Z must become better planners, planners with foresight rather than regulators with hindsight. I believe it can be done.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Four Years, cont'd.



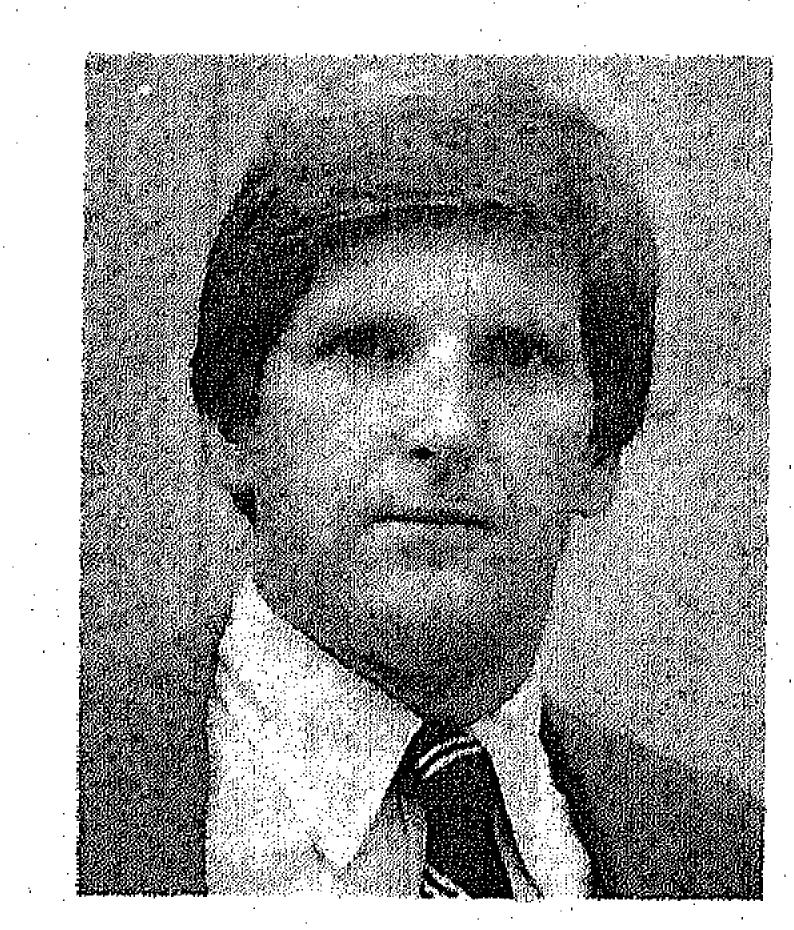
David R. Jones



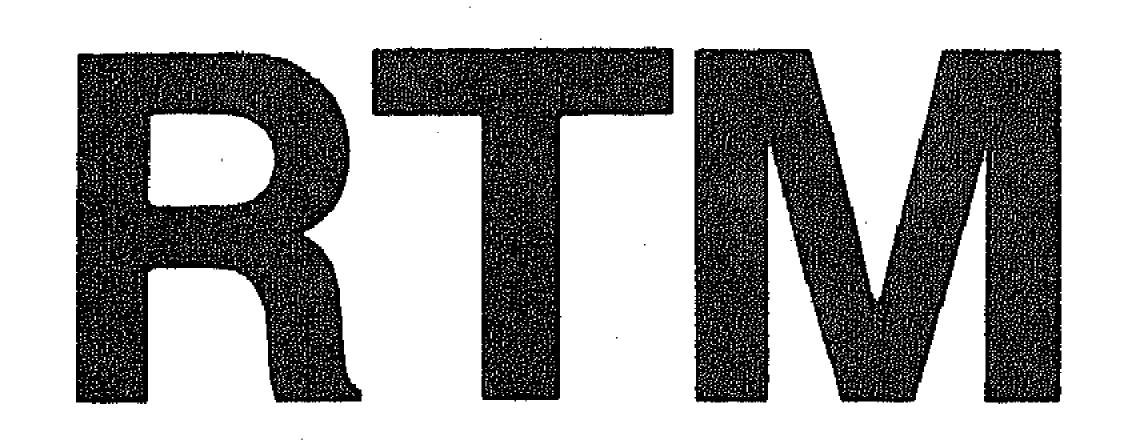
Theodore W. Mueller



Meg A. Coffee (D) (Save Westport Now)



Felix T. Charney



LWV QUESTION: As an RTM member, how would you hope to influence Westport's future?

vote for 5

Joseph P. Arcudi

I believe two of the most important issues facing Westport are taxes and hous-

We must provide more housing for our senior citizens and our young people. I believe if we are prudent we can keep taxes down and still maintain good government services.

