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Strong Support for Dave Yaccarino

To The Editor: October 8, 2026

I am proud to express my strong support for State Representative Dave Yaccarino and his re-election to represent the 87th House District.

Dave is not only my State Representative, but also a close personal friend. I have had the opportunity to know him for over 25 years and witness firsthand his commitment to our community and the people he represents. His dedication to public service goes beyond politics. He genuinely cares about the residents of North Haven and works hard to make a positive difference in their lives. When you are born and raised in the community you love, decide to raise your family in that same community, and then step up to represent that community, there is no better advocate for North Haven than Dave.

One area where Dave's leadership deserves particular recognition is his continued support of our volunteer firefighters and first responders. As someone who understands the importance of these dedicated men and women, I appreciate his efforts to recognize the sacrifices they make to protect our communities.

Dave has been a strong advocate for legislation providing increased municipal property tax abatements for volunteer firefighters and first responders. With his supporting efforts the allowable exemption was raised from $1,000 to $1,500, which was ultimately expanded to allow municipalities to offer up to $2,000.

He has also supported legislative initiatives to provide a state income tax deduction of up to $2,000 for stipends received by volunteer firefighters, fire police, and EMS personnel. These efforts demonstrate his understanding of the challenges facing volunteer emergency services and his willingness to take meaningful action to help recruit and retain volunteers.

These are not just legislative proposals, they represent a commitment to the people who give their time, energy, and often put themselves in harm's way to protect others. Dave recognizes that supporting our first responders means supporting the safety and future of our entire community.

What I appreciate most about Dave is that he is accessible, approachable, and willing to listen. He understands that being an elected official means being accountable to the people he represents and he has consistently demonstrated that commitment.

I wholeheartedly endorse Dave Yaccarino for re-election and encourage everyone to join me in supporting him.

Sincerely, Todd M. Ricci Resident and Small Business Owner

More Than Campaign Promises Are Needed

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Over the last six months, Brandi Mandato and Kathleen Kimball have campaigned on promises that, if elected, they will "get things done" for North Haven and secure more ECS funding for our town. But let's look at the reality. Connecticut Democrats currently hold a supermajority in the legislature. Read that again: a SUPERMAJORITY.

Simply electing another Democrat does not, by itself, change the policies or formulas that determine how state education funding is distributed. So here is the question that has been asked multiple times, and one I have yet to hear answered: If elected and joining the majority party, specifically what will Brandi Mandato and Kathleen Kimball do differently to ensure North Haven receives more ECS funding? It is easy to promise that you will "get things done." It is much harder to explain exactly how you will do it. The truth is that they have not presented a clear plan for securing additional funding for North Haven. Electing another Democrat to add to an already existing supermajority is not, by itself, a solution. And let's be clear: Who wouldn't want more funding for education? Every North Haven resident should want our schools to receive every dollar the town is entitled to.

The team that has been getting things done for North Haven is Paul Ciccarella and David Yaccarino. Dave and Paul continue to fight and advocate for the residents of our town. They have built relationships in Hartford and have consistently worked to bring state resources, funding and attention back to North Haven. They understand that North Haven needs more than campaign promises — we need legislators who will stand up for our town, fight for our taxpayers and work to address the underlying problems with the ECS funding formula. They have demonstrated that North Haven has a voice in Hartford, a voice that continues to be heard.

If we want a different result, we need more than promises made during a campaign. We need people who know North Haven, understand our community and are willing to fight for us. Paul Ciccarella and David Yaccarino have proven they are willing to do exactly that.

John Bimonte
North Haven Resident and Business Owner

Kathleen Kimball is Ready to Face Big Challenges Ahead

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When I ran for State Representative two years ago, one of the things I heard most from residents was that North Haven, despite being a very median income town, was struggling. At that time, it was outrageously inflated electric bills and inflated grocery prices that were on the top of everyone's minds. Trump and my opponent sailed into office promising to fix those things. But since then, costs on just about everything, not least of which being gas and housing, has continued to skyrocket. North Haven continues to receive less than its peer group to support the school system and Connecticut is now getting billions less from the federal government so that we can instead spend those dollars on wars, ballrooms, and tax giveaways for the rich.

Dr. Kathleen Kimball, an emergency veterinary and educator by trade, is primed to face this challenging political environment head on. She will work with and challenge our leaders in Hartford to tackle these issues so the average North Haven taxpayer isn't left behind, by making sure workers are getting paid more, property owners aren't being unjustly squeezed, small businesses don't get hit with higher fees/taxes than giant corporations, and the ultrawealthy finally pay their fair share. As a healthcare professional, she will advocate for universal healthcare options, more support for those caring for elderly, sick, and disabled loved ones, and an end to private equity's stranglehold over care facilities, including our childcare market, such as the recently closed Kindercare facility in North Haven. She will work with the majority to force unwilling lawmakers to fix the broken ECS formula for school funding, rather than submitting symbolic bills with no-cosponsors that give our current representatives a pass to throw their hands up.

