

Middlesex Coalition for CHILDREN

2014 Candidates Guide

A Guide to the Candidates for the Connecticut General Assembly Representing Towns in Middlesex County

The Middlesex Coalition for Children's mission is to improve the lives of children growing up in Middletown and Middlesex County. The Coalition holds public meetings monthly on issues important to children. It convenes task forces to mobilize and coordinate community efforts to address specific children's issues, and advocates for children at the local, state and national levels.

Please join us for our meetings every second Thursday of the month at the Dekoven House at 9 am. Sept-May

Middlesex County by Town



District Representation by Town

Some towns have multiple districts. You can go to cga.ct.gov/red2011 to find your district.

State Senate

District 9	Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield
District 12	Bradford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, Madison, and North Branford
District 13	Cheshire Middlefield, Middletown, and Meriden
District 20	Bozrah, East Lyme, Montville, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem, Waterford
District 33	Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook
District 34	Wallingford, Durham, North Haven, and East Haven

State House of Representatives

District 23	Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook
District 32	Cromwell and Portland
District 33	Middletown
District 34	East Hampton, East Haddam, and Colchester
District 35	Clinton, Killingworth, and Westbrook
District 36	Haddam, Chester, Deep River, and Essex
District 82	Middlefield and Meriden
District 86	North Branford, Guilford, Wallingford, and Durham
District 100	Middletown
District 101	Madison and Durham

Sample Questions for the Candidates

Education

- 1) Do you support the continued implementation of the Common Core standards in CT schools? What is working and what isn't?
- 2) If a student leaves their school district for a magnet school, the home district pays the costs. Some districts complain that prioritizing flexibility for the individual student puts the district in a financial bind. What do you think about the way we pay for magnet schools? Would you make any changes to the system?
- 3) Connecticut is making slow progress in closing the achievement gap. What needs to be done that is presently not happening?

Children's Mental/Behavioral Health

- 1) Advances in neuroscience documented a new understanding of the damaging effects of toxic stress and trauma on developing brains. As a result of PA 13-178, DCF is developing a children's behavioral health plan and we expect to see changes to the system of home visitation, early intervention and mental health services to treat and prevent mental health issues in Connecticut's young children. What do you think are the most important aspects of the plan and are you committed to making sure that resources are available to allow for effective implementation of programs?

Early Childhood

- 1) How can we ensure that every child in Connecticut has access to preschool before attending kindergarten? How would you pay for it? Is it worth raising taxes for?
- 2) Early Childhood programs are held to high quality standards: staff must hold BA and AA degrees and programs must be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. What can be done to ensure state-funded programs are provided the dollars to fairly compensate the staff caring for our most vulnerable children?
- 3) Brain development is most rapid in the first three years of life. What should Connecticut be doing to insure that our youngest children have every opportunity for excellent health, nutrition and nurturing in the first 1,000 days of their life? How can we commit more resources to quality programs that care for infants and toddlers?

Juvenile Justice

- 1) School-based arrests account for one in ten CT juveniles referred to court. The U.S. Department of Justice & Department of Education recently issued a comprehensive school discipline guidance package; it makes clear the case against zero-tolerance policies, and urges school districts to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with police departments that clarifies how discipline will be handled in a graduated-response manner - keeping responses to low-level misbehavior in the school (with the teacher, guidance counselor, principal, etc.) and not in the hands of law enforcement. These MOU's are working and school-based arrests are declining, shifting toward less expensive and more effective methods of discipline. From your perspective, how can we shift the culture of discipline away from zero-tolerance and arresting children for minor misbehavior, and support positive, safe school climate?

Sample Questions for the Candidates (Continued)

Juvenile Justice (Continued)

2) CT is doing a better job of diverting kids from juvenile justice system involvement, saving the intense and expensive resources of court for only the more serious cases. Diversion programs can include Juvenile Review Boards, Mediation, and community based prevention - they're often better at holding a young person accountable and preventing more misbehavior in the future. Is it realistic to think that there is money out there to increase these types of programs? What is the likelihood that money saved by diversion can be re-invested in communities instead of put back into the general fund?

3) Children of color are over-represented in the juvenile justice system compared to their white peers. What do you think we need to do better to make sure children of all races and ethnicities are treated fairly?

Family Support

1) The Connecticut Department of Social Services has had a difficult time bringing its new benefits line up to full capacity. Wait times are long and people have lost benefits unnecessarily. What solutions can you see to improve their system? Is the department of social services doing enough to improve wait times? Do you have first-hand experience with anyone who has lost their benefits and is the state doing the right things to fix the problem?

Please Get Involved!

