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## **JESSICA HOPE COSLOY \***

**Party:** RTM has no party affiliation

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

**A:** Mother of 2 GPS students, wife, former professional chef, artist, property owner, nature and animal lover, supporter of the Greenwich Point Conservancy, neighborhood block association board member, and happy neighbor. Proud resident of Old Greenwich for over 6 years. I appreciate how Greenwich is home to many long-term residents and that it is a community for all ages. I am an objective, logical, and independent thinker, who is always looking to find common ground.

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

**A:** Cooperation at the local level is vital to protect our interests. Bills from Hartford such as H.B. No. 7033 that dictate how municipalities can mitigate their local parks' homeless populations, are of concern to me. Greenwich must be able to maintain local authority of their public spaces in a way that best suits Greenwich's needs. Our parks are some of the greatest draws to our community. So is the ability to walk about town safely. Sidewalks on Shore is an example of the community working together to enhance our current culture. The proposed bike lane from Boccuzzi Park in Stamford to Binney Park should be closely looked at, and the potential impacts to our local community must take priority.

**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:** As a mother of two GPS students, the school budget decisions effect my daily life. One of my children meets the school bus before 7 am, only to arrive excessively early to school for the sake of recycling buses. Finding areas of wasteful spending is important, though cannot be conflated with increased pricing demands for items such as insurance costs. In the end, sadly it is our children who are paying the price of these narrow-sighted decisions. This generation of students is faced with unprecedented challenges (post-COVID learning loss, mental health concerns, media literacy) that must be accounted for, and it is not feasible to do so while decreasing the school budget.