

# Campaign '10

Dear Voters:

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford (LWVGH), in cooperation with LIFE Publications, is pleased to bring you the Voters Guide for the West Hartford legislative races. Covered in this edition are the candidates for 5th Senatorial District and the 18th, 19th and 20th Assembly Districts, a sample ballot with all named races and a list of polling places.

All of the candidates received questions developed by the LWVGH. The League invites citizens to read the candidates' thoughtful responses and make their own informed decision on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2. Responses appear as submitted.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization celebrating its 90th Anniversary. It was established in 1920, the year in which the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed women the right to vote.

From its inception, the League has been committed to promoting responsible political action through informed participation of citizens in government. Our mission "to produce informed voters" has not wavered over the nine decades of service to the community.

We hope that you find the Voters Guide helpful as you prepare to vote. We also encourage you to review the schedule for the televised debates that will



be aired on WHC-TV (Channel 5) starting on October 12. We invite your comments on all of our voter services at [www.lwvgh.org](http://www.lwvgh.org).

Check out the Connecticut League of Women Voters website at [www.lwvct.org](http://www.lwvct.org) for additional information on all of election 2010.

Candidate profiles can also be found on [www.MyWestHartfordLIFE.com](http://www.MyWestHartfordLIFE.com).

*Carole Mulready*

*Chairwoman, League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford*

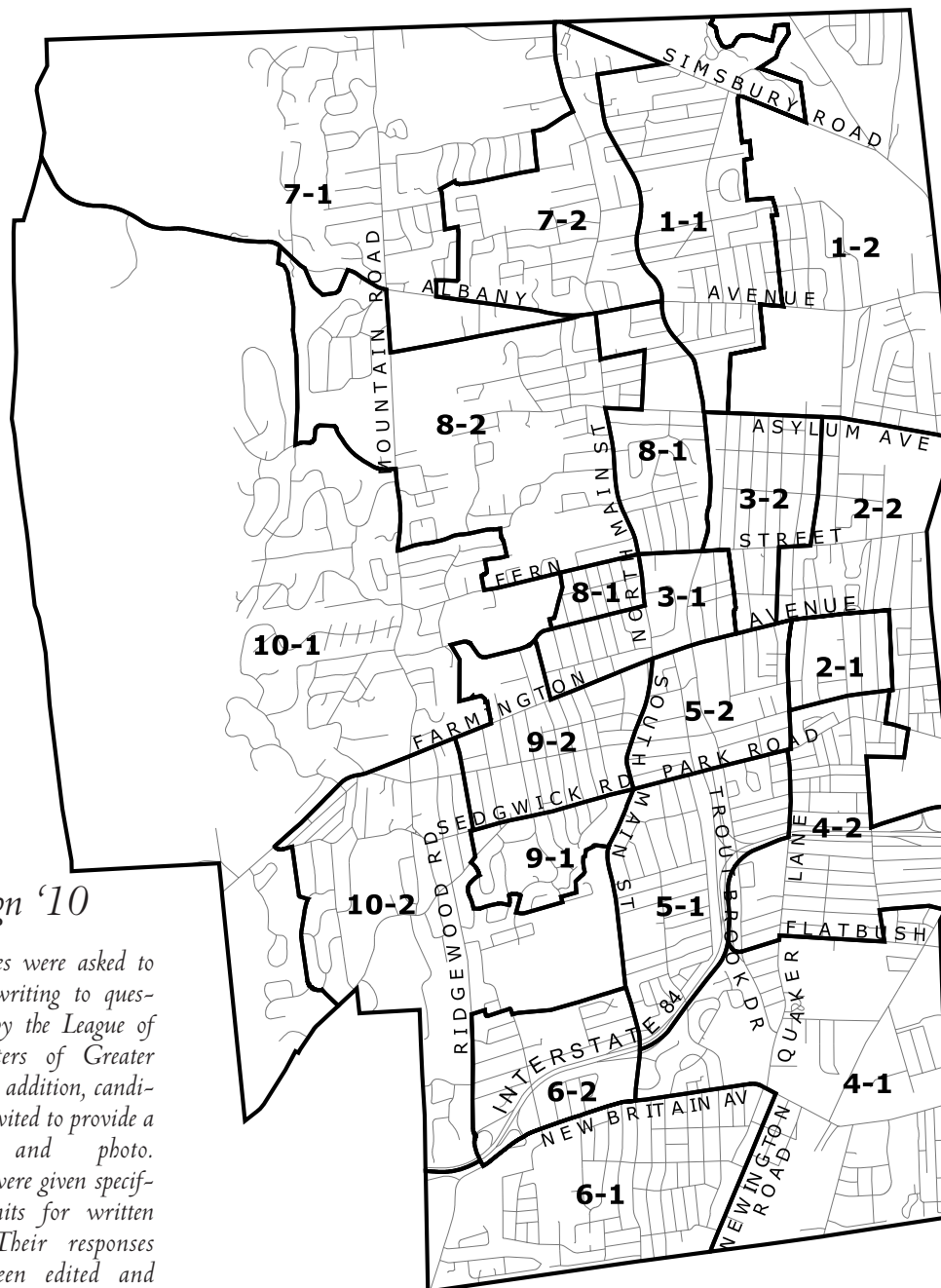
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## West Hartford Polling Places