Thomas E. Capasse

No response.

Lorna B. Christophersen

My record after 7 years on the RTM and 4 on the Board of Education (2 as chairman) has been to: Represent my constituency, • Carefully balance educational and municipal budgets, Reduce municipal waste, • Preserve Westport's Triple-A Credit Rating, • Improve vital town services, • Scale-down commercialization and development, • Preserve historic and natural assets.

I will continue to work...

Mark T. Greene

Once the community decides the future needs of Westport, I would be able to take an active role in researching and creating a list of possible solutions. After public comment, a formal plan of action could be drawn up. I would make sure the plan is fulfilling the needs and be able to make improvements where they are needed.

Rita V. Hooper

I would hope to influence Westport's future by making every effort to stabilize

taxes without diminishing services; to try to resolve the town-wide flooding problems; to maintain a sound educational system; to be ever watchful that the growth of the town does not exceed our ability to cope with it; and to address the issue of housing for those with low and moderate incomes.

Laura A. Ingersoll

Our challenge, in building a better Westport, is to manage our community's abundant resources responsibly and creatively. As RTM member, I'll bring to that process my commitment to clear thinking, accuracy, and constructive debate, as we tackle key issues in areas like public works and services, housing, education, land use, and the need to balance environmental protection and measured growth.

District

Eugene E. Cederbaum

RTM service has been extremely rewarding. I have represented District 2 on many issues from Stony Brook to a stop sign on Old Hill. Town-wide, I initiated action on the Neighborhood Assistance Act and serve on the Ethics and Arts Center Task Forces.

By identifying and influencing important issues, I would like to continue representing you on the RTM.

VOTE! It's your future

Barbara J. Lippard

I will influence Westport's future by stimulating governmental participation by the voters. — Most citizens are passive

We can change this by: — Communication with the voters on District and Community issues.

Enthusiasm for Westport's government can be communicated. My enthusiasm, I hope, is contagious. Our government must reflect the Community. I want to motivate you to help me.

Randolph W. Meyer

As an incumbent I have a good understanding of how town government operates. This is important to the RTM as our most important roles are: 1) Final approval of town expenditures, 2) Veto power over rezoning actions by Planning & Zoning, 3) Being responsive and aware of needs of Westporters.

By performing these duties with excellence I can best ensure Westport's future.

