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Brandi Mandato - A Candidate Who Understands Tax Fairness and School Funding Challenges

To The Editor: September 30, 2026

Like many North Haven residents, I followed this year's school budget discussions closely.

The debate often focused on whether local taxpayers should pay more or whether schools should do with less. But I think we're asking the wrong question.

The real question is why communities like North Haven continue to be forced into these impossible choices.

Every year, towns across Connecticut are asked to stretch limited resources while dealing with rising costs. School districts face inflation, healthcare increases, and contractual obligations. Local officials are left trying to close the gap.

Meanwhile, some of the wealthiest individuals and largest corporations continue to benefit from a tax system that doesn't always ask them to contribute proportionately.

That is why I support Brandi Mandato.

Brandi understands that our school funding challenges are connected to broader questions about revenue, tax fairness, and priorities. If Connecticut wants strong schools and affordable communities, we need a system that generates the resources necessary to support them.

North Haven residents should not have to fight each other every budget season over scraps. We deserve leaders who are willing to address the underlying causes of the problem. I believe Brandi Mandato is ready to do that.

Sincerely, Jamie Krzmarzick, North Haven

Brandi Will Fight for the People of District 34

To The Editor: September 30, 2026

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for Brandi Mandato for the 34th Senate District. She currently serves in North Haven as an Economic Development Commissioner and a Constable. She would make an excellent state senator for the following reasons:

Her experience. Brandi has a two decades of expertise working with all levels of government for high-quality, sustainable economic policy for workers and learners. Before she moved back home to North Haven, she was recognized by the City & State NY publication as one of the most impactful people driving economic development in New York.

Her character. Brandi grew up in a working-class household, the oldest of eight and the daughter of Italian immigrants. She is resilient, collaborative and empathetic. In addition, Brandi has a great, community-focused, positive energy about her, which will undoubtedly help her become a tireless advocate for the people of District 34 on a local, state and national level.

Her plan. Among other things, Brandi is committed to District 34's economic growth, to making sure our communities are safe, to ensuring District 34's residents have access to high quality healthcare, and to prioritizing mental health resources across all populations.In other words, Brandi is committed to the people of District 34.

In short, Brandi will fight for the people of District 34. A vote for Brandi on November 3rd is a vote for the people.

Sincerely, Nick Gill, North Haven

Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of CT Endorses Dave Yaccarino

Honorable Representative: October 1, 2026

It is an honor to inform you that following the recommendation of our Legislative Committee, and a vote by our Executive Board, the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association heartily endorses your candidacy for Representative of the 87th District of the Connecticut House of Representatives.

We look forward to your successful campaign. Rest assured that we will notify all our members and their families who reside in the 87th State House District of this endorsement and encourage their active support and vote on Election Day. Please notify Director of Legislative/Political Affairs, Jeffrey Tomchik at 203-449-6972 if you will need assistance in your campaign. We will coordinate whatever resources available to us in assisting you in your re-election.

Good luck and thank you for your support of professional fire fighter issues, including issues of importance to the fire service at large. We are proud of our association with you and look forward to our continued partnership.

Respectfully,
Peter Brown President UPFFA
Jeffrey A Tomchik Legislative and Political Affairs UPFFA

Proud to Support Kathleen Kimball For State Representative

To The Editor: September 30, 2026

For more than 15 years, I proudly supported Representative David Yaccarino. During that time, I've had the opportunity to get to know David, voted for him throughout his tenure, and appreciated his service and genuine love for North Haven. Changing my support wasn't a decision I made lightly.

The recent League of Women Voters candidate event solidified that decision for me.

Kathleen spoke about her work as an emergency veterinarian, where she deals with crises, difficult conversations, and competing priorities every day. Her point that our district needs someone who can negotiate through difficult situations to achieve better outcomes really resonated with me.

So did the contrast in what I heard that night. David spoke passionately about his more than 60 years of history in North Haven. I respect that. I've called North Haven home for more than 20 years, and I love this community too. But history and love for North Haven aren't enough on their own to address the challenges residents are facing today.

Families are struggling with housing, childcare, healthcare, electricity, and the everyday cost of living. We need someone with the energy and determination to fight for us in Hartford, to negotiate, advocate, challenge the status quo, and push for better outcomes when something isn't working.

That is what I see in Dr. Kathleen Kimball. She is thoughtful and research-driven, but also willing to ask difficult questions and challenge powerful interests. I believe she will bring a fresh voice and a renewed sense of urgency to Hartford.

I don't say that as someone who has always opposed David. Quite the opposite. I proudly supported him for more than 15 years, and I remain grateful for his service.

But elections are about what we need going forward. I believe North Haven needs a strong advocate and negotiator for the challenges we face now.

This year, I'm proud to support Dr. Kathleen Kimball for State Representative.

Sincerely, Heather Tolisano, North Haven

Always There to Help a Resident in Need

To The Editor: September 30, 2026

I wanted to let everyone know what a tremendous help Dave Yaccarino has been to help me resolve my insurance issues. In 2025, I lost my job and was able to procure insurance through Access Health CT. After finding employment later in 2025, my health insurance coverage eligibility had changed for 2026. However, Anthem did not register my changes and continued to cover my care as had been done in 2025. However, when they realized my eligibility status for 2026, they unexpectedly cancelled my coverage in July of this year, retroactive to January 1st. In short, Anthem tried to put the screws to me and back charge me for coverage premiums and make me responsible for bills they had paid in error. I had some help with Access Health CT but not enough.

I decided that I needed to contact Mr. Yaccarino to see what could be done. Immediately I had a call back from Dave's support staff at the capital that took all of my information and started to make noise with the Insurance Commissioner's office. I cannot tell you everyone that Dave and his team spoke to on my behalf but a few days later I called Anthem and their whole tune changed regarding my case. The big insurance company was trying to put the screws to me and make me financially responsible for their error, an error I could not afford. Had Dave Yaccarino not stepped in on my behalf, who knows what would have happened. Losing my job last year was tough and I am thankful that Dave did not let the insurance company make it even tougher on me.

Those who know Dave are probably not surprised by his actions when he found out I needed help. This is not the first time that he has been there for me and my family when we required the assistance of a state official that cared about the people they serve.

Thank You,
Stephen Consiglio, North Haven

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TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD NOTICE OF MEETING

TO RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the Blight Prevention Appeals Board will hold a Meeting on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**, at the Mildred A. Wakeley Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, Conference Room #2, North Haven, Connecticut at 7:00 PM, for the following purposes:

1.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 471 Clintonville Road, North Haven.

2.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 3366 Dixwell Avenue, North Haven.

3.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 2 Grasso Avenue, North Haven.

4.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 171 McDermott Road, North Haven.

5.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 22 Nancy Lane, North Haven.

6.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 63 Northside Road, North Haven.

7.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 50 Rock Road, North Haven.

8.To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 41 Thorpe Road, North Haven.

JAMES D. NESDALE, SECRETARY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS ON FILE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.