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The Future of the Southbury Training School - Part Three: Personnel Village and Development Authority

BY ED EDELSON

The Southbury Training School (STS) property is facing an uncertain future, as the school is set to close once its last resident leaves. I've worked on finding a future for the STS before, particularly between 2011-2015, but there is still much to be done. A major challenge is repurposing the Personnel Village for affordable housing, particularly for seniors and the workforce, which would benefit the region. If elected, I would work to address bureaucratic roadblocks and ensure progress on this effort.



The Personnel Village, built in 1955 for STS staff, has largely been abandoned. However, its location, with access to public utilities, makes it a prime spot for affordable housing. In 2012, I supported the proposal to use the 45-acre site for senior housing. This resulted in legislation providing Southbury long-term use of the land for this purpose. However, when the state deprioritized senior housing in favor of multi-generational housing, efforts stalled. I continued advocating for change, even after my term as First Selectman ended, and recently, I supported a Planning recommendation to modify the legislation to allow both senior and multi-generational projects, which would open more funding opportunities.

Moving forward, I aim to resolve the legislative inconsistencies hindering the development of the Personnel Village. By leveraging successful models like the Capitol Region Development Authority (CRDA), we could chart a future for the entire STS campus, including the Personnel Village. If elected, I would advocate for this approach and work to bring in state support to see this development become a reality, benefiting the town, region, and state.

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

Letter to the Editor: Unaffiliated for Ed Edelson

As an unaffiliated or independent voter, am I considered to be disinterested in politics as opposed to a 'political junky'? Are we more open minded than party loyalists? Are we at a disadvantage in being unaffiliated or independent?

True, we cannot vote in primaries in CT, but we are freer to choose which issues speak to us because we are not chained to particular party preferences and are able to consider the value of an issue based solely on its merits as we are not tied to party loyalty.

In these times, it seems if one party says 'yes' to a matter, the other party automatically has a negative knee-jerk reaction and says 'no' in order to tow the party line. Opposing points of view appear to operate on the premise of what will benefit that party's agenda as opposed to what is best for our city, state or country.

Now to the gist of this letter: this unaffiliated voter likes Ed Edelson for the 69th District House of Representatives because Ed is concerned about the future of Southbury not because the opposition doesn't want him to win.

Specifically, he cares about the prospects of the Southbury Training School, considers public safety and emergency response programs, is in favor of fiscal responsibility, championed a remembrance of a 1937 story when Southbury said no to Nazi training camps here, is running a clean, intelligent campaign, and is opposed to political violence. He favors transparency and accountability and is proactive and synergistic in dealing with everyone he comes in contact with. With priorities and character traits like these, we will be very fortunate to have Ed serve as our representative from the 69th district.

Doris Sommers, September 7, 2024

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