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WESTPORT LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

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Candidates for Governor

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. The need for adequate housing for low and middle income families keeps growing. What specific steps do you intend to take to help alleviate the shortage? (75 words) *Asterisk (*) indicates word limit exceeded.*

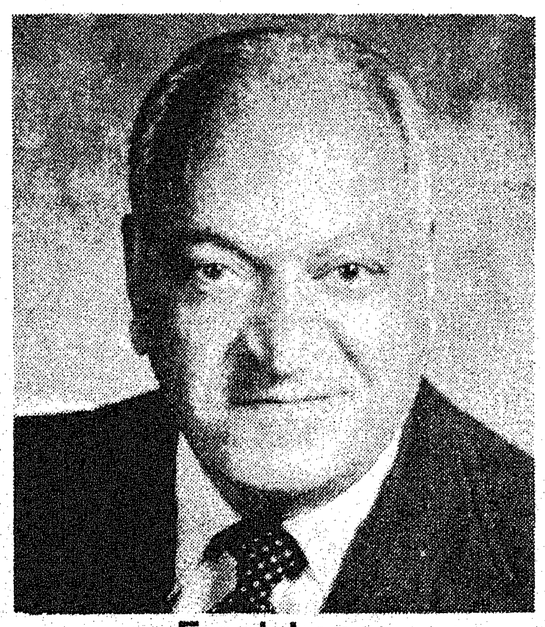
2. There is a critical shortage of day care facilities in the state. What specific steps do you propose to remedy the shortage? (75 words)

William A. O'Neill
DEMOCRAT

1. During my administration, we've created 9,400 publicly assisted housing units. We've issued over 28,000 below-market-rate home mortgages. During the last legislative session, I submitted a proposal that would have had a great impact in areas with extremely high real estate costs. It would have provided diminishing rent subsidies for the working poor and middle income wage earners. It did not pass, but I will re-submit additional proposals of this nature in January.
2. We recognize the need for day care in Connecticut and we're responding with innovative solutions despite federal funding cutbacks. A few examples:
— I initiated an Office of Child Day Care to encourage the creation of day care facilities throughout Connecticut.
— I signed bills offering tax credits to corporations providing on-site day care or financial assistance to employees for offsite care.
— We have money earmarked to help private, non-profit institutions develop their own day care programs.

Julie D. Belaga
REPUBLICAN

1. I encourage the continuation of CHFA low interest loans to builders to stimulate the construction of low-to-moderate income housing. I will also work with local officials to initiate innovative housing solutions, such as development of manufactured mobile home parks. Modern mobile homes offer lower income residents opportunities to obtain affordable, surprisingly attractive dwellings. I was recently instrumental in the renovation of such a facility in Westport, an area greatly effected by the housing ...*
2. Private employers must assist in making day care available to their employees. A recent GOP-sponsored legislative enactment to provide tax credits for businesses subsidizing employee purchase of day care is a good first step. I will also encourage larger employers to sponsor on-site day care facilities. I also support increasing the staff and salaries for state-funded day care centers.



Frank Longo
UNAFFILIATED

Question 1: Instead of short-term answers like providing subsidized housing, it would make more sense to pursue programs aimed at upgrading the income of those in need.

Question 2: This ties directly with Question #1. If day-care programs, at costs affordable by working mothers, are available, less will have to look to welfare and state subsidies. These should be run by private sources under state supervision with an equitable scale of rates.

