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# **VOTER'S GUIDE 2017**

**Representative Town  
Meeting (RTM)**

**DISTRICT 7  
Candidates**

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
POLLS OPEN 6 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

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# Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

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## DISTRICT 7 - North Center

Polling Place:  
Greenwich High School Auditorium  
10 Hillside Road  
Greenwich

Vote for 20 or Less

Gerrit Argento – **Petition**  
Kimberly Morgan Blank – **Petition**  
Ellen M. Brennan-Galvin – **Petition**  
Mary G. “Nanette” Burrows  
Thomas Cahill – **P-NEW**  
Jill S. Cobbs  
John H. Dolan  
Alice B. Duff  
Kimberly S. Fiorello – **P-NEW**  
Margaret B.G. Freiberg  
William W. Galvin, III  
Dean C. Gamanos  
Hilary A. Gunn

Donald E. Hamilton  
Lucia D. Jansen  
Miriam L. Kreuzer – **P-NEW**  
Elizabeth “Wynn” McDaniel  
Henry A. Orphys – **P-NEW**  
Elizabeth A. Perry – **P-NEW**  
Luis G. Reyna – **P-NEW**  
John P. Ryan  
Catherine G. Sidor  
Berrin Snyder  
Luke T. Szymczak – **Petition**  
M. Michael Warner

See detailed candidate information on following pages.

**Argento, Gerrit**  
Did not reply



**Blank, Kimberly Morgan**

124 Brookside Drive  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Biography:** Kim has lived in Greenwich since 1998. Her three children attend Greenwich public schools. She works part-time as a consultant for McKinsey & Co. Kim has been an active

volunteer with the PTAs, Red Cross, & Greenwich Hospital. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

It has been a true privilege to serve on the RTM for the past 10 years. I am currently Vice Chair of the Education Committee. I am proud of how the town has supported its school system through a period of challenges and change. I consider myself a true moderate on most issues and try to balance the town's fiscal needs with the need to provide exceptional services for town residents. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to consider a wide variety of local issues and to have a positive impact on the town through my work on the RTM.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. Given the State's budgetary crisis, the Town will have to be fiscally prudent in order to maintain our relatively low taxes. This may force tough choices in prioritizing capital investments and changes to current levels of town services. 2. We need to continue to support our schools in order to provide an excellent education for residents and attract newcomers to Greenwich. 3. We need to better address challenges that have come from changes to the town over the past two decades. These include increased traffic, lack of parking, increased water runoff and drainage problems.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 5



**Brennan-Galvin, Ellen M.**

136 Maple Avenue  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** retired

**Biography:** Graduate of Smith College, PhD from Columbia. Senior position at the United Nations (26 years). Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center. Faculty at the Graduate School of

Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale (8 years). Member of First Selectman's Downtown Planning Committee. Chairman of Board of World Affairs Forum.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

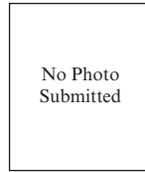
As a 31-year resident of Greenwich, I have served 4 terms on the RTM, acting as Secretary of the Land Use Committee for the past two terms. As Secretary, I am required to produce detailed minutes of the meetings, which are posted on the Town of Greenwich website. The learning curve has been steep and I am now deeply involved with land use issues. I wish to continue on the RTM in order to build on my experience and, with the publication of the minutes, keep residents informed of the numerous and complex land use issues facing the town.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Having lived in Greenwich for more than three decades, I have had a front row seat for the dramatic changes that have taken place in the character of the town. Among my top priorities are 1) maintaining the character of the town's various neighborhoods, as outlined in the Plan of Conservation and Development. 2) Preserving and enhancing public space and 3) Promoting fiscal responsibility through a thorough review of town projects before they are "rubber stamped" in the budget process.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 4



**Burrows, Mary G. "Nanette"**

29 Hillside Drive  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** BA Smith College, MBA Columbia (finance)

15 years' experience in finance (JP Morgan, MobilExxon) including 10 years overseas. Volunteer involvement includes

board positions on the PTA's of Greenwich High School and Greenwich Academy, Greenwich Arts Council and Hortulus.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Having grown up in Greenwich with my two children also attending Greenwich schools, I have a continuing interest in maintaining the high standards of the schools and quality of life in Greenwich. I am concerned with containing real estate expansion and flooding problems. The financial stability of the town is also key.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Taxes, school expansion (New Lebanon), union contracts, (specifically moving new hires into defined contribution plans)

