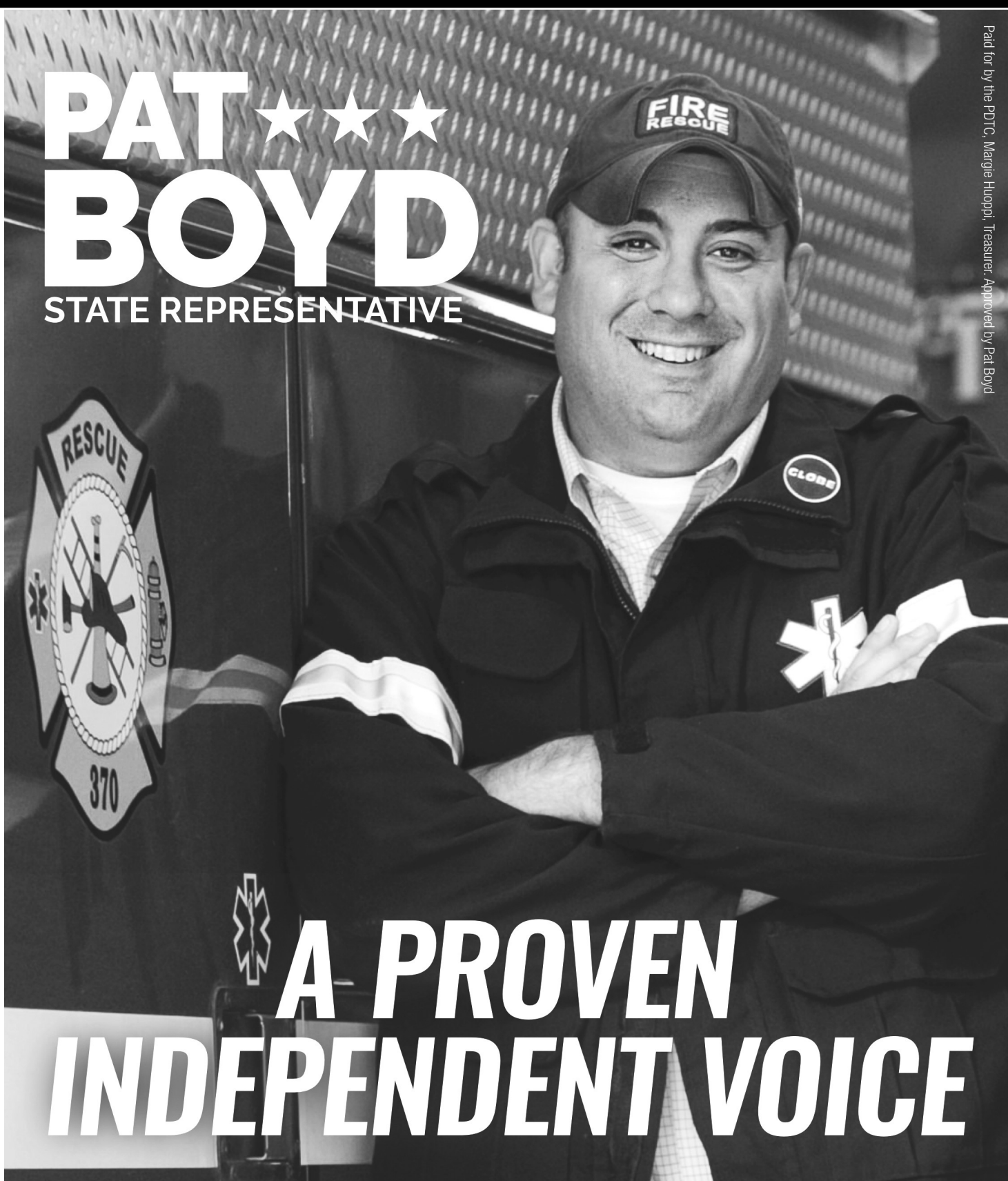


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Fun at Buell's Fall Festival. Shown below are youngsters after facepainting and a hayride to the pumpkin patch and Georgia Barlow with her pumpkin. Photos by Adam Minor.



