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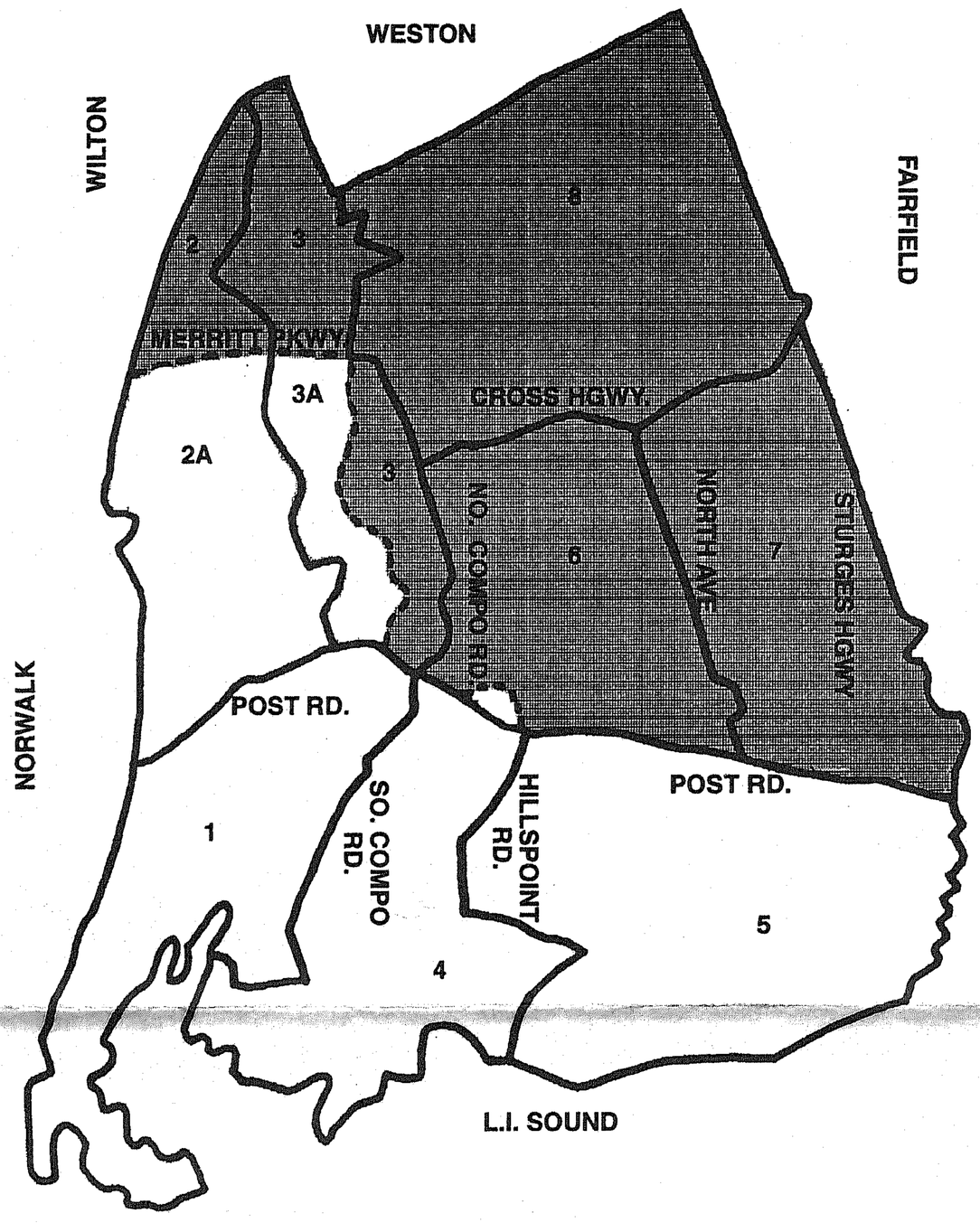

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 133 - includes sections of Weston and Fairfield

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 136 - includes a small area of Norwalk

Polling Places

DISTRICTS 1, 2A, 3A — DISTRICT 136
Bedford Middle School Gym
Riverside Avenue

DISTRICTS 4, 5, 6A — DISTRICT 136
Westport Arts Center Gym
17 Morningside Avenue South

DISTRICTS 2, 3, 8 — DISTRICT 133
Coleytown Elementary School Gym
Easton Road

DISTRICTS 6, 7 — DISTRICT 133
Long Lots School Gym
Hyde Lane

Handicapped accessible machines are available.