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Community Development, Parks & Rec

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 3

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**Cahill, Thomas**

14 Maher Avenue  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Finance**Biography:** Tom's family first moved to town as a child to escape NY'S high taxes, crime, pollution and failing schools. He and his 5 siblings all graduated from our fine public schools. He's

a proud alumnus of JC and CMS, where his three children now also attend. He commutes to NYC.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Winter is coming. The reasons that drew my parents here in the '70s drew me and my wife back to raise our own family decades later. Those same qualities are now under direct threat. A nearly bankrupt (metaphorically and literally) Hartford regards Greenwich as an ATM, driving our wealthiest and most generous neighbors away. On a federal level, Donald Trump's plan to eliminate state and local tax deductions from federal returns targets our town more than any North Korean nuke. The most troubling aspect of beaches closed from pollution on Labor Day is the lack of outrage.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Greenwich needs to prepare to give more and get less. The RTM is the last bulwark in that barricade. We have to combat against ever-rising property tax demands just as our commercial property rolls face extreme forces of their own – whether from Amazon or ETFs. We have to try and nurture new businesses while Hartford conspires to drive them away. We have to maintain the competitive edge our schools, both public and private. We have been poor stewards of our 32 miles of coastal resources. The crumbling (and closed) Steamboat Road Landing is a civic embarrassment.

**Current RTM committee assignment:****Number of terms served on RTM:** 0**Cobbs, Jill S.**

1 Maher Court  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Consultant**Biography:** RTM incumbent Longtime Greenwich resident Attended local schools Duke University BS in Civil Engineering Columbia University MS in Industrial Engineering Raised

Family in Greenwich 20 Years Corporate Experience in Engineering & Information Technology Past Chairman - Greenwich Continuing Education Advisory Council Past Greenwich Library Friends Board Member

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

With my background and training in engineering and information technology and love of Greenwich, I have much to offer to the RTM. My longterm residence in the Town has given me personal knowledge of the school system, parks and recreation services, social services and land use issues. My past corporate management experience is invaluable in assessing the needs of the community and the financial resources available to provide these needs.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Since the State of Connecticut undoubtedly will reduce its traditional financial commitment to Greenwich, the RTM must deal with the reality of a much more stringent budget than in past years. Two other important issues facing the RTM: maintenance of the schools' aging physical plants, and toxicity of playing fields and building sites. RTM members must understand their responsibility to Greenwich residents is to deliver excellent services while keeping in mind that these residents are also taxpayers who have the option of moving to other areas.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Floater**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0.5**Dolan, John H.**

123 Maple Ave  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Consultant**Biography:** RTM Member for 8 years. Chair District 7. Finance Com Secretary. RTM Liaison to Retirement Board. Union College (Math/Econ), Wharton Graduate (MBA Finance)

30-year Wall Street/investment career. Professor at Baruch and Manhattan College. Self-employed consultant for last 8 years with plenty of time to focus on RTM issues.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I've enjoyed my time on the RTM, engaging with fellow District 7 and RTM members, and am looking to continue that while becoming even more involved. I'm at a point in life where I have the time to commit to public service, to help others in my neighborhood, as well as to lever what I've learned (both as a parent sending kids to public schools, in my investment career, as a teacher of young students, as someone who takes advantage of the resources Greenwich offers, and over the last 8 years on the RTM).

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) Continuing to provide services to current and prospective residents of Greenwich that makes this such a wonderful place, at reasonable costs. 2) To envision how Greenwich should evolve over the next 10-20 years. Such views will drive capital decisions, how we allocate scarce assets, and how we appeal to future residential (and commercial) community members. 3) How the Town of Greenwich interacts with financial challenges from the State, Federal programs, and economic issues.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance**Number of terms served on RTM:** 4**Duff, Alice B.**

63 Midwood Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker**Biography:** I have lived in Greenwich for over 45 years. Two of my three children were born at Greenwich Hospital and attended public and private schools. I have served on the boards

of Community Answers, Smith College Club, the Red Cross, Greenwich Board of Realtors and the Greenwich Skating Club.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