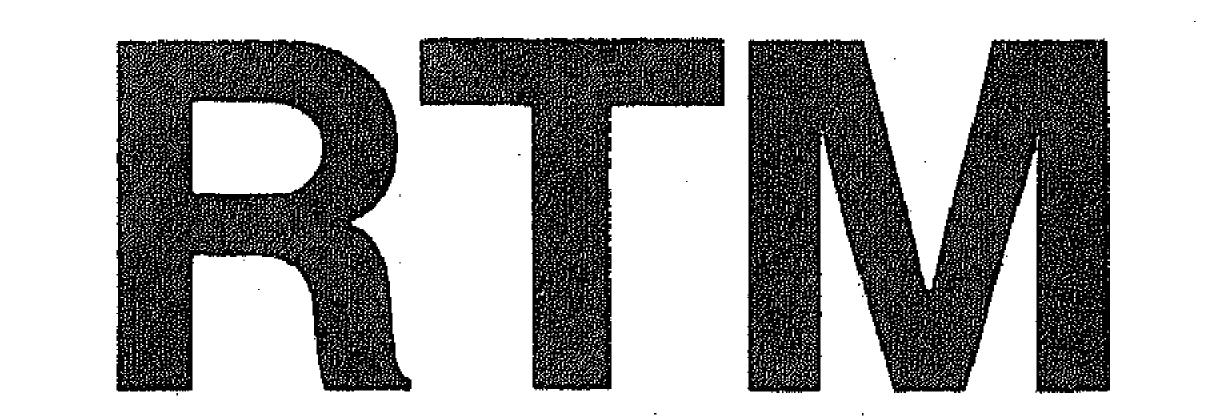
Mark A. Smith

1) Insist upon continued educational excellence. The town's greatest asset, its schools, must continue to maintain its superlative rating. 2) Make the housing stock more available/affordable for young and old alike through in-house apartments and Senior Citizen housing. 3) Improve upon town recreation amenities through upgrading current facilities and constructing new athletic fields. 4) Insist upon continuing the ... *

John E. Terrell

Work for and support the establishment of a "Land Trust." Trust would be utilized to place funds received when Town property is sold and also to receive private tax-exempt donations from

THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING is a nonpartisan legislative body. Its 39 members, chosen on the basis of population from eight districts, are elected for two-year terms. RTM candidates must 1) be registered Westport voters, and 2) reside in the districts they will represent. RTM members may not hold any other town office while serving.



citizens interested in "Open Space." Funds would be expended ONLY for the acquisition of space identified by Town Commission as property the Town should acquire.

District 3

vote for 5

Frank H. Crump

As a member of the RTM I hope to help make Westport a town which our young people wish to, and can afford to, remain in. One, too, which the elderly find equally worthwhile and affordable. A town which recognizes the necessity of growth and change but modulates such growth in ways that maintain our basic creative vitality and character.

Albert R. Johnson

Ours is the most expensive town government per resident in the entire state, requiring large property tax increases in recent years. This is forcing many long-term residents to spend their retirement years elsewhere and discouraging young families from moving here. That's wrong. I will fight for fiscally responsible government and sound long-range planning, the keys to Westport's future.

Christine B. O'Sullivan

As an RTM member, I hope to positively influence Westport's future by study, analysis, planning, setting priorities and action.

As a lawyer practicing in Westport, I am made aware of the need for citizens dedicated to making government function more effectively and efficiently to provide for orderly short-term and long-range development with sensitivity to the character of the community.

Robert Seskin

Each vote that I cast as a RTM member influences Westport's future for many years to come; therefore, my goal is to study each issue diligently and to attend each meeting.

Although I vote my own conscience, I make a concerted effort to listen to all sides of an issue, not only from my own constituents, but from other Westport residents as well.

Stephen Tate

As in the past, I shall work to see that Westport remains a place where people of varying ages and incomes can afford to live. We must continue to fight for quality town services at a reasonable mill rate. We must zone to preserve residential values without frustrating reasonable development. We must continue to seek balanced results in all areas.

orities, along with a major concern that Westport maintain good services, and checks and balances on spending.

As I have in the past term, I'll work towards reasonable solutions to these complicated problems, and ... "

Bruce H. Salvo

I am a long time Westport resident

District

vote for 5

Robert D. Burn

would faithfully attend all meetings, and: 1) Work unceasingly for fair and equitable assessments and taxation, 2) Strive to upgrade our schools, but keep costs in reason, 3) Work for reasonable economy in Town Government, and 4) Try to control growth and development in Westport, but within the law.

I want Westport to remain as a fine place for living and raising families.

Penny Lind

I see great need for more thoughtful, thorough controls over the wetlands, and real planning for housing for all age/income groups. These are my personal pri-

and have worked on a variety of projects for various town agencies on a professional basis. This unique experience has given me a valuable perspective into Westport's past and present and should add a significant dimension to my role as a member of the RTM. I am aware of the time involved and am willing to make the committment.

