



# The League of Women Voters of Westport 2010 VOTERS GUIDE

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## CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Connecticut is facing the prospect of unprecedented budget deficits. What specific steps would you take to increase state revenues? What cuts in state spending would you recommend?



### Tom Foley, Republican

1. In order to restore the state's economy and grow our tax base, our government must do more to convince out-of-state employers to locate here. As Governor, I will focus on attracting new businesses with highly-skilled, high-paying jobs by focusing on those industries identified as having high potential for Connecticut. Further, I will work to develop and market the 'Knowledge Corridor' from Enfield to New Haven as a unique national asset. As Governor, I will also order a comprehensive analysis of how your money is being spent and determine the best way

to reduce spending.

**Biography:** Tom Foley is a business leader who started from scratch and became a business owner and executive. Tom has an undergraduate degree in Economics and an MBA from Harvard Business School. From 2006 until 2009, Tom was the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. In 2003, Tom served in Iraq developing a plan to re-establish a strong private sector economy. Throughout his career, Tom has been involved in charitable causes focused on improving educational opportunities for children.

### Dan Malloy, Democrat, Working Families

1. First, we need to create revenue by creating new jobs. As the Mayor of Stamford I proposed balanced budgets every year while bringing thousands of new jobs to the city. I've set a goal of reducing the number of state agencies by a third by consolidating duplicative processes (to be clear, I have no interest in laying people off). I would seek to merge the state's four economic development agencies into one. I'd freeze compensation for all political appointees, and look to stop the practice of providing cars for state employees other than the five constitutional officers and law enforcement.

**Biography:** A former prosecutor, Dan Malloy served as Mayor of Stamford for 14 years – the city's longest serving mayor. Born and raised in Stamford, Dan is the youngest of eight siblings. He currently lives in Stamford with his wife, Cathy, and their three sons: Dannel, Ben, and Sam.

### Thomas E. Marsh, Independent

1. A key part of my proposal is to share a portion of the state sales and income tax directly with municipalities.

Revenue: I will review every tax credit with the expectation to pare that list down considerably. I will review the upper marginal rates of the income tax. I believe that those with means will be willing to contribute, if they know that their tax dollars are well spent. We need to broaden the income tax base as well. It is easy to be disconnected from government if you are not asked to contribute.

**Biography:** Tom is currently serves as the First Selectman of Chester. In addition Tom is also the owner of a small business. Other positions of leadership include current chair of the Connecticut River Valley Chief Elected Officials, and member of the executive board of the Workforce alliance and member of the Governor's Early Childhood Education Council. Tom holds a M.B.A. in marketing as well as a B.S.B.A. in Business Administration.

## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Westport Voter:

This year's Voters' Guide, prepared as a public service by the volunteers of the League of Women Voters of Westport and generously produced by the Westport Minuteman, is a valuable tool for educating you about the upcoming election.

Now, more than ever, your vote counts! This message has really rung true in the past few elections and this year will be no exception. But your voice can only be heard if you come to the polls and cast your vote on Tuesday, November 2. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk's office at (203)341-1110.

The League of Women Voters believes that democracy depends on the informed and active participation of all its citizens. Read through this Voters' Guide and find out about the candidates and where they stand on issues that are important to you. You may also take this guide into the voting booth with you on November 2. If you need additional information about your district and polling place, you will find it on the Westport website at [www.westportct.gov](http://www.westportct.gov).

**Yvonne Senturia & Doris Skutch**

*Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Westport*

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### Questions and Candidates Responses

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## CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think are the most important functions of the office of Lieutenant Governor? What will be your priorities as Lieutenant Governor?
2. What are the main issues facing the state and what is the Lieutenant Governor's role in addressing them?

### Mark D. Boughton, Republican

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Nancy Wyman, Democrat, Working Families

1. My priority as Comptroller has been to be the voice of fiscal honesty and responsibility on behalf of Connecticut's taxpayers and that will be my goal as Lieutenant Governor. Dan Malloy and I are committed to fiscal discipline, long-range economic planning and affordable health care for all Connecticut residents. Creating jobs and expanding our economy is at the top of the list. One way to create jobs is to lower the tax burden by reducing the cost of government through streamlining and downsizing where appropriate. In order to sustain those jobs, we must also cut the costs of health insurance.