As both a realtor and a home owner, I have a vested interest in keeping Greenwich a desirable community both for town residents and those who provide services to people who live and work in Greenwich. I believe in supporting local organizations including stores and restaurants. I have enjoyed my years of service on RTM. Getting to know people from all parts of town and from all walks of life is a fascinating aspect of the job. Keeping our level of service high while keeping our taxes low is a challenge.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. Financial- State is reimbursing the Town less and less, which means our taxes will have to go up. 2. Crumbling infrastructure - roads,sewers, schools,etc. need constant updating/replacement. 3. Union contracts - costs keep rising faster than grand list.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments**Number of terms served on RTM:** 20



**Fiorello, Kimberly S.**  
 1 Grove Lane  
 Greenwich 06831  
**Occupation:** Stay-at-home-mom  
**Biography:** Grew up in Virginia. Attended West Point, then transferred to Harvard College, '97, B.A. Economics. Career in finance and journalism. Reporter

for Far Eastern Economic Review and Asian Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong. In Greenwich for 6 years. Mom of school-age children. Volunteer at school, community and church.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

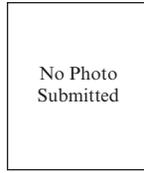
To ensure continued support for high quality education, public safety, health and social services, and open spaces and parks, while maintaining fiscal discipline for future generations of Greenwich residents.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Maintaining our property values Protecting District 7's neighborhood character from overdevelopment Maintaining great services for all townspeople

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Freiberg, Margaret B.G.**  
 15 Zaccheus Mead Ln  
 Greenwich 06831  
**Occupation:** civic volunteer  
**Biography:** -- Over two decades' experience practicing law -- Member, NY State bar and U.S. Supreme Court bar -- Degrees from Harvard and Cornell -- Parent of Greenwich public school

children for over a decade -- Served on selectmen's Community Development Block Grant committee -- Serving/served on three RTM committees

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

The town faces a number of challenges which I would like to play a part in resolving. These include, among others: - deterioration of aging sewer systems, roads, and Town-owned buildings; - inland flooding problems caused by loss of open space - vehicular traffic congestion which degrades residents' quality of life - public school students' overall academic achievement is not commensurate with relative level of town spending on education - prospective impact on the Town of potential state measures responding to state government's fiscal crisis

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

- Given demographic differences in residential geography, and considering some Greenwich schools are operating below-capacity and others over-capacity, by what non-discriminatory means can and should Greenwich best comply with state mandates on racial/ethnic composition of student bodies? - Since state law restricts zoning enforcement in towns lacking what the state deems a sufficient percent of dwelling units priced at levels the state deems affordable, how can and/or should Greenwich avoid urbanization from private construction of massive, dense housing complexes? - To what extent should Greenwich allow construction of large commercial buildings in places where they would adversely affect residential neighborhoods?

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Claims Committee; Legislative & Rules Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 4



**Galvin, William W., III**  
 136 Maple Ave  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Retired / Volunteer  
**Biography:** Yale BA, Columbia MBA. Investment banking followed by career in financial communications, 20 years with my own consultancy. Former board member Big Brothers/Sisters

(NY), Chair World Affairs Forum, Chair Family ReEntry. Greenwich: RTM, IWWA (12 years), former board Dept of Health and Human Services, Selectman's Property Committee. 46-year Greenwich resident.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Greenwich, including the school budget, is a nearly \$500 million enterprise with multiple layers of increasing complexity in the context of a fragile and uncertain state-of-the-state. Our evolving community faces changing priorities and increasingly will be confronted with choices between 'wants' and 'needs' if our tax levels are to be maintained. In this environment, the RTM will be a critical component in TOG's government, requiring its members to be both highly informed and engaged. My multiple involvements in Greenwich coupled with my high level of interest and experience qualify me to continue on the RTM.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

THE issue facing voters is to recognize that EVEN IN GREENWICH, it is no longer business as usual. The state's finances, the flat grand list, changing demographics, rapidly rising union contract settlements, etc. - all impact our ability to evolve the Greenwich of the future. A second issue is that in the future Greenwich citizens/taxpayers will be pressed to consider alternatives and make often difficult choices among competing projects or initiatives, a process in which the RTM has an important role. A third issue/challenge is to maintain the neighborhood character throughout the town in keeping with the POCD.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** BOC - D7 alternate; Health and Human Services - Vice Chair

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 3



**Gamanos, Dean C.**  
 15 Division Street  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Marketing Consultant / Educator  
**Biography:** Have been living in Greenwich for over 17 years where my children attended local schools. Graduated from Columbia University: BA (Government), MBA (Marketing).

