

For State Representative - 21<sup>st</sup> District (Farmington and Unionville)

**Mike Demicco** (Democratic, Working Families)

*1) Why are you running for this office?*

I would like to continue as State Representative for the 21st District (Farmington and Unionville) because I believe I have provided my constituents with honest, conscientious, and fair representation in the General Assembly for the past four years. I have listened to the concerns of my neighbors, and have acted on those concerns.

In the important areas of constituent service and legislative initiatives, I have worked hard to improve people's daily lives. I have protected state aid for my town, secured grants for numerous municipal improvement projects, helped to lower water and electricity bills, improved the state's ambulance responder system, and expanded services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

*2) What are your top three legislative priorities?*

My top four legislative priorities are:

- enhancing the business climate and creating jobs
- investing in higher education and workforce development
- improving our transportation infrastructure
- making our tax policy more equitable

Each of these initiatives would make Connecticut more economically competitive, and enhance our already enviable quality of life.

During my tenure, we have made strides in each of these areas, although more needs to be done. We have invested in good-paying, high tech bioscience and manufacturing industries; made capital available to businesses seeking to remain and expand their operations in Connecticut; encouraged co-operation between schools and the business community; invested in transportation for the 21st century; and examined our tax policy for fairness and equity.

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

I would support legislation to reduce restrictions on voting and voter registration, which will increase voter participation and strengthen our democracy.

Many other states have devised ways to increase voter registration and allow for early voting, voting from home, convenience absentee ballots, etc., without opening the door to voter fraud and abuse. Connecticut needs to do the same.

**Chris Forster** (Republican, Independent)

No response received