### DISTRICT & LOCATION

- 1-1 King Philip Middle School (18th Assembly)
- 1-2 St. Mary Home (18th Assembly)
- 2-1 Whiting Lane School (19th Assembly)
- 2-2 St. John's Episcopal Church (18th Assembly)
- 3-1 West Hartford Health & Rehab Center, 130 Loomis Drive (18th Assembly)
- 3-2 Morley School (18th Assembly)
- 4-1 Elmwood Community Center (20th Assembly)
- 4-2 Charter Oak School (20th Assembly)
- 5-1 Webster Hill School (20th Assembly)
- 5-2 Town Hall auditorium (19th Assembly)
- 6-1 Wolcott School (20th Assembly)
- 6-2 Conard High School (20th Assembly)
- 7-1 Norfeldt School (19th Assembly)
- 7-2 Hall High School (18th Assembly)
- 8-1 American School for the Deaf, 139 North Main Street, gymnasium at rear (18th Assembly)
- 8-2 Bugbee School (19th Assembly)
- 9-1 Duffy School (19th Assembly)
- 9-2 Sedgwick Middle School (19th Assembly)
- 10-1 Braeburn School (19th Assembly)
- 10-2 Solomon Schechter Day School, 26 Buena Vista Road, multi-purpose room (20th Assembly)



### About Campaign '10

All candidates were asked to respond in writing to questions posed by the League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford. In addition, candidates were invited to provide a biography and photo. Candidates were given specific word limits for written materials. Their responses have not been edited and appear as submitted.

## Issues at a Glance

| Candidates                       | Are you comfortable with the salary and benefit levels of the management personnel of state agencies? | Would you support legislation to provide incentives to encourage regional cooperation? | Do you support changing the education funding formula so that money follows the child? | Would you support creating tolls for some of our highways? | Could / should Connecticut be a leader in the development of clean energy? |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| <i>Republicans</i>               |   |  |  |  |  |
| Joseph Merritt                   | No  | Yes  | Yes  | Yes  | Yes  |
| Denise Berard Hall               | No  | Yes  | Yes  | No   | Yes  |
| Ethan Goldman                    | Yes   | Yes  | Yes  | No   | Yes  |
| <i>Democrats</i>                 |   |  |  |  |  |
| Beth Bye                         | No  | Yes  | No   | Yes  | Yes  |
| Andrew Fleischmann               | No  | Yes  | No   | No   | Yes  |
| Brian Becker                     | No  | Yes  | No   | No   | Yes  |
| David McCluskey                  | No  | Yes  | No   | No   | Yes  |
| <i>Petitioning Candidate</i>     |   |  |  |  |  |
| Ellen Burchill Brassil           | No  | No   | Yes  | No   | No   |
| <i>Connecticut For Lieberman</i> |   |  |  |  |  |
| John Kilian                      | No  | Yes  | Yes  | No   | Yes  |

## Judge of Probate



**Syd Elkin**  
*Democrat*

Syd Elkin was first elected Probate Judge in 2002. He promised to open the Probate process by having evening hours, a Website and monthly informational sessions. All three are in place and well received.

A practicing attorney since 1972, Judge Elkin maintains his office in West Hartford Center. He served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the West Hartford Superior Court and an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the Town of West Hartford and served on the West Hartford Zoning Board of Appeals from 1983 to 1998 and was elected its Chairman in 1988, 1993 and 1998.

A graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and the University of Connecticut School of Law, he has a Master's Degree in Spanish Literature from Trinity College.

He is a past president of the Greater Hartford Jaycees, Emanuel Synagogue and Probus Club of Greater Hartford. Judge Elkin was Legal Counsel to the Greater Hartford Open and the Connecticut Jaycees.

Judge Elkin was Co-Chairman of the United States Jaycee National Convention in Hartford, and served many years as a coach in the West Hartford Boy's Soccer and Baseball Leagues. He is second vice president of the Connecticut Probate Assembly. He resides in West Hartford with his wife Janice.

*Editor's note: Judge Elkin is unopposed.*

## 5th Senate District

### Joseph Merritt Republican



My name is Joseph Merritt and I am running for the State Senate from West Hartford, Farmington, Bloomfield, and Burlington. I grew up in Bloomfield and live there now with my wife Beverlee. I graduated from Kingswood School in West Hartford, Dartmouth College with a major in Government, MIT with a Master's Degree from the School of Finance as a Sloan Fellow, U.S. Navy Officer, 20 years as a manager then Vice President of Hartford Special in Simsbury, and since 1984, owner and manager of my own manufacturing company. Semi-retired now I have worked for H&R Block as an office manager and tax preparer. I have been elected to 11 terms on the Bloomfield Town Council where I am minority leader, helped found the Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance, served two terms as Chairman of the West Hartford Bloomfield Health District, and serve as a director of The Seabury Retirement Community. Also I'm a bass in my church choir, am an avid tennis player, one of the founders and current directors of the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course and have seven grandchildren.

#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

With the unemployment and suffering caused by today's economy we need legislators in Connecticut who know how to create private job growth and return to prosperity. We need legislators not simply inclined to give away money but rather looking for cost effectiveness, efficiency in government, accountability, caps on spending and debt. With the highest total debt-per-capita in the nation we need different skills from the free spending incumbents now in the legislature. With my background I will represent West Hartford in our effort to put state government back together and Connecticut back to work.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

Facilitate regionalism like health districts. For example West Hartford's 911 dispatch could take care of an area and population many times larger than the town at little additional cost. Millions could be saved with no loss in service. Stop unfunded mandates. Stop dumping billions into the big cities with little accounting and fairly fund other cities and towns.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

The single most important measure is to provide universal early learning in our cities.

### Beth Bye Democrat



Beth Bye is a 13-year-resident of West Hartford who has spent the last 30 years as an early childhood educator and program manager. She served on the West Hartford Board of Education for 5 years and is a current State Representative. Beth has worked with various non-profits including The Bridge, Noah Webster House, WHCTV and The Miracle League. She has coached several local sports teams and is a member of the West Hartford Unitarian Universalist Church.

#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

Everything is on the table in the 2011 budget. There are no sacred cows. We must first focus on job creation. The more jobs we create, the less we pay out in safety-net programs like food stamps and temporary family assistance, and the more revenue our state receives without the need to increase taxes. Investing in getting businesses here, and keeping them here and hiring is the number one thing we can do to remedy our budget problems. We also have too many state agencies with overlapping functions. Some programs are funded and monitored by five different agencies, and even more bureaucracy exists locally. Why? It is a wasteful, duplicative system, and this trend is repeated across our state budget.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

The overwhelming majority of state aid to towns goes to education, and it is worth protecting. Last session, despite a huge budget gap, we did not cut town aid. We need to continue to work to protect aid to cities and towns, keeping property taxes down and quality of education high. That said, the state is not doing its part in funding education for many towns, and we need to make sure the Education Cost Sharing formula is fair for everyone.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

Poverty is the biggest contributor, among many, to the achievement gap. The solution starts with good prenatal care and continues through high school. There is strong evidence that high quality preschool reduces the achievement gap and is an excellent investment — saving up to \$17 for every dollar invested. There are already schools in poor areas that have successfully closed the gap. We need to find out why, and apply those lessons statewide.

