

Delivering for Norwalk

The proposed budget would have negatively impacted Norwalk's services and non-profits. I successfully fought against those draconian cuts to help the following local organizations:

- Norwalk's three School Based Health Centers
- Norwalk Youth Services Bureau
- Maritime Aquarium
- Stepping Stones Museum for Children
- Southwest Regional Mental Health Board
- Mid Fairfield Child Guidance Center
- Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County
- STAR, Lighting the Way

New Funding to help Norwalk

- \$100,000 for Norwalk's Cradle to Career Program through Norwalk ACTS
- \$250,000 to assist Person to Person help those less fortunate and deliver social services

Preserving Norwalk's Open Space

The White Barn Property is a community treasure and is one of Norwalk's few remaining expanses of undisturbed open space. That's why I led passage of a bill that will protect 5.5 acres of the White Barn Property previously purchased with state taxpayer money.



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**PROVIDING
TAX
FAIRNESS**

TAX RELIEF for Us in NORWALK

For many years, I've fought for a smarter way to fund city services. Finally, Norwalk will have another revenue source besides the crushing property tax system. By taking 0.5 percent of the sales tax in the area and returning it back to communities, the people of Rowayton, East Norwalk, Silvermine, South Norwalk, West Norwalk, Cranbury (everyone in Norwalk) will be helped. In addition, car taxes are now capped as well as municipal spending.

Look inside for other ways in which I've worked hard for our community. Whether investing in transportation, education, helping seniors, fighting unfair cuts to our community or helping veterans across our state, there is a lot of information to share.



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YOUR STATE SENATOR

Historic Tax Cuts

Families, Seniors, Businesses and Veterans will see relief in our adopted two year budget.

- **Norwalk will** receive **\$7,091,720** in additional funding over the next two years to reduce your property taxes by intercepting a portion of the sales tax.
- Municipal spending are capped.
- Car taxes for individuals and businesses is capped.
- Federal Military Retirement pay for veterans is 100 percent exempt from the state income tax.

Cutting Spending & Restoring Fairness

Contrary to rhetoric, we've cut spending, continue to make cuts and pay down long term debt.

- More than \$1 billion in spending cuts over the next two years.
- Cuts to state employee salaries, positions and overtime.
- Fully funding pension obligations.
- Employees are paying more for health care and more toward their retirement.

Norwalk companies like Hatch & Bailey Lumberyard report their profits to the state of Connecticut. Big box stores like Home Depot and Lowe's avoid paying taxes to our state and many others. They report their profits to Delaware, a haven for tax avoidance.

Fair? No, since small and medium sized businesses as well as average residents across the state bear the burden. We're joining other states including Texas, Massachusetts and New York to require an end to that practice.

Responsibly Investing in...

Transportation

Now that the I-95 project in Norwalk is almost done, it's time to begin other local projects.

- Completing the cloverleaf on the Merritt Parkway Interchange with Route 7.
- Reconstructing the Walk Bridge over the Norwalk River
- Modernizing the Merritt 7 Train Station
- Adding new rail cars, fixing highways bridges, constructing bike lanes, walking paths and widening more areas on I-95.



Thanks to our \$100 billion, thirty year investment in transportation, these projects will begin faster. Traffic costs us each \$1,400 in lost productivity and time. (And, Super 7 to south Wilton is in the plan too.)



Funding Education

Additional funds for Norwalk's schools through the Education Cost Sharing and Priority School district accounts.

Supporting Hospitals

Over the next two years, hospitals in our state will receive an additional \$114.4 million over the initial proposed cuts.

Helping Our Most Vulnerable Seniors & Children

Preserving Medicaid funding and Mental Health services.

Restoring the Alzheimers Respite Program

College Students & Our Workforce

Continuing to make major investments at UConn, Norwalk Community College and the State University System.

Focusing on workforce training and efforts to employ the long-term unemployed.

