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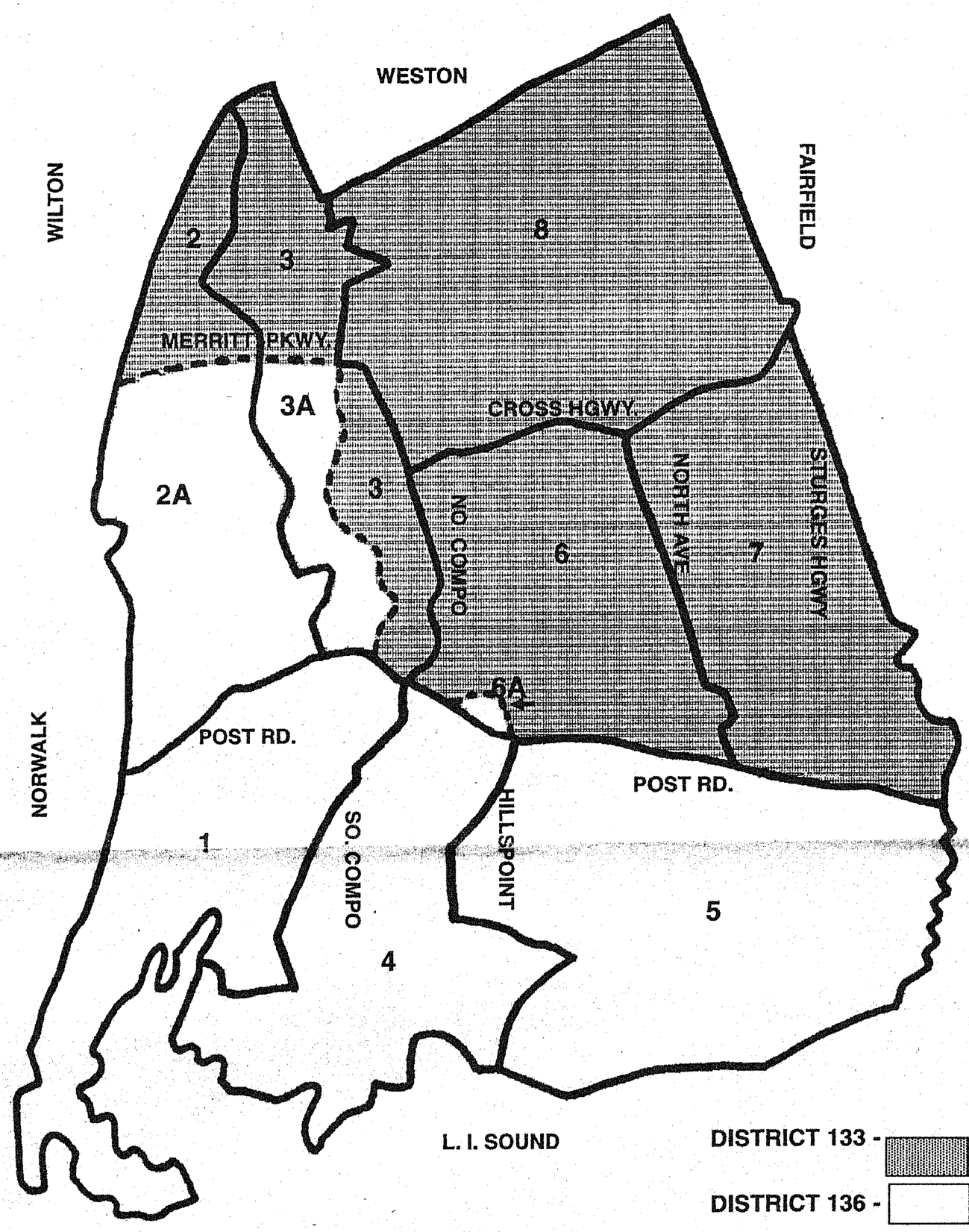

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VOTE!
Polls Open
6 AM to 8 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

On Your Ballot Will Be:
Candidates for President and Vice-President

George Bush and Dan Quayle
Republican Party

Bill Clinton and Al Gore
Democratic Party

Ross Perot and James Stockdale
Americans for Perot Party

Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord
Libertarian Party

Lenora B. Fulani and Maria E. Munoz
New Alliance Party

A MESSAGE FROM THE WESTPORT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters believe that democratic government depends on the informed and active participation of its citizens. This Voter's Guide is intended to help you to cast an informed vote. The information from each candidate is presented on a nonpartisan basis.