Eleanor C. Solovay

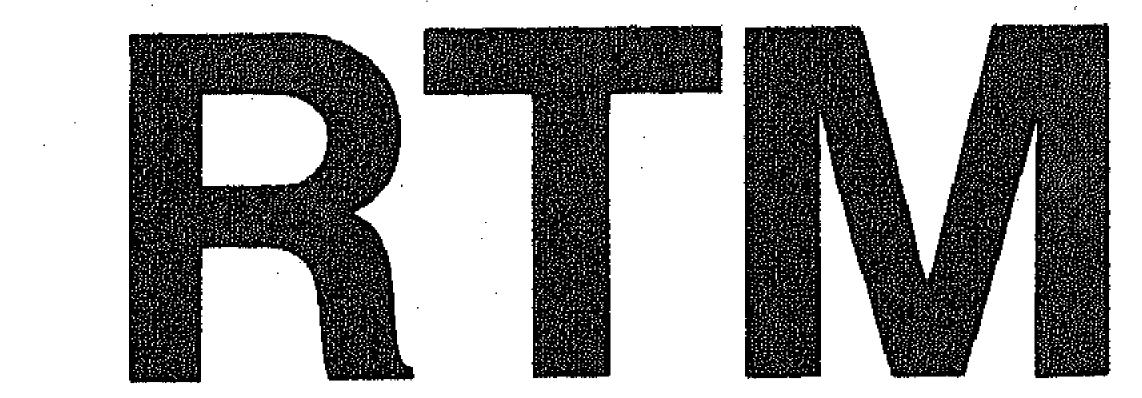
I will continue to try to make local government be responsive to the citizens of Westport. Two of the problems I see as particularly acute are drainage and traffic.

Jane Young

Time and progress does not stand still, but an effort must be made to control run-away growth and alleviate the traffic congestion which threaten our environment. The RTM is the conscience of the voters and I hope to reflect the views of my district and tread the fine line between fiscal responsibility and maintaining the high quality of services.

Theodore W. Youngling

The RTM has a direct influence on the spending process, but as important are our other roles — monitoring the town's concerns and evaluating the responses of its officials. As the last step in the budget process we need to provide an active and attentive forum. My responsibility is to consult, listen, decide and act as a constructive influence on issues and answers.



LWV QUESTION: As an RTM member, how would you hope to influence Westport's future?

District 5

vote for 4

Lawrence O. Aasen

Westport's future is now. We must not let threats by bullies or lawyers scare us. We must keep Westport residential, free of office buildings, traffic congestion, porno parlors or what have you. I will continue to ask the hard questions: Why are we doing this? What will it cost? Do we need it? Why?

David H. Harrison

I hope to influence Westport's future by actively participating in the Town's decision-making processes. By committing myself to making the time to attend meetings, to study issues, to listen to others and to speak out, I hope to bring to the issues the perspective of one resident who has a long-term commitment to Westport. With the active responsiveness of my constituents, I would hope to bring to the issues the perspectives of many of my neighbors.

Bruce Heatly

I would hope to influence Westport's future by directly representing the interests of District 5. The degree to which my constituents communicate their concerns to their representatives will determine how effective we can be. By making myself available to District 5 residents I would be able to make a meaningful contribution toward shaping a future for Westport that would be compatible to the wishes of the community.

Michael A. Nayor

Commercial and physical development have run unbridled in Westport. It is now time to reemphasize the residential character of our community. This can be achieved by scaling back overambitious projects which are not in character with the town; and by maintaining and improving existing resources and facilities, providing the best town services possible, and supporting a strong school system.

District 6

vote for 5

Thomas F. Conroy

No response.

Roger K. Irvine

Westport residents have a responsibility to maintain and preserve the unique character of the town. We can achieve this through carefully controlled growth. We must support only those projects which make Westport a better place to live. I bring from business an ability to gather information, monitor expenditures and make objective decisions to attain these goals.

Mary M. Jenkins

We all want it all — low taxes, yet fine schools and recreation, less commercial development, and a balanced community composed of all ages and income levels.

As the RTM deals with appropriations, ordinances, and zoning regulation reviews, I'll continue to work to combine our dreams with fiscal restraint, thus hoping to assure a good future for our favorite town.

Douglas R. Wood

The incoming RTM will be faced with decisions regarding construction of a

library, resolution of the controversy surrounding legalization of in-house apartments, use of vacated schools and continued acquisition of open space.

Those members who foresee the long term consequences of these decisions, and act accordingly, can have a significant influence on the future of our town.

NOTE: only four candidates filed in District 6; the fifth representative will be chosen by the District's elected members if there is no write-in candidate. The position will be advertised before the selection is made.

