

*Susan L. Voigt, Chair
New Haven Democratic Town Committee
28 Pelham Lane
New Haven, CT 06511*

*203-623-6577
susan.voigt@yahoo.com*

*Willie Greene
333 Munson Street
New Haven, CT 06511*

October 14, 2008
Sent via certified mail and email, return receipt requested

Dear Mr. Greene:

For many years we have considered you a valued member of the New Haven Democratic Town Committee. This past August Democrats across the 94th General Assembly District turned out to the polls to make their selection for a Democratic nominee for the ballot in November. In a spirited campaign the majority of Democratic voters spoke, choosing Mr. Gary Holder-Winfield as our candidate over Democratic Party-endorsed Charles A. Blango. As a member of the New Haven Town Committee from the 21st Ward, you are well aware of, and accustomed to, the process by which Parties nominate and then select a candidate through the Primary system. I join my fellow Democrats in the 94th Assembly District in support of Gary Holder-Winfield.

As a Democrat you had the opportunity to put forth your name for consideration on the ballot in the August Primary and participate in your party's process to select a candidate for the General Election. You chose not to do so and thereby waived your rights to lay claim to being a Democratic candidate for the House seat in the General Assembly. Furthermore, you now choose to run as an independent candidate in the November race. While neither State Party by-laws nor Connecticut General Statutes prohibit you from doing so, it is with great disappointment that you proceed in seeking the seat as an independent while maintaining your status as a New Haven Democrat serving as Ward 21 Co-Chair.

Thus, it is with great sadness that I write you today requesting that you formally withdraw your name from the ballot in the November election for State Representative in the 94th District. In August, the people spoke and made a selection for their Democratic nominee. By running for the seat as an independent while maintaining your position in the Party, you only mock and belittle the Town Committee and other Democrats in your district.

There is no place in our Town Committee for an individual that does not accept the legal and binding outcome of the Democratic Primary and the wishes of the Democratic voters. Your desire to seek a victory in November must be done as a true independent and therefore it is my request that you do so not as a member of the Town Committee.

Therefore, as Chair of the New Haven Democratic Town Committee, I formally request the following:

- 1) Your withdrawal from the General Election as an Independent Democrat; or

2) Failing that, then I ask for your immediate resignation as Ward 21 Town Committee Member serving as the Co-Chair from the New Haven Democratic Town Committee.

I shall expect a reply from you either by accepting a written response on your intention to withdraw from the General Election ballot or a written response stating your immediate resignation from Town Committee. Again, as a long time Democrat and Democratic activist, I take no pleasure from requesting your withdrawal or resignation, but your disregard for the Primary and the voters leaves me little choice in the matter. If you wish to run as an independent, please do so as a true "Independent" and not as Ward 21 Town Committee Member for the New Haven Democratic Party.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Voigt
Chairwoman
New Haven Democratic Town Committee

Cc: Darrell Brooks, Vice Chair NHDTC
Norma Rodriguez-Reyes, Vice Chair NHDTC
Nancy DiNardo, Chair CT Democratic State Central Committee
Ronald Smith, City/Town Clerk