2. The multi-billion-dollar budget deficits forecast for the next two years is our biggest challenge, and I will be spending a great deal of time working with other leaders to address these shortfalls. Dan Malloy and I have set a goal of reducing the number of state agencies by one-third. We will also be seeking input from all agency heads and employees to find budget savings, and will work with state employee unions to streamline staffing without layoffs. We also believe that health care and energy costs must be reduced and our transportation infrastructure improved to make the state more business-friendly.

**Biography:** State Comptroller Nancy Wyman is Connecticut's leading voice for fiscal honesty and responsibility on behalf of taxpayers, and she will continue that agenda as Lieutenant Governor. From 1987-1995 Nancy served as State Representative from the 53rd District. From 1979-1987, she served on the Tolland Board of Education and was Vice-Chairperson for four years. Nancy and her husband, Michael, have two daughters and sons-in-law; Stacey and Steve Papa and Meryl and Bill Baldwin, and five grandchildren.

### Cicero B. Booker, Jr., Independent

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Voting Districts

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
ELECTION VOTING DISTRICTS**

POLLING PLACES	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT	CONG	SENATE	RTM DISTRICTS
SAUGATUCK ELEM SCHOOL 170 RIVERSIDE AVENUE	136-1	4	26	1, 9
GREENS FARMS SCHOOL 17 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE SOUTH	136-4 133-1	4	26	4, 5A 5
COLETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL 255 NORTH AVENUE	136-2	4	26	3, 8
LONG LOTS SCHOOL 13 HYDE LANE	136-3	4	26	6, 7
KINGS HIGHWAY SCHOOL 125 POST ROAD WEST	136-5	4	26	2

Legend:  
 STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 13  
 STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 13

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## CANDIDATES FOR U.S SENATOR - SIX YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How do you believe the recent federal reforms will impact health care in Connecticut?
2. How will you balance the continuing costs of military actions and the costs of domestic needs?
3. What are the respective roles of government and business in maintaining and expanding our state's/nation's infrastructure? How do you rank telecommunications in our national infrastructure?

### Linda E. McMahon, Republican

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Richard L. Blumenthal, Democrat, Working Families

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Dr. John Mertens, Connecticut for Lieberman

No response received by LWVCT deadline.



### Warren B. Mosler, Independent

1. From what I've read the answer to this is still unclear to most analysts. There are possibilities but few certainties as many details are still to be determined. For example, not being able to turn down anyone for pre existing conditions means there is an incentive not to buy healthcare until after you need medical attention. To discourage this the bill discusses some type of 'fines' for not having insurance, but does not provide details.
2. Currently we have high unemployment and excess capacity in general. This means we can substantially expand output for domestic needs without capacity constraints. Only when we get to full employment are capacity constraints an issue.
3. The role of government is public infrastructure in the general sense. This includes the military, legal system, and, critically, the prevention of 'races to the bottom' between the States. For example, without Federal pollution control standards and federal labor standards the States would be forced into a race to the bottom, with the states allowing the most pollution and allowing employees to be treated the worst would attract the most businesses. Telecommunications is a matter of national security and must be treated accordingly.

## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - TWO YEAR TERM

LWVCT AND LWV WESTPORT ASKED CANDIDATES TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How do you believe the recent federal reforms will impact health care in Connecticut?
2. What would you do to jump start job creation in Connecticut?



### Dan Debicella, Republican

1. The fundamental problem with healthcare is out-of-control costs. I have proposed a detailed plan for getting costs under control. First, we must focus on preventive medicine through a "healthy-living tax credit." By providing incentives to live healthier, we can catch diseases earlier and lessen the financial burden on families and government. We must also foster interstate competition between health insurance companies to ensure premiums are truly controlled by the market. Further, as technology advances, we must make improvements in electronic patient records to streamline the continuum of care. These reforms will reduce the cost of care and save more lives.
2. Currently, the U.S. faces a \$1.4 trillion deficit and record job loss. Getting our economy back on track will not be easy, but with the right leadership and fiscal discipline in Washington, it can be done. First, we must change our current course of action to stimulate the economy. The current pork-barrel stimulus bill has done next to nothing to create jobs in Connecticut. Instead of more government spending, we need to relieve small businesses and middle class families to grow our economy. Specifically, we must extend the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts so our families do not see a \$2700 tax hike per household. Further, I propose repealing the 50 percent of stimulus money that has yet to be distributed and instead, cut the payroll tax in half for one year. This one act will save

every family in America \$1,500 in taxes. This will provide tax relief to small businesses so that they can afford to hire additional employees. Finally, it will actually shrink our deficit because it costs less than the pork-barrel stimulus. It is clear Fairfield County needs new leadership in Washington to not only jumpstart job creation, but further, to restore prosperity for all of our families.

