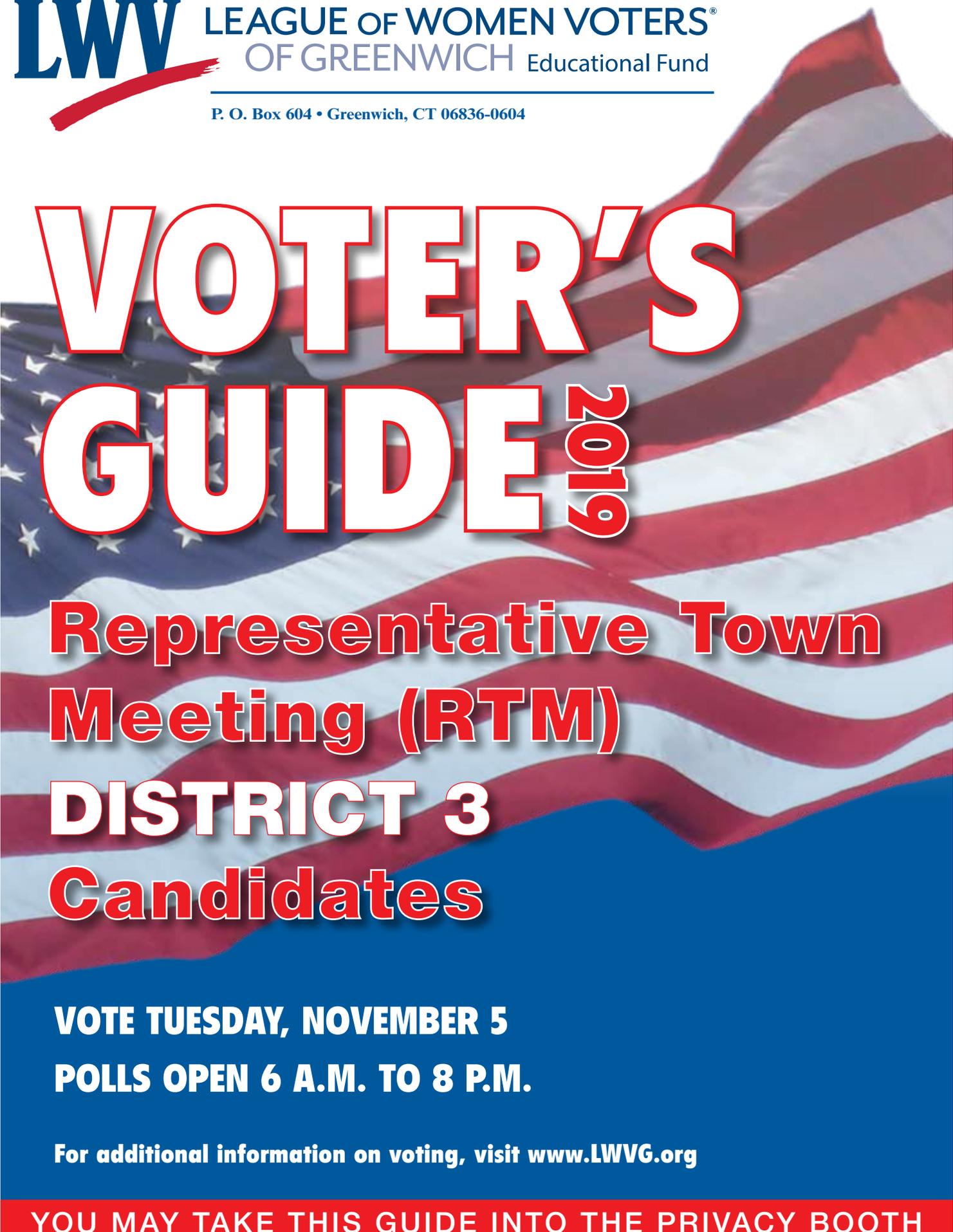




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# VOTER'S GUIDE 2019

## Representative Town Meeting (RTM)

## DISTRICT 3 Candidates

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**POLLS OPEN 6 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

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# Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

Candidates with no designation following their name are current RTM members who attended more than two-thirds of both the general and district meetings since the last election or since becoming an RTM member. Candidates with Petition following their name are current RTM members but have attended fewer than two-thirds of both general and district meetings since the last election or since becoming an RTM member. Candidates with P-NEW following their name are not current RTM members. Voting and attendance records of all RTM members are available for review at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, daily 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and on the Town website: [Greenwichct.org/government/RTM](http://Greenwichct.org/government/RTM).