This year's Voter's Guide has been funded entirely by contributions to the League in memory of Fran Cowden, a beloved member, active for 43 years in League service and one of the original founders of the Westport League.

Contributions for citizen education projects such as this are most welcome. Checks may be made payable to the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND and sent to Westport LWV, P.O. Box 285, Westport, CT 06881.

Christine B. O'Sullivan, President
Westport League of Women Voters

DEDICATION
This issue of the Voters Guide is lovingly dedicated to the memory of Fran Cowden, a founder and active member of the Westport League for 43 years.

This Candidate "Scorecard" was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut. We hope this information will be helpful to you, but we must urge caution in its use. The issues addressed are complicated ones, and simple yes and no answers often do not fully explain an individual's stand.

If you desire further information about any particular candidate, you should contact that party's campaign office.

A Connecticut Party: 1-531-0400
Republican Party: 800-842-2209
Democratic Party: 800-842-8219
Concerned Citizens: 1-755-3604
Libertarian Party: 1-800-682-1776
Natural Law Party: 800-862-9696

DO YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING?	U. S. SENATE	Christopher Dodd, ACP/Dem.	Brook Johnson, Rep.	Richard D. Gregory, CC	Howard A. Grayson, Jr., Lib.	U. S. HOUSE District #4	Al Smith, ACP	Christopher Shays, Rep.	Dave Schropfer, Dem.	Ronald M. Fried, NLP
ISSUE: HEALTH CARE										
Single payer, similar to Canadian model.			NO	YES	NO		YES	NO	NO	
Play or pay, (employers provide insurance or pay tax.)			NO		NO		YES	NO	NO	NO
Incremental reform of current system.		YES		YES	NO		NO	NO	NO	
Multi payer, similar to German model.					NO		NO	YES	YES	
ISSUE: REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES										
Freedom of Choice Act keeping abortion legal nationwide.		YES		NO	YES		YES	YES	YES	
Parental notification prior to a minor's abortion.				NO			NO	NO	YES	
ISSUE: THE BUDGET AND TAXES										
Raise taxes for the wealthy.			NO		NO		NO	YES	YES	NO
Raise corporate income tax rate.			NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO
Cut taxes on capital gains.			YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES
Cut tax rates for middle income taxpayers.		YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	NO	YES	YES
Tax Social Security same as pensions.		NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	
Relax qualifications for IRAs.		YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	
ISSUE: GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS										
National Voter Registration Act (Motor Voter Act).		YES	YES	NO			YES	YES	YES	YES
Public Funding of Congressional Elections.		YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	YES		YES
Limitations on size and type of campaign contributions.		YES	YES	YES	NO		YES	YES	YES	YES
Term limitations for members of Congress.		NO	YES	YES	YES		YES	NO		
ISSUE: GUN CONTROL										
Restrictions on handgun sales and ownership.		YES	NO	NO	NO		YES	YES	YES	
A ban on semi-automatic assault weapons.		YES	YES		NO		YES	YES	YES	YES
ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT/ NATURAL RESOURCES										
Federal mandatory recycling goals.		YES		YES	NO		YES	YES	YES	YES
Federal hazardous waste reduction goals.		YES	YES	YES	NO		YES	YES	YES	YES
Increased research on renewable energy sources.		YES	YES	YES	NO		YES	YES	YES	YES
Raise the tax on gasoline.			NO		NO		NO	YES	YES	YES

A BLANK SPACE SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A LACK OF A POSITION ON THE PART OF THE CANDIDATE. ON THE CONTRARY, IT INDICATES THAT A CANDIDATE WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH A SIMPLE YES OR NO. CONTACT THE CANDIDATE'S OFFICE FOR A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF POSITION.

Candidates for
U.S. SENATE

In 40 words or less, your background/qualifications:

Chris Dodd/ ACP/Democrat

Whether fighting to create jobs and economic opportunity, winning passage of his landmark child care legislation or helping middle-income families afford college tuitions, Chris Dodd gets it done for Connecticut. A leader in children's issues, Dodd entered the Senate in 1980.

Brook Johnson/ Republican

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Richard D. Gregory/ Concerned Citizens

Grew up on Welfare/Broken Family; Married 28 Years Same Woman; 4 Sons; Missionary, Preacher, Plumber, Apprentice; Not Wealthy, Live with Taxpayers. Not Internationalist. Pro-Life/Family. Know What Financial Difficulties Are. Laid Off In Feb. No Health Insurance. Not collecting unemployment.