IN ADDITION TO THE CANDIDATES LISTED, WESTPORT VOTERS WILL ALSO BE VOTING FOR:—

(1) Secretary of the State (1) Treasurer (1) Comptroller

(1) Attorney General Registrar of Voters

(1) State Question* (2) Amendments to the State Constitution*

(3) Amendments to the Westport Town Charter †

* Information flyers available at Town Hall
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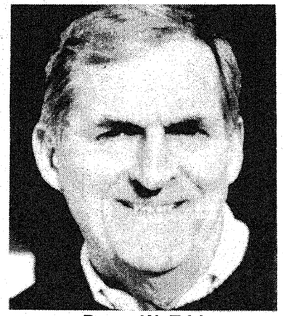
Candidates for U.S. Senate

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Assuming that the next Federal budget will have to be cut in order to reduce the deficit, do you support across the board cuts or selective cuts? If you support selective cuts, which programs should be cut and which should be protected? (75 words)
2. Should Connecticut decrease its dependence on defense-related industries and what alternatives would you favor to take their place? (75 words)

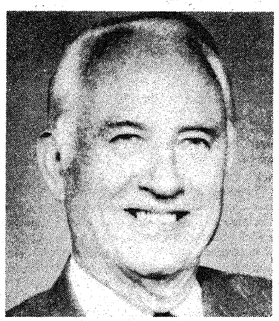
Christopher J. Dodd
DEMOCRAT

1. I support the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction measure. Recent budget actions demonstrate it has had some positive effect. Congress has moved toward more sensible spending reductions both in defense and in social welfare programs.
While congressional restraint has helped narrow the deficit, much more must be done. No thoughtful person wants across-the-board cuts. Nevertheless, the threat of such cuts motivates Congress to make the hard choices required to carry out selective cuts.
2. Connecticut has a robust, growing economy because it has a diverse mixture of industries and services. From manufacturing to insurance, from high technology to higher education, our economy is based on skill and hard work of well-educated citizens.
Future industries, defense or otherwise, will need new, specialized skills. Connecticut will enjoy a substantial share of the nation's vital defense industry as long as we continue to invest in training for increasingly complex demands.



Roger W. Eddy
REPUBLICAN

1. A U.S. Senator has a responsibility to make politically-difficult, selective decisions on individual items in the budget. Gramm-Rudman is a complete abdication of this duty.
The military (weapons systems), agricultural subsidies, and various domestic programs (that should properly be funded by the states) could be cut. It is also necessary to remove Social Security from the regular budget through optional privatization of the system, while guaranteeing the benefits of all recipients.
2. As long as this country defends itself and subscribes to a policy of deterrence (as I believe it should), weapons and their production will be necessary.
The defense industry lends stability and insulation from economic downturn to our state economy. However, it is in Connecticut's interest to bring greater diversity to our economy, though not by systematically decreasing the role of the defense industry.



Edward J. McCallum, Jr.
UNAFFILIATED

1. Be more selective; check welfare cheats; reexamine welfare recipients thoroughly every six months; reduce welfare. No time and material on open-ended military contracts; monitor management and workers for a full day's work; reduce military budget. Halve expenditures of senators and representatives for their padded senatorial assistance. Cut military and civil service costs by eliminating twenty year service retirement to thirty year minimum. Cut medicare costs by further limiting doctors, pharmacists, and hospitals' exhorbitant charges.
2. Connecticut employment is approximately 60% defense oriented which is a false economy, and as soon as the contracts stop, 60% of Connecticut workers will be unemployed. A solid foundation for economy must be built on consumer items such as we have had in the past — manufactured machine tools, automotive parts and equipment, steel and brass fabrication, electrical apparatus and consumer items where our men have been skilled and trained for the last one hundred years.

House of Representatives, District 4

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What are your qualifications for the office of U.S. Representative? (50 words)
2. If the Tax Reform bill approved by the House-Senate conference committee is passed by the full Congress, do you think it will generate enough revenue to balance the budget? If yes, why, and if no, what tax increases would you favor to raise more revenue? (50 words)

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Christine M. Niedermeier
DEMOCRAT

1. Eight year State Representative; Chairman and Ranking Member of General Assembly's Transportation Committee; Subcommittee Chairman of Appropriations Committee; Capitol Hill experience as Legislative Assistant; Active Member of United Way Substance Abuse Task Force; Attorney with Winthrop, Stimson Putnam & Roberts; Education at Georgetown University and Law Center.

