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State Senate

District 38

November Newsletter:

Asking For Your Vote



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful fall. This past weekend, Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos joined us as we were knocking on doors, enjoying the Halloween and fall decorations, and asking voters what we should work on. People often bring up their local road traffic or the streetlights or utility bills, and it reminds me that while politics seems overwhelming and out of reach at the national level, **at the local level we can help with things you have to deal with every day** - the traffic lights, the DMV, RI Energy, etc.

You can read more about my work and priorities for South County here:
victoria4ri.com/the-issues

I've made a lot of efforts to be accessible to people- by doorknocking, answering emails and phone calls, and helping solve issues. I hope to have earned your vote this Tuesday (see below for how to vote).

I have one more ask: Election Day is this Tuesday Nov 3rd, and we have a lot of 2-hour shifts at the polls to fill! **Please sign up for a 2-hour shift to hold Democratic candidate/Gu signs or pass out literature at the polls**. It's a fun, low-pressure volunteer commitment; often we're just thanking people for voting. Our priority shifts are: 7-9am, 9-11am, 11am-1pm, and 5-7pm. Let me know what time you're available by emailing victoria4ri@gmail.com or signing up at victoria4ri.com/volunteer

Sign Up To Volunteer

What's On The Ballot This Year

The Secretary of State is sending out a Voter Information Guide, and page 8 is an overview of the bonds that voters are asked to approve or reject on the ballot. I want to give a special shoutout to the **Green Bond (Question 5)**. Rep. Spears and I advocated for and secured **an additional $5 million in the Green Bond for municipal resiliency projects**. One example: Westerly received funding for a flood wall around one of the wastewater treatment pump stations in Westerly. This ensures that our critical infrastructure keeps running during a storm or severe flood.

How to Vote:

- If you missed the mail ballot application deadline, you can still apply for an emergency mail ballot at your town hall and track your mail ballot here: https://ballottrax.sos.ri.gov/voter/
- Early voting starts Oct 14th during normal business hours. For voters in Westerly the location is the police station (60 Airport Rd, Westerly). For voters in Charlestown and South Kingstown, the location is your town hall.
- If you already have your mail ballot filled out, you can drop it off at your town hall ballot drop box.
- **Tuesday Nov 3rd** in person at your polling place (see vote.ri.gov to find your polling location)

Find your polling place for Nov 3rd

Watch Candidate Forums

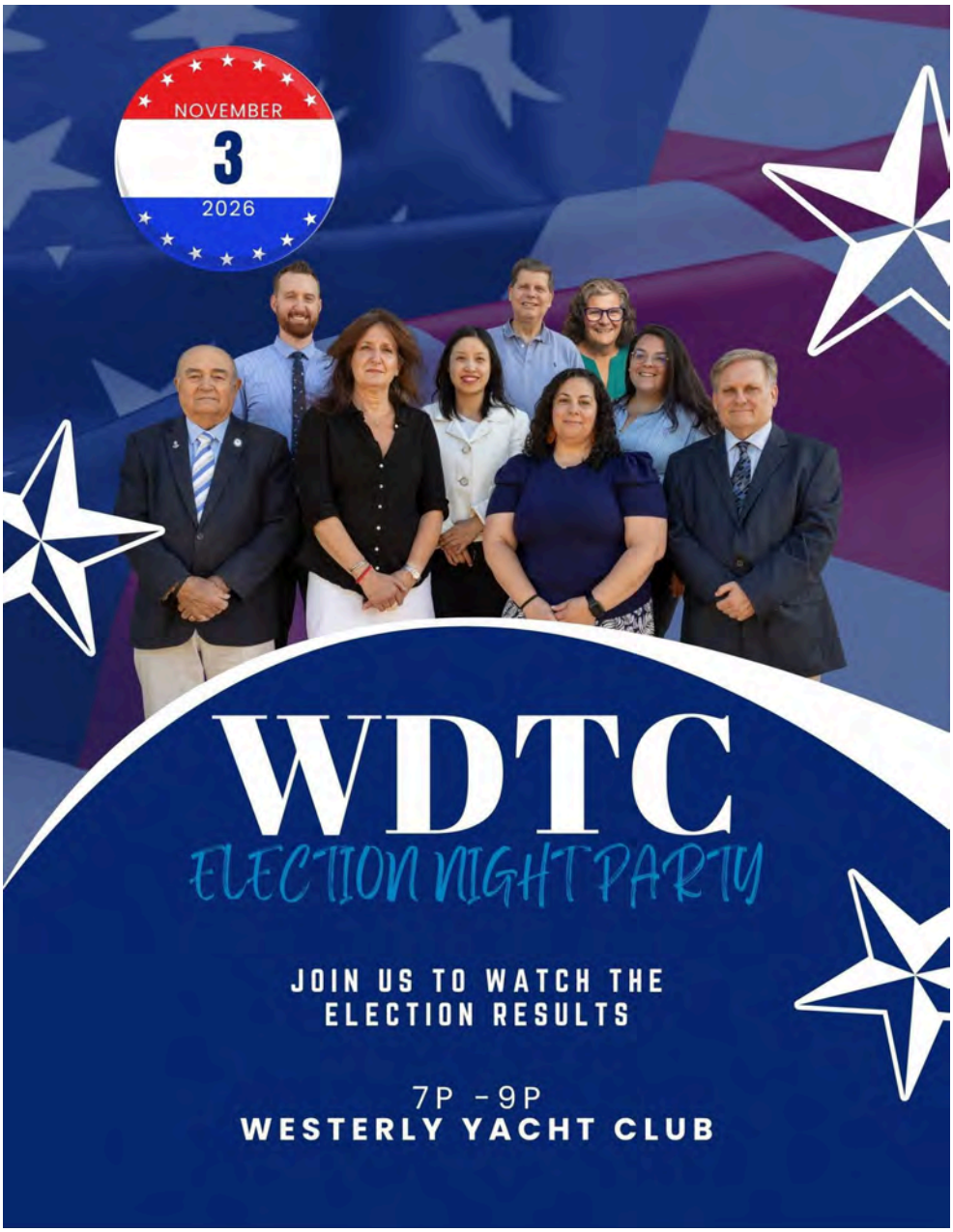
My State Senate forum and the Westerly and Charlestown Town Council and School Committee forums are available for viewing on the League of Women Voters South County YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZLQIE_4RYAyJvKUwljPwiA

