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The following is a compilation of the new legislators that will be serving in the General Assembly beginning in January of 2009 with biographical information that we have compiled from various press sources and campaign websites. The document is sorted by county first, district second. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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**Biographical Information for:**

**Anthony Musto  
Senate District 22**



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| Party:                 | Democrat  |
| District Towns:        | Bridgeport, Monroe, Trumbull  |
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| Home Address:          | 78 Clemens Ave, Trumbull 06611-1920   |
| Home Phone:            | 203-268-2126  |
| Government Experience: | Treasurer, Town of Trumbull, 2005 to present; member, Pension Board; former member, Trumbull Town Council; member, Capital Improvements Committee; member, Land Acquisition Committee; Assistant Attorney General, Tax, 1997-2000 |
| Occupation:            | Attorney  |
| Education:             | J.D., Emory University School of Law; B.S.B.A., American University   |

**More Information:**

Anthony is a graduate of Fairfield Prep, class of 1987. He received a bachelors degree in accounting from American University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. After law school, Anthony worked for the Georgia Attorney General, litigating tax and other financial cases for several years before working with Arthur Anderson as a tax attorney. He established his own law office in Trumbull in 2002 and currently practices law in Fairfield.

Anthony became involved in Trumbull town government in 2002, eventually serving on the Town Council, the Land Acquisition Committee, and as Treasurer. Additionally, he currently serves on the Pension Board and the Capital Improvements Committee. He represents the Trumbull Housing Authority as an attorney, and has volunteered his time organizing and assisting Trumbull High School's ACE Foundation. His wife, Katherine, served on the Trumbull Arts Commission.

Anthony lives in the Long Hill section of Trumbull with his family. His children attend Trumbull schools and his wife works as a speech therapist in Madison Middle School.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Michael McLachlan  
Senate District 24**



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|------------------------|---|
| Party:                 | Republican  |
| District Towns:        | Bethel, Danbury, New Fairfield, Sherman   |
| Email Address:         | <a href="mailto:danburygop@aol.com">danburygop@aol.com</a>  |
| Candidate Web Address: | <a href="http://www.mclachlanforsenate.com">http://www.mclachlanforsenate.com</a>   |
| Home Address:          | 47 W Wooster St, Danbury 06810-7731   |
| Home Phone:            | 203-743-3147  |
| Government Experience: | Member, Republican State Central Committee; chairman, 1995 Special Olympics World Games Host Town Committee; campaign volunteer, Congressman R. Sarasin, J. Thompson, M. Rader, Gove. T. Meskill, President R. Reagan, Bob Dole and Gov. Rell; former chairman, Danbury Republican Town Committee |
| Occupation:            | Chief of Staff to Mayor Boughton  |

More Information:

Michael McLachlan is a Danbury native with deep roots in the community. The youngest of Harry & Helen "Sis" (Deakin) McLachlan's seven children, Mike was raised in Danbury and attended local schools.

His great-grandfather, Harry McLachlan, founded the H. McLachlan Company in 1892, his grandfather, Gus Deakin, was the Town Clerk of Danbury and active in Democratic politics for nearly fifty years. Mike's ancestors were members of Danbury's founding families that settled here in 1685.

A career in financial services including automotive fleet, mortgage banking and small business lending gave Mike a unique perspective of business and earned him a position of Vice President at First Union National Bank. His last position at First Union before moving to city government was responsible for equipment leasing in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Mike served as chairman of the 1995 Special Olympics World Games Host Town Committee that welcomed Team Lebanon to Danbury for ten days during the competition. A member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mike has volunteered for the annual Greater Danbury Irish Festival since it began eleven years ago. A fan of local history, Mike served thirteen years as a trustee of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society and is working on new efforts to preserve historic buildings in Danbury.

Mike married Alesia Migliaro of Watertown, Connecticut in 1987 and they currently live in Danbury.

**Biographical Information for:**

**L. Scott Frantz  
Senate District 36**

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| Party:                 | Republican   |
| District Towns:        | Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford  |
| Home Address:          | 123 Meadow Rd, Riverside 06878-2521  |
| Home Phone:            | 203-629-9889   |
| Government Experience: | Chairman, Ct. Development Authority; chairman, Bradley International Airport Board of Directors; chairman, Ct. Brownfields Redevelopment Authority; board member, Corporate Angel Network Adv.; Veteran's Appreciation Council |
| Occupation:            | President and Chairman – Haebler Capital, a private investment company in Greenwich.   |



**More Information:**

L. Scott Frantz - Mr. Frantz is President and Chairman of Haebler Capital, a private investment company located in Greenwich, Connecticut with interests in private and public equity markets, venture capital, and the specialty coffee trading business, the restaurant business and industrial privatization in emerging markets.