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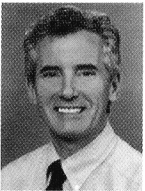
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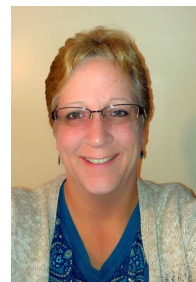
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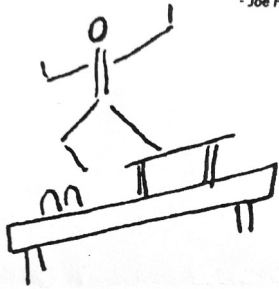
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Selectman's Synopsis by Deb Richards – First Selectman

Congratulations To Johanna H. Wolfe CCTC Eastford Town Clerk who recently received the designation of Certified Connecticut Town Clerk (CCTC) from the Connecticut State Certification Committee. To receive the prestigious CCTC certification, an applicant must have professional experience in the Town Clerk's office of local government and have demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development. Picture of Johanna receiving her certification at the Town Clerk's Conference at Water's Edge. Picture courtesy of Lisa Kellermann Responsibilities of CT Town Clerks

Records	Duties and Responsibilities
(CGS § 7-23 et seq. and various other citations in Titles 22a, 26, 47, and 49, among others)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain and provide access to public records as required by state law and regulations 2. Provide certified copies of public records 3. Record, index, and preserve municipal land records, surveys, and maps 4. Post meeting notices for local governmental bodies 5. Maintain official records of charters, ordinances, oaths, appointments, and petitions 6. Maintain public meeting minutes, agendas, and notices 7. Record trade names and military discharges 8. Issue certificates of authority to justices of the peace, notary publics, and Superior Court commissioners 9. Maintain official copies of town budgets, audits, and annual reports 10. Administer the oath of office to local elected and appointed officials

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Registrars of Vital Statistics (CGS §§ 7-36 et seq., 19a-42, 19a-44, 19a-322, and 19a-323, among others)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register and maintain original birth, marriage, civil union, death, and fetal death records 2. Issue certified copies of vital statistic records 3. Conduct or assist with genealogical research for members of certified genealogical societies
Licensing (CGS §§ 21-35d, 22-338, 22-339, 26-28, 26-30, and 26-36, among others)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue state marriage, liquor, hunting, fishing, dog, and trapping licenses, among others 2. Issue passport applications and citizen verifications 3. Issue burial, cremation, and removal permits
Elections (CGS § 9-6 et seq.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend bi-annual conferences hosted by the secretary of the state to discuss election laws, procedures, or related matters 2. Examine and approve applications for admission as an elector 3. Distribute campaign finance forms upon request 4. Act as filing repository for municipal office candidates' campaign finance statements 5. Notify the secretary of the state of campaign finance statement filing violations 6. Certify nominating petitions 7. Issue absentee ballot applications, direct the preparation of absentee ballots, and maintain permanent absentee ballot records 8. Compile election results and forward them to the Office of the Secretary of the State 9. Submit up-to-date voting district maps and reports on the number of registered and party-enrolled voters to the secretary of the state 10. Keep custody of voting machine keys and other election materials 11. Prepare the explanatory text for a local referendum question