**Biography:** Dan Debicella is a state senator who grew up in Bridgeport and Shelton. Dan is a fiscal conservative who holds moderate positions on social issues, supporting a woman's right to choose and state funding of stem cell research. Dan is a successful businessman and involved with numerous community organizations. He graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. Dan lives in Shelton with his wife Alexandra.

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### Jim Himes, Democrat, Working Families

1. After a century of trying, our nation took a big step forward to provide health care access to all Americans and to begin cutting the cost of an out-of-control system. I have supported policies that protect and strengthen Medicare, set aggressive cost-cutting measures, enable people under 27 to access coverage through their parents, and eliminate pre-existing conditions.

In our District, 99,000 seniors will benefit from closing the Medicare "donut hole," 22,000 uninsured residents will gain access to coverage, and 9,300 constituents with pre-existing conditions won't be turned away. Community health centers in Norwalk and Bridgeport will expand their patient base.

2. When I took office, our nation was losing 700,000 jobs a month. Through job saving legislation I helped pass, we have seen eight straight months of private sector job growth, and the economy is recovering, albeit too slowly.

Now we must end the tax breaks for companies that move American jobs offshore. I want to see the words "Made in America" again; my opponent has pledged to preserve those loopholes. We must rebuild our crumbling rails, roads and bridges by putting Americans to work. We must continue to reform and improve our public schools so that every American child can be a world-beating innovator. We must wrestle down the health care costs that are crushing the

country. And we must finally move beyond my opponent's creed of "Drill, baby, drill" by weaning ourselves from Saudi oil and leading on clean American energy technology rather than shamefully following China and Europe.

**Biography:** Jim is new to politics, serving his first term representing Connecticut's 4th District in Congress. Prior to federal office, Jim led the housing nonprofit Enterprise Community Partners in the Northeast. He has served as board chairman of the Greenwich Housing Authority and a member of the town's Board of Finance. Jim and his wife Mary live in Cos Cob and send their two daughters, Emma and Linley, to local public schools.

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## CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 26- TWO YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What should the State Legislature do to address the weak economy in Connecticut?
2. What should the State Legislature do to address the CT budget deficit projected by the Office of Fiscal Analysis to reach \$3 billion by fiscal year 2012?



### Toni Boucher, Republican

- 1 & 2. Connecticut can thrive again. We did it over a decade ago when there was a more politically balanced, business friendly General Assembly. While families and businesses have reduced their budget, the state has borrowed more than ever before and enacted tax increases that has jobs and people fleeing the state.

To promote economic growth, lawmakers should return spending to 2007 levels as other states have done and focus on pro-jobs policies and budget deficit reductions that include:

- Reduce business costs and phase out onerous taxes on cars, pensions, real estate and inheritance
- Cut the size of state government by consolidating state agencies and providing some services through lower-cost non-profits
- Reduce the cost of state government and pay down debt by renegotiating state employee wages, benefits and replacing expensive state pensions with 401(k) plans
- Reduce payroll costs, streamline regulations and permitting processes
- Lower health care costs by reducing mandates and enacting tort reform
- Rigorous educational standards and accountability to ensure a skilled labor force

**Biography:** State Senator, State Representative, State Board of Education, Selectman, Board of Education Chair, Business executive, Fortune 50 companies, Founder small businesses, Financial services executive, UConn MBA, Series 7 & 63.

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### John Hartwell, Democrat, Working Families

- 1 & 2. We can bring Connecticut back, but we must act swiftly and responsibly. Fairfield County is Connecticut's economic engine. The downturn began here—and the recovery will start here.

Long term, we must create jobs by reducing taxes on small businesses, streamlining bureaucracy, and supporting entrepreneurs with targeted programs like innovation centers. We must fix our highways, improve our trains, and invest in our entire education system to build a well-trained work-

force through programs at our local colleges.