Mr. Frantz is Chairman of the Connecticut Development Authority and of the Bradley International Airport Board of Directors and is a director of the Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority, Haebler Capital, AI Squared, Inc., Marina America, Inc., Granite Ventures and Directorship, Inc. He also serves as a board member on the following nonprofit and club organizations: Corporate Angel Network (Advisory), Connecticut Republican Finance Committee, American Everest Foundation, Veteran's Appreciation Council, Greenwich Country Day School, and the Greenwich Teen Center

Mr. Frantz lives in Riverside, Connecticut with his wife, Icy, and four children. He graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982 and from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth in 1986 with an MBA. He enjoys all sports, particularly ocean racing, mountain climbing and sculling.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Christopher Lyddy  
House District 106**



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|------------------------|--|
| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | Newtown  |
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| Website:               | <a href="http://chrislyddy.com/index.html">http://chrislyddy.com/index.html</a>  |
| Home Address:          | 3 Smoke Rise Rdg, P.O. Box 848, Newtown 06470-1517   |
| Home Phone:            | 203-426-6927   |
| Government Experience: | Member of Finance, Education, Public Safety and Public Relations Sub-Committees, Newtown Legislative Council; member, Newtown Prevention Council |
| Occupation:            | Forensic Health Services - Director of the Hartford Juvenile Risk Reduction Center.  |
| Education:             | M.A., Univ. of Pennsylvania  |
| Birthplace:            | Newtown  |

A lifelong resident of Newtown, Connecticut, Chris attended the Newtown Public Schools and Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. Shortly after his graduation from Salve Regina University, Chris attended the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice where he earned his masters degree.

Throughout his academic tenure, Chris took advantage of several professional internships ranging from healthcare policy and administration to the Connecticut General Assembly. He has also garnered invaluable experiences from his work in outpatient mental health facilities and a senior retirement community in Middletown, Rhode Island. These professional internships allowed Chris the opportunity to work with local and state leaders as well as other service providers on mental health, childhood poverty, housing, and education issues. In these capacities, Chris studied and advocated for senior tax relief programs and an increase of access to mental health services.

Locally, Chris takes great pride in his involvement with the Newtown Prevention Council and the Juvenile Review Board. He also serves on the board of directors for the Newtown Parent Connection and is a past board member of Newtown Youth Services. In 2007, Chris joined the Board of Directors for the Housatonic Coalition Against Substance Abuse and has recently joined the newly formed Emerging Leaders Program of the United Way.

When Chris was elected to Newtown's Legislative Council, he received the highest number of votes among all 26 candidates. He currently serves as the youngest elected official in Newtown, and is a member of the Education, Finance, Public Safety and Public Relations subcommittees.

He currently resides in the Borough of Newtown where he grew up with his four siblings; Ryan, Kara, Katie and Kyle.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Auden Grogins  
House District 129**



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| Party:                 | Democrat  |
| District Towns:        | Bridgeport  |
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| Home Address:          | 155 Brewster St Apt 5L, Bridgeport 06605-3111                             |
| Home Phone:            | 203-331-2889  |
| Government Experience: | President, Bridgeport Board of Education; member, Bridgeport City Council |
| Occupation:            | Auden Grogins, Esq. – Attorney at Law, sole practitioner                  |
| Education:             | J.D., Quinnipiac Law School; B.S., State University of New York           |

**More Information:**

Auden Grogins is emphasizing the need for property tax relief and improved schools.

Once in Hartford, Grogins said, she will push for a statewide cap on annual property tax increases. Grogins said a cap of 2 to 3 percent a year would be reasonable.

While on the school board, Grogins said she pushed for a thorough financial audit of the school system. “We had been criticized for years for not being financial responsible,” she said.

Grogins supports revising the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula that determines how most state school aid is allocated to municipalities. “It’s not fair anymore,” she said. “We should get more money because we have so many students and more poverty.”

Grogins, 46, is an attorney. She is married and lives in Black Rock.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Ezequiel Santiago  
House District 130**

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| Party:          | Democrat   |
| District Towns: | Bridgeport   |
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| Home Address:   | 991 State St, Bridgeport 06605-1504                        |
| Home Phone:     | 203-727-5635   |
| Occupation:     | City Council member  |



**Biographical Information for:**

**Anthony Hwang  
House District 134**



|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Party:                 | Republican   |
| District Towns:        | Fairfield, Trumbull  |
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| Web Site:              | <a href="http://www.tonyhwang.com/">www.tonyhwang.com/</a>   |
| Home Address:          | PO Box 892, 80 Martingale Ln, Southport 06890-0892   |
| Home Phone:            | 203-255-5555   |
| Government Experience: | Member, Fairfield Representative Town Meeting, District 12; member, RTM Education and Parks & Recreation Committee; former vice chair, Public Works Committee; member, Fairfield Rotary Club; board of directors, Urban League |
| Education:             | B.A., Labor Relations, Cornell University  |
| Birthplace:            | Taiwan, China  |

**More Information:**

Tony Hwang was born in Taiwan-China and immigrated to the United States at age 9, eventually settling in Syracuse, New York in 1978, where he diligently worked to help his parents build and operate a successful family-owned restaurant. Hwang graduated from Cornell University in 1987 with a Bachelors Degree in Labor Relations.