Connecticut and North Haven have big challenges ahead of them, whether or not Democrats take back the national legislature this November. We're going to need bold leadership that thinks creatively and isn't scared of a challenge. To me, that only leaves us one choice. Vote Kathleen Kimball for State Representative between October 19th and November 3rd.

Kieran Ahern, North Haven

Daytime Gardeners to Present GardenTrivia Game!

North Haven: Come join the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven for a game of garden trivia! Learn some new garden information while having fun with everyone in this game of trivia. Participants will work in teams to answer the questions presented. Open to the public but you must register in advance. Come individually or come with friends. We will form the teams as we get organized to start.

Game date is Tues., Oct. 27. Game time is 11am-noon at the North Haven Community Center, 7 Linsley Street. Join in the fun and learn while you play! Please call the Daytime Gardeners at (203) 239-1557 to save a seat. Seating is limited, so please register early. The guest donation is $5.00.

The Daytime Gardeners welcome new members at any time. If you have an interest in gardening, please contact proto.mary@yahoo.com to obtain more details about our club activities and membership.

Garden Club Birdseed Wreath Fundraiser



North Haven: The annual Birdseed Wreath fundraiser for the North Haven Garden Club begins at local fairs including the St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish Christmas Fair at St. Augustine Church in North Branford on Friday, November 6th from 5 to 8pm and on Saturday, November 7th from 9am to 2pm, and at the North Haven High School Craft Fair on Saturday, November 7th from 9am to 2pm. You can purchase small ornaments for $5 each, medium wreaths for $15, large wreaths for $25, or a basket of mixed sizes for $35.

These wreaths are made by members of the North Haven Garden Club and are loved by birds of all kinds! If you enjoy birdwatching, a bird wreath can bring cardinals, jays, sparrows, finch, titmice and more right to your yard! And they make great gifts for all the bird lovers in your life.

Funds raised from the sale of birdseed wreaths are used to maintain gardens around town and for special projects like craft projects at the Senior Center, Youth Program awards and giveaways, and for presentations at monthly garden club meetings.

If you cannot make it to one of the fairs, you can also order by contacting Linda Lianos by email at linda.lianos@gmail.com or by calling 203-239-3889.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc, the New England Garden Club, Inc, and the National Garden Club, Inc. Find more information about the club on the North Haven Garden Club Facebook page.

**LEGAL NOTICE **
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
WARNING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026 STATE ELECTION

All electors of the Town of North Haven are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the following purpose: To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress 3, State Senator 34, State Representative 87, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate 36, and Registrar of Voters.

Notice is hereby given that the polls will be opened on Election Day, at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.). The locations of the polling places by Voting Districts are: District 1 -- Mildred Wakely Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, District 2 -- Montowese Elementary School, 145 Fitch Street, District 3 -- Ridge Road Elementary School, 1341 Ridge Road; District 4 -- Green Acres Elementary School, 146 Upper State Street, and District 5 -- Clintonville Elementary School, 456 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT.

The Early Voting location will be located at (and counted at as centralized location), the Mildred Wakely Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT, and will take place between Monday, October 19, 2026, and Sunday, November 1, 2026. Early Voting hours will be: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day, EXCEPT that hours are extended from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 and Thursday, October 29, 2026.

Applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available in the Town Clerk's Office, Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT. A facsimile of an absentee ballot and instructions for completing the same are available in the Town Clerk's Office and in the office of the Registrar of Voters for public examination.

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 9-147a, Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location: Mildred Wakely Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT.

Vote tabulators will be used at each voting location. NOTE: For your convenience, there is an Absentee Ballot Drop Box in front of Town Hall for safely depositing your completed absentee ballots. The Drop box is open until 8 p.m. Election Day, and useful to avoid delays associated with the U.S. Mail.

Dated at North Haven, Connecticut
this 2nd day of October 2026.
J. Stacey Yarbrough
Town Clerk & Registrar of Vital Records/Tax Collector

Candidates Invited to Participate in VOTE411.org Voters Guide

The LWV Hamden/North Haven has invited Senate District 34 candidates Paul Cicarella and Brandi Mandato, and House District 87 candidates Dave Yaccarino and Kathleen Kimball to participate in the VOTE411.org Voters Guide, a nonpartisan voter-information resource provided by the League of Women Voters.

The League is asking candidates to submit their responses to the questions included in the guide before early voting begins on October 19, 2026, so that voters have access to the information as they prepare to vote.

The League hopes to achieve 100% participation from the candidates in Districts 34 and 87, providing voters with an opportunity to review responses from all participating candidates in one centralized, nonpartisan resource.

The League of Women Voters of Hamden/North Haven encourages candidates who have not yet completed the VOTE411 questionnaire to do so within the requested timeframe.

The League of Women Voters of Hamden/North Haven is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy through voter education, civic engagement, and advocacy.

District 23A Lions Clubs

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

District 23A Lions Clubs -- New Haven & Fairfield Counties are now accepting applications (Scan QR code). Communities in the local area that have Lions Clubs are: Cheshire, East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, and West Haven.

Lions Clubs are looking for fun, positive community members dedicated to making a difference. The benefits are Leadership Growth, Community Impact, Networking and Friendship, Global Reach, and Local Action.

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WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750 •