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2010 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor;

This past year proved that we are not out of the woods yet. The challenges we are facing are still apparent, but I remain convinced that together, we can address the most pressing needs of our community.

In these difficult and uncertain times, I am comforted by the fact that you and other neighbors help guide my decisions by answering this survey. I remain committed to ensuring the protection of our most vulnerable populations and keeping essential services properly funded.

Thank you for the honor of serving you. Best wishes for a happy 2010!

A stylized, handwritten signature of Joe Aresimowicz.



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Your Opinion Counts!

Survey 2010

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What concerns you and your family the most?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- I'm afraid I'll lose my job
- I'm afraid I'll lose my home
- I've lost my job and my prospects for another are lower than I'd like
- There aren't enough career opportunities for me or my kids
- I really can't afford health care or health insurance
- I'm afraid I'll lose my pension
- I really can't afford car insurance
- I can't find an affordable place to live
- I'm afraid of being victimized by criminals or drug abusers
- I'm afraid of increasing costs of gasoline, heating oil, and electricity
- Other _____

What is the most serious problem facing our neighborhood?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- Quality of our children's education
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of sense of security
- Drug abuse
- Traffic congestion
- Homelessness
- Other _____

Balancing The Budget: The Spending Side.

Our state is facing a budget deficit of historic proportions and unlike the federal government, our Constitution requires us to balance the budget. In order to do this, we must be creative, bold, and self-sacrificing. Once again, I cannot ask what program you would spend more on, or even spend the same on. I must ask that, if you were voting on the state budget, which of these programs would you cut a lot, cut a little, or try to protect. Please check one box for each program.

	A lot	A Little	Protect		A lot	A Little	Protect
Aid to Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space Land Purchases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Families with Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription Drugs for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to the Mentally Ill				Protecting the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
or Developmentally Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prisons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to Municipalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buses and Railroads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Victim Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads, Bridges and Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Berlin & Southington Public Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Prevention Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Assistance for Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans' Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Profit Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

To help balance the budget, what state program or service that you use would you be willing to give up or reduce?

Balancing The Budget: The Revenue Side.

If, after you have made necessary cuts in good conscience, the budget was still not balanced, which of these revenue proposals would you choose? Please check "yes" or "no" to each proposal.

- Yes No Increase the income tax on individuals who earn \$250,000 or higher a year
- Yes No Increase the income tax on all individuals
- Yes No Increase the sales tax rate
- Yes No Expand the sales tax to more items
- Yes No Apply the sales tax to items bought on the Internet
- Yes No Increase taxes on businesses and corporations
- Yes No Increase the tax on alcohol and tobacco
- Yes No Allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays
- Yes No Increase the gas tax
- Yes No Increase the gas tax on gas-guzzling motor vehicles
- Yes No Increase licensing fees (Ex: barbers, nurses, carpenters, plumbers)
- Yes No Create a tax on junk foods
- Yes No Put tolls on Connecticut highways at the borders