



LYME ELECTION NEWS

BE A VOTER!

We have an excellent opportunity this November to place some talented, extremely qualified, hard-working Democratic candidates into office. We have a great shot at electing Dave Rubino as our district's first Democratic state representative in many years. We need to re-elect Norm Needleman to the state senate and Joe Courtney to the U.S. Congress. And it goes without saying that we must put Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in the White House. However you choose to do it this year – by absentee ballot or by going in person to the polls on Nov. 3 – please, be a voter.

- John Kiker, Chairman, Lyme DTC



Be a Voter: Elect Dave Rubino as State Representative for the 23rd District

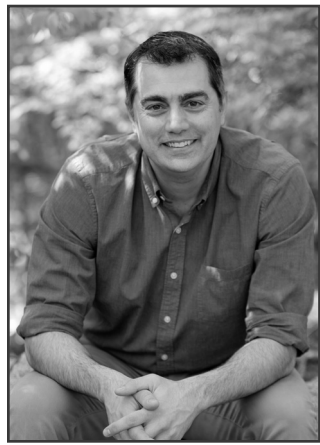
by Anna González James

In an opinion piece in the “New York Times” over the summer, Thomas Friedman wrote, “This may be the beginning of the end of our democracy.” While it would appear to be incomprehensible, the reality is it has never been more plausible. Voting and electing the right candidate for each and every office is imperative – and that’s why it’s essential we elect David Rubino as our new state representative for the 23rd District.

David – who goes by Dave – is challenging Republican incumbent Devin Carney for the seat. As a human rights attorney, Dave has spent most of his career promoting American democratic values abroad, and his background and expertise will be invaluable in the months and years ahead.

A graduate of Tufts University and Fordham Law, he initially worked in New York City representing large multinational companies. While he found the work to be engaging, it was not rewarding. He quickly identified human rights as an area of focus and assumed a position training human-rights lawyers overseas.

Dave’s work in developing countries prepared him well for the work that needs to be done in our own country. The crux of his work focused on supporting human rights and women’s rights, fighting corruption and human trafficking, and advocating for fair elections and legislative reform. Given the current political climate and challenges, Dave has exactly the right experience to address the pressing issues in our state.



Dave Rubino

When you consider the multipronged crisis confronting our state and country – a pandemic, an economic downturn, extreme divisiveness,

a national movement for racial justice and our declining status in the world – Dave is well prepared to proactively address the following issues:

- ★ **Climate Change.** Dave will advocate for environmental policies that reflect a realistic understanding of the risks and challenges that we face. A firm believer in science, he will listen to experts to ensure his decisions are informed and will have a positive impact on his constituency.
- ★ **Racial Justice.** A leader in local racial and social justice initiatives, Dave will continue to strive to bring about meaningful change in education reform, affordable housing and police accountability.
- ★ **Health Care.** Dave believes health care is a human right. He is a strong advocate of guaranteed health insurance and intends to ensure Connecticut has an affordable and functioning health care system.
- ★ **COVID-19.** Dave believes an ill-informed federal response has failed to protect our country. His priority will be advocating for and supporting comprehensive state and national recovery plans that address the repercussions of COVID-19 on families, the workforce and the economy.
- ★ **Economic Growth.** With a focus on travel and tourism, infrastructure and small business, Dave will push economic policies that will help keep our area attractive to business and support working families. He is an advocate of a viable minimum wage and intends to address the problems of excessive student debt and wealth disparity.
- ★ **Education.** The school closures and distance learning brought about by the pandemic have had a dramatic impact on students, teachers and families. Dave will work closely with our school districts to ensure that smart policies and adequate resources ensure success for all students and safeguard the safety of teachers and families.
- ★ **Voting Rights.** Dave is fully committed to taking action which will make our democracy truly participatory by addressing systemic constraints that impede voters in our state – specifically people of color, the poor and young people – from voting.
- ★ **Women’s Rights.** Throughout his career, Dave has fought hard to ensure economic justice for women. He supports initiatives that ensure pay equity, affordable housing, childcare, a woman’s right to choose and ending violence against women.



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Although there is clearly a high degree of polarization within our society, Dave is committed to working tirelessly to develop a consensus and forge bipartisan solutions. While he is a progressive Democrat, all of his international work has been bipartisan in nature – supported by both Democratic and Republican administrations. He knows how to bring people to the table when it counts.

As former Connecticut Secretary of the State Miles Rapoport stated, “I’m proud to stand with someone whose values I believe in. I have known Dave for years, and I’ve watched his work with great admiration. Dave has litigated national voting rights cases, fought against government corruption, supported the rights of women, and been effective on every issue he has worked on. He is just the kind of person we need in the Connecticut legislature in these challenging times.”

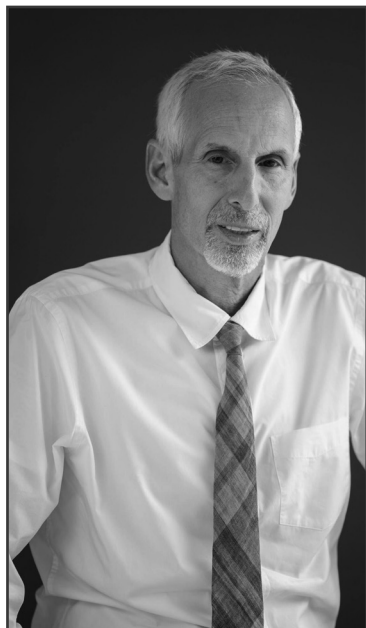
We need to put Dave in office to represent us and our values. Let’s elect Dave Rubino as our State Representative for the 23rd District. You can support his campaign by donating or volunteering at www.rubino2020.com.