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A Message from the League

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends on the informed and active participation of all citizens. This Voter's Guide is intended to help you cast an educated vote. The information from each candidate is presented on a nonpartisan basis. We neither support nor oppose any candidate.

Read what the candidates have to say, make your choices and mark the sample ballot on the last page. After the election, stay informed! Attend public meetings, let public officials know your feelings, and don't be afraid to ask them tough questions.

Be proud of yourself for participating.

Lisa Shufro, President

League of Women Voters of Westport

On your ballot will be

Candidates for President and Vice-President

Republican Party - **Bob Dole and Jack Kemp**

Democratic Party - **Bill Clinton and Al Gore**

Libertarian Party - **Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen**

Concerned Citizens - **Howard Phillips and Joseph A. Zdonczyk**

Green Party - **Ralph Nader and Winona LaDuke**

Natural Law Party - **John Hagelin and Vinton Tompkins**

Reform Party - **Ross Perot and Pat Choate**

- The candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot.
- The views expressed on these pages are those of the candidates and have not been edited.
- The views of the candidates for U.S. Congress were solicited by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut.

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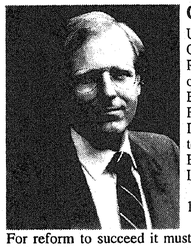
Candidates for U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

The candidates were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what do you believe are the necessary elements in effective campaign finance reform legislation?

2. What should be the federal government's role in promoting the economic security of America's families?

3. The federal government now provides health care coverage for the elderly and the poor, including millions of poor children, through Medicare and Medicaid. Should these programs be cut back, should they be retained at current levels, or should the federal government's role be expanded to ensure that all Americans have health care insurance?



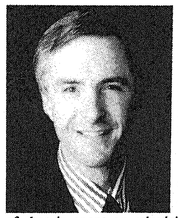
Christopher Shays (Republican)

U.S. Congressman, 1987 to present. House Budget Committee, Chairman Working Group on Healthcare. House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, Chairman Subcommittee on Human Resources, overseeing departments of Labor, HHS, Education, Veterans and HUD for waste, fraud and abuse.
Former State Representative; Mayor's Aide, Trumbull; College Instructor; Business Consultant; Realtor; Peace Corps Volunteer.
B.A. Principia College; MPA and MBA, New York University.
Lives in Stamford with his wife, Betsi, and daughter, Jeramy.

1. We need comprehensive reform of our campaign finance For reform to succeed it must be bipartisan. That is why I helped establish the Bipartisan Reform Team and introduced the Bipartisan Clean Congress Act, supported by Common Cause, United We Stand and League of Women Voters.
Our legislation:
- Provides for a 50 percent reduction in TV and radio advertising costs for candidates who agree to $600,000 spending limits;
- Requires candidates to raise 60 percent of their contributions within their state;
- Prohibits candidates from receiving more than $150,000 in contributions of $250 or more;
- Abolishes political action committees (PACs);
- Eliminates "soft money", the unlimited contributions individuals, corporations and labor unions give political parties;
- Bans bundling of campaign contributions; and
- Prohibits lobbyist donations of more than $100.

2. The best way to promote the economic security of America's families is to get our financial house in order and balance the federal budget.
Our economy will simply not grow at the rate it should as long as our budget deficits keep interest rates artificially high and reduce available capital for employers to make their employees more productive by investing in new plant and equipment.
We also need to save our trust funds, particularly Medicare, for future generations; and transform our "caretaking" social, corporate and agricultural welfare state into a "caring" opportunity society.
We help individuals and families when we teach our young how to grow the seed, not give them the food. To do this we need to return power, money and influence back to our local communities.

