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Dave Yaccarino is a Proven Community Voice

To The Editor: October 24, 2024

During a presidential election season, you notice that all eyes are on the top of the ticket and there is a tendency to be distracted by the spotlight. However, this year I am focused on the important races that you'll find down the ballot. The most impactful votes that you will cast on November 5th, or early if you choose, are for your state legislators. These are your neighbors and community members who bring your concerns to the State Capitol in Hartford every day.

Dave Yaccarino, North Haven's State Representative, is a trusted voice for all of us who has demonstrated at every turn his commitment to our community. I have known Dave for 15 years and in that time, he has demonstrated his incredible level of caring for the people in our town. Dave is an exemplary advocate for students: in the classroom, in athletics, in personal development, and in overall achievement. Dave is generous with his time and has given much of it in service to North Haven as a small business owner and state lawmaker. At the State Capitol, Dave Yaccarino is a proven leader on a bipartisan basis, always working across the aisle to prioritize the issues that are most important, not to pursue a personal agenda. As a Democrat for Dave, I know that with our support, he will continue representing all of us in a manner that North Haven can be proud of.

Adam Sirot, North Haven

Brandi's Expertise Can Help Solve Current Issues in Our Community

To The Editor: October 24, 2024

I am writing to you today to endorse Brandi Mandato to be elected as the Connecticut State Senator of the 34th District. I am doing so because she has a plan on how to address high energy costs, unemployment, crime, and mental health. She has spent her entire adult life working on these fixing social issues, and has been Federally recognized for her work. These are the problems we are facing today in Connecticut, and we need someone who has spent her career fixing them to represent our district.

While I consider that Mr. Cicarella is a good person with good intentions, it seems that his ideas are not always heard in Hartford. In these situations, maybe it is better to have a different voice speaking. Brandi, working with the majority in government, will likely be able to get more done for our communities.

Because of her expertise on the issues our communities face today, her genuine desire to help improve the lives of the common people, and her proven ability to work across parties to get results, I happily support Brandi Mandato for State Senate, and hope you will join me in voting for her on November 5.

Sincerely, Benjamin Loebick, North Haven

Brandi Has "Walked the Walk"

To The Editor: October 24, 2024

I wholeheartedly support Brandi Mandato for State Senate. Brandi has the experience, integrity, and empathy, combined with a dedication, and track record of successful leadership. I've come to know Brandi personally and have every confidence in her commitment to represent the members of the District 34 with character and concern. She can be counted on to put the interests of her constituents, rather than her own, as her top priority. As a State Senator, she will be a public servant out to serve the community, rather than one who looks to have the community serve her.

Brandi has a degree in Criminal Justice and a heart that is committed to put safety and fairness of the public foremost. She has "walked the walk," in all of her professional endeavors, always putting fair treatment and economic justice before her own financial interests. Brandi can be trusted to be concerned with what goes in your pocket, to support your family, rather than concern about to her own interests.

As one of eight siblings from a hard-working, local family, she has been a leader and a social team captain from the start. She has learned to hear the facts, listen to everyone with an open mind, and establish her believes and actions in the best, objective interests of others, regardless of political affiliation or social position. If you knew Brandi, you couldn't help but like her and trust her as a person and your State Senator.

I have no reservation in recommending you exercise your vote in your own best interest by also supporting this exceptionally kind, yet very strong leader who will stay up nights working for our community to have its best days. She embodies fresh ideas, combined with some proven, at times, old-fashioned values, with a passion and a past to serve the people best.

Sincerely, Alden Mead, North Haven

Disability Rights and Opportunities Halloween Dance

The **Hamden** Disability Rights and Opportunities Commission with the Hamden Park and Rec Department are holding their annual Halloween Dance for people over 18 years with a disability, on Fri., November 1, from 7-9pm at the Hamden Middle School Cafeteria.

Music by DJ Dave Velardi and pizza, soda, snacks and cake are served. The fee is $8.00 for Hamden residents and $10.00 for non residents. ***Pre registration is requested by October 29.***

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Sen. Cicarella Advocates for Public Safety

To The Editor: October 24, 2024

I am writing to express my strong support for the re-election of State Senator Paul Cicarella. As a Police Commissioner for the Town of North Haven and as a father of two police officers, I have witnessed firsthand his outstanding commitment to law enforcement and public safety in our community.

As ranking member of the Public Safety and Security Committee, Senator Cicarella has consistently advocated for initiatives that enhance public safety and offered measures to provide more tools for law enforcement to do their job to deter criminals amidst the rise in certain crimes across the state.

