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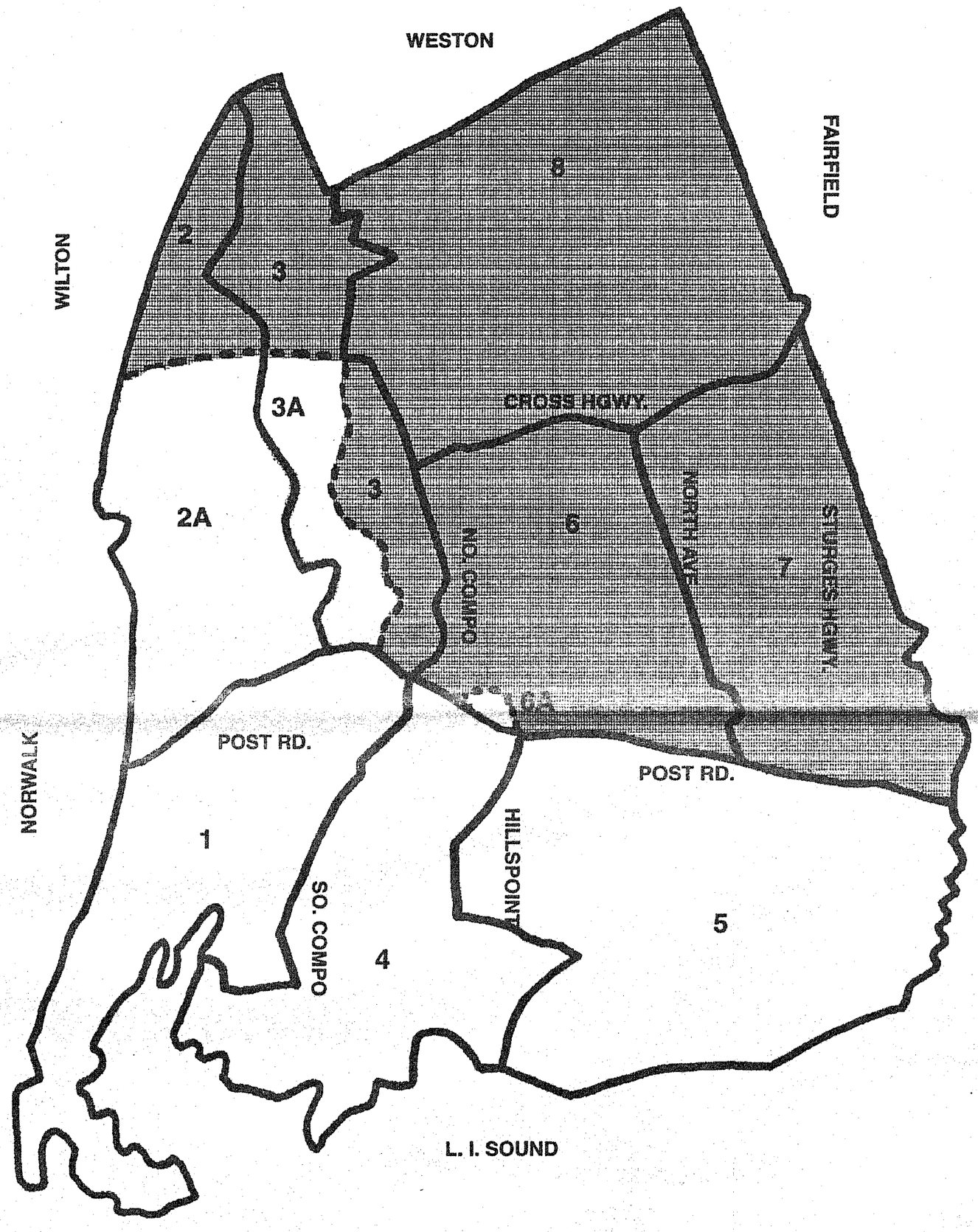

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WESTPORT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters and the Westport News are pleased to offer the community our annual Voter's Guide to the candidates. The League's goal, since its incorporation in Westport in 1949, has been to promote an active and informed electorate through published information, such as this guide, speaking out at Town hearings, and holding public meetings on timely issues.

We hope you find this information presented here useful. Read what the candidates have to say, make your choices and mark the sample ballot which you will find on the last page.

Your right to vote is a precious privilege - EXERCISE IT!

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.

The views expressed on these pages are those of the candidates and have not been edited.
The candidates are listed in the order in which the parties appear on the ballot.
The information on candidate for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General and the Secretary of State was provided by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut and has not been edited.

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CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Candidates were asked to respond to these questions:

1. What steps do you propose to take to create jobs for Connecticut's workforce?
2. Are you satisfied with the existing gun control legislation. If not, what changes do you propose?
What is your position on the expansion of casino gambling into Connecticut?

A CONNECTICUT PARTY

Eunice Strong Groark

Lieutenant Governor, 1991-present; Hartford, Corporation Counsel 1987-1990; Member, Hartford City Counsel, 1981-1985; executive director, Connecticut Bar Foundation, 1977-1981; Lawyer. As Lieutenant Governor, serves as Human Services Cabinet Chair, State Senate President.

1. The best way for the state to encourage job creation is to ensure that our state's policies allow Connecticut to be competitive for business and, consequently, for jobs. For the last four years, Governor Weicker and I have worked to reduce business-related taxes to make our state more attractive to the private sector. We eliminated the surcharge on corporate profits, lowered the highest-in-the-nation corporate profits tax, provided tax incentives for research and development, reduced the sales tax by 25 percent and worked to lower other business costs. Some want to go back to the days when Connecticut taxed businesses right out of state. I will not.

Connecticut must keep its eye on the mark to create jobs. That means reducing some business taxes - like the corporate profits tax and the sales tax - if money is available. But we must not put the state's budget out of balance as was done in the 1980's. No business wants to locate in a state like that.

Creating jobs also requires a commitment to education. Connecticut must work to ensure that the next generation of Connecticut's children are as well educated as we are today.

Another key to our future is Connecticut's cities, which must see the rebuilding of their economic and tax bases in order to one day become self sufficient. I will support initiatives like the Urban Site Remediation program, which uses state money to clean up polluted urban lands and return them to productive use for economic development. Restoring our cities is critical for all of Connecticut. Our cities have the infrastructure to be vital. We must use it. In doing so, we will help preserve the unique quality of our suburban and rural areas, which should not become overrun with development.