District 7

vote for 5

Ira W. Bloom

First, I would hope to influence Westport's future by insuring that the RTM itself continues to be responsive to the individual needs of our citizens. We must avoid our Town government becoming an overwhelming bureaucracy.

Second, I would continue to work to keep our Town on the excellent financial ground we have maintained in recent years.

Anthony J. Lowe

Commercialization and traffic presently are the areas that most influence Westport's future. As chairman of the RTM Environment Committee, and a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, I am in a position to monitor and influence the actions of both departments and make sure they are doing everything legally possible to hold down and reduce growth in these areas.

Arthur Millman

I intend to protect and preserve our Town's high standard of residential living

THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING is a nonpartisan legislative body. Its 39 members, chosen on the basis of population from eight districts, are elected for two-year terms. RTM candidates must 1) be registered Westport voters, and 2) reside in the districts they will represent. RTM members may not hold any other town office while serving.

by opposing any proposed commercial development that will conflict or detract from said standard of living. Further, I intend to oppose the sale of Town owned land to private developers as such sales are not in the long term best interests of the residents of the Town.

Walter L. Schlenker

As a member of the RTM, it would be my duty to serve the residents of District 7 and of all Westport in auditing the performance of the Town administration in: Police and Fire Protection; Planning and Zoning; Public Works; Recreation; Education; Property Assessments, Capital and Operating Expenditures and the like. My efforts would also be directed to correct or control any questionable practices.

Irwin Sollinger

A balanced concern for the legitimate rights and needs of property owners and citizens with an awareness that our community has a responsibility to both the youngsters and adults will be my contribution if elected to the RTM.

An issue of importance is the legitimate use of our land for recreational activity and adequately developed open spaces.

District 8

Anthony E. Ahern

As a member of the RTM I hope to influence Westport's future in the following ways: 1) Attempt to restrain the proliferation of commercial development, 2) Attempt to reduce taxes by reducing government expenses by requiring that Westport get fair value for the goods and

services it purchases, 3) Attempt to maintain and improve the quality of education in Westport.

Irwin Donenfeld

The power of the RTM is its control of the town's purse. The RTM does not propose legislation, but its members must look at the town in its entirety and assure our citizens that expenditures are justified not for only today but, hopefully, for the many tomorrows to follow.

Sidney L. Filderman

A thinking, responsible member of the RTM must play an important role in shaping Westport's future. Careful and intelligent actions can be taken in the important area of education, recreation, town development that will insure that Westport continues to be a GREAT place to live... An RTMer is charged to enhance our assets and to reduce our problems.

John S. Gilbertie, Jr.

Ten years of RTM experience has increased my ability to influence town department and bureaus in keeping Westport a town of homes while limiting commercial growth as zoned, high quality education, retaining our triple rating through fiscal responsibility, additional senior housing, preserving open land and neighborhood "pocket parks," quality recreational facilities and improved response to citizens needs.

Arthur O. Klein

I support legalized in-house apartments and conversion of vacant schools to residential use, subject to RTM and Town regulation and supervision, and enactment of stricter notice requirements to abutting property owners of applications filed with Town agencies affecting their property. I am against the further commercialization of Westport. RTM must assume a greater supervisory role over town commissions and agencies.

Barbara K. Saipe

My commitment to Westport by having served on PTAs, the Recreation Commission and RTM (1975-79) makes me aware of the issues and problems facing us. I have background and knowledge of town affairs by my continuing interest with attendance at various Board meetings. I feel that I have done my homework.

