For State Representative – 36th District

Bob Siegrist (Republican, Independent)

1. Why are you running for this office?
I love the lower Connecticut River Valley!
I grew up in this area and graduated from Haddam Killingworth High School and obtained my Bachelor of Arts degree from Quinnipiac University. My own career includes the satisfaction of completing a hard day's work in addition to working a part time job.
Many of us know family members and friends who have experienced job loss or moved out of state for economic reasons. For those who remain, we question the future of our small towns. This trend must change! Those you elect to represent you need to think differently and take a fresh approach to solving the issues confronting our district.
I will focus on what truly impacts your day-to-day lives. The budget, the economy, job growth, and taxes. Each of these influence your quality of life, are critical to reviving the State, and are necessary to creating opportunities in our communities.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?
PRIORITIZING THE BUDGET
Our budget process is broken. Each year the legislative session is extended to develop a budget. From day one, I will advocate for a budget that works for our small towns. Your legislator owes you that. We are faced with a $2.5 billion deficit and we should solve this immediately.
GROW THE ECONOMY
Connecticut's economy continues its downward spiral. Economic analysts rank Connecticut as one of the least business friendly states. I will address government spending and reduce the tax burden, improve people's lives, and return economic growth to Connecticut.
REDUCE PENSION LIABILITIES
Connecticut does not have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem. We need to restructure future pension and health care programs while moving new state employees to a 401(k) like program. We can return fiscal health of the state and reduce the future tax burden on you, your children, and your grandchildren.
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3. Do you believe there are barriers to voting in Connecticut? If so, what would you do the eliminate them?
If anyone does not have an adequate opportunity to vote, that is a problem. We need to work together to streamline the voting process while maintaining the integrity of the voting process.

Philip Miller (Democratic)
No response received.