Finally, as governor, I pledge to put the interests of all Connecticut's people first. I will not make a lot of promises in this campaign because neither you nor I know exactly what lies ahead for Connecticut. But I will pledge to make the best decisions as governor for all of Connecticut.

2. I broke the tie in the State Senate on the vote that gave Connecticut its historic ban on assault weapons, and as governor, would veto any legislation that sought to weaken that ban. The reforms proposed this year by the Weicker-Groark administration continue our effort to properly regular guns and keep them out of the hands of criminals and children. At this point, I think we should review the successes of those laws and work for improvements that would address any shortcomings.

3. I am opposed to gambling expansion. It is not the answer to our economic troubles. I believe casinos will hurt our state's attractiveness for business and run counter to our state's long tradition of innovation and hard work.

Audrey Rowe

Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Social Services, 1993-94; Commissioner, Department of Income Maintenance, 1991-93; Human Services Administrator, City of New Haven, 1990-91. Consultant, Rockefeller Foundation; Commissioner, Human Services, D.C., 1980-88.

1. One of the most important issues facing this state in the near future is job creation. To create jobs, Connecticut must have a competitive and pro-business environment and we must continue the policies of the Weicker-Groark administration. Those policies have put us in a position where we are creating jobs and not expecting that the business community will pick up more than their fair share of taxes.

To create more jobs, we must have an adequately trained workforce. The workforce needs appropriate supportive services such as affordable child care, access to public transportation and adequate and affordable housing. The state can play a role in each of these things to some extent. We must use our limited resources in such a way that we give the most possible to taxpayers. One service that particularly needs our attention is education. Our education system must strengthen its vocational training and school-to-work programs. These programs can help us sustain our competitive edge of a highly skilled workforce.

As lieutenant governor, I will support policies that enhance the state's international trade programs designed to create jobs through export sales and programs which extend and strengthen Connecticut's enterprise zones.

We must keep this economic recovery we are seeing on track. In 1994, Connecticut has gained more that 13,000 jobs and we must do all we can to make sure that we look forward with progressive pro-business policies.

2. I would like to see further efforts to make it more difficult for criminals to obtain guns and harsher penalties for those who possess and/or use firearms in the commitment of crimes. However, I agree that we need to review the success of existing laws before proposing new ones. Our recently enacted laws should keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

3. I am opposed to any further expansion of casino gambling. While some may consider this an attractive job creating strategy, I believe that the impact on business growth and existing business would be adversely affected.

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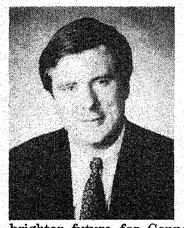

Bill Curry

Former State Senator and long-time public policy activist, State Comptroller, fiscal watchdog of the state since 1990. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and the UCONN School of Law.

1. Connecticut is in the midst of a fundamental economic restructuring, which demands a fundamental re-thinking of the way the state government helps create jobs.

My program "Grow Connecticut" outlines 35 specific steps that the state, working in partnership with businesses and schools, must take to ensure that Connecticut enters the new century thriving and prosperous. It creates the climate to nurture the industries of the future and thus build a brighter future for Connecticut's citizens.

"Grow Connecticut" directs State development resources to small, community-based businesses and cutting-edge technologies, making state government user-friendly to small and medium-sized businesses, lowering the cost of doing business in the state, and producing well-educated and skilled workers. It also recognizes that we must revitalize our cities so that they can again serve as centers of culture, manufacturing, and commercial life.

Specific measures in the plan include a new Education Trust Fund to guarantee that any high school graduate, young or old, can afford to attend our public colleges and universities, returning $1 billion to local governments to lower property taxes by over 20 percent, and streamlining and redirecting the mission of the State's economic development agencies.

2. In July the legislature enacted gun control legislation which included two measures I had proposed as part of my anti-crime plan — raising the minimum age for gun ownership to 21 and requiring State notification any time a gun is bought, sold or otherwise transferred. In addition I would propose: prohibiting more than one handgun purchase per month; banning "killer" ammunition; and imposing tougher penalties on gun crimes committed in and around schools, playgrounds and other places where children may be at risk.

Ours is a tragically violent country. The proliferation of illegal guns ensures that the violence is deadly. I will not deny the exercise of rights by lawful gun owners, but I will do all I can to stem the tide of deadly crime in our society.

3. I oppose the establishment of non-tribal casinos. The social and cultural consequences of widespread gambling are troubling to me.

The Department of Interior has the authority and jurisdiction to decide whether or not there will be additional tribal casinos. I recognize that the State has thus far certainly benefitted from both the jobs created and revenues raised by the Foxwoods Casino. Nevertheless, I believe it is too soon to weigh the long-term costs and benefits to society and to consider it, as some do, the panacea to job creation and economic recovery.

My responsibility and role as Governor will be to make sure that the people have a voice in the scope of development of any tribal casino, a voice in the on-going operations, and a fair and full share of the revenues.

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Joseph P. Ganim

Bridgeport Mayor, elected to a second two-year term in November 1993, securing a record-breaking 80 percent of the vote. Born in Bridgeport, received his BA from UCONN, his law degree from University of Bridgeport ...*

1. As Lt. Governor, I will continue to push for a new direction for Connecticut by emphasizing lower taxes, a government overhaul and support for people and business growth. My goal is to make Connecticut America's number one location for a highly skilled workforce, business innovation and job creation.

In order to realize this goal, there are five things we must do:

1. CREATE AN ATTRACTIVE TAX CLIMATE: Our tax system continues to detract from our ability to grow and attract new businesses. Our first step should be to reduce state income taxes raised from middle class taxpayers by 25%. Following this we must focus on local property tax reform.

2. OVERHAUL GOVERNMENT AND OUR SCHOOLS: Government programs that help business and those that regulate it must be accessible and have achievable goals. We need a single Department of Commerce focused on small business, technology transfer, applied technology, tourism and infrastructure. Government consolidation must continue. Our schools need a variety of reforms including enhanced preschool care, tough standards for students, teachers, administrators and a major state-wide rebuilding effort.

3. SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS: Our economic development policy must provide a focus where 80% of new job growth will come from: small business.

4. SUPPORT JOB CREATING TECHNOLOGIES: We need to give greater support to smaller high-tech firms by establishing stronger links between our university researchers and our "factories". University/private sector partnerships should be forged in critical areas like the insurance and tourist industries—two most neglected mainstays of our economy.

5. ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILDING: From rebuilding Connecticut's schools and highways to developing the information superhighway of the future, we need to shape a new public works policy for the twenty-first century. In a Larson administration, jobs will be priority number one.