3. Medicare and Medicaid funding should increase but at a slower rate of growth. Congress' plan to reform both programs increased funding every year and expanded coverage and services.
Our Medicare reform increased spending from $178 billion in 1995 to $289 billion in 2002 and continued the traditional fee-for-service care with no increase in co payment, deductible or premium but offered more choices, better service and saved the fund for future generations.
Our Medicaid reform increased spending from $89 billion to $127 billion in 2002 and gave states flexibility to meet the specific health care needs of their poor and elderly citizens. When states are given this freedom they can expand coverage to the working poor and improve services.



Bill Finch (Democrat)

Bill Finch is a three term member of Bridgeport's City Council. Elected when the city was reeling from its bankruptcy filing, his key votes include four straight years without a tax increase and adding over a 100 new cops to the beat.
Raised in Trumbull, Bill earned his degree in resource economics from UCONN. He is the father of two children who devotes much of his time to his boys and to public service.

1. I fully support campaign finance reform. As a challenger, I expect to be outraised, which, I feel, hurts the process.
The average congressional campaign costs $700,000 and most of that is spent on television ads. I support legislation allowing candidates air time on television, either on the major networks or cable. This way, we can spend more time listening to the concerns of the voters instead of asking for money.

2. Creating and instigating opportunity is what the government can do best. Making and regulating opportunity by expanding the government payroll is what government does worst.
Government has a lot to say when it comes to providing economic security. For starters putting our financial house in order over the last four years has spurred growth, created 10 million new good paying jobs and kept inflation and interest rates low. This is nothing more than government's responsibility.
Our government can also be proactive. When the late Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown was killed in a tragic plane crash, he was touring foreign nations urging them to open their markets to American goods. Every time he was successful, that meant more jobs right here at home.

3. I meet people all the time who would be faced with catastrophe if they did not have Medicare and Medicaid. The ones who fought our wars and worked so hard should not be abandoned in their time of need.
When it comes to these safety nets, everyone agrees it has to be fixed, but how? The system is too big and unresponsive. Controlled competition is essential in this market place to drive down prices and provide superior service.
Many working poor can only turn to the government for adequate health care, especially those with children. Government's responsibility is to grow the economy, in turn, creating decent jobs that provide health insurance. We can reform the system without destroying it.

Your right to vote is a precious privilege — Exercise it!!

Edward H. Tonkin (Libertarian)

Edward Hobart Tonkin was raised in Bayside and Scarsdale, NY. Graduated high school from Daycroft School in Greenwich. Received his B.A. in History from Hillsdale College in Michigan in 1979. He has been a banker, teacher, business manager, and trust tax accountant. Currently he is a financial planner. He is a long time proponent of limited and constitutional government and freedom. He and his wife Deborah live in Bridgeport with their children, Teddy and Ginny.

1. Campaign Finance Reform is extremely important. The current Byzantine morass of Federal and state regulations creates a chilling effect to keep people off the ballot.
A) End public financing, which only helps the established parties, and have complete public disclosure.
B) Abolish the income tax. This tax creates all the special interest groups trying to buy favors. Eliminate this tax the P.A.C. money goes.
C) Expand the number of Representatives in the House, which has been the same since 1917, cut their salaries by the percentage of increase, and you'll have more new faces and ideas.
D) Make ballot access easier! In the U.K. it only costs around $450.00 to be on the ballot against the Prime Minister. States can do this very simply.

2. By getting off their backs! Federal regulation and taxation has done mightily to destroy the economy and destabilize the American's family's security. Three things they could do immediately: one, end inflation as a policy of the Federal Reserve Bank. Inflation, even at 3% has done much to weaken the family. Second, abolish the income tax and give the people their hard earned money back. This can be done more easily than many think! Would you give up your favorite government program if you never had to pay income tax again? And third, end Federal charity or welfare. This drug has drawn a huge number of people into sloth, indolence, waste, immorality, and violence. Ending this unconstitutional program will do a great deal to promote economic security.

3. The federal government has nearly destroyed the health care systems in America. People are addicted to the "something for nothing" philosophy of Medicare and Medicaid. If the Fed's had stayed out of health care (there is no constitutional provision for the federal government to be a health insurance company or provider), people would have developed systems that were portable and affordable. Medical savings accounts are a good short term solution as well as changes in the tax code. But, the federal government must be removed from interference and production of health care in America. Smaller competition means higher prices and poorer service.

