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Q: Please provide a brief biography of yourself for the voters.

A: I am a life long republican and resident of Greenwich. Background in investment management for 30 years. Have served on the RTM in the 1980s and 90s, then on the BET in the 90s, ending as vice chair. Have served two different fill in terms on the BET in the 2020s. Then elected to a full term in 2023, and currently serve as Chairman of the Board and on the Budget Committee.

Q: What are two of your favorite things about Greenwich?

A: While it has changed in my lifetime, so have a lot of other towns. I enjoy the breadth and depth of our services and look forward to maintaining those. Second is the success of Republicans in maintaining a consistently modest tax rate.

Q: What professional, volunteer, or public service accomplishment in the last 12 months are you most proud of and why?

A: I am very proud of my service as Chairman of the BET, and the widespread support I get as I travel around town.

Q: What are one or two pressing challenges of the upcoming term and how would you approach them?

A: Funding capital projects is the most significant challenge over the next two to three years. Building a consensus among Republican members on the next BET to choose the solution will be key. A balance will have to be crafted as to when taxes rise to pay of the debt incurred for the projects.

Q: How do you plan to serve your constituents who didn't support you in decisions that affect our town and their lives?

A: I always try to work with all constituents no matter whether they oppose me or not. That is critical for the best interests of the residents in Greenwich. I especially look forward to working with the slate we want on the republican side, Sally Bednar, Josh Brown, Joe Kelly, Joe Pellegrino, and Leslie Tarkington.

Q: In April, the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) voted to reduce the Greenwich Public Schools budget by approximately \$4 million. This reduction allowed GPS to increase its budget year over year by 3% (vs 5%). [Minutes of the FY 2025-2026 Budget Decision Day Three (3) Meeting of the BET held April 4, 2025]. What is your position on this decision?

A: It was a reduction in the rate of growth from over 5 % to 3%, in line with the town's operational budget. After we did that, we learned that the Greenwich Public Schools ran a surplus of \$ 2.5 million that it was allowed to carry forward into the current budget year. In April I tried to craft a compromise with the democrats for a \$ 2 million reduction, but they refused, so I supported the \$ 4 million reduction in growth proposed by Republicans. The Board of Ed found many areas of savings, but did not implement the most sensible. More interaction with the BOE is needed in the future.