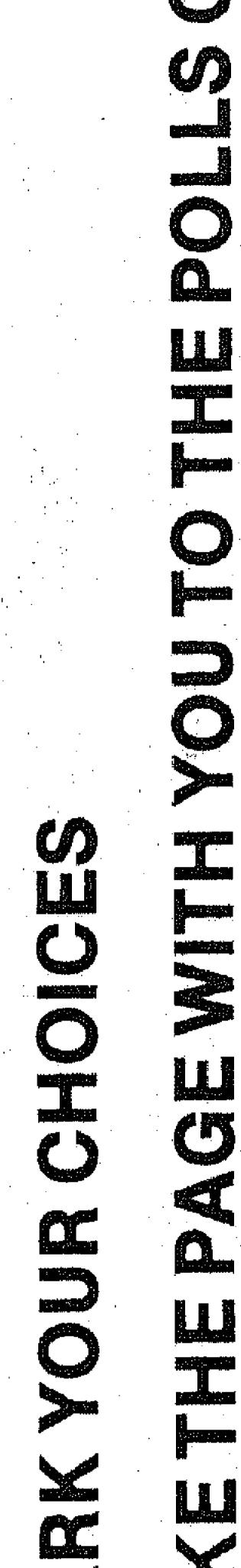
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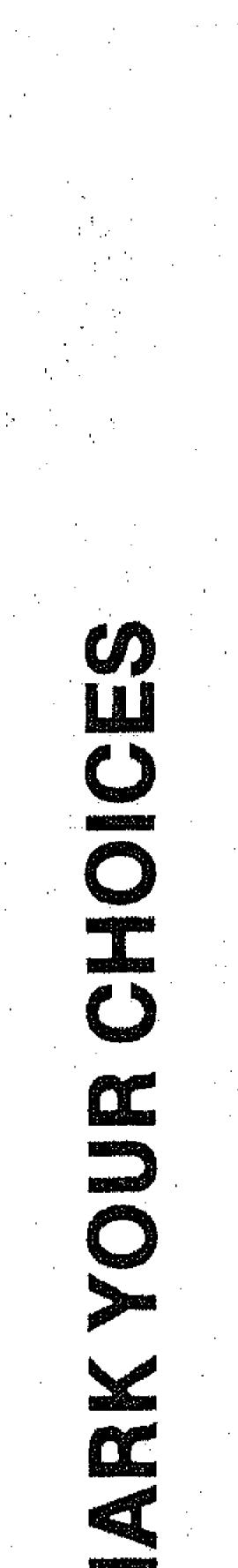
As a former developer and contractor for twenty-five years, my first priority is in the area that I am most experienced, Planning and Zoning. My interest goes out as well to the functions of most of the town offices and their relationship towards each other. As well, a suitable computer for the entire Town would be of major interest to me.

