

Concerning SB 421 - An Act Concerning Elections

Section 40 of SB 421 would change the municipal elections in Woodbridge CT to November, putting Woodbridge on the same calendar as the overwhelming majority municipalities in Connecticut. As a voter in Woodbridge, as well as a tax-payer in Connecticut, I strongly encourage the committee to adopt this section. Turnout in municipal elections has always been low and it is my belief that it is further depressed for municipalities that hold elections at irregular times. For the sake of increased turnout and civic participation, I believe it is in the benefit of all citizens to have the municipal elections moved to November.

In addition, during these difficult fiscal times, I believe there is benefit to moving our elections to be at the same time the majority of municipalities in our state. I believe this will provide benefits for the town as well as for the state in the cost of scheduling and running elections. Of course the biggest benefit would be if all the municipalities were changed to have their elections in November, and I would encourage you to consider this as a friendly amendment to the bill.

Sincerely,
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