



West River Peace Festival



Dwight Spring Festival

A BALANCED BUDGET *for* CONNECTICUT

– *On Time and On Target*

By working hard and reaching across party lines to create a compromise, we were able to balance this year's state budget with:

- » No tax increases
- » No cuts in municipal aid or education funding (ECS)
- » Maintained funding for hospitals, schools, libraries, and courthouses
- » Funding for dental care and prescriptions for seniors and the disabled
- » Lower co-pays for home care services by \$100/month on average (AARP endorsed)
- » A \$500 individual property tax credit to help offset local property taxes

*We erased a \$10 billion deficit,
balancing the budget on time and on target.*

New Haven Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Aid

PILOT: State Owned Property	\$4,390,033
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$34,234,458
Town Aid Roads	\$610,471
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$1,901,108
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$7,323,486
Adult Education	\$2,838,323
School Transportation	\$3,613,337
Educational Cost Sharing	\$142,509,525
Total State Funds to New Haven & the 92nd District	\$197,420,740

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE *of the* CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear friend and neighbor,

This report to you focuses on measures adopted this year that are specifically targeted to save dollars for New Haven's city budget, or to expand our tax base and relieve pressure on homeowners in the next city budget.

In addition, I am updating you on our state military support program, designed to provide behavioral services to soldiers and their families. The war is off the front page, but just months ago 1000 more soldiers were deployed from Connecticut. An increasing number of our homeless are returning military. In addition, many of those in the Guard or Reserves returned to find their jobs gone, and are struggling to keep their homes.

We have been leaders in meeting the health needs of these families, and I am working with our Congressional delegation to seek Federal support so that we can continue to do so.

Thank you for your own giving to the community.

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EXPANDING NEW HAVEN'S TAX BASE

This year the legislature updated the tax code to expand New Haven's commercial tax base and reduce pressure on homeowners for next year's city budget.

We rewrote legislation that Pat authored in her early terms that had taxed telecommunications property with a statewide mill rate. Before that, SNET's - now AT&T's - personal property had been exempt from local taxes.

At the time, these efforts were a big win for the city. She's proud of it. But today New Haven can get an even better deal, and did.

The market has changed - wireless is more important - so we worked with AT&T for a win-win. With reevaluation, the statewide mill rate set in law created an artificially high cost of doing business. AT&T will now be taxed at the local rate in every town, which is fairer.

Also fairer, and most important for New Haven homeowners, all of AT&T's property over five years old will be on New Haven's grand list this coming October. This expands our commercial tax base and should relieve pressure on homeowners.

RELIEF FOR SENIORS

In the past year, the state Department of Social Services imposed a 15% co-pay for Connecticut home care costs. They had the legal power to do this, but it imposed a hardship on many seniors.

So this year, the legislature increased funding for home care in the budget and reduced cost sharing. The share will drop from 15% to 6% or about \$100/month on average.



Testifying in Hartford on behalf of Westville Village



At the Mother Hicks Center for Women

RELIEF FOR NEW HAVEN'S BUDGET: Changing the rules of bureaucracy

This year, Pat saved New Haven taxpayers \$5.8 million on school construction.

The process works this way: the city makes a proposal, the aldermen vote to fund it, and the state reimburses us.

But the Connecticut Board of Education refused to pay for Troup School, saying that we should have demolished Troup and built a box. Their rules treat the charming architecture in the front of Troup as "dead space" - a rule hostile to historic preservation and to older cities.

Here's the irony: Preservation was cheaper than the cost of demolition plus a brand new school. Preserving Troup preserved our history, and it also saved money for taxpayers.

Sometimes state bureaucracy makes no financial sense. So Pat inserted an amendment exempting Troup from those rules. The state must pay us \$5.8 million. Next year Pat plans to rewrite state rules to be respectful of all our historic schools - and also of taxpayer dollars.



Troup Middle School, 259 Edgewood Ave



Helping Latino Youth: Benefit for the Progreso Latino Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven

SALUTING OUR MILITARY AND SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES

The Military Support Program for soldiers and families that Pat began planning late in 2003 - a national model - was priced, providers were trained, and it rolled out in early 2007. Staff is embedded with units, and over 1,700 individuals have joined the program.

But MSP was funded with one time money from the sale of Fairfield Hills Hospital since all believed the invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan would be brief. Seven years later, we are still at war, and 1000 new Connecticut soldiers were deployed last year. Because this war relies heavily on National Guard and reserves, their families are all around us here in New Haven.

Pat is working closely with our Congressional delegation to seek federal support for these families.

The soldiers are proud to serve, but their families are paying a price most of us will never pay.

ALSO THIS YEAR:

- » Veterans in nursing homes can now use the VA as their pharmacy, saving money for veterans and taxpayers
- » Active duty service members out of state will get an extension for 30 days to renew their expired driver's licenses after their return to Connecticut
- » March 30th is now designated as the official Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Day
- » Veterans can now use their military service experience and training as academic credit for certain technical certificates and licenses

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