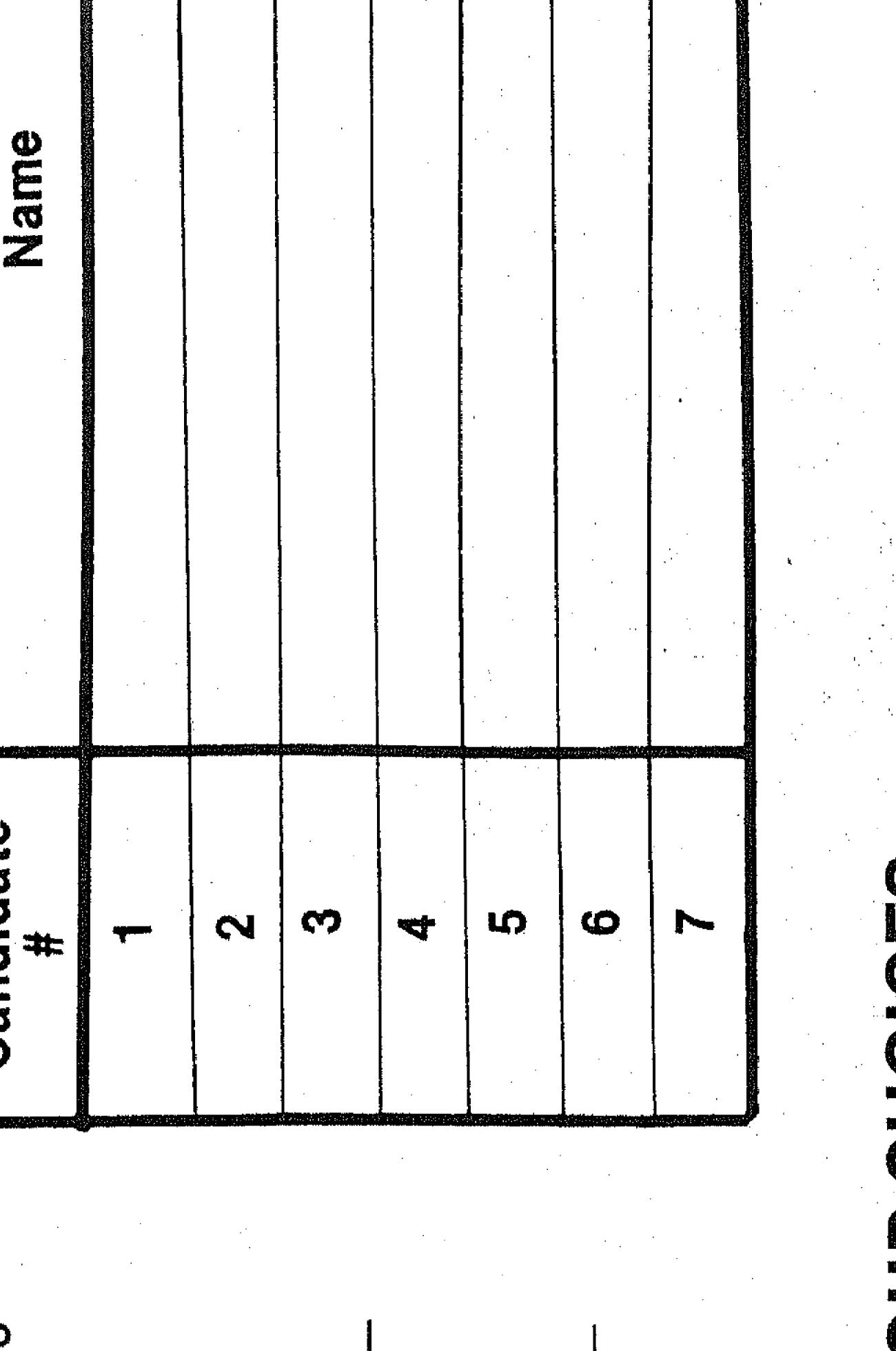
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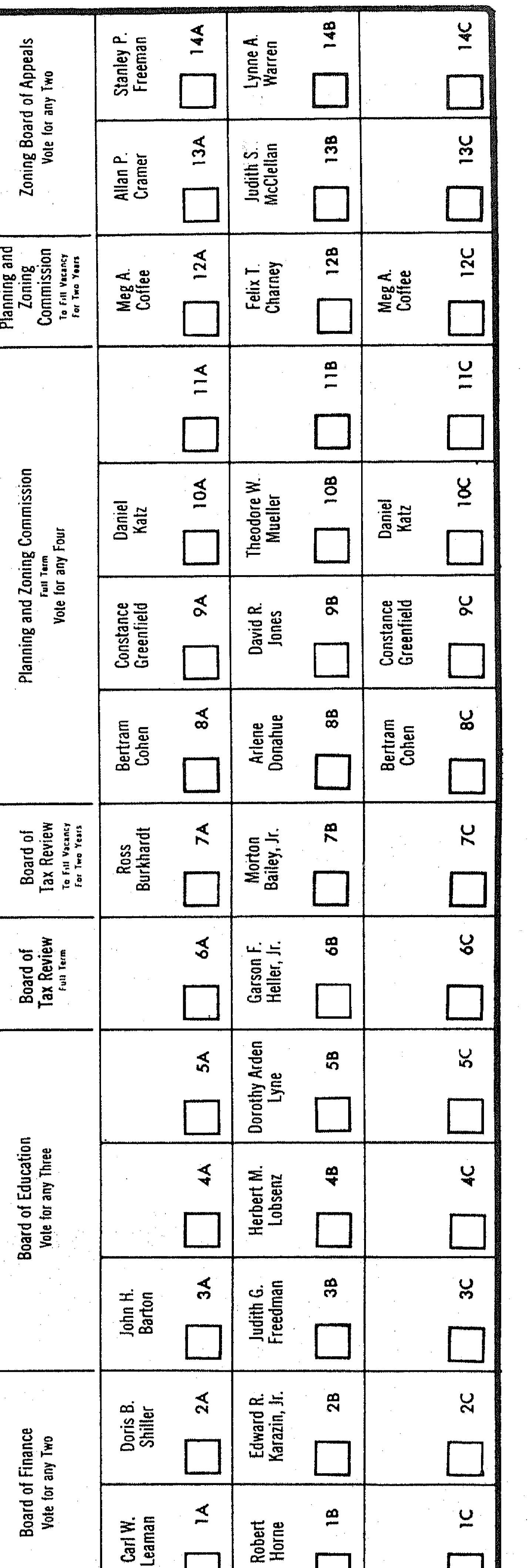