Many candidates are in competitive races. Other candidates are running unopposed. Either way, if there is a candidate you support, we urge you to get involved.

In this guide, we have listed candidate addresses, contact information, and volunteer contacts, when possible.

So take one night and make phone calls, go door to door, put up a lawn sign, and tell your friends why you support your candidate.

Every little bit helps and, in a small state like Connecticut, a small margin can win or lose an election.

We hope you'll spend even an hour working for those who work for us.

Governor's Race



Dannel "Dan" Malloy
Democrat

Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman are committed to making Connecticut a leader in educating our young people, putting students on a path to success and developing talent at all ages. That's why they passed bipartisan education reform and continue to increase funding to Connecticut's local classrooms. Connecticut is already seeing these investments pay off as graduation rates have increased by 3.7 percent over the last four years, our students are topping national lists in reading and math, and we are beginning to close the achievement gap. Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman have invested to open over 1,000 seats for pre-K students in low-income school districts in 2014. Connecticut will achieve universal access to pre-K by 2019 with an additional 4,000 seats available to strengthen each child's foundational cognitive and critical thinking skills in pre-reading and math

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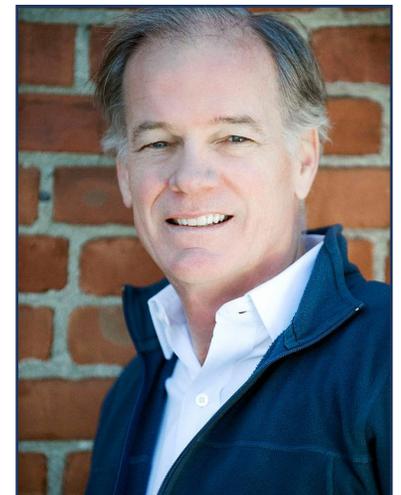
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Tom Foley
Republican

Tom is a family man with two-year-old twins. He is concerned for them and other citizens of Connecticut about the future of our state. Throughout Tom's career he has been involved in charitable causes focused on improving educational opportunities for children. Tom's wife, Leslie, is an attorney who has worked in the White House and in corporate practice. In addition to his two year old twins, Grace and Reed, he has a son Tom, Jr. who is in college.

District 9

Representing Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield

Unopposed



Paul Doyle

Democrat

Senator Paul Doyle was elected to the Senatorial District in November 2006. For 12 years prior to his Senate service, Senator Doyle served in the state House of Representatives from the 28th Assembly District. He currently is a partner in the law firm of Heneghan, Kennedy & Doyle LLC in Rocky Hill.

Incumbent

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Unopposed

District 34

Wallingford, Durham, North Haven, and East Haven

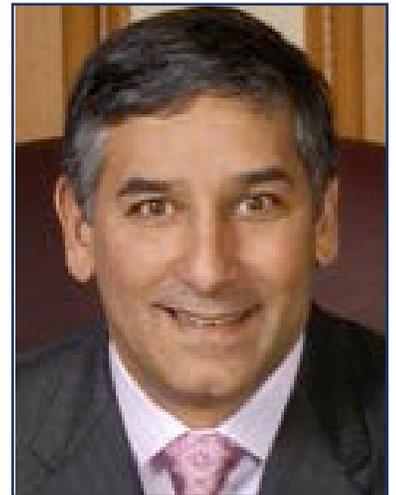
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Incumbent

Leonard Fasano

Republican

Senator Fasano has served in the Senate since 2008. A graduate of Yale and Quinnipiac Law School, he practices law as President and Founder of Fasano, Ippolito, and Lee LCC in New Haven. He helped establish the East Haven Land Trust and has been active in pursuing open space acquisitions and in protecting Long Island Sound.

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District 12

Branford, Durham and Guilford, Killingworth, Madison and North Branford

Open Race



Ted Kennedy Jr.
Democrat

Ted is a longtime resident of this district, and he understands the issues facing families on the shoreline. In the State Senate, Ted will fight to make sure that the public schools in the 12th State Senate district have the resources they need to maintain their high standards. Ted will also advocate for a comprehensive mental health plan to provide children and young adults with access to high quality mental health services.

