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MELISSA SCHLAG

STATE SENATE

Finding solutions that serve the best interests of all residents...



There is only one:
Vote for Melissa Schlag.

“In Ms. Schlag we find a candidate brimming with ideas and raising issues that major party candidates often avoid...the legislature could benefit from an innovator.” - *New London Day* endorsement

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GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE

Paid for by Schlag for Senate, Diane Stock Treasurer. Approved by Melissa Schlag.

ENDORSED BY
The Day
 Norwich Bulletin

HARD WORKING, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

CONTRACTOR, CARPENTER, PROPERTIES MANAGER, PRESERVATIONIST



A 38-year-old University of Connecticut graduate and Haddam resident, Melissa has owned her contracting business for 15 years and has extensive experience balancing budgets and the needs of employees, clients and businesses.

With more than 50% of all those employed in Connecticut working for small businesses, Melissa knows how important small businesses are and has a concrete plan to nurture and help them sustain and create jobs.

"Investing in our middle class and small businesses will help grow our economy and create jobs through increased production of goods and services."

EXPERIENCED, PROVEN LEADER

PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCATE, ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION

Melissa knows how to stand up for people: She served on many town committees, she fights for fair and transparent government, she writes for the local civic journal and she helps protect the environment. As cofounder and chair of Citizens for the Protection of Public Lands, the group that stopped the Haddam Land Swap, she saved important Connecticut River conservation land and in the process saved the taxpayers \$900,000.



"Without transparency and accountability, our government fails democracy by catering to special interests instead of serving the people."

INDEPENDENT VOICE

PEOPLE BEFORE PARTIES



As a third party candidate, Melissa is not beholden to party leaders or polarizing politics and can serve as a free agent for all citizens of the district.

We've had 20 years of Westbrook representation and Melissa's two opponents are also from Westbrook. Melissa will be the voice for all 12 towns.

"The two parties have abandoned us for special interests, rich corporations and the wealthy. It's a club in Hartford, but I will make it a job."



TAXES AND SPENDING

REFORM CONNECTICUT'S TAX STRUCTURE

Connecticut is the most economically segregated state in the nation; the wealthiest pay 5.5% of their income in local and state taxes while the middle class pays more than 10%. Our property taxes are regressive; loopholes and unnecessary incentives for corporations are unfairly burdening the middle class.

"My first priority would be to rework our tax code and evaluate the true impact of taxes on citizens and businesses, ensuring that corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share."

JOB GROWTH

REINVEST IN THE MIDDLE CLASS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Melissa believes growth comes from the economic health of the middle class, the true engine of any economy. She will promote creative job growth, eliminate large corporate subsidies and redirect our attention to our small businesses.

"It's time to put an end to corporate welfare. Making our business tax structure more fair and reinvesting in the middle class will spur the economy, and create jobs."



SENIORS

PROVIDING VITALITY AND AFFORDABILITY

Our seniors play an important role in our society. As the population ages and the cost of living increases, Melissa believes we must offer seniors the opportunity to stay in their homes. This is why Melissa served as chair of the senior tax abatement committee in Haddam.

"Most other states have special programs based on level of income to help seniors. Seniors have worked hard for all of us. I intend to make it possible for them to enjoy the fruits of their labor."