Hwang now lives in Fairfield with his wife, Grace, and their two children, Christina 13, and Peter 8, both of whom attend Fairfield Public Schools. Professionally, Hwang has built a nationally recognized residential real estate business, affiliated with William Raveis, with over \$30 million in career sales. He is a 17-year resident of the town of Fairfield, and a 20-year resident of Connecticut. Tony was recently re-elected to his second term on the Fairfield Representative Town Meeting (RTM) where he has consistently been a strong voice in promoting smart growth, controlled spending, and quality education in Fairfield.

Tony is a fiscally conservative, socially moderate Republican who also supports town- and county-wide efforts to improve the transportation infrastructure, promote mass transit, attract business investment, protect property rights, and keep our taxes as low as possible.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Terrie Wood  
House District 141**



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| Party:          | Republican   |
| District Towns: | Darien, Norwalk  |
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| Home Address:   | 50 Saint Nicholas Rd, Darien 06820-2823                    |
| Home Phone:     | 203-655-4452   |

**More Information:**

Terrie. Wood, a 32-year resident of Darien and longtime community leader,

“I’m announcing my candidacy with the backdrop of the Long Island Sound for a specific reason. Darien and Rowayton residents have always prized our natural resources. I am looking forward to putting my experience to good use in state government and doing everything I can to continue to protect our environment.”

As President of the Darien Land Trust for the last 4 years, Wood was instrumental in protecting open space from development in Darien and Rowayton -- to preserve it for future generations.

“In addition to our natural resources, I am committed to protecting our other assets, including our excellent schools, strong sense of community, and spirit of volunteer service.”

Mrs. Wood was a co-chair of the “YES DHS!” Political Action Committee that helped bring a new high school to Darien. She has served in numerous local campaigns, as well as on the Darien Republican Town Committee. Her community leadership includes serving on the Board of The Community Fund of Darien and the Advisory Board of Person-to-Person, as a Trustee of the Darien Library, and as co-founder and first chairman of the Darien Environmental Group.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Peggy Reeves  
House District 143**



|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | Norwalk, Wilton  |
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| Home Address:          | 56 Hemmelskamp Rd, Wilton 06897-2103                       |
| Home Phone:            | 203-762-7351   |
| Government Experience: | Former president, Wilton League of Women Voters            |
| Occupation:            | Registrar of Voters  |

**More Information:**

- 14 years of local government and management experience
- 30 years of community service in Connecticut with business and nonprofits
- Registrar of Voters since 1994
- Consultant to state officials in election law
- Advocate for voters rights and upgrades to statewide computerized voter database
- Chairman, Salvation Army—Wilton Unit, 1997- present
- Past President, Wilton League of Women Voters
- Past President, Driscoll School PTA
- Former Trustee, Wilton Library Association, 1997-2005
- J.D. Degree—Pace University Law School: Editor, Law Review
- B.A. Degree— Connecticut College : French Major

**Assuring Fair and Impartial Elections**

In her 14 years as Wilton’s Registrar of Voters, Peggy has been a staunch and innovative protector of voters’ rights and secure elections. Peggy fought for passage of federal legislation—the National Voter Registration Act—that made it easier for citizens to register to vote. She supervised the implementation of the statewide-computerized voter registration system and was an early proponent of Connecticut’s new optical scan voting equipment that combines the accuracy of computer technology with the security of a voter-verifiable paper record.

**Expert Knowledge of State Laws**

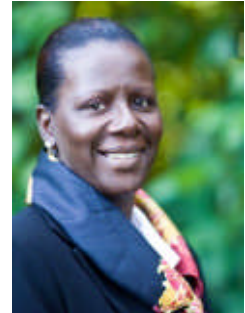
Using her training as an attorney and her knowledge of elections law, Peggy has assisted the Connecticut Attorney General’s office in successfully defending a state lawsuit. She has also drafted legislation to update Connecticut’s elections laws, while serving on the Legislative Committee of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut. As a consultant for the Secretary of State, Peggy has trained election officials throughout Connecticut in the use of the state’s new voting system.

**Family**

Peggy and her husband Bob have lived in Wilton since 1978. Bob is a partner of the Stamford law firm of Cummings and Lockwood. He was raised in the West Rocks section of Norwalk and graduated from Norwalk High School, Yale College, and Columbia University School of Law. Their daughter, Kathleen, a Wilton High School and Yale College graduate, works in Iowa as a political grassroots organizer.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Patricia Miller  
House District 145**



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|------------------------|--|
| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | Stamford   |
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| Home Address:          | 95 Liberty St Apt A4, Stamford 06902-4732  |
| Home Phone:            | 203-325-3315   |
| Government Experience: | Member, Stamford Broad of Representatives; member of education, Housing-Community Development-Social Services Committees |
| Occupation:            | Consultant   |
| Education:             | B.S., Mathematics, Moravian College  |

**More Information:**

City Rep. Patricia Miller, D-5, a 53 year old consultant and former housing authority official, believes the long-term solution is to improve the state's education system and make college more affordable, so the next generation of Connecticut residents can stay in the state and obtain well-paying jobs.