Terry M. Nevas (Natural Law Party)

Terry was one of the principal founders in 1992 and state chair of the Natural Law Party of Connecticut. In 1994 she was the NLP candidate for House of Representatives, 4th district. During the past 24 years she has worked as a teacher of all ages, project coordinator and administrator. From 1984 to 1992 she served as the director of programs for the Fairfield County Transcendental Meditation Program.

1. Our election process is far too long and expensive. Elected officials spend too much of their terms fund raising and campaigning for re-election. The exorbitant cost of campaigns favors the wealthy and those receiving large contributions from political action committees (PACs) and special interest groups. Promote fairness in campaign financing through public sponsorship of election campaigns and legislation to correct injustices through the following:
- Eliminate PACs. This system accounts to legalized bribery. Elimination would make elected officials responsive to people again.
- Eliminate "soft money". This loophole circumvents the legal limits that individuals or corporations can donate to campaigns. Special interest groups use soft money to buy support for their cause, sacrificing the best interests of the American people.
- Restrict lobbying.
- Eliminate congressional privileges.

2. Boost national creativity - In today's information-based economy intelligence and creativity drive economic growth. Only the full utilization of our human resources through a fundamental commitment to education will ensure America's competitiveness and leadership in the world.
- Lower taxes - The most powerful fiscal action government can take to simulate the economy is to lower taxes. Use the Natural Law Party's cost-effective, humane, proven solutions to crime, spiraling health costs and other costly social problems to save the nation hundreds of billions of dollars annually. On this basis, offer a realistic strategy for significant tax reductions that protect the integrity of our important social programs.
- This pro-growth policy will simultaneously create jobs, reduce unemployment, balance the budget through increased government revenues, retire the national debt.

3. There is no need to cut benefits or quality of services in an attempt to save Medicare and Medicaid. I support health strategies that focus on prevention and strengthen the general health of the nation, shifting our national focus from disease care to health care. These programs include prevention-oriented health education, stress management, and prevention-oriented natural medicines. These prevention strategies have been shown by extensive research to create healthier citizens and to cut costs by 50 70%. I also support the introduction of financial incentives that will help prevent abuse of the health care system and ensure high-quality care, including (a) medical savings accounts for Medicaid and Medicare subscribers; (b) vouchers enabling subscribers to choose any insurance plan or health care provider they desire.

- **Keep informed • Let public officials know your feelings**
- **Be a letter writer • Attend public meetings**
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Candidates for STATE SENATE 26TH DISTRICT

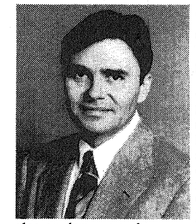
Candidates were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. How will you maximize successful opportunities for people who are going off welfare and who need to work?

2. Choose 2 of the following areas in which you see the greatest need for legislative action. What solutions would you recommend? How would you finance them? a) Affordable housing b) Air quality c) Children at risk d) Drug abuse e) High quality, integrated education f) Regional transportation.

Judith G. Freedman (Republican)

Deputy President Pro Tempore, CT Senate; Chair, Education Committee; Member: American Association of University Women, Weston Kiwanis; attended Boston University, University of Michigan; Bachelors and Masters of Science, Southern Connecticut State University; taught public schools, FL, NY, Wilton, Weston; former Vice Chair Westport Board of Education.
1. Our new state welfare plan builds in a safety net providing both day care and medical coverage until recipients are on their feet. Building partnerships with businesses and towns needing employees. Provide on the job training using our Community-Tech colleges to train for specific jobs, based upon Labor Department surveys, and state needs. Screening applicants for skills. Using retirees to mentor and encourage, sharing their expertise and skills. Technology training.
2. Increase VOLUNTARY efforts. Create more specialized magnet schools. Establish student and teacher exchange programs, based on the higher funding grants. Urge agreements between urban and suburban school systems to create border schools, by providing the higher state reimbursement rate for the construction or renovation and Education Cost Sharing. Getting public Charter schools on line. Place emphasis on quality. Identifying disadvantaged and at risk children before they start school. Target programs such as Head Start to those areas most in need, build in accountability and evaluation.
Adding more trains and station parking to promote intrastate commuting. Coordinating bus transit to work schedules, for local commuting. Provide tax credits for cost of commutation by train or bus for either the business or the individual. Work with our Congressional delegation to gain credits against Federal income taxes.



