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PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

DAVID BARAM
State Representative
Representing Bloomfield & Windsor
15th House District



2010 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor:

Today, in the wake of the state and national economic crisis, with millions of jobs lost, investments gone, foreclosures on the rise and increasing living and medical expenses, we are all struggling to make ends meet. That's why I'm writing today: I want to hear what's important to you, especially in the context of looming budget deficits.

At the legislature we are currently working to resolve this year's budget deficit, now estimated at \$535.5 million. Even more troubling, however, are severe projected deficits in 2012 and beyond due to losses in one-time Federal Stimulus funds, the exhaustion of the State's Rainy Day Fund and depressed revenue collection levels. According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, even with a 5.8% increase in projected revenues for fiscal year 2011, the State is projected to run a deficit of \$3.3 billion in FY 2012. This represents about 16% of the budget in FY 2012 and over six times the deficit we're facing this year!

As your elected Representative, I want to represent the views and interests of Windsor and Bloomfield residents. So please take this opportunity to tell me your thoughts and opinions. I care about what you have to say and will use the results to help guide my legislative priorities.

Sincerely,



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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.

- I'm afraid I'll lose my job
- I'm afraid I'll lose my home
- 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, & electricity
- Other _____
- Things are fine as they are

Optional Information.

If you would like to receive e-mail updates from Representative Baram, please complete:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel-Number: _____

Email Address: _____

What is the most serious problem facing our neighborhood?

Please check all that apply.

- High property taxes
- 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	Some	Protect		A lot	Some	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"/>
Bloomfield & Windsor 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"/>	Medicaid / Convalescent Homes	<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.

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 income tax on Wall Street and AIG-type bonuses
- 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 estate inheritance tax
- Yes No Increase licensing fees (e.g., barbers, nurses, carpenters, plumbers)
- Yes No Create a tax on junk foods and sugar drinks
- Yes No Put tolls on Connecticut highways at the borders