2. No. The $164 Billion federal deficit must be eliminated. I have a proven track record of making tough choices to whittle down the state's budget to avoid tax increases without jeopardizing essential services. I will do the same in Washington for a District that deserves more clout in Congress.

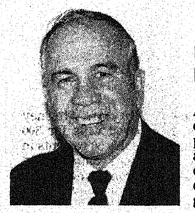
Stewart B. McKinney
REPUBLICAN

1. My experience, seniority, leadership and ability to listen has enabled me to develop a strong citizen / congressman partnership and a good working relationship with my colleagues over the last 16 years. As dean of the delegation, I promote and I will continue to bring federal dollars ...*

2. Tax reform will not balance the budget. Reducing the deficit must be accomplished by cutting expenditures and then examining measures such as user fees or a cigarette excise tax. This year I worked on a budget that recommended 80 program changes, curtails defense spending, and implemented the President's revenue package.

State Senate, District 26

LWV Question: What is your position on mandatory drug testing, both in the public and private sectors? If in favor, what offices/occupations would you include/exclude?



Louis R. Dorsey, Sr.
DEMOCRAT

After earning an M.A. from Columbia University, I dedicated thirty-five years to my hometown, Westport, as a teacher, coach and community service activist. As State Senator, I will dedicate my courage, integrity and strength to insuring the quality of life of our families, retired people, and next generations.

Clearly, people in sensitive positions — such as those who guard our national secrets — should be subjected to the closest scrutiny, including drug tests. For the rest of us, however, the technologic quick fix of mandatory drug testing raises potentially dangerous threats to 4th Amendment protections of "persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." These demeaning tests should require special cause, and have no place in our schools. What lesson is taught students, accused of no crime, yet forced to urinate in the presence of a stranger, and have their character analyzed by some machine? What concept of democracy would we plant in their minds; and what bitter harvest might America reap when these seeds take root?

Judith G. Freedman
REPUBLICAN

Boston University, University of Michigan, Southern Connecticut B.S., M.S., Ed.; former teacher: Florida, New York, Wilton and Weston, Ct.; former President Republican Women Westport, Fourth Congressional Republican Women; Legislative Chairman: American Association University Women, Connecticut Federation Republican Women; Vice-chairman Westport Board of Education; Legislative committee, Connecticut Association Boards of Education

The public places its confidence in public employees, particularly those involved with the health and safety of the citizens. Would a drug test guarantee each employee is drug free? How accurate are the tests? How much time can elapse before you get a negative result? To mandate drug testing at this time, does not assure the public these employees are drug free, and raises some serious constitutional issues.
I would rather know there is someone on staff alert to the symptoms of drug abuse, who would have the authority to guide the abuser into a treatment program. As for the private sector, they have the right to determine and regulate their own policy.

DISTRICT 136 State Representative DISTRICT 139

LWV Question: With the elimination of tolls on I-95, accidents and truck traffic have increased. How would you improve area transit problems, especially in Fairfield County?;

Lois G. Schine
DEMOCRAT

Strong background in coalition-building and leadership. Ten years experience in human service field coordinating activities of hundreds of people. Earned a reputation as innovator and leader on state and national levels. Education and business experience as both Mechanical and Industrial Engineer. Served last year on Governor's Task Force.

Promote car-pooling. Eighty-seven percent of autos have only one person during peak hours. Restructure bus and rail service to provide more effectively for commuters. Encourage use of these services. Shared-ride taxi-cabs. Introduce High Occupancy Vehicle lanes. Expand I-95 wherever possible to provide greater capacity. Promote containerization of freight for truck-rail interchangeability. Increase trooper coverage on highways to enforce speed and safety laws. Interconnect transit systems town-to-town. Provide police coverage at exit and entrance ramps to Merritt Parkway during rush hours. Encourage businesses to use flex hours or varied shift arrangements. Make available more low interest mortgages so that workers can buy affordable housing closer to workplace. Burma-shave type signs warning drivers of law enforcement.