Be a Voter: Re-Elect Norm Needleman

by John Kiker

Norm Needleman is running for reelection as the Democratic candidate for the 33rd State Senate District. Norm’s approach to public service as a first selectman and as a state senator has been to build consensus, reject partisan politics and forge common-sense solutions to the most challenging problems.

His leadership abilities and management skills have produced singular results: lower taxes and financial stability in small town government, balanced budgets, bipartisan cooperation at the state level, and success in enacting key initiatives in education, job creation and benefits for senior citizens.



Norm Needleman

Norm serves as senate chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, vice chair of the Planning and Development Committee, and is a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Transportation and Commerce Committees.

In his role as co-chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, Norm was instrumental in passing legislation that over the next 10 years will lead to approximately one-third of the state’s energy requirements being sourced from renewable wind power. This initiative will help provide a stable, long-term energy supply for the state, and fulfill the promise of a carbon-free energy future by 2040.

Norm’s work has also resulted in significant successes benefiting the 33rd District, including these three key legislative initiatives: Police officers and firefighters can now receive treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder; Connecticut lakes, ponds and rivers now have increased protection from invasive species through a new funding program; and the age of access for tobacco products has been raised from 18 to 21.

His approach is simple: Put people and their needs ahead of party politics. This common-sense approach has made him a respected problem solver, and added to his impact as the voice of the 33rd District in Hartford. He has been able to forge bipartisan and often unanimous support for legislation by seeking consensus, rejecting partisan politics, and fostering an open and inclusive exchange of views.

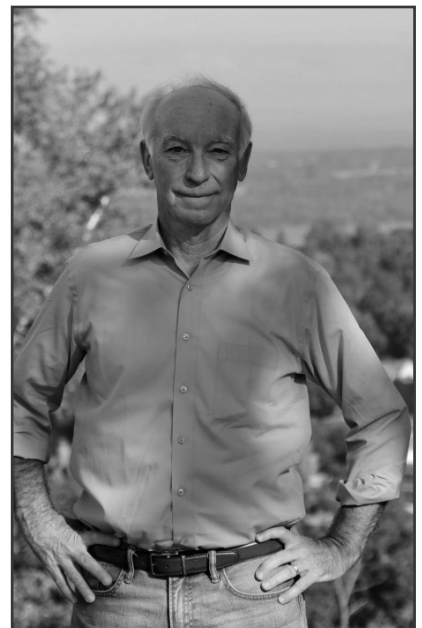
Let’s re-elect Norm Needleman to the State Senate this November.

Be a Voter: Re-Elect Joe Courtney

by Carol House

Joe Courtney is our voice in the U.S. House of Representatives, and he uses that voice to make a difference in our national defense, environment and the welfare of people here on the Connecticut shoreline.

Joe has strengthened our sea defense from his influential positions as chair of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, and as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus. He has led the call for submarine redesign and production, helped secure critical funding



Joe Courtney



for SUBASE New London, and helped provide targeted funding to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy amid COVID-19. Joe is a tireless advocate for our men and women in uniform, receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the Connecticut National Guard.

Joe Courtney supports Connecticut agriculture and fisheries. As a vocal proponent for the nearly 2,500 farmers across eastern Connecticut, he has worked to keep family farms together and productive. Just recently, Joe’s efforts paid off when USDA announced expanded federal assistance to Connecticut shellfish farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance program.

The Eightmile River is now a part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, thanks to a law introduced by Courtney.

He continues his dedication to preserving our green space and protecting our environment.

While working on issues that are important to Connecticut voters, Joe has also helped secure funding for important projects in our district. In recent examples, UCONN was awarded \$768,000 for research on crumbling concrete foundations, while several fire departments in eastern Connecticut received large grants from FEMA.

We need him to continue representing us and our values. Let’s re-elect Joe Courtney to the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 3.

Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot

- ★ The absentee ballot packet you receive contains four items: the outer envelope (designated with the letter “C”); the inner envelope (designated with the letter “B”); an instruction pamphlet; and the ballot.
- ★ Fill out your ballot, darkening only one oval per column. You may see the candidate you wish to vote for listed more than once – which indicates they were endorsed by more than one party. Do not fill in all ovals for that candidate; darken one oval only.
- ★ Insert the completed ballot into the inner “B” envelope and seal the envelope. You must sign and date this envelope in order for your vote to count. Ballots in unsigned envelopes will not be counted.
- ★ Insert the inner “B” envelope into the outer “C” envelope and seal the outer envelope.
- ★ Drop your completed ballot into the Official Ballot Drop Box on the sidewalk outside Lyme Town Hall.

Poll Hours & Location

- ★ Voting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Lyme Town Hall at 480 Hamburg Road.
- ★ The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rides to the Polls or Drop Box on Election Day

If you or someone you know needs a ride to Lyme Town Hall on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 3) to vote in person or place their absentee ballot in the Official Ballot Drop Box, please contact John Kiker at 646-468-6760.





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Same-Day Voter Registration on Nov. 3

If you haven't registered to vote yet, you can register to vote on the day of the election
(Tuesday, Nov. 3) at Lyme Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

To be eligible for same-day voter registration:

- ★ You must meet the state's general eligibility requirements for voting.
- ★ You must not have registered to vote before in Connecticut - or - you must have registered to vote in another Connecticut town, but have since that time moved to Lyme.

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