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Andrew S. Garfunkel
Town Clerk,
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Norwalk, CT

Dear Andrew,

It was great talking to you a few days ago about my concerns regarding this past weeks' elections. Here are my main points:

1. I was told by the Moderator at Ponus School on Nov. 6, 2007 that I could NOT vote for ANY two Selectman or Councilmen of my choice. I voted for two in the same column and the scanner rejected it. (I needed to take a new ballot and have a "do-over".) If, for example, I wanted to vote for both 10A (Straniti) and 10B (Duleep) for Council, I was told I could NOT. So, **I WAS NOT ABLE TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE(S) OF MY CHOICE.** Isn't this what a democracy is all about? Is there sufficient reason for lawsuits and/or investigations? Should the results be voided?
2. I was not allowed to take both ballots (first and second) so that I could transpose one to the other. Did I vote the same the second time as the first? I am not sure!!
3. The voting "desks" were side-by-side, allowing no real confidentiality. I would never administer a test in such a manner, doesn't voting deserve at least as much privacy?

I doubt that I am the only one who encountered these problems. Please let me know what I can do to help resolve them.

Sincerely,
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