She said she does not believe it is a good time to ask residents to pay more in taxes and said cutting social services would be antithetical to the work she has done in her public life.

"What I hope to accomplish is to improve the quality of life of our citizens in Stamford," Miller said. She will be an advocate for affordable housing and better public transportation.

Miller acknowledged that providing services would be a challenge in the current fiscal climate and said she would not know her specific approach "until I'm there and I see how they work."

Miller supports the proposals to pool health care costs across larger groups of people, similar to a recent plan vetoed by Gov. M. Jodi Rell that would have allowed small businesses, municipalities and nonprofit agencies to participate in the state health insurance plan.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Alfred Camillo  
House District 151**



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|------------------------|--|
| Party:                 | Republican   |
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| Candidate Web Address: | <a href="http://www.fredcamillo08.com/">http://www.fredcamillo08.com/</a>    |
| Home Address:          | 35 Macarthur Dr, Old Greenwich 06870-1221                                    |
| Home Phone:            | 203-536-5659   |
| Government Experience: | Former chair, Republican Town Committee                                      |
| Occupation:            | Mortgage Banker  |
| Education:             | B.A., Manhattanville College- Summa Cum Laude; M.A.T, Manhattanville College |
| Birthplace:            | Greenwich  |

More Information:

Born: June 3rd, 1962

*Political Service*

- Greenwich Republican Town Committee Chairman, 2002 – 2006
- Greenwich Board of Parks and Recreation, 2000 – 2002, Chairman 2002
- Greenwich Republican Deputy Registrar of Voters, 2001
- Republican State Convention, Acting Secretary, 2002

*Civic Service*

- Greenwich Council of Boys Scouts, board member, 2008 - present
- Greenwich Baseball Foundation, board member, 2007 - present
- Greenwich Junior Babe Ruth League, board member, 2006 - present
- Founding member of citizens group to establish Greenwich Dog Park, 2000
- Co-Chairman of Yogi Memorial project in Byram Park, 1996 -1998
- Byram Neighborhood Association, Member
- Chickahominy Reunion Association
- Fraternal Order of Redmen
- Knights of Columbus

**Biographical Information for:**

**Hector Robles  
House District 006**

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|-----------------|--|
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| Home Address:   | 38 Victoria Rd, Hartford 06114-2651                        |
| Home Phone:     | 860-296-7070   |
| Occupation:     | Community Service Officer – Hartford Police Department     |
| Birthplace:     | Hartford   |



**Biographical Information for:**

**Jason Rojas  
House District 009**



|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | East Hartford, Glastonbury, Manchester   |
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| Home Address:          | 558 Oak St, East Hartford 06118-3041   |
| Home Phone:            | 860-895-8374   |
| Government Experience: | Member, East Hartford Town Council; former member, East Hartford Board of Education; community representative, Commission on Public Secondary Schools, New England Association of Schools & Colleges |
| Occupation:            | Director of Community Relations, Trinity College   |
| Education:             | B.A., History, University of Connecticut   |
| Birthplace:            | East Hartford  |
| More Information:      |  |

Jason Rojas is a lifelong resident of East Hartford and member of its town council, and Director of Community Relations at Trinity College. Rojas, 31, has a B.A. from the University of Connecticut and is currently enrolled in a Public Policy M.A. program at Trinity.

Before joining Trinity’s staff, Rojas worked at the state Department of Higher Education as a training and events coordinator. He also monitored Connecticut’s 90 private occupational schools to ensure that they were in compliance with state regulations and statutes.

In addition to serving on the East Hartford town council, Rojas was a member of that town’s Board of Education, and it’s Retirement Board.

Rojas is also the Community Representative for the Commission on Public Secondary Schools for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which is the nation’s oldest regional accrediting association. The commission oversees the accreditation of 648 public secondary schools in New England.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Timothy Larson  
House District 011**



|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
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| District Towns:        | East Hartford, South Windsor  |
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| Candidate Web Address: | <a href="http://www.larsonforstate08.com">http://www.larsonforstate08.com</a> |
| Home Address:          | 33 Gorman Pl, East Hartford 06108-1450  |
| Home Phone:            | 860-291-9635  |
| Government Experience: | Mayor, East Hartford, 1997-2005   |
| Occupation:            | Executive Director – Tweed New Haven Airport Authority                        |

More Information:

Tim Larson is the youngest of eight children a graduate of Eastern Connecticut with a degree in sociology. He is married to Nancy and they have two children, Matt and Arianna. Nancy has worked as an educator in the Town of South Windsor for over 20 years. Matt is entering his second year at the College of the Holy Cross and Arianna is a senior at East Hartford High School.

