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Serving Wallingford's

85<sup>th</sup> District



## 2010 Constituent Survey

Dear Neighbor,

Our state, the nation and the entire world has been experiencing an economic meltdown. The challenges we face are serious. I believe that by working together, we can address the most pressing needs of Wallingford and Connecticut. In these troubled times, I appreciate the suggestions and support I have received from so many people.

I remain committed to fight to sustain families by redesigning economic development and education for good jobs, and scrutinizing the way state government provides services. At the same time, we need to protect the most vulnerable among us.

As I do my work at the Capitol, know that your opinions matter to me. Please fill out this survey, attach any comments you would like and send it back to me. I'm sorry, but the law does not allow for the surveys to be sent postage free. You may save a stamp by filling out the survey online at [www.housedems.ct.gov/Mushinsky](http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Mushinsky).

Thank you for the honor of serving you.



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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 increasing costs of gasoline, heating oil, and electricity
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## What is the most serious problem facing our community?

Please check all that apply.

- Things are fine as they are
- Quality of our children's education
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of open space
- Drug/alcohol abuse
- Traffic congestion
- Isolation/lack of transportation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Balancing The Budget: The Spending Side.

Our state is facing a budget deficit of historic proportions and, unlike the federal government, our State Constitution requires us to balance the budget. In order to do this, we must be creative, bold, and self-sacrificing. This time, 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.

cut a lot / cut a little / protect

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protecting the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
or Developmentally Disabled				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"/>
Wallingford's 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, like SCSU	<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

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 sales tax on gas-guzzling motor vehicles
- Yes  No      Increase licensing fees (i.e., barbers, nurses, carpenters, plumbers)
- Yes  No      Create a tax on junk foods or soda
- Yes  No      Put tolls on Connecticut highways at the borders