Charles P. Jenney (Democrat)

Charles P. Jenney, Treasurer of the New Canaan Democratic Town Committee, believes that active citizen participation in politics is key to good government.
1. Mr. Jenney will work for employment opportunities for welfare recipients and defines "successful" as yielding a higher income for the new worker while reducing costs to the state. Unacceptable incentives encourage companies to hire welfare recipients at the expense of "regular" employees; such programs must not be used to reduce wages. Otherwise companies will "recycle" workers through "Welfare" back into employment at considerable expense to the taxpayers. Charles Jenney will concentrate both on private job training program incentives prioritizing welfare job applicants and also on daycare and transportation.
2. "Children at risk" would benefit from optional public daycare facilities by reducing parental stress through enhanced earnings potentials thus giving cause for economic optimism and lifting the spirits of children at risk. Such facilities — offered on a sliding scale fee basis — could be further funded through the savings on welfare implied above.
By siting Charter/Magnet schools in minority neighborhoods with geographically diverse and achievement blind lottery admissions we can help integrate Connecticut's schools. A formula — similar to that used now for transferred special needs children — to apportion costs between originating and service rendered districts can be combined with other funding mechanisms — such as pegging a portion of the state income tax — appropriate to wide area schools. This preserves local control over education which is dear to the citizens of the 26th District.

Candidates for STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 133

Candidates were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. What do you consider the major impediment to providing a quality education for every child in Connecticut, and how can it be overcome?

2. Choose 2 of the following areas in which you see the greatest need for legislative action. What solutions would you recommend? How would you finance them? a) Affordable housing b) Air quality c) Children at risk d) Drug abuse e) Regional transportation f) Welfare.

Paul Tymniak (Republican)

I have served in the General Assembly for two years. I am an attorney, and am married with three children. Prior to my election in 1994 I was involved in numerous civic and political activities: Little League, soccer, Easter Seal, Asst. Town Attorney, Deputy Moderator RTM. I am a life long area resident.
1. This is a complex issue which will not be resolved with a silver bullet. Local control and the elimination of restrictive state mandates will go a long way toward allowing each town to assess and address their individual needs. One size fits all government is not effective in meeting the needs of a state as diverse as Connecticut. Compare Westport to Colchester, Thompson, or Bridgeport. For too long we have tried to govern from the top down. It has not been successful.
2. Education and jobs are the key. When all of our citizens have access to quality education and good jobs the other issues will be much more easily and successfully responded to by us as a society. Education and jobs are a major component of a stable family unit. To promote these jobs we must continue to create a business friendly state. Lower taxes, less costly government. Affordable housing set by the market place, not government definition and threats against local control.

John C. Loeser (Democrat)

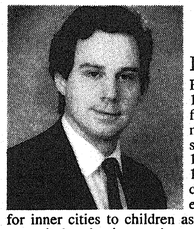
With 22 years of community service and practical business experience at IBM, a BS in Mathematics and an MBA, my experience and training prepare me, as a "citizen legislator" to fulfill the commitment every politician tries to make ... to manage state government with the efficiency and creativity of a business.
1. Poverty! The problems in large city schools are the result, not the cause of economic failure. Economic hopelessness begot educational hopelessness.
Reform requires: aggressive pre-K intervention; targeting K through 4; return control of the classroom to our teachers; re-engaging the parent in the classroom; implementing accountability with "teeth"; establishing business-community-teacher-parent cooperation.
Magnet schools, charter schools and public school choice are important tools, but "vouchers' would erode even our finest public schools.
2. F) WELFARE
Children-at-risk (C) are a direct by-product of welfare. (F). The best way to break the poverty/welfare cycle is with a job. Utilize the Welfare Reform package Congress passed to fund relevant effective job training for every capable welfare recipient, together with essential bridge support services addressing major impediments to escaping welfare - homelessness, abuse, lack of day care, lack of transportation.
D) DRUG ABUSE
I recommend we: a) increase penalties on transportation, farming, and trafficking of drugs; b) improve and facilitate property seizure laws; c) amend the Marijuana Seizure Tax to make it an effective funding weapon for drug education in the schools; d) establish a wholesale tax on drug paraphernalia; e) increase the "pain" extracted from those who sell drugs to our children.