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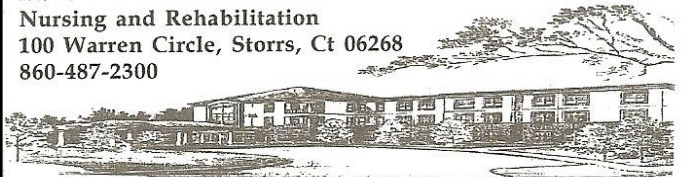
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EASTFORD SENIOR CITIZENS:
Submitted by: Jeannine Spink, Program Director & Mary Ann Lally, Treasurer
 Members of the Eastford Senior Citizens attended the annual, September picnic sponsored by the Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens Center of Brooklyn on September 19. Because of inclement weather, the picnic that was to be held outdoors at Bell Park in Dayville, was moved inside to the old Brooklyn High School auditorium, which is now used for community events. There were approximately 200 other seniors from the area to enjoy a bag lunch and conversations that filled the room with joyful sound. The entertainment was provided by the "Elderly Brothers", long-time popular solo artists T-Bone Stankus and Brian Gillie. They served up mint-condition "oldies" from Hollywood, Broadway, the Swing Era and Rock n' Roll. With a guitar and electric piano, and their strong voices, they brought back so many memories, while inspiring the crowd to sing along. It was the perfect way to end the summer. There was no sleepwalking down memory lane for the seniors.
 In addition to events that Eastford's Senior Citizens are working on for the holiday season, the QVSC Center's many other programs are open to Senior Citizens from all area towns. If you would like to know more about our group, what programs and assistance are available for you to help you attain a fulfilling life, contact Jeannine Spink, Program Director at 860-974-1678 (leave a message), or email: jspink@charter.net
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Thursday, Nov. 10- ESC luncheon at Congregational Church of Eastford
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Lisa has a **Bachelor of Arts** degree from Vassar College and a **Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law**. She has a background in labor and employment law, and is a member of the CT Bar Association.

Lisa recently retired after a **37 year career as a special education teacher**. In May 2020, Lisa was named Teacher of the Year at Clover Street School in Windsor.

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Approved by Lisa Thomas. Paid for by Lisa for Eastern CT, Elizabeth Bauer, Treasurer.



EASTFORD FOOD PANTRY by Audrey Carabeau

The Eastford Food Pantry is located at the Eastford Baptist Church, 133 Union Road. Currently we are serving 17 families in town. The pantry is available to any resident of Eastford who is in need of food assistance. Delivery is available to those who are homebound. All calls and referrals are kept confidential. Referrals can be made by calling the Town Office at 860-974-0133 or Audrey Carabeau at 860-933-7685, acarabeau@yahoo.com. The Food Pantry is open the first Monday of each month from 8-11 a.m. by appointment. Thank you David Barlow, Steven Williamson and Steve Bowen for your donations and to all others who donated goods and money to the pantry so that we can continue to help those in need. Thank you Lynn Nelson for creating birthday boxes for the children and Trevor from His Oaks for meat donations. All donations to the pantry can be dropped off at the Town Office Building during regular business hours. Please make check donations payable to Town of Eastford with food pantry on the memo line. We are in need of the following items: Pasta sauce, pasta, rice, macaroni and cheese, dry roasted peanuts, peanut butter, tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, raisins, oats, pancake mix, pancake syrup, jelly, coffee, sugar, 100% fruit juice, healthy snacks, cereal bars, granola bars. Thank you in advance for your support.

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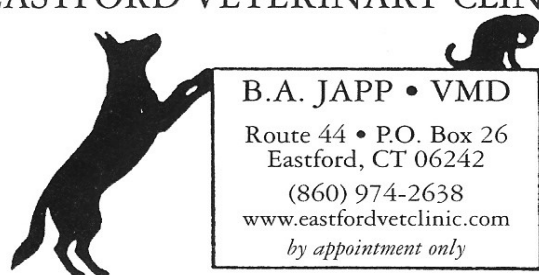

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DID YOU KNOW? by Eastford Historical Society

Did you know that the Charter Oak is one of the most important symbols in Connecticut history and that a descendant of the historic tree grows in Eastford?

Early lore claims that in the 1630's a delegation of Native Americans approached Samuel Wyllys, the settler who had cleared much of the land around the old oak tree in what is now Hartford, and encouraged him to preserve the tree. It had been planted ceremoniously for the sake of peace when the tribe first settled the area, and they believed it had guarded their ancestors for centuries. The tree had guided them for centuries as to when to plant their corn - when the leaves were the size of a mouse's ear, it was time to put the seed in the ground.