Tim's background has brought him success through the years in numerous arenas. He is a successful businessman, having served as President of the Larson and Lysik Insurance Agency and he is currently the Executive Director of Tweed New Haven Airport Authority.

Tim has focused his charitable work on children, families and the community, having served as President of the East Hartford Interfaith Ministries, a Director of Rebuilding East Hartford Together, and a member of the Rotary Club, Riverfront Recapture, and the Hartford Marathon Foundation.

More recently, Tim served four terms, eight years, as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford. As Mayor, Tim took steps to rebuild the Town's infrastructure, saw the development of Rentschler Field Stadium, and Coca-Cola Bottling Co., signed the tax agreement bringing Cabela's to Rentschler Field, supported Redevelopment projects on Main Steet and Burnside Avenue, and strengthened the Town through tight fiscal policy which helped keep necessary services for town residents while building up the town's rainy day fund.

Tim's experience and background provides the necessary qualifications to be an effective representative for the residents of the 11th Assembly District.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Timothy LeGeyt  
House District 017**



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|-----------------|--|
| Party:          | Republican   |
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| Website:        | <a href="http://timlegeyt17.com/">http://timlegeyt17.com/</a>  |
| Home Address:   | PO Box 11, 135 West Rd, Canton 06019-0011                      |
| Home Phone:     | 860-693-8718   |

More Information from his campaign website:

**Tim LeGeyt is a Hard-Working Selectman**

Tim works as a Selectman in Canton and understands the balance between local independence and the services provided by the state. Tim will strive as a legislator to bring our fair share of the State benefits and services to Avon and Canton.

**Tim LeGeyt is a Trusted Attorney**

Tim has helped many people purchase their homes. But the housing downturn, property taxes and high energy prices have kept too many people from staying here in Connecticut. Tim will work to reduce the pressure that housing costs place on families and help them stay in their homes.

**Tim LeGeyt is a Teacher**

Tim has been a teacher for more than 25 years. He knows how the funds are spent in the classroom and the effect that those funds have on the students he teaches. He can offer a perspective that reaches from allocating funds to implementing what those funds provide.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Matthew Conway  
House District 061**



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| Candidate Web Address: | <a href="http://www.voteformattconway.com">http://www.voteformattconway.com</a>                      |
| Home Address:          | 300 Taintor St, Suffield 06078-3001  |
| Home Phone:            | 860-668-8969   |
| Government Experience: | Former member, Suffield Police Commission  |
| Occupation:            | President and CEO of MyZipple.com  |
| Education:             | Ph.D, Education , Univ. of MA; M.S., Criminal Justice, Univ. of MA; B.A., Technology Education, CCSU |
| Birthplace:            | West Hartford  |

**More Information:**

Married with four children, currently the Varsity Lacrosse Coach at Suffield High School as well as coaching the 7/8 boys youth lacrosse. He worked for the Department of Corrections, United School District 1, and in addition to working with the legislature to preserve critical education and public safety programs he worked with CSEA on the contract negotiation team.

After teaching for six years, at the same time starting a family, opening and operating two Nursery Schools and Daycares, Matt pursued his Master Degree in Education Administration, and certification as a Principal. He pursued a Masters degree in Criminal Justice, and received my Doctoral Degree from the University of Massachusetts in Education Administration, Policy, and Research as well as being certified as a School Superintendent.

In 2003 he was promoted to Director of Correctional Enterprises, responsible for complete over-site of programs designed to both educate and provide real work experiences for the inmate population throughout the state, and at the same time operate a business to provide assistance to all state agencies municipalities and non-profit organizations.

He was recognized by both local and national organizations for his work in the field of education and criminal justice. Connecticut General Assembly for Outstanding Service, and leadership in the field of Education (2001), the National Major Gang Task Force(2001), Connecticut Correctional Institution Manager of the Year (1998), State of Connecticut Manager of the Year for the DOC (1999), Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association for outstanding service in the field of Corrections (2000), and State of Connecticut Outstanding Managerial Performance every year 1998 through 2006.

In March 2006 Matt retired and became founder, President and CEO of MyZipple.com a nationwide company with over 7200 community websites.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Annie Hornish  
House District 062**

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| Party:                 | Democrat  |
| District Towns:        | Barkhamsted, East Granby, Granby, New Hartford                            |
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| Home Phone:            | 860-653-0729  |
| Occupation:            | Cytotechnologist  |
| Education:             | M.B.A., Western New England College; B.S., UConn                          |



**More Information:**

Annie Hornish and her husband Neil have been involved with numerous humane education and animal rights advocacy efforts in the Connecticut area.

Annie is the Executive Producer of *Animal Matters*. Annie received a Bachelor of Science in Pathobiology from the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture, a Certificate in Cytotechnology from the University of Connecticut Health Center, and a Master of Business Administration from Western New England College. She is employed as a cytotechnologist.