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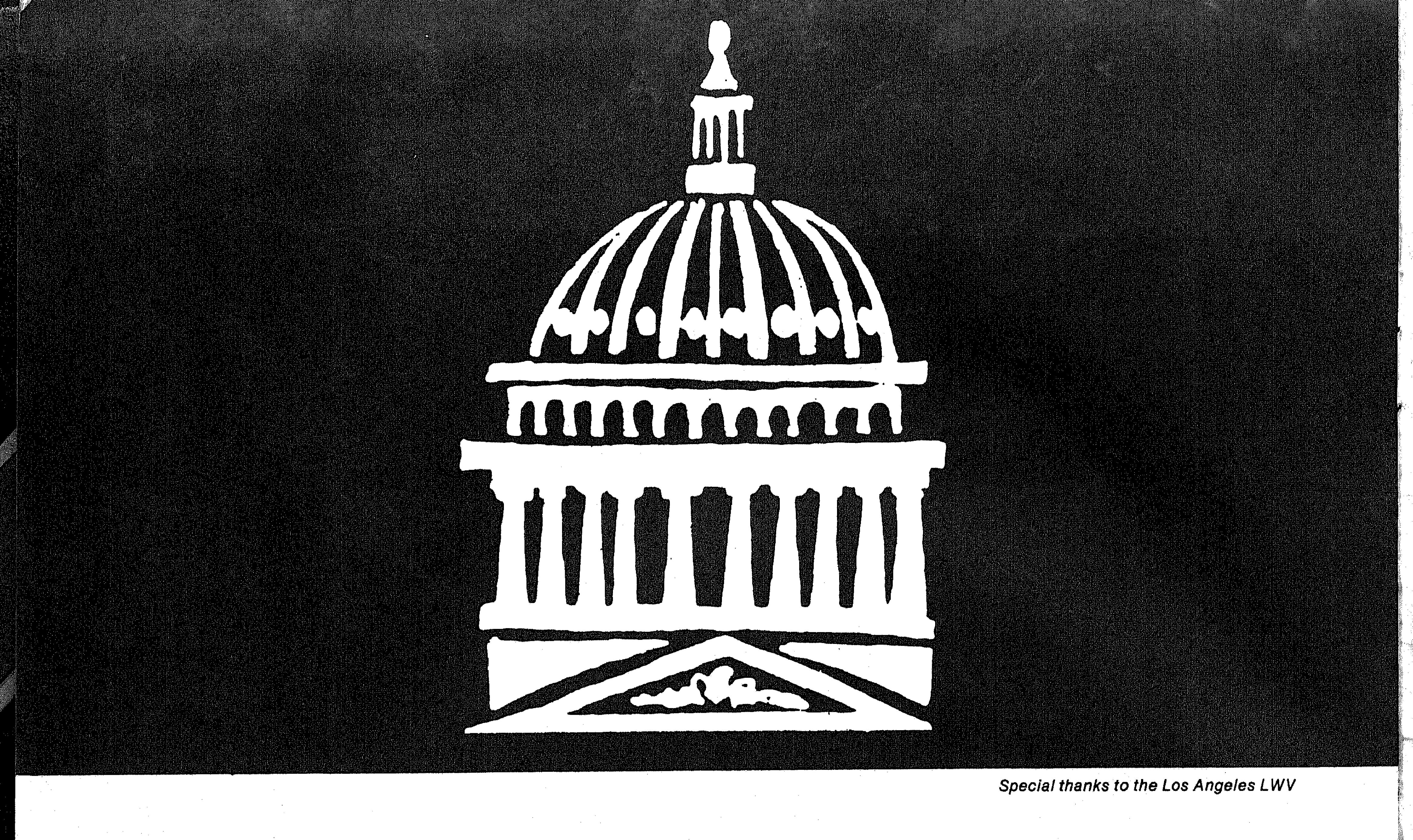
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