Founded the Retele Company, a boutique communications firm and teach entrepreneurship at FIT. Served in the U.S. Navy and am a Greenwich Veterans Council member.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

For Greenwich to continue to be a wonderful place to live it is important for our residents to keep involved. I've participated in the Town's 375th Anniversary parade planning, the Greenwich Veterans' Council and the RTM. It's very rewarding to be a volunteer and to keep Greenwich beautiful, safe, well-managed and fiscally sound (also important to keep our historic houses preserved). With well over 200 representatives the RTM is one of the nation's largest assemblies. As such and with its various committees, the RTM plays an important role in researching, examining and debating important Town issues, with great transparency.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) Excellence for our school system: Greenwich's schools rank in the State's top ten. We must make sure that they continue to excel ( my children attended Elementary, Middle and High School here). 2) Keeping taxes low: District 7 has been a terrific financial "watch dog". We should keep up the oversight without sacrificing services and good governance. 3) Keep our parks and recreation facilities among the best: Our beautiful parks and beaches are among our vital resources. We must maintain them well. If you haven't seen the new Byram playground or Cos Cob park, be sure to go!

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Parks and Recreation

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 2



**Gunn, Hilary A.**  
 64 Zaccheus Mead Ln.  
 Greenwich 06831  
**Occupation:** Writer & Consultant  
**Biography:** Current D7 Vice Chair Lifelong Greenwich resident Attended local public and private schools Graduate of the George Washington University with a degree in Criminal Justice

Currently a writer and consultant, and works as a dispatcher for Call-A-Ride Loves playing bluegrass banjo and vegetarian cooking

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I believe if you're interested in state and national politics, you ought to first be involved on the most local level. The stronger we grow our neighborhoods and towns, the better able we will be to then effect change within broader boundaries. Equally as important, I love this town and her residents fiercely and hope to preserve and perfect our town's charm and unique culture for future generations. I am proud to be a part of a body that brings government and citizenry together to create change and look forward to continuing to do so when reelected.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) The ever-increasing financial burden of local labor agreements, largely unquestioned by those tasked with representing taxpayer interests. Past efforts to remain competitive have spiraled out of control, and threaten our town's financial standing. 2) Unfettered development that is changing the very nature of this town, and threatening the peace of mind and even safety of local residents. Developers come with deep pockets ready to strong-arm the process, constituents deserve a voice fighting for their interests. 3) A consistently uncertain fiscal future for the state of Connecticut, making the creation and control of local spending patterns evermore difficult

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Alternate Delegate, Legislative & Rules Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Jansen, Lucia D.**  
 8 Sidney Lanier Lane  
 Greenwich 06831  
**Occupation:** Former Technology Executive  
**Biography:** RTM (2005 – current) - Budget Overview Committee, (2012-current, Chairman since 2012); Labor Contract Committee (2013-current); Parks and Recreation

Committee (2005-2011, Secretary and Vice Chair 2007-2011). MBA University of Connecticut. Board member: Garden Education Center, Greenwich Green & Clean, Friends of Greenwich Library. Greenwich resident 25 years, married with daughter.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

CT's fiscal crisis, and continued uncertain economic conditions, is requiring all Town leaders, including the RTM, to conduct deep analysis for lowering the cost delivery of town services. Our hard-working families, senior citizens, and diverse town residents should not be asked to endure greater tax burdens. I look forward to continuing to work with my RTM colleagues in analyzing Town spending and looking for greater productivity and efficiency of services. I also seek to implement further reforms with future labor contracts. Finally, equally important, I look forward to participating in the analysis and prioritization of essential town capital infrastructure projects.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1- Maintaining our high quality services in a climate of weak economic growth and the ongoing state fiscal crisis; 2- Hartford imposed new school costs and unfunded state mandates that could impact our local school control and spending; 3- Maintaining the character of our neighborhoods from high density development.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Chairman, Budget Overview Committee; Labor Contracts Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 6