But Connecticut's colonial legend behind the historic white oak tree in Hartford really began 30 years later. In 1662, England's King Charles II granted the Connecticut Colony a Royal Charter guaranteeing the Colony the right to self-govern and the ability to elect its own officials without interference from the Crown. Charles' death in 1685 brought his brother, James II, to the throne. James disapproved of Royal Charters since they interfered with his plan to establish the Dominion of New England, which combined the New

England Colonies and the Colony of New York under the leadership of a Royal Governor. King James demanded the return of all Royal Charters and named Sir Edmond Andros the Dominion's Royal Governor. His first duty was to seize all Charters. In October 1687, Andros met with leaders of

the Connecticut Colony in a tavern in Hartford and demanded the return of the Connecticut Charter. The document was produced, and discussion ensued. The Connecticut Colony would not surrender the Charter. Suddenly the candle lights in the room went out. In the confusion the Charter was passed through a window to Captain Joseph Wadsworth. He hid it in the trunk of a large white oak on the Wyllys estate where it was protected from the King and Andros. Despite Connecticut's resistance, it became part of the Dominion for the next two years. In 1689 James II was overthrown, and Andros lost power in the colonies. The Charter emerged from hiding and was used to govern Connecticut until 1818.

On August 21, 1856, the Charter Oak, estimated at nearly 1,000 years old, fell during a torrential storm. The wood was used for many different projects. In 1986 the State offered sapling descendants of the Charter Oak to all 169 towns. The Town of Eastford accepted the sapling and, with the approval of Mark Sheldon, then president of the Union Society, planted it on the east lawn of the Union Society land on the corner of Routes 198 and 44 (land and building now owned by the Town of Eastford). On October 22, 2013, Edward A. Richardson of the CT Tree Project at Conn College inspected Eastford's tree and declared it a descendant of the original Charter Oak. He placed it on the Notable Tree Project listings as one of only 23 verified Charter Oak descendants in the state.

Please think of the EHS when cleaning out basements, attics, closets, and drawers. Remember, one man's trash is the Historical Society's treasure. Donations of historic items are always welcome and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. P.O. Box 350, Eastford, CT 06242.

PHOTOS: Above right: October 22, 2013, Mark Sheldon (left), former president of the Union Society who originally planted Eastford's Charter Oak descendant, met with Ed Richardson (right) to verify Eastford's oak as a true Charter Oak descendant. Bottom left:

Recently, David Jakubowski, Sr., and son Kris (in photo) protected the Charter Oak trunk with a mulch barrier.



Eastford Independent Fire Co, No.1, by Contributor: Jeannine Spink, Veteran Member

Veterans Day is a public holiday on the anniversary of the end of World War I. November 11 was established to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. The day replaced Armistice Day in 1954. The American flag is always hung at half-mast. On September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law to mark this day always to be celebrated on November 11. As you pass Grove Cemetery on Rte. 198 in Eastford, slow down to pay homage. Veterans Day words to remember: Commemorate, commitment, courageous, heroism, meritorious, patriotism, tribute, and respect. The U.S. Senate on 8/4/2001, designated the week of 11/11 through 11/17 as "National Veterans Awareness Week". Visit your local cemeteries to acknowledge the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. Veterans. Say "thank you" to the Veterans who are with us by honoring living veterans who served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime.

September was a busy training/meeting month for the EIFC. 9/6 & 9/7 were monthly business meeting and truck check on all apparatus; 9/14 – Pump Operations; 9/21 – EMS patient care; 9/28 – Line Officers.

Events planned for the month of October in addition to meetings and weekly drills include:

- TBD - Fire Prevention visit at the Eastford Elementary School
- 10/30 – Touch a Truck – Trick-or-Treat at Buell’s Orchard from 2-4pm.
- 10/31 – HAPPY HALLOWEEN – Trick-or-Treat at the Firehouse

Fall is here with winter not far behind. The EIFC has three requests:

- 1) Mark your driveways with the green, reflective house number signs, specifically houses using multi-driveways. Signs are FREE
- 2) Install the signs at the beginning of the driveway, and keep the area free of debris and snow drifts.
- 3) When Daylight Savings time changes, replace all batteries in smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

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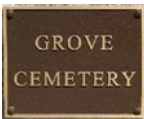
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From the Principal by Carole McCombe. A picture says 1,000 words! We have had a fantastic start to the school year and there is no better way to show you just what I mean than this!