## DISTRICT 3 - Chickahominy

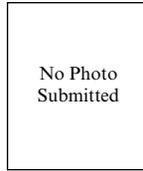
Polling Place:  
Western Middle School Gymnasium  
1 Western Junior Highway  
Greenwich

### Vote for 10 or Less

Louise T. Bavis  
Martin C. Blanco **P-NEW**  
Elias Judd Cohen  
Thomas P. Conelias  
Ed J. Lopez  
Rosalind Nicastro  
Sylvester J. Pecora, Sr.  
Adam A. Rothman  
Steven P. Rubin  
Allison M. Walsh

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Bavis, Louise T.  
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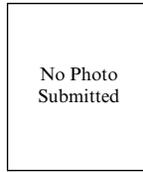
**Blanco, Martin C.**  
311 Hamilton apt 2 n  
Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Job coach  
**Biography:** Current 17 year resident of Greenwich. Father of 2 children attending Greenwich public schools. Current volunteer fire police in town. I been married for 18 years. I am also director of Greenwich skatepark. I also live on Hamilton ave. I also speak two languages.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
To help my district and serve my town.  
**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
Lack of information. Taxes and getting to know their candidates  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Cohen, Elias Judd**  
18F Putnam Green  
Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Public Relations Consultant  
**Biography:** Serving first term on RTM. Own PR firm. Former award-winning journalist and government official. Previous residence: youth coach in several sports, served on numerous village committees, president neighborhood association, chaired Board of Ethics, synagogue board member. Graduate University of Pennsylvania.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
I believe one should be involved in working to improve the community where one lives. Greenwich has a lot to offer, but we must not become stagnant and rest on our laurels. It is important that we balance the requirements to move forward and improve our services and quality of life while adhering to sound fiscal practices. My experience in government and having people work together is invaluable. Greenwich needs more innovative thinking and I want to be active in pursuing that.  
**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
It's education, the economy and the environment. In addition to providing quality teaching and opportunities for students to meet their potential, we must have a realistic plan to fix our educational infrastructure. To fix our schools and improve government services, we need to expand our tax base. Greenwich has been attractive to many because of its low mill rate; we must be mindful of this as we develop our financial plans. Finally, Greenwich's shoreline location leaves us vulnerable to climate change. We need to develop programs to reduce carbon emissions and protect property both on the coast and inland.  
**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town Services; alternate Legislation and Rules  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Conelias, Thomas P.**  
37b Edgewood ave  
Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Refuse collector  
**Biography:** Lived in Greenwich all my life father of 8 children that attended Greenwich Public schools 4 grandchildren degree in marketing from central Connecticut

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
To represent the Chickahominy district of Greenwich and do all I can to make it a better place  
**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
Getting minority students to maximize their grade levels  
Cleaning up all fields in Greenwich and Work on all the flooding issues that are involved in Greenwich  
**Current RTM committee assignment:** Transportation and appointments  
**Number of terms served on RTM:**



**Lopez, Ed J.**  
3 View Street #1F  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Government and Entertainment Relations Consultant, CT National Guard Member

**Biography:** Ed Lopez is Owner and Chief Consultant of Wolf & King Strategies, where he is responsible for domestic and

international consulting in government and entertainment relations. His experience spans the US Army Military Intelligence Corps, University of Connecticut, Habitat for Humanity International, Hard Rock International, and the United States Senate.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

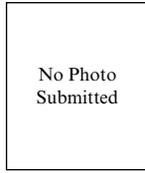
My focus is on fiscal responsibility and improving transparency, accountability, and outreach to residents. I am committed to protecting the things that have made Greenwich an outstanding community as it wrestles with growth and congestion and to ensuring Chickahominy is extended the opportunities that will modernize it and make it economically robust. I am working on making the RTM more accessible and responsive to our citizens, advocating for a consistent, clear, and intuitive email system to reach us as representatives and for our town website to be clear on what the RTM is doing and can do to help constituents.

