

2011 The Day
New London City Council Candidates Questionnaire

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OFFICE SOUGHT: New London City Council

ARE YOU AN INCUMBANT?: Yes

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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

OCCUPATION: Mechanical Engineer

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:

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

ENDORSEMENTS: None at time of submittal

PREVIOUS OFFICES HELD:

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

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1) What are the major issues for your town?

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 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.

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. 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.

These issues must be addressed while continuing the progress that has built up in the city over the past few years. 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.

2) What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I believe I bring to the office of City Council, a level of objectivity and passion for performing due diligence when researching issues. I also believe that my four years on the City Council have given me the experience to help guide the city forward in a new era. As Chairman of the Administration Committee, I learned a great deal about the documents that direct city government. My efforts to ensure that clearly understandable charter revision changes were available to voters and my work to revise obsolete city ordinances make me, I believe, uniquely suited to provide checks and balances to a powerful elected mayor's office.

3) What was the last book you read, and what did you think of it?

Unfortunately, given the amount of time I spend focused on my profession, my position on the City Council, and my family, I'm afraid to say that I think the last book I read was the last book I read the last time I was asked this question. But, it was an interesting book and I liked it. The book was Freefall by William and Marilyn Hoffer and it was a true story about a commercial airliner that ran out of fuel in cruise flight at 41,000 feet. The aircraft was loaded with only about half the fuel needed for its flight as a result of a misunderstanding regarding whether the fuel loaded was measured in pounds or kilograms. After a glide of about ½ hour, the plane...spoiler alert...landed safely at an abandoned airfield.