Senator Cicarella has been endorsed by the CT State Police, Police Officers Association of CT, and the Fraternal Order of Police. He also was the recipient of the Carroll J Hughes Legislator of the Year Award given by the CT Police Chiefs' Association. These accomplishments complement his ongoing efforts and serve as a true testament to the positive impact of his initiatives.

In a time when support for law enforcement is critical, it is important to recognize leaders who stand firm in their commitment to public safety and who carefully consider how each proposed bill or vote will impact the lives of our law enforcement professionals – as well as the safety of residents. Senator Cicarella a proven record of those qualities.

I strongly urge our community to continue to support State Senator Paul Cicarella in his efforts to ensure a safer future for us all.

Sincerely, Bob Hannon, North Haven

Brandi Mandato for State Senate

To The Editor: October 24, 2024

We are winding down a very challenging election year that has many of us anxious. There is no doubt that our wider country is facing grave threats to democracy and our longstanding way of life. In Connecticut, we have an historical tradition of steadiness and an appreciation for decency, character, compassion, dignity, and ethics. In this spirit, I urge you to vote for Brandi Mandato for State Senate.

I've gotten to know Brandi and have been tremendously impressed with her understanding of Connecticut families and the issues that affect them. She is the ultimate "kitchen table" candidate who will understand your concerns on matters of utility rate hikes, diminishing support for our unifying public schools, investments in worker safety and security, and affordable, accessible healthcare for all residents of Connecticut. These are just a few issues representative of her values.

Brandi is a realist. She is not given to conspiracy or rigid ideology. She understands that government works best when it is accountable and flexible. As a seasoned policy analyst, she understands that the hard work of study and review leads to better decision making at the state capitol, leading to a better return on investment for Connecticut taxpayers.

Strong, courageous, working on behalf of all residents of our beautiful and diverse state. That's Brandi Mandato. Vote for her in early voting now or on November 5th.

Respectfully Submitted, Ray Andrewsen, North Haven

Believes in a Promising Future for All

To The Editor: October 24, 2024

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Brandi Mandato's candidacy for State Senate in District 34.

An excellent public servant possesses a rare set of personal qualities: selflessness, curiosity, likeability and a tireless commitment to the betterment of her community. Brandi is dedicated to making life for others more enjoyable, livable and hopeful. She does this because she believes the future holds great promise for us all.

Brandi asks questions, and probes for answers as to why things are the way they are, and how she can affect positive change.

Brandi's presence brings joy and light to any room, and her enthusiasm for life is contagious. People want to hear what Brandi thinks, and she wants to hear what we think. Brandi is committed to breaking down barriers and building community. She is open-minded, conscientious and willing to challenge her own beliefs to find common ground. Politics can often devolve into one cynic on a soapbox yelling at another across the street, and no one ends up listening to anyone. We just get angrier and retreat further into our corners, terrified of the other guy getting control of the loudspeaker.

Brandi is not a screamer, and she is decidedly not a cynic. She believes in the vision that all of us have something to contribute to the great American experiment. She believes that all of us are extraordinary in our own unique way. Whether advocating for better education, healthcare, or supporting small businesses, Brandi always puts our community first.

As we approach the election, I encourage my fellow residents of District 34 to support Brandi Mandato for State Senator. She will make us ALL proud.

Sincerely, David Cohen, North Haven

Brandi Recognizes and Shares Our Truths

To The Editor: October 25, 2024

To all the registered voters of the 34th district I ask you to challenge yourselves today. I ask that you reflect for just a moment and question if you believe that someone in elected office can be of similar experiences and live a life of shared truths with you. Your experience is definitely unique to you but the construct of those truths are shaped in a similar fashion for all of us. We all have to pay the insurance bill, the mortgage, have food in our houses and some of us struggle to do so. Those are the shared truths that need to be recognized by our elected officials, especially in Hartford.

I do have some good news though. There is someone running for state senate that also shares those truths. Her name is Brandi Mandato and I am very excited about her candidacy. Brandi brings a breath of fresh air to a stale senate seat and understands the same issues that working class folks do. What you see is what you get, no politician double speak, no dancing around questions, no backtracking. She's a part of us, thinks like us, believes in personal freedom like us and want to serve us and our shared truths in Hartford. It's up to us to give her that opportunity, I know I will, will you?

Michael Nappe, North Haven

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