

For State Representative – 80<sup>th</sup> District

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

I am concerned about the direction of our state government. I believe we should be spending and taxing less and making Connecticut more friendly to businesses and consumers. I would like our state to be at the top of the list of best places to live for everyone – from young working people who want to start a family, for retired seniors, and everyone between. I believe we need better priorities and better planning in our state budgeting process to accomplish the above without damaging our state's economy, hospitals, those in need, or further raising taxes. In short, less busways, less bronze statues, and more emphasis on what is critical to the future of our state and also an appropriate function of state government, like maintaining our existing transportation infrastructure and providing for public safety.

*2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?*

- 1) Make Connecticut more friendly to live and work.
- 2) More responsible budgeting – less wasteful spending, less taxes
- 3) Protect civil liberties and defend constitutional protections on liberty

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

I believe it is easier to vote now than ever in the history of our state and country so no I don't. I do however, have grave concerns about the integrity of elections and feel that we need to do everything possible to make sure that we have fair and honest elections. Same day voter registration and providing driver's licenses to illegal aliens are two recent policy adoptions in our state that should cause us concern.