In the short term, we're facing a truly epic budget shortfall. We have to cut spending, but some claim we can fix this with cuts alone. That's magical thinking—cutting every discretionary program will not yield the entire \$3 billion. We have to do more, like closing corporate tax loopholes that are costing us hundreds of millions of dollars each year. (By the way, those who say we should cut taxes to raise revenue evidently slept through economics class; history shows it simply doesn't work.)

We can do this. It's time to end the partisan gridlock in Hartford!

**Biography:** John Hartwell is a businessman and former banker living in Westport with his wife, Janet. He serves on the Metro-North Rail Commuter Council and various non-profit boards.

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## CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 133 - TWO YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What should the State Legislature do to address the weak economy in Connecticut?
2. What should the State Legislature do to address the CT budget deficit projected by the Office of Fiscal Analysis to reach \$3 billion by fiscal year 2012?



### Dee Dee Brandt, Republican

1. Businesses will stay or come to CT for three reasons: low taxes that allow for company growth and expansion; strong educational systems that permit employees & families to become rooted in community; modern transportation system that permits trade and commerce. By meeting those challenges, CT will encourage businesses to expand which will revive our sluggish economy.

2. Common Sense budgeting; stop espousing reductions in increase of budget as a cut instead of the increase it actually is; cease borrowing money for on-going government expenses; cut wasteful spending not just give it lip service; rollback most agency budgets to 2008 levels; consolidate bureaucratic state agencies for more efficient government; early retirement incentive program allowing only essential positions be refilled; permit only core government functions like public safety, health and education, not Department of Transportation's beautification project; cut legislative pay 10%, reduce leadership extra pay; outright travel ban; no legislative mailings; additional furlough days for union and non-union employees; ask employee unions for \$150 million in concessions that might include wage freezes, furlough days and health care benefit reductions.

**Biography:** Fairfield Board of Finance; RTM; Chairman CT/ DEP Taskforce; 15-years IBM; President/Board GHVIS; CT Post Woman of Substance; Deacon GHCC; Mill River Wetlands; Foster Parent; Mathematics degree; married; two children.

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### Kim Fawcett, Democrat

1. Of all the challenges we face in Connecticut, job creation must be the top priority. Government's primary role is to help nurture small businesses and spur private-sector growth. The 2010 Jobs Bill enacted by the Republicans and Democrats in the state legislature includes economic incentives and helps open access to investment capital to stimulate job creation. We will look to expand the reach of this new legislation in the coming year.

2. Connecticut must create a climate of confidence by working to get our financial house in order during the 2011-2012 budget cycles. We'll need a multifaceted approach that includes revamping economic incentives, streamlining regulations, and reducing spending and the size of the government workforce. Continued progress on these fronts will encourage private business to plow more money back into equipment, training, infrastructure and other areas that create jobs. Relying on long-term borrowing to fill budget shortfalls will hurt all of us – particularly our children – when the bills come due. I took a stand against excessive borrowing by voting "no" on the FY 2010-2011 biennial budget.

**Biography:** Elected in 2006 and 2008, Kim has made her mark as an outspoken and results-oriented legislator with a strong independent streak and a fierce commitment to fiscal responsibility.

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## CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 136 - TWO YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What should the State Legislature do to address the weak economy in Connecticut?
2. What should the State Legislature do to address the CT budget deficit projected by the Office of Fiscal Analysis to reach \$3 billion by fiscal year 2012?



### Nitzy Cohen, Republican

1. The Legislature needs members who understand economics, how business works and have real world business experience. I am the only candidate who has ever started a new company, owned a business, developed a product, created a job, hired an employee, met a payroll or sold "American Made" products to the rest of the world. I understand how to create a positive business environment conducive to economic growth and job creation.

We need to change Connecticut's reputation as one of America's least "business friendly" States and make it

attractive to new entrepreneurs and small business owners – the engines of economic/job growth. This will involve changes to tax policy, regulatory policy and State financial fundamentals.

2. Connecticut has a spending problem not a revenue problem and it leads the Country in almost every negative economic/financial indicator. We need to take strong, planned steps now to avoid far harsher actions later. We need to cut State spending, reduce government workforce, and align their salaries and benefits with the private sector, limit borrowing, and create a positive business/job growth environment.