Endorsement Announcement



I'm honored to have the support of Rhode Island labor unions ranging from educators to healthcare workers, firefighters, social workers and agricultural workers, etc. By organizing workers and elevating workers' voices, unions have improved working conditions for people across the US and I support their efforts to help workers - middle class families - advocate for safe working conditions and fair pay and benefits

Election Night Watch Party



Let’s celebrate everyone’s hard work and tune in to the election results!
Nov 3rd 7pm-9pm at the Westerly Yacht Club

Read more about the Westerly Democratic candidates at westerlydemocrats.org

Upcoming Meetings

The next **CRMC hearing on Spring Ave Extension** and its possible designation as a right-of-way to the water will be **Nov 18th**, at the **Westerly Senior Center, 5:30pm**

The next Westerly commuter rail working group meeting will be **Nov 16th, 6-7:30pm** at the **Westerly Library**. For more information: westerlyrailadvocates.com

Past Events

Westerly Senior Center Visit with Senator Jack Reed

Senator Jack Reed and I enjoyed meeting folks at the Westerly Senior Center! I'm happy to support the meals program with my annual legislative grant, and I'm very grateful to the staff who put together these nutritious meals and programs to keep seniors healthy and active and to foster a great community.









Canvassing with Congressman Seth Magaziner

Had a great time talking to voters in Westerly with Congressman Seth Magaziner! Our volunteers and local candidates did really well too. I've been working with RIDOT and Congressman Magaziner on upgrading Westerly Station to support more frequent rail service, and he's put in an earmark request to construct high-level platforms to allow for level boarding, making it much easier for passengers with disabilities or passengers with suitcases or strollers or bikes. High-level platforms would also allow Connecticut commuter rail trains to stop at Westerly Station.

Westerly Catch-A-Curl Youth Surf Competition

It was a beautiful day connecting with the next generation of surfers—and future defenders of ocean access! 🌊🏄 It was inspiring to see young people build confidence in the water while developing a deeper connection to our coast. Experiences like these remind us why protecting public access to our



ocean and shoreline matters for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who made this day possible!



Litter-Free Rhode Island Micro Grants: Applications due Oct 30th

Grants of up to $500 can help fund community cleanups and beautification projects, including gloves, trash bags, signage, volunteer refreshments and debris removal.

- Eligibility: Schools, community groups and municipal government divisions such as public works, parks and recreation. Applicants must provide proof of nonprofit status.
- Deadline: October 30, 2026, or whenever funds run out. Projects must be completed by December 11, 2026.
- Funding details: No matching contribution is required. Applications are assessed based on project scope and awarded on a rolling basis.

The application window closes tomorrow, Oct 30th, so eligible organizations should check the instructions immediately.

👉 Learn more and apply: https://litterfree.ri.gov/cleanup-microgrants