2. In general, I am satisfied with our current gun control statutes and would not propose any further extensions for the time being. However, if experience shows that there are unintended loopholes under current law or that certain changes need to be made in order to make the law enforceable, I would not hesitate to push for appropriate legislation. For example, if a specific assault weapon were somehow deemed to be legal by a court, I would ask for legislation that would include it under our assault weapons ban.

I would support the limited expansion of casino gaming providing the following conditions were met:

1. The proposal must be strongly supported by a substantial majority of voters of the host community.

2. The state must receive at least as much revenue as it receives from native American casino operations.

3. The proposal must be economically viable (with one casino already, another on the way and several others planned in neighboring states, this is a tough threshold to meet).

4. This proposal must be in a community that is severely disadvantaged and in clear need of a jump start for its economy.

REPUBLICAN

John G. Rowland

Endorsed Republican candidate for governor. Served two terms in the Connecticut legislature; three terms as U.S. Representative for the 5th congressional district. Narrowly lost a three-way race for governor in 1990.

1. I believe we must take four fundamental steps to turn the state's economy around. These include an immediate budget freeze and selected reductions in state agency expenditures; reductions in the personal income tax leading to an eventual elimination of this destructive tax within four or five years; require all state agencies to become "user-friendly", and shift the state's economic development program to the small business sector.

2. The problem with the past approach to gun control is that the proposals do not address the fundamental problem: getting guns away from felons or violent juveniles who have no legal right to possess them in the first place. My anti-crime program will address these problems by requiring stiff mandatory sentences for committing crimes with handguns, as well as requiring that violent juveniles aged 14 and above be referred to Superior Court when using handguns in the commission of crimes. We have among the toughest gun laws in the state. It is time to enforce the laws we have, and target repeat violent offenders, who commit the majority of violent crimes, for incarceration.

3. I believe this decision should first be put to a vote in the locality involved. Although a number of municipalities are discussing the feasibility of implementing casino gambling, it is likely that the economics of the industry in Connecticut would limit such an expansion.

Bridgeport is farthest along in looking at a casino, and I believe the voters in that city should have the right to put the question to a local referendum before the state gets involved in the process.

M. Jodi Rell

48, married 27 years, two children, Brookfield resident, Deputy Minority Leader of the state House, immediate past president of National Order of Women Legislators, new ideas, new ...*

1. First, we must recognize that the "costs of doing business" in Connecticut are prohibitively high, prompting too many companies to reduce employment levels or move out of state. I will work to reduce the state's corporation tax rate, which is among the highest in the nation, and to expand property and sales tax relief opportunities for the repair and replacement of business machinery. Further, I will work to maintain - and expand upon - reforms in the workers' compensation system that have led to reduced premiums this past year. We must also reduce utility costs and health care coverage costs for both employers and employees. Lastly, our state Department of Economic Development must get out of the business of providing special loans to a relatively few, wealthy corporations. Small businesses -and the jobs they provide- are the backbone of our economy. We must do all we can to help them become stable, profitable, job-providing employers who are not overwhelmed by the "high cost of doing business" in Connecticut.

2. In the 1994 the Legislature took action to tighten restrictions on gun ownership. Such legislation, however, will not bring an end to all the horrible, violent criminal acts which occur. Connecticut has some of the toughest criminal laws on the books. Unfortunately though, police departments all across the state have been hard hit by budget cuts and few local forces are at full strength. Though overburdened and understaffed, these departments are working hard -and successfully - to get criminals off the street. The system often fails after a criminal is arrested however. Our court system is backlogged. Trials are delayed. Offenders out on bail awaiting trial commit additional crimes. Sentences are plea bargained so low that the punishment rarely fits the crime. Those who are convicted often serve less than their full prison time. Gangs have infiltrated our prisons and overworked correctional officers often have difficulty maintaining control particularly in dormitory-style settings.

The passage of additional new laws is not enough to win the war on crime. We must increase the strength of local police departments, reduce court backlogs, severely curtail the practice of plea bargaining serious crimes, provide additional support and training to our correctional officers and redirect the mission and operations of our prison system. More importantly, we must address the social and economic problems which lead too many of our young people to a life sadly ruled by substance abuse and crime.

3. Casino gambling should not be viewed by politicians as get-rich-quick revenue source or as a cure-all to our economic woes. If the Legislature is to approve expanded casino operations, it should do so only after a detailed, objective and thorough analysis and a series of hearings at which the public, not just the lobbyists or politicians, have the opportunity to freely discuss the subject.

In fact, I would support the placement of a question on a statewide ballot to determine public sentiment for the expansion of casino gambling in Connecticut.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY

Tom Scott

Educational Background:
Foran High School, Milford, Connecticut
Southern Connecticut State University
Career Experience:
Licensed Real Estate Professional
Chairman of the Board, Connecticut Taxpayers Committee, Inc., Radio Talk Show Host / News Commentator - WPOP, Hartford
Community Service:
Five Terms, Connecticut State Senate

1.The McGraw-Hill index of job growth placed Connecticut dead last among the fifty states in real job growth; we are expected to remain there through the year 2000. We have a real problem that must be addressed.

Job growth is not the result of government programs. Economic prosperity stems from a dynamic free market economy that is allowed to function. To this end I will eliminate the state income tax which will give a boost to small businesses by increasing the discretionary funds available to taxpayers. I will also cut the corporate tax from 11.5% to 8%. This is a key to making Connecticut a business-friendly state, and businesses mean jobs.

2. I am not at all satisfied with current "gun control" legislation, because it is misguided and targets the wrong people and the wrong guns. The current laws are aimed at sportsmen who are exercising their Constitutional rights. They pay taxes, and obey laws. We have had a law on the books for years that calls for a mandatory one-year sentence for using a gun in the commission of a crime, but no one has ever been prosecuted under its provisions. Attempting to disarm the law-abiding is a cruel hoax.

3. Atlantic City has been accurately described as a slum with twelve casinos. None of the many promised benefits has materialized, and political corruption has become rampant. Organized crime has moved in, just as the opponents of the casinos predicted. Las Vegas also exhibits the failure of legalized gambling to pay off. There we find dozens of beautiful hotel/casinos with huge, immaculately manicured lawns, but the schools have sandlot playgrounds. Neither Las Vegas nor Atlantic City are places where anyone goes to raise a family. Cities like Bridgeport and Waterbury must return to office jobs, import/export, and, above all, manufacturing jobs - especially durable goods and heavy machinery,. The shimmering and luminous illusion of casino gambling must be rejected.