**Biography:** Westport resident 12 years. Mother of three Staples graduates. Entrepreneur, small business owner. BA (Economics) and MA (Public Policy). Civic and community leader. Appointed by Governor Rell to State Commissions.

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### Jonathan Steinberg, Democrat

1. Our weak economy predates the recession and budget crisis; it represents a failure of leadership in creating a coherent plan to attract and retain businesses. My first priority is developing the solutions we need to turn our economy around. Business incentives, both tax abatements and investment credits, are critical. Improving our transportation and energy infrastructure will create jobs and reduce Connecticut's high energy costs. We should improve our university system and enhance R&D resources to attract technology-driven businesses and startups. Finally, we

must eliminate existing incentives that no longer work as intended.

2. With a \$3 billion deficit looming, legislators must do the hard work of streamlining government, justifying every job and agency, and rethinking process. There will be some tough decisions, but we must find more efficient and effective methods of providing the essential services we value. With budget analysis experience from the private sector and RTM, I'm prepared to challenge conventional assumptions and end business as usual. I'm skilled at initiating the bi-partisan dialogue and consensus-building necessary to achieve constructive change.

**Biography:** 4 terms RTM; Deputy Moderator. Chair, Downtown Plan Subcommittee. 29-year resident. Graduated: Staples ('74), Yale, NYU MBA. Married to Nancy; daughters: Rachel (Staples '09), Margot (Staples Junior), Charlotte (Coleytown Middle).

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## CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What steps would you take as Secretary of the State to help small businesses thrive in today's economy?



### Jerry Farrell, Jr., Republican

1. I will offer much more assistance to entrepreneurs starting small businesses, specifically in directing them to the many resources available within state and federal government - how to obtain a tax id number, what state and local licenses may be necessary to operate a business, where to get a small business loan, how to get certified as a state vendor. I am committed to having the Secretary's office serve this gateway role for small businesses. I also believe that Connecticut should eliminate the "business entity tax" and would advocate for its abolition.

### S. Michael DeRosa, Green

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Denise Wright Merrill, Democrat, Working Families

1. The Office of the Secretary of the State is uniquely positioned to assist small business since all businesses must register with the Office. I envision utilizing this comprehensive repository of information to provide "one stop shopping" for small businesses to provide timely information on state programs. My goal is to streamline procedures and enhance online technology to make operations more efficient. As Majority Leader of the House, I led on a major jobs bill to spur job growth and create jobs and plan to work with businesses as part of an overall state economic development plan.

### Ken Mosher, Libertarian

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Michael J. Telesca, Independent

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

## CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER - FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. A recent Northwestern University study concluded that CT's pension fund will be bankrupt by the year 2025. Do you agree or disagree with that analysis? What steps should be taken to strengthen the fund?

### Jeff Wright, Republican

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Andrew Grant White, Independent

1. No, it will be bankrupt in only 5 years, give or take a year. We are heading into a double dip extension of The Great Recession which will finish off implosion of the 15-year credit bubble. As pension asset values decline >30%, state governments will also begin mass layoffs accelerating retirement benefits much earlier than expected. Connecticut pension funds are currently 65% funded (including a \$2 billion state bond proceeds invested in...2008). Within the next 5 years, the pensions will about 25% funded – at best; effectively bankrupt. There is another way where everyone wins.

### S. David Bue, Green

No response received by LWVCT deadline.



### Denise L. Nappier, Democrat, Working Families

1. The study wrongly assumes no additional contributions will be made to the pension fund. The State is bound by a legal agreement under the Employees' Retirement Fund to make up for its past failure to make adequate contributions. Those responding by seeking to increase retirement age, limit benefits, or switch to a defined contribution plan, fail to understand that some reforms are already in place. There are additional solutions to managing the long-term unfunded pension liability in the best interest of plan participants and taxpayers, but only after looking at the facts and not only by responding to misleading headlines.

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## CANDIDATES FOR COMPTROLLER - FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What steps would you take to improve the efficiency of our state agencies?