**Hamilton, Donald E.**  
 14 Brookridge Drive  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Investment Manager  
**Biography:** 22 year resident. Founded two funds '93-2015; top research analyst; Kids attended public/private schools. Musical family. RTM Committees-Open Space;Capital Improvement;Secy

Transportation and Legislature & Rules. Supporter traffic calming/safe biking; advocate green and transparent environmental practices and presentation of simplified historical town financial statements. Strong fiscal conservative. Authored Property Tax Study

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Vice Chair Public Works-the centerpiece of all infrastructure which is primary focus of TOG capital spending. Continue as ad-hoc RTM rep to Capital Improvement Committee which ranks proposed spending in each budget cycle. Continue as Environmental Liaison to Public Works, monitoring sewers, drainage, trash collection practices and soil cleanup programs. Continue to push for traffic calming and safety.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) Prioritize services provided with the need for more constrained spending-both to moderate taxation and still enhance Greenwich as the premier community for young and old alike. 2) Assure the RTM remains a voice and an open platform for all Town constituencies. 3) Embrace change and avoid complacency.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Vice Chair of Public Works-Environmental matters

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 5



**Kreuzer, Miriam L.**  
 57 Maple Avenue  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Self-Employed, Community Volunteer  
**Biography:** \* From Portugal, raised in Fall River, Massachusetts. \* Middlebury College, BA International Politics and Economics \* Former Executive Director, Goldman Sachs

Hedge Fund of Funds Group - London office \* Currently mom, investor, owner of small property investment company, ESL teacher and community volunteer \* Greenwich resident since 2010

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Connecticut's fiscal challenges will continue to put pressure on our Town's budget. Our RTM needs to be representative of our diverse community so that decisions are made thoughtfully and not simply arbitrarily or myopically. The wonderful complexity of Greenwich deserves more. I believe the RTM needs reform - a balance of experienced insight and fresh ideas would better serve our diverse town. Lastly, I want to help Greenwich thrive as a place where young families are excited and proud to raise their children - a downtown at full capacity, safe parks and fields, and top-tier schools for all Greenwich children.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. Retention and attraction of business in Greenwich and a thriving downtown. Empty storefronts are always the first sign of decline. 2. A town budget that balances efficiency, thoughtful rigor, and fairness rather than arbitrary reduction. 3. Maintaining and improving the Town's resources so that despite Connecticut's woes, Greenwich continues to be an attractive place for young families.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**McDaniel, Elizabeth “Wynn”**

24 Glen Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Finance Manager

**Biography:**

Grew up in Greenwich, children born in Greenwich Hospital · Married to Andrew - two children, Victoria and William · Work

in Corporate Finance at IBM · Active in Community and volunteer organizations · Avid tennis player!

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I believe if you want to influence things, you need to be involved, and not sit on the sideline and criticize decisions made by Town Leaders. I want to understand how the Town operates and the decision process they go through when dealing with large capital projects, budget issues, private development that may affect open space, etc. I have seen a lot of change over the years, and am concerned that Greenwich is growing into a big city and losing perspective on why people come to Greenwich to live.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) Unknown financial implications to the Town due to Connecticut not having a Budget- we need to make sure that we control our spending and look toward greater efficiencies in our Town government 2) Changing charm and character of our neighborhoods given over development 3) Spending levels in Town given our shrinking Grand List – the RTM needs to scrutinize the Town’s budget to make sure that we are not growing our Town’s government and looking to consolidating services where it makes sense.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Health and Human Services

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Orphys, Henry A.**

4 Dearfield Lane  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** Software entrepreneur

**Biography:** I was born and raised in New Orleans and have lived in Greenwich since October of 1995. I am a tax lawyer and CPA. I have worked as in-house tax corporate counsel and Vice

President of Tax for major corporations. I have also worked as a municipal finance attorney.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

