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What Fiscal Responsibility Really Means

BY ED EDELSON

As Southbury's First Selectman, I experienced the impact of fiscal volatility firsthand as each year we were left guessing as to the extent of "municipal aid" we'd receive from the State. Fortunately, over the last decade Connecticut has made significant progress through the implementation of four fiscal guardrails - Spending Cap, Volatility Cap, Revenue Cap, and Bonding Limits - that any proposed budget must meet in order to move forward with approval.



These measures, initially met with skepticism, have helped the state manage budget deficits and funding volatility, allowed for significant tax cuts, improved pension funding, and enhanced the state's bond rating. Despite the progress, challenges remain that will require knowledgeable legislators to balance financial discipline with the state's diverse needs and adapt to the current financial environment.

While the current measures have placed Connecticut on secure financial footing, some legislators argue that we now hold excessive funds. The challenge for new legislators in 2025 will be to fine-tune these caps and decide on the allocation of surplus funds, potentially lowering taxes or funding social programs and infrastructure. With extensive budgeting experience, I will emphasize the importance of balancing short-term needs with long-term investments. I am committed to navigating the upcoming budget cycle with thorough preparation and community engagement.

Read the full blog post and learn more about my effort by going to www.edelson4ct.com.

Letters to the editor: Finds Edelson Honest and Thoughtful

To the Editor:

Have you ever felt that your political representative doesn't hear you or care what you think or need? I know that I have experienced this in the past.

I am happy to say that I have now experienced knowing someone who is running for political office who takes the time to be available to his constituents and respond to their concerns and ideas. Ed Edelson, who is running for the position of State Representative for the 69th Assembly District, has demonstrated his willingness to be available and responsive to anyone who has questions, concerns or ideas that impact Connecticut.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-9, Ed and a group of supporters went on a "Walk across the District." The group followed three predetermined routes within the 69th Legislative District, through the towns of Southbury, Roxbury and Bridgewater and New Milford.

Ed was willing to meet up with any resident along the three routes to hear their questions and concerns and inform them of his views and his intentions for his term of service to Connecticut. I so appreciate Ed's thoughtful consideration on the issues and laws currently on the table for Connecticut. He thoroughly studies all sides of the issues and separates out his personal and political opinions. He is willing to hear opposing views and discuss the implications of each proposed course of action.

If you want to get honest and thoughtful answers to the questions you have about today's issues, I suggest you take the time to get to know Ed Edelson. He will truthfully respond to you irrespective of your political party or affiliation. If elected, Ed will represent all the people.

Madeline Ventre, Southbury
June 26, 2024

Volunteer Spotlight:

Jeremy Klein Farrell,

Digital Communications and Web Design



Jeremy Klein Farrell is a 28 year old queer autistic individual who has lived in Western Connecticut their entire lives. He is a professional Autistic Advocate where he provides many services including specialized tutoring and mentoring, being a certified Life Skills Coach on the CT Autism Waiver, and professional speaking on creating deeper understandings between autistic and non-autistic individuals.

He is also a passionate social justice activist/organizer. He cares deeply about people and the unique perspectives we all bring to our communities. This has led him to positions as the Rally Coordinator of Justice Southbury, the Vice President of Regional Affairs for the Young Democrats of Connecticut, a member of the admin team for Not Just Us, a prominent organizer against LGBT focused book bans in Western CT, and a proud worker on many great campaigns. Through this Jeremy has repeatedly pushed for all voices to be listened to, especially those often overlooked.

His love for his communities goes beyond his jobs and activism. He also volunteers on the Brookfield Arts Commission where he helps run the yearly film festival which supports up and coming artists throughout Connecticut. He also sits on the Board of Directors for A Little Compassions, which oversees The Nest, an incredible coffee shop/ gift shop/ social space dedicated to improving the lives of neurodivergent individuals and their families.

He knows passion, excitement, and investment are what really makes campaigns run smoothly, and has been thrilled to see all of that in full force throughout the Edelson for Connecticut Campaign. It is particularly exciting to him to be working with Ed as he has known him for years as a private citizen. After seeing how he acts when not running for office and seeing him prioritize the same principles of loving and understanding our neighbors, Jeremy was confident this was a campaign he wanted to be part of.

When not working on one of the million things he does Jeremy is almost certainly either listening to or talking about music, a special interest of his since childhood. He also enjoys playing dungeons & dragons, watching lengthy video essays on YouTube, and making art of all kinds.

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9:00 - 11:00am

Bridgewater Village Store & Bistro
27 Main Street S, Bridgewater



COMING SOON

Saturday, August 10th
9:00 - 11:00am

Hudson's Bistro
466 Heritage Road, Southbury



SOUTHBURY DEMOCRATS *Summer Picnic*

Sunday, August 4th
12:00 - 3:00PM

Ballentine Park Pavillion
611 Old Field Road
Southbury, CT 06488

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