### Jack Orchulli, Republican

1. Agencies with similar missions must combine: Ct Innovations, CDA, and DECD have a mission of business development for job retention/creation; the Health Care Advocate's function is done by Public Health. Agencies must have defined benchmarks to determine success in accomplishing their mission. Future funding must also be determined with accomplishment in mind rather than just across the board increases or cuts. It's time for a results oriented system. Some positions (Information Technology) need skilled personnel to avoid being overwhelmed by contractors taking control with inefficiency and financial overruns. I've always made the tough decisions for success.

### Colin D. Bennett, Green

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

### Hugh Dolan, Independent

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

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### Kevin Lembo, Democrat, Working Families

1. People have a right to know how government spends their hard-earned tax dollars. Greater transparency in our business practices can build greater efficiency. The Comptroller's Office took a significant step forward on this issue when they created the Bond Allocation Database. As Comptroller, I will work to provide access to state financial documents detailing: what was spent; for what purpose; to accomplish what goal; at what value? We will compare the quality and cost of what we do with other similarly situated states. This information will be available in a searchable, on-line database through the state website.



### Joshua Katz, Libertarian

1. Immediate inspection of all agencies for fraud or other financial malfeasance or neglect. Require all agencies and any institutions supported by the state to mark all assets to market. Demand that the state budget begin from zero on an annual basis, rather than adjusting the prior year's budget upwards. Use the comptroller's authority to adjust and settle all demands not adjusted and settled by the General Assembly (adjust is legally defined as "determine the amount equitably due") to prevent inequitable payments and use of taxpayer money. I will protect the taxpayer from unjust use of tax receipts.

## CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL - FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What steps would you take to make the Attorney General's office more efficient and responsive to the needs of the public?



### Martha Dean, Republican

1. As Attorney General, I will focus the attention of the office on providing common sense legal advice to the state agencies, so that the agencies can effectively protect the public without wasting resources on litigation that is not supported by compelling facts or clear law. I will also assist the state's agencies with reforming their laws and regulations to eliminate needless bureaucracy, entangling red tape, and confusing regulatory schemes. With these changes, the Attorney General's office will be more focused on and responsive to imminent threats of significant harm to the state, the public, and the environment.



### George Jepsen, Democrat, Working Families

1. The current Attorney General has been a leader in responding to the needs of the public. As Attorney General, I hope to build on this record of responsiveness by making a complete review and analysis of the fourteen (14) departments within the Office of the Attorney General. I will look for ways to eliminate redundancy, improve access and enhance efficiency. This review will explore and identify potential new ways to streamline the Office to make it more accessible and efficient in meeting the needs of the State and its citizens. Use of new technology would help meet these goals.

### Stephen E. D. Fournier, Green, Independent

No response received by LWVCT deadline.

## JUDGE OF PROBATE - FOUR YEAR TERM

CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

1. What do you consider to be the primary responsibilities of the Probate Court and how does your background equip you to meet them?

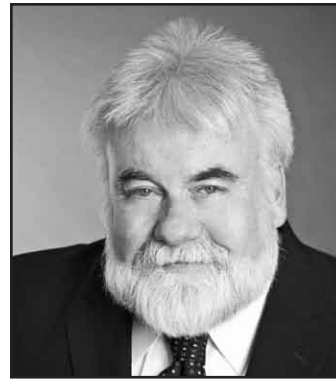


### Jacob "Jan" Bryniczka, Republican

1. The Probate Court handles a variety of matters that affect local residents and their families. A primary responsibility is the administration of decedents' estates, including review and approval of wills, trusts, asset inventories, accountings and distributions to beneficiaries. Additionally, the Probate Court handles adoptions, guardianships, conservatorships, commitments and custody of minor children. A Probate Judge must make sure that the court discharges these primary duties promptly, efficiently, skillfully, and courteously.

My background as a local attorney with a diversified legal practice makes me uniquely qualified to serve as Probate Judge.

My practice involves real estate, estate planning, probate, business, tax and family matters. As a partner in a law firm for many years (including Wake, See, Dimes and Bryniczka), I have the skills to manage the Probate Court.



