

Testimony before the Reapportionment Committee  
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Members of the Reapportionment Committee, my name is Patty Tomasetti and I have lived in Wilton for 25 years. I was born and raised in Norwalk living there just 6 months shy of 33 years. To say I understand both the town of Wilton and the city of Norwalk would be a pretty accurate statement.

While growing up in Norwalk was great, and while much of my family and some friends still live there, Wilton is really my home.

My husband grew up in Wilton and when we decided to buy a home, he really wanted to live there. So, I said let's give it a try! At first I wasn't sure how I would feel about living in a small community, but I quickly realized the difference.

Norwalk has so much to offer it's citizens, from the Shoreline and Beaches, the Abundance of School Options, the Quicker Pace of Life, the Shopping, the direct train ride to NY City, and so much more...But, it's a city. You don't know all your neighbors. It's not easy to find the volunteer organizations to work with. Your children allow you to connect quickly and create a small community, but there are so many schools, and you don't have the opportunity to meet everyone. It has a mayor and as a citizen, you don't get a say in how the taxes are spent. And you don't get to vote on renovations of schools, or have a say on what the town bonds for improvements. These are things that I realized were important to me.

What I quickly learned about Wilton was that this small community offered all the things I was looking for. Lots of open space. Farms for families to spend time at and learn from. An amazing, but much smaller school system where kids can literally meet ALL the children in town, and families can immediately connect with each other. A Slower pace of Life, small shops mostly owned by local residents. Even going to the local grocery store, The Village Market is a community event. I found I was able to quickly find options to volunteer and immediately connect with so many generations of Wiltonians. We have a First Selectwoman, we get to vote on pretty much everything, I have a say in my town and how it works. It what's important to me.

You may be wondering why I'm telling you these things, It's simple really, these are the reasons that Wilton and Norwalk should not have the same person Representing them in Hartford. Both communities are wonderful and offer so much, but they are SO different. How could one person represent both well? How could they understand and get to know all their citizens and the needs of the town?. How could they actively be able to split their time and do the job they way it needs to be done for each community? They can not!

Norwalk is a City...Wilton is a Small Town

Wilton Needs a Representative that can give our town the time and attention it deserves in Hartford.

Thank you  
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