Bernard Nevas (Natural Law Party)

Education: Staples (honors); University of Michigan (honors); Harvard Law School. **Service:** 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project, Peace Corps, various non-profit organizations. **Experience:** Westport RTM and SWRPA, Ralph Nader "Raider", administrator and attorney for non-profit organizations, small businessman, attorney, teacher, currently real estate investor.
1. Education. The major shortcoming of education in Connecticut is that schools ignore the most basic part of learning, the student's consciousness or intelligence. There is ample scientific research to show that improved nutrition, preventive health measures, effective drug prevention programs, stress management and consciousness-based education will develop students' minds beyond the 5-10% they currently use. Combined with the excellent curricula we already have, our students will then soar.
2. The problems of at-risk children, drug abuse and welfare are in major part caused by the high level of poverty, stress and related conditions concentrated in our cities. The solutions? **1. Stimulate the economy** by responsibly lowering taxes; **2. Make Connecticut more attractive to businesses** (for example, by unemployment and works compensation insurance reform, etc.); **3. Prepare and help undereducated workers and welfare recipients to participate in the economy** with education including inspiration, motivation, basic skills (reading, math), job skills, drug abuse help, prevention oriented health advice including stress management, and by providing child care. Fund these by savings from Natural Law Party prevention oriented solutions in the areas of health, welfare, crime and government waste and increased revenues generated by a more active economy.

ELECTION '96

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 136



Kevin L. Hoffkins (Democrat)

B.A. Political Science and History, University of Rochester, 1984; J.D. University of Bridgeport, 1988; Practicing attorney for 7 years, 4 years as a solo practitioner running a small business. Member of Greenwich RTM from 1990 to 1993. Represented Greenwich to the Southwest Regional Planning Agency 1990 to 1993.
1. The major impediment is the growing poverty of our inner cities. Children who grow up in poverty come to school less equipped to learn. I propose to extend early childhood schooling for inner cities to children as young as three. By intervening earlier we can give children more indoctrination against drug abuse, and teach them conflict resolution that is more likely to stay with them all of their lives. This system has been implemented with great success at the Six to Six Magnet School in Bridgeport. The administrators there report no need for disciplinary action. If we can resolve behavioral problems with school children, we can go a long way toward equipping them for success in their adult lives.
2. I would emphasize children at risk and drug abuse. I would insure that we would never again see cases of child sex abusers who are released on probation only to commit the same crime again. I propose to have the state fund more probation officers who would track the offenders. I would attack drug abuse through early childhood intervention.

G. Kenneth Bernhard (Republican)

Former Westport Third Selectman, Former Westport Town Attorney, Past President, Westport Bar Association, State Attorney Trial Referee, Former Professor of Law, United States Military Academy at West Point, Retired Major, United States Army, Yale University Graduate, B.A., New York University School of Law, J.D., LL.M., Practicing Attorney with 22 Years Experience in Westport, Westport resident since 1974.
1. The major impediment preventing children from having a quality education in Connecticut is the breakdown of the family unit. An unacceptable percentage of children attending our schools live in single parent homes. The solution is obviously far reaching and immense but any solution has to start with economic opportunity and economic hope. If we can improve Connecticut's economy by lowering taxes, attracting businesses and providing economic incentives, the despair and poverty that contributes to the breakdown of the family will be lessened and parents and children can concentrate on the educational process.
2. Of the choices provided, I believe the two areas requiring the greatest legislative attention are a) "children at risk" and b) "drug abuse". Our children are our future and if we cannot take care of them and provide for them, the future is very bleak. Drug abuse is just another variant of young people being at risk. The solution, again, is in a more vibrant and hopeful economy where people do not take their frustrations out on young people and through drugs.