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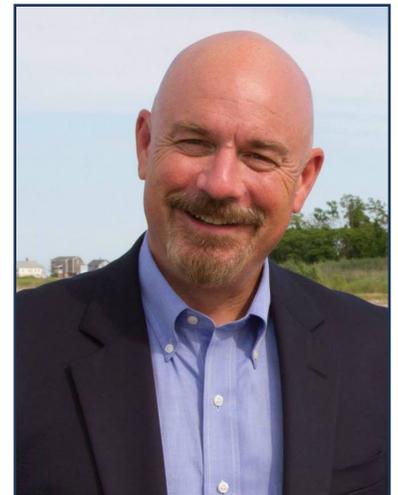
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Bruce Wilson Jr.
Republican

I am running for state senator because I want to be part of the change that we so desperately need. Change that encourages employers to keep existing jobs here in Connecticut. Change that makes it easier for new business to get started and create new jobs. Change that attracts employers and jobs from outside Connecticut. Change that means real opportunity for all of us, especially our children.

District 13

Cheshire, Middlefield, Middletown, and Meriden



Dante Bartolomeo

Democrat

Incumbent

Senator Bartolomeo is running for her second term as State Senator. A member of the Meriden City Council from 2008 - 2012, her roles included Deputy Majority Leader. Between 2005 and 2008, she was a member of the Board of Directors of Meriden's Children First Initiative, an organization committed to supporting children under age 8. She also served as community organizer for Healthcare4every1. She is a graduate of Mercy High School in Middletown and Colby College.

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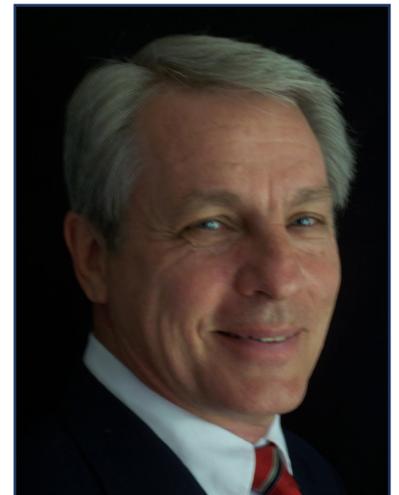
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Leonard Suzio

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Since 1981 Len and his wife have provided support services for pregnant women. Len served on the Meriden Board of Education from 1995 to 2009. During the last 2 years he was the Vice President of the Board. Len also served on the Board of High Hopes, a home for special needs children in Meriden, for more than 25 years. As a State Senator from 2011-2013 Len was ranking member on the Committee on Children. During his term Len also sponsored anti-bullying legislation. Len also was actively involved with the Education Committee and supported the legislation related to the so-called "Scream Rooms".

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Senate District 20

Bozrah, East Lyme, Montville, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem, and Waterford

Open Seat



Betsy Ritter

Democrat

My name is Betsy Ritter and I am running to succeed my long-time colleague and friend, Andrea Stillman, as the State Senator for the 20th Senatorial District. I am honored that both Senator Stillman and the Democratic Party have chosen to endorse me, and it would be a privilege to represent the communities of Bozrah, East Lyme, Montville, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem and Waterford. For the past ten years I have served as State Representative for the Towns of Waterford and Montville, and I've worked tirelessly to grow jobs, improve education, protect our seniors, and support our working families in Southeastern Connecticut. As a mother, I know how important it is to make the future better for all of our children. If elected, I will continue my work to make Connecticut the best state it can be.

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Paul Formica

Republican

Hello, I'm Paul Formica, father of four, owner of Flanders Fish Market, First Selectman of East Lyme, and candidate for the CT State Senate (20th District), representing Bozrah, East Lyme, Montville, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem & Waterford. With a unique and fresh perspective, a strong desire to bring common sense and innovation to Hartford, I am asking for your support. As a parent, I understand the needs of families; as an entrepreneur, I respect the importance of small businesses; and as the community official, I understand the need to keep taxes low while delivering essential services.

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District 33

Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook



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Incumbent

Senator Linares is seeking re-election. From a Cuban-American family, Sen. Linares attended Westbrook public schools and graduated from the Sykes College of Business at the University of Tampa in Florida, where he majored in entrepreneurship, developing his own company as he earned a college degree. He is co-founder of Greenskies, a successful, Middletown-based, commercial solar energy company.

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Emily Bjornberg
Democrat

As the wife of an Iraq War Veteran and the mother of two young children, I am compelled to focus on our community and our future. For the past seven years I have been the Youth and Family Ministries Director of the Deep River Congregational Church, where we work to engage young people in community service and social justice. My work there has given me an insight into the wide diversity of our region—rich and poor, black and white, straight and gay, conservative and liberal. I have always believed that it is this beautiful tapestry of our community, our state and our nation that makes us strongest.

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District 23

Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook

Open Seat



Devin Carney
Republican

I am a lector at Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook, on the board for the annual Academy Awards night at The Kate (and as emcee), a member of the Old Saybrook Players, a member of the ASPCA, Habitat for Humanity, and Career Beginnings (a big brother / big sister organization). As a lifelong resident of the 23rd District, I pledge to help parents and students keep educational decisions at the local level.