Josephine S. Fuchs
REPUBLICAN

Seventeen years of continuous active service in Westport, including Selectman; Chairman Zoning Board Appeals; Director Historical Society, have given me insight into Westport's needs and prepared me to recognize the impact of legislation. Solid business background, management skills and the ability to achieve results will make me an effective legislator.

The first priority is education of commuters to disabuse them of their love affairs with their cars by making alternatives more attractive. I recommend: High occupancy vehicle lanes on I-95 during rush hours — successful in other states; financial incentives for company van pools; coordinated rail and bus service in employment-intensive towns; and inter-town bus service. Only when mass or pool transportation becomes viable and attractive will automobile traffic decrease. Speed limits on trucks on I-95 must be enforced for safety reasons. I support widening Route 7 to four lanes to Danbury. I oppose widening the Merritt Parkway, but support ramp improvements that make ingress and egress faster and safer. Containerized rail service needs to be explored in the Northeast region to reduce truck traffic.

Alex A. Knopp
DEMOCRAT

My Westport roots: I lived in Westport for 25 years, attending Coleytown and Bedford. Dad ran The Country Gal store. My Norwalk legislative experience: I am President of the City Council; service on Maritime Authority, Regional Planning Agency. My record: against weigh station, save Bridge Street Bridge, reduce commercial growth.

I will seek membership on the Legislature's Transportation Committee and work to: Dismantle the Westport weigh station and install portable stations and weigh-in-motion technology along I-95. Upgrade public transit by expanding commuter rail service between towns, improving bus service to railstations, and adding services for seniors and the handicapped. Establish low-cost inter-town taxi service on a regional basis. Expand van-pooling and ridesharing by tax incentives to businesses. Encourage more freight deliveries on our underutilized railroad as a means of reducing truck traffic. Construct Route 7 to Danbury. Help Westport and Norwalk obtain a bigger share of state aid for maintaining local roads by changing the distribution formula. I oppose adding more lanes to I-95 or the Merritt Parkway.

Michael W. Lyons
REPUBLICAN

Norwalk Common Council, 1981-1985; Council President, 1984-1985. Chairman, Ordinance and Planning Committees; member, Public Works Committee. Chairman, District C Republican Committee, 1979-present. Member, Board of Directors, American Association of Enterprise Zones. Partner, Lyons and Ryan law firm; B.A. Fairfield University; M.B.A. and J.D., Boston College Law School.

1) Following through on Republican-sponsored initiatives such as: removal of the Merritt Parkway tolls (to restore traffic balance with I-95); installation of New Jersey barriers; and start up of the Transportation Accountability Board (TAB) to supervise the 10-year Infrastructure Improvement Program. 2) Near term, I would support increased state police patrols, use of portable truck weigh stations, and investigation of electronic monitoring systems to control unsafe and overloaded trucks. 3) Longer term, I will support incentives for car and van pooling, increase use of railroads for intra-county transportation and creative proposals for expanding the capacity of I-95, such as the recent proposal by Julie Belaga to use cross-over lanes during rush hours.

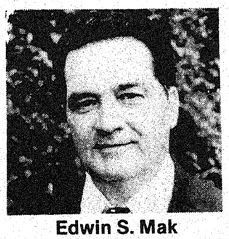
Office of Sheriff

LWV Question: Describe your job responsibilities, highlighting those situations when the public would require or make use of your services.

Donald D. DeVeney
DEMOCRAT

I have served as sheriff of the City of Bridgeport and held office as Fairfield County deputy sheriff. I have worked in all areas of the Sheriff's Department's responsibility. In serving process, I developed what was probably the largest practice in Fairfield County, making over 32,000 services, in eight years.

The County sheriff is responsible for three functions within the state's legal system: court security, prisoner transport and legal service. The sheriff appoints special deputy sheriffs to provide security at the six state courthouses and in all civil and criminal courtrooms. Special deputies also transport prisoners who are on trial from the Bridgeport Corrections Center to the appropriate courthouse. After sentencing, the Sheriff's Department transports the prisoners to the State Corrections facility to serve their sentence. The Sheriff's Department also handles legal service, which is the serving of legal documents such as writs and subpoenas upon an individual or corporation.