**Biographical Information for:**

**John Rigby  
House District 063**



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| Party:                 | Republican  |
| District Towns:        | Barkhamsted, Canaan, Colebrook, Hartland, Norfolk, North Canaan, Winchester |
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| Home Phone:            | 860-379-1166  |
| Occupation:            | Mortgage Loan Officer   |
| Education:             | B.A., UConn   |
| Birthplace:            | Barkhamsted   |

**More Information:**

John Rigby, 39, is married with two children, 8-year-old Soren and new baby Everett. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Colebrook on Eno Hill Road. John grew up in Barkhamsted, and his family still lives in the area. He attended local schools and went on to attend the University of Connecticut, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history.

He has a decade of experience in the manufacturing industry and currently works in finance. John has been active civically since moving to Colebrook, serving on the local board of education. He is a member of the Winsted Rotary Club.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Christopher Wright  
House District 077**



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| Home Address:   | PO Box 9115, 35 Ruth St. #49, Bristol 06011-9115           |
| Home Phone:     | 860-478-7357   |
| Occupation:     | Registration, St. Francis Hospital                         |
| Education:      | B.A., Economics, Central Connecticut State University      |

More Information:

Wright, 35, said he wants to represent the area in Hartford so he can “fight for cleaner air and cleaner water, better schools and better healthcare for all our citizens so that we can continue the promise made by those who came before us to leave our children a state better, stronger, cleaner and healthier than the one we live in today.”

Wright is one of former state Sen. Gardner Wright’s children. Wright said he entered the race for this seat because he’s concerned that government is doing too little to balance its books, protect the environment and ensure affordable, quality healthcare for everyone.

Wright said the state needs to preserve “the last remaining remnants of open space” that it has. “We lecture other countries about the destruction of their forests, yet we plow over ours to build bigger and bigger McMansions,” he said. “What kind a legacy is this leaving for our children?” He called for environmental policies “which encourage the reclamation and reuse of brownfields instead of the destruction of green fields” as well as policies fuel efficient vehicles, cleaner emissions and sustainable economic growth.

Wright also said that healthcare needs more attention. “The fact that 10 percent of the population in the state which calls itself the insurance capital of the world goes without health insurance in unacceptable,” he said.

Wright grew up in the district, attending Mountain View, Ivy Drive and Northeast Middle schools before graduating from St. Paul Catholic High School. He earned a degree in economics from Central Connecticut State University in 1991.

After college, he earned a paralegal certificate and attended a seminary for a time before putting in eight years with the Federal Deposit Insurance Company. He currently works in registration for St. Francis Hospital.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Michelle Cook  
House District 065**



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| Party:                 | Democrat   |
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| Candidate Web Address: | <a href="http://www.michellecookforthe65th.com">www.michellecookforthe65th.com</a> |
| Home Address:          | 499 Charles St, Torrington 06790-3420  |
| Home Phone:            | 860-489-8038   |
| Government Experience: | Member, Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative Committee                         |

More Information:

"I have been volunteering and involved in community service in this wonderful town for over 15 years now. I serve on the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative Committee. Thirteen years ago I organized and created the Parent Teacher Organization at the high school, and am currently a chair on the PTO Council. For the past 10 years, I have served on the Board of Directors for the Torrington Twisters Baseball Team, as the director of Public Relations and special events."

"I have also led a Girl Scout troop for 5 years, in addition to being a Girl Scout myself for 16 years along with coaching basketball, softball, and baseball for about 15 years. I have been involved in fundraising for causes such as Cystic Fibrosis and Juvenile Diabetes."

"I have been working to make a difference by being involved in efforts that improve the quality of our lives here in Torrington, and I would like to contribute more."

**Biographical Information for:**

**Matthew Lesser  
House District 100**



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| Party:                 | Democrat  |
| District Towns:        | Durham, Middlefield, Middletown   |
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| Business Phone:        | 860-262-2855  |
| Home Address:          | 1160 S. Main St., #110, Middletown 06457-0391   |
| Home Phone:            | 860-501-0556  |
| Government Experience: | Member, Middletown Planning and Zoning Commission, 2007;<br>Intern, Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy |
| Occupation:            | Political Organizer   |
| Education:             | Wesleyan Univ.  |
| Birthplace:            | Washington, DC  |

More Information:

Matt has worked for the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia. In 2004, Matt went to work for the Democratic National Committee. Directing an office with a staff of 50, Matt ran a grassroots fundraising effort in five New England states.

Matt is a student at Wesleyan and President of the College Democrats of Connecticut.

In 2007, Matt was elected to Middletown's Planning and Zoning Commission with a platform of open space preservation and environmental protection. Matt has advocated for smart growth, for air pollution controls and against a plan to build an Army base in the middle of the largest contiguous forest remaining on the lower Connecticut River.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Lonnie Reed  
House District 102**



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| Party:          | Democrat   |
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| Home Phone:     | 203-481-4474   |

**More Information:**

Lonnie served in Washington, D.C. as a Legislative Aide to the U.S. Senate Energy Committee chaired by Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson.