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Mary Stone
Democrat

Mary served two terms on the Lyme-Old Lyme Board of Education (1999-2007), during which her attendance rating was 99%. She began the first official newsletter from the District to its constituents. Mary wrote, edited, photographed, and designed 12 issues of The District Report (2001-2003). She then began and was a core contributor to "Focus on Education," which continues to this day. The purpose of these publications was to convey facts about every aspect of the school district and its finances to taxpayers and parents.

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District 32

Cromwell and Portland



Christie Carpino
Republican

Incumbent

Representative Carpino is running for a third term in the House of Representatives. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a law degree from Northeastern University, she is a trial attorney who advocates on behalf of her clients at all stages of the litigation process. Christie also volunteers regularly with the Legal Services School Expulsion Project and has done so since 2007, assisting low-income families who face the complex and emotional world of school expulsions

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Kathleen Richards
Democrat

I have been involved in our school community since my children first went to school and I joined the PTO. I participated in numerous school activities and helped out in the classrooms for many years while my daughters were in elementary and middle school. This culminated in being co-chair of Project Graduation in 2000. During these years of helping in the school system, I began to see areas that needed improvement. When I was asked to join the Board of Education in 2001, I was thrilled. By working on a non-partisan basis, we were able to see great strides in our schools, that continues today. I want to work at the state level to increase the education cost-sharing to Cromwell and Portland.

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District 33

Middletown



Joseph Serra
Democrat

Incumbent

Representative Serra was elected to represent the 33rd District in the General Assembly in 1992. A lifelong Middletown resident, Rep. Serra has served on the Middletown Democratic Town Committee since 1984. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut Association of Street and Highway Officials (CASHO), a position he has held for the past 33 years. Rep. Serra is a member of the Board of Directors for the Middlesex Community College Foundation.

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My name is Linda Szykowitz and I am running for State Rep in the 33rd here in Middletown, CT. I know I am the best candidate for our district and would best represent all my constituents. I have "Fresh Ideas and Common Sense" and have no problem standing up for issues that are important. I also have a very strong work ethic, having grown up on a farm here in the Nutmeg State. I am currently on the Middletown Board of Ed.

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District 34

East Hampton, East Haddam, Colchester



Melissa Ziobron

Republican

Representative Ziobron is seeking reelection for a second term. A lifelong resident of the reconfigured 34th district, Rep. Ziobron has been an active member of the East Haddam Board of Education, and has served on the Middlesex Chamber Revitalization Committee and the Midstate Regional Planning Agency. Most recently she was the first Economic Development Coordinator for the town of East Haddam. She is an avid environmentalist and volunteers throughout her community.

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Mimi Perrotti

Democrat

A compassionate leader dedicated to working hard for you in Hartford. I'm an East Hampton resident and business owner, as well as a Rotary member. I am a part of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) as well as a church lector at Saint Patrick's Church. I also am a proud member of the Democratic Town Committee and serve on the Economic Development Commission.

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District 35

Clinton, Killingworth, and Westbrook



Tom Vicino
Democrat

Incumbent

Representative Vicino is seeking reelection for a second term as State Representative. He is a former two-term Clinton Selectman and chairman of the Economic Development Commission. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Westbrook and Old Saybrook Chambers. Rep. Vicino is the owner-operator of Superior Auto of Westbrook, a business he started 28 years ago.

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Jesse MacLachlan
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If elected, MacLachlan plans to work to change the culture of Hartford. "One State Representative can't do it alone; but I plan to be a voice advocating for controls on State spending, reduced taxes and regulation, and increased local control, free of additional unfunded State mandates." "I will be another voice for limiting the growth of state government and for reducing the tax burden on businesses and individuals. I will seek to roll back the unnecessary, redundant and ineffective parts of the regulatory bureaucracy that drive away our businesses and jobs. I will oppose additional unfunded mandates on our towns and oppose the State's efforts to centralize educational decisions."

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District 36

Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex



Philip Miller
Democrat

Incumbent

Representative Miller is seeking at third term after being elected in 2011 in a special election. Rep. Miller served as First Selectman of Essex from 2003 to 2011. Previously Rep. Miller was Director of the Bushy Hill Nature Center in Ivoryton, where he founded and developed a natural history day camp. He is a former chair of the Middlesex County Revitalization Commission. He is self-employed as a naturalist and writer.