After 35 years in the workforce I have accumulated broad experience in finance, tax and legal matters that I believe can be useful to the Town. As a former municipal finance attorney representing towns issue municipal bonds I am also familiar with municipal finance matters. I hope to use the skills I learned in the corporate world to help the Town deal with the fiscal pressure being placed on it by the State of Connecticut while respecting the economic needs of Greenwich’s citizens. I also hope to bring to the RTM an analytical, fact-based approach to the Town’s spending decisions.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. Maintaining town services in the face of the State of Connecticut’s fiscal crisis without placing undue burdens on Greenwich’s taxpayers. 2. The danger that the strong feelings generated by the last Presidential election will adversely affect the relationships among members of the Town’s government. Whatever a person’s view of the national political situation may be, those views should not prevent members of the RTM and other Greenwich officials from working together collaboratively to resolve local issues important to all Town residents. 3. The erosion of the town’s tax base.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Perry, Elizabeth A.**

24 Maple Avenue  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** High School Principal

**Biography:** I have worked in education for 22 years, first as a high school English teacher and now as the principal at a private school. I volunteer through our church and with groups in

town. We moved to Greenwich about 6 years ago and have two children in the public schools.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Being a high school principal gives me a lot of practice listening to all sides of an issue and making decisions. I am fair-minded, ethical, and patient. I’m running for the RTM because I care about our town. We have outstanding public services like our schools, libraries, and GEMS, as well as spectacular natural resources like our parks and waterfront. I love how diverse and vibrant Greenwich is. At the same time, our town is facing challenges, especially budgetary ones, and I’d like to be part of the RTM to help the town address those challenges responsibly.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. The proposed charter change to the Board of Education may come before the RTM. I believe the BOE should remain balanced and nonpartisan. 2. The State budget fiasco will likely have implications for us in Greenwich. As an RTM member, I would listen to residents of District 7 to learn their priorities. 3. The RTM itself could operate more efficiently and communicate more proactively with town residents. I support the recommendations made by the Greenwich League of Women Voters.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Reyna, Luis G.**

49 Hillside Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Chief Credit Officer, DBRS Inc

**Biography:** Luis has been a Greenwich resident since 2001. He works as the Chief Credit Officer at DBRS, a credit rating agency. Luis received a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from

Caltech in 1983 and worked as scientist at IBM and in different areas of finance at Moody’s, Merrill Lynch, and SwissRe.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I love living in Greenwich and want to contribute to my town. I have background in education, finance, and environmental issues. I am currently in the advisory board at NYU for the Master of Finance and at Villanova for the Quantitative Finance Program. I think that my knowledge in those areas will be very useful to our town.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

The finances of Greenwich are currently challenged by changes at the state level and we need to continue to focus on our budget prioritizing the different areas. The quality of the education of our children is likely our most important issue and we need to continue the excellence of our schools. Finally, traffic is an issue that continues to deteriorate.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Ryan, John P.**  
61 Weaver Street  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** Business Development

**Biography:** John works in business development for the credit card processing industry. His role involves planning, strategy, revenue development, communication, support and training.

John has been an RTM Representative for District 7 since 2014. John is married with 3 children that attend Greenwich Public Schools.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

John is interested in seeing responsible budgeting and spending by our town. John believes Greenwich needs to attract new residents to support our real estate market and new businesses to fill vacant retail and office space in town. John believes in the importance of supporting our public schools.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

John believes the three most important issues facing Greenwich today include carefully managing our town budget and spending, improving town wide real estate values and rebuilding our New Lebanon School.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 2



**Sidor, Catherine G.**  
20 Church Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Marketing Consultant

**Biography:** Ms. Sidor has enjoyed a career managing nonprofits in Fairfield County and NYC. A Greenwich resident since 2008, she joined the LWVG, is a Republican Town Committee

alternate, the Recording Secretary for BET meetings, and appointed to the First Selectman's Economic Advisory Committee. Catherine holds a Master's degree from NYU.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Catherine Sidor is seeking re-election to the RTM because she believes it is a forum for Town resident discussions of a growing community's priorities at a critical point in the political decision-making process. She wants to participate in the debate that fashions the quality of Greenwich's livability and commercial vitality and how it supports those choices. In valuing Greenwich's character of creating public/private partnerships, encouraging civic volunteerism and investing in infrastructure that facilitates its lifestyle, Ms. Sidor hopes to contribute to realizing the Town's future promise.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

