

For State Representative – 118th District (Milford)

Kim Rose (Democratic, Working Families, Independent)

1. Why are you running for this office?

I have had the honor of serving as Milford's State Representative for the past six years. I am recognized as being able to work across party lines and I have been endorsed by the Democrats, the Milford Independent Party and the Working Families Party. I am seeking re-election to continue putting Milford's interests first.

I became active in politics when a developer had proposed a large affordable housing project that would radically change a neighborhood. We organized the neighbors and defeated the project. After that fight I ran for and won a seat on the Planning and Zoning Board. It became clear to me that many of the issues we were fighting against were created in Hartford and when the opportunity presented itself to run for State Representative to bring the fight to Hartford, I ran and won the seat.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

Government should be there to help people not make it harder, we need bring common-sense solutions to Hartford. I get frustrated with folks in Hartford that lose sight of what is really important:

Investing in early childhood initiatives, they produce the best return on investment of any program we do. Helping kids get on the right path for the future helps us all but it seems when money is spent in the budget return on investment is forgotten.

We need to work towards making CT business friendly, reducing red tape and increasing our investments in maintaining and recruiting businesses here in CT.

I was happy to support a state budget last year that allowed Milford to actually lower our property taxes. I believe government can be more efficient, programs need to be streamlined and budgets need to be tightened and every program needs to be as efficient as possible.

3. Do you believe there are barriers to voting in Connecticut? If so, what would you do the eliminate them?

Every citizen of the United States has the right to vote. It is one of the things that makes our country great but with today's work schedules sometime it is hard to get to the polling place. Connecticut has fallen behind on making it easier for people to vote, I think we should follow the lead of other states around the county and allow early voting for our citizens.

Rick Varrone (Republican)

No response received.