

Khanna deserves your vote

To the editor,

Rachel Khanna has earned your vote for re-election as the state representative for the 149th district. As a member of the Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation, I have seen first-hand how diligent and effective Khanna is in Hartford. She works collaboratively to identify and advocate for state funds for necessary community services and projects that our local taxes would be strained to cover. She supports fiscal control to limit our tax burden. She is a strong voice for local control of housing development and succeeded in stopping the erosion of local P&Z authority. She supports women's rights and gun control legislation. She recognizes the threat of climate change on our coastal community. Importantly, Rachel knows how to navigate the maze of Hartford to bring results for Greenwich and Stamford.

Rachel has been more effective than any of her predecessors in this district. Rachel, working with other Greenwich representatives, secured more than \$100 million of grants for important services and projects which would otherwise require town or private funding; projects such as school construction and pedestrian safety projects, Greenwich Boys & Girls Club, and more. Rachel also maintained her fiscal conservative discipline — delivering balanced budgets that include the largest reduction in taxes in the state's history while also making significant reductions in the State's pension liability. I am not the only one who is impressed by Rachel's values and effectiveness as a state rep. She has earned the support of many organizations, with endorsements from Moms Demand Action, Planned Parenthood, CT Realtors, Stamford Fire Fighters Association, and more.

We need a representative in Hartford who has a seat at the table, who advocates for necessary funding for projects and services in our community, who supports our values, and who is willing to work tirelessly on our behalf. Rachel has proven herself to be that person. I urge you to vote for Rachel Khanna for the state representative for the 149th District.

Leslie Moriarty, a Democrat, is a current member of the Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation and past chair of the Greenwich Board of Education. She is writing on her own behalf.

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