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# **VOTER'S GUIDE 2017**

**Representative Town  
Meeting (RTM)**

**DISTRICT 4**

**Candidates**

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**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 4 - Byram

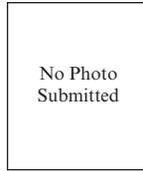
Polling Place:  
New Lebanon School Gymnasium  
25 Mead Avenue  
Byram

### Vote for 17 or Less

Gregory D. Brown – P-NEW  
Ronald F. Carosella  
Thomas John Greco  
Susan L. McCabe  
Robert J. McKnight, Jr.  
Alex J. Popp, Jr.  
Maria Madeleine Popp  
Romulo E. Samaniego  
Josiane M. Schaffner-Parnell  
Samarpana Tamm  
J. Robert Tuthill  
Donald R. Vitti  
Lucy H. Von Brachel – P-NEW  
Bonnie Zeh

See detailed candidate information on following pages.

Brown, Gregory D.  
Did not reply



**Carosella, Ronald F.**

41 Mead Avenue  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired--Greenwich Police Department  
**Biography:** Born Bronx, NY. Served US Navy (1967-1971).  
Employed USPS 3 yrs. Owner/Operator Mobil Service Station,  
Rye, NY 6 yrs. Manager Rye Ford 10 yrs. Greenwich Police

Officer 27 yrs. Greenwich Special Police Officer (1979-1989) and Jan 2017 -Present.  
Lived in Greenwich 40 yrs. 2 Daughters, 2 Granddaughters.

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

I move to Greenwich 40 years ago where I raised my two daughters. They both graduated from Greenwich Public Schools. After many years of business management, I decided to fulfill a lifelong dream and joined the Greenwich Police Department. My experience as a Police Office has afforded me the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and give me a wide view of the Town I have grown to love. Greenwich has much to offer its citizens and there is always room for improvement. I hope to effect positive change for my friends and neighbors in District 4.

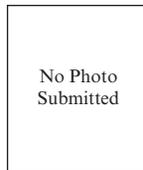
**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

1) Maintenance and improvement of infrastructure. 2) Excellence in schools and reduction in the Achievement Gap 3) Innovative approaches to Traffic and Parking.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM: 0**

Greco, Thomas John  
Did not reply



**McCabe, Susan L**

27 Fletcher Ave  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** medical laboratory tech

**Biography:** I grew up in Greenwich and attended Greenwich schools as did my four children I have been an active volunteer in the Greenwich school system and also the Boy Scouts. I have

worked in town my entire career.

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

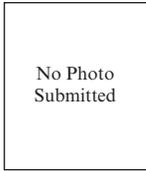
I feel it is important to be involved in government at the local level.

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

1.The educational system in town is always a prime issue. I think we need to make sure all of our schools meet the needs of our students both academically and the structurally. 2.I believe we need to preserve neighborhoods. Overbuilding has changed much of the character of Greenwich . 3.While it is important to keep our tax rate low we should not defer needed improvements to infrastructure. Letting structures deteriorate costs more in the long run.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town Services

**Number of terms served on RTM: 5**



**McKnight, Robert J., Jr.**  
 15 Peck Avenue  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Biography:** RTM Chairman District 4 Byram Neighborhood Association Vice Chairman  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Did not reply  
**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 Did not reply  
**Current RTM committee assignment:** RTM Chairman for District 4  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** Did not reply

**Popp, Alex J., Jr.**  
 Did not reply

**Popp, Maria Madeleine**  
 Did not reply



**Samaniego, Romulo F.**  
 1 Ocean View Avenue  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Director of Property Management and Asset Management  
**Biography:** Romulo Samaniego is the Director of Property Management and Asset Management for Bridgeport

Neighborhood Trust. He has developed and managed real estate in Connecticut for 20 years. Romulo earned his B.A. in Political Economy from Fordham University and his M.S. in Real Estate Valuation and Analysis from New York University.

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

I have a strong interest in the finances of the town and the New Lebanon School in Byram. The majority of my tax paying neighbors are involved in one way or another with the New Lebanon School which is currently inadequate, over capacity and does not meet current and future neighborhood population demands. I want to represent those who volunteer every day to make Byram a better place to live in Greenwich. And I believe it is my civic responsibility to make sure that their demands and needs are met for the good of the entire community.

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

1. Town finances-Better understanding, more transparency, and more creativity needed. 2. Education-We must continue to maintain the excellent quality of the schools. 3. Property values-Its preservation and enhancement needs to be properly managed.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Budget Oversight Committee (BOC)  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1

Schaffner-Parnell, Josiane M.  
Did not reply



**Tamm, Samarpana**  
5 Chinmoy Ave.  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Librarian

**Biography:** I've lived in Byram for 35 years. I tutor reading at New Lebanon and BANC. I am on the Community Development Block Grant Board and the Friends Board at the Byram

Library. I am a Librarian at the Darien Library. I have two Children and two granddaughters

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

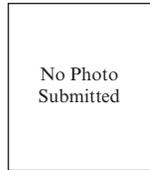
I have learned a tremendous amount about town government. The RTM is the voice of the town. We listen and learn about the issues that affect the different districts and areas of town. We gather at Central as one community working together for the good of Greenwich. The RTM is town government and democracy in action. I am grateful to be a member of the RTM

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

1. New Lebanon Funding 2. Charter Change 3. Education Funding

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Health and Human Services

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 5



**Tuthill, J. Robert**  
64 Mead Avenue  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** 33 years in RTM. Former chair of District 3 for 13 years. Former chair of RTM Rules Committee for 5 years.

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

I believe that the RTM is the best part of Greenwich government because it is non-partisan.

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

I believe the most important issue is to NOT change the Board of Education from 4 members from each party to a board controlled by the majority party.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education Committee delegate

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 16

**Vitti, Donald R.**  
Did not reply



**von Brachel, Lucy**  
17 High Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Fine Art Appraiser

**Biography:** Raised in Greenwich, Lucy is a small business owner and enthusiastic volunteer in town. She has a 25+ year career in the fine arts, specializing in photography, with an emphasis on

technology, public access, and preservation. She lives with her husband, two children, and two dogs in Byram.

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

The RTM is an opportunity for the citizens of our diverse community to participate in the legislative process and ensure that all interests are represented. Unfortunately, the RTM is far less diverse than the community it serves. I feel it is my civic duty to step up and serve whenever possible and help ensure that the needs of my neighbors are being met.

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

It is increasingly imperative that Greenwich becomes more proactive, creative, and efficient in its approach to governance. The absence of a town planner or economic development plan has created a number of issues that will have long-term negative consequences. We have high-rent blight throughout our commercial districts, the charm and character that drew many of our residents here have been usurped by the interests of developers, and our school system is suffering from a debilitating achievement gap and increased segregation. Our growth depends on conscientious planning and community-building. We cannot grow with a passive approach to our future.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM: 0**

**Zeh, Bonnie**  
Did not reply