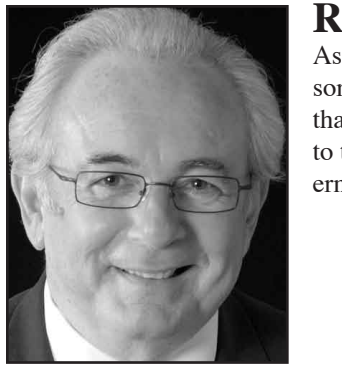
### Kevin M. O'Grady, Democrat

1. The Westport-Weston Probate Court has jurisdiction over and protects those who cannot help themselves. Probate matters include child abuse and neglect, protection of minors receiving monetary awards, and elders who are not competent to handle their personal affairs. The Probate Court also handles appointments of guardians and conservators for the mentally retarded, the addicted, and the mentally ill. For patients at Westport's St. Vincent's Hospital, the Probate Judge decides many cases dealing with addiction and mental illness. These cases require the Judge to balance the rights of the patient with their safety and protection. The Judge's largest responsibilities are probating decedents' estates and supervising trusts. As an attorney representing clients in these matters for decades, including many pro bono cases, and as Probate Judge for Westport and Weston during the last twelve years, I work diligently to meet these responsibilities with knowledge of the law, fairness and compassion.

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - FOUR YEAR TERM (UNOPPOSED)

The Charter of the Town of Westport provides that there shall be two Registrars of Voters who shall not be members of the same political party. The candidates are presented by the Democratic and Republican Town Committees respectively. Both candidates will be elected.

1. What do you consider to be the key role of the Registrar of Voters and how does your background equip you to fill this role?



### Robert F. Lasprogato, Republican

As Registrar of Voters, I would carry on the tradition of my predecessors to ensure the integrity of the election process, and to make sure that every voter's voice is heard. As a banker, I had to strictly adhere to the rules of banking, the same way I will adhere to the rules governing elections.



### Marla Cowden, Democrat

The key role of the Registrar of Voters is to preserve and facilitate the voting rights of the citizens of Westport. This includes encouraging voter registration and participation, preserving voting rights by maintaining accurate voter records, and facilitating and conducting free and open elections. Since my appointment as Registrar, I have worked to gain the knowledge necessary to be an effective Registrar. Conducting the August Primary gave me valuable experience in the planning and administration of the election process in Westport. Experience during my own RTM campaigns, and working on the campaigns of others, has provided me with a unique viewpoint as a Registrar. My experience as an RTM member during the last Westport redistricting will be valuable for the redistricting that will soon occur. I also believe my work experience in Accounting and Process Management will aid in the planning and management of both the office and elections.

Note: On this sample ballot, column 5 differs for Districts 133 and 136. The rest of the ballot is the same for both districts. CAST ONLY ONE VOTE FOR EACH OFFICE.

State of Connecticut		Westport, Connecticut		State Election		November 2, 2010		ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 136 SENATORIAL DISTRICT 26 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4 VOTING DISTRICTS 1 - 9				
Official Ballot		Be sure to read instructions on reverse side of this ballot.		District 133		District 136						
OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5
PARTY	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A	9A	10A	11A	5A
GOVERNOR AND LEUTENANT GOVERNOR	Tom Foley and Mark D. Boughton	Linda E. McMahon	Dan DeBicasio	Toni Boucher	Nitzy Cohen	Jerry Farrell, Jr.	Jeff Wright	Jack Orchulli	Martha Dean	Jacob "Jan" Bryniczka	Robert F. Lasprogato	DeDee Brandt
REPUBLICAN												
DEMOCRATIC	Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman	Richard Blumenthal	Jim Hines	John Hartwell	Jonathan Steinberg	Denise Merrill	Denise L. Nappier	Kevin Lembo	George Jepsen	Kevin M. O'Grady	Marla J. Cowden	Kim Fawcett
CONNECTICUT FOR LIEBERMAN		Dr. John Merlino										SC
GREEN						S. Michael DeRosa	S. David Bue	Colin D. Bennett	Stephen E.D. Fournier			SD
LIBERTARIAN						Ken Mosher		Joshua Katz				SE
WORKING FAMILIES	Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman	Richard Blumenthal	Jim Hines	John Hartwell		Denise Merrill	Denise L. Nappier	Kevin Lembo	George Jepsen			SF
INDEPENDENT	Thomas E. Mann and Clara B. Booker, Jr.	Warren B. Mosler				Michael J. Teleca	Andrew Grant White	Hugh Dolan	Stephen E.D. Fournier			SG
WRITE-IN VOTES												SH

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