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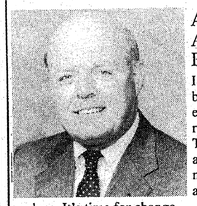
Howard A. Grayson/ Libertarian

Background: Southington resident. Internist. Married, 3 children. BA cum laude, Univ. of Colorado; MD cum laude, Baylor College of Medicine. National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendations; Phi Beta Kappa; American Chemical Institute's Medal of Achievement. Served as Lt. Commander, Medical Corps., U.S.N.R.

Candidates for
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
District 4

In 40 words or less, your background/qualifications:

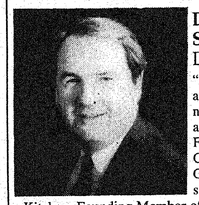


Al Smith/ A Connecticut Party

I want to take my 25 years of business, financial and legal experience to Washington, to represent you in Congress. This experience includes creating jobs, expanding businesses, retraining employees and redesigning health care plans. It's time for change.

Christopher Shays/ Republican

I've been true to my pledge to vote to cut spending, bring the deficit down, create jobs, revitalize our cities and protect our environment. I'm not a partisan politician; I vote with the President when I think he's right and against ...*



Dave Schropfer/ Democrat

"Dave Schropfer, a Stamford area civic leader, is an International Marketing consultant, Member: Board of Finance, Co-Chair: Audit Committee, former Chair: Charter Revision Commission, volunteer: Soup Kitchen, Founding Member of both AIDS Task Force and Task Force on Quality.

Ron Fried/ Natural Law Party

Ron Fried is President of Specialty Metals in Fairfield. He wants to break the deadlock which party politics has created in Government. The Natural Law Party will work with all parties to implement scientifically proven solutions for our nation.

Also on your ballot will be:

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Vote for one - both will be elected

Mabel Johnson/Republican

Thelma Ezzes/Democrat

The views expressed on these pages are the candidates' and have not been edited.
The candidates have been listed in the order in which the parties appear on the voting machine.
The League of Women Voters is not responsible for the accuracy of the background information provided by the candidates.
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Candidates for
STATE SENATE - District 26

LWV questions:

1. Connecticut needs economic recovery. What are your proposals for economic growth?

2. What are your proposals for transportation that would balance environmental and economic needs? Discuss roles of mass transportation, car pools, additional lanes and alternatives that relate to improved N-S and E-W travel.

Ann Sheffer/ACP/Dem

Background in business (MBA degree), government (White House Public Liaison), education (public school administration, PTA president), community organization (pro-choice, arts, historical, LWV boards). Lifelong commitment to serving Fairfield County, where I grew up and am now raising my four children.

1. Economic growth, education, and the environment are three strands of the 'rope' which will pull Connecticut back up to its traditional status as a leader. To weave these strands together, we need coordinated land-use and transportation planning which will encourage fewer and more efficient cars (reducing ozone and non-point pollution). We need targeted incentives to create jobs in recycling-based industries, mass transit, cleanup of our waterways. We must invest in quality of life – education, the arts, open space – which attracts and develops the educated work force that makes Connecticut a 'value-added' site for a company.

Specifically, we need to make state government 'smarter' – to consider the effect of expenditures, taxes, policies – in the context of an overall plan for the revitalization of Connecticut. To ensure that the needs of this area are heard in Hartford, I will listen to the concerns of citizens (and expertise of leaders) in this district in order to be part of the coalition for change on the state level. With a vision of the future for our state, we can balance the needs of the economy, education, and the environment, and pull together to create a thriving, cooperative, humane community for our children.

Judith G. Freedman/Republican

Married, one child; State Senate - 1987 - present; Ranking Member Appropriations; Program Review and Investigations, Government Re-Organization; Former: Vice-Chairman Westport Board of Education, teacher, importer; Boards served: CLASP Group Homes, AAUW, Weston Young Women's Club; President: Westport and 4th Congressional Republican Women.

1. The 1992 legislature passed the Guaranteed Loan Act, bonding $110 million for job and capital development, credit availability for new and existing business. Need time to evaluate and assure guaranteed loans won't hurt state. Review all regulations and statutes pertaining to business, repeal or revise those impacting on our competitiveness. Need to know what attracts our businesses to other states.