Concerned Citizens

Joseph A. Zdonczyk for Governor
Robert B. Ratchford for Lt. Governor

Candidates did not respond to questionnaire.

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Glen R. O'Keefe

Qualifications:

Question 1.

Glen O'Keefe is an expert in governmental budgeting. He currently is the manager for capital budgeting at the University of Connecticut. His academic background is in economics and finance.

Question 2.

A). Tom Scott and I are the only candidates who have produced a comprehensive, 117-page economic plan for igniting the private sector job growth that Connecticut's economy craves.

Part one of our plan calls for phasing out the state income tax over four years. The average Connecticut household will see $325 to $400 returned to them in each year of the plan for a total four-year tax cut of $1,450 (the average tax cut in the Westport area will be $4,800). This is disposable income that will be spent on the goods and services of Connecticut's businesses and will make credit more readily available. In turn, our businesses can then engage in new research, expand into new product lines, purchase new equipment and build new plants — all of which means new jobs. Additionally, under our administration there will be no state capital gains, interest and dividends tax. This will boost investment in new businesses.

Clearly our second step toward recovery must be to help Connecticut's businesses better position themselves competitively. Connecticut's burdensome 11.5 percent corporations tax is the third highest in the nation. For that reason part two of our plan is an immediate reduction to the corporations tax, first to 9.25 percent; and two years later to 8 percent. Such a move, combined with our infrastructure and highly educated and skilled workforce, will make Connecticut the most business-friendly state in the nation.

These tandem cuts in the income and corporate taxes will boost gross state product by $14.4 billion over four years translating to just under 150,000 new jobs.

B). I will work to repeal the so-called "gun control" laws that make criminals out of law abiding citizens. Moreover, I will vigorously oppose any new gun control laws. Such policies show a lack of understanding with respect to underground or "black market" commerce. Laws of this nature simply render our citizens unable to defend themselves against lawlessness.

C.) I can't think of a more unimaginative way to boost economic activity in the state than through casino gambling. If our leaders had in recent years been willing to implement the stimulative, supply-side tax cuts that I propose, people would not even be thinking about gambling. Furthermore, in the long run, casino gambling creates far more problems than it solves. Therefore, I am against any expansion of casino gambling in the state.

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U.S. House of Representatives

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

The candidates were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what measures do you advocate and why?

2. What aspects of health care reform do you support and why?

Christopher Shays (Republican)

U.S. Congressman, 1987-present; former State Representative; Mayor's Aide, Trumbull; Peace Corps Volunteer; College Instructor; Business Consultant; Realtor; MBA & MPA, New York University.

1. I strongly advocate campaign finance reform and consistently support legislation to end abuses.

Meaningful reform must restrict the role of political action committees (PACs) and eliminate "soft money" and bundling of contributions. I support limiting the amount spent, and matching funds to candidates who voluntarily cap spending.

I introduced H.R. 2126, which would restrict PAC contributions to $1,000 per election (what individuals can contribute); limit PAC contributions to 25% of total donations received; and require candidates to raise at least 75% of donations within their districts. I practice these principles in my own campaign.

2. I support universal health care coverage, but cost containment is crucial for the plan to have my support. We must not sacrifice quality or limit choice of providers or types of care, as a single-payer plan, global budgeting or price controls would. And while we have the best acute care in the world, reform should focus more on preventive care and wellness.

We need to approach reform in a constant, steady, incremental manner, and realize savings before expanding services. I am concerned about the consequences of an employer mandate and the effect of major changes to our health care system on jobs and our national economy. I co-sponsored three bills to move us in the right direction: H.R. 3080, the Affordable Health Care Now Act; H.R. 3222, the Managed Competition Act; and the H.R. 3698 the Consumer Choice Health Security Act, which is based on the successful federal employees plan.

These are market-based approaches that expand access by eliminating exclusions for pre-existing conditions, and "job-lock"; reducing paperwork and administrative costs; reforming our malpractice system; establishing community ratings by age and geographic area, giving individuals and small businesses the same purchasing power as large businesses; and allowing individuals to deduct health care costs from taxes.

Jonathan D. Kantrowitz (Democrat)

Lifelong Fairfield County resident. Attorney, educator, and businessman. Taught in Bridgeport schools and served on Fairfield Board of Education. CEO of educational software publisher Queue, Inc.

1. I believe campaign finance reform is absolutely essential. I am doing my part by not accepting ANY campaign contributions and spending as little as possible on my campaign.

2. I unequivocally support mandated employer coverage of 80% of health insurance costs although limited to HMO coverage. I believe it is a basic employee right, and it is something I provide for the 50+ people in my employ. However, employers should have the option of offering private insurance coverage if their employees want to pay for it, something else I provide for my employees. Under either coverage plan, employees should be able to use their own doctors at their own expense. I support the move toward universal coverage, as long as it is implemented without compromising the high quality of care to the public. I support coverage for certain alternative health care choices such as chiropractic and homeopathy, which is already a Connecticut state law. Finally, I support freedom of access to vitamins and supplements, which the FDA is now proposing to severely limit though I do not believe they need to be covered by insurance plans.

Irving Sussman (Libertarian)

(1) My qualifications for office are simply , I am the type of individual the original founding fathers of our nation sought to hold public office, a member of the community and a Non- Professional Politcian.

(2) Campaign Reform , as being presented presently by those in office now only seeks to perpetuate their longevity in those positions. For the most part , in a democracy which we live in, those people sincerely interested in a candidate of their choice, support him several ways, financially and through volunteer service. The more popular an individual is the greater ability to attract more support to his campaign. Support dwindles in time for every one when they are out of tune with the needs of their constituents.

As far as Political Action Committee's and their ability to contribute to a candidates support, this is actually very good, as it permits, groups, individuals, etc. with a common goal or problem, collectively to address it and through a common united voice have their problems heard, there is nothing inheritantly evil or wrong with this process, in fact it is exactly what American Democracy is about.

(3) HEALTH CARE REFORM. My views on this subject are as follows, if a system which is presently in place working to provide the finest medical services, in the world to approx. 85% of the population of a country, then that in itself indicates, that very few things are wrong with it. Most complain that costs are high, but costs are high for any product and service we seek to purchase today. It would be an absolute bureacratic nightmare, and in addtion to that certainly result in greater in-efficiency to add Government interference to this system. I would suggest that some modifications be instituted, such as the formation of a "Medical Savings Account" , which would be specifically set aside to the individual , in his Social Security Number , accumulate interest and be made available through a debt system, when required. This should be used for serious illness and need and not for normal incidental visits to a Doctors office ...*

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Terry M. Nevas (Natural Law Party)

QUALIFICATIONS

23 years teaching the Transcendental Meditation programs; Manager, Administrator Los Angeles, California, Fairfield County, CT; 25 years practicing prevention oriented health education, active participant in World Peace projects. Happily married, two children.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

I support much needed and long overdue campaign finance reform. The electoral process should be free of domination by special interest groups and should fulfill our right to have complete information about all candidates.

