

2011 New London Patch City Council Questionnaire

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Age: 41

Address: 125 Gardner Avenue, New London, CT, 06320

Hometown: New London, CT

Employment (if retired, when and from what):

Mechanical Engineer at Electric Boat, Groton, CT (current)

Education:

Graduate of St. Bernard High School, Uncasville, CT;

Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY;

Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY;

Licensed Professional Engineer in Connecticut

Incumbent? (if yes, first elected when) Yes, first elected Nov., 2007

Previous elected experience:

Two terms (four years) serving on the New London City Council;

One year as Deputy Mayor on the New London City Council;

Current Chairman of the Administration Committee of the New London City Council;

Past Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee of the New London City Council;

New London City Council Liaison to several city boards and agencies

Civic experience (appointments, non-profits):

Host, Public Access Television Show, *Common Sense, Revisited*;

Member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Pequot Point Beach Co.;

Member of the Board of Trustees and Webmaster of the Whaling City Restoration Committee;

Previous Volunteer New London Main Street

Top issue facing and the town and his/her ideas:

Despite everything going on in New London today, I believe the biggest issue facing the city is the change in municipal government. The city's switch to an elected mayor form of government, which I supported and still support, brings with it significant power to one individual to make a difference in New London. Nevertheless, the role of the City Council will be very important. The interaction between these two offices has the potential to carry the city to new levels of success. Ensuring that a productive relationship exists between the City Council and the now Elected Mayor will be vital to this success.

Second issue:

Besides ensuring a smooth transition of government, the major issues facing New London in the future include Education and Economic Development. To address the city's education issue, focus will have to be applied to increasing parental involvement; not simply at school functions, but in the time we invest with our children's learning away from school. While City Councilors do not have much power to affect change in the schools, the office can be used to help inspire those who do. During my first campaign, I proposed a program where incentives would be provided to students and parents for participation, improvement, and achievement. This program needs a champion within the Board of Education or School Administration to be implemented. With regard to Economic Development, the city must do more to create development and attract and keep businesses. This will increase the tax base and lessen the burden on existing taxpayers. We need to be marketing the city for development and providing business incentives with the new money from the increased sales tax that the State has provided New London this fiscal year.

Third issue:

These issues must be addressed while continuing the progress that has built up in the city over the past few years. Therefore, my third most important issue is to maintain the momentum that has developed recently in New London. I encourage everyone who has a stake in the success of New London to step back and look at the investments which occurred recently in the city: elementary schools, roads, sidewalks, parks, city vehicles, city buildings, televised city council meetings, home ownership programs, economic development plans...and all this with a reduction in taxes. This momentum cannot be allowed to diminish if New London is to reach its full potential.