Lonnie has worked as an award winning newspaper journalist, television news correspondent, and anchor for television stations including WFSB, Hartford and WNEW, NY. She has been a White House correspondent, hosted Off the Set, a political talk show in NY, won awards for her investigative reports on corruption and for her coverage of criminal trials, education, politics and government and also for exposing fatal flaws in the NY foster care system and the juvenile justice system.

While at Channel Three in Hartford, Reed's investigative report on a private boarding school that abused its students motivated the Connecticut General Assembly to pass new legislation strengthening state oversight of private schools. Her exclusive report also earned Lonnie an Investigative Reporting Emmy.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Elizabeth Esty  
House District 103**



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| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | Cheshire, Hamden, Wallingford  |
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| Home Address:          | 213 Preston Ter, Cheshire 06410-3138   |
| Home Phone:            | 203-271-3248   |
| Government Experience: | Member, Cheshire Town Council, 2005-present; legal advisory, Connecticut League of Women Voters Consensus Project; board member, Cheshire Public Library |
| Occupation:            | Attorney   |
| Education:             | J.D., Yale Law School; B.A., Harvard University  |
| Birthplace:            | Oak Park, IL   |

**More Information:**

In 1994, Elizabeth moved to Connecticut when her husband started an environmental law and policy program at Yale. Elizabeth became involved in her local church (First Congregational Cheshire), becoming Chair of the Board of Trustees, and also headed the First Church nursery school board. Esty is also involved in the Cheshire schools as a room parent and volunteer, and as a member of the PTA.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Theresa Conroy  
House District 105**

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| Party:                 | Democrat  |
| District Towns:        | Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Seymour  |
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| Government Experience: | Member, Seymour Zoning Board of Appeals; Seymour Affordable Housing Partnership |
| Occupation:            | RN, APRN  |
| Education:             | ADN, Quinnipiac Coll.; B.A., SCSU; MSN, Fairfield Univ.                         |
| Birthplace:            | Derby, CT   |



**Biographical Information for:**

**Barbara Lambert  
House District 118**



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| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | Milford  |
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| Candidate Web Address: | <a href="http://milforddemocrats.com/node/808">http://milforddemocrats.com/node/808</a>  |
| Home Address:          | 8 Breakneck Ln, Milford 06460-1741   |
| Home Phone:            | 203-878-5119   |
| Government Experience: | Milford Alderman for the second district, Democratic Town Committee, a liaison to the Milford Redevelopment and Housing Partnership, Local Redevelopment Authority |
| Occupation:            | Milford Alderman   |
| Birthplace:            | Milford, CT  |

More Information:

Barbara Lambert is an Alderman from Milford's second district. She volunteers for Beth El Shelter, St. Ann's Parish, is a Milford Recreation softball coach, and a former Vice President of Local 134 of United Rubber Workers at Bic Pen.

Campaign Issues:

- \*Condemned United Illuminating for reopening its rate case.
- \*Demanded budget responsibility and accountability.
- \*Worked on and advocated senior tax relief and advocated "common sense" spending.

Experience:

- \*Great Grandmother, Grandmother, Mother, and Wife.
- \*Senior Center Volunteer.
- \*St. Ann's Parish volunteer.
- \*Bethel Shelter volunteer.
- \*Softball Coach Milford Rec.
- \*Girl Scout Leader.
- \*Democrat, Alderman-Milford
- \*Former Local 134 URW VP

**Biographical Information for:**

**Gary Winfield  
House District 094**



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| Party:                 | Democrat  |
| District Towns:        | New Haven   |
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| Home Address:          | 480 Winchester Ave, New Haven 06511-1920  |
| Home Phone:            | 203-588-0401  |
| Government Experience: | Chair, Connecticut Federation of Black Democratic Clubs; ran for local office, 2003; intern for Rep. Bill Dyson |
| Occupation:            | Membership Services Assistant/Legislative Affairs Associate   |
| Education:             | B.A., SCSU  |
| Birthplace:            | Bronx, NY   |

**More Information:**

Gary spent several years in the United States Navy's Nuclear Power Program before leaving to work for Alstom Power Inc. During this time Gary realized the need for more involvement in urban schools and founded QUEST Educational Initiatives; a company originally designed to provide mentors electronically to those that did not have access to them. Gary served as an intern for then Appropriations Committee chair, Bill Dyson. He became the chair of the Connecticut Federation of Black Democratic Clubs at the end of 2006.

