

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to write in support of Amy Morrin Bello's campaign for State Representative. As a member of the Democratic Town Committee, I've had the opportunity to work closely with both Democratic candidates as well as our departing State Representative, Russ Morin. Amy earned my vote because of her authenticity, humility, attention to detail, and commitment to issues that are important to my family and our community. While deeply experienced and accomplished, instead of approaching challenges assuming she has all the answers, Amy is keen to listen, collaborate, and learn and can be counted on to follow through on her promises by rolling up her sleeves to get the work done. As a volunteer on Amy's campaign, I have been most impressed by her incredible work ethic. When I put in an hour of work, I know she's putting in many more. Additionally, she's at the right point in her life and career in public service to commit to leading Wethersfield for many years to come. It's also extremely important to me that we keep Wethersfield blue in November. No one is better positioned to do that than Amy. When Amy was first elected to council five years ago, she was the lowest vote getter. Two years later she was our Mayor. In last fall's election, Amy earned more votes than any Democrat running for local office in anyone's memory. This is a testament to her robust local engagement and multigenerational community support.

These are challenging times. It will take years for our state to recover from the devastating impact of COVID -19. In this same moment, we are called to end systemic racism and create a community that finally fulfills the promise of liberty and justice for all. Amy's commitment to building back a strong economy that benefits every resident of our state, affordable access to healthcare, high quality education and workforce development programs, and ending environmental practices that disproportionately impact underrepresented communities are all vitally important aspects of this work. As Russ Morin has said "Amy is the leader for all of us". I urge my fellow Democrats to join me in supporting Amy Morrin Bello for State Representative on August 11.

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