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REGISTRARS of VOTERS

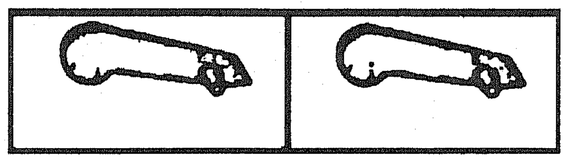
Vote for ONLY ONE.

Both will be elected in accordance with the Westport Town Charter which provides for two registrars "who shall not be members of the same political party."

Mabel Johnson
(Republican)

Thelma Ezzes
(Democrat)

ALSO ON THE BALLOT:



Yes No

Proposed Amendment
to the State Constitution:
Vote on the Question:

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to provide certain rights to victims of crime?

What is the Content and Purpose of this Proposed Constitutional Amendment?

This amendment gives crime victims the right to:

1. be treated with fairness and respect and be protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;

2. notification of court proceedings and information about the arrest, conviction sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused;

3. communicate with prosecutors; attend all criminal proceedings, including the trial, unless the court determines that their impending trial testimony would be materially affected if they heard other testimony; and make a statement to the court at sentencing;

4. object to or support any plea agreement entered into by the accused and the prosecution and to make a statement to the court before any plea agreement is accepted;

5. have the criminal case disposed of as quickly as possible without eliminating or reducing the rights of the accused; and

6. restitution, enforceable in the same way as any other cause of action or as otherwise provided by law.

The amendment allows the General Assembly to define who is a "victim" and requires the General Assembly to enact laws to enforce it. It specifies that neither it nor any law enacted to enforce it creates (1) a basis for setting aside a conviction or (2) grounds for an appeal from any criminal case.

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.

SAMPLE BALLOT

136th

Vote on the Question →	☐ YES ☐ NO 1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to provide certain rights to victims of crime?	District 133											
OFFICE → / PARTY ↓	1 Presidential Electors for	2 Representative in Congress	3 State Senator	4 State Representative	5 Registrar of Voters	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4 State Representative
REPUBLICAN	Dole and Kemp ☐ 1A	Christopher Shays ☐ 2A	Judith G. Freedman ☐ 3A	Paul Martin Tymniak ☐ 4A	Mabel A. Johnson ☐ 5A	6A	7A	8A	9A	10A	11A	12A	G. Kenneth Bernhard ☐ 4A
DEMOCRATIC	Clinton and Gore ☐ 1B	Bill Finch ☐ 2B	Charles P. Jenney ☐ 3B	John C. Loeser ☐ 4B	Thelma Ezzes ☐ 5B	6B	7B	8B	9B	10B	11B	12B	Kevin L. Hoffkins ☐ 4B
LIBERTARIAN	Browne and Jorgensen ☐ 1C	Edward H. Tonkin ☐ 2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	11C	12C	4C
CONCERNED CITIZENS	Phillips and Zdonczyk ☐ 1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D	11D	12D	4D
GREEN	Nader and LaDuke ☐ 1E	2E	3E	4E	5E	6E	7E	8E	9E	10E	11E	12E	4E
NATURAL LAW	Hagelin and Tompkins ☐ 1F	Terry M. Nevas ☐ 2F	3F	Bernard A. Nevas ☐ 4F	5F	6F	7F	8F	9F	10F	11F	12F	4F
REFORM	Perot and Choate ☐ 1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G	8G	9G	10G	11G	12G	4G
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Voting In Person

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

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.

Voting by Absentee Ballot . . .

Applications for absentee ballot are obtained from the Town Clerk, 226-8311. Only persons who are unable to vote in person on elction day may use absentee ballots. Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8 P.M. on Election day, so ACT NOW!

NOTE: You may vote by absentee ballot IN PERSON in the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. before November 5. Also, the office will be open **SATURDAY, NOV. 2** from 9 a.m. to noon for absentee voting.

Attention 18 year olds and new residents ...

The cut-off date for registering to vote was October 22, BUT, if you have moved into town since that date, or become a new citizen, or if you will be 18 years old on or before November 5, you may still register to vote in this election. Contact the Registrars of Voters at 226-8311.

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