Edwin S. Mak
REPUBLICAN

With 23 years experience as a sheriff, Edwin S. Mak has done every job in the sheriff's department. The job of high sheriff requires specialized expertise and thorough knowledge of the legal system. In the past four years, I have devoted hundreds of hours to training deputies and courthouse personnel.

The sheriff's department has a staff of more than 150. It serves the courts and the legal system. The high sheriff oversees court security, moving prisoners from the jails to courtrooms, and the serving of writs, summonses and legal papers. Today Fairfield County has the best trained sheriff's department in the state. Another goal was improved courthouse security. We now have metal detectors in every courthouse. I believe the Sheriff's Department has a civic responsibility that goes beyond serving the legal system. Under my leadership we have underwritten Operation Identikid — giving parents a permanent emergency fingerprint record of their children.

Judge of Probate

LWV Question: The public has only limited knowledge of a probate judge's responsibilities. Please describe the position, emphasizing any areas that should be changed or improved.

Mary D. Mix
DEMOCRAT

Ph.D. and Law Degrees Columbia University, Master of Laws in Taxation. Extensive Courtroom experience. Law Practice includes Probate, Wills, Estate Planning, Taxation, Family Law, Custody, Visitation. Court-appointed Master in Bridgeport and Stamford Courts. Broad community service, four years Westport RTM (Education Committee, Chairman Finance Committee). 28 years Westport resident.

The Probate Judge deals with families in crisis. She supervises the administration of Estates, appoints conservators for persons no longer capable of managing their affairs, appoints guardians for minors, approves adoptions, and handles commitment proceedings for the mentally ill. I will bring the Court closer to the Public and increase knowledge of the Court's responsibilities by instituting Probate hearings in Weston or other locations for the convenience of the persons whom the Court serves. I will also offer a series of free seminars covering Estate Planning, inheritance taxes, adoption, conservatorship, distribution of property on death, commitments, and related Probate matters.

Earl F. Capuano
REPUBLICAN

My probate legal experience spans 28 years. Attorney in more than 100 estates, I prepared wills for 300 different clients, been counsel to nearly 50 patients in Hall-Brooke commitment proceedings, and handled over 50 guardianships, adoptions, conservatorships, and other probate cases. I do probate work effectively and with concern.

A Probate Judge is responsible for the proper administration and function of the Probate Court in all areas of its jurisdiction. Whether administering an estate, appointing guardians for minors or conservators for disabled persons, adjudicating petitions for adoptions or conducting hearings on commitments of persons to mental institutions, the Probate Judge must have the requisite sensitivity and insight to render decisions that will be just and fair to all concerned. As Probate Judge, I would strive to improve communications with the public to enhance its knowledge and understanding of the significance of the Probate Court in all of our lives.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote on the Questions	☐ Yes ☐ No 1. Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to amend or revise the Constitution of the State?	☐ Yes ☐ No 2. Shall the constitution of the state be amended to eliminate the use of party levers on voting machines?	☐ Yes ☐ No 3. Shall the constitution of the state be amended to establish a commission to recommend candidates to the governor for nomination as judges?	☐ Yes ☐ No 4. For Amendment to the Westport Town Charter to increase the Board of Education from five (5) to seven (7) members	☐ Yes ☐ No 5. For Amendment to the Westport Town Charter to increase the Board of Finance from six (6) to seven (7) members.	☐ Yes ☐ No 6. For Amendment to the Westport Town Charter to adopt the revisions proposed by the Charter Revision Commission exclusive of the increase in membership of the Board of Education and Board of Finance as those increases are voted on as separate questions.