I advocate legislation to:

Promote campaign fairness. All candidates should have the same access to their constituencies including a series of publicly sponsored televised forums.

Provide public funding for election campaigns. All candidates who meet equal ballot access requirements should be eligible for publicly funded debates, forums and voter education material. This would provide basic media access to all candidates. Eliminate Political Action Committees. Return campaign financing to the people by preventing special interests from giving large sums.

Shorten the campaign season.

HEALTH CARE

If America is to continue as a powerful positive influence in the world, Americans must be strong and balanced in both body and mind. Yet, an overwhelming number of Americans suffer from poor health. Our greatest current need is to prevent illness before it arises. Since our current medical practice has no effective prevention strategy, a new approach to creating health is vitally needed. This will be the single most effective way to control health care costs, reducing the cost of health insurance.

The Natural Law Party has two aspects to health care reform.

1. Introducing prevention to reduce demand, reduce the need for health care 50% - 70% through prevention oriented health education and prevention oriented natural medicines, and stress management.

2. Improving delivery of health care by replacing Medicaid with a nationally subsidized health care system for lower income families financed in part by savings gained through prevention. Middle and higher income families could subscribe to this national program. Offering universal eligibility for this program would provide a strong financial incentive for private health care providers and insurers to incorporate prevention. I anticipate within 2 -3 years the private sector would become the principal provider of high quality health insurance emphasizing prevention and health.

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United States Senator

Candidates were asked to respond to these questions:

1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what measures do you advocate and why?

2. What aspects of health care reform do you support and why?

Joe Lieberman* (A Connecticut Party) (Democrat)

Elected to Senate in 1988... Previously served as state Attorney General and state senator... Graduated Yale College and Yale Law School... Live in New Haven with wife Hadassah; parent of four.

1. There is no doubt that we need campaign finance reform. The current system forces candidates to raise as much money as possible, consuming considerable time and energy. Even more distressing, this system only deepens the high level of distrust the public already feels toward its government. For reforms to work, I believe we need to develop a system of spending limits. This would put a lid on the campaign "arms race" by assuring candidates that there is a ceiling their opponents cannot exceed. I also favor a ban on all contributions from PACs. For these reasons, I supported the Senate reform bill, which includes a PAC ban and set voluntary limits for Senate races. Ultimately, I believe we should authorize Congress and the states to set reasonable limits on all candidates, not just those willing to comply voluntarily.

2. To achieve real health care reform, we must find a way to control costs and provide coverage to the uninsured without harming what is right about the system. I believe we can meet this challenge by making major reforms within the private sector, and I have been working to pass a comprehensive plan that would do just that. Such a plan would: 1) pool small businesses and individuals into purchasing cooperatives to increase competition and hold down costs; 2) reform insurance laws to protect people from losing their coverage if they get sick or lose their jobs and bar insurance companies from excluding people with preexisting conditions; 3) provide subsidies to the working poor as another means to increase coverage; 4) give tax deductions to the self-employed and people whose employers don't cover them. These measures would move us toward universal coverage and a more efficient system without putting jobs at risk or jeopardizing the coverage of the 91 percent of Connecticut residents who are insured.

Jerry Labriola (Republican)

Born and raised in Naugatuck, CT. graduate of Yale University and Jefferson Medical College. First pediatrician in the town of Naugatuck.. 3 children, 2 grandchildren. State Senator 1981-83. Republican nominee Lt. Governor ...

1. We absolutely must reform the campaign finance system in our country. I have proposed that we limit all contributors to a maximum of $1,000. That all candidate committees must be closed within 45 days of an election, or 45 days of the elimination of a debt and that no person, whether challenger or incumbent, could open a candidate committee until one year prior to the election in which they will be a candidate. It is obscene that a United States Senator can raise money for six years while holding a vote on legislation which will have impact on the people and PACs who have an interest in the legislation and who give during that six year period. I have also proposed limiting total PAC contributions to no more than the money raised from individuals and that a candidate could raise more than 25% of his or her money from outside their home state.

2. I have put out a plan to reform the health care system by using our tax code to provide incentives to business and individuals. I know, because as chief of staff at Waterbury Hospital for 4 years, I brought health care costs under control, reduced patient cost and improved the delivery of health care. We must bring all aspects of health care together to solve this problem. Remember, the system works for 85-90% of all Americans. Let's repair that 10-15% that isn't working. Government run health care would be catastrophe. It would ruin what is the finest health care system in the world. The government does not belong between the patient and his or her doctor. The three most important aspects of health care, regardless of the plan that is put in place that must be preserved are: Quality, Accessibility and Choice.

Gary R. Garneau (Concerned Citizens)

Candidate did not respond to questionnaire.

Secretary of the State

Candidates were asked to respond to the following question:

What steps will you take to increase voter participation in elections?

Miles S. Rapoport* (A Connecticut Party) (Democrat)

Served for ten years in the General Assembly as member; now House Chair of Government Administration and Elections Committee. Prior to that as Director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group ...

My vision of the role of the Secretary of the State is that he or she should be the leading advocate for involvement and participation for Connecticut. I have produced an 8-point program for the office. This includes the two major focuses of this campaign: campaign finance reform and voter registration. I believe that the influence of money in our political system contributes substantially to public distrust and apathy about politics. This will be key issue for me and one I am anxious to tackle. I have always been very active on the issue of voter registration. I was the principal author of both the mail-in voter registration law and the "motor voter law" and as Secretary of State I will begin an aggressive, permanent staff program of voter registration and involvement. These two elements will get us to my goal of 85% of eligible citizens registered by 1996.

Andrea Scott (Republican)

47, of New Haven. House Clerk for State House of Representatives. Studied accounting in college. Supervisor in private industry. Owned marketing firm. Married Juan Scott. Mother to Jarvis and Anthony.

My office will be the perfect vehicle to encourage voter participation. I will stress the importance of voter registration and voting to young people across the state by visiting schools and conducting mock election legislative sessions.