## 18th Assembly District

### Ethan Goldman Republican



CFO mid size manufacturing company  
Former VP of Finance for NYSE company  
CPA  
Major (retired), US Army Reserve  
MBA, Harvard Business School

BS in Economics, Wharton, University of Pennsylvania

BA, College, University of Pennsylvania

married with 4 kids

#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

The FY'12 Budget is projected to be more than \$3 billion. Instead of using last year's Budget as its starting point, the Legislature need to start fresh and create a Zero Base Budget based on the Revenues projected by the OFA. The Legislature must prioritize its spending needs. Connecticut must find ways to cut its costs. We need to identify and eliminate redundant costs. We should analyze and copy the tactics that other states have used in reducing their costs. We need to say "no" to new spending initiatives, until we can afford them. The State needs to live within its means. While it will be painful, it will only get worse if we continue to wait. The Legislature gets elected to make decisions, they need to address this problem.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

One way the Legislature can help the towns would be to stop issuing unfunded mandates. More importantly, the Legislature needs to review its existing mandates and eliminate those that can't be justified. A recent unfunded mandate that needs to be rolled back would be SB 735. It requires the municipalities to divert at least 1% of the funds received to provide equal access to all road users, including bicycle and pedestrian walkways. This is an unnecessary cost that should not be forced on the municipalities.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

We should be working to improve the education of all the children as well as work to reduce the achievement gap. As with the Budget, we need to identify what has worked in other urban cities (Washington DC) and see what tactics can be copied to improve our schools. Given the money that has been spent in the past on urban education, the problem doesn't appear to be a function of funding. We need to make the education process work for the individual student, as opposed to treating all students the same.

## 18th Assembly District

### Andrew Fleischmann Democrat



I was born and raised in West Hartford, and have been honored to serve our town in the General Assembly. I attended local public schools, graduating from Hall High in 1982. I earned a Bachelor's degree in public policy from Princeton, and a Masters from Stanford. Outside the legislature, I'm Chief Operating Officer of SpeedReading People, a communications training company. If I'm fortunate enough to win re-election, my legislative priorities will be job creation, reducing energy prices, and increasing state support for local schools. My wife Caroline and I live near Bishop's Corner and are blessed with two daughters, Emily and Kelly.

#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

First and foremost, we have to develop ways to deliver critical services more efficiently - with less red tape and better results. This will probably involve consolidating state agencies, increasing state employee productivity using new technologies, and exerting tighter control over state bonding. We need a process to better ensure that all state capital investments are wise ones - so that we reduce our long-term debt costs.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

There are three main steps - all of which we've begun, but which need further development - that can help municipalities address their budget challenges. First, we can promote greater cooperation among towns, generating savings through economies of scale. Second, we must encourage more smart growth - mixed residential and retail developments like Blue Back Square - which increase local property tax revenues without increasing suburban sprawl. Finally, we need to further reduce unfunded state mandates.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

Here are some of the key things we must do to help further close the achievement gap:

- Improve our ability to bring the very best teachers into the districts and classrooms that need them most
- Continue improving the ways we attract and retain great school principals - especially at schools in need of turnaround
- Expand access to early childhood education
- Ensure reasonable class sizes
- Minimize administrative overhead; maximize dollars going into the classroom

## 19th Assembly District

### Brian Becker Democrat



Principal in Becker Law Offices in West Hartford. Formerly, SVP, Associate General Counsel, Director of Corporate Law and Corporate Secretary of The Hartford with responsibility for enterprise-wide corporate matters. Graduate of Hall High, University of Pennsylvania (B.A., economics and history), Boston University (J.D.).

Serves on Board of Directors of Foodshare and as a literacy volunteer. Served as community volunteer in many capacities including driving for Meals-On-Wheels, coaching youth sports and serving on West Hartford Housing Code Appeals Board. Lives with wife, Laura, and sons, Casey and Cary.

#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

Everything needs to be on the table. First look at cuts that can be made without decimating government services (e.g., reduce the number of deputy commissioners and other political appointees who generally earn six-figure salaries, find synergies among agencies, solicit input from state employees who actually do the work to find more efficient ways to get it done), and only after getting expenses as low as reasonably possible, look at options to increase revenue to fill any remaining hole. The key will be to find the proper balance between cuts and revenue increases.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

First, we need to make sure the state lives up to its promises and responsibilities and fully funds the statutory state-aid formulas (ECS, PILOT, etc.). Then we need to fight hard to get our fair share. Beyond that, we should review all unfunded mandates, seek ways to facilitate regional cooperation among municipalities to achieve cost-savings, and focus on energy efficiency.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

We should focus resources less on administration and more on classrooms (since that is where teaching and learning happen), and especially on early education - preschool education (so that all students will be ready to learn by the time they get to elementary school) and elementary education (so that each student develops a strong foundation in reading, writing and math). Giving all students a solid start will afford them the best chance to succeed in school and should reduce the need for more expensive remediation programs later.