Place state on level playing field by lowering cost of workers compensation (2nd highest in nation), addressing the issue of being a highly unionized state. Offer tax credits or deferrals to businesses hiring those currently collecting unemployment compensation.

2. Increase rail and bus transit availability, inter and intra state. Re-educate Connecticut drivers to share the ride to work, school etc. Re-development of old and unused rail beds. Use of small buses on Parkway to get commuters to work. Maintain current highway infrastructure renewal program, but add no additional lanes. Use reverse traffic patterns on I-95, I-91 and I-84 and close some exit and entrance ramps on I-95 during peak traffic hours. Create 'Adopt a Highway' Program for maintenance and greening of land adjacent to highways. If money is available create bike and walk ways.

Candidates for
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LWV questions:

1. Connecticut needs economic recovery. What are your proposals for economic growth?

2. What responsibility does Westport have to Bridgeport? Would regular cooperation be among the solutions to urban problems? Discuss schools, housing, business incentives, job training, transportation.

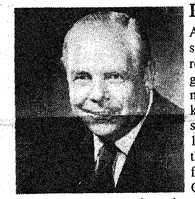
District 133

Gene Gavin/Republican

Director of State and Local Taxes for Coopers & Lybrand; C.P.A./Attorney; M.B.A./J.D. - Rutgers University; LL.M. in Taxation - N.Y.U. School of Law; Westport Board of Finance; Married, Dr. Cathleen Raggio.

1. Utilizing my academic credentials, business background and political experience, I will help to build a foundation for economic growth by working to put values back into our government, businesses, education system and families. To achieve economic growth within the State, I will work to cut spending by streamlining government and make government more responsive to business needs. I will work to create jobs by keeping businesses in the State and attracting new industries such as the Film and Entertainment Industry through strategic planning and providing appropriate tax incentives such as a tax credit to employers who create new jobs. I would work to reduce taxes to spur the economy.

2. While Westport has no direct responsibility to Bridgeport, today's elected officials cannot take an isolationist approach to the crisis facing our urban areas. While maintaining local autonomy and protecting the interests of Fairfield, Weston and Westport, I will work with elected officials in our region and across the State to address the fiscal and social needs of our urban areas. Intermunicipal and regional cooperation should be encouraged. The value provided by distressed municipalities that bear regional service burdens (e.g., multi-municipal sewers, emergency shelters, hospitals, etc.) should be recognized.

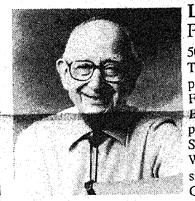


Ron Malone/Democrat

A lifelong resident, RTM member, successful small businessman, and retired Chief of Police, I have a background of honest, worthwhile community service. I listen, care and know what has to be done. With your support I can make a difference.

1. Jobs and economic recovery are the number one legislative priority for both the near future and long run. Carefully implemented guaranteed business and manufacturing loans, urban enterprise zones, and investment tax credits can change the picture. Education can become job relevant, as can job training and apprenticeship programs. Streamlining government by downsizing and eliminating duplicate services will help. Tax reforms both for business and the individual will do much to stimulate the economy. We have quality people who can create quality products for the new world markets. We have an obligation to make that possible.

2. Many urban areas such as Bridgeport are in crisis and their problems don't stop at town lines. The effects are felt by all. Self-initiated regional efforts have been successful and with strong leadership and some state stimulation better results can be achieved. Creating urban enterprise zones, investment tax credits, public magnet schools, job training and apprenticeship programs can make a difference. The urban housing market can be stimulated by tax credits for first-time homebuyers. Mass transit improvements will benefit everyone and the environment as well. The problems are complex but the rewards of helping solve them will be much greater than the costs.



Louis K. Weinstein/ Petitioning

50 years experience solving problems. Tax and financial - business - family - personal; marital - husband/wife; FAMILY parent/child; & LABOR/Management; Employer/Employee; Debt Service; Get out of debt; Stay out of debt; organized ROTARY WESTPORT SUNRISE CLUB; Assisted - organizing WESTPORT "Y's" Club.

1. "Our greatest primary task is to put people to work. That is no unsolvable problem if we face it wisely and courageously ... It can be helped by insistence that the federal, state and local governments act forthwith on the demand that their cost be drastically reduced." excerpted First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Industry and business locate in those states and communities that are financially stable, where taxes are fair and equal, the Planning and Zoning laws are reasonable and flexible, where the work force is proficient in reading, writing, speaking and understanding the English language.

