

# 2009 Voters Guide



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Leon S. Davidoff	Republican
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## **Biographical Information:**

The current Republican Minority Leader of the Town Council seeking re-election to his second term.

### Education:

- J.D. – Case Western Reserve University
- B.A. – Clark University

### Municipal Government Experience:

- Member – Finance and Budget Committee
- Member – Human and Leisure Services Committee
- Past Chairman/Member of Town Plan and Zoning Commission
- Twice Elected to Newington Town Council

### Community Service:

- Past President – Newington Chamber of Commerce
- Past Treasurer - Aiken School PTO
- Past Rotary Club President – Paul Harris Fellow

### Family Life:

- Attorney and Co-owner, The Paper Station
- Member of Emanuel Synagogue
- Married to Alexis, Father to Becky and Lani

## **Response to Questions**

- 1. Which West Hartford services can be reduced and still be viable (assume no increase in state aid)?**

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As a member of the Town Council's Finance and Budget Committee, I have thoroughly examined and asked probing questions about the town budget. We must continue to examine how we deliver services to our residents, while preserving our community's core services: public safety, education and infrastructure. I believe that there are areas where we can reduce services without negative impacting our community. For example, I support the elimination of half of our twenty (20) polling places. Further, I would support further consolidation of services between the general government and Board of Education, especially in the areas of information technology and health plan administration.

**2. West Hartford and Bloomfield partner to operate the Health Department. What additional regional cooperative efforts could ease our economic situation?**

Regional partnerships can assist municipalities by eliminating duplication of programs and services. When specific cooperative opportunities present themselves, I will continue to evaluate whether there will be a significant cost savings by forming a mutually beneficial arrangement with regional partners without jeopardizing local control.

**3. What are the biggest challenges and opportunities of our changing demographics?**

Our biggest challenge is: "to keep West Hartford a top-notch, affordable, and terrific place to live, work and raise a family". I will continue to be fiscally responsible with our limited financial resources. Further, I will explore opportunities that will enhance our quality of life so that all residents will be proud to call West Hartford home. A strong commitment to public safety, excellent schools, and quality infrastructure are keystones of our community that I will continue to strongly support.

**4. If elected, what initiative would be your top priority?**

Keeping West Hartford an affordable, safe and terrific place to live, work and raise a family. To accomplish this, I would:

- Examine diligently how we spend your tax dollars, and make fiscally conservative decisions.
- Provide strong support for all public safety departments by providing the best resources to respond to all public safety situations.
- Support educational excellence in neighborhood schools.
- Encourage economic development that will grow our tax base, provide employment opportunities, and add to the vibrancy of our community.
- Continue to be a "Voice of Reason" at the Council table.

## Issues at a Glance Grid Questions

1. Should West Hartford provide more incentives to assist and encourage small businesses? **YES**
2. Would you support reducing activities at senior centers to save money? **NO**

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3. Should the town provide additional safe bike lanes? **YES**
4. Would you support an ordinance requiring developers to replant a tree for every tree removed in West Hartford? **NO**
5. Do you support prioritizing energy efficiency upgrades in the capital improvement budget? **YES**