### Denise Berard Hall Republican



Hall serves on the West Hartford Town Council as Minority Leader and has volunteered on the Town's Risk Management Advisory Board, Investment Advisory Committee, and as Treasurer of the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Hall is a SVP in the Treasury Department at Webster Bank. She received a BA from UCONN and an MBA from RPI. She is a Municipal Securities Principal, member of the CT Government Finance Officers Association, past Board President and current Finance Committee member of Mercy Housing & Shelter. She resides in West Hartford with her husband Tom.

#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

To close the State budget gap, I support: adopting Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for budgeting purposes to increase transparency and recognize current expenses; reducing expenses by combining the 43 state agencies to enhance efficiencies and eliminate redundancies, shifting work to private service providers where it has been shown they provide better service at lower costs, enacting pension reform for new employees and introducing methods to cut health care costs, such as consumer driven health care plans. We can increase revenue by encouraging economic growth if we reduce the cost of doing business in Connecticut. Our cost of doing business is the 5th highest in the country. We won't have job growth until we change that. And the cost of business won't go down unless we reduce business and energy taxes.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

The State could help towns to balance their budgets by eliminating or reducing unfunded mandates, which compound problems and lead to increased taxes. Municipal revenue could be increased by diverting a portion of state sales tax revenue to the town where it originated.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address educational needs?

To solve Connecticut's education achievement gap I would support: Maintaining the current level of funding, but reforming the system so that money follows the child, implementing policies that require regular assessments of teacher and principal effectiveness to determine salaries and promotions, introducing accountability frameworks for schools and districts that would allow for closing or taking over under performing schools and appointing new Boards of Education in under performing districts. We can attract great teachers and principals by expanding certification routes and extending full reciprocity with other states.

## 20th Assembly District

### Ellen Burchill Brassil

#### Petitioning Candidate

Elected twice to the West Hartford School Board, Ellen has four sons in college and is Library Director at a large medical center. She holds a BA from Drew University, a MS from Simmons College, and volunteers for St. Peter Claver Church, Hartford Hospital, and the Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities.



#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

I would recommend several needed measures so that Connecticut can achieve a balanced budget in fiscal year 2011 and beyond. I would oppose raising taxes to pay down the state deficit. The state must avoid any budget increases, which will only worsen the existing fiscal crisis, and instead should consider consolidating some programs and reducing the crushing size of state government altogether. Several agencies and services should be privatized, and the implementation of reforms and efficiencies could save millions -even while maintaining current levels of aid to towns and schools. Incentives for businesses to create jobs would contribute greatly to Connecticut's economic well-being and help our citizens.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

The state can take the lead to help Connecticut's cities and towns, model fiscal responsibility in managing statewide programs, encourage sharing where appropriate and eliminate waste. The state should help grow the tax base, focus on job creation and act to foster an economic climate with incentives favorable to business development.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

Reading, math and core academics must be the main programmatic focus for educating young children before the achievement gap begins to widen with each grade level. State-wide curriculum revisions must be standards based and emphasize academics, while preserving local control of school governance to strengthen parental involvement and reflect the unique priorities and needs of communities. Hold school districts more accountable for improving school performance and student achievement. Integrate new technologies into the delivery of public education. Encourage recognition of individual merit instead of social promotion while raising expectations for all students. Eliminate costly unfunded mandates that don't help children.

### David McCluskey Democrat

David was first elected State Representative in 1998. He currently serves on the Environment, Finance & Transportation Committees. David grew up in West Hartford, attended local schools and graduated from Conard. McCluskey received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Chicago and his Masters Degree from Cornell. His work experience include: Legislative Director for the Connecticut State Police Union and Staff Representative for the University Health Professionals union, representing the nurses at UCONN Health Center. Currently, he is a Staff Representative for the Connecticut State Employees Association. David is a Vice President of the Greater Hartford Labor Council and a member of the Capitol Community College Foundation.