Gary serves on the board of Family Re-entry, an organization dedicated to developing reentry issues for Connecticut's citizens returning home from prison. Gary is also a board member of CTRIBAT and Empower New Haven. Gary works for a professor's union (SCSU-AAUP) where he is tasked with creating legislative strategy.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Christopher Coutu  
House District 047**



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| Party:                 | Republican  |
| District Towns:        | Canterbury, Norwich, Scotland, Sprague  |
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| Home Address:          | 16 Yantic St, Norwich 06360-4215  |
| Home Phone:            | 860-857-5762  |
| Government Experience: | Technical sergeant, Air Force, 1995; Craftsman Education & Training Mgr., 2006; Base Education Mgr., 2002, CT Air National Guard; Civilian Personnel Mgmt. Services, Dept. of Defense, 2004-2006; member, Norwich City Council, 2007; member, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Disabled American Veterans; member, Ethics Review, Admin. Planning for Economic Develop., Mohegan Park, Zoning Board of Appeals, 2006; Rehabilitation 2003; Public Works Committees for Norwich; Air Force Outstanding Volunteer Award, 2006 |
| Occupation:            | Financial Adv./Tax Professional/Adjunct Professor   |
| Education:             | M.B.A., Barney School of Business; B.A., Eastern CT State Univ.; A.S., Avionics Systems/Train Mgmt.   |

Birthplace: Taftville

More Information:

Born in 1976, Chris grew up in Norwich, Connecticut. His father, Dan Coutu, is a Nuclear I&C Technician and his mother, Linda Fitzsimmons is a Human Resources Administrator at the Mohegan Sun Casino.

Between 1997 and 2003, Chris completed an Associates of Science Degree in Avionics Systems/Training Management at the Community College of the Air Force, Associates of Science in General Studies at Three Rivers Community College, Bachelors of Liberal Arts in Business Administration at Eastern Connecticut State University and a Masters of Business Administration from the Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford. To fund his college tuition during those years, Chris worked full time at the Mohegan Sun Casino and as a Social Worker. He is proud to be the first member in his family to complete a college degree.

From 2004 to 2006, Coutu worked in Arlington, VA in the Civilian Personnel Management Services area under the Department of Defense. This position enabled him to analyze processes, operations and systems, while working side-by-side with union representatives from 25 regions on the East Coast and Puerto Rico. In 2006, Coutu was selected to serve on a special project where he reviewed statistical trends to determine potential implementation models for a national pay band system called NSPS.

In 2006, Coutu joined Hightower, Cavasino & Co PC, as a Financial Advisor & Tax Professional. He recently was an Adjunct Professor of Finance at Three Rivers Community College.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Mae Flexer  
House District 044**



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| Party:                 | Democrat   |
| District Towns:        | Killingly, Plainfield, Sterling  |
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| Home Address:          | 98 Reynolds St, Danielson 06239-2952                                   |
| Home Phone:            | 860-208-0429   |
| Government Experience: | Chairwoman, Killingly Democratic Town Committee                        |
| Education:             | University of Connecticut  |

More Information:

Mae joined her Democratic Town Committee at the age of 18 and became the youngest person in the state ever to be elected Town Committee Chairwoman at the age of 23. She worked as a field coordinator for the Courtney Congressional Campaign. She has a number of years of experience working in the State Capitol in the Judiciary Committee, the Legislative Commissioners Office, and for Senate President Donald Williams.

**Biographical Information for:**

**Susan Johnson  
House District 049**



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| Home Phone:            | 860-423-2085   |
| Government Experience: | Member, Windham Board of Selectmen; member, Windham Board of Assessment Appeals; member, Windham Zoning Board of Appeals |
| Occupation:            | Attorney   |
| Education:             | A.S., MCC; B.A., Eastern CT State Univ., J.D., Western New England School of Law   |
| Birthplace:            | Bangor, ME   |

**Issues of Most Importance to Susan Johnson**

**Issue 1:** Property tax fairness is overdue, but can only be accomplished by general tax reform featuring a truly progressive income tax which taxes the people of Connecticut on the basis of ability to pay.

**Issue 2:** I support Universal Health Care. This will make us healthier and more economically competitive.

**Issue 3:** Eastern Connecticut needs economic development. We must improve our transportation systems. We must increase mass transit opportunities for those who commute out of town.

“Transportation efficiency is economic efficiency. Connecticut loses business opportunities because of antiquated transportation systems. Downtown development will help our economy in Windham. The state should make it cost effective for developers to bring older urban buildings up to code.”

“By making redevelopment more economical, we will help to preserve open space in outlying areas. This will avoid bonding to create infrastructure elsewhere, when it already exists in urban areas. That is smart growth.”

“I will work with the two large universities in our area, both are already committed to solving our energy crisis, to facilitate the creation of green manufacturing and green collar jobs. We have the ideal infrastructure and demographics to develop green collar industries in Windham. This will help our town again become the economic center of Eastern Connecticut.”

“We need a united vision to capture state funding and help our residents generate business opportunities and good jobs. I will work with local officials and leaders to bring people closer together in support of a positive vision for the future of our town, using the great people and historic resources we have to our best advantage.”