Left 1: Grade 6 students show cooperation and problem solving during this Team Building Activity. 2. Grade 4 students have “Coffee with a Cop” and get answers to many questions from Trooper White on National Coffee with a Cop day. Below: Two fourth graders demonstrate great critical thinking as they discuss their reading work together. 3. Kindergarten students enjoy choice time and show cooperation and respect! 4. Art Club is just one of many options students have for after-school activities. This group works with Art teacher Mrs. Weinland once a week. 5&6: Grades 7 and 8 spent two days at Mystic Seaport working on teambuilding activities, learning the skills of an early mariner, and spending the night on board the *Conrad* sailing ship!





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Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 7pm, TOB

Seasonal Decorations: Artificial decorations will be allowed from Thanksgiving, November 24, 2022, to March 15, 2023. After March 15th, the seasonal decorations will be removed, and only live plants will be permitted.

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From Eastford Registrars:

Please be aware of the following election dates for 2022:

Nov. 1st - DEADLINE for mail-in registrations for new voters and last day to drop off completed registration forms to the Office of the Registrars of Voters

Nov. 1- 11:59 pm-last day to register using the online voter registration system

Nov. 7-limited registration session for those whose qualify due to age, citizenship or residence after Nov. 1

Nov. 8 - ELECTION (6 am - to 8 pm)

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 New Laws passed last year expand opportunities that allow voters with temporary disabilities and chronic illnesses to automatically receive absentee ballots, allowing absentee voters with visual impairment to receive a ballot electronically,

2) a new law expands eligibility for absentee voting, mainly to commuters, caretakers and other voters worried about illness.

Previously, voters could only get an absentee ballot if they were working out of town during all polling hours on Election Day or if they personally had an illness or physical disability that made them unable to vote at their polling place during voting hours. Now, voters may qualify for an absentee ballot if they are traveling for only part of Election Day or if they are concerned about sickness, including COVID-19, for either themselves or someone they are taking care of.

Congressional District 2
 Senatorial District 35
 Assembly District 50

VOTE ON THE QUESTION(S)

YES NO

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?

November 8, 2022

State Election

Eastford, Connecticut

State of Connecticut
 Sample Ballot

11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	PARTY
Registrar of Voters Vote for One 11A	Judge of Probate Vote for One Leah Schrad 10A	Attorney General Vote for One William Tong 9A	Comptroller Vote for One Sean Scanlon 8A	Treasurer Vote for One Erick Russell 7A	Secretary of the State Vote for One Stephanie Thomas 6A	State Representative Vote for One Pat Boyd 5A	State Senator Vote for One Lisa Thomas 4A	Representative in Congress Vote for One Joe Courtney 3A	United States Senator Vote for One Richard Blumenthal 2A	Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz 1A	DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Registrar of Voters Vote for One Toni Doubleday 11B	Judge of Probate Vote for One Gabrielle Labonte 10B	Attorney General Vote for One Jessica Kordas 9B	Comptroller Vote for One Mary Fay 8B	Treasurer Vote for One Harry Aroua 7B	Secretary of the State Vote for One Dominic Rapiotti 6B	State Representative Vote for One Aarun Soucy 5B	State Senator Vote for One Jeff Gordon 4B	Representative in Congress Vote for One Mike France 3B	United States Senator Vote for One Leira R. Levy 2B	Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Bob Stefanowski and Laura Devlin 1B	REPUBLICAN PARTY
											GRIEBEL FRANK FOR CT PARTY
											INDEPENDENT PARTY
											WORKING FAMILIES PARTY
											LIBERTARIAN PARTY
											GREEN PARTY
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The only candidate committed to serving as a FULL TIME Judge

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Record of serving families like yours with compassion, empathy, and respect

VOTE FOR LEAH ON NOVEMBER 8th

Approved by Leah Schad, Paid for by Leah Schad for Probate Judge, Lindsay Paul Treasurer