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OFFICE / PARTY	1 Governor and Lieutenant Governor	2 United States Senator	3 Representative in Congress	4 State Senator	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	13
DEMOCRATIC ☐	William A. O'Neill and Joseph J. Fauliso ☐1A	Christopher J. Dodd ☐2A	Christine M. Niedermeier ☐3A	Louis R. Dorsey, Sr. ☐4A	Lois G. Schine ☐5A	Julia H. Tashjian ☐6A	Francisco L. Borges ☐7A	J. Edward Caldwell ☐8A	Joe Lieberman ☐9A	Donald D. Deveny ☐10A	Mary D. Mix ☐11A	Helen P. Stamps ☐12A	☐13A
REPUBLICAN ☐	Julie D. Belaga and E. Clayton "Skip" Gengras, Jr. ☐1B	Roger W. Eddy ☐2B	Stewart B. McKinney ☐3B	Judith G. Freedman ☐4B	Josephine S. Fuchs ☐5B	Pauline Kezer ☐6B	Sebastian J. Garafalo ☐7B	Gary A. Franks ☐8B	Richard E. Arnold ☐9B	Edwin S. Mak ☐10B	Earl F. Capuano ☐11B	Mabel A. Johnson ☐12B	☐13B
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139th Assembly District

5 State Representative
Alex A. Knopp ☐5A
Michael W. Lyons ☐5B
☐5C
☐5D
☐5E

Voting Information

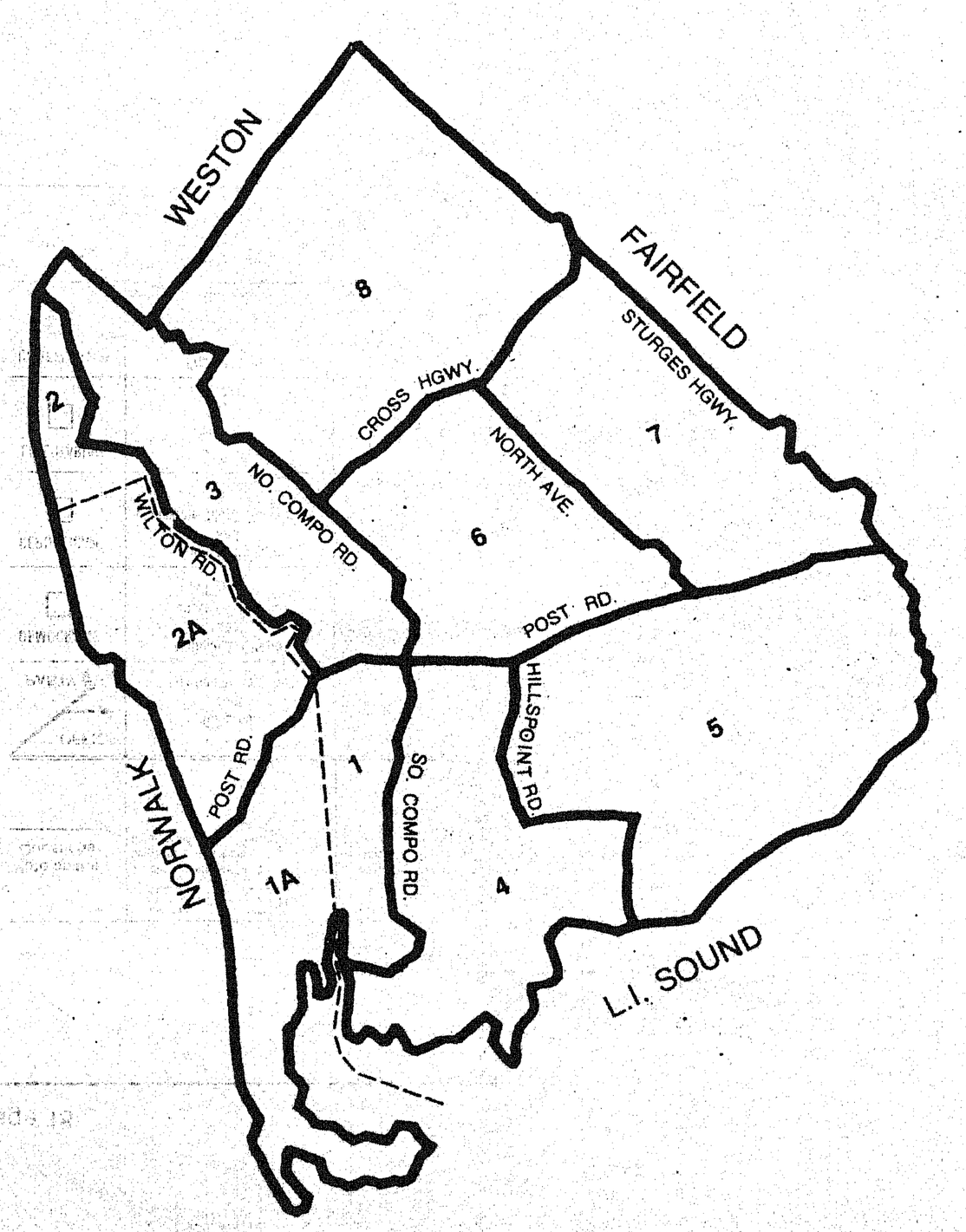
Absentee Voting

IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU CAN VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU ARE:

- Ill, or physically disabled.
- Going to be out of town during voting hours.
- Temporarily living in another Connecticut town as a student, spouse of a student, or member of a religious community.
- In the Armed Forces and out of town during voting hours.
- A member of a religious group not permitted to vote on Election Day.

GET AN APPLICATION BY CALLING, WRITING OR GOING TO YOUR TOWN CLERK.

When you receive your absentee ballot, read the directions carefully, fill it out, and return it **by mail or in person** to the Town Clerk in time to be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day. If you complete your ballot in the Town Clerk's office, you may return it at that time.



Voting in Person

A sample ballot, a dummy voting machine, and a poster explaining the proposed constitutional amendments will be on display at your polling place and officials on hand to answer questions.

When ready to vote, give your address and name to the checkers. Your name will be checked against the official voting list. You will be directed to a voting machine.