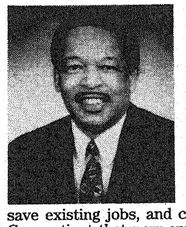
The best way to increase voter participation is to get people interested in government politics and the world around them. People need to know that democracy can work in their favor. Besides instilling this in young people, the rest of us need to once again believe in the system. One way to really feel like our voice and votes count is through direct primaries and the right of recall.

The hallmark of my campaign is statewide initiative and referendum. I will push for a Constitutional revision so the people can have a voice in major issues. If people truly believe that they have a say in government, then voter participation should increase.

Treasurer

Candidates were asked to respond to the following question:

What creative programs or investments do you propose for managing Connecticut's income?



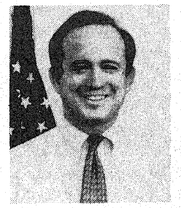
Joseph M. Suggs, Jr. * (A Connecticut Party) (Democrat)

Profitably manages Connecticut's pension fund and the College Savings Bond and STAR Mortgage plans. Former mayor of Bloomfield and business executive, Suggs advocates progress with fiscal prudence.

I believe in profitable management of Connecticut's pension funds, which have grown to a record of $12 billion since I became State Treasurer. Through the Treasury's innovative Connecticut Programs Fund, I am helping save existing jobs, and create new ones, by investing in companies throughout Connecticut that now employ nearly 3,000 people and have a combined payroll of almost $95 million. I have worked to improve and expand the College Savings Bond Program and have funded more than 550 mortgages through the State Treasurer's Affordable Residential Mortgage Plan.

Sound fiscal management to save tax dollars is a must. I have aggressively completed state bond refinancings and other measures that have saved taxpayers more than $60 million. Because our fiscally burdened cities and towns need help, I am working on several new initiatives such as "Grant Express", helping municipalities get quicker access to state and federal funds they have coming to them.

**Candidates have been endorsed by both parties, and their names will appear*



Chris Burnham (Republican)

Former three term State Representative from Stamford. He is currently a Vice President of Corporate Finance with Advest, Inc. in Hartford.

Connecticut taxpayers are facing the worst financial crisis in our history: the nearly $5 billion deficit in state pension funds.

Caused by one of the worst performing pension funds in the country as measured by Wilshire Associates and SEI, we rate in the bottom 5% of this nation. This means that even if we performed at the level of just the bottom 25% of state pension funds for the last three years, we still would have generated an additional $589 million in investment income.

Reverse the crisis by 1. taking politics out of the Treasurer's office; 2. stop the selling of the Treasurer's office by banning campaign contributions from people who do business with the Treasurer; 3. award pension management based on ability.

I bring over ten years of experience as financial derivatives trader and investment banker to the job of managing the State's money. I want to put my financial skills to work for the people of our state ...

Christopher C. Hebert (Concerned Citizens)

Candidate did not respond to questionnaire.

Comptroller

Candidates were asked to respond to the following question:

How can the Comptroller's office contribute to the continued improvement of Connecticut's financial status?

Nancy Wyman (A Connecticut Party) (Democrat)

State Representative since 1986, a leader in finance, bonding, education, and appropriations. Honored by numerous groups, she stands for sound fiscal management, lower taxes and better state budgeting.

Taxpayers know that common-sense, nuts-and-bolts approaches to saving money throughout state government are long overdue. The state can and must pay its bills on time- and as efficiently as possible - in order to avoid waste, an important function of the Comptroller's office. As the state's fiscal watchdog, the Comptroller's office can help by giving state agencies incentives to speed up their systems, with strict program audits to help control abuses, stimulate economic opportunities for small businessmen and women help save and create jobs.

Another important function of the Comptroller's office is to pay benefits to retired teachers and state workers and manage health care accounts for 100,000 retired and active state employees. As a candidate for comptroller, I have proposed wide-ranging reforms that will streamline and improve all the processes, saving taxpayers potentially millions of dollars and contributing to Connecticut's financial well-being for years to come.

Gene Gavin (Republican)

Born and raised in West Haven; State Representative for Fairfield, Weston and Westport; Certified Public Accountant/Attorney with an M.B.A. in Accounting; Director at "Big Six" Accounting Firm.

The Gavin Message is Qualifications Count! Being the most qualified person ever to seek this important office will contribute to the continued improvement of Connecticut's financial status.

The Comptroller is the State's "Chief Financial Officer" and "Fiscal Watchdog." When I am Comptroller and sign a check, you can be assured that I will have worked hard to eliminate any waste of taxpayers' dollars by using my practical business experience as both a C.P.A. and an attorney. I will bring a level of professionalism to this office that the people of Connecticut expect and deserve. As a result of my political and professional credentials and my business experience (totaling over 15 years), I have developed the accounting, auditing, budgetary, administrative and management skills to do the job like its never been done before. A Comptroller with such unique qualifications can bring new efficiencies and cost effectiveness to State Government.

Attorney General

The candidates were asked to respond to the following question:

What are the most pressing law enforcement problems in Connecticut and how do you propose to deal with these?

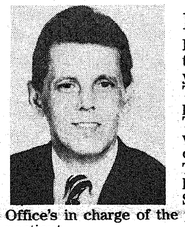
Richard Blumenthal (A Connecticut Party) (Democrat)

Attorney General (1991-present), State Senate (1987-91), House of Representatives (1984-87), United States Attorney (1977-81). Honors graduated Harvard College and Yale Law School. Honorably discharged Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Wife Cynthia ...

Connecticut residents deserve aggressive enforcement of state laws that protect their homes and communities, prevent rip-offs, and combat the evils spawned by drugs, gangs, and guns.

As Attorney General, I defend the validity of all such laws, and I enforce the state's environment, antitrust, consumer protection and charities laws. I personally defended, for example, the constitutionality of Connecticut's new assault weapons ban, defended monitoring of prisoner telephone calls (often used for conducting gang business) and helped defend the state's anti-stalking law.

I will continue to use the law to make a difference in people's lives - shutting down scam artists who prey on elderly citizens, protecting neighborhoods from environmental hazards, blocking illegal takeovers of Connecticut businesses that would decimate jobs in our state. I will continue to seek quicker apprehension, swifter and surer punishment of criminals, working with state and federal criminal law enforcement officials - listening closely to citizens in our communities.



Richard E. Arnold (Republican)

I have practiced law in the state of Connecticut for nineteen years. I have been involved in State politics for 25 years. I have held elective office in Orange, Connecticut.