The Town's challenges are many: soil pollution remediation; any compromise to its water supply; the possibility of land condemnation for a new high-speed train route; the potential for disruption during implementation of the Greenwich Avenue Streetscape improvements; the prospect of erosion of the Town's tax base; infrastructure maintenance cost; the uncertainty of future Federal and State reimbursements. A Vision for the Town's future that meets challenges based on residents' commitment to developing it through community dialogue is a proud Greenwich tradition.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Public Works, Community Block Grant

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Snyder, Berrin**  
88 Round Hill Road  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** Real Estate

**Biography:** Greenwich Academy University of Pennsylvania Realtor with William Raveis I enjoyed an idyllic childhood here, attending YWCA summer camp, Audubon summer camps,

sailing camps, OG Summer Youth Festival, still cherishing those memories. My three children attended GCDS, Parkway, and CMS where I volunteered in addition to various community service organizations.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Having lived here and loved this town all my life, I feel compelled to help preserve all that is wonderful in a community where each resident has a voice; where every citizen can enjoy the amenities, beauty, and charm of our landscape and architecture; where young and elderly can choose from an abundance of cultural, sporting, and intellectual activities; where residents have access to splendid parks, beaches, libraries, museums, and schools. The level of services this town must provide is astounding and resources are limited. I want to represent you in safeguarding all that is special about Greenwich.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Growth affects all aspects of town life: neighborhood congestion, traffic, safety, open space, pollution, streetscape, infrastructure, budget, and character of the town. Will Greenwich remain a community or become a shopping destination and commuter workplace? Related to growth is budget, and constituents' involvement through attending public hearings, and contacting town officials or the RTM is crucial as we attempt to fund desired capital improvement projects while updating and maintaining our aging infrastructure and providing services despite Connecticut's enormous budget deficit and cuts in local funding. The Westchester Airport expansion is something to watch. Stay tuned and please attend public forums.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use alternate, Appointments alternate

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Szymczak, Luke T.**  
2 Andrews Rd  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Finance

**Biography:** As a nearly-20-year resident of Greenwich, I have extensive experience in finance, financial markets, technology, communications, and media that I developed while working

for both major financial institutions and for technology companies. I have a BS in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I have lived in Greenwich for nearly 20 years, and feel fortunate to live in a town that has an amazing array of people who work together in support of programs and institutions that contribute to an extremely high quality of life for families and residents of all ages. I bring a unique perspective to town government thanks to a combination of experience in engineering, finance, financial markets, and education. I believe that Greenwich will be able to maintain its greatness, despite challenges presented by Connecticut's financial problems, if we as a town make prudent choices about our future.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. Continuing to maintain the quality of life and broad range of services that Greenwich residents have, and expect in the future. 2. Improving the quality of public schools. Our school system should be the best in the NYC area and the US. All citizens would benefit because schools are a key determinant of Greenwich property values. 3. Restoring fiscal discipline: Greenwich has accumulated debt of ~\$500 million because of spending exceeding tax receipts and poor pension fund performance. If not addressed, this ongoing mismatch between tax receipts and spending will require either service reductions or even higher tax increases.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 2

**Warner, M. Michael**

15 Lafayette Court Apt 1-F  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** I'm a retired Human Resources executive in the technology and manufacturing industries responsible for managing Compensation, Benefit, Labor Contracts and

Employee Relations programs. Consulted installing corporate defined-contribution pension plans. RTM since 2007; Chair of Finance Committee, (two terms), Labor Contracts Committee, Public Works and Legislative and Rules Committee.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I want to continue to influence RTM decisions on Labor Relations, Compensation, Pension and Staffing issues in Town government. I believe it's possible to have a lean, effective Town government while maintaining Town services and our quality of life. Further, I want to use my leverage as an RTM member to stop the unchecked growth of commercial developers in District 7, and to mobilize the community against the unwarranted expansion of auto dealerships and developers in the District who threaten our quality of life, clog our roads and endanger our natural environment, including wetlands and open spaces.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Stemming the uncontrolled increases in labor cost in Town departments. Controlling operating budgets while maintaining the current level of Town services while preserving the quality of life for all our citizens. Protecting our residential communities from the unchecked growth of commercial enterprises, such as auto dealerships.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance Committee (Chairman), Labor Contracts Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 5