2. "What responsibility does Westport have to Bridgeport?" NONE!! Reason: By Definition; legally or ethically accountable for the care or welfare of another.

Westport and Bridgeport are a part of the whole - State of Connecticut. All communities prosper when they share information, skills and problem solving talent. Communities can solve problems within their scope of authority; e.g.; police, fire, local taxes, schools. Trying to solve State and Federal problems, e.g.; transportation, job training, is wasting time and energy.

Solve one problem at a time - apply solutions, make corrections, when all is well - more on to solving another local problem.

District 136

Jo Fuchs/ Republican

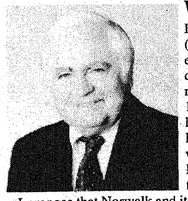
6 years State Representative; Assistant Minority Leader; Finance, Transportation, Planning and Development, Human Services committees, ranking member Housing; Former Chairperson ZBA, Selectman; Director: Mental Health Advisory Board, Norwalk Symphony, Arts Center, Rotary, Heritage Trust; Understands impact on Westport of proposed legislation.

1. Increasing jobs is a cornerstone of improving Connecticut's economy. State overspending has resulted in increased taxes on people and industry ... driving companies and jobs out of Connecticut and keeping new companies and jobs from relocating into Connecticut.

We must: - cap spending; - maintain a stable tax base; - diversify the state's economic base; - provide incentives to companies who create additional Connecticut jobs; - develop export markets, both in U.S. and overseas, for Connecticut goods; - provide a better access to credit for new and small businesses, largest generators of jobs.

2. Bridgeport is an integral part of Fairfield County. All neighboring towns should have a strong interest in keeping Bridgeport a viable community. A shared economic development plan, which focuses on the region and utilizes area talents and resources, would strengthen Bridgeport's economic base. Using existing learning institutions, a partnership of community leaders in industry, education and government could enhance the functional literacy of the labor force.

Through this cooperative effort, opportunities for the less fortunate would be enhanced, the business community would have a better trained work force, and the fundamental economic environment would be strengthened. Economic and educational improvements will go a long way toward solving Bridgeport's urban ills.



Wally Meyer/Democrat

Business - Major corporation (21 years); Founder/CEO - small business (14 years); Political - Elected official (8 years); Community - Extensive experience as volunteer with local human service agencies. These qualifications, combined with desire to serve, uniquely qualify me to represent you in Hartford.

1. State government has provided business with financial incentives and loan guarantees to enhance business recovery but we cannot depend on Hartford alone to solve our economic ills. Local municipalities must work together to solve local problems.

In the Norwalk area we are fortunate to have two successful medical technology companies – United States Surgical and Purdue Frederick. I propose that Norwalk and its surrounding towns jointly approach these companies to help establish a "small business incubator" devoted to medical technology. The companies will benefit by having access to new and innovative technology and the area will benefit with the growth of quality jobs.

2. As a strong supporter of "home rule" I believe the problems of Connecticut's cities will only be solved by creating an atmosphere in which cities and towns are willing to cooperate and work together. Initial cooperative projects must be financially oriented so municipalities can see tangible benefits of cooperation. The Legislature should provide financial incentives, not mandates, to encourage cities and towns to jointly solve common problems.