The most pressing problem in law enforcement is the proliferation of illegal drug activity and gang violence. These two problems appear to be responsible for the vast majority of violent crimes committed against the citizens of Connecticut.

The voters should realize that the Attorney General has limited input into criminal law enforcement, as the State's chief civil attorney. The Chief State Attorney's Office's in charge of the prosecution of the criminal laws in the State of Connecticut.

As an elected State official, and a concerned husband and father, I would advocate that convicted criminals be forced to serve the entire term of the sentences given to them by the Courts, instead of the partial terms that they now serve. Our prison facilities should be more geared to punishment, instead of emphasizing the rehabilitative aspect of prison life.

State Senate 26th District

Candidates were asked to respond to the following question:

Focusing on your top priorities, state your proposals for
1) taxation, 2) creating jobs, 3) improving education statewide, 4) improving transportation systems in southern Connecticut, 5) curbing violent crime.

Judith G. Freedman (Republican)

1. Qualifications:
State Senate 1987-
Senate Republican leader Appropriations committee
Chairman: Program Review and Investigations committee Commission on Innovation and Productivity
Former: Westport Board of Education, teacher, importer, President Republican Women, 4th Congressional, BS., MS, Kiwanis, Exchange Club, A.A.U.W.

2. Contain state spending, in order to have tax reductions, such as phasing out income tax (including capital gains, interest and dividends), giving a full credit for property taxes off the income tax, phase out inheritance taxes, lowering business taxes.
Develop master plan offering the same incentives to all business; Encourage small business and entrepreneurs
Local communities define academic standards and quality
Department of Education should be resource, finding the programs that work, sharing information
Add more trains in all directions, increase use of bus systems First time offenders convicted of violent crimes should serve full sentence
Juveniles committing violent crimes should be treated as adults in court
Increasing family awareness of the role they play in crime prevention

George F. Lenz (Democrat)

Qualifications
Civic - Current: (Wilton - 29 years) Wilton Insurance Committee; JP; Democratic Town Committee, past Bd of Finance (2-terms); Registrar of Voters; Zoning Board of Appeals; YMCA Program Committee; Parish Council.
Employment: stock broker, marketing research; adjunct professor.
Education: A.B. (Kenyon); M.A. & M.S. (NYU)
Taxation: The only State-wide tax should be the personal income tax. Sales taxes are regressive
Creating Jobs: Repeal the corporate income tax altogether. Encourage small business developement. Establish technical high schools
Education: Set specific performance goals in core subjects (reading, writing, mathematics, American history, American civics - possibly others) for students. Require qualified teachers. Require school boards to maintain adequate buildings, supplies and facilities.
Transportation: Encourage the developement of privately financed public transportation - busses and railways.
Curbing Violent Crime: Near term - establish motivated and dedicated police forces (local and state). Impose strict penalties for violations of laws. Construct new prisons if necessary. Long Term - this requires bringing the disaffected into the main-stream economically, educationally, psychologically. This is a job of the community over and above the government.

AFTER YOU'VE THOUGHT THROUGH YOUR CHOICES: VOTE!

THEN. . .

Keep informed • Let public officials know your feelings • Be a letter writer • Attend public meetings • Don't be afraid to ask tough questions • Be proud of yourself for participating!

State Representative

DISTRICT 133

Candidates were asked to respond to the following question:

Focusing on your top priorities, state your proposals for
1) taxation, 2) creating jobs, 3) improving education statewide, 4) improving transportation systems in southern Connecticut, 5) curbing violent crime.

Paul Tymniak (Republican)

1. QUALIFICATIONS
A consistent adversary of waste and strong supporter of local control.
* State Central Committee
* R.T.M. Deputy Moderator
* Legislative & Administrative Committee. R.T.M. - Vice Chairman
* Town of Fairfield- Former Treasurer and Asst. Town Attorney

2. TAXATION & CREATING JOBS
We have the 3rd highest business taxes in the nation and lowest rate of job growth. The imposition of the state income tax has taken away any competitive edge. We must phase out the income tax!

EDUCATION
There appears to be universal agreement that Connecticut school systems need to reform. Recent years have seen policies and mandates that exclude parents, community and sometimes teachers from education decision making. We need strong local control not regionalization.

TRANSPORTATION
Transportation is vital to the economic health of Connecticut. I'll fight to make sure Fairfield County doesn't get forgotten.

CRIME
Crime effects all citizens. We must take a strong stand against crime as a deterrant. That includes a workable death penalty and truth in sentencing for those convicted of crimes involving fire arms.

Gloria Hunter (Democrat)

1. Thirty years in area...know the people, understand the problems through many volunteer activities. Teaching in both Fairfield and Weston, serving on Westport Board of Education give me comprehensive knowledge of education issues... Retired, have time, energy, for challenging job.

2. 1)TAXATION...curb spending...maintain Cap, exempting only debt payment...spend only for needs, not wants...review tax structure for fairness and efficiency with eye to lowering income tax... 2)CREATING JOBS...encourage installation of fiber-optics network to give CT competitive edge in attracting high tech industries...offer business attractive incentive packages...cut red tape for securing permits 3)EDUCATION: reduce non-funded mandates... maintain local control...anti-vouchers...support site based management... magnet schools and alternative programs...4)TRANSPORTATION... maintain infrastructure systematically with work done at off hours...require better inter-city r.r. scheduling...publicize existing bus services...5) CRIME... stiff sentences for habitual and serious offenders...give others education and work skills before release...education and sports oriented prevention programs for teens at risk.

Bernard A. Nevas (Natural Law Party)

Qualifications:
1. Real estate developer and attorney. Served on SWRPA and Westport RTM, where he sucessfully spearheaded effort to stop the Town's takeover of the Bridge Street Bridge. Former Nader Raider and Peace Corps Volunteer. Native Westporter. Age 50. Married, two children.

2. Prevention-oriented government and conflict-free politics are essential to making government work. Voters are disgusted with the constant partisan bickering. Voters are furious that lawmakers never seem to solve problems but just throw taxpayer dollars at one crisis after another without any proof that the proposed solutions work. I and the Natural Law Party support proven solutions that prevent problems that members of both major political parties can support. For example, I propose an extensively scientifically researched program that prevents crime, that reduced violent crime in Washington D.C. 18% in 2 months and that research in scientific journals has shown to reduce violent crime in other cities as well. This will save taxes by eliminating the need to build more prisons and to increase police forces.