To close the curtain, move the red handle of the curtain lever to the right as far as it will go and leave it there.

Register your vote for candidates in any one of four ways:

Vote without using the party lever. Simply TURN DOWN the pointers over the candidates for each office for whom you wish to vote.

OR **Vote a split ticket.** Pull the party lever of your choice. Then TURN UP the pointers over the candidates for whom you DO NOT wish to vote. TURN DOWN the pointers over the candidates for whom you DO wish to vote.

OR **Vote a straight party ticket.** Pull the party lever of your choice. This will TURN DOWN the pointers over all the names in the party row.

OR **WRITE IN the name of a candidate who does not appear on the ballot.** Above each position category there is a place for entering write-in votes. Push up the cover (slide), write in vote with pencil that will be there. Do not open the slide unless you intend to use it. Name(s) the voter enters will not be counted unless those name(s) have been filed in advance with the Connecticut Secretary of State.

Check Your Ballot

Before you leave the booth, make sure that pointers are down over all the candidates and questions for which you wish to vote. LEAVE THEM DOWN. Then move the curtain lever back to the left. This registers your vote, and all pointers will be up when the curtain opens.

Other Considerations

Any elector who requires assistance to vote for reasons of blindness, physical disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the elector's choice, other than the elector's employer or agent of that employer or agent of the elector's union.

NO ONE may enter the voting booth with you unless you ask for help. NO ONE is permitted to electioneer or solicit votes for a political party or candidate inside the polling place or within 75 feet of the polls outside.

Polling Places

	Assembly Districts 136th	139th
* Bedford Middle School RIVERSIDE AVENUE		1A, 2A
Greens Farms School MORNINGSIDE DR. SOUTH	1, 4, 5	
* Coleytown Elementary EASTON ROAD	2, 3, 8	
* Long Lots School HYDE LANE	6, 7	

*** Handicapped accessible machines available**