Concurrently, steps must be taken to foster cooperation in education. Initial steps must be carefully chosen, with a high probability of success, to allay the fears of suburbia.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote on the Questions →	☐ YES ☐ NO 1. Shall the constitution of the state be amended to authorize the enactment of legislation to make procedures for absentee admission as an elector available for all applicants?	☐ YES ☐ NO 2. Shall the constitution of the state be amended to impose a limit on state expenditures?			133rd					136th
OFFICE / PARTY	1 Presidential Electors for	2 United States Senator	3 Representative in Congress	4 State Senator	5 State Representative	6 Registrar of Voters	7	8	9	5 State Representative
A CONNECTICUT PARTY	☐ 1A	Christopher J. Dodd ☐ 2A	Al Smith ☐ 3A	Ann E. Sheffer ☐ 4A	☐ 5A	☐ 6A	☐ 7A	☐ 8A	☐ 9A	☐ 5A
REPUBLICAN	Bush and Quayle ☐ 1B	Brook Johnson ☐ 2B	Christopher Shays ☐ 3B	Judith G. Freedman ☐ 4B	Gene Gavin ☐ 5B	Mabel A. Johnson ☐ 6B	☐ 7B	☐ 8B	☐ 9B	Jo Fuchs ☐ 5B
DEMOCRATIC	Clinton and Gore ☐ 1C	Christopher J. Dodd ☐ 2C	Dave Schropfer ☐ 3C	Ann E. Sheffer ☐ 4C	Ronald F. Malone ☐ 5C	Thelma Ezzes ☐ 6C	☐ 7C	☐ 8C	☐ 9C	Wally Meyer ☐ 5C
CONCERNED CITIZENS	☐ 1D	Richard D. Gregory ☐ 2D	☐ 3D	☐ 4D	☐ 5D	☐ 6D	☐ 7D	☐ 8D	☐ 9D	☐ 5D
AMERICANS FOR PEROT	Perot and Stockdale ☐ 1E	☐ 2E	☐ 3E	☐ 4E	☐ 5E	☐ 6E	☐ 7E	☐ 8E	☐ 9E	☐ 5E
LIBERTARIAN	Marrou and Lord ☐ 1F	Howard A. Grayson, Jr. ☐ 2F	☐ 3F	☐ 4F	☐ 5F	☐ 6F	☐ 7F	☐ 8F	☐ 9F	☐ 5F
NEW ALLIANCE	Fulani and Munoz ☐ 1G	☐ 2G	☐ 3G	☐ 4G	☐ 5G	☐ 6G	☐ 7G	☐ 8G	☐ 9G	☐ 5G
NATURAL LAW	☐ 1H	☐ 2H	Ronald M. Fried ☐ 3H	☐ 4H	☐ 5H	☐ 6H	☐ 7H	☐ 8H	☐ 9H	☐ 5H
PETITIONING CANDIDATE	☐ 1I	☐ 2I	☐ 3I	☐ 4I	Louis K. Weinstein ☐ 5I	☐ 6I	☐ 7I	☐ 8I	☐ 9I	☐ 5I
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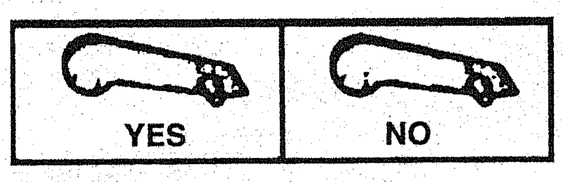
Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Vote on the Questions



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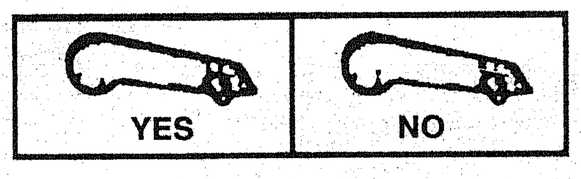

2. Shall the constitution of the state be amended to impose a limit on state expenditures?

Explanatory Text

1. This amendment would allow the General Assembly to pass laws extending the absentee registration option to all Connecticut voters who are temporarily residing out of state. For example, people working or studying outside of Connecticut would be able to register to vote by mail. Currently the legislature can enact such laws only for the military, merchant marine, civilian employees of the United States and their dependents.

2. This amendment limits state expenditures in any fiscal year to the estimated amount of revenue for that year. In each new fiscal year, spending levels may increase only by the same percentage that personal income or inflation increases in that year, whichever is greater. However, these spending limits may be set aside if the governor declares an emergency or other extraordinary circumstance, and the legislature approves extra funds to meet that situation. Any budget surplus must be used for a budget reserve fund, for reducing bonded indebtedness, or for any other purpose authorized by the legislature. The legislature must pass laws which define the terms "general budget expenditures", "increase in personal income" and "Increase in inflation."

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 religous group not permitted to vote on Election Day.

GET AN APPLICATION BY CALLING, WRITING OR GOING TO YOUR TOWN CLERK, 226-8311 in Town Hall.

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 will be 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. This will close the curtain and unlock the machine for voting.

Register your vote for candidates:

Simply TURN DOWN the pointer over the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote. **THERE IS NO LONGER A PARTY LEVER.**

OR 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. In order for the write-in to be counted, the candidate must have registered with the 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.

Children under age 11 may enter the voting booth with you. 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.

Atttention 18 year olds and new residents!

The cut-off date for voter registration was October 20, BUT if you moved into Westport after that date, or if you will be 18 years old by November 3 (or if you become a citizen by that date), you may still register to vote in this election. Visit the registrar's office in Town Hall between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or call 226-8311.