

Dear Neighbor,

For two years I've been privileged to represent Southington at the state Capitol, and together, we've achieved significant milestones for our town. We reduced state income taxes and increased exemptions for most retirement income, all while Connecticut's fiscal health is at its best in decades.

During my first term, I utilized a common-sense approach that delivers for Southington. I advocated for a budget that prioritizes students and taxpayers, supports seniors and veterans, champions small businesses and local control, and addresses public safety concerns. At the Capitol, I collaborated across party lines and embraced a moderate approach to governing.

Our community's strength lies with its remarkable residents. I've treasured each opportunity to connect with you at home, coffee hours, forums, and events, while your feedback, especially on my weekly newsletter, has been invaluable.

Thank you for your trust and support, and together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our great town of Southington. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any concerns, I'm here to assist you to the best of my ability.



## RECOGNIZING RESIDENTS



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# CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

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## CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



### DELIVERING FOR SOUTHINGTON

- Rescued the Southington Library Project with a **\$5 million** state award to improve the building's size and exterior look.
- Secured over **\$1 million** in state and federal funding for the YMCA to finish dredging Sloper Pond, as well as expand the day camp's office and infirmary.
- Delivered **\$99,700** for the Calendar House Senior Center to fund their outdoor fitness initiative and other improvements.



### WINS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- **\$500,000** to rehabilitate the Southington High School track
- **\$21,600** for Rogers Orchards to construct a tap room and community hub
- **\$20,000** for the ARC of Southington to provide residents assistive technology and furnishings
- **\$7,270** open space grant from Connecticut Recreational Trails
- **\$5,000** for upkeep at the Merriman Cemetery
- **\$4,220** for the Southington Community Cultural Arts



### COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

- Established a Fallen Officers Fund for the surviving families of state or local police officers who were killed in the line of duty.
- Approved funds to establish two new juvenile residential treatment centers, in an effort to address juvenile crime by reducing occurrences of catch and release.
- Allocated \$3 million for grants to support police departments with the transition from foreign to American made drones.
- Authorized municipalities to combat noise pollution over 80 decibels and send fines directly to violators.
- Supported police on traffic stops that often help to uncover serious crimes, such as the possession of illegal weapons and drugs.



### OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES PROTECTING TAX CUTS

- ✓ Largest income tax cut in state history
- ✓ Expanded tax relief for veterans
- ✓ Eliminated state income tax on most retirement income

### INVESTS:

- ✓ Continued funding for K-12 education
- ✓ Continued funding for higher education
- ✓ Continued funding for nonprofits
- ✓ Continued funding for childcare
- ✓ CONTINUED FUNDING FOR SOUTHINGTON

### STRONG FISCAL HEALTH

"There was no need to bypass, lift or otherwise go around the 'fiscal guardrails' that have helped Connecticut get back on solid financial footing. We had hundreds of millions of dollars to obligate before the end of this year and I voted to use them responsibly."

- State Representative Chris Poulos

- Maintained fiscal discipline and stayed below established spending cap.
- Paid off nearly \$8 billion in state debt.
- Increased the Rainy Day Fund to almost 18% of our total budget.