#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

The State must overhaul how we deliver public services - consolidating state agencies/state buildings whenever possible. We must accelerate the implementation of results-based budgeting to eliminate ineffective/costly state programs. We must also streamline public services delivered by non-profits, encouraging them to consolidate - especially duplicative back office functions such as IT, Personnel, etc. This year, I was an original co-sponsor of a new law creating a searchable, online database showing all state expenditures. I believe this new transparency in state expenditures will provide important information on where and how to cut government spending.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

As part of solving the State's overall budget problem, we must reject deep cuts to education and municipal aid. We must incentivize towns and boards of education to regionalize back office services such as IT and purchasing to achieve cost-savings. We must continue to examine all state mandates to eliminate those that are not cost-effective and/or that don't advance an important public policy.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

There are no easy, quick or inexpensive solutions. We must continue to attract & keep good teachers and school leaders. We must reduce class sizes - especially in underachieving schools. We must expand early childhood education, identify underperforming children and assist them in improving as soon as possible.

### John P. Kilian Connecticut For Lieberman

Husband, father, gentleman, son. Employed by many, owned by none.



#### 1. How would you close projected gaps in the state budget?

Raise taxes, reduce spending, lock in low interest rates while we still can. The current levels of state pension plans need to be renegotiated and/or phased out. Short work weeks can reduce expenditures, but laying off large numbers of state workers wholesale may do more harm to the economy than good, and this might not net the deficit reductions advocates of job cuts wish for.

#### 2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets?

Towns that reduce the consumption of state services by its residents, i.e. incarceration and welfare costs, should be allowed to capture the savings for its own purposes. Towns that continue to depend on other towns via state funding are at risk due to the inevitable reduction in the state's financial capacities. The state needs to lighten up on mandates it can not fund.

#### 3. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

If students are lagging behind clear goals for literacy and basic math, then they need to spend additional time focusing on these fundamentals until they come up to speed. Parents of children not receiving successful remedial instruction should be allowed to exit their public school via magnet or voucher. The state needs to lead this effort, as local districts have poor track records when it comes to implementing standards of achievement. Graduation tests are in order for the 4th, 8th and 12th grades, at least.

### Full text of essay questions

1. How would you propose closing projected gaps in the state budget for the next biennium?

2. What could the state do to help towns balance their budgets in the face of underfunded state aid formulas and limited sources of local revenue?

3. Connecticut has the largest achievement gap in the U.S. What changes would you propose to address the educational needs of all of our children?

# West Hartford Ballot for Campaign '10

| OFFICE<br>PARTY              | 1<br>Governor and<br>Lieutenant Governor                                   | 2<br>United States<br>Senator                     | 3<br>Representative<br>in Congress                       | 4<br>State<br>Senator                        | 5<br>State<br>Representative           | 6<br>Secretary of<br>the State                    | 7<br>Treasurer                                    | 8<br>Comptroller                                | 9<br>Attorney<br>General                              | 10<br>Judge of<br>Probate                       | 11<br>Registrar of<br>Voters                          |
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The column for state representative will differ depending upon which Assembly District you reside in. See polling place list on the cover of this guide.

18th Assembly District: Ethan Goldman (Republican) and Andrew Fleischmann (Democrat)

19th: Assembly District: Denise Berard Hall (Republican) and Brian Becker (Democrat)

20th Assembly District: David McCluskey (Democrat), Ellen Burchill Brassil (Petitioning Candidate) and John P. Kilian (Connecticut For Lieberman)

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## Voting Reminders

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. The last day to register is October 26.

- Register weekdays in the registrar's office, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street.
- Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Remember to bring a picture ID.
- Your completed ballot can be fed into the electronic reader in any direction.
- All polling places are handicap accessible.
- Voting by phone for visually impaired and others is available.
- At the polling place, refer any questions or problems to the moderator.
- Find your polling place by visiting [www.westhartford.org/vote](http://www.westhartford.org/vote). Then click voting district information. Then click the first letter of your street address.

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## Questions?

For any questions regarding voting, contact the Registrars of Voters office in Town Hall at 860-561-7451. The registrars are Marcia Woolsey (Democrat) and Eleanor Brazell (Republican).

## Absentee ballot information

Absentee ballots are available through the town clerk's office. The issuance of an absentee ballot is a two-step process.

You may obtain an application at the town clerk's office or download and print an absentee ballot application form from the town website, <http://www.west-hartford.com> under Town Services. Call 860-561-7430 for information.

After the completed application is returned, a ballot and instructions will be sent to you. Voted ballots must be received in the town clerk's office by Election Day in order for the vote to count. You may also apply and vote in person at the clerk's office in Town Hall.