**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Three key issues the RTM must focus on include: (1) \*strengthening our economy\* so it doesn't succumb to the poor management afflicting our state: Greenwich should remain a robust example of fiscal responsibility for the rest of Connecticut, (2) \*supporting sustainable development and growth\*: strengthening our economy while preserving the town's heritage, legacy, and natural resources, (3) \*strengthening our education\* so it remains an example of excellence for the rest of the state and the country to emulate no matter what part of Greenwich the school is in. The RTM should usher change in our town based on these goals.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments Committee, Technology Advisory Group, Land Use Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Nicastro, Rosalind**  
7 Putnam Green Apt A  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** I. T.

**Biography:** Born and raised in Los Angeles, I received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UCLA. I worked as a computer programmer, systems analyst and then project

manager in both Los Angeles and New York. I have been a Greenwich resident for 41 years.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I have always loved the concept of the RTM with its emphasis on representation of the population at large, based on the original public square meetings of long ago. I feel that my analytical ability, sense of fairness and understanding of both sides of most issues makes me a good representative for my district. I also love the work involved and am an active participant.

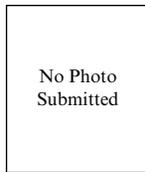
**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. The economic status of our state and the number of unfunded mandates facing Greenwich.
2. How to fund the volume of major building maintenance projects facing our Town.
3. How to best control new development in order to best maintain the character of our Town.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Budget Overview (Delegate) Public Works (Alternate)

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 7

**Pecora, Sr., Sylvester J.**  
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**Rothman, Adam A.**  
22 Livingston Place  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Financial services executive

**Biography:** I have worked in financial services for the last 30 years. I have a dual BA from American University in business administration and political science. Chickahominy resident

for the last 12 years. I am a board member of the "Pinwheel Project" we provide children in medical crisis with support services.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Greenwich is a great place to live and raise our families. We have a few issues I hope to continue addressing. The proposed \$750 million capital budget for the schools and the effect this is going to have on our mill rate. Coupled with the ramifications of reductions in the grand list. I'm concerned about the proposed development in Chickahominy and how this is going to change the flavor and character of our community.

**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1. Remediation issues in the town dump and athletic fields throughout Greenwich.
2. Managing resources and infrastructure with a shrinking tax base
3. Both federal and state unfunded mandate's

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance committee, Town services committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 2.5



**Rubin, Steven P.**

24 Spring Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** CEO of Launell Incorporated

**Biography:** I have been a resident of Greenwich since 1985. I am the owner of an apparel company that I started in 1987 that provides uniforms for major theme parks, casinos, schools, and

businesses. I have served on several non-profit boards and volunteered my time locally. B.S. Marketing.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

As a three-term member, I feel that the RTM needs moderate voices such as mine to help keep it centered against the extremes.

As a member of the Education Committee, I have been working toward trying to continue the high quality of education that Greenwich has long been able to attain. It is my hope to continue to work toward the goal of providing as much support for our education as possible.

During my 35 years as a resident and homeowner I feel it is important to be able to “give back” to our great community.

**Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) Keeping the policies as non-partisan as possible. There are serious concerns that the two parties are more focused on their politics rather than the optimal welfare of the town and its residents.

2) Allocating funding for our local infrastructure during the next decade. We face almost a billion dollars of capital projects with no concise plan for funding these.

3) We need to continue growing our environmental awareness in shrinking our waste of natural resources. Our town did enact the plastic bag ban but there is so much more that can be done

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education Committee, CDAC Committee, Alternate on Health and Human Resources Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 3

**Walsh, Allison M.**

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