DISTRICT 136

Jo Fuchs (Republican)

Qualifications:
1. Eight years State Representative; Assistant Minority Leader; Finance, Bonding, Planning and Development, Legislative Management committees, National Committee - Education
Former Chair ZBA, Selectman
Director: Westport Arts Center, Norwalk Symphony, Rotary, Human Services Council Mid-Fairfield
Understands impact of proposed legislation on Westport

2. **Taxation/Spending**
- Implement spending cap
- Reduce the state income tax and business taxes
- Examine privatizing some services
- Consolidate state agencies
- Eliminate unfunded mandates

Creating Jobs
- Form a partnership among business/government/academic communities to identify viable industries and markets
- Team state and local governments to provide incentives to attract industries identified
- Reduce mandates on business

Improving State Education
- Establish performance standards for teachers and students
- Evaluate curricula
- Team with business to provide technical education and training
- Promote magnet schools

Improve Transportation
- Coordinate transportation needs among contiguous communities
- Evaluate monorail system
- Provide incentives for van/car pooling

Curbing Violent Crime
- Implement stiffer penalties
- Minimize use of parole
- Crack down on drug dealers
- Identify repeat offenders entering state
- Provide rehabilitative programs for first offenders
- Fund community drug awareness programs

Jonathan Ferstenberg (Democrat)

1. Qualifications:
International finance attorney, certified to Connecticut Bar. Trained community mediator. Established internationalization program in rural Japan. Columbia Law School: Kent Scholar, Stone Scholar, Hughes Fellow for public service, founded organization that added public interest legal services program to Columbia's curriculum.

2. Issues:
The Representative from the 136th District should be an active leader in getting Connecticut's towns and cities to work together. My proposals are as follows:
1) Taxation: De-emphasize property taxes and lower business taxes to competitive levels.
2) Jobs: Emphasize economic development programs that originate locally, not at the State level.
3) Education: Less reliance on property taxes in school funding to help create equal educational opportunity. We should rely on local management, with targeted state grants for programs that excel or that help reduce crime.
4) Transportation: Emphasize bus-rail networks with convenient parking.
5) Crime: Push for truth-in-sentencing, achievable gun control, supportive schools and meaningful economic development in urban areas.

PRIMARY RIGHT

" The right of voting for representatives is the primary right by which other rights are protected. To take away this right is to reduce a man to slavery."

— Thomas Paine

Sheriff

Edwin S. Mak (Republican)

1. I was elected High Sheriff in 1982, re elected in 1986 and in 1990 was re elected by the highest margin ever, winning in all of the 23 Fairfield County Communities. I was a Deputy Sheriff 12 years, City Sheriff 8 years ...*

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Mina Disora (Democrat)

Qualifications:
Italian-American
Successful small business owner
Worked way through school. Business Major
Former Executive Mayoral Aide. Liaision to Public
Extensive Organizational, Administrative, Management Experience
Desire to return Public Safety, Integrity, Professionalism to High Sheriff's office.
Vitality to achieve above.

Also on the Ballot:

JUDGE OF PROBATE

Earl Capuano
(Republican)
(Democrat)

Qualifications:
8 years as Probate Judge handling estates; trusts; adoptions; committments; guardianships of minors and adult mentally retarded persons; name changes.
Officer of CT Probate Assembly.
Current Chairman Westport Unit of Salvation Army; member Westport Rotary.
Life-long area resident. Staples graduate.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Vote for One; Both will be Elected

Mabel A. Johnson (Republican)

Thelma Ezzes (Democrat)

SAMPLE BALLOT

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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
A CONNECTICUT PARTY	Eunice Strong Groark and Audrey Rowe ☐ 1A	Joe Lieberman ☐ 2A	3A	4A	5A	Miles S. Rapoport ☐ 6A	Joseph M. Suggs, Jr. ☐ 7A	Nancy Wyman ☐ 8A	Richard Blumenthal ☐ 9A	10A	11A	12A
REPUBLICAN	John G. Rowland and M. Jodi Rell ☐ 1B	Jerry Labriola ☐ 2B	Christopher Shays ☐ 3B	Judith G. Freedman ☐ 4B	Paul Martin Tymniak ☐ 5B	Andrea Scott ☐ 6B	Chris Burnham ☐ 7B	Gene Gavin ☐ 8B	Richard E. Arnold ☐ 9B	Edwin S. Mak ☐ 10B	Earl F. Capuano ☐ 11B	Mabel A. Johnson ☐ 12B
DEMOCRATIC	Bill Curry and Joseph P. Ganim ☐ 1C	Joe Lieberman ☐ 2C	Jonathan D. Kantrowitz ☐ 3C	George F. Lenz ☐ 4C	Gloria Hunter ☐ 5C	Miles S. Rapoport ☐ 6C	Joseph M. Suggs, Jr. ☐ 7C	Nancy Wyman ☐ 8C	Richard Blumenthal ☐ 9C	Mina DiSora ☐ 10C	Earl F. Capuano ☐ 11C	Thelma Ezzes ☐ 12C
CONCERNED CITIZENS	Joseph A. Zdonczyk and Robert B. Ratchford ☐ 1D	Gary R. Garneau ☐ 2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	Christopher C. Hebert ☐ 7D	8D	9D	10D	11D	12D
INDEPENDENCE	Tom Scott and Glen R. O'Keefe ☐ 1E	2E	3E	4E	5E	6E	7E	8E	9E	10E	11E	12E
LIBERTARIAN	1F	2F	Irving Sussman ☐ 3F	4F	5F	6F	7F	8F	9F	10F	11F	12F
NATURAL LAW	1G	2G	Terry M. Nevas ☐ 3G	4G	Bernard A. Nevas ☐ 5G	6G	7G	8G	9G	10G	11G	12G

136th

5 State Representative
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Jo Fuchs ☐ 5B
Jonathan Ferstenberg ☐ 5C
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Voting In Person

When ready to vote, give your address, name and ID to the checkers. They will direct you to a voting machine.

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

To register your votes, simply TURN DOWN the pointer OVER the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, and LEAVE IT THERE.

Returning the red handle to the left opens the curtain and registers your vote.

Officials will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the voting machine.

REMEMBER!

Voter identification at the polls. Voters must show a pre-printed ID before voting, such as a Social Security card, driver's license, library card, employment ID, or else sign a statement attesting his/her identity.

Voting by Absentee Ballot . . .

Applications for absentee ballot may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk at 226-8311. Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8 P.M. on Election day, so act NOW!

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 25, BUT if you moved into Westport after that date, or if you will be 18 years old by November 8 (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.

Additional copies of this Guide are available at the Westport LIbrary and the Town Clerk's office.