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Robert Siegrist
Republican

Bob was 12 years old when his family moved from East Berlin to Haddam, Connecticut. He was born and raised in Connecticut, and has worked in Chester since 1999. The passion for politics and love of his community is what inspired him to run for the State Representative of the 36th District of Connecticut, serving Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Haddam. "Everything I love is here and I know I can make a difference for the better." Our children deserve the best education possible. Our teachers deserve to be supported and encouraged to do their jobs. Please join me in supporting our teachers so they can provide Connecticut's youth with an educational system they can be proud of.

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District 82

Middlefield and Meriden



Emil "Buddy" Altobello
Democrat

Incumbent

Representative Altobello is running for his 11th term in the House of Representatives. A member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, he has served in many capacities on bonding sub-committees and the Bond Commission. A native of Meriden and graduate of Meriden schools, he was a member of the Meriden City Council from 1987 to 1995, where he served as Majority Leader, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee. He is active in many Meriden clubs and organizations.

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Joshua Broekstra
Republican

My name is Josh Broekstra. I am 30 years old. I am a member of the Meriden Republican Town Committee, and also it's current Deputy Treasurer. I served for 6 years on Meriden's Conservation Commission, and now I am currently a member of the Neighborhood Rehabilitation Advisory Board. I have also spent the past 3 years as the Safety Director for Jack Barry Little League. And I am a proud member of the Sons of the American Legion

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District 86

North Branford, Guilford, Wallingford, and Durham



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Vincent Candelora

Republican

Incumbent

Representative Candelora is running for his fifth term in the House of Representatives. A graduate of Connecticut College and the Dickenson School of Law at Penn State, Rep. Candelora served on the North Branford Town Council for three terms, one term as Deputy Mayor. He has also served as President of North Branford's Chamber of Commerce, is Past-President of the North Branford Rotary Club, and is active in youth sports.

64 Lanes Pond Rd Northford, CT

Samantha Fonda

Democrat

Samantha Fonda is challenging Incumbent Vincent Candelora in District 86.

There was no response from the candidate and we were not able to find any information about her.

District 100

Middletown



Matthew Lesser

Democrat

Matt Lesser has been a strong voice for families, teachers and children in Hartford. Matt has been honored as a "Children's Champion" four times by the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance and one of "40 under 40" young leaders by Connecticut magazine. He successfully secured Alliance District funding to help close Middletown's Achievement Gap, led the fight to save funding for the Even Start program at Middletown Adult Education, saved funding for the Bielefield Family School Connection, helped protect Family Resource Centers at MacDonough and Farm Hill and has supported other programs throughout the region. He has tackled issues such as juvenile mental health care, homelessness, juvenile justice reform, college affordability and the effects of cancer on young people.

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Incumbent

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Angel Fernandez

Republican

My name is Angel Fernandez and I am running for State Representative of the 100th District in Connecticut. I am a retired United States Navy police officer, a combat veteran, the Executive Director of the 65th Infantry Historical Society, a small business owner and a devoted husband and father. Check out the rest of my website to find out why you should vote for Fernandez 2014 for state representative in the upcoming election!

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District 101

Madison and Durham



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Noreen Kokoruda

Incumbent

Republican

Representative Kokoruda won a special election in Feb. 2011, and is in her second term. As Executive Director of the Shoreline Foundation, she worked for many years to provide safe and fun summer camps for local kids. Rep. Kokoruda served 13 years on the Madison Board of Selectmen, and as Chairman of Madison's Beach and Recreation Commission for almost 10 years.

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Alex Taubes

Democratic

Alex, a Madison native, has lived in the district for twenty years and is a graduate of the Madison Public Schools. After graduating from Daniel Hand, he attended Boston University. He is currently a third-year student at Yale Law School. Alex believes that the key to long term growth and prosperity in Connecticut is making investments in the future: upgrading infrastructure like roads and bridges, making improvements to higher education, and ensuring access to universal pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten in Connecticut.

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Note

All candidates were asked for a short biography, a short statement about their priorities for children's issues, their contact information, their website and social media information, a headshot, any opportunities to volunteer with their campaign, contact for their volunteer coordinator, and the location and contact information for their campaign headquarters.

The information included in the Candidates Guide has either been provided by the candidates themselves, or if they didn't respond, was taken directly from the most relevant parts of their website. None of the information has been edited for content, only for length. If edited for length, full versions can be found on our website at:

www.middlesexchildren.org/p/2014-election.html

If you visit the 2014 Election tab of our website, an electronic version of this guide is available, as well as our End of Year Report which includes information on how our delegation voted on issues that are important to the coalition. You can also find out which